



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

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Club Members,



2025 has started with a **BANG** and we have so many wonderful events going on each month.

The arranger's guild had a **Fun with Flowers** class with Ginny from Art among the Flowers. They created the most beautiful arrangements.

The Propagation Guild Plant Sales are supporting our club at every meeting. Even without a director, the members are doing a fantastic job maintaining this initiative. If you're interested in joining or leading this effort, we'd love to have you!

Selection of the month found the most amazing garden for this month and Nancy has been working on the Nell Coe award. Ask her how you can help with the questions. Did you see her on our Facebook Page?

Spring Festival and 50th Anniversary committees are working behind the scenes to make both events spectacular. Volunteers are still needed for both events. Please sign up at the meeting on Monday.

I could go on and on with everything that is happening to support our club and the community. Bring a friend on Monday and let's have fun.

Denise Garcia



**FEBRUARY**

**MEETING**



The February 10 meeting will be held at CLUB 51, 51 Old Kings Road North, Palm Coast. Lunch can be purchased starting at 11:30 AM. Meeting & Program begins at 1:00 PM. There will be a plant sale prior to the meeting.

**February Speaker: Stacey Matrazzo, Florida Wildflower Foundation, "Landscaping with Native Wildflowers"**

Stacey has a BS degree in Environmental Studies from Rollins College. She is a certified Florida Master Naturalist and the co-author of "Native Plants for Florida Gardens".

New Member Orientation Feb 10 at 11:45 am

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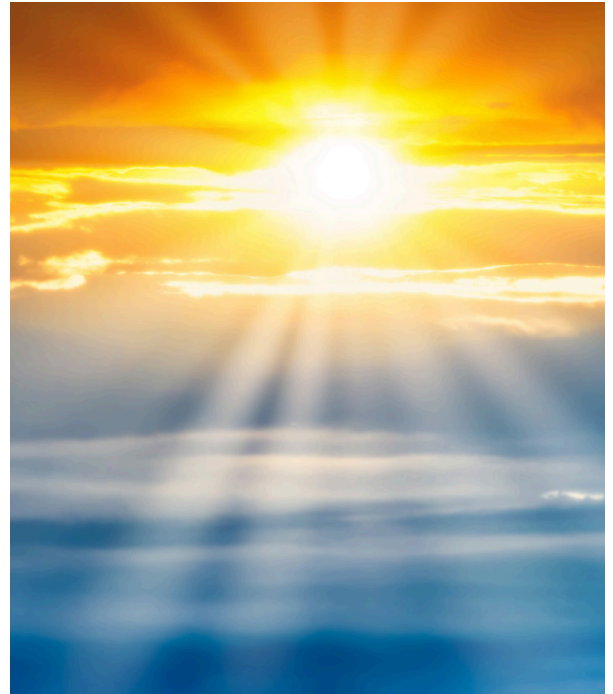
## SUNSHINE REPORT

Since the last newsletter the following cards were sent to current and past members:

**Thinking of you:** Connie March, Mary Jablonski, Susan McConnell, Bob Griffin, Gene & Andy Hofmann, Mazie Barton, Elma Chung, Linda Hensler.

**Get well cards:** Maureen O'Hara, Andrea Rogers, Richard Frazier, Marquettea Reavis, Margie Brady

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



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# WELCOME

# MEMBERSHIP

We now have 125 members.

Ellen Werner  
Membership Chairperson

### ***New Member Orientation Feb 10 at 11:45am***

Learn how to make the most of your Garden Club member experience, by joining one or more of our committee's:

Our history

Officers, board, and committees

Activities and Events

Programs and Projects

Resources

Janet Fonseca, New Member Orientation

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# TRIPS

Contact Kenetha Kilmurray to reserve your place. 201-916-4492  
kenetha@hotmail.com Open to family and friends to attend.

