

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club family,

I have some important news to share with you. The National Garden Club is awarding our garden club the Plant America Community Project Grant. Thanks to Sheila Duncan-Peters who applied for this grant on our behalf. The grant is for \$1000 and there are stipulations to how it can be used.

We also received a grant from FFGC for \$250 which covers the entire cost of the tree we are planting at city hall for Florida Arbor Day. We encourage all members to participate in this event since we will have a photographer taking pictures and show our support for Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Florida Arbor Day celebration.

Happy New Year, Denise Garcia

JANUARY 8 MEETING

The January meeting will be held at the VFW Post 8696, 47 Old Kings Rd North, Palm Coast. The doors open at 11:30 for lunch and fellowship. The club meeting starts at 1 pm. There will be a **plant sale** in the pavilion prior to the meeting, Our speaker will be Irene Schaefer speaking on Palm Coast's Comprehensive Plan-Rise up 2050. The original speaker failed to respond.

The menu for Monday:

Grilled Cheese: \$6.75 Cup of Soup of the Day - \$3.00 Chef Salad - \$9.50 Chicken Quesadilla with Sour Cream & Salsa - \$10.00 Basket of Fries - \$5.00 Basket of Onion Rings - \$6.50

SUNSHINE REPORT

Since the last newsletter, the following cards were sent:

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

Uplifting Card sent to Edwina Tabit



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





ROBERT J. TABIT

11.16.1930 - 11.14.2023 Please join us for a celebration of a life "well lived"!

We encourage stories and photos!!! Please send photos or stories to Kymberlee hawaiisurfgal@yahoo.com to be included in memory book for Edwina.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13,2023 AT 11:00 AM LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 156 FLORIDA PARK DR N, PALM COAST, FL 32137

AWESOME MEMBERS

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

Andrea Rogers donated her Holiday Lunch money to the club.

Correction to December Clippings:

Donation from Theresa Northway for \$25 (she is not a member but friend of Denise Garcia)







FLORIDA ARBOR DAY

The Garden Club will celebrate Florida Arbor Day with a tree-planting ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on **Friday, January 19, 2024** at City Hall (Lakefront at Town Center). This event will kick off a year-long celebration of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 100th anniversary. All garden clubs in Florida will take part by planting a tree on this same date and time.

Our club will join the statewide celebration by planting a bald cypress tree. Officers and members of the Garden Club will be joined by city officials at this event. In addition to the tree planting, there will be free wax myrtle tree seedlings (a Florida native) given away to all attendees. Grants from the Duke Energy Foundation (tree purchase) and the National Wildlife Federation (free tree seedlings) are supporting this year's Arbor Day festivities in honor of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' anniversary.



BOARD MEETINGS-CHANGE OF DATE

The board meetings are held at the Flagler County Public Library at 1 pm. Members are iwelcome to attend. The Board Meetings for 2024 are:

Monday, February 5, 2024 Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Monday, April 1, 2024 Monday, May 6, 2024 Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 Monday, October 7, 2024 Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Monday, December 2, 2024

FIND A NATIVE PLANT FOR YOUR GARDEN

The National Audubon website for finding natives by zip code is <u>Audubon.org/plantsforbirds</u>. This is an excellent site for finding trees, shrubs, and plants native to our area that benefit our feathered friends in finding food and shelter and you don't need to be a member of Audubon (but that doesn't mean they wouldn't accept a contribution :))

Submitted by Kenetha Kilmurray

FFGC WINTER ADDITION OF THE FLORIDA GARDENER

The Florida Gardener Magazine: https://ffgc.org/the-florida-gardener



CHRISTMAS ANGELS



The membership of our Club is very generous indeed. Even though we were contacted by the High School later then we would have liked for our charitable giving, several members stepped up to be Christmas angels to high school students in need. A big shout-out to Linda (and her friend Tad), Carrie, Jeanne, Janet, Kenetha and members who wished to remain anonymous for giving a Christmas wish to those less fortunate.

The image attached was taken at the high school when our gifts were dropped off. The students shown were not the ones receiving gifts, these students were there to make sure the right student received the correct gift.

Kenetha Kilmurray

TREASURES IN THE ATTIC

Save your clean, unwanted treasures for the upcoming **Treasures in the Attic Sale.** The sale is tentatively planned for March 16 from 8 am to 2 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 156 Florida Park Dr N, Palm Coast, FL 32137. Bring your items on March 15 between 8 am and 3 pm. More information to be emailed once the date and place are finalized.



FFGC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION





We are planning a day bus trip to the convention on Friday April 11 to attend the state flower show. There are 55 seats available on the bus. 45 people need to sign up in order to move forward with the planning. The cost for the bus is \$30 per person.

The state flower show is free. If interested in the bus trip, contact Kenetha Kilmurray, 201-916-4492, kenetha@hotmail.com At Monday's meeting, there will be a sign up sheet. We will be collecting checks or cash to hold your place.

Click here to see more information about the convention in Jacksonville, FL April 10-12, 2024

FASHION SHOW FEBRUARY 21



TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY AT THE CLUB MEETING! You must pay with a check or cash. The check should be made out to Chez Jaqueline. The Fashion Show at Chez Jacqueline is planned for February 21, 5-7 pm. 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 so bring your checkbook to Monday's meeting! This event is open to the public.

Once again, Nancy Iandoli is preparing baskets to raffle. She is in need of baskets and items to include in the baskets, as well as any type of gift cards to raffle. If you can contribute or donate to a basket, contact Nancy Iandoli, nancyiandoli1@yahoo.com, 508-631-4449.



JR. GARDEN CLUB

BELLE TERRE ELEMENTARY

Just sharing pictures from our breakfast party. First picture shows Margie by the yule log with a gift from the students. We got rose and cactus candles. The second and third shots show the girls opening their presents from us. They got ornaments and Burt's Bee chap stick and hand cream. We also gave them a copy of the Garden Club "Color my Garden". I was actually amazed that they realized the book would tell them what and when to plant. You can also see the girls printing their names on silver cups. Vicki made them all mud pie cakes with gummy worms coming up from the mud and a package of seeds for them to plant. The last picture shows Eva making pancakes and Margie frying up the sausages and bacon for breakfast. All I can say is that the students coming to class walked in and said how good it smelled. The girls said it certainly beats cold cereal! Loved all the Swedish treats Eva!







SELECTION OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2024

Nancy landoli Selection of the Month Committee



Irene and Valentina Trovato of Flametree Ct., have been recognized as January 2024 Selection of the Month by The Garden Club at Palm Coast.

The Trovatos moved from Staten Island, New York to Palm Coast 32 years ago. Although Irene says her yard is even more spectacular in the warmer months, it is still a beautiful haven this time of year. The entrance sidewalk is flanked by two impressive large savin juniper topiaries which are meticulously pruned.

They have planted many clumps of stately Norfolk Island palms as well as cabbage palm, magnolia, bougainvillea, bush allamanda, azaleas, and *Ligustrum japonicum* (Japanese privet) which provide some shade. Their gardens have a diversity of herbaceous plants including pink vincas, lilyturf, burgundy leaf canna lilies, elephant ears, Star of India, chrysanthemums, crown of thorns, caladiums, and Chinese juniper and much more.

They are located on a saltwater canal and have planted several types of fruit trees such as peach and lemon which are ready to harvest. The Trovatos love to grow their own vegetables and presently they are growing broccoli, fennel, and celery. In the spring they plant eggplant, zucchini, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers, basil, and parsley.

Nestled throughout the gardens are old fashion solar lanterns, statuettes of a Greek goddess, an impressive blue heron, a deer and small children with solar lanterns and a charming concrete bench.



DINE-IN OR TO-GO

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Garden Club of Palm Coast Tuesday, January 9th 2-8pm



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Support The Garden Club of Palm Coast by presenting this flyer to the Palm Coast Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to The Garden Club of Palm Coast!



PLACES TO GO & EVENTS

Jane Villa-Lobos

January 6 Native Plant Sidewalk Sale at Wild Birds Unlimited, Island Walk Shopping Center, Palm Coast 10-1.

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. <u>http://www.kanapaha.org</u> or <u>http://www.americancamellias.org</u>

January 15 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. <u>http://camelliacfl.com/</u>

January 19 The Garden Club at Palm Coast celebrates Florida Arbor Day, Palm Coast City Hall (Lakefront at Town Center at 11:00 am. Planting a bald cypress tree to celebrate FFGC's 100th anniversary. Free wax myrtle seedings will be given away.

January 27 Plant Clinic by Master Gardeners, Flagler County Public Library, 2500 Palm Coast Pkwy. 9:30-11:30 am.

February 3-4 Gardenfest, sponsored by the Garden Club of Indian River County held at Riverside Park, 3250 Riverside Park Dr., Vero Beach. Over 80 vendors selling plants, planters, pottery, furniture, garden accessories and more. Sat. 9 -5: Sun. 9-4.Free.

February 11 Wekiva Youth Camp Open House. Wekiva Springs State Park, 1800 Wekiva Circle, Apopka. 11:30-1:00.



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

GCPC Upcoming Fundraisers at Texas Roadhouse:

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

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