



## **Words from our President**

**Dear Fellow Club Members -**

**I can hardly believe that this is my final letter to you all as President. It has been an honor to serve for the last two years as President of the Garden Club at Palm Coast. Taking over the position in the middle of Covid 19 was both a challenge and opportunity. We had to figure out a way to keep the Club going during a pandemic. We not only sustained but we flourished!**

**I'd like to highlight some - definitely not all - of our achievements as a Club since 2020:**

**We survived Covid 19 pandemic and grew to 220 strong!**

**I would like to thank Judy Rodriguez for all of her work on bringing the Clippings to the membership throughout the past two years! This communication tool kept everyone informed about the activities of the Club. Throughout the pandemic, Judy was developing the Clippings! Thank you, Judy!**

**We held Zoom meetings, monthly program videos and You Tube videos that were developed by Chuck Warren & Margie Brady were sent through Mail Chimp by Janet Correia, socially distanced driveway plant sales were started**

by Jane Villa Lobos, outdoor meetings and events were held with masks and distancing and outdoor lanai board meetings were hosted by Margie Brady.

The Propagation Guild assisted a local scout in his Eagle Project to landscape the front of the Palm Coast Historical Society incorporating the Garfield turtle.

The Palm Coast Historical Society held the 2021 summer long exhibit of the Garden Club at Palm Coast. The exhibit included the Club's timeline from 1975 to present researched and written by Mery Gable with graphic design by Kelley Callery. Monthly presentations were held by Jane, Ellen and other members.

Kathleen Terlizzo chaired the FFGC State Convention in 2021 in Daytona Beach with many Garden Club Volunteers. The 2020 convention was cancelled so the FFGC was grateful that it was held.

Denise Garcia brought back the Spring Festival & Plant Sale at the Palm Coast Arts Foundation site in 2021 (affectionately named MudFest) providing a unique experience and successful fundraiser. This year's event was back at the Flagler Palm Coast High School with the Propagation Guild's plant sales at a new high.

The Bylaws and Distinguished Member guidelines were updated.

Our Club logo was digitized by Kelley Callery.

Chris Austin became our new Webmaster.

We brought back our Recognition Program awarding pins and bars to members over the last 4-5 year period.

With the leadership of Edith Campins, we held our First Fashion Show luncheon and pre-luncheon show which were sold out - both were successful fundraisers and brought in new members. The Arranger's Guild provided the floral arrangements around the room and at the tables. We had our own team of Garden Club models and huge (34) baskets raffle and silent auction. Bobbie McGlashan and Janet Roberts raised the bar on 50/50s with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund in Linda Thiele's name.

Debra Isham and Ellen Werner developed a New Member Orientation Program meeting separate from the Garden Club business meeting which provided an opportunity for the leadership and board to meet the new members in an informal setting.

The Treasures in the Attic was held in 2022 after two years of cancellations and reached a new high in proceeds and attendance by the community.

The Giving Tree Fundraiser chaired by Tom McKean for the last two years

**broke records through the generosity of the membership, friends and donations.**

**The Club received two awards at the FFGC Convention for Selection of the Month and National Garden Week.**

**Through the generosity of Edith Campins and Aleksa Fleszar, we expanded the monthly door prizes and the monthly cakes were made by Kay Fletcher, Kathy Bolanos and yours truly.**

**Our financial health has recovered from 2019-2020 when all meetings and events were cancelled due to the pandemic. We will end the year at an all time high of an estimated \$12K for unrestricted funds and \$14K for restricted funds for a total Club account of \$26K (without the Guild balances) before the final income and expenses that are incurred in May.**

**Lastly, I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with so many wonderful members over the last two years. I want to thank each of you for your hard work, dedication and support of the Garden Club. You should all be proud of what you all have accomplished.**

**I wish Denise Garcia and her new Board the best for continued growth and success as they assume their new leadership roles.**

**Have a great weekend and I hope to see you on Monday at the VFW Outdoor Pavilion - not Herschel King Park as was originally listed in the Yearbook!**

Carol J. Walker, President

## **Agenda for May 9, 2022 Meeting/BBQ at the VFW Outdoor Pavilion (Not Herschel King Park)**

The barbecue and meeting on Monday, May 9 will be held under the Pavilion at the VFW, Palm Coast. Doors open at 11:30AM for membership renewal, raffles and socializing. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon.

- Call to Order - Carol Walker
- Pledge of Allegiance - Ellen Werner
- Introductions - Carol Walker
- Awards - Nancy Iandoli
- Scholarship Presentation - Dani Little
- Treasurer's Report & Treasures in the Attic - Susan McConnell

- 2022-23 Program - Jane Howells
- Arbor Day - Kathleen Fuss
- President's Remarks - Carol Walker
- Installation of Officers - Ellen Werner
- New President's Remarks - Denise Garcia
- Door Prizes, Arranger's Guild Raffle, 50/50 Drawing



The Garden Club at Palm Coast held its last Board meeting for the 2021-22 Club year with Outgoing President Carol Walker and Incoming President Denise Garcia at the home of Margie Brady.

Pictured:

Seated: Mazie Barton, Jane Villa Lobos

Standing: Jane Howells, Kathleen Fuss, Nancy Iandoli, Margie Brady, Ellen Werner, Denise Garcia, Lorraine Beagley, Adrienne Harrell, Carol Walker, Susan McConnell, Carol Geran and Linda Hensler.



## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

If you know of anyone who is sick, or is in need of an uplifting card please email [janetrfonseca@outlook.com](mailto:janetrfonseca@outlook.com) or call 347-673-3458

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### **Membership**

Please welcome new members:

Carol Grau  
Lisa Taylor  
Greg Feldman  
Marquetta Reavis & Gordon Tubesing  
Leslye Kauthe

The membership committee is accepting renewals for year 2022-2023. You can pay by cash, credit card or check payable to Garden Club at Palm Coast.

Individual membership is \$30.

Couple membership is \$45.

Renewal checks can also be mailed to

The Garden Club at Palm Coast  
PO Box 352153  
Palm Coast, FL. 32135-2153

Renewals are **due by May 16, 2022.**

Ellen Werner, Membership Chairperson

**We hope everyone enjoys being a member of The Garden Club at Palm Coast and gets involved with a committee of their choice.**

**Happy Gardening!**

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## Program Ideas for next club year

Jane Howells is currently putting together the programs for next year's meetings. She wants to schedule speakers on topics that members would most like to hear. Your ideas and suggestions will be most appreciated. Please contact Jane by May 15 with any program ideas you have for meetings. You can email her [jane.howells17@gmail.com](mailto:jane.howells17@gmail.com) or call her 330-301-6272.



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## Treasures in the Attic

Treasures in the Attic was held on March 18 and 19 at the Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church. The sale was our most successful to date. The event grossed \$2500. There was a great deal of community involvement, both in participation, donations and purchasing. This was more than just a Garden Club event. I am sure the community will be looking forward to our next SALE!!!

Special thanks to Sue Mason, Co-Chair of the event and all other club members who helped set up, price items, organize and break down.

Thank you to Edith Campins for the great work on advertising this event.

Submitted by Susan McConnell

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## Club Arbor Day - Friday May 13



The Garden Club at Palm Coast will hold its Arbor Day Memorial Tree Planting ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Linear Park, 31 Greenway Ct. in Palm Coast (off Colbert Ln.). The ceremony will remember four members who passed away in 2019 thru 2021. They are: Jane Culpepper, Joseph Fontaine, Angela Ricci, and Shirley Studdendick. A bottle brush and Japanese blueberry tree will be planted adjacent to the Butterfly Garden on the St. Joe Walkway. Bronze plaques in their honor and memory will be installed under the trees. All are invited to attend.

Jane Culpepper along with Art Presley assisted with the planting of the butterfly garden in 2012 which was designed and installed by Patricia Reonas' Class of the Environmental Learn and Serve Center, a satellite campus of Flagler Palm Coast High School. The Garden Club at Palm Coast recently renovated the garden and planted additional butterfly plants.

Speakers will include Denise Garcia (newly installed president 2022-2023) and Palm Coast City Manager Denise Bevan.

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## Japanese Blueberry

One of the trees planted this year at Club Arbor Day is a Japanese Blueberry (***Elaeocarpus decipiens***). It is a slow-growing tree which may reach 40 ft. tall and has a majestic presence. It makes a good substitute for holly trees and has a natural narrow form. It can be pruned from mid-March to mid-October to maintain the shape the homeowner prefers. They can be used for privacy, specimen trees, or backdrop plantings.

It grows in full sun with good drainage and air circulation and produces small white flowers in spring followed by dark blue inedible berries in fall and winter. The flowers attract birds, bees and butterflies and the berries are a good food source for wildlife. The dense foliage is a lush deep green with an occasional bright red leaf.

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## Pineapple Guava *Acca sellowiana*

Pineapple Guava is an evergreen shrub that is an excellent choice for Central Florida landscapes. Unpruned it can grow 10-15 feet tall. But it tolerates pruning and can be used as a hedge or large screening specimen. It can also be grown into a small tree. The attractive green leaves have a silver underside. In spring it bears very attractive white and red flowers. It also produces a small edible fruit which ripens in late summer and fall. But in central and southern Florida fruiting is not always dependable as the plant likes some winter chill to fruit heavily.

Pineapple Guava likes full sun with a well drained soil. It is very drought tolerant once it is established. It also can tolerate some salt spray in coastal regions. It is native to southern Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and northern Argentina. Pineapple Guava was formerly known as *Feijoa sellowiana*. (Leu Gardens Newsletter April 2022)



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## Arrangers' Guild Floral Class

Linda Hensler, Director, led the May Arrangers' Guild class. She asked the class to come up with training ideas they would like to see in the fall.

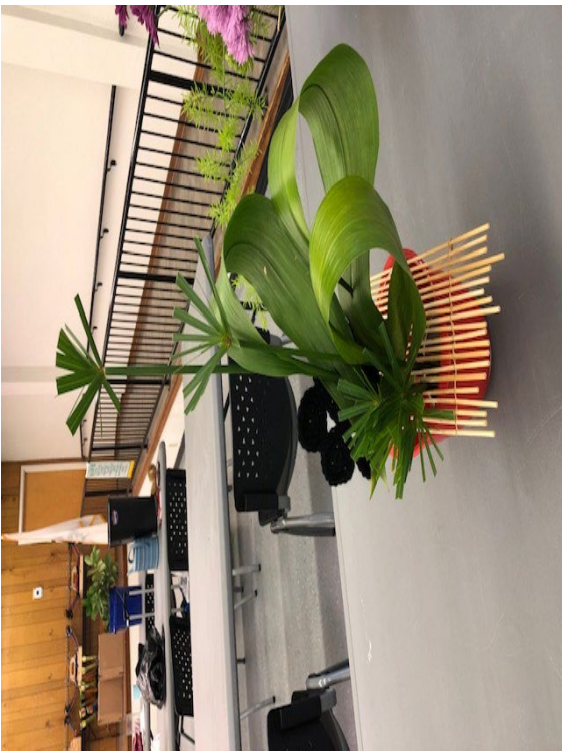
Some suggestions were:

1. Learn to weave with palm leaves
2. Make an Ikebana
3. Make arrangements using same materials as a challenge for creativity
4. Interpret art and bloom

Also, dues are now due to prepare for our Fall classes and instructors.

Linda Hensler introduced the instructor for today's class, Becky Lindhorst. Becky showed the class how to construct tatami mats from wooden skewers and binding wire.

The mats were used as a mechanic to assist in securing arrangements of flowers in containers. Many variations emerged as individual twists showed the personalities of each arranger. This was a very interactive and tactile project. Most arrangers expressed an interest in becoming more adept at designing these structures. Many varied and exciting designs were created.





Submitted by: Pamela Lace

Photos submitted by: Nancy landoli

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## Places to Go/ Events

Jane Villa-Lobos

**Ongoing-July 4 Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival.** 100 topiaries, bonsai, butterfly house, vendors, much more. Admission to Epcot. [www.disneyworld.com/flower](http://www.disneyworld.com/flower)

**May 13 Garden Club at Palm Coast Arbor Day Ceremony,** Linear Park, 31 Greenway Ct. 10 am. Honoring members who passed away in 2019-2021.

**May 14 Second Saturday Plant Sale,** Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-2. Park admission fee. [washingtonoaks.org](http://washingtonoaks.org)

**May 21 Air Plant Wreath workshop,** Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave, Orlando. Fee: \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Materials provided and you take home a wreath. Register at [leugardens.org](http://leugardens.org)

**May 27 Edible Gardening in a 5-gallon bucket**, Palm Coast Community Center, Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Fee: \$10. Register at [palmcoastgov.com](http://palmcoastgov.com)

**June 3 First Friday Garden Walk**. Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-11. Park admission fee. [washingtonoaks.org](http://washingtonoaks.org)

**June 18- 16th Annual Water Lily Celebration**, McKee Botanical Garden, 350 US Highway 1, Vero Beach. 8:30 - 2:00. Admission fee. (772) 794-0601. This is the largest water lily collection in Florida. [mckeegarden.org](http://mckeegarden.org)

**July 29-31 Caladium Festival and Plant Extravaganza**, Stuart Park, Lake Placid, FL. Sat. 9-4; Sun. 10-3. FREE. [caladiumfestival.org](http://caladiumfestival.org)

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## Yard Selection of the Month May 2022



**Kathi and Jim Bradley of Bridgehaven Drive have been recognized as May 2022 Selection of the Month by The Garden Club at Palm Coast.**

The Bradleys' are from Buffalo, NY area and have lived in Palm Coast for 12 years. The front yard beds are surrounded with alternating dark pink supertunias and Blue My Mind blue daze. They always change the flower colors every year.

There are bright pink begonias, sweet alyssum, pink azalea, white scaevola, Hawaiian Ti, philodendron, pygmy date palm, junipers, podocarpus, schilling holly, plumbago and variegated ginger.

The back yard has quite the diversity of plants: fuschia calla lilies, gardenia, Mona lavender, Indian hawthorn, pink camellias, Tibouchina grandflora (Princess flower), hibiscus, bottle brush, bird of paradise, Southern magnolia, pink azalea, duet rose (white and burgundy), yesterday today and tomorrow, violas of various colors, orange gazania, red amaryllis, dahlia, jatropha, blue agave, hydrangea, Texas spider lily, bush daisy, red pentas, gold cape honeysuckle, and lantanas.

Along the fence are: Confederate jasmine, bougainvillea, and red passion flower vine. There are hanging pots on the fence of mixed petunias, white verbena, red begonia, large ferns, and white bacopa.  
For fruit trees they have a lemon and lime.

You can tell they love plants and color by the diversity in their landscape.

Submitted by Nancy landoli  
Selection of the Month Committee Chair

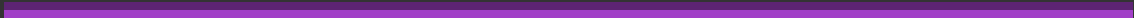
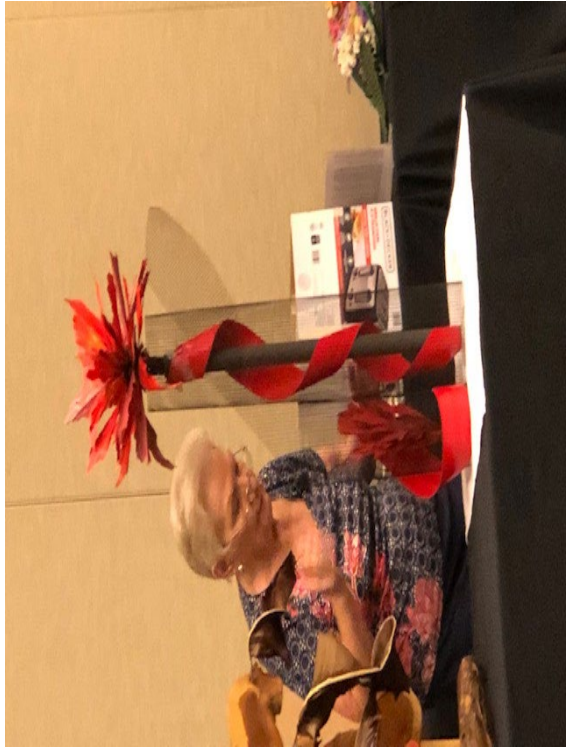
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## FFGC News/Events

Members of The Garden Club at Palm Coast attended the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' Annual Convention at the Embassy Suites in Lake Buena Vista, Orlando on April 12-14. Below is a selection of some of the beautiful exhibits on display. Photos provided by Nancy landoli.



Presented by Elaine Parisi, 'Taking the Mystery Out of Design Mechanics' was an informative workshop held at the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' Annual Convention and State Flower Show. Photos provided by Nancy landoli.



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