



## **CLIPPINGS**

**GCPC Monthly Bulletin**

**MAY 2017**

### **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.

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

The winners of our student scholarships will be presented. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the 3 Flagler Palm Coast High School seniors who are recipients of \$1000 scholarships:

**Christopher Caschera** who plans to attend the USF with a focus on Geology.

**Cassandra Gubala** who will attend Nova Southern University with a focus on Biology.

**Danial Thomas** who will attend Davison College, North Carolina with a focus on Biology and Global Health.

Our returning senior **Josh Ore** will graduate from UF with his degree in Urban Entomology. He will receive the \$1,000 "Hilda & Joe Gottwald and Garden Club at Palm Coast Scholarship".

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**\$\$\$ DUES ARE DUE \$\$\$**

If you have still not done so, remember to see Ellen Werner at the picnic to pay your 2017-2018 Dues by June 1. Dues are still only \$23 for individuals and \$34 for 2 individuals residing at the same address. Members who pay dues by mail will now receive a receipt by email.

## Welcome to Our New Members

**As of MAY 1, 2017, GCPC has 149 MEMBERS**  
**Please add these names and contact information to your yearbook**

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### ***Congratulations to our MAY Selection of Month Recipients***

*Gary & Darlene Gourley ~ 9 Budfield Drive ~ Palm Coast*

*Look for our June Selection of the Month to be*

*Featured at our Garden Week Library Display*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8	Last Meeting/Picnic	11:30	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
June 4-10	National Garden Week		See our display at the Flagler Library

## INPUT WANTED AND NEEDED

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

What do you want to learn about or see demonstrated?

Have you heard a particularly interesting and informative presenter?

Talk with her at the picnic or email her and share your thoughts and requests.

## ARBOR DAY

We are fortunate in our area to be able to celebrate 3 types of Arbor Day commemorations. Bob Tabit, former GCPC president and dedicated member, has completed all of the arrangements for our memorial dedication on Friday May 10 at 10:00 at Town Center. His ongoing contact with the City, securing the memorial plaque, insuring that the tree is planted, gardening completed and handling other details is greatly appreciated. Ellen Werner, Membership (and oh so many other tasks!) has contacted family members of those former members being honored. Please attend the ceremony at the site where the plant sale was held at the Festival.

Hopefully, many of you were able to attend the Palm Coast Arbor Day celebration at City Center recently. Thanks to Shirley Hessler who represents and promotes the Club and Tom McKean who volunteered for setting up the exhibit.

Finally, be sure to see our GCPC exhibit at the Palm Coast Library in commemoration of National Garden Week from June 4-10 set up by Maria Barbosa.

## ENJOY THESE FLOWERS OF THE MONTH IN YOUR SUMMER GARDEN

May: **Lilies** were revered by the ancient Greeks. The white Madonna lily represents virtue; the lily of the valley conveys sweetness and humility. The flower expresses purity of heart, majesty and honor.

June: **Roses** represent love, passion, beauty and perfection. Named for the Latin word *rosa* which means red and associated with the 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

July: **Delphinium - or larkspur** – symbolizes an open heart, ardent attachment and a feeling of lightness and levity. Gentle hues and refreshing fragrance give it a refreshing and distinctive natural beauty.

August: **Gladiola** represents strength and moral integrity – its name comes from the Latin word for sword, "gladius." Infatuation is another one of its meanings.

## PLACES TO GO; FUN THINGS TO DO

**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](http://www.palmcoastgov.com/arborday)

**May 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Butterfly Festival** Seminole Springs Farm, 34935 W. Huff Rd., Eustis. 352-357-2643

**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](http://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.maggiesherbfarm.com](http://www.maggiesherbfarm.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.mckeeegarden.org](http://www.mckeeegarden.org)

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

## **SUMMER GARDENING GUIDE (Stay Cool & Enjoy Your Efforts. See You in September!)**

### **May What to Plant**

Salvia, torenia, wax begonia, coleus, ornamental pepper, basil, Mexican tarragon, rosemary, okra, southern peas, sweet potato. Plant lilies in containers to increase blooming.

#### **What to Do**

Watch for thrips, scale, and mites on ornamental plants. Distinguish between normal yellowing of older leaves and yellowing of new growth on gardenias which usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency. Inspect chewed or ragged leaves oleander caterpillars. Watch for damage from chinch bugs in St. Augustine grass and look for newly hatched mole crickets in bahiagrass lawns. Do not mistake irrigation problems with pest infestation. Prevent or minimize disease by following proper lawn cultural practices. Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on tomato plants. Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist if warranted.

### **June What to Plant**

Celosia, portulaca, vinca some coleus, palms (don't cover the trunk with soil) basil, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. (pinch back regularly to prevent flowering and enhance branching), okra, southern pea, calabaza, Malabar spinach, sweet potato, tomatoes.

#### **What to Do**

Monitor the landscape and garden weekly for harmful insects. Watch for drought stress and water as needed if rainfall has been spotty. Focus on new plantings and follow watering restrictions. When rains begin, shut down the irrigation system. Propagate by air layering, grafting, division, or cuttings. Watch for nutrient deficiencies or other problems and use an appropriate treatment for palms and cycads. Keep lawn fertilizers away from the root zone. Lightly prune summer-flowering shrubs, like hibiscus, oleander, and crapemyrtle, during the warmer months. Azaleas can still be pruned until the middle of July without harming next spring's buds. Check if your municipality prohibits the application of fertilizer to lawns and/or landscape plants during the summer rainy season (June–September). Clean up vegetable gardens. Solarize the soil to kill pests and disease.

### **July What to Plant**

Celosia, coleus, torenia, ornamental pepper, butterfly lily and gladiolus, okra, southern peas and Halloween pumpkins (watch for mildew), herbs from small plants, palms while the rainy season is in full swing. Support large palms with braces for 6–8 months after planting. Don't drive nails directly into a palm trunk.

#### **What to Do**

Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist if warranted. Determine the cause of any lawn problems before taking action. If an insect is the culprit, treat only the affected area. Rule out disease or sprinkler malfunction. Check if there is a local ordinance that prohibits the application of fertilizer to lawns and/or landscape plants during the summer rainy season (June–September). Solarize the vegetable garden for 4-6 weeks for fall planting to kill weeds, disease, and nematodes. Prune azaleas no later than mid-July to protect developing buds for next spring's bloom. Install an inexpensive rain shutoff device to save money by overriding an irrigation system when it rains. If one is already installed, check that it is operating properly. Dots that may indicate lace bugs at work. Spray forcefully with water to help control this pest. Check citrus trees for damage to fruit or leaves and act to minimize the effect of insects and/or disease on developing fruit and the overall health of the tree.

### **August What to Plant**

Heat-tolerant annuals, such as coleus, kalanchoe, vinca, bay laurel, ginger, Mexican tarragon, rosemary. Aztec lily, butterfly lily, walking iris, and spider lily, tomatoes, beans, carrots and other vegetables.

#### **What to Do**

Check older palm fronds for yellowing as it may indicate a magnesium or potassium deficiency and apply an appropriate palm fertilizer. Do soil solarization. Pinch back poinsettias and mums before the end of the month. Fertilize ornamental plants that show signs of deficiencies. Check your municipality prohibits the application of fertilizer to lawns and/or landscape plants during the summer rainy season (June–September). Remove spent blooms, cut back, and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the bloom season into the fall months.

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