



Words from our President

Dear Club Members,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our final meeting of the 2022-2023 club year on Monday. It is a picnic where we can celebrate our many accomplishments and activities of the year. Our membership continues to grow as we welcome new members at each meeting.

Next year holds much promise for the club. With the increased membership comes opportunities for the club to continue programs such as the Jr. Garden Club and possibly start other activities of interest to the club.

I couldn't perform my duties as president without the help of such a great group of volunteers. Thank you, Team Garden Club at Palm Coast for all you do,

Denise Garcia



Meeting/Picnic May 8 at VFW Pavillon

The annual picnic and installation of officers meeting will be held at the VFW located at 47 N Old Kings Rd, Palm Coast. 11:30 - Gathering and Sign in; 12:00 - Lunch; 1:00 Meeting

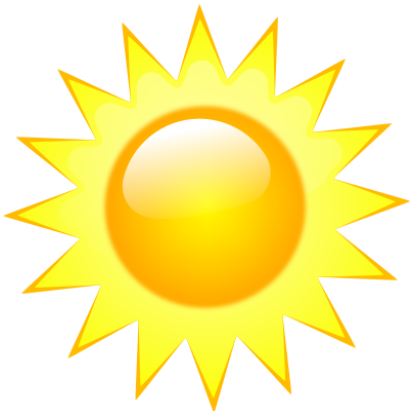
This is the last meeting of the 2022-2023 season for the Garden Club. There will be a short meeting, installation of the 2023-2024 officers of the club and presentation of scholarship funds to the High School recipients, the rest of the time - mingle and have fun with your fellow members.

This is a pot luck luncheon, **IF YOU HAVE NOT** called in your RSVP to SUE BARA, please call her (1-904-826-6850) to let her know you are coming and let her know what you are bringing.

Tea, Water, Lemonade will be provided, NO desserts please (a cake is being ordered).

The pot luck menu has plenty of salads, appetizers and sides. We can still use some main course items such as sandwiches.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SERVING UTENSILS FOR YOUR DISH



SUNSHINE REPORT

Since the last newsletter, the following cards were sent:

Thinking of you cards sent to: Bob Griffin, Connie March, Mary Jablonski, Lucy Davis, Jane Howells, Kelley Callery

Get well card to Susan McConnell, Liezel Austin

Condolence Cards were sent to mother, Geri Calvin, and daughter, Connie Schrider on the sudden passing of Geri's husband.

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

Membership

Welcome to new members who joined over this past month:

Marie Algarin
Alison Bass
Terri Beerbower
Kathy Byrd
Dee Catallo
Vicki Fitzgerald
Vicki Moreno
Patty Murphy
Sheila DuncanPeters
Julia Rossi
Mark Dietel
Wayne Thiele

Please pay your renewal for the 2023–24 year.

Individual Membership. \$30.00
Couple Membership. \$45.00

Mail renewals to GCPC, PO Box 352153, Palm Coast, FL. 32135 or go to our Website gardenclubatpalmcoast.org, go to Membership and then to the PayPal option and pay by credit card.

Membership renewals will also be accepted at the May 8th General Membership meeting.

Renewals are due by the May 20th for submission to FFGC by June 1, 2023.

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!

