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## Next Meeting - December 19

### “Holiday Party Pot Luck”

**10:00 am till ?**

- Bring a favorite dish to share. We don't sign up for main courses, sides, desserts – bring whatever you want to share! (It's an adventure meal!) Please include a card with name of dish and important ingredients such as nuts, gluten free etc. (your name is optional)
- A change from the Gift Exchange:

In lieu of exchanging \$10 gifts, gift cards will be collected at the Christmas party for Families in Transition (F.I.T.). FIT is a Lake County School Board program to help families who are homeless with basic needs. You may buy gift cards for gas, Walmart, grocery store, Payless Shoes, Dollar General etc. Almost any store will be appreciated! Of course you may buy more than one gift card or purchase for more than \$10. If the card does not have the amount on the card, PLEASE write the amount with a marker on the card. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A charity that the Clermont Garden Club has supported for several years is ECHO (World Gardening). ECHO's purpose is to help those who are teaching farmers around the world know how to be more effective in producing enough to meet the needs of their families and their communities. They in turn teach others and the ECHO effect continues! [www.echonet.org](http://www.echonet.org) for more information. The Club donates \$200 to ECHO. Members are encouraged to make their own contributions directly to ECHO.

## Program for the Holiday Pot Luck

10:00 am – Pot Luck Lunch  
Expect the Lunch to run past Noon

As lunch begins to conclude...

### Auction Time, Auction Time!

Board members will bring an item suitable for auction to the members. We have some nice items from the Silent Auction at the Garden Walk, as well.

Auctioneer Extraordinaire Gwen Carter will lead the auction.

Bring your checkbooks and join the FUN!

Proceeds will go to the Garden Club



**Don't forget to wear your name tag.  
We have many new members.**



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## Next Meeting – January 16, 2019

### “Mutualistic Relationship between Flowers and Bees”

Presenter: the ‘Queen Bee,’ Trish Deer

Trish Deer, affectionately called Queen Bee, has been in Wellness Education and holds a certification in Health Ministry. She will be bringing honey based products available for purchase. Visit her website: [HappyBeeHoney.net](http://HappyBeeHoney.net)

## Saturday Education Meeting – Feb. 2

At our Clubhouse 10:00 am – Noon

**Advanced registration required and a fee of \$20 per person. Contact Alice Barrows, [abarrows@cfl.rr.com](mailto:abarrows@cfl.rr.com)**

Presenter: Sue Cangialosi, an FFGC Accredited Judge, presenting the FFGC Program “Fun With Flowers,” a hands-on floral design demonstration. Open to Members & Public. Materials will be supplied. Attendees bring own clippers/scissors, gloves. Attendees will take home a completed arrangement. Limit 24 people.

## Yard of the Month

December - Matlack Tree Farm  
11631 CR 561 South  
Stop in to see the new garden items they have in stock! Plants make great gifts!

## 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

*Friday, Dec. 21*

*Friday, Jan. 4*

*Monday, Jan. 14*





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For over 30 years, ECHO has been helping thousands of development workers and organizations around the world to better access vital information and other resources needed to improve food production and security for small-scale farmers and gardeners.

ECHO operates Regional Impact Centers, strategically located around the world to bring much-needed agricultural resources within reach of the small-scale farmers that need them. Regional Impact Centers are located in [Chiang Mai, Thailand](#), Arusha, Tanzania, and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

The ECHO International Headquarters is located at our campus in [North Fort Myers, Florida](#). This campus includes the [Global Farm](#) and Research Center, Reference Library, Seed Bank, Tropical Fruit Nursery, Global Bookstore and Staff Offices.

ECHO's presence provides not only improved networking opportunities but enables regional-based services such as:

- Hosting a **biennial regional agricultural conference** for development workers.
- Facilitating similar **national agricultural meetings**.
- Offering the **quarterly regional e-supplement to the ECHO Development Notes**, offered in English and regional languages such as Burmese, Thai and Khmer, Swahili and French.
- **Regional Newsletters** highlight the activities of ECHO in the region and offer a forum for partners to share their own activities, opportunities and events.
- Maintaining **regional groups and forums on [ECHOcommunity.org](#)** for the purpose of disseminating and exchanging relevant technical information.
- Operating a **seed bank** for the purpose of providing seeds of regionally appropriate crops for development workers.
- Offering periodic **courses, workshops and tours** related to topics of interest for agricultural development workers.
- **Consulting** with regional development agencies.

With its regional centers, ECHO is able to more effectively network with partners for the exchange of ideas, information, technology and other resources. Considering ECHO's growing global network, such interaction will benefit small-scale farmers worldwide.

Since all of our funds come from caring individuals like you, we work very hard to keep our expenses low. Thanks to our efficient management and model, Charity Navigator gave us a Four Star rating.

Join with ECHO as we provide the solutions to end world hunger!

(taken from the ECHO website: [www.echonet.org](#).)



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## NOMINEES FOR OFFICER POSITIONS

A slate of officers has been selected and club members have agreed to run for CGC officer positions for the period June 2019 through May 2021. The election will be held at the general meeting on March 21, 2019. Additional members may be nominated at any time between now and then and nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting. If you are interested in running for a position please contact Marilyn Paone.

Information about the current slate of officers is provided below.

**President - Marilyn Paone** - The president presides at meetings and over all aspects of the club. Marilyn received the honor of being named Outstanding Member in 2017. She has been the awards chairman for both CGC and District VII for several years, chairman of the tree give-away, co-chaired the first two Antique/Collectibles Appraisal events, chairman of finding sponsors for the 2017 Garden Walk, and horticulture chairman for the 2016 flower show. She also arranged for hostesses for the FFGC 2016 Convention.

**1st Vice President - Sandi Eckstein** - The 1st vice president is the program chairman and also performs the duties of the president when needed. Sandi received the honor of being named Outstanding Member in 2018. She is currently our 2nd vice president and for the past two years has prepared the yearbook and helped the corresponding secretary with correspondence. She recently co-chaired the garden walk, previously was the CGC's corresponding secretary, and helps with numerous events.

**2nd Vice President - Cindy Simon** - The 2nd vice president prepares the yearbook. In 2017 Cindy was recognized as a "Most Active New Member". As soon as Cindy joined the club she started attending almost all meetings and field trips and sat in on Board meetings. She works very hard at workdays and she helped with the clubhouse renovation. Cindy also worked on the May festival event and was chairman of finding sponsors for the 2018 garden walk. