

# CLIPPINGS

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Club Members,

This spring festival will be our biggest thus far. Thank you in advance to everyone volunteering for festival and helping to prepare for the event. We need everyone's help setting up Friday from 3:30 to 6 and on Saturday. I look forward to seeing everyone at the festival and then on Monday at our club meeting.

Denise Garcia

# APRIL MEETING

The next meeting is April 8 at Club 51, 51 N Old Kings Road, Palm Coast, FL. The doors open at 11:30 for lunch 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 from the Riverside Conservancy.

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

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GREAT SPONSORS WHO MADE THIS DAY POSSIBLE**

**Orchid Level Sponsor – \$500**

**JEFF BEACH**

**Rose Level Sponsor – \$250**

**Daisy Level Sponsors – \$150**

**Violet Level Sponsors – \$100**

**Dandelion Sponsors – \$75**

*Additional Sponsors, who have supported us throughout the year*

**2024 SPRING FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES**

**9:00 AM** Start Time: **Vendors Open**  
 Master of Ceremonies: **Mike Collins – DJ**  
 Entertainment by: **D2 Daddy Daughter Entertainment**  
 Children's Flower & Bug Hunt: **Ongoing All Day**

**10:00 AM** Entertainment by: **D2**

**10:30 AM** Arrangers' Guild Tent: **Flower Arranging ABC's**

**11:00 AM** Raffle: **Tickets Pulled**  
 Entertainment by: **Awilda Quezada**

**11:15 AM** Demonstration: **Pampered Chef – Cooking Demo**

**12:00 AM** Raffle: **Tickets Pulled**  
 Storytime: **Michelle Martinez, Where Are You Butterfly?**

**1:00 PM** Raffle: **Tickets Pulled**  
 Entertainment by: **Black Guy White Violin**

**1:30 PM** Demonstration: **Pampered Chef – Cooking Demo**

**2:00 PM** Raffle: **Tickets Pulled**  
 Entertainment by: **D2**

**2:30 PM** Presentation: **Winning Student's Poster Contest**  
 Raffle: **Ticket Sales Close**

**3:00 PM** Raffle: **Last Remaining Tickets Pulled**  
 Entertainment by: **D2**

**4:00 PM** End Time: **Vendors Breakdown**

**Thank you all for supporting the Garden Club's Scholarship Fund**

**See you next year!**



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# SUNSHINE REPORT

Since the last newsletter, the following cards were sent:

**Thinking of You cards:** Connie March, Mary Jablonski, Susan McConnell, Bob Griffin, Andy & Gene Hofmann, Terry & Adrienne Harrell & Nancy Iandoli

**Condolence cards:** Margaret Grootenboer: Meta, her eldest sister, along with Meta's son Fred, Margaret's nephew, passed away.



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

## MEMBERSHIP

Ellen Werner



Welcome new members and returning members. Our current membership is 191.

Please welcome new members:

Shara Bradsky  
Nina Guilotto  
Anne Massey  
Cheryl Talar-Williams &  
Alan Williams

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

We are now accepting early renewals for the 2024–2025 Garden Club year. The newly approved Garden Club membership dues are:

Single membership. \$50.00  
Couple membership. \$65.00

You can renew at the April membership meeting on Monday, April 8th or mail in your renewal check to Garden Club at Palm Coast, PO Box 352153, Palm Coast, FL 32135 or renew online at [Gardenclubatpalmcoast.org](http://Gardenclubatpalmcoast.org) with a credit card.

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

# UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

**Saturday May 4th, 9am-1pm City of Palm Coast Arbor Day Festival** at Town Center. The City sponsors this yearly Festival focused on Trees and Nature/ Ecology. There is a tradition of Free Tree giveaways to residents with food donation (human or animal is accepted) .Lots of activities for kids, and at 11am there is a live Butterfly release. The Garden Club will have a booth. We could use some club members to help out with plant give aways and answering questions/meeting visitors who stop by our booth. Please consider helping out with this fun event, an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. There will be a sign up sheet for 1-2 hour time frames at the 4/8 Club meeting, or you can contact Kathleen Fuss directly if you can't attend the meeting. [kathleen.fuss@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.fuss@gmail.com)

**Friday, May 10th @10am (again at Town Center, near City Hall)** The Club will be planting our Memorial Tree honoring our Club members who passed away in 2023. This year we will remember Robert DuLong, Lucy Davis and Bob Tabit.

**Monday, May 13th @11am Garden Club Picnic** The Club picnic will be at Hershel King Park. This will be a pot luck picnic. Sign up sheets for food will be passed around at the April meeting, Questions, Contact Sue Bara, [sbara0120@gmail.com](mailto:sbara0120@gmail.com)

## BUS TRIP TO CONVENTION & FLOWER SHOW



*Come  
Join!  
us!*

There are still a few seats available for the bus trip to the state flower show and convention on April 11. It is not too late to join the group heading to Jacksonville. The bus cost is only \$30. This is not a fundraiser but a service to the members and anyone who wishes to join the group for the day. You can reply to this email now, sign up at festival or at the Monday April 8 meeting, if seats are still available. Contact Kenetha Kilmurray [kenetha@hotmail.com](mailto:kenetha@hotmail.com)

It will be a great way to spend the day with a friend or family member and leave the driving to someone else!