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

June 4 -10, 2023



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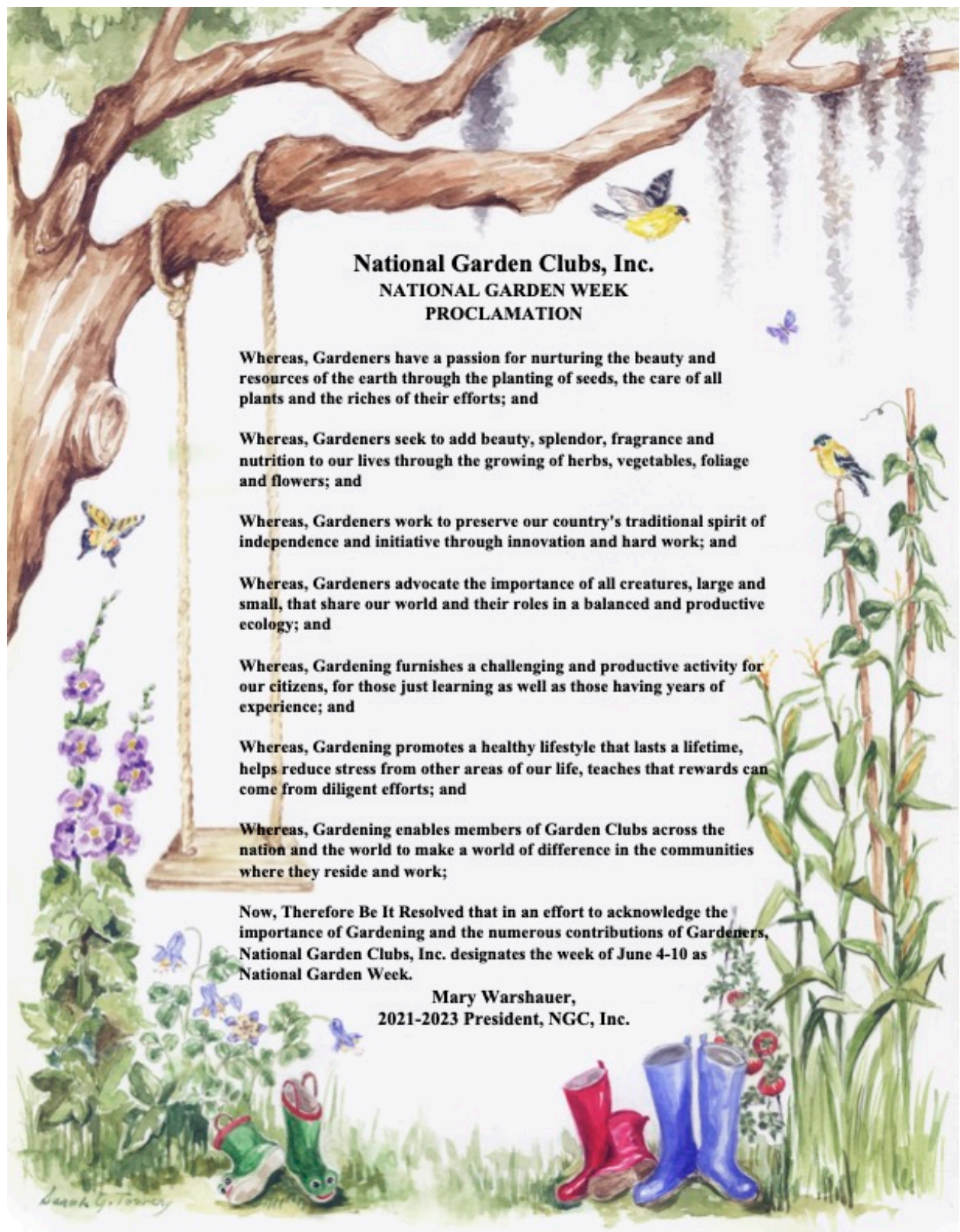
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THE GARDEN CLUB AT PALM COAST



Look for the National Garden Week display at the Palm Coast Public Library presented by Nancy Iandoli.



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NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK
PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and

Whereas, Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

Whereas, Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

Whereas, Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

Whereas, Gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

Whereas, Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

Whereas, Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that in an effort to acknowledge the importance of Gardening and the numerous contributions of Gardeners, National Garden Clubs, Inc. designates the week of June 4-10 as National Garden Week.

Mary Warshauer,
2021-2023 President, NGC, Inc.

The official proclamation from the President of the National Garden Clubs.

