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Upcoming Events:

May 7 Saturday "Downtown Planting Clubwide event"

Downtown Planting will take place the first Saturday of May the 7th. Please pick up at the City lot off Amelia south of Beresford, starting at 7:30am that morning. Also, PLEASE contact me if no one from your Circle can appear.

Many Thanks, Diana Bitler

Mark your Calendars!

We are hosting the **FFGC Fall District VI Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2016.**

This is a Garden Club of DeLand event and small fundraiser. It is going to be **Fun!** See your Presidents for details.

Valerie Seinfeld and Marti Walker co-chairs

Sharing recipes from the Homeowners Reception..Thank you Diana Bitler

MARINATED ASPARAGUS

Two pounds Asparagus

1/2 C. of each of the following: green pepper, minced onion, vinegar (distilled), salad oil, and sugar. Add 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. salt.

Snap off ends of asparagus. Boil water to the depth of one inch in a large skillet. Put in asparagus no more than 2 deep. Cover and cook 2 to 3 minutes, depending on thickness of the stalks. Rinse and drain. Lay out on paper towel to dry. Place in rectangular glass dish, cover with marinade. Marinate for 24 hours in refrigerator.

CREAMY CHICKEN PASTA SALAD

One rotisserie chicken, cut into bite-sized pieces
1 - 12oz multi colored Rotini pasta, cooked and cooled

1 - 20oz can pineapple tidbits, drained

2 cups seedless red grapes, halved

1 large Granny Smith apple, chopped, not peeled

3 stalks celery, chopped

4 to 6 green onions, chopped

1 - 8oz can water chestnuts, drained and chopped

3/4 cup prepared Ranch dressing

3/4 cup mayonnaise

salt and pepper to taste

Mix dressing and pour over above. This salad has a shelf life of 5 days. Keep refrigerated. 8 - 10 servings.

President's Message

The Garden Club of DeLand Express has reached its final destination! What a journey it has been - a fun hardworking three years! Alas this President bids you "adieu"

What a finale! Our Beyond the Garden Gate, a walking garden tour was an enormous success! Kudos to Karen Hall for an outstanding job! Her diligence in handling the details and organizational skills are amazing, I am so proud to have her as my BFF! Thanks to all of our members for their hard work and support! Norma Thomas and co-chair Susan Altom served limitless hours planning our incredibly successful plant sale! Thanks to all for growing our quality plants! Thanks to Marcia Baker for selling our caladium bulbs remaining from our rained out Wildflower Festival, job well done kiddo! Lisa Schnetzer is one talented hardworking cookie! What an amazing job she did with our successful Treasures Sale! She really cracked the whip! What talented gifted ladies we have, thanks for all of your hard work. Norma under your leadership and the help of The Weedettes, our grounds are truly amazing! You have set a shining example for other clubs to follow!!!

Our very own, Valerie Seinfeld, has made us extremely proud for winning the state award for best website at last months State Convention in Orlando. She also proudly walked away with top honors for her fabulous underwater floral design! So proud of her! Marti Walker kuddos for being chosen to have your design featured in the State Floral Design Calendar! What a true honor for a student floral designer! She will also be doing a design at Epcot for Mother's Day weekend! Please try to attend to show her your support! This is a major honor - our Club is so proud!! Valerie and Marti currently have their heads together working on this fall's District Club Meeting. We are the host club be prepared to get your hands busy!

It has been my pleasure to have served as your President for the past three years! Thank you for this great honor and all of your hard work and support!!! Have a safe, healthv. happv summer! My love to all and remember to keep those hands "Dirty"

Fondly, Judy



2015-2017 Officers of the Garden Club of DeLand

President: Judy Maurer

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Circle Presidents

Blue Sage: Ruth Moorman

Pansy: Eleanor Griffin

Daisy: Marti Walker

Fran Strawn

Firecracker: Sara Zollinger

Rose: Sue Altom

Magnolia: Elaine Waidelich

Sparkleberry: Jennifer Condo

Marigold: Sharon Causey

Sunflower: Alex Andrews

Pauline Fenner

Thank you Board Members for your service to the Garden Club of DeLand 2015-2016.

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



The Streetwalkers tended the container gardens in Downtown DeLand on Saturday, April 9, 2016. So many members of the community will stop and ‘thank us’ for our hard work. We have cars drive by and give a toot of their horn, we live in a wonderful city! Downtown Planting will take place the first Saturday of May, the 7th. Please pick up at the City lot off Amelia, south of Beresford, starting at 7:30am. Also, PLEASE contact me if no one from your Circle can appear. The "streetwalkers" meet Downtown DeLand on the first Saturday of the month unless there is an event going on. We meet throughout the summer. Contact: Diana Bitler (Rose) for more information.

Designing Divas

We will be going to visit succulent and cactus hothouses on Monday, May 23, 2016, leaving at 8:30 am sharp. Also another field trip is being planned for June to visit a huge facility of Bromeliads and Tillandsias. If you would like to go with us or be placed on an email list please contact Valerie Seinfeld valseinfeld@aol.com.

