



Words from our President

Dear members of The Garden Club at Palm Coast,

Thus far the club has had a successful year with great attendance and participation by our members and interesting programs. We have more to come in the second half of this club year.

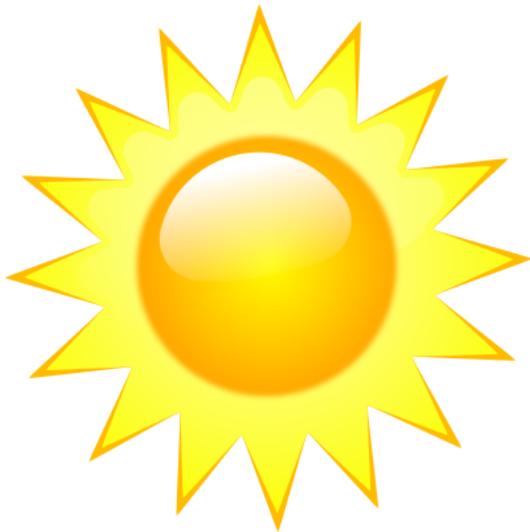
Wishing everyone a safe and healthy holiday!

Denise Garcia

December 12, 2022 Holiday Luncheon at the VFW

Reservations for the Holiday Lunch are closed.

Board Meetings - First Monday of each month, August through May at the Palm Coast Public Library at 1:00PM. All club members are invited to attend, but general members are not eligible to vote. Please check the club's website calendar for next month's board meeting location.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Since the last newsletter, the following cards were sent:

- Get well card to Kelley Callery
- Wishes for a full recovery to Janet Fonseca

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

Membership

Welcome to new members who joined over this past month:

Sheri Egeli
Joan Gilland

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!

GARDEN CLUB 2022 HOLIDAY GIVING TREE CHARITIES

Monetary donations in cash, check or credit cards. All checks **MUST** be made out to the Garden Club At Palm Coast (GCPC). All donations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** and are made by the Garden Club based on your specific choice(s).

Christmas Come True, Inc.

"Christmas Come True" is a **volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization** assisting families in Flagler County, in need of a helping hand, since 2009. "Christmas Come True" was founded in 2009 as a result of the economic crash in Flagler County. So many families suffering led the founder, Nadine King, to create "Christmas Come True" as a way to help these families. **They help many families in many ways not only at Christmas, but throughout the year.** <https://www.christmascometrue.org>

Grace Community Food Pantry

The Grace Community Food Pantry's mission is to assist in feeding Flagler County's less fortunate until they are able to feed themselves.

Monetary and/or non-perishable food contributions are welcome. <https://www.gracecommunityfoodpantry.com>

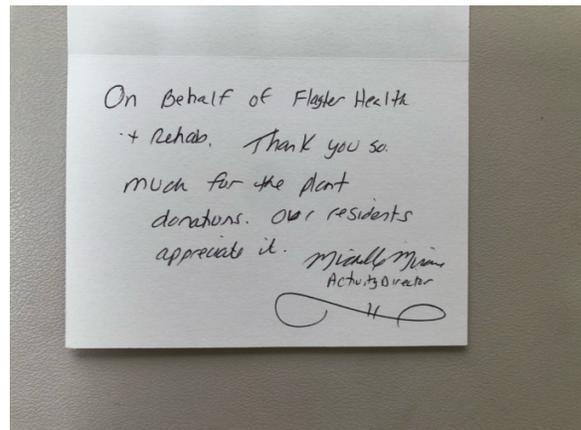
Community Cats Of Palm Coast

This organization was founded as a volunteer 501c3 organization in 2013 with the goal of reducing the homeless cat population in Flagler County. Since then, this organization has become the largest foster-based cat rescue in Flagler County. With their dedicated foster network, they've been able to find homes, so far, for approximately 2000 cats and kittens. For feral cats that are considered unadaptable, they are spayed/neutered and returned to an appropriate place where they are cared for. <https://www.communitycatspc.org>

Plants for Pleasure

I want to thank the Membership for bringing in so many beautiful, holiday wrapped plants for our Plants For Pleasure program. This was our 20th year. I also want to thank Kenetha Kilmurray for purchasing the tea cups and Jane Howells and Maureen Ohara for helping me put together beautiful floral bouquets in the tea cups to go along with the plants. Thank you to Andrea Rogers for delivering half of the donations to Grand Oaks rehabilitation to be given out to their residents. I delivered the other half to Flagler Rehabilitation. See thank you note we received from them. Jan Boisvert made up two beautiful dish gardens which are going to the Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House at AdventHealth and Las Palmas Senior Living. Mazie Barton and Elma Chung helped make sure the donations all had floral picks in them. What a great Club effort.

Happy Holidays to all of you.
Ellen Werner, Chairperson



Wekiva Youth Camp

The Garden Club at Palm Coast proudly supports Wekiva Youth Camp. The camp is a residential nature camp for 3rd thru 8th grade sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs for the purpose of instilling a love and respect through nature study, conservation and protection of our environment for the future of our planet.

