



CLIPPINGS

GCPC Monthly Bulletin

APRIL 2017

THANKS TO ALL

After a year of planning and work, can you believe April 8th is almost here! I want to take a minute to thank the fabulous Spring Festival Committee Chairs: Arrangers Guild - Linda Hensler; Bake Sale - Annette Rowe; Children's Crafts - Ellen Werner; Festival Vendors - Kathleen Terlizzo; Membership Kiosks - Ellen Werner; Propagation Guild and Plant Sale - Jane Villa-Lobos; Publicity & Raffles - Janet Correia; Sponsors - Faith Kaskisto; Student Posters and Student Volunteers - Jan Wulff; Treasurers for the Day - Tom McKean.

This Event could never have taken place without committees and committee chairs. Everyone has worked so hard to show the citizens of Flagler County that The Garden Club at Palm Coast supports our students and our city. Without this group of dedicated volunteers, this event could not take place.

THANK YOU to all The Garden Club members who have stepped forward to contact a committee chair to volunteer with their group. This vision came true with your support. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

Denise Garcia, Spring Festival Chair

ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Volunteers are needed to support those volunteers assigned so they can take a break and eat -- we are asking that everyone in the Club give some time during the Festival between 9:00am to 4:00pm., even if only for an hour! Please email Janet Correia (janetc0317@gmail.com) or call her 603-306-6363 to give her your available times. We will then assign you an area when you arrive. Thank you so much for any and all the support than you can give.

This is our big event that helps support all of our important programs and services. It is so wonderful to be a part of this event as a Club team.

Cindy Balazik, President

Be sure to join us at our April General Meeting on Monday April 10.

Gayle Williamson will talk about growing herbs and will bring starter kits.

Join us for a very informative and fun program!!!

April Gardening Guide

What to Plant

- **Annuals:** New varieties of coleus do well in sun or shade and provide vivid colors and patterns for months.
- **Bulbs:** Planting early-, mid-, and late-blooming varieties of daylily ensures months of color from these low-maintenance plants
- **Herbs:** Add nasturtiums to your herb garden. The leaves and flowers add a peppery zest to salads.
- **Vegetables:** Continue planting warm-season crops, such as beans, sweet corn, and squash. Mulch well to prevent weeds and provide water if the weather has been dry.

What to Do

- ✓ **Pests:** Monitor landscape plants weekly for aphids on tender new growth.
- ✓ **Beneficials:** Identify and conserve beneficial insects. Some insects should be encouraged in your yard!
- ✓ **Flowering plants:** Check for thrips if leaves and/or flowers of gardenias and roses are damaged.
- ✓ **Perennials and bulbs:** Divide clumps of bulbs, ornamental grasses, or herbaceous perennials to expand or rejuvenate garden beds or to pass along to friends.
- ✓ **Lawn insects:** Rule out cultural problems, such as lack of water, that resemble insect damage before applying a pesticide.
- ✓ **Lawns:** Apply fertilizer after new growth has started which is usually early April in north-central and central Florida, Choose a fertilizer (not a "weed and feed") with little or no phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need for it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen yields longer-lasting results.
- ✓ **Shrubs:** Choose from a wide variety of shrubs to add to the landscape now.
- ✓ **Mulch:** Add mulch to minimize weeds and conserve moisture during dry weather. Organic mulches add nutrients to the soil.

*Condensed from University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Studies (UF/IFAS) "Solutions for Your Life".
Check the website for detailed information on each topic above.*

Flower of the Month

The April Birth Flower is the Sweet pea, a climbing garden plant having fragrant pastel-colored flowers. The meaning of the Sweet pea is Good-bye or Blissful Pleasure. The hidden message the Sweet pea, so favored during the Victorian era, was "Thank You for a Lovely Time. Sweet pea colors are extremely varied because so many varieties have been developed and therefore come in a huge mix of soft colors and bi-colors.

Welcome to Our New Members

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Congratulations to our April Selection of Month Recipients

Rita & John Strang

107 Freemont Turn

Palm Coast, Florida

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8	Festival and Plant Sale	9:00 – 4:00	Town Center
April 10	General Meeting	1:00	Ag Center
April 11	Bob Evans Fundraiser	All Day	Palm Coast Bob Evans
May 1	Board Meeting	1:00	Ag Center
May 8	Last Meeting/Picnic	11:00	Hammock Community Center
May 10	District VI Spring Meeting	8:00 am	New Smyrna Beach Garden Club Facility

May 12 Arbor Day Dedication 10:00 am Town Center

WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION

Congratulations to two of our members who won in 2 different categories at the Flower Show in St. Augustine. Linda Hensler, Chair of our Arrangers Guild, won First Place in the miniature arrangement category and Sue Bara, vice-president won third place in the table setting design category. Linda will show the winning arrangement at the Festival and Sue's design has been posted on the Club's website. Judging criteria for all categories require very specific adherence to design principles so winning these awards reflects much hard work and attention to detail. We're very proud of both of our very talented and active members.

