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Next Meeting – April 17

Program: "Raising Sprouts"

Presenter: Vicki Hearst of the Windermere Garden Club.

Vicki will demonstrate delicious and healthy sprout recipes.

Mark Your Calendars for Meetings & Events at the Clubhouse

April 6 – Saturday Education Meeting

Open to the Public & Membership 10 AM

Presenter: Chickie Broman
Program: "Leaf Manipulation"

April 20 – Earth Day & Lake Clean Up Lake Hiawatha Park 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us at our booth! We will have membership information and advertisement for the May 4 Spring Garden Festival

May 4 – Spring Garden Festival 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Our 70th anniversary in the FFGC! Vendors in the Park, Make & Take, Ask the Experts

May 15 – End of Year Luncheon & Installation of Officers Join us a Sanctuary Ridge. Details to follow!

May 16 – District VII Spring General Meeting & Luncheon West Orange Country Club

It's Time to Pay Our Dues!

Annual Dues are \$40.

Make your check out to Clermont Garden Club.

Dues are considered delinquent after May 15, 2019.



Thank you!

In this Edition Requesting Member Response

Letter from Marilyn Paone, President-Elect

- Requires Member Response

District VII Spring General Meeting & Luncheon

- Optional Member Response

- Information about the meeting

- Registration form (due May 9)



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Work Days at the Clubhouse

We generally start @ 8 am and go until @ 11:30 – noon.

ALL are welcome and NEEDED!

Bring your gloves, trowels, clippers, etc. And don't forget your WATER!

Work Days

Monday, April 8

Monday, April 22

Friday, May 10

Monday, May 20



April Library Plant



Loaned by Cecile Daniels

Clermont Garden Club member Cecile Daniels is shown here with Cooper Library's Amy Hand and the "Lucky Bamboo" (*dracaena sarianna*) that Cecile brought to the library.

Did you know that having plants inside your home is really good for you? Plants help purify the air, they can reduce stress, improve your well being and some plants even can even help you sleep better!

May Library Plant

(pending Tina Worrell's return from vacation)



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A Letter from our President-Elect, Marilyn Paone

Dear Clermont Garden Club Member:

Thank you for electing me as President of the Clermont Garden Club for 2019-2020. It is an honor to be given the opportunity to lead this wonderful organization and I am thankful that I will have many talented officers and board members to assist me.

As a member of the club you also have a role to fulfill and WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are in the process of planning and finalizing our activities for the next two years and we would greatly appreciate receiving your ideas and suggestions for us to consider. Please submit your answers to the questions provided below to me by May 2.

- 1. Expectations** - Are the expectations you had when joining the club being met? If not, please provide your specific recommendations of how we might be able to meet your expectations in the future.
- 2. Programs** - What programs would you like us to have? (Please provide topics plus specific names and contact information of speakers whenever possible.)
- 3. Field Trips** - What field trips would you like us to do? (Please provide specifics.)
- 4. Fund Raisers** - Our building is for rent to the public as a mean of obtaining some of the funds needed to maintain the building and grounds. However, in addition to the rentals we need to hold fund raisers to have the funds needed to carry out our programs, including providing scholarships for youth to attend camps. The Ways and Means Committee recently recommended some new fund raisers which we plan to implement. If you have suggestions for fund raisers please let me know.
- 5. Projects** - We currently donate a plant to the library and select and advertise a Yard of the Month. In addition, we financially help students at East Ridge High School with their gardening activities, hold Saturday educational programs for the public, and we provide and decorate a Christmas tree at City Hall each year. We also plan to hold a Spring Garden Festival in May with demonstrations, "Ask the Expert", vendors, etc.

Are there other projects you would like us to do which would not incur large expenditures but would help us stimulate a knowledge of gardening and use of plant materials, aid in the protection of nature resources, encourage civic beautification or make information available to all on general gardening?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Marilyn Paone
President-Elect Clermont Garden Club
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Antique/Collectibles Appraisals and Consignments Sale

Held Saturday, March 30

Marilyn Paone sent the volunteers a big THANK YOU email after the event, and especially to Donna F. and Tina S. who plunged in and worked out all of the kinks for the sales area. Unfortunately, we didn't have the turnout that we had hoped for, probably due to the time of year and the numerous other events going on at the same time.

However, we did net a total of \$266. That includes \$6 from the sale of one item plus a \$20 donation from a member.

Everyone seemed happy with our appraiser and I discussed with him the possibility of doing the event next year. Unfortunately he wasn't available in January or February this year but he did say that January is the best time to do this type of event.

Clermont Earth Day & Lake Clean Up

**Saturday, April 20, 10 AM – 2 PM
at Lake Hiawatha Park**



The City of Clermont invites you to join them in supporting the 2019 Clermont Earth Day at lake Hiawatha Park on Saturday, April 20, 2019, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

This event is completely FREE! Very family friendly!

We will have a booth at the park to promote our wonderful garden club and especially our upcoming Spring Garden Festival. Cindy Simon and Debra Smidt will be manning the table. Please let us know if you would like to join us.

We encourage you to bring your families (including fur babies) to see the other vendors.



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Spring Garden Festival

**Saturday, May 4, 2019
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

Next Meeting:

**Wed. 4/17
Noon – 1:30
At the Clubhouse**

**After the General
Meeting**



Plans are in full swing for the Spring Garden Festival. Vendors are signing up for our booth spaces. We will have vendors representing Honey, Native Plants, General Nursery, Bamboo, Cedar Trellis, Fresh Live Herbs, and Orchids!