The Garden Club of Palm Coast would like to award 8 scholarships for the 2023 camping season, June 18th through July 29th. For more information please contact Susan McConnell, Chairperson, Wekiva Youth Camp by December 15, 2022 @ susan.mcconnell53@gmail.com

Jr. Garden Club News

Belle Terre Elementary

November brought learning different gardening skills for the students:

Thinning Plants – Carrots came up by the hundreds so we had to thin. The students were reluctant to pull them out of the ground because they felt they were “killing” the carrots. We have all thought that at one time or another. Kenetha Kilmurray, a volunteer, came to the rescue by telling the students to toss the pulled-out carrots into the soil so it could become compost. The children were happy once again.

Maintenance -Weekly the children are assigned different beds to observe, take notes and maintain. They measure each plant to see growth rates. One child said the tomato plant is his belly button height.

Soil Structure – Judy from The Extension Office visited and talked to the children about soil structure. I was amazed at how much the children knew from all the work they did building the beds.

Propagation – Swiss Chard seeds were started indoors. Students were very skeptical that anything would sprout without the sun but they learned the magic of grow lights. Each child is given responsibility for their own seed pots. They take this task very seriously.

In conclusion, the joy in the children when a strawberry is turning red, a tomato is on the plant, peppers and eggplants are growing is worth all the hard work we put into the Jr. Garden Club.



Rymfire Elementary

Space was cleared of weeds and a new irrigation system completed so planting began. First in were native plants such as passion flower (host plant for zebra swallowtail and fritillary), seaside goldenrod (nectar plant), and oblongleaf twinflower (host plant for buckeye butterfly). A native wild cherry tree was planted. It's dormant and just a stick, so fingers crossed it will bud in the spring. We often hear the children say they are so happy because they are gardening,

I learned that the second graders do a painted lady butterfly class and watch the butterflies emerge from the chrysalis stage. I offered the garden for their use. I will make sure we have host and nectar plants for their special project.



Volunteer Highlight

This month I would like to highlight a Jr Garden Club volunteer, Adrienne Harrell, a Rymfire volunteer. Adrienne was excited from the beginning. She and her husband, Terry, made a huge contribution in attacking the weed problem with rototilling. Both are proud to be part of the Jr. Garden Club. She shares the eagerness of the children when they are planting and seeing the chrysalis of the monarch butterfly. When she is working in the morning at Rymfire, teachers often come and say how much their classes love seeing the flowers as they walk by. Without these valuable volunteers Jr. Garden Club could not function.

Margie Brady

Places to Go/ Events

Jane Villa-Lobos

Ongoing- Jan. 1 Dazzling Nights, Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando. Tickets: \$22-25 per person. 407-498-5702, info@dazzlingorlando.com, <http://www.dazzlingorlando.com>

Ongoing – Jan. 2 Holiday Blooms, Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando. Garden Admission. <http://www.leugardens.org>

Feb 3-5 Joy of Bonsai 2023, Kawa Bonsai Society, Schley's Bonsai and Supplies, 2745 Audubon Ave., Deland, FL Registration required, <http://kawabonsai.com/joy-of-bonsai-2022-flyer/> This is the 2023 flyer even though address is 2022.

THE ARRANGERS' GUILD MEETING

November 15, 2022

We met for Class 2 *Triangular and Traditional design*, taught by our Instructor, Penny Decker.

The Guild provided the students with palmetto palms, flowers and pittosporum. Before we got started, Penny demonstrated a few different designs we would be doing in our future classes as examples.

After a short break then the students started eagerly working on their own designs. It is amazing how the class uses the same materials and yet several come out differently but very nice!

Our next Arrangers' Guild will be on December 9 for a holiday workshop using a Boxwood tree that each student will purchase from Sue Bara and students will bring their own decorations.

Our Class 3 on curve design and using fruit will be on January 17, 2023 with Margaret Kirkpatrick.

Article & Photos by: Nancy Iandoli



Selection of the Month



Tiare Darder of Colechester Lane, has been recognized as December 2022 Selection of the Month by The Garden Club at Palm Coast.

Tiare was born in Cuba and came to the US when she was 18 years old and settled in Tampa. One day she drove through Palm Coast, fell in love with Palm Coast and felt like it was fate that brought her here. She has been living here now for 4 years!

This very attractive landscape has cement edged beds throughout the property. Most of her beds are complimented with whimsical wooden animals which she makes and paints herself. She also has a wooden rooster on top of her mailbox. She has a different rooster for each season.

In her doorway area she is very proud of her potted ponytail palm that has travelled with her for 27 years! To the left side of her yard, you find much diversity including staghorn fern, ground orchids, blue and white sage, society garlic, Brazilian dwarf morning glory, Areca palm, blue Bismarck palm, crotons, Barbados cherry tree, fig tree, spicy jatropa, multi-color amaryllis, ground roses, and her favorite plant a Tibouchina.

The back yard is on a canal with a raised brick wall bed containing assorted succulents. Another area has gardenias, milkweed, magnolias, climbing allamanda on a trellis, several varieties of fruit trees such as: plantains, lemon and lime, blood orange, grapefruits, sugar plum, 3 pineapples and tangerines. She also grows Cuban and Italian oregano, Cuban mint, and marjoram.

In her lanai area she propagates many of her plants from succulents, cactus, and orchids to name a few. There are many full pots as well as hanging plants to admire. It's as if you are in a greenhouse!

Submitted by Nancy Iandoli
Selection of the Month Committee



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