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Upcoming Events:

"The Garden of Inspiration"

Welcome New Members

Blue Sage

Janis Williams

Ruth-Ann (Sandy) Cornwell

Sunflower

Jenna Workman

Sensory Garden Maintenance Schedule

December: Magnolia

January: Marigold

February: Pansy

December 8, 2015--Welcome to Our House

"Holiday Floral Magic" 1 pm - 3 pm

Sponsored by District VI Judges Council

Cost \$10.00 at the New Smyrna Beach Garden Club. Coffee, Desserts & Door Prizes! The judges will demonstrate how to create holiday designs.

Council of Garden Clubs of the Halifax District

FFGC Floral Design Unit 1-9 begin in January 2016. For more information and registration form contact: Valerie Seinfeld

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs has a new website: www.ffgc.wildapricot.org



May your Holidays be filled with Joy!
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

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President's Message



Garden Greetings to all!

The weather has been rather warm for the season, allowing all of us to do some work in the garden. We are now heading into the Holidays adding 13 new members from September until now. Good work everyone. Personal invitations are the best way to introduce people to our club.

A special thanks to our Corresponding Secretary, Jennifer Condo. Jennifer has been in the Garden Club for a year now, is the President of the Sparkleberry Circle, Membership Chair and has taken publicizing all the events and meetings of the Garden Club to a new level.

Excellent showing for our Downtown Planting in November. Teamwork! Thank you Diana Bitler, for continually providing leadership as the chair of the container gardens for Downtown DeLand.

Next up, is the DeLand Christmas Parade, held on Saturday, Dec. 5th starting at 5:30pm. Show your support and cheer on Garden Club members as they represent all our Circles in the parade. Thank you Suzanne Locke for organizing this event.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Keep those hands Dirty!

Fondly, Judy



2015-2017 Officers of the Garden Club of DeLand

President: Judy Maurer

Recording Secretary: Anita Mc Feeters

1st Vice President: Susan Ousterhout

Corresponding Sec'y: Jennifer Condo

2nd Vice President: Othal Deshazo

Treasurer: Karen Hall

Circle Presidents

Blue Sage: Ruth Moorman

Pansy:

Eleanor Griffin

Daisy: Marti Walker

Fran Strawn

Firecracker: Sara Zollinger

Rose:

Sue Altom

Magnolia: Elaine Wadelich

Sparkleberry:

Jennifer Condo

Marigold: Sharon Causey

Sunflower:

Alex Andrews

Pauline Fenner

Next General Meeting: January 7, 6 pm

Hostesses and Greeters: Sparkleberry

Program: Forcing Bulbs

Accessory: Favorite Football Team

Design: featuring all dried plant material



Ways and Means

Lisa Schnetzer, Chair

Ways and Means is open for business. Lisa is always looking for gently used items, seasonal items, jewelry, items for floral design, home decor, etc...

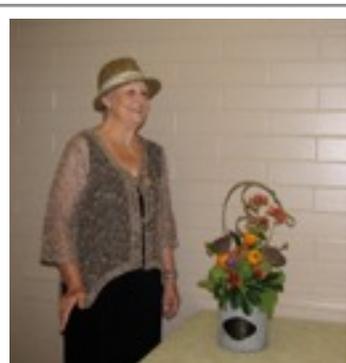
Please bring your items to our meetings and shop at the Ways and Means table...support your Garden Club of DeLand.



The Garden Club of DeLand honored Lisa Schnetzer by awarding her the Pillar of Pride Membership at November's General Meeting. The Pillar of Pride honor was established to provide special recognition for members of purpose, pride and productivity in garden club work. The Pillar of Pride is awarded by the Federation or a district, council, club or circle or by an individual (other than the recipient). The Garden Club appreciates all of Lisa's support and efforts. She has faithfully served as the DeLand Christmas Parade organizer for our club, Ways and Means Chair, Stetson Football Parking Chair, raising much needed funds to make improvements in our Garden Center. Lisa is always willing to help out in every area of our club's activities. Her creative spirit and beautiful smile inspires us all. Congratulations Lisa and Thank You!

FFGC Awards

The Garden Club of DeLand has submitted 3 awards for consideration. Awards are being judged on Dec. 3rd and winners will be announced at the State Convention. Community Service, (Swan Lake Fairy Garden Party) Newsletter, and Website. Valerie Seinfeld, chair



*Judy Maurer, designer
A floral design featuring
fruits and/or vegetables.*



Magnolia Circle December's Hostesses

The Magnolia Garden Circle was formed in 1939 and has been an integral part of the foundation of the Garden Club of DeLand. Our monthly meetings are the second Friday at 9:30am at the Garden Club. Our fun and interesting programs include experts speaking on a wide range of gardening and environmental topics, field trips, luncheons, floral arranging, and projects working to better and beautify the DeLand Community. Elaine Waidelich, President

Downtown DeLand Container Gardens

Diana Bitler, chair fiddlehead@wildblue.net
Sharon Fiore, Debra (Rusty) Gaffney, Joanne Milleson,
Julia Neumann, Janet Stone, Jennifer Stone, Valerie Seinfeld, Williamae Ungaro



THANK YOU for all your help with our semi-annual planting in Nov. The petunias seem not to be taking hold as well as desired, however, and may have to be replenished in time, if needed.

