



Clermont Garden Club Newsletter

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Next Event –

Christmas Tea

Saturday, 12/7

*1-3 PM at the Clubhouse
Sold out!*

***Not to be confused with our
Member Luncheon on 12/18!***

Please see details further in
newsletter

Next Meeting – Holiday Luncheon Wednesday, 12/18

*All members are welcome!
11 AM – 2 PM Cost \$22
RSVP by 12/15 to Sandi Eckstein*

Catered by our own Carol Walker

Buffet Luncheon

*Hilarious Auction with Gwen Carter
as Auctioneer Extraordinaire!*

Please see details further in newsletter

A Celebration of Life for Juanita Schuster



A Celebration of Life will be held for Juanita Schuster on Saturday, December 7, from 11 AM to 2 PM. It will be at Juanita's residence, 11432 Sterling View Court, Clermont 34711, and is hosted by her daughter Jennifer White.

Although this will be held on the same day as our Holiday Tea, it will start early enough that some of you may be able to fit it into your schedules.



HOLIDAY TEA TIME AND SWEETS

by Tina Worrell

Saturday, December 7 - The first Clermont Garden Club Tea and Sweets event



Updates and Reminders:

- ❖ The tea is sold out! We do have a wait list as we understand that people's plans change. So let Leslie know if you would like to be added. lesliettemmen@comcast.net.
- ❖ Bring your sweets to the club on Friday, 12/6, 1:00 – 3:00 PM or Saturday, 12/7, 11:00 AM – Noon.
- ❖ The Clermont Christmas parade is at 10:00 am. We hope parking will open after the parade.
- ❖ Plan to arrive early for parking. We will open our lawn parking only to attendees. Additional parking on side streets and behind the old police station.
- ❖ The hours of the Tea are 1:00 – 3:00 PM.
- ❖ The Christmas arrangements will be raffled - so bring cash or checkbook! (Cost of Tea includes one raffle ticket, others available at the Tea.)
- ❖ Special thanks to the CGC Board members who gave up a seat to allow for more guests.



December General Meeting & Holiday Luncheon – 12/18

**Program: Christmas Luncheon
& Holiday Auction
11:00 AM – 2 PM**



Please join us for a catered buffet lunch by our very own chef, Carol Walker.

Select items will be auctioned by Gwen Carter, so be sure to bring Cash or Checkbook. This is a hilarious event and Gwen is a fabulous auctioneer! Auction items will be provided by members of the board.

Cost of lunch is \$22.00. Checks must be made out to 'Clermont Garden Club' and mailed to Clermont Garden Club, P.O. Box 121322, Clermont, FL 34712-1322.

RSVP to Sandi Eckstein (352-394-4109, gtesse@aol.com) by Sunday, December 15.

This event has different hours than our normal meeting time, so please plan to stay till the very end.

Event Starts 11:00 AM
Social Time 11:00 – 11:30 AM
Lunch Buffet 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Auction Time! 12:30 – 1:30 PM

ECHO Charitable Donations

The CGC will collect donation checks, made out to ECHO, at the luncheon. Debra Smidt will collect your check and mail them together. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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Garden Workdays at the Clubhouse

We start @ 8 am and go until @ noon

ALL are welcome and NEEDED! Bring your gloves, bug spray, clippers, etc. And don't forget your WATER!

Garden Workdays

Monday, Dec 9

Monday, Dec 30

Monday, Jan 13

Monday, Jan 27



**December Library Plant
was skipped, due to a CGC member
vacation**

Successful Plant Sale Hosted by Clermont Garden Club

By Pat Richardson

The November 16th plant sale was very successful and at the end of the day, a total of \$1510.10 had been raised for the club!

I want to thank all who had any part in helping achieve this---growing lovely plants, planting mixed containers, setting up for the sale, advertising, selling the plants and answering lots of questions, being cashiers, and helping clean up at the end. Thank you, everyone!

We also had assistance from Clermont Thrive teen volunteers who helped carry plants to buyers' cars. A big thank you to them as well!

East Ridge High School FFA students brought plants they had grown in their garden and sold them. Lots of folks visited their sale, and we welcomed their participation. Clermont Garden Club is sponsoring their East Ridge HS Gardening Club as part of our outreach to youth in our community.

Lake County Master Gardeners were present in their Mobile Plant Clinic and were on hand to answer all those plant questions from anyone attending the sale.

All in all, a very good day!



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Yard of the Month – October/November

We send our information to several publications for print but are sometimes left on the cutting room floor to make room for paying articles. The following details were submitted for publication but were not published. The same yard was used for November.

The Clermont Garden Club's choice for October yard of the month is 12128 Lake Shore Drive. When the homeowners moved in five years ago, they started with just grass and have transformed the yard into a beautiful and functional living space. On one side of the driveway there is a row of camellias currently covered in buds and along the other side are living sculptures called Sky Pencil shrubs. They grow perfectly straight as if they were trimmed that way. The weeping Ilex tree and several topiary boxwoods are scattered around the retaining walls, paver patio, and house. These are framed by juniper, Indian hawthorn, and colorful foliage plantings of loropetalum, crotons, and Hawaiian ti. A sprinkling of blooming iris, plumbago, agapanthus, and petunias complete the picture. Well done!



Emails about CGC

Our Corresponding Secretary, Tina Worrell, is responsible for sending e-mails to all members providing updates on numerous things going on within the Club.

PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO TINA WHEN SHE IS SENDNG YOU INFORMATION FOR ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER. INSTEAD RESPOND TO THE OTHER CLUB MEMBER.

Tina will provide the information about the person who needs the response whenever it is another club member. Thanks for your cooperation.



Clermont Garden Club Hosts *Mardi Gras Flower Show in 2020*

Updates

It is time to register to participate!



Flower Show Dates are Friday, 1/31 – Saturday, 2/1 2020

The Mardi Gras Flower Show Schedule was sent via email. The Flower Show Schedule is the ***Law of the Show*** and must be followed. If you need another copy, contact one of the Committee Chairwomen at the emails below.

*It is time NOW to pre-register with Ruth Webb ruth.webb1938@gmail.com to enter the **Design Classes**. The **Photography** is full! Photo Deadline (delivered to Ruth for mounting) is Jan 15th. Please call or email her with any questions 352-243-3052.

***Horticulture** pre-registration forms are available at meetings and from Pat Richardson ograpat42@yahoo.com.

*Volunteers needed, contact Alice @ abarrows@cfl.rr.com or 352-432-5568 to sign up:

1 person – for Thursday, Jan 30 – 8 AM -12 noon, to help carry entries into clubhouse

6 Hostesses. 2 each for:

Friday, Jan. 30	1-3 pm
Saturday, Feb. 1	10-12 noon
Saturday, Feb 1	12 noon – 2 pm

Everyone who can should plan to pitch in to dismantle and clean-up at 2 pm on Feb 1st—usually takes about an hour.



ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

By Marilyn Paone, President



When (date and time) will the club meet again?

What and when is our next event?

Who's in charge of the Christmas luncheon?

I need to mail a check to the club. What is the mailing address?

So many questions needing answers! These are some of the frequently asked questions about Club activities. Did you know that the answers to those questions and many, many more are included in our Yearbook.

The Yearbook includes:

Our street and mailing addresses and affiliation with other organizations;

Club Prayer, Goals and Purpose, Flower, and Colors;

The ABC's of CGC which is a description of many of the terms used;

Officers (including a picture), Parliamentarian, and Committee Chairs;

Dates (and usually times) for meetings, grounds days, and events;

Member names, phone numbers, addresses, e-mails, and birth date;

Information on our Library, Projects, and Budget;

History and awards received by our members;

Previous club presidents;

National Garden Club and District VII information;

FFGC's Internet Help Desk e-mails for Central Florida members who can provide help regarding horticulture and floral arranging and design.

In August the Yearbook was e-mailed to all members who had paid their dues at that time by our 2nd Vice President, Cindy Simon. Cindy also e-mails it to each new member as they join the Club. If you do not have the Yearbook please contact Cindy, bsktcindy@earthlink.com, 352-242-1664, and ask her to e-mail it to you again.

The Yearbook is 30 pages, so we suggest you print on both sides of the paper. You may print the entire Yearbook, or some members may choose to just print the portion that pertains directly to CGC (pages 1-25). However, many members also just keep it on their devices for reference and don't print it which is great if that works for you!

If you have a question which is not answered in the Yearbook feel free to contact any of our officers or committee chairmen shown on pages 7-8 of the Yearbook.



Clermont Garden Club Goals

By Marilyn Paone, President

Our District Director, Gwen Carter, requested each of the twenty clubs in District VII to prepare their short- and long-term goals. The goals that have been established for the Clermont Garden Club as provided below.

SHORT TERM GOALS

Goal #1 Youth - to instill in our youth and community the love of gardening and respect for and protection of the environment. We are currently working with a high school group which has asked us to sponsor them as an FFGC High School Garden Club **by January 31, 2020.**

Goal #2 Plant Native Trees - to help educate our members and the public about native trees we will plant an area of the grounds at our clubhouse with native trees by **May 31, 2020.**

Goal #3 Issue Scholarship - to help a student attend college we will give \$500 to the Lake Sumter State College Foundation **by December 31, 2020**, to be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in one of the following areas: agriculture, biology, botany, ecology, conservation, horticulture, landscape design/architecture, or a related field.

Goal #4 Identification of Plants and Trees on CGC grounds - to help visitors identify the plants and trees on our clubhouse grounds we will add permanent identification markers **by December 31, 2020.**

LONG TERM GOALS

Goal #5 - Demonstration Garden - to develop our clubhouse grounds into a "demonstration" garden where visitors can learn more about plants and trees which do well in Florida. We will complete installation of native plants, native trees, and a small vegetable garden **by May 2021.**

Goal #6 - Education of Our Members and the Public - to continue to provide programs and events furthering the education of our members as well as members of the public in the fields of horticulture, conservation, environmental needs, and the art of floral design. The education will include plant sales, providing a plant to the library each month, Saturday or evening educational programs, floral design demonstrations, and a garden festival during the 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 program years. This will be completed **by May 2021.**



December Horticulture

Garden Checklist:

In the landscape:

Make plans to prevent damage to cold sensitive landscape plants.

Do not use plastic! Use frost cloth or old sheets when temperatures dip.

Make sure poinsettias receive no nighttime light; keep the soil moist and feed monthly.

Reduce feedings of orchids and bromeliads in the landscape as the weather cools.



Foliage and House Plant Care:

Holiday poinsettias arrive this month and can last into the new year with good care.

Water holiday cactus and kalanchoe when the soil dries to the touch; keep poinsettias moist.

Remember, no night light for holiday plants until they begin to bloom.

Discontinue holiday plant feedings; reduce foliage plant feedings to every other month.

Wash away dust and plant pests with a soapy water solution

Check and treat outdoor plants for insects before bringing them indoors.

Begin moving cold sensitive foliage plants indoors.

What to Plant:

Flowers: Petunia, pansy and snapdragon

Bulbs: Amaryllis is a popular plant for the holiday season. It can be forced to bloom now or planted outdoors for spring blooms.

Herbs: Plant herbs that thrive in cool weather. Some examples include parsley, thyme, sage, dill, fennel, and cilantro.

Vegetables: Reliable cool-season vegetables include celery, cauliflower, lettuce, cabbage and carrots.



What's Happening at the Clubhouse?



There are some plants left over from the Plant Sale. They are in pots among the flower beds and are for sale for \$5 each. Make your selections and pay Elaine Hogan at the next meeting.

The brick walkway has been fixed on the north lawn! Check it out as you make the circuit around the club. The clubhouse will soon receive a new coat of paint. We will be starting the new year with a fresh look on the exterior, including the trim.

The hydroponic herbs and vegetables are doing extremely well, as are those planted in the raised bed. What raised bed, you ask? Well, just meander to the left of Greta's garden towards the shed and take a look!

Please mark your calendars for January 13 & 20, 2020 and join us in the landscape! We will be planting small native trees in our backyard this January. The Grounds Committee has determined where each tree will get the proper light and the landscape plan is in place. The first day of planting will be on January 13, 2020 and we will finish up on January 20, 2020.

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs has officially accepted our application and the East Ridge High School Agriculture program is our first High School Garden Club! Our thanks to Gwen Carter for her hard work in getting the application approved.

Don't forget the club is available for rentals! Tell your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors! We recently lost a long time rental and need to make up that revenue!

We will soon become a member of the Clermont Downtown Partnership. We will be eligible to contribute and participate in many of the festivals and events downtown and hope to have the Trolley make our club a stop for our public events!