In case you missed the last meeting or just want more information:

The club has 2 categories of money - restricted and unrestricted. The restricted money is revenue raised or received for a specific purpose such as scholarships, grants, Penny Pines. The money cannot be used for other things. The unrestricted or operational money is used to run the club and includes the PO Box, liability insurance, fees and licenses to FL, office expenses, storage unit, meeting costs, mailing (emails service). Also within the operational money are the various programs that the club supports such as Jr. Garden Club, Plants for Pleasure, Arbor Days, Selection of the Month, Library Christmas Tree.

It has been several years since the dues were raised but prices have continued to increase. Of this year's \$30 dues, \$12 went to FFGC, and \$1 to District leaving the club with \$17. Our club is struggling to meet the operational costs and relying heavily on fundraisers. This year has been particularly tough because we missed 2 meetings and have not yet had the Treasures in the Attic fundraiser. To totally rely on dues to cover our operation costs including our programs, the dues would need to be around \$77 (with 160 members). The board is continuing to look for ways to cut the operational costs and increase revenue.

To strengthen the clubs financial situation, the board motioned in March to raise the dues to \$50 per person, \$65 per couple. This was voted and passed by club members at the March club meeting. The dues for our club are still less than other nearby clubs such as Deland (\$72) and New Smyrna Beach (\$75) Fundraisers will still be necessary but there will be less of an urgency.

## 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

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Critical Need: Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.** The person who was going to be next year's treasurer is moving and unable to take the position. The nominating committee is looking for people to fill these 2 positions. No need for previous bookkeeping experience. Contact Jane Howells [jane.howells17@gmail.com](mailto:jane.howells17@gmail.com)

**Volunteers Needed to help with Linear Park.** Linear Park Butterfly Garden revamp - We had delays in getting started. The City has just begun on clearing the overgrowth and setting in the landscape boundaries. So, we will be asking again at April Club meeting for volunteers to help with pruning (this will be a demo by a pro) and then some clean up/removal of plants and finally the new plant installations. We plan on starting mid April - work will mostly be done during the week, unless we can arrange for weekend volunteers. Please help us out with this project - we are utilizing Grant Money for all of the plant purchases, but we need some labor from our Club members to make this a success! Contact Kathleen Fuss [kathleen.fuss@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.fuss@gmail.com)



# GARDENING BENEFITS

Recently a student sent a list of questions asking a member of our garden club to answer. Follows is an excerpt of some of Kenetha Kilmurray's answers that were truly thought provoking.

***From what you have seen or experienced, has gardening improved your mental health (or the club's mental health?)***

I do not think that there is a person who has not felt a feeling of well being and pride after spending time in their gardens or yards. There is a kind of peace and rhythm one finds when you are surrounded by the colors and smells of plants and earth; the sounds of winds and bees; the feel of soil in your hands. I find that I can think problems out and calm down when I am in the garden. It is my sanctuary, I am truly communing with nature and God and that solutions will reveal themselves.

***Any stories that make you happy to think about or any topics related to the benefits of gardening?***

YES! KIDS! These little human beings are our lifeline to the future for so many things. I did not realize until I volunteered to help with the Junior Garden Club just how important they are. Most kids do not realize where their food comes from. All they know is a grocery store. I cannot tell you how proud these kids are when they eat the first strawberries they planted, when they pull carrots from the ground for the first time, when they watch all the stages of a butterfly develop on the milkweed they planted. Oh the joy and wonder on their faces is so worth the work. We teach them that it is OK if a plant dies-it happens-let's try it someplace else. We teach them to respect land and water. We teach them how to research a problem and come up with a solution and guess what, there could be more than one solution. But what they have taught us is joy. The joy of being able to do it on their own. The joy of success. The joy of getting dirty. The joy of gardening with friends. And that is what gardening is all about!



# WINGED ELM

Sharon Smith

The Winged Elm in my front yard was planted in 1993. I had never heard of this tree. My boyfriend at the time had lived in Palm Coast for about 10 years and worked for a well known landscaping company. He designed a beautiful landscape for my property that after 30 years is thriving with a few modifications.

The Winged Elm shades the southeast corner of my house and the driveway for 9 months of the year. It is a bit messy in the late fall/early winter as it loses its leaves. As a transplant from New Jersey, I enjoy walking through the leaves on the driveway. In the early spring, it buds a pink color and sheds as well, and again about a month later when the leaves open.

Two years ago, tragedy struck. The lot next door was cleared and the roots of my tree were cut as they extended almost halfway across the lot. Would I lose my tree? Would it land on my house? Or on the new house next door?

I consulted a local well known tree expert. The news was reassuring. Although I would not know for sure about my tree's survival for three years, he felt the chances were good. The root system was strong and went in all directions, so only a small portion was removed. He felt the cuts were clean and he neatenened up a couple that weren't. He also measured the height as 55 feet tall, which exceeds the literature by 15 feet.