The "streetwalkers" will be tending plants the first Saturday of December, the 5th, and we welcome anyone new who wishes to become part of the group. Please give me a call at 749-2104 for particulars. New markers are ready, thanks to hubby, for displaying in the planters.

I enjoyed seeing some new faces taking part in Nov., and thank everyone for finishing in time for the Veterans' Parade. Diana

Thank you **Rose Circle** for hosting November's General Meeting.
Thank you **Floral Designers**:
Judy Maurer, Susan Osterhout, Valerie Seinfeld, and Barbara Willey for your designs featuring a fruit and/or vegetable.

Garden of the Month

Jennifer Stone, Chair

National Garden Club, Inc.

Mission Statement

"National Garden Clubs, Inc. provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility."

The Garden Club of DeLand supports the above mission by bringing to the forefront outstanding gardens in DeLand, FL. area and awarding the "Garden of the Month" to deserving homeowners. Educating our members on the month to month care of their own gardens.



Clean lines and geometric shapes focus attention on the home of Leanna and her daughter Madeline of 811 Pine Tree Court. The attractive, formally designed garden utilizes an expansive green grass lawn framed on side by a straight natural colored paver driveway and subtly placed brick walls accented by Angle Mist bamboo, crepe myrtles and miniature Fakahatchee grasses on the other to define the space. Circular and linear beds outlined with Asiatic jasmine mirror the home's shape and lead guests to the front door.

Iron gates lead to the rest of the yard and enchanting patios and hidden gardens arranged in a looser formal style. Still organized, symmetrical and framed by mature ligustrum, patios of stones and pavers connected by pea gravel paths provide both intimate and casual seating areas throughout the yard. Some are enclosed overhead with red bougainvillea, passion vines, roses and tall bamboo with the lulling splash from tropical pool's fountain filling the air. Others provide casual seating by the pool and another leads from the house to a sun-filled area planted with miniature mulberry, citrus and mango trees.

Leanna and Madeline have proven that formal style gardens, originally designed to show man's dominance over nature, aren't stuffy but rather dynamic, eye catching and thoroughly livable.

Elements of a Formal Landscape

- The house is the focal point of the garden
- Straight lines, geometric circles and symmetry
- Plenty of evergreen plants and trees
- Limited range of species used in one area and repeat planting

To view more pictures of this garden visit our website

www.gardenclubofdeland.org

Garden Club of DeLand "The Dirt"

Norma Thomas, Grounds Chair

"Weedettes"



Sue Altom, Judy Maurer, Anita McFeeters, Nancy Stafford,

Our goal is to leave a reference for present and future members of the grounds committee. Educating members on the maintenance of horticulture and landscaping.

- Here is a brief guide for the next two months for your garden. We hope you find the gardening tips useful.
- ANNUALS: Alyssum, calendula, dianthus, dusty miller, million bells, pansies, petunias and snapdragons can tolerate a light frost or freeze. Geraniums and lobelias need some protection. Delphinium, foxglove, hollyhock, annual phlox, California poppy and sweet peas can be sown by seed in the ground or containers this time of year for spring blooms.
- VEGETABLES: Start cool-season crops such as beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, lettuce, onions and peas. Secrets to a good garden include a full sun location, enriched soil, adequate water and regular feedings.
- HERBS: Chives, rosemary, basil, parsley, oregano and mints. Monthly feedings at this time
- PRUNING: Delay until after holidays when plants are dormant. Then begin trimming crepe myrtles shade trees, deciduous fruit trees and hardy shrubs like yaupon hollies, ligustrum and anise. Wait to prune winter and spring flower trees and shrubs until after they bloom. Resist pruning hydrangeas; they have formed buds in their stems that will bloom in late spring.
- Be prepared for a freeze. If plants are injured by a freeze, delay pruning until you are sure what needs trimming and may not recover. Extra watering and feeding normally won't help them recover.
- Enjoy your holiday and may it be filled with joy, hope, love and gardening.
- Merry Christmas from the Weedettes.



Brick Walkways

Order a brick to honor a loved one.

Our lovely Brick Walkway has 3 sections. Order a memorial brick to honor a past member. Order a brick for any occasion; for yourself, to honor a love one, or a beloved pet. Order a brick to honor those who served our country.

4 x 8 brick engraved with 2 lines for \$50.00

Combine 2 bricks engraved with 4 lines for \$90.00

14 characters max per line

Order Forms are available at General Meetings on the "Welcome Table" or visit our website and download the form www.gardenclubofdeland.org or contact"

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Thank you! "The Brick Lady"