**February 26, 2025 (Wednesday)**

## **Revival Gardening (Orlando)**

Limit: 20 people  
\$10.00/person  
Class begins at 11:00 AM  
DEADLINE: February 14, 2025

**March 12, 2025**

## ***St. Johns Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve (Hastings, FL)***

Limit: 40 people  
Admission: \$10 (60+ years old)  
OPEN TO ALL (Members, Family, Friends)  
DEADLINE: March 10, 2025 meeting  
Website: [stjohnsbotanicalgarden.org](http://stjohnsbotanicalgarden.org)



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# CLUB 51

We have reached an agreement with Club 51 to continue to have our meetings there. We pay them \$300 per year to use their facilities for our meetings. This is an excellent rate and we are fortunate to have their continued support of our club. They have revamped some of their internal procedures to be more efficient and be able to offer us food again. Lunch will be offered at \$15 which includes taxes and tip.

## **LANDSCAPING HELP NEEDED!**

Part of our agreement with Club 51 is that we would landscape the small area in the front entrance behind the plant sale table. It gets several hours of hot summer sun and there is no irrigation. If you have ideas or plants to use for this area, please reply to this email: [info@gardenclubatpalmcoast.org](mailto:info@gardenclubatpalmcoast.org)





# UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES

April 5 - Spring Festival

May 3 - Palm Coast Arbor Day

May 9 - The Garden Club at Palm Coast Arbor Day

May 12 - The Garden Club at Palm Coast 50 year Anniversary Celebration



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## Valentine's Day Musical Chairs

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

GET YOUR DANCING  
SHOES ON AND DON'T  
BE LEFT WITHOUT A SEAT

The poster features a central white archway containing the title and date. The background is light pink with musical notes and hearts. At the bottom, there is a red silhouette of four people playing musical chairs. The logo at the top center shows a hummingbird and a hibiscus flower.

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# PLANT SWAP

There will be a plant swap at Monday's meeting. This is to have fun but also to meet a requirement for the Nell Coe award. If you want to participate in the plant swap, bring a small plant to Monday's meeting. It must have the **botanical name** on a label (part of the award requirement). You will place your plant on the plant swap table and receive a ticket. When your number is drawn you can select a plant from the plant swap table to take home.

Don't forget to bring your extra plants for the plant sale.

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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will begin reaching out to members next week. Please consider donating a couple of hours a month to help out club operations or promote our activities. It's a great way to meet and make new friends and to make your voice heard.

Any questions or suggestions on the above please contact Kenetha Kilmurray, 201-916-4492 or [kenetha@hotmail.com](mailto:kenetha@hotmail.com)

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# PROVEN WINNERS STARTING MARCH 3

On March 3 (Monday) the Club will send you a link you can use to order plants online. The plants will be shipped directly to your door. Shipping is free for orders over \$75 and for orders less than \$75 there is a flat rate of \$9.99. Feel free to share the link provided on March 3 with friends, neighbors and family. It doesn't matter where they live.

## OR

The Garden Club will be putting together an order for those who may want to participate in a smaller way. The plants will ship to Judy Rodriguez and you can pick them up at her house (C section). You must supply your check and order by Monday March 10 (club meeting).

**The only requirement is that all the plants in an order have the same ship week selected as they cannot do split shipments.** The ship date for the Club's order will be March 24-28.

You can peruse the plant selection ahead of time by going to [provenwinnersdirect.com](http://provenwinnersdirect.com)

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# JR GARDEN CLUB AT BELLE TERRE ELEMENTARY

Jr. Garden Club is meeting again after a cold January kept the kiddos out of the garden. The students planted peas and beans and adapted hoola-hoops for use in the garden as an inexpensive way to support the critter mesh we got to keep the bunnies out of the strawberry patch. We are also using the plant markers made by a member of the club. They look fabulous!



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# PLANTS FOR THE SPRING FESTIVAL

A large percentage of the Spring Festival revenue is made by selling plants. The Propagation Guild has traditionally grown most of the plants that are sold along with some that are commercially grown. With the Propagation Guild on hiatus, the club needs members to propagate plants for the Spring Festival.

The size of pots accepted are usually 4", 6" or gallon, nothing greater than 2 gallons due to the weight. All pots must be clean and have no writing on them (i.e. Proven Winners Plants, Southern Living plants). Each pot must have a popsicle stick or other type of label indicating the common name of the plant and the propagator's initials on the back. You must price your plants prior to bringing them to the festival. Plants must be rooted and healthy.

As festival approaches we will need to know what you are bringing and the number to ensure adequate inventory. Hopefully this gives you time to propagate and think about how you can participate.

Those of you who are artistic or enjoy crafts, join a small group of people who create garden themed items/crafts for sale, such as mounted bromeliads, macrame hanging baskets, painted pots, etc.

Any questions, contact Judy Rodriguez, [info@gardenclubatpalmcoast.org](mailto:info@gardenclubatpalmcoast.org)





# SELECTION OF THE MONTH



**The Garden Club at Palm Coast has named Linda and Manny Dos Santos of Florida Park Drive as the February 2025 Garden Selection of the Month.**

Originally from New York they have lived in Palm Coast for 5 years but have been visiting here for over 25 years.

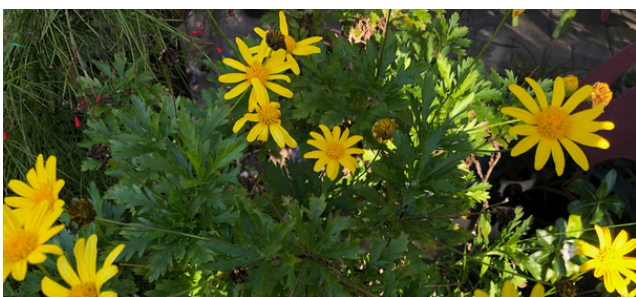
Linda loves a neat yard; she is crafty and talented by making her gorgeous water fountain from pots and stones. Behind the fountain she has created a succulent wall she made from different crushed seashells and individually glued each piece together to create this amazing wall at her front door entrance filled with various unusual succulents including a miniature pineapple.

Considering this yard is for the month of February, we were amazed to see several flowering plants blooming at this time! Such as coreopsis, candelabra aloe, zinnias, velvet plant, red azaleas. and curcuma ginger, as well as various crotons which add winter colors, to name a few.

Her imagination never rests until she is finished. Everywhere she goes she sees possibilities for new ideas. She can do almost anything related to DIY creations. She also helped at an assisted living facility, doing short classes and showing seniors how to make crafts.

Thank you, Linda, for your talents and passion for a beautiful curb appeal landscape.

Submitted by Nancy Iandoli, The Selection of the Month Committee





# PLACES TO GO & EVENTS

Contributed by Jane Villa-Lobos

**February 7-8 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 15 Spring Edible Plant Sale**, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3100 E. New York Ave., DeLand. 8:30 – noon. Cash or check only.

**February 21-23 19th Annual Florida Gourd Society Show and Sale**, Azan Shrine Center, 1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne. FREE. Fri. & Sat. 8:30 – 5; Sun. 8:30 – 3. Arts and crafts, demonstrations, sales exhibits. <http://www.flgourdsoc.org>

**Feb. 22-23 Florida Azalea Festival**, Downtown Palatka at the city dock along the St. Johns River. Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-5. FREE. [www.flazaleafest.com](http://www.flazaleafest.com)

**February 25 Setting up a food forest like garden home** by Christine Parris, 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)

**February 22 Seminole County Garden Expo**, Seminole County Extension Service, 250 W. County Home Rd., Sanford. 9:00 - 3:00. FREE.

**Now – June 2 Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival**. 100 topiaries, bonsai, butterfly house, vendors, and much more. Admission to Epcot. [www.disneyworld.com/flower](http://www.disneyworld.com/flower)

**March 7 First Friday Garden Walk**, Washington Oaks State Gardens, Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-2. [www.washingtonoaks.org](http://www.washingtonoaks.org)

**March 8 Second Saturday Plant Sale Washington Oaks Gardens State Park**, 6400 N. Oceanside Blvd., Palm Coast. 10-2. [www.washingtonoaks.org](http://www.washingtonoaks.org)

**March 8-9 Annual Plant Sale**, Leu Gardens, Orlando. 9 – 5. Bamboo, bromeliads, butterfly plants, citrus, ferns, bromeliads, heliconias, herbs, orchids, palms, roses, much more. [www.leugardens.org](http://www.leugardens.org)







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& PARKING**  
FUN FOR THE  
ENTIRE FAMILY

# 12th Annual Spring Festival & Plant Sale

Saturday – April 5, 2025 – 9 to 4

presented by

The Garden Club at Palm Coast

Plants/Crafts/Music  
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Flagler Palm Coast High School  
5500 E. Highway 100

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