Brick Walkways

Order a brick to honor a loved one.



Brick Sale

\$45.00 a brick

Deadline May 15th



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”

Dr. Debra (Rusty) Gaffney
386-736-6140 (H) 386-734-4126 (W)
debrapgaffney@cfl.rr.com email
Thank you! “The Brick Lady”

Sunflower Circle May’s Hostesses

The Sunflower Circle was established in 1995 and meets in the evening. The circle is comprised of members ranging in ages from 19 to 95, and includes men, women and couples. Sunflower is the first to welcome men into their circle. The group is passionate about the environment, reducing waste, and supporting the community. They enjoy monthly programs and occasional field trips to learn more and spread their enthusiasm for gardening and beautifying DeLand. This year the Sunflower organized the “Treasure and Plant Sale” held on October 9th & 10th 2015

Alex Andrew, President

Pictured below: painting stone cactus to be shared with live in health facilities.



Sensory Garden Maintenance Schedule

May: Firecracker
June: Sunflower

Ways and Means

Lisa Schnetzer, Chair

Ways and Means

Calling all Members: Please gather all of your Treasures over the summer to be sold at the Fall District VI Meeting being held at the Clubhouse on October 19, 2016.

This will be Fund Raiser for the Garden Club.

Thank you for all your donations and shopping throughout the year!

Lisa

“Bouquets of Thanks”
Tour Homeowners Dinner



“My heartfelt gratitude to all members of NuSu’s Crew!! It has been my honor & pleasure to work with all circles on the recent Garden Tour Homeowner’s Dinner. My heartfelt appreciation for all your cheerful participation & for generously volunteering your time & talents for this event. Allow me to personally thank everyone for your encouragement, support & prayers for me by God’s abundant grace I survived!”
Susan Bauerle



Betsy Dieguez, Events Photographer

Members listed below are in Susan’s beautiful bouquet. Susan Altom (Table-Turner), Pat Barnard (Greeter & Floral Designer), Bronnie Barnard (Girl Wednesday), Diana & George Bitler (Wine Sponsors), Jim DeShazo (Entree Chef), Othal DeShazo (Homeowner Liaison) , Betsy Dieguez (Photographer), Barbara Fiano (Corporate Liaison), Ellie Griffin (Barista), Karen Hall (Printer), Anne Huffman (Beverage Service) Judy Maurer (Madame President) Ruth Moorman (Additional Wine Sponsor), Publix (Entree Sponcor), Joan & Charles Richardson (Wine Stewards), Lisa Schnetzer (Catering Coordinator), vince Schnetzer (Mechanical Engineer), Valerie Seinfeld (Technical Arrangements), Norma Thomas (“Service with a Smile”) Susanna & John Trittschuh (Wine Stewards), Marti Walker (Dinnerware Sponsor), Pat Young (Keeper of the Linens) Decorators-Charlotte Freed. Beth Morrison, Mary-Jane Welch Escorts - Henry Barnard, Daniel Dieguez “Chef Hats Off” to the circles that provided the scrumptious meal - y’all must be having culinary programs instead of gardening programs cuz your members sure can cook! Extraordinary appreciation to all the “sainted elves” who stayed to clean and restore the Garden Club back to norm.



Beyond the Garden Gate

The tour is now behind us and what a wonderful tour it was. The homeowners were very pleased and honored to have been a part of it. Guests came from Ocala, Lakeland, Venice, Daytona Beach area, Winter Park – almost all of central Florida to attend. The final count was approximately 320. The homeowners worked so hard to make their gardens the best they could be and we are so indebted to them for sharing their unique spaces with us.

My thanks to each of you who helped to make this event a great success. Please know how appreciative I am of your help. You did a job to be proud of. After attending the tour, I hope that all of you came away with two things. First – that you went home with some new ideas and dreams about what you can do with your garden. Second – that you made one or more new garden friends. Enjoy your summer and keep your eyes open for gardens worthy of our next tour!

Hugs to each of you. Karen



May’s Garden of the Month

**National Garden Week is just around the corner
June 5 - 11, 2016**

This year we would like each Circle President to be pictured presenting flowers to a local hospital, rehab center or nursing home. Please email your picture to Marti Walker, be sure to include the name of the facility. Marti is going to send all the pictures at the same time to be published in the Newspaper. Getting word out into our Community about National Garden Week. Please email your pictures to Marti by May 20th, so the article can run during National Garden Week.

Any questions please contact:

Marti Walker, President of Daisy Garden Circle
National Garden Week Chairman

For more information on National Garden Week visit the National Garden Club, Inc. website.

<http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/ongoing-projects/national-garden-week.aspx>

**Garden Club of DeLand
“The Dirt”**

Norma Thomas, Grounds Chair



“Weedettes”

Sue Altom, Sharon Gullett, Evelyn Kelsea, Judy Maurer, Anita McFeeters, Nancy Stafford, Williamae Ungaro

Our objective by keeping this log is to leave a reference for present and future members of the grounds committee. Educating members on the maintenance of horticulture and landscaping.

