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Upcoming Events:

“Beyond the Garden Gate”



Pageant of Crosses: March 20 Palm Sunday
11am-3pm.

Chair: Elaine Waidelich

Wildflower Festival: April 2 Selling Caladiums

Chair: Marcia Baler & Pat Perryman

Fairy Garden: April 9

Chair: Suzanne Locke

Please donate a tea cup & saucer.

Garden Tour: “Beyond the Garden Gate”

April 30 9am - 2pm & **May 1** 1pm - 4pm

Chair: Karen Hall

May Spring Luncheon: May 5

Hostess: Sunflower Circle

Downtown Planting May 7

All Circles participate during the Planting

Chair: Diana Bitler

Feb. 12-14 Valentine’s Orchid Show and Sale
Orlando Garden Club--Free

710 E. Rollins St. Loch Haven Park

Orlando, FL 32803

Feb. 12 & 13 9 am to 5pm

Feb. 14 11 am to 3pm

April 6th

15th Annual Master Gardener Plant and Vendor

Faire---Mark your Calendars

Sensory Garden Maintenance Schedule

February: Pansy

March: Rose

April: Daisy

President’s Message

The Garden Club of DeLand Express is rapidly chugging to its next stop- the 50th Annual Pageant of Crosses. Please give Chairman, Elaine Waidelich your full support! She is planning a spectacular event!! The next station is Wildflower Festival. We will be selling caladium bulbs again. Chair-Marcia Baker and Co-Chair Pat Perryman will also be seeking your help! This a great outreach to the community, letting everyone know what we are all about! This is a very busy time for us as the next stop is The Fairy Tea Party! Suzanne Locke-Chairman is planning a very special event for the children. They really look forward to this day! Please give Suzanne your support.

The very last stop is our major fundraiser “Beyond The Garden Gate” Spring Garden Tour! Chairman Karen Hall is again giving her all for this to be successful! All Circles will be having responsibilities for this event! Please give your full support!

We must “keep our hands dirty” to make all of these projects successful!

Fondly, Judy



NEXT STOP

Pageant of Crosses
Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016
11am-3pm

2015-2017 Officers of the Garden Club of DeLand

President: Judy Maurer

Recording Secretary: Anita McFeeters

1st Vice President: Susan Osterhout

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 Waidelich

Sparkleberry: Jennifer Condo

Marigold: Sharon Causey

Sunflower: Alex Andrews

Pauline Fenner

Next General Meeting: March 3rd at 6 pm

Hostess and Greeters: Firecracker

Program: Circle Presidents Reports

Accessory: Wear Something Irish

Design: Containing all greenery

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



We Streetwalkers hope that you are smiling back at the red and white petunias this season. They have been blooming their little hearts out...Pansies have been added to the SE corner of Indiana following a vehicle "hit" and we are already making plans for the May planting with Select Growers. We look forward to dealing with a local nursery and can't give enough compliments on his plants. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7, and "thank you" for attending to your corners during the interim. The "streetwalkers" meet Downtown DeLand on the second Saturday of in February because of the Dog Parade.

Diana

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

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

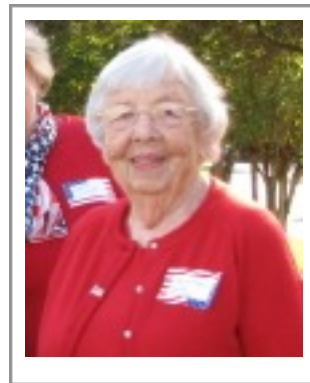
Order Forms are available at General Meetings on the "Welcome Table" or visit our website and download the form www.gardenclubofdeland.org or contact"

Dr. Debra (Rusty) Gaffney
386-736-6140 (H) 386-734-4126 (W)
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Thank you! "The Brick Lady"



*Marigold Circle
February's Hostesses*

The Marigold Circle was formed in April 1980 and currently has 21 members. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM at the Garden Club unless a field trip is planned. When we meet at home (the Garden Club) we have invited guest speakers who have educated us about an array of plants as well as insects that are such an important part of our world. We enjoy field trips to nurseries and gardens in and around Volusia County, a plant exchange at one of our members communities and a Christmas and end of the year luncheon. Our goal is to continue educating ourselves; growing and encouraging each other to be the best gardeners we can be. Sharon Causey and Pauline Fenner Co-Presidents



**In Loving Memory
Marguerite Nerge**

Marguerite Nerge passed away Friday, January 22, 2016. She was an active Garden Club of DeLand member right up until her passing. She was a member of the Marigold Circle since 1980 and a member of the Morning Glory Circle.

Marguerite was an amazing woman and contributed so much her time in our community. Her services were on Sunday, January 24th at Trinity Methodist Church. Picture was taken at the Dedication of our refurbished Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker in which she served on the committee in December 2011.



**FFGC 90th Annual State Convention
April 17 - 19, 2016**

“Inspired Gardening”

**Registration Form can be located on the
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
website under events in April
www.ffgc.wildapricot.org**

Location:

**Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South, 4955
Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, 34746
407-597-4000**

State Flower Show “Seeds of Sunshine”

Programs

“INSPIRED GARDENS” Teresa Watkins

Teresa Watkins is a recognized leader on environmentally friendly landscapes, a horticulturist, and environmental consultant. Teresa has written articles for national business publications, green builder and gardening magazines as well as internet websites. She also hosts an award winning call-in gardening radio show in central Florida. She is the author of two Gardeners Compendiums. The newly released Vol. 2, “Gardening in Time and Place” will be available for purchase after the program.

**“NEW AND UNDERUTILIZED PLANTS FOR
FLORIDA GARDENS” Robert Bowden,**

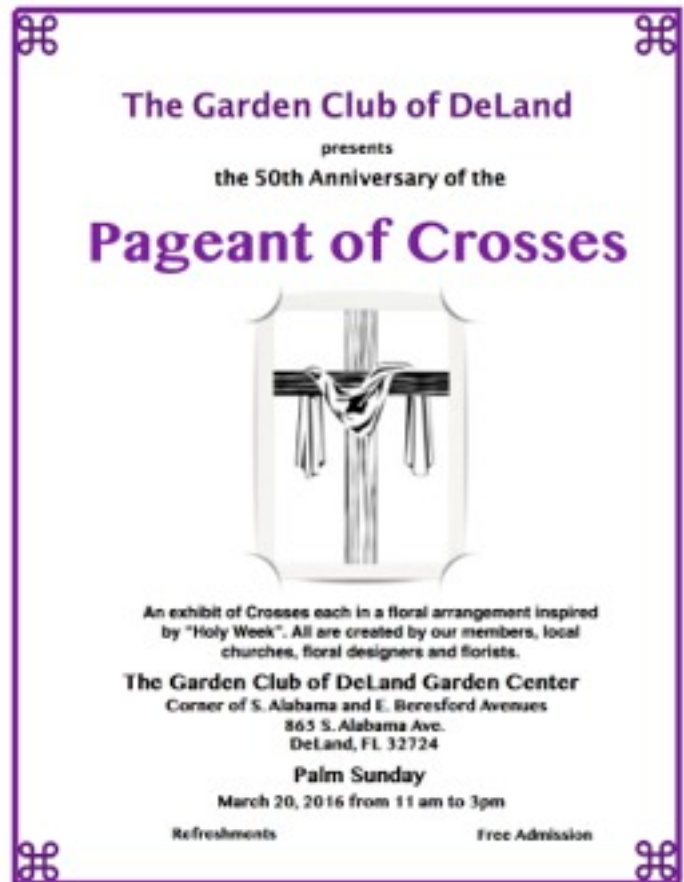
Director, Harry P. Leu Gardens and **Eric Schmidt,**
Botanical Records Specialist, Harry P. Leu Gardens -

“POSTCARDS FROM PARADISE” Penny Decker

Penny Decker is both an NGC Master Flower Show Judge and NGC Design Instructor. She has won numerous top awards for her designs in major flower shows throughout the US and abroad and is renown for her keen sense of color and creativity. For this program Penny and four of her designing diva friends will be presenting fast and fun interpretive design “postcards” for our enjoyment.

Don't forget to mail in your tickets for the “Opportunity Drawing” 5 Fabulous Prizes and perhaps your Circle could place an Ad in the program.

On Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 from 11am to 3pm, the Garden Club of DeLand will be presenting its “gift” to the community, the **50th Pageant of Crosses**. Your Circle Presidents have been emailed the pdf of the flier, feel free to run off copies and distribute to your churches and other organizations. Volunteer sign up sheets have also been distributed to your Circle President.



Personal Crosses: Members who are willing to lend their personal crosses for an exhibit table. Be sure your cross is tagged or labeled with your name on the backside of the cross. We will take care of your personal crosses and not set up them on display until the morning of Pageant. If there is information on your cross you would like to share, put that information on a 3x5 index card. Drop off Saturday, March 19, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm Pick up Sunday at 3:15 pm. If you would like to give your crosses to Elaine at a different time than started above please contact Elaine.

Elaine's vision of the Stage Area is the Cross as the focal point with lilies and azalea bushes throughout; directly after Pageant you can pick up the ones you bought and take them home. Arrangers, if you would like to borrow a cross from the Garden Club of DeLand for your arrangement please see Elaine.

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.



Built in 1955, Ian Williams and Nancy Hudson's contemporary style home at 814 W. Howry Avenue was in need of serious TLC when bought it in 2007. Williams and gardener, Pedro Pealoza began work on the landscape immediately.

Today, the contemporary garden marries the landscape to the house. The linear hardscape of concrete blocks and brick paired with colorful metal grid gates and art work provide distinct patterns, angles and vivid colors that echo the horizontalness of the house. Here, plant life is important but emphasis is on texture, simplicity and upright foliage. Pruned boxwood, podocarpus, ligustrum line the beds while variegated ginger and coontie palms add drama and structure.

Through the gates, the inside atria continues the pattern with a linear water feature and fountain, art work, orchids and a tall stand of white bird of paradise that soars over 20 feet.

The backyard, once a pool is now a screened Eden whose microclimate hosts organized iris, colorful cordylines, fruit trees, palms, large blooming peace lilies and unique modern furniture.

Today this 61 year old home is as fresh and relevant as the day it was built thanks to Williams, Hudson and Pealoza.

Contemporary Garden Elements

Restraint in color and plant varieties

Linear plantings with upright structure

Emphasis on foliage and texture rather than flowers

Metal grids, slick pots, sheet metal, pebbles and unfinished concrete, modern furniture



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.

- 12.28.15 Warm, damp, windy morning. Warm weather expected to continue until front arrives Saturday. Today we sprayed for weeds, trimmed roses, deadheaded the snapdragons, sprayed the daylilies with Insecticidal Soap and picked up the grounds. Today we had a lawn chair and a bike on the property. Lawn chair went into the trash and the police picked up the bike. The oak seedlings that are springing up in the woodlands were clipped back down to the ground. House-keeping duties completed. Good-bye 2015, hello 2016.
- 01.04.16 You will not believe what is blooming at your garden club! The pink Tabebuia, irises, and the azaleas! The warm days, although the days are shorter, are confusing a lot of plants everywhere in town. However, typical this time of year, our beautiful pink camellias are showing their colors. The grounds look wonderful, so we did our weekly maintenance plus we lifted the skirts on the self-heading philodendron at the front and patio entrances. We found last year that if we kept the skirts at ground level, that the homeless used the shelter of leaves during the cold month. Fabulously cool start to the morning today with expected highs into the 60s.
- 01.11.16 Today we are introducing the Thumbergia Erecta Alba (Kings Mantle) to the grounds. We are transplanting the Fringe tree to a sunnier location by the picnic bench and planting the Alba in the hole where the Fringe tree was. The Alba will take partial sun where the Fringe Tree prefers full sun. The front has pushed in and temperatures are dropping to the 40s at night and 60s during the day.
- 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 WATERINGS AND FEEDING NORMALLY WON'T HELP THEM RECOVER.
- The Plant Sale will be upon us fast. Walk your gardens and see what you can divide and pot up and protect if we do get a freeze. We were given a cubic bag of garden mix and with that bag; we were able to pot up 6 Philippine violets, 10 purple porter weeds and six ice plants (all pots are 6-inch to 1 gallon size). The members of the DeLand Garden Club are simply the best.
- Happy gardening my friends, see you at the Club!

Critter Camp

Wekiva

S.E.E.K. = Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge

Youth Programs Donations

Looking for 100% participation from all 9 Circles!

Put it in your circle budget every year. Why? Future Garden Club Members and an outreach program like no other. We have had children and young adults come and share their experiences at our Garden Club Meetings after we have sponsored their scholarship to attend. Priceless.

Critter Camp is open to children that are currently attending 1st or 2nd Grade. This is a perfect introduction experience for what goes on at our ACA accredited Wekiva Youth Camp (for 3rd-8th Graders). **Wekiva Youth Camp** a residential nature camp for 3rd through 8th grade youngsters, sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) with the purpose of instilling a love and respect for the “Real” Florida in our youth, as well as a knowledge of nature, the importance of conservation, and the protection of our environment. Elaine Waidelich, chair of Wekiva, 386-734-5890

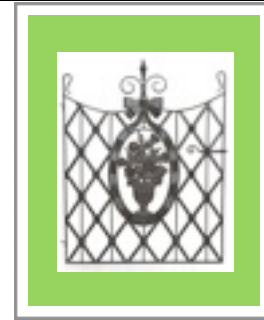
S.E.E.K. (Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) is an annual environmental conference for high school students sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. It will be held June 12th-15th in it's new location Silver Springs. \$250.00 per student. Each summer, 70 students from across the state attend the outstanding 4-day conference. Students entering grades 10, 11, or 12 are eligible to attend. Barbara Fiano, chair of SEEK 386-943-9539

Circle Treasurers: Please make checks payable: to the **Garden Club of DeLand** and mail your checks to Karen Hall, Treasurer-320 W. Victoria Trails Blvd. DeLand, FL 32724-8853

Donations may also be sent in for the following:

- Penny Pines
- Habitat for Humanity
- World Gardening
- Coral Reef Restoration
- Scholarship Endowment Fund

For more information: visit [www,ffgc.wildapricot.org](http://www.ffgc.wildapricot.org)



Beyond the Garden Gate

Saturday, April 30 9am – 2pm
Sunday, May 1, 1pm - 4pm

Tickets \$15 advance purchase
\$20 – Days of Tour

We are pleased to have the following five gardens in the West Minnesota Area:

- Chuck and Robin Vedder
- Kirk and Megan Gunby
- Pat Foelker
- Pete and Debbie Dunn
- Steve and Chris Nott

These gardens are amazing – something for everyone – from a manicured English Garden to a Key West Garden with Koi ponds to everything in between.

This is our big Fundraiser for the 2015-2017 administration and each member will be asked to purchase two tickets. Tickets will be available at the March meeting.

We need every garden club member's help to make this a successful tour and appreciate those who have agreed to a chairmanship.

A Plant Sale, Garden Treasure Sale, Refreshments and Vendors will be at the Garden Club.

We need your help now:

1. Sell ads for our Program Booklet – Contact Jennifer Condo for more info.
2. Divide and pot plants for the Plant Sale – Contact Norma Thomas.
3. Bring your nearly-new Garden Treasures to the Garden Club for the Garden Treasure Sale – Contact Lisa Schnetzer.
4. Start telling everybody you know also about this walking garden tour.

We hope to make this the best tour ever!

Karen Hall, Tour Chairman