This One's for You!!!

The final meeting of the year, our annual picnic, is done for and by the members to thank everyone for their participation and support throughout the year.

This year, the Hammock Community Center, will afford us both indoor air-conditioned and outdoor protected space and game courts. The Center is off Route A1A, across from Bing's Landing. Take a right when you see the green Garden Club balloons.

The installation of officers for 2017-2018 will take place and the winners of our student scholarships will be announced.

The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, beverages and ice. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. Bring a lawn chair if you want to sit outside.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please contact Cindy Balazik, President or
Tom McKean, Past President
if you have or know of someone
who has affordable storage space or land
on which to place a storage shed.

FUN FACTS ABOUT PLANTS

- ❖ The world's tallest-growing tree is the coast redwood; the world's oldest-growing tree is the bristlecone pine.
- ❖ Bamboo is the fastest-growing woody plant in the world--- up to 35 inches in a single day.
- ❖ During the 1600s, tulips were so valuable in Holland that their bulbs were worth more than gold. Tulips can continue to grow as much as an inch per day after being cut.
- ❖ Vanilla flavoring comes from the pod of an orchid, *Vanilla planifolia*. Though the pods are called vanilla beans, they're more closely related to corn than [green beans](#).
- ❖ Pineapples are the only edible members of the bromeliad family.
- ❖ From a botanical standpoint, avocados and pumpkins are fruits, not vegetables, because they bear the plants' seeds. Rhubarb, on the other hand, is a vegetable.
- ❖ All parts of the oleander are poisonous. Ingesting oleander leaves can cause gastrointestinal, cardiac, and central nervous system problems and possible death.
- ❖ The difference between nectarines and peaches is that nectarines don't have fuzzy skins.
- ❖ The average strawberry has 200 seeds. It's the only fruit that bears its seeds on the outside.
- ❖ Trees are the longest-living organisms on earth.

(Condensed from “30 Fun Facts About Plants” [Better Homes and Garden Magazine](#), April, 2017)

YOUR INPUT IS WANTED AND NEEDED

**Sue Bara, vice president and program chair,
is now busy planning programs for the
2017-18 Garden Club general meetings.
She wants your ideas and suggestions.**

What do you want to learn about or see demonstrated?

Have you heard a particularly interesting and informative presenter?

Email her and share your thoughts.

PLACES TO GO; FUN THINGS TO DO

April 19 Discover Trip to McKee Botanical Gardens - Wednesday, April 19, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to and from Palm Coast City Hall, 160 Lake Ave. McKee Botanical Garden in Vero Beach is where native plants and exotic botanicals combine with Old Florida charm. Follow the garden's pathways through a grove of majestic palms; past tranquil streams accented with colorful waterlilies. Explore 18 acres of natural landscape and discover trees, waterfalls and historic structures. Cost is \$60 and includes lunch on-site. Pre-registration is required by April 12: www.palmcoastgov.com/register. More info: 386-986-2323.

May 2 Beautiful Begonias by Matthew Barlow, nursery manager of Earthworks Nursery at The Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave. 10-2. Plants will be for sale. www.gardenclubofjacksonville.org

May 21st Annual Butterfly Festival at Seminole Springs Farm, 34935 W. Huff Rd., Eustis. 352-357-2643

May 6 Palm Coast Arbor Day, Central Park in Town Center. Free 3-gallon tree giveaway (in exchange for non-perishable food donations), butterfly release, green exhibitions, kids crafts, kite flying, live entertainment, refreshments. 9 - 2. www.palmcoastgov.com/arborday

May 12 Garden Club at Palm Coast Arbor Day Ceremony, City Park at Town Center, Palm Coast. 10am.

May 13 Second Saturday Plant Sale, Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-2. www.washingtonoaks.org

May 28 Planting an Herbal Dish Garden, Maggie's Herb Farm, 11400 County Rd 13, St. Augustine; (904) 829-0722. 2-4. Learn the hidden medicinal uses and growing care tips of common cooking herbs and which herbs grow well together. Then choose your own selected plants to create a portable lightweight bowl. Instructor: Dora Baker. Fee: \$30. www.maggiherbfarm.com

June 17 13th Annual Water Lily Celebration, McKee Botanical Garden, 350 US Highway 1, Vero Beach. . Open Tues.-Sat. 10-5; Sun. Noon-5. Admission fee. (772)794-0601. This is the largest water lily collection in Florida. www.mckee garden.org

July 28-30 Caladium Festival, Stuart Park, Lake Placid, FL

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