- April was a very busy month for the Weedettes in preparation for the Plant/Treasure Sale and Garden Tour. On the 4th and the 11th we began removing our winter annuals and prepped the beds for the spring and summer blooming plants. A new flower bed under the tabebuia was created. We spent hours weeding the grounds and labeling the 220 plants we gathered in our holding area. The roses were fertilized on the 13th. The arbor and walkways were pressure cleaned on the 14th.
- On the 18th we freshened up the flower bed around our sign by surrounding the Little Ruby alternanthera with dusty miller and yellow marigolds. Dark leaf, red blossom begonias were planted around the large oak tree by Alabama. Violas removed and we installed yellow marigolds and blue salvia. We installed a total of 93 four inch annuals today. Acid loving plants were fertilized. We continued weeding and tweaking the grounds.
- The 25th found us with 4 yards of mulch to top dress our beds around the gazebo and other areas.
- On the 28th plants were laid out for the sale and between noon and 1:00 the plant inspector arrived.
- The Weedettes arrived each morning the week of the plant/treasure/tour to fine tune the gardens in anticipation of the Big Event as well as the last luncheon for the season.
- Thank you all so much for your contributions to the plant sale. Special thanks to all the people that gave their time and energy to make this event a success.
- And friends, don't forget about us during the long hot months ahead. We strive to have flowers ready to greet you when you visit the garden grounds and the crepe myrtles will be putting on a show in June and July. We will be there each Monday, hope to see you.
- Thank you and enjoy your summer.



The Marigold's April Meeting was a delightful visit to the Polasek Museum and Gardens in Winter Park.

Circles: Did you know that you can hold a 2 hour meeting at FFGC Headquarters at no charge? Mead Gardens is right next door. You would have to set up your chairs and tables or have a picnic lunch in Mead Gardens. For more information call Dawn Murphy, Office Manager, at FFGC Headquarters. 407-647-7016 www.ffgc.wildapricot.org



Fairy Garden Tea Party was held on April 9, 2016. It was a huge success! We would like to thank Suzanne Locke & the Garden Club members that donated their tea cups and saucers, refreshments, and their service for this event.

To see more pictures of the Fairy Garden Party visit our website and Facebook.

A HUGE Thank you to Betsy Dieguez, Events photographer.

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.



The Garden Club of DeLand’s May Garden of the Month is the home of Sally and Denny Hansen located at 140 Crystal Oak Drive.

Three large electrifyingly hot red bougainvillea in front of the Hansen’s home provide both bold visual interest and lively focal points to the their sunny tropical landscape. Arched over the front door and walkway, one creates a colorful and shady canopy island style entrance. Continuity of color continues throughout in undulating beds containing knockout roses, hibiscus and loropetalum.

Chinese fan palms create height for the garden while the rounded forms of gold mound duranta and a sego add definition and stability. The cool calming colors of blue plumbago flowers, the white flowers of a giant pinwheel jasmine and the green lush lawn, create balance and a pleasing sense of tension between the plant elements.

Bold brushstrokes of vivid color set among contrasting textural forms and cooler hues make this maximum impact garden a standout in our hot semitropical Florida climate.

District VI News

Pick up your copy of the **Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar 2017**.

Our own Marti Walker was honored during the first program of Convention for her *Still Life* being selected for the Calendar. Once you have your design chosen you are then asked to do a design at Epcot on Friday of Mother’s Day weekend. Marti is off to Epcot to put up a Type II Table Design.

Barbara Willey has also been asked to put a design up at Epcot on May 6th. Barbara Willey was recently honored locally as a Volunteer for the city of Deltona with over 30 years of service.

5 members from District VI are in the calendar, one of these is featured on the cover.

District VI won 5 Awards at the State Convention, the Yearbook award won at the FFGC and Deep South Level. The Garden Club of DeLand won the FFGC Award for their website. We had 1971 visitors to our website in April.



Valerie Seinfeld designed the cover of the Schedule for the State Flower Show

“Seeds of Sunshine”

An Advanced-Standard Flower Show

At the FFGC 90th Convention, our state flower show was held.

Barbara Willey entered an Illuminary Design and received not only the blue ribbon, but also the “Award of Distinction”. She was on the State Flower Chow Committee as and consultant. She also was one of the designers for the final program of convention.

Valerie Seinfeld entered an Underwater Design and was awarded the blue ribbon, “Designer’s Choice Award” and the ‘Award of Design Excellence’, awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire show. Valerie was also on the State Flower Show Committee, she designed the Program cover for the flower show.

Please Mark your calendars to attend the FFGC Fall District VI Meeting being held at our Garden Center on **Wednesday, October 19, 2016**. See your Circle President in September for more details. Valerie Seinfeld and Marti Walker are co-chairs for the District Meeting.

You are a part of the Dynamic District VI.