This event will include (but not be limited to):

- Plant and Garden related vendors renting space on the Club and Center Lake Park grounds
- Food & Beverage prepared by our own members
- Make & Take projects for the family (Fairy Gardens & Terrariums)
- Raffle Items & Baskets
- We are awaiting news from Home Depot for representatives to have free projects for the kids

A flyer and vendor packet has been posted on our website. If you know of any vendors who may be interested, please direct them to our website!

Remember – We need members to donate raffle items! Ideas include container gardens, garden-themed baskets, fairy gardens, orchids.

Email Cindy Simon with your raffle project: bsktcindy@earthlink.net



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April Horticulture

By Karin Fischer

Flower beds: Remove any dying winter annuals and replace with varieties that will bloom into the warmer months. Plant bulbs like caladiums. Caladiums will grow well throughout the spring and summer. [Consider planting daylilies, which come in early-, mid-, and late-blooming varieties to guarantee months of blooms.](#)

As we come into the warmer months, it is important to consider where you are planting your flowers. Remember to look for plants that will do well in the specific areas in your yard. Some plants will thrive in the sun while others will need more shade.

Now is a great time to consider adding a pollinator area to your garden. A pollinator garden helps attract pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. Planting Florida natives is a great way to reduce the need for fertilizers and heavy watering. It also adds much needed environment for our native wildlife. Pollinator gardens are a beautiful addition to any landscape. You can find out more by visiting the [Florida Native Plant Society](#).

Clermont Garden Club Hosts Flower Show in 2020

Every two years, the CGC hosts a flower show. Members of the club are encouraged to participate by entering the show and volunteering at the two day event.

Friday, January 21 and Saturday, February 1 will be the two days of the event.

The categories for the show will include:

- Container Landscape
- Photography
- Horticulture
- Botanical Design

The Co-Chairs are Alice Barrows and Arlene Rand.

Those interested in working on the committee should contact Alice.



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Information regarding the District VII meeting – All Members are Invited

DISTRICT VII'S SPRING GENERAL MEETING
MAY 16, 2019

"Integrating Florida Native Plants in the Garden"

CALL

- To:** All District Garden Club Members, Club & Circle Presidents, State Officers, District Directors, State & District Chairmen, former FFGC Officers & former District Directors
- Host:** Bloom & Grow Society Garden Club
- Location:** West Orange Country Club, 3300 West Orange Country Club Dr., Winter Garden, FL 34787
- Program:** "Integrating Florida Native Plants in the Garden", presented by Jim Lobb, Vice-president Florida Native Plant Society
- Cost:** \$24.00 includes meeting, program and lunch.
- Registration:** **Deadline:** Nonvoting members May 9, 2019
*** Voting Delegates registration must be received by May 6, 2019, 10 days prior to the meeting.**
Refer to BOI to determine the number of delegates allotted based upon your club/circle size.
- Time:** **Registration and Refreshments: 9:30-10:00 AM**
Business meeting: 10:00AM
- Call to Order:** 10:00 AM
- Reports:** Club and Circle Presidents, Chairmen, three minutes.
Please notify District Director, Gwen Carter, at dabney50@aol.com
10 days before the meeting if you plan to make a report.
- Menu** Buffet - Create Your Own Salad- Large Salad with topping choices of tuna, chicken, and egg salad - Pasta Salad - Croissant/Butter- Dessert - Beverage
- Registrar:** All reservation forms and checks (made out to District VII) must be sent to:
Joanne Mulinare, Registrar
2461 Deloraine Trail
Maitland, FL 32751



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Registration Form is due with payment by May 9

DISTRICT VII MEETING REGISTRATION FOR

May 16, 2019

3300 West Orange Country Club Dr., Winter Garden, FL 34787

Please check all positions that apply.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip code _____

Garden Club(s) _____ E-mail _____

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Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

FFGC and UF will present the Short Course “*Bees, Butterflies and Blooms*” in Gainesville on June 10th and 11th

The conference will include :

-tours of UF’s new **Bee Research Lab** and the exotic **Butterfly Rainforest** on the UF Campus

-lectures on ***butterflies- wildflowers*** , ***Florida Friendly landscaping*** that will keep your HOA happy, as well as numerous other topics.

Design Diva ***Elaine Parisi***, accredited Master Flower Show Judge, will present an evening of her award winning designs.

The conference will conclude with opportunities to ***purchase plants and wildflowers that can be transplanted into your home landscapes.***

See the **full program and registration form** on the **FFGC website**, FFGC.org.

You don’t want to miss FFGC’s longest, continuous annual short course

ALL who come vow to return every year.

Contact Florence Cline (352-332-2309) or ladybugflorence2@gmail.com for more information.



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What's Going on at the Clubhouse?

The Work Days continue to record members coming out to help! We are SO grateful for the help!

A new bed has been completed under the sign at the front of the property. We have planted oakleaf hydrangeas in the front left of the club and will be adding caladiums. The north bed, almost behind the gazebo has been planted with all natives.

Jim Lobb has installed micro irrigation on the north slope and the ability to water that area separately will definitely improve the health of the plants in that zone.

Have you walked around the north side of the building lately? The amaryllis are stunning! And that side of the building has been pressure washed and painted!

Pat Richardson continues to prepare a list of "chores" each work day and we have been very productive! Please make note of the work days and come out to help!

Rentals continue to be steady. We have 3 rentals scheduled for the month of April and bookings are coming in for May and June. Be sure to tell your friends, co-workers, and family that our clubhouse is available for rent!



New Members

I know we have new members, but Elaine Hogan is travelling, so I don't have a list!