Last spring my tree leafed out evenly but the canopy was not quite as dense. This spring she is a little fuller and a darker green than last year. She is a beauty. By far the largest shade tree on my street and visible halfway down the block.





# SELECTION OF THE MONTH

APRIL 2024



**The vibrant hues and lush foliage of Jeff Milkins and Steve Parker’s garden at Foxhall Ln have earned them recognition as The Garden Club at Palm Coast’s April 2024 Selection of the Month.**

Originally from the cooler landscapes of Reading, PA, Jeff, and Steve brought their love for gardening to Palm Coast when they retired in May 2022. What started as a retirement project has now transformed into a lush, tropical poolside retreat, a testament to their dedication and love for gardening.

As you step into their property, you’ll be captivated by the meticulously designed front entrance, a prelude to the botanical wonders that await. Sago palms stand guard amidst a vibrant backdrop of Hawaiian Ti Plants, Mammy crotons, bromeliads, and red bougainvillea, all accentuated by two magnificent Crinum Lilies. Potted red mandevillas flank the front door, adding further pops of color. A majestic Agave takes center stage in the driveway while potted pink mandevillas adorn the garage.

However, it’s the backyard and pool area that truly transports visitors to a tropical oasis. The pièce de résistance is Jeff and Steve’s orchid house, boasting over 100 plants representing a dazzling array of more than a dozen varieties. Beyond the orchids, the manicured back garden bursts with color from blooming pink azaleas, yellow Shrimp plants, Fire Bush, red pentas, Indian Hawthorn, Golden Dew Drops, and Elephant Ears.

Around the pool area, memories of Pennsylvania mingle with the exotic as (Clivia Miniata) an orange bush lily lovingly transported by Jeff and Steve, finds a new home amidst white bromeliads, poinsettias, and Vanda orchids — the variety coveted by Hawaiians for their iconic leis.

Jeff and Steve’s garden is not merely a collection of plants; it’s a testament to their passion, creativity, and dedication to bringing beauty to their parcel of Palm Coast. Thank you for enhancing the beauty of our community.

# SELECTION OF THE MONTH CONTINUED



The Selection of the Month Committee want to extend a Big Thank You to Maggie Corder and Laura DeFranco for sending us curb appeal landscapes for the past few months! This is a big help! Also a Big Thank You to Chris Austin, the Club's Webmaster, for scouting out our referrals and taking pictures. Thank you all for your continued help.

**PLEASE** all club members, if you happen to see a nice curb appeal landscape, send us the house number and street name and we will take it from there!

Thank you all for your cooperation!

Nancy Landoli, Mary Kay Hirsch and Laura DeFranco, Selection of the Month Committee

# PLACES TO GO & EVENTS

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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). [leugardens.org](http://leugardens.org)

**April 9-12 Annual FFGC State Convention** at Southbank Marriott Hotel, Jacksonville

**April 11 Garden Club Bus Trip to FFGC Convention Flower Show**, \$30.00. 9-5. Email [kenetha@hotmail.com](mailto:kenetha@hotmail.com)

**April 13 Second Saturday Plant Sale** Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-2. [www.washingtonoaks.org](http://www.washingtonoaks.org)

**April 13 Melbourne Downtown Botanical Fest**, 1900 South Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne. 8-4. FREE.

**April 18 New Smyrna Beach Garden Tour**. Self-guided tour. 9:30-3. Tickets: \$25 from Lindley's Garden Center, New Smyrna Beach or online: [newsmyrnabeachgardenclub.org](http://newsmyrnabeachgardenclub.org)

**April 20-21 Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale**, Sanford Garden Club, 200 Fairmont Dr., Lake Mary. 9-4. Bromeliads, orchids, aroids, gingers, other tropical plants, handmade slat baskets. FREE.

**April 23 District VI Spring Meeting** hosted by Tillandsia Garden Club at Palmetto Club, Daytona Beach.

**April 23 Caring for your flowering plants**. Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept. Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community 6:30-7:30 pm. \$10. [palmcoast.gov/parks-and-recreation](http://palmcoast.gov/parks-and-recreation)

**April 26 Caring for your flowering plants**. Palm Coast Parks and Recreation Dept. Horticulture/Workshop Series at the Community 10-11 am. \$10. [palmcoast.gov/parks-and-recreation](http://palmcoast.gov/parks-and-recreation)





# PLACES TO GO & EVENTS CONTINUED

Jane Villa-Lobos

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

**April 27 North Florida Daylily Society Spring Meeting**, Flagler Community Education Bldg. Meeting Rm. B, A1A Center, 5633 N. Oceanshore Blvd., Palm Coast. Registration; \$20 (includes lunch). 9-3.

**April 27-28 Annual Apopka Art & Foliage Festival**, Kit Land Nelson Park, 35 S. Park Ave., Apopka. Sat: 9:30-5; Sun. 9:30-4.

**May 4-5 Annual Garden Show and Spring Festival**, Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens, 4990 NE 180 th Ave., Williston. Admission: \$12.00. Sat. 9:30-5; Sun. 9:30-4.

[cedarlakeswoodsandgardens.com](http://cedarlakeswoodsandgardens.com)



### GCPC Upcoming Fundraisers:

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\*