

CLIPPINGS

A monthly newsletter for members of The Garden Club at Palm Coast

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club family,

All I can say is WOW what a start of the club year we have had. Wonderful Speakers, so many new members, Founders Day, Fall Arts Festival, Lovely Christmas Tree at the Library and The Holiday in Florida Flower Show. Thanks to all of the club members who helped make these events a success.

So many things for us to be proud of.

Happy Holidays! See you in January,

Denise Garcia



NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

The December meeting and holiday lunch was canceled due to lack of interest. The next meeting will be in January.

The Giving Tree may take place next year (to be decided). If anyone is interested in being a Christmas angel to a high schooler in need, contact Kenetha Kilmurray for information. kenetha@hotmail.com

If you are looking for a way to help a child, or family this holiday season, consider Christmas Come True. They have many families they would like to help. You can volunteer or donate to the organization. Christmascometrue.org

"Housework is for people who do not know how to garden" Anonymous.

"A weed is a flower once you get to know it" Anonymous.

MEMBERSHIP

Ellen Werner

Welcome new members and returning members. Our current membership is 178.

Please welcome new members:

Roseann Drew
Tricia Pugh
Kim Saltmarsh
Christina Ventura



Returning members:

Kathryn Lindblad
Patricia Malak

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

SUNSHINE REPORT

Since the last newsletter, the following cards were sent:

Thinking of you- Connie March, Mary Jablonski,
Susan McConnell, Bob Griffin

Get Well to Sherrie Thompson

Condolence card sent to Edwina and family on the passing of Bob Tabit. Bob was a distinguished member and past president of the club.



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

AWESOME MEMBERS

Several club members generously donated to the club this past month.

Instead of getting their Holiday Lunch money returned, the following members donated it to the club:

Ellen Werner

Linda Snow

Janet Fonseca

Jane Villa Lobos

Nancy landoli

Denise Garcia

Kathy Major

Kenetha Kilmurray - to Scholarship Fund

Kathleen Fuss - to Arbor Day Fund



Donation from Theresa Northcut for \$25

Claudia Strom generously donated her 50/50 winnings of \$70 to the club!

Jenny Scott paid for the rental of tables for the Flower Show (\$100).

\$400 was made from Basket Raffles at the Flower Show (Thanks to Nancy landoli)

The Arrangers' Guild sold bread made by Andy McConnell at the Flower Show and gave the club \$50.

The Arrangers' Guild gave the club \$200 to help cover Flower Show expenses.

The Propagation Guild gave the club \$435 from plant sales and \$850 from the creative team.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider participating and supporting your garden club. The club is still looking for a few volunteers:

Secretary- keep records of board meetings and club meetings, correspondence as needed.

Clippings newsletter - someone to put together the monthly club newsletter.

Assistant Treasurer - Need back-up for current treasurer and someone to learn so they can be treasurer next year.

Someone to send notifications and articles to community papers(contact Kelley Callery, 631-879-5428, kcallery@optonline.net)

PLANTS FOR PLEASURE

This was the 23rd year of Plants for Pleasure. The Plants for Pleasure program was started by Distinguished Member, Connie March, who was president in 2000. Festively wrapped plants brought by members of the Garden Club along with floral bouquets made by Kenetha Kilmurray, Ellen Werner, Jane Howells and her friend were delivered to residents of Flagler Pines Rehabilitation, Grand Oaks Rehabilitation, Stuart F Meyer Hospice and our own club members who are ill.

Ellen Werner, Chairperson



From left to right: Ellen Werner, Jane Howells, Sherrie Thompson, Carrie Clark, Kenetha Kilmurray.



GCPC CHRISTMAS TREE AT PC LIBRARY

Take some time to go see the Garden Club at Palm Coast Christmas Tree at the public library. Enjoy all of the decorated trees. The display will be up till the first week of January.

Thanks to Andrea Rogers and team!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HORTICULTURE SPOTLIGHT AT MEETINGS

At each general meeting, there is a horticulture segment which highlights plants that can be grown in our area. The segment is for 5 minutes. We need volunteers each month to present a plant and its horticultural requirements to the club. If you cannot bring in a plant or cutting, then please provide a photo for the Power Point.

Please let Jane Villa-Lobos know what month you will participate. We do not have this segment in December or May.



FFGC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

[Click here to see more information about the convention in Jacksonville, FL April 10-12, 2024](#)

If enough interest, there may be a bus trip to the convention for a day. There will be a state flower show that is free and open to the public. If interested in the bus trip, contact Kenetha Kilmurray, 201-916-4492, kenetha@hotmail.com

TREASURES IN THE ATTIC

The Treasures in the Attic committee is still looking for a place to have the rummage sale. **If you know of a place** that would allow us to have our sale free or for a small charge, please contact Sue Bara or email info@gardenclubatpalmcoast.org

The sale is usually held in late February or early March.



FASHION SHOW COMING IN FEBRUARY



The Fashion Show at Chez Jacqueline is planned for February 21. This is a fun event and all ticket sales go directly to our club. Contact Margie Brady, 815-307-2096 if you would consider being a model. This event usually sells out fast so don't delay once tickets go on sale. Tickets must be purchased by February 14.

Wine and nibbles are served. The event is from 5-7 pm at the store. There will be raffle baskets, gift cards. If you can contribute or donate to a basket, contact Nancy landoli, nancylandoli1@yahoo.com, 508-631-4449.





Fashion Show to Support



\$25.00 Each

Cash or Checks Payable to The Garden Club at Palm Coast

Wine and Nibbles will be served

Raffle tickets 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, 12 for \$15

Wednesday, February 21st 5-7pm (Limited to 30 guests)

Must Pre-Pay to hold your spot

CONTACT CHEZ JACQUELINE TO ATTEND (386) 447-1650

JR. GARDEN CLUB

BELLE TERRE ELEMENTARY

Because of overwhelming student interest in working in the garden this year, the group had to be split in half. We have so far planted, tomatoes, peppers, herbs, lettuce, peas, strawberries, broccoli, potatoes and carrots. Wildflower seeds were planted in the butterfly garden. The succulents are huge. All the plants are thriving thanks to the green thumbs of students, our volunteers Kenetha Kilmurray, Vicki Heugel, and Eva Larsson and teachers Deb Smith-Meck and Theresa Ten Eyck.



New this year is doing hydroponic (process of growing plants in water) and aquaponic (fish and water) gardening. Unfortunately, we tried strawberries in the aquaponic system and they died over break because the power went out. It was a good teaching moment for the students that sometimes plants die but you learn and try a different approach.

The children were involved in the Garden at Palm Coast Flower show presenting plants started from seeds or propagation. Ribbons for all.

JR. GARDEN CLUB

RYMFIRE ELEMENTARY

The season started with a new group of enthusiastic children who love to get their hands dirty. The passionflower vines were loaded with zebra longwing and fritillary caterpillars, so the butterfly garden is working exactly how it was designed. It provides both host and nectar plants.

We got a big delivery of native plants so the children eagerly dug the holes and planted them.



Per the Native Plant Society asparagus ferns are invasive so we dug them out. This allowed us to qualify for a donation of a native weeping yaupon holly tree from them.

This garden sure can grow weeds so it's a constant job to pull them. As the garden grows (especially with the additional native plants) the weeds will be less.

“Let's Get Dirty”
Margie Brady



THE GARDEN CLUB AT PALM COAST CREATIVE TEAM

The Creative Team of the Propagation Guild had a very success sale at the Palm Coast Fall Arts Festival, November 12. The team's sales were over \$850 which was given to the club for operational expenses. Thanks to the creative team of Judy Rafter, Iris Graim, Jane Villa Lobos, Judy Rodriguez, Carol Geran, Elayne Byrd and Kelley Callery. Next sale will be the Spring Festival. If interested in participating with this team, contact any member.



THE GARDEN CLUB AT PALM COAST NGC FLOWER SHOW

The Garden Club at Palm Coast recently held their Holiday in Florida flower show. It was a huge success. It was very well attended with about 100 each day.

In the Design Division Becky Lindhorst was awarded Best in Show and Jeanne O'Donnell and Laurie Savage earned high scores as well.



The Horticulture Division was outstanding with 169 entries from over 30 exhibitors.

Judith Davies took top honors with her beautiful plants and won the Award of Horticulture Excellence.



First time exhibitor Jane Howells received an Award of Merit in the Cut Foliage section. Others receiving Growers Choice Awards: Judith Davies, Marinus Grootenboer, Janet Fonseca, and Jane Villa-Lobos.



THE GARDEN CLUB AT PALM COAST NGC

FLOWER SHOW CONTINUED

This was the first time we have seen the activities of the Junior Garden Club. There were numerous exhibits of these plants growing from seed and pictures of them working in the garden. Many of the students and their teacher were in attendance to talk about how much they are learning.



The committees did an outstanding job. I certainly heard many comments about the staging. The room was such a pretty room to move around in and impressive when walking through the entrance.

The Front entrance was designed by Ginny Niebauer: Owner of ART among the FLOWERS.



We Received comments from the judges on the great job the clerks did. All of the committee are to be commended for doing their responsibilities at a high level. Hostess, hospitality, awards, judges, publicity, schedule production, staging, design, raffle baskets, Botanicals arts, horticulture, clerks, youth, education, production, set up, and take down.



What a great team Thank you all,

Linda Hensler chairman- Denise Garcia co-chairman

SELECTION OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER 2023

Nancy Landoli Selection of the Month Committee



Michael Murphy of Evans Drive has been recognized as December 2023 Selection of the Month by The Garden Club at Palm Coast.

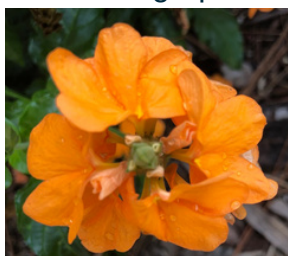
Originally from New Jersey, he retired and moved to Palm Coast 3 years ago. When he bought his house there was no landscaping. He initially had help from a local nursery on what to plant and today he has a very stunning curb appeal landscape.

The front door area has beautiful potted pink and red crown of thorns, a red mandevilla vine in a decorative blue pot, a Crossandra called orange marmalade, ruby red Alternanthera brasiliana, tri-color ginger (Stromanthe triostar), foxtail fern, several varieties of crotons, sago palm, ginger, rosemary, ferns, kalanchoe, Texas sage, and several bird statues throughout the flower beds.

The front island has two red crape myrtles that are underplanted with yellow allamanda, pink and yellow lantana, lirioppe, pentas, bird of paradise, purple irises, a border of blue daze and two whimsical pink and blue grazing birds.

On the right side of driveway, there is oleander, viburnum, blue daze, orange marmalade, schefflera, and Hawaiian Ti.

The back yard around the pool area is surrounded with several plants that provide color such as yellow lantana, blue daze, purple lilies, crotons, bromeliads, schefflera, podocarpus, and Hawaiian Ti, and a sago palm.





PLACES TO GO & EVENTS

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Jane Villa-Lobos

Now- April 28 A Flock of Avian Avatars, McKee Botanical Garden, McKee Botanical Garden, 350 US Highway 1, Vero Beach. Admission fee. (772) 794-0601. <http://www.mckee.org>

Dec. 12 Pruning Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept. Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community 6:30-7:30 pm . \$10. palmcoast.gov/parks-and-recreation

Dec. 15 Pruning Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept. Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community 10-11 am. \$10. palmcoast.gov/parks-and-recreation

Dec. 16 Plant Clinic by Master Gardeners, Flagler County Public Library, 2500 Palm Coast Pkwy. 9:30-11:30 am.

January 6 Camellia Show, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 S.W. 58th Dr., Gainesville. Sat. 1-5; Sun. 9-4. This show is geared toward educating the public about the care, culture, and appreciation of camellias, both in the greenhouse and in the landscape. Admission fee. <http://www.kanapaha.org> or <http://www.americancamellias.org>

January 20 Camellia Society of Central Florida's Camellia Show and Festival at Mead Botanical Gardens, 1500 S. Denning Dr., Winter Park. Plant sale 10-4; Show is open to the public from 1-4. FREE. <http://camelliacfl.com>



GPCPC Upcoming Fundraisers at Texas Roadhouse:

December 12th, Tuesday 2-8pm
January 9th, Tuesday 2-8pm
February 13th, Tuesday 2-8pm
March 12th, Tuesday 2-8pm
April 9th, Tuesday 2-8pm
May 14th, Tuesday 2-8pm

mention this fundraiser to your server to get 10% of your check donated back to your organization

The Garden Club at Palm Coast is a member of National Garden Clubs (NGC) and Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC).