

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

WOW! What a start to 2024! February meeting at Club 51 was exciting and everyone enjoyed the Food, Drinks, and staff. The all volunteer staff are wonderful to work with. The Arbor Day celebration on January 19th was wonderful. Thanks to Kathleen Fuss and her team.

The recent Fashion Show at Chez Jacqueline was a sell out and a great fundraiser for our club. Thanks to Margie Brady for organizing the event with Chez Jacqueline and to the models and raffle items.

Your nominating committee has been working on a new slate of officers that they will present for a vote on Monday. Members can still nominate someone at the meeting.

Four club members entered the District Flower show, and our club was honored to decorate the entrance. Pictures coming soon.

Everyone is needed to make The Spring Festival and Plant sale a success! Your committee chairs will be walking around at our club meeting asking for volunteers. PLEASE SIGN UP.

Thank you for a wonderful start to 2024.

Denise Garcia

The next meeting is March 11 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 starting at 11:30.

Guest Speaker will be Pam Greenewald from Angel Gardens who will share some of her knowledge of roses. She will have some roses for sale.

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

Menu: Chicken Salad on Crescent or French Onion Soup or Quiche

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

Remember to wear Green!



MEETING



MEMBERSHIP

Ellen Werner



Welcome new members and returning members. Our current membership is 186.

Please welcome new members: Lisa Baker Judith Boudreau Laura DeFranco Beverly Griffin Sue Reese

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

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - 11:30 at Club 51 before the club meeting. Learn how to get involved in the club committees.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Since the last newsletter, the following cards were sent:

Thinking of You cards: Connie March, Mary Jablonski, Susan McConnell, Bob Griffin & Edwina Tabit

Get Well Cards: Richard Frazier, Brenda Kehr, Nancy Iandoli, Edith Campins, Sheri Egeli, Marie Algarin & Kathy McKean

Condolence cards: Regina Rembert, on the passing of her brother Stephen;Tony Milidantri on his sister Elaine Ryan passing.



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 & FLOWER SHOW



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. There is still space so join the group. 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 - MAY

After much difficulty in procuring a site for the rummage sale, it is now tentatively planned for sometime in May at a member's garage. Keep saving your unwanted items for the sale. Sue Bara <u>Sbara0120@gmail.com</u> 904-826-6850



TEXAS ROADHOUSE COMMUNITY NIGHT

Texas Roadhouse has invited the Garden Club at Palm Coast to join their community night, outside the restaurant. Their mission is to highlight and prioritize non-profit organizations. Community Nights are held the last Tuesday of every month from 5-7 pm. The next one is March 26, weather permitting.

Set up starts at 4-4:30. We need a few volunteers to represent the Garden Club at Palm Coast. Please let Denise Garcia know if you could volunteer March 26.

The next fundraiser at the restaurant for the Garden Club at Palm Coast is March 12. Texas Roadhouse has generously advertised our fundraising day in coffee news. Support the club if you can, on March 12 by eating at Texas Roadhouse and mentioning you are supporting the Garden Club at Palm Coast.



FASHION SHOW SPECTACULAR

On Wednesday February 21 Chez Jacqueline hosted a Fashion Show Charity Event in Palm Coast benefitting the Garden Club at Palm Coast. Chez Jacqueline helps nonprofits in the city fundraise through their fashion shows. They do about 2 of these fashion shows each month.

WOW the models, Kenetha Kilmurray, Kathleen Fuss, Denise Garcia, Dee Cocchiola, and Marie Fabozzi lit up the runway in gorgeous fashions. They all looked stunning and beautiful.

Our fashion show sold out and attendees were generous in their contributions to the raffles and 50/50. Eva Larsson and Judy Rodriguez handled the raffle. The baskets were donated by: Carol Walker-Plant, Dine & Bubbly Denise Garcia-Pamper Patty Murphy-Gardening Supplies Helen O'Mara-Wine and snacks Hammock Gardens - Succulent arrangement My friend, Lee Kieffer, donated her 50/50 winnings back to the club. This event raised \$1350 for the club.

Thanks to all the guests and volunteers who made this so successful.

Submitted by Margie Brady











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 <u>Nfdaylily.com</u> website.





SELECTION OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2024

Nancy landoli Selection of the Month Committee



Laura Defranco of Fordney Place, Palm Coast has been recognized as March 2024 Selection of the Month by The Garden Club at Palm Coast.

Laura found her interest in gardening as a young girl following her Italian grandparents around the garden in Connecticut. Laura moved to Palm Coast in 2013.

Laura has an eye for color and her garden beds are a way of expressing herself artistically. She has over 30 different varieties of plants, bushes, and trees, with a century plant as focal point in her front bed. Her favorites are bromeliads, kalanchoes, and especially the coral-colored geraniums that she was given by a former member of the Garden Club, Marian Handshur. Marian passed away in 2018, but her memory and flowers live on in Laura's yard and flower beds, especially these very hardy geraniums, and they seem to bloom almost year-round. Marian had also given her a crinum lily and cardboard palm.

If you walk through the yard heading to the back, you will also see the following: Several types of palm trees, banana trees, crotons, evening jasmine, variegated hibiscus, Crepe myrtles, canna lilies, a giant philodendron, ligustrum, firecracker bush, Hawaiian Ti, staghorn fern and Christmas cactus.

This yard represents a true passion and love for gardening in Florida.



PLACES TO GO & EVENTS

Jane Villa-Lobos

Ongoing- 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

Ongoing-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). <u>leugardens.org</u>

March 16 26th Annual Plant Faire, Volusia County Master Gardeners, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3100 E. New York Ave., DeLand. 8:30 – noon. Cash and check only.

March 16. Artists in the Garden. Select Growers Nursery, 4891 Highway 11 North, DeLeon Springs. 9-3. FREE. Silent auction, Café & amp; Bake Shop, beautiful plants, basket weaving demonstration, etc.

March 16-17 Epic Flower and Garden Expo. Sykes Family Farm, 5995 Brough Rd, Elkton. Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-3. Admission: \$5 for a two-day pass. Children are free. <u>http://www.epicbh.org</u>

March 23 Annual Wildflower & Garden Festival on West Indiana Ave. in downtown DeLand. 9-3. <u>mainstreetdeland.org</u>

March 23 Ormond Beach Garden Club Flower Show & Tea, The Casements, 25 Riverside Dr., Ormond Beach. 1-3:30. \$5. Speaker on bees, raffles, floral arrangement demonstration, flower arrangement & plant sale, Piano music.

March 23-24 Annual Spring Garden Festival at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Gainesville. 9 – 5. Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children (2-13 yrs. old). (Cash only). This is Gainesville's premier horticultural event. The Spring Garden Festival features about 200 booths offering plants, landscape displays, garden accessories, arts and crafts, educational exhibits and food. Also featured are a walk-through butterfly conservatory, children's activities area, live entertainment and auctions, both ive and silent. Parking is free and two off-site parking areas are serviced by shuttle buses. www.kanapaha.org

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PLACES TO GO & EVENTS CONTINUED

Jane Villa-Lobos

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

April 5 First Friday Garden Walk, Washington Oaks State Gardens, Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-11. Learn about the history of the formal gardens. Admission fee to park.<u>www.washingtonoaks.org</u>

April 6 The Garden Club at Palm Coast's Spring Festival and Plant Sale, Flagler/Palm Coast High School, 5500 SR-100 East, Palm Coast. 9-4. FREE

April 6 The Garden Club of Jacksonville's Blooms Galore & More. Plant sale and artisan festival at 1005 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville. 9-3 (Rain or Shine) Nurseries and artisans selling their unique hand-crafted items including outdoor garden art, jewelry, botanical products, fragrant candles, gourd art and more. FREE. <u>www.gardenclubofjacksonville.org</u>

April 6-7 Spring Fever in the Garden by The Bloom and Grow Garden Society, Downtown Winter Garden. FREE. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 11-4. <u>http://www.bloomandgrowclub</u>



GCPC Upcoming Fundraisers:

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*

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