



Garden Club at Palm Coast

CLIPPINGS

Monthly Bulletin

MARCH 2017

What to Plant

- ❖ **Annuals:** Replace declining winter annuals with varieties such as angelonia, gazania, and salvia that will provide color now and into the summer months.
- ❖ **Bulbs:** Plant caladium for a showy tropical display all summer.
- ❖ **Herbs:** In addition to their culinary value, many herbs are ornamental and attract butterflies to the garden.
- ❖ **Vegetables:** Warm season crops such as cucumber, eggplant, and summer squash should be planted now for late spring harvest.
- ❖ **Azaleas:** If azaleas need pruning to shape or produce a fuller plant, do it just after plants finish blooming.

What to Do

- ✓ **Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after blooming:** Prune after the last flowers fade but before new buds set in mid to late summer.
- ✓ **Prune shrubs and trees when new growth begins:** The end of the dormant season is a good time to prune many trees and shrubs. Cold damaged shrubs can be pruned back to where new growth appears
- ✓ **Fertilize:** palms and any other ornamentals not fertilized last month
- ✓ **Irrigation:** Now that dry weather is here, check sprinkler systems for efficient use of water.
- ✓ **Identify and conserve beneficial insects:** Some insects should be encouraged in your yard!
- ✓ **Mulch:** Mulch conserves moisture during dry weather and minimizes weeds in landscape beds. Organic mulches add nutrients to the soil.

What to Do Every Month

- Adjust irrigation based on rainfall.
- Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms.
- Monitor the garden for insects and disease.
- Plant trees, shrubs, and perennials and water until established.
- Mow lawns at recommended heights

(Summarized from the UF/IFAS website, Solutions for Your Life. Log on and get helpful, research-based articles on all of the above topics. www.uf/ifas/solutions)

Welcome to new member:
 Joan Cohen, 6 Winslow Place, Palm Coast, FL 32164
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Calendar of Events

Bob Evans Fundraiser	3/15	All Day	Palm Coast Rest.
Drop off items for Treasures in the Attic	3/17	3-6 pm	Church (*)
Treasures in the Attic	3/18	8-4	Church (*)
Flagler Co. Master Gardener Plant Sale	4/1	10-1	Ag Center
GCPC Board Meeting	4/3	1:00	Ag Center
Spring Festival & Plant Sale	4/8	9-4	Town Center
GCPC General Meeting	4/13	1:00	Ag Center
Bob Evans Fundraiser	4/14	All day	Palm Coast Rest.

(* Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church, 101 Palm Coast Parkway, Palm Coast)

Save the Dates

There's still time to learn a lot at the Flagler County Extension Service's "Short and Sweet Series", Thursdays in March from 10:00 to Noon. For a nominal fee of \$5.00, you will hear interesting information on timely and important topics for our area:

- 3/16 Hiring a Certified Tree Trimmer in Palm Coast Carol Mini, Palm Coast City Arborist
- 3/23 Hurricane Preparation and Firewise Landscaping
Jennifer Stagg, Flagler County and Julie Allen, Forestry Service
- 3/30 Butterfly Gardening Vivian Bowden, Volusia County Master Gardener

March Selection of the Month

Congratulations to Selma Klettke
See her beautiful garden at 7 Casper Court in Palm Coast

BEE Aware; BEE Kind

The dramatic decline of pollinating insects is a major agricultural and ecological concern. Bees pollinate 1/3 of our food production. Monarch butterflies have declined more than 90% over the past 20 years. You can make a local impact on a big problem. Eliminate or reduce pesticides, conserve water and plant a pollinator garden. Many bedding plants at retail outlets are now laced with pesticides called neonicotinoids that cause bee colony collapse. Whenever possible, try to determine if your potential selection has had this application and select an alternative. Go to "www.FeedER.com" for free packet of wildflower seeds.

PLACES TO GO; MANY BEAUTIFUL THINGS TO SEE

(Thanks to Jane Villa-Lobos for her continuing contributions of this current listing)

March 16- April 22. Historic Charleston Foundation's Festival of Houses and Gardens. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling (843) 722-3405. <http://www.historiccharleston.org>

March 18-19 Wonderful World of Orchids Show and Sale by the Jacksonville Orchid Society at the Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave. 10-4. FREE. www.jaxorchidsociety.org

March 18 & 19 Annual Spring Garden Festival at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Gainesville. Sat. 9 – 5. Sun. 10 – 5. Admission: \$8 adults; \$5 children (2-13 yrs. old). (Cash only). This is Gainesville's premier horticultural event. The Spring Garden Festival features about 200 booths offering plants, landscape displays, garden accessories, arts and crafts, educational exhibits and food. Also featured are a walk-through butterfly conservatory, children's activities area, live entertainment and auctions, both live and silent. Parking is free and two off-site parking areas are serviced by shuttle buses. www.kanapaha.org

March 23-26 82nd Annual Savannah Tour of Homes. www.savannahtourofhomes.org

March 25 11th Annual Wildflower & Garden Festival on West Indiana Ave. in downtown DeLand. 9-3. mainstreetdeland.org

March 25-26 18th Annual Spring Sale at Univ. of Florida Greenhouses. 9-3. Featuring newest coleus varieties, FL natives, and other spring plants.