Horticulture Spotlight

Creating a Bromeliad Tree

Sharon Smith

This is a nice project if you have extra bromeliads laying around. I used a dead tree that I cut back to the trunk and a few main branches. You can use a live tree or sturdy trellis.

I started with about 10 bromeliads. They varied in color and were medium sized. I used twine and wrapped the twine around the base of the bromeliad and the v shaped area of the tree limbs multiple times until it seemed secure from all directions. Some needed re wrapping after a few days so expect to reinforce a few days later. If there is a frost, you can easily cover the tree with a sheet.

Water frequently while they are settling in. Only the pups will attach to the tree. Watch for sunburn. You might need to rearrange a few. The plants will need watering if there is no rain for more than a week. As the pups appear the tree will get fuller and more beautiful.



McKee Gardens

Sharon Smith

Located in Vero Beach Florida, McKee Gardens is a fun day trip. It takes about 2 ½ hours, most of the trip on I 95. The Gardens are 18 acres but seem much larger. The park is 100 years old. It was originally called McKee Jungle Gardens and built by Walter Sexton. It was a tourist attraction on US 1 and was much larger with animals and plants from around the world. Sections were sold off and the city of Vero Beach preserved and renovated what was left.

The park is oval shaped with multiple paths through the tropical landscape. Plants are from all over the world. There are also ponds with various water plants. And lastly there are buildings and structures that were brought in 100 years ago.

On most Tuesdays, there are guided tours of the gardens that are included in the admission price. I highly recommend doing the tour to learn the history of the gardens as well as featured areas and plants. About once a month there is also a class you can sign up for. We signed up for a class about water lilies.

In the classroom we learned about the 3 main types of water lillies in the park. The rest of the class took place in the ponds. The lilies are grown in clay filled containers that are submerged. Our instructors pulled up the plants she wanted to trim or relocate and we watched as she worked and showed us how she maintains the plants in the ponds. She pointed out the unique structures of these aquatic plants and passed them around so we could examine them closely. It was an amazing day.

Jr Garden Club Newsletter

Belle Terre Elementary

Its always a surprise for the children as they discover what grew and what can be harvested. The strawberries continue to be sweet and delicious. Carrots are juicy. Jalapeno peppers have popped out. A cherry tomato was ripe today. Kenetha ate a bean to make sure they were ready to harvest. A party with the children, volunteers and teacher are planned for May 18 as the Garden Club at Palm Coast first Jr, Garden Club comes to an end. What an adventure it has been!



Rymfire Elementary

The weeding is done! Thanks to the recent weed pulling hands of Mary Kay Hirsch, Kenetha Kilmurray, Patty Murphy and myself. Approximately 50 bags of black mulch was put on the beds to cut down on weeds. The garden has been beautifully transformed. A new bluebird family has moved into the house. The children have been researching the different butterflies we are hoping to attract so they can do group tours for the school before school lets out.

I had hoped we could provide a peaceful sanctuary for staff and students, a place where they could go and find peace. I was told it is already being used for that purpose with a student who was having a bad day. He left the garden happy and ready to continue his school day.



We will be needing volunteers to maintain the garden this summer so please let Margie know at 815-307-2096 or margiebrady@att.net

“Let’s Get Dirty”
Margie Brady

THE ARRANGERS' GUILD MEETING

April 11, 2023

Everyone who has been in attendance for all 6 classes will get a certificate. We had a very good Festival this year with all the volunteers helping. It was the easiest ever! The Arrangers' Guild will be making the table arrangements for our District VI Spring meeting set for May 9th at the Hammock Dunes Resort. We will be making pastel colors for Spring and the Theme of our new District Director, Valerie Seinfeld, is Bees so we will try to incorporate Bee decorations into the arrangements. We need to make two large arrangements and 12-14 smaller table sizes. Arrangers will meet at the home of Dee Cocchiola on May 8th at 3:00 p.m. after our last General Meeting of the club year.

