

Dear Club Members,

This will be the last newsletter for the 2023-24 club year. Many events happened in May and June. The yearbook will be compiled in August so hopefully everyone has renewed their membership to be included in the yearbook. Please take a little time to read about our recent events and an interesting fundraiser. We partnered with a local person to sell felt bags that can be used as pots.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Since the last newsletter, the following cards were sent:

Get well to Sara Bara, who was in the hospital

Thinking of card to Jane Villa Lobos

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



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

MEMBERSHIP

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

You can renew your membership by mailing your check to Garden Club at Palm Coast, PO Box 352153, Palm Coast, FL 32135 or renew online at Gardenclubatpalmcoast.org with a credit card.

19TH ANNUAL ARBOR DAY MAY 4, 2024

On May 4, 2024, The Garden Club at Palm Coast hosted their annual booth at the City Arbor Day event held at Town Center, Palm Coast. The City offered free trees in exchange for donations of canned goods. The event featured live music, kids' games, food vendors, and several other booths, including the popular annual Butterfly Release tent.

The Garden Club at Palm Coast provided free plants for any donation to their Scholarship Fund and distributed flyers about plants and information about the club. A big thank you to the volunteers who assisted Kathleen Fuss, Club Arbor Day Coordinator, in making the day a success! This event brought in \$400 for the Jr. Garden Club.







JR GARDEN CLUB

End of year pictures from the Jr. Garden Club at Belle Terre Elementary. The girls took apart two beds and put together new cedar raised beds for next year.







MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING-MAY 10

The Garden Club at Palm Coast held their annual Memorial Tree Planting ceremony on Friday May 10, 2024, for any Club members who had passed away in the past year. This year it was held at Central Park Town Center. A Sycamore tree was planted by The Garden Club at Palm Coast, Inc. and the City of Palm Coast.

The ceremony started with:

Welcome and Opening Statement – Ms. Denise Garcia, Garden Club President 2022-2025.

Flag Salute – Jane Villa-Lobos, Garden Club Distinguished Member Invocation – Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Beebe, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Palm Coast, Fl. Speech – Kathleen Fuss, Garden Club Arbor Day Chairperson

The deceased members were: January 17, 2023, Robert du Long July 13,2023, Lucy Davis November 14, 2023, Robert Tabit

Family and friends were invited to share their thoughts/memories of the departed.

Club President installed the memorial plaque at base of the tree. Closing Prayer and blessing of the tree was given by Rev. Dr. Beebe. Light Refreshments were available after the Closing Prayer.





END OF YEAR PICNIC - MAY 13

The Garden Club at Palm Coast held their end of the year meeting/Potluck picnic gathering on May 13, 2024, at Herschel King Park.

There were several raffle items from the Creative Team, many plants from Propagation, nice weather and wonderful food and desserts.

Nancy Iandoli presented the May Selection of the Month, Patricia and Frank Perricelli, of Frankford Lane, who were unable to attend.

Denise Garcia, President, presented our 3 winning Awards:

Civic Beautification/Garden of the Month, National Garden Club Week, and Arbor Day Celebration

Jane Howells, our Second Year Director, presented the Distinguished Members Award to 3 club members:

Sue Bara
Judith Davies
Marinus Grootenboer

Kenetha Kilmurray introduced 3 High School Scholarships awarded to: Raheem Rolle, Flagler Palm Coast, Brayden Landi, Matanzas High School, Nicholas Groth, Flagler Palm Coast, who was not able to attend due to prior commitments.





New This Year: ACE Adult Continuing Education

Scholarship, awarded to:

Carol Mini

Throughout the past 16 years, Carol Mini has assisted the Garden Club with many projects, such as Arbor Day, Spring Festival and Linear Park butterfly garden.

Her career in urban forestry and environmental issues in the city is commendable.

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Master's Program at Flagler College to further your education in Public Administration.

Our New 2024-2025 Slate of Officers were Installed:

President: Denise Garcia

1st VP: Kenetha Kilmurray (Programs)
2nd VP: Carrie Clark (Publicity- Secretary)

Treasurer: Nina Guiglotto

Assistant Treasurer: Sheila Duncan-Peters

Director 1: Marie Fabozzi Director 2: Jane Howells

Director 3: Sue Bara

Lastly, several pins and 10-year bars were awarded to members with 10 years or more membership with the Garden Club.









The Garden Club at Palm Coast held their annual Treasurers in the Attic sale on May 17 and May 18 at a member's garage this year. The weather looked threatening, but the rain held off and we had a successful sale.

Thank you to all participants who donated their treasurers for the sale.

A special thank you goes out to all who volunteered to help run the sale:

- Janet and Vincent Fonseca, our host and hostess,
- Sue Bara, Chairperson,
- Kathleen Terlizzo, Linda DuLong, Renee Jamison, Nancy Iandoli, Carrie Clark, Sherrie Thompson, Dorothy Himmelstein and Tony Milidantri.





LINEAR PARK

On May 20, 2024, volunteer members of the Garden Club, (Kathleen Fuss, Nancy landoli, Shara Rivera Brodsky, Carrie Clark, Marie Fabozzi and Judy Rafter) came out to help plant approximately 60 native plantings for our butterfly garden.

Kathleen Fuss coordinated the efforts of replenishing the butterfly garden with the new plants.

Celena and Joey Zimmerman, of Kraken Ventures LLC ...Flora of Flagler, who specialize in native plants, landscape designs, consulting services and plant deliveries, helped us with the plantings and spreading pine needle mulch.

They also took the time to provide a pruning lesson for our Garden Club volunteers (Denise Garcia, Kenetha Kilmurray, Kathleen Fuss along with Celena Zimmerman) who helped to weed and prep for the planting.

Thank you so much to all who could make it all happen. The bees and Butterflys thank

you too!







HONORING HEROES BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER

Honoring Heroes with a Beautiful Wreath

This Memorial Day weekend, Garden Club at Palm Coast dedicated members Frank and Marie Fabozzi took the lead in preparing and installing a beautiful wreath at the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District VI Blue Star Memorial Marker on Bull Dog Drive and S.R. 100.

This special monument, which has stood since its dedication on November 11, 2006, is a tribute to our brave heroes. This year, it received a stunning wreath donated by the talented Susan Howell of Southern City Creations. You might remember Sue as one of the fantastic vendors from our 2024 Spring Festival.

A big shoutout to our member Ellen Werner for picking up the wreath and ensuring it arrived safely. Moments like these make our club unique as we unite to honor and remember those who have served.





NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK JUNE 2-8, 2024

Each year the National Garden Clubs, Inc sponsors National Garden Week. This year it runs from June 2-8, 2024.

In honor of National Garden Week, The Garden Club at Palm Coast has a display set up at the Palm Coast Library.

The library each year generously allows our display to remain for the entire month. Thank You Palm Coast Library.

Please be sure to stop by and check it out. The display is located left side near the front entrance.







Summer Fundraiser

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