March 26 Planting an herbal dish garden at Maggie's Herb Farm, 11400 County Rd 13, St. Augustine; (904) 829-0722. Learn the hidden medicinal uses and growing care tips of common cooking herbs and which herbs grow well together. Choose your plants & create a portable bowl for a fragrant kitchen accent. 2-4. Fee: \$30 (all materials and herbal care book included)

April 1 2017 Master Garden Spring Fling and Plant Sale UF/IFAS Extension Flagler County, 150 Sawgrass Rd. 10-1.

April 1-2 Epic Celebration of Spring Annual Flower & Garden Expo, St. John's County Agricultural Center, St. Augustine. Sat. 9–5; Sun. 10-4 Growers, nurseries, crafters, artisans and Garden Club of St. Augustine Flower Show. Admission: \$5 for two-day pass, children under 12 free.

April 8 5th Annual Garden Festival and Plant Sale presented by The Garden Club at Palm Coast at Central Park in Palm Coast Town Center. 9-4. Club plant sale, garden-related vendors, arts & crafts, food trucks, children's activities. <http://www.GardenClubAtPalmCoast.org>

April 8-9 17th Annual "Spring Fever in the Garden" presented by the Bloom & Grow Garden Society in historic downtown Winter Garden. Sat. 9-5; Sun.:10-4 <http://www.springfeverinthegarden.com>

April 8 Second Saturday Plant Sale Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-2. www.washingtonoaks.org

April 8 Master Gardener's Plant Faire. Volusia County Agricultural Center, 3100 E. New York Ave. (SR 44), Deland. 8:30–noon. Free. Bring wagon. (386) 822-5778.

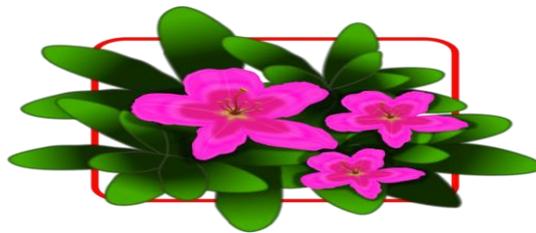
April 8 The Garden Club of Jacksonville's **11th Annual Blooms Galore & More** plant sale and artisan festival at 1005 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville. 9-3 (Rain or Shine) Nurseries and artisans selling their unique hand-crafted items including outdoor garden art, women's clothing, jewelry, botanical products, fragrant candles, gourd art and more.

April 15 Medicinal plant walk at Maggie's Herb Farm, 11400 County Rd 13, St. Augustine; (904) 829-0722. 10-2. Fee" \$30. Instructor: Cindy Whitley. Learn to properly identify local "weeds" that can help you treat a variety of diseases and disorders. You'll be able to confidently pick your own teas and other remedies once you've learned the art of wildcrafting. Each participant will receive both written and photographic info on the plants to take home.

April 30 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.maggiesherbfarm.com

April 17-19 FFGC 36th Biennial State Advanced Standard Flower Show at Embassy Suites Hotel, Kissimmee. www.ffgc.wildapricot.org

April 29-30 Apopka Art & Foliage Festival, Kit Land Nelson Park, 35 S. Park Ave., Apopka. <http://www.apopkaartandfoliagefestival.com>



Tips of the Day

Epsom salts sprinkled around plants make the green part of the plant stronger.

Pickle juice around gardenias or any acid loving plants like azaleas, will promote lots of blooms.

Pickle juice has a lot of salt so dilute it with 1 part juice and 20 parts water.

One of the many uses of white vinegar is to kill weeds. Works especially well on weeds in cracks of your driveway.

Compliments of the Propagation Guild

*The Garden Club at Palm Coast is again awarding a one-week
FREE SCHOLARSHIP PLUS EXPENSES to a
Flagler County child to attend Camp Wekiva*

*Every year, over 600 young campers throughout Florida enjoy a
fun-filled educational camping experience in
Wekiwa Springs State Park, a superb setting in Apopka, operated by
The Florida Federation Garden Clubs*

*Instructors and counselors with a love for nature, the environment,
conservation, wildlife, crafts and hiking work with
Over 100 young campers a week with similar interests*



*Do you have or know of a boy or girl in grade 6, 7 or 8 who loves wildlife,
gardening, the outdoors and the environment?
You can give them an unforgettable special experience*

*Check the Camp Wekiva website for photos and more information
(www.wekivayouthcamp.org)*

*Contact our Garden Club **NOW** for application information Enrollment
starts in January and classes fill up fast*