The Instructor for Class 6 was Margaret Kirkpatrick. The floral design was to express the title "FLORIDA". Margaret was very impressed by the student's designs.

For a flower show the following tips were discussed:

- Condition leaves and greenery the day before the show
- Bring a small tool kit
- Bring a rolling cart to put supplies on.
- Know the environment of the show room. Tropical flowers do not do well in cold AC rooms; they will turn black. Try to find out what the temperature will be overnight and bring extra flowers the next day in case some need to be replaced.
- Remove lilies with pollen or lose points
- Mechanics can show but need to be clean for perfection
- When using a backdrop board for color, try different color boards as they change the look of a design
- Plant material will dictate the shape

Article and Photos Submitted by: Nancy landoli

Selection of the Month



Michael Racano and Charles LaFlamme of Arrowhead Drive have been recognized as May 2023 Selection of the Month, by The Garden Club at Palm Coast.

They moved from Rhode Island to Palm Coast in 2013 when they retired. Michael was a caterer and made floral arrangements and Charles was a Director of Nurses. Michael is always working in the yard, and he propagates his own plants. He likes to buy reduced plants at Walmart and brings them back to life. Charles also likes to spend his free time working in the garden and watering. They like to make their own fertilizer by blending vegetables and fruit peels, and they use coffee grinds and eggshells on the lawn.

This curb appeal landscape was discovered at the end of March, and we were amazed by the abundance of colorful flowers and the diversity of plants. The front bed has many zinnias, bush daisy, firecracker, phlox, roses, amaryllis, lantana, dusty miller, pansies, coleus, potato vines, and milkweed. They recently added 60 Asiatic lilies, 60 gladiolas, multiple color sunflowers, white casablanca and red stargazer lilies.

The top of the garage has climbing red bougainvillea, and yellow mandevilla surround above the front door area. On the left side they have cleome, calla lilies, mums, bleeding hearts, foxglove, climbing ligustrum and bamboo.

Over time they have created and recently expanded their backyard with leftover pavers and other materials left by contractors. They have two gorgeous red and pink bougainvillea in pots, drift roses, dianthus, and red calibrachoa parviflora. They have a pagoda with several hanging pots. They even have an orange flowering nasturtium in which they make pesto with the leaves and use the blossoms in salads. Nothing goes to waste in their gardens!

Submitted by Nancy Landoli
Selection of the Month Committee

The June Selection of the Month write up and pictures will be on display at the Palm Coast Public Library.



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

May 6 Palm Coast Arbor Day, Central Park, Palm Coast Town Center, 9-1. Free tree give away if you bring a non-perishable, non-expired human or pet food item. Come early as the quantity of trees are limited. Monarch butterfly release at 11 and lots of vendors. palmcoast.gov

May 12 Garden Club at Palm Coast Arbor Day, Linear Park. Tree planting at 10:00 am in memory of deceased members.

May 12-14 48th Annual Bromeliad Exhibition and Sale. Orlando Fashion Square Mall, 3201 E. Colonial Dr. Fri.-Sat. 11-8; Sun. 12-6

May 26 Color in the Garden. Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept., Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community Center Rms. 114/115. 10-11. \$10. palmcoast.gov

June 17 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.

June 30 Propagation Part 1. Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept., Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community Center Rms. 114/115. 10-11. \$10. palmcoast.gov

July 28 Propagation Part 2. Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept., Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community Center Rms. 114/115. 10-11. \$10. palmcoast.gov

July 28-30 Caladium Festival and Plant Extravaganza, Stuart Park, Lake Placid, FL. Sat. 9-4; Sun. 10-3. FREE. <https://www.caladiumfestival.org/>

August 19-20 Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale, Sanford Garden Club, 200 Fairmont Dr., Lake Mary. 9-4. Bromeliads, orchids, aroids, ginger, other tropical plants, handmade slat baskets. FREE.

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