

CLIPPINGS

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Garden Club family,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone Monday at the general club meeting at our new location, Club 51. Club 51 is a social club that has opened their facility to the Garden Club at PC for our club meetings. Lunch will be prepared by a chef and the menu looks good. Everyone is encouraged to buy lunch to offset the cost of our meetings. There will be a plant sale by the front door. Club 51 administrators, who are volunteers, have been very accommodating and welcoming to the Garden Club.

Denise Garcia

FEBRUARY

MEETING

The next meeting is February 12 at Club 51, 51 N Old Kings Road, Palm Coast, FL. The doors open at 11:30 for lunch (see menu below) and fellowship. The club meeting starts at 1 pm. There will be a plant sale prior to the meeting.

Guest Speaker will be Judy Jean from the Extension Service, Flagler County.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - 11:30 at Club 51 before the club meeting.



Name:	Table #
MENU	
CHOICE 1	\$12
<i>Springtime Chicken Salad on a buttery Crossaint</i>	
<i>Served with homemade kettle chips</i>	
CHOICE 2	\$12
<i>Classic Quiche Lorraine</i>	
<i>Served with baby field greens</i>	
CHOICE 3	\$12
<i>Creamy New England Clam Chowda</i>	
<i>Served with mixed green salad & multi-grain roll</i>	

Lunch includes tea, coffee or water. Other drinks can be purchased at the bar.



MEMBERSHIP

Ellen Werner



Welcome new members and returning members. Our current membership is 181.

Please welcome new members:
Michele Dodson

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - 11:30 at Club 51 before the club meeting.

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:

Get well card Chris Austin, Marinus Grootenboer

Thinking of you, cards to: Connie March, Mary Jablonski, Susan McConnell, Bob Griffen.

Up lifting card sent to Edwina Tabit

Condolence Card sent to The O'Donnell Family on the passing of Jeanne O'Donnell

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/jeanne-o-donnell-obituary?id=54313144>



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

FFGC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

SIGN UP!
AT MONDAY 'S MEETING



A day bus trip is being planned to the convention on Thursday April 11 to attend the state flower show. 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 You can sign up at Monday's meeting, please bring a check or cash to hold your place.

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

TREASURES IN THE ATTIC IN NEED OF A LOCATION FOR THE SALE

The previous place identified for Treasures in the Attic did not work out. We are still looking for a place to hold the sale.

A possible location is St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Belle Terre. If you attend this church, please let Sue Bara know.

It always helps If there is a member that goes there. Please ASAP I would like to submit a letter requesting to use their facility.

you may contact me.

Sue Bara

Sbara0120@gmail.com

904-826-6850



ARRANGERS' GUILD

Linda Hensler

The Arrangers will meet in February to start the advanced design classes 7,8 and 9. The classes will be taught by Penny Decker , an FFGC certified instructor. Those who attend all classes will receive a certificate from FFGC.

February 20 - Class 7

March 19 - Class 8

April 16 - Class 9

Cost is \$50 for Guild members and \$65 for non members. A single class is \$25.

Contact Linda Hensler 386-569-4584 to register or for more information.

FLORIDA ARBOR DAY

The Garden Club at PC celebrated FL Arbor Day with a tree-planting ceremony at City Hall January 19. This event kicked off a year-long celebration of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 100th anniversary.

Our club planted a bald cypress tree. Officers and members of the Garden Club were joined by city officials at this event. In addition to the tree planting, there were free wax myrtle tree seedlings (a Florida native) given away to all attendees. Kathleen Fuss did an excellent job planning and organizing this event.



ST. JOHN'S BOTANICAL GARDEN TRIP

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On February 7, members of the Propagation Guild took a trip to St. John's Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve (SJBGBP) which opened last October. They were given a wonderful tour by the man who started the garden, Dr. John Rossi. The garden is located at 8310 County Road 13 in Hastings. Its mission is to educate the public on conservation of rare and endangered plants from around the world, as well as natural resources and native plants and animals. There are about 400 different species of palm trees. Many of the palms are grown under an oak canopy. An area of the garden has been left as a nature preserve. Some of our members are starting to volunteer at the garden and there are opportunities for other volunteers.

Admission is Adults: \$15, Seniors: \$10, Children 8-17: \$8, Children under 8 are free. Hours: Friday – Monday 9-5; Tuesday - Thursday by appointment only.

<https://www.stjohnsbotanicalgarden.org/>



DAYLILLY SALE & MEETING

Region 12 Daylily Society will be meeting in Palm Coast April 27. They will be having a daylily sale from 9 am to noon. Hybridized daylilies grown by members will be sold for \$10 each. The sale is open to the public and usually sells out quickly. A daylily hybridizer will speak at the afternoon meeting. If you wish to attend the meeting you must register in advance. The sale and meeting will be at the Flagler Community Education Bldg., 5633 North Oceanshore Blvd, Palm Coast.

<https://nfdaylily.com/event/region-12-spring-meeting/>

The Society is an affiliate of FFGC. If you would like to learn more, visit the North Florida Daylily Society on Facebook or the [Nfdaylily.com](https://nfdaylily.com) website.



HORTICULTURE SPOTLIGHT

TURKEY TAIL

Sharon Smith

Trametes versicolor is a common polypore mushroom. The common name is Turkey Tail. Polypores are wood decomposers whose spores are set up within tubes to create a surface of many pores. This pore layer is not easily removed. Turkey tail grows layered, in groups or rows on fallen hardwoods such as beech and oak. The coloration ranges from buff to all shades of brown, with contrasting ring shaped coloring. Some are flat and others resemble flowers. The underside is composed of white or cream colored spores.

Extracted portions are being used as part of cancer treatments in Japan. Labeled as PSK, it has been sold as a dietary supplement in other countries. It is also used in Chinese herbal medicine. In the United States, the FDA issued warning letters to 2 manufacturers who advertised PSK supplements as anti-cancer or immunotherapy drugs.

Turkey tail is common in North America as well as worldwide. It is not edible for humans. It can cause stomach upset and diarrhea. It is food for several insects. Turkey tail can be seen year round. They are at their best in the fall and winter, which is when they release their spores. The photo was taken at Princess Place on Jan 29, 2024.



SEED PACKETS

Sharon Smith

It is almost spring. February 15th is the official frost free date for this part of Florida. It is time to buy seeds and start growing. I started an annual wildflower mix about 4 weeks ago. My propagation area is a large table in front of an east facing window. In the early afternoon, I turn on the plant lights for about 8 hours.

This week, after our seed saver event, I started oregano, marigolds, gerbera daisies, and tractor seat seeds. Next is dill, basil, and arugula. So how do you decide what to plant, and when? A good place to start is the seed packet. It has all the information you need to grow the right plant in the right place at the right time.

Most seed packets are set up the same. Look for the ones that provide a lot of information. On the front side is the grower name and a picture of the final product. The top will read annual or perennial. An annual has one season and is often more showy. The perennial will live multiple years given good care and can tolerate frost or extreme drought conditions.

The back of the seed packet starts with a general description of the plant. Next is a list of the contents if it is a mixture of plants. The how to plant instructions include how close together the seeds should be, how deep to plant, and watering instructions. There will be a color coded map that shows you when to plant based on which part of the country you live.

Additional information is how many days until the seeds germinate, how tall your plant will get, and how many days until blooming or harvest. So as a master gardener, I try to distribute seeds at the time of year they can be planted. Seeds are an economic way to try out new crops. By exchanging seeds with other gardeners in your area, you are growing plants that have done well here. After the frost date, you can start seeds outside, either in a plant bed or in containers.



SELECTION OF THE MONTH

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FEBRUARY 2024

Nancy Iandoli Selection of the Month Committee



Judy Pipkin of Francis Lane has been recognized as the February 2024 Selection of the Month by The Garden Club at Palm Coast.

Originally from northern California, Judy moved to Palm Coast in November 2021. Judy is a Real Estate broker and a property manager. She enjoys gardening and she pulls her own weeds and does not use any pesticides.

Due to our very chilly weather lately, finding a curb appeal yard was a challenge. Luckily, I found this colorful yard. Her center island draws your immediate attention to her Meyers lemon tree full of lemons waiting to be harvested. The color continues with lantanas, pink azaleas, firecracker, Mammy crotons, bird of paradise, Hawaiian Ti, bush daisies, Mexican petunias, and junipers.

The front walkway welcomes you to several foxtail ferns, Mammy crotons, pink azaleas, lantanas, variegated pittosporum, and a large firecracker.

Along the front of the house are beautiful purple Princess flowers (*Tibouchina urvilleana*) and a candlestick plant which is a host for butterflies.

Nancy Iandoli
Selection of the Month Committee



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>

February 2-May 5 Glass in Flight 2, Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando. Twenty-eight works of art in glass and steel. Admission: \$15 (non-members). leugardens.org

February 17 Spring Edible Plant Sale, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3100 E. New York Ave., DeLand. 8:30 – noon. Cash or check only.

February 20 Pruning Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept. Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community 6:30-7:30 pm . \$10. palmcoast.gov/parks-and-recreation

February 21 Garden Club at Palm Coast Fashion Show. Chez Jacqueline, 25 Palm Harbor Village Way W., Suite 3, Palm Coast. 6:30-7:30. Tickets: \$25 (limited to 30 people)

February 23 Pruning Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept. Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community 10-11 am. \$10. palmcoast.gov/parks-and-recreation

February 23-25 19th Annual Florida Gourd Society Show and Sale, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne. FREE. Fri. & Sat. 9 – 6; Sun. 9 – 4. Arts and crafts, demonstrations, sales exhibits. <http://www.flgourdsoc.org>

February 24 Plant Clinic by Master Gardeners, Flagler County Public Library, 2500 Palm Coast Pkwy. 9:30-11:30 am.

February 24 Bloom and Benefit, UF IFAS Flagler County Extension Office, 150 Sawgrass Rd., Bunnell. 11-3. FREE. Silent auction, plant sale, presentations, food trucks.

February 24 Seminole County Garden Expo, Seminole County Extension Service, 250 W. County Home Rd., Sanford. 9:00 - 3:00. FREE.

February 28 – July 4 Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival. 100 topiaries, bonsai, butterfly house, vendors, and much more. Admission to Epcot. www.disneyworld.com/flower

March 1 First Friday Garden Walk, Washington Oaks State Gardens, Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-2. www.washingtonoaks.org





PLACES TO GO & EVENTS CONTINUED

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Jane Villa-Lobos

March 2-3 Florida Azalea Festival, Downtown Palatka. 10 – 5.
www.flazaleafest.com

March 8-9 District VI and FFSJ District VI NGC Standard Flower Show, “Busy Bees” at the Garden Club of DeLand, 865 S. Alabama Ave., DeLand. March 8: 1-4; March 9: 10-3.

March 9 Second Saturday Plant Sale Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-2.
www.washingtonoaks.org

March 9-10 Annual Plant Sale, Leu Gardens, Orlando. 9 – 5. Bamboo, bromeliads, butterfly plants, citrus, ferns, bromeliads, heliconias, orchids, palms, roses, and much more.
www.leugardens.org



GCPC Upcoming Fundraisers:

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