



# CLIPPINGS

## Monthly Newsletter

### February 2018

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## HELLO FELLOW GARDENERS by Cindy Balazik

It's almost Spring! Can you feel it?

I don't know about you, but my landscape has suffered due to our cold winter. So there will be lots of cutting, trimming, and planting going on in my yard I'm afraid.

I hope you all are excited to get busy with some Garden Club activities coming up as well. March is our *Treasure's in the Attic* event; April is our *Annual Spring Festival* and May is our *Annual Picnic, Installation of Officers and Recognizing our Scholarship Recipients*. So please plan ahead to participate. There is something for everyone to do. "Many Hands Make Light Work" (and besides it is lots of fun!)

Also it is a great opportunity to work along side fellow Garden Club Members and get to know them and make new friends. So...that being said "Happy Spring Everyone!"

## WHAT TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN

It's been a cold winter this year and I know it's hard when we have beautiful days in between, but try to hold back on trimming until we are sure we are in the clear and finished with winter weather.

February is time to fertilize citrus only, March/April you can fertilize everything else.

If you were given an amaryllis for the holiday and it is finished blooming, you can cut the flower stalk to within two inches of the bulb leaving the foliage, and plant it in the garden where it gets morning sun and some afternoon shade. Don't plant it too deep – be sure the upper shoulders and the neck of the bulb are exposed above the soil.

Holiday plants like poinsettias can be planted in the garden after the threat of frost. In the meantime, keep them in a cool place keeping the soil evenly moist and begin fertilizing.

## GARDENING TIPS

Are your acid-loving plants, like azaleas, gardenias and hibiscus, looking a bit yellow? There are several ways to fertilize them without having to buy purchase acid fertilizer.

Mix 2 Tbsp of vinegar to 1 gallon of water and pour around the base of the plants. Repeating every 2 weeks should turn them green again. And you can also use pickle juice the same way.

Are you a coffee drinker? Save the fresh grounds which contain calcium, nitrogen, magnesium, phosphorus and potassium which are beneficial to a plant's growth and work them into the soil around your acid-loving plants.



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## PLACES TO GO... THINGS TO DO *By Jane Villa-Lobos*

**February 23-25 17th Annual Florida Gourd Society Show and Sale** Fee: FREE  
 Azan Shrine Center, 1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne. Fri & Sat 9-6 pm; Sun 9-4 pm  
 Arts and crafts, demonstrations, sales, exhibits.  
<http://www.flgourdsoc.org>

**February 24 Orchid Mounting 101 Class at E.F.G. Orchids** Fee: \$30  
 4265 Marsh Rd., DeLand 2-4 pm. Basic mounting with hands on mounting of an orchid  
 or exotic onto a piece of wood for you to take home.  
<http://www.efgorchids.com>

**Feb. 28-May 28 Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival** Admission to Epcot  
 100 topiaries, bonsai, butterfly house, vendors, much more.  
[www.disneyworld.com/flower](http://www.disneyworld.com/flower)

**March 1-31 Garden Month at Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens** Fee: \$10/\$6 senior  
 Jacksonville. Speakers, docent led garden tours every Wed & Thurs. at 11 am.  
 March 1: Rain barrel and plant sale 9-2 pm.  
[www.cummer.org](http://www.cummer.org)

**March 3-4 Florida Azalea Festival**  
 Downtown Palatka. 9-5 pm.  
[www.flazaleafest.com](http://www.flazaleafest.com)

**March 3 Seminole County Garden Expo** Fee: FREE  
 250 W. County Home Rd., Sanford. 9:30-3:30 pm.

**March 10-11 Leu Gardens Annual Plant Sale**  
 Orlando. 9-5 pm. Bamboo, bromeliads, butterfly plants, citrus, ferns, heliconias, herbs,  
 orchids, palms, roses, much more.  
[www.leugardens.org](http://www.leugardens.org)

**March 11 Second Saturday Plant Sale**  
 Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-2 pm.  
[www.washingtonoaks.org](http://www.washingtonoaks.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 20** Arrangers' Guild meeting, Ag Center 10:00 am

**February 21** Propagation Guild meeting 1:00-3:00 pm

**March 5** GCPC Board meeting, Ag Center 1:00 pm Members welcome

**March 9** Set-up for Treasures in the Attic Fundraiser  
 Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church, 101 Pine Lakes Pkwy. South 2:00-4:00 pm  
**Items can be dropped off prior to March 9th at 2 locations:**

Susan McConnell's, 53 Comanche Ct, Palm Coast (215) 872-7107

Sue Bara's, 32 Boston Lane, Palm Coast (904) 826-6850

**March 10** Treasures in the Attic Fundraiser (*address above*) 8:00-2:00 pm

**March 12** GCPC General meeting, Ag Center 1:00 pm

## SELECTION OF THE MONTH *by Nancy landoli*

Bob and Karen Kovaly of Egan Drive, Palm Coast have been recognized February 2018 Selection of the Month by the Garden Club at Palm Coast. They are originally from New Jersey and moved to Palm Coast in 2000.

Despite the recent heavy frosts, this yard had little damage. The Kovalys have a unique corner lot which has big islands from the front yard and continues to go around the side with several varieties of succulent plants and native palms which endured the frost. Center island has a large extended Prickly Pear dessert cactus with red tip flowers, Firecracker and Garlic plants, Arbutus, Bird of Paradise and a Bottle Brush tree. The Front door has a large Fig Olive tree and a basket of red Poinsettas.



The Kovalys have an Oregon Grape Holly that makes yellow flowers then deep blue edible berries that look like grapes. Going towards the back there are white Gardenias, a large Magnolia, red and white Azaleas, a large Dogwood that produces white flowers a Florida native from the Gainesville area. Back yard has lots of native bushes, plants, Fan Palms and a Bayberry tree that produces white flowers, a large Camelia tree with red flowers and a pink Crape Myrtle.

Pool side has a very large Bird of Paradise, a Bourganvillea, large Orchids and yellow and blue Bromeliads.

Near the driveway there is a very unique Monkey Puzzle tree a native from Africa also grows in England and Chile that is very prickly even the stem but when fully grown it will resemble a perfect shape Christmas tree.

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## HAMMOCK GARDEN CERAMIC WORKSHOPS

**Saturday, March 3rd, 10:00-11:30 am,  
Mask Planter Workshop**

Create a unique ceramic mask that can also be used as a wall hanging planter!

**Saturday, March 10th, 10:00-11:30 am,  
Ceramic Ikebana Workshop**

Create your own Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arranging). This creative artwork is decorative and functional used as a vessel to hold fresh cut flowers picked from your garden or your favorite florist!

**Saturday, March 17th, 10:00-11:30 am  
Leaf Pocket Planter Workshop**

Using hand building techniques and implying texture to clay, create a fabulous leaf planter to hang or place in your garden!

**Saturday, March 24th 10:00-11:30am  
Ceramic "Impressive" Hanging Plaque Workshop**

Finding the beauty of nature as our source of inspiration, press leaves, flowers and even beautiful weeds to create a stunning wall hanging plaque.



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Please keep the following sick members in your thoughts while they are recovering, and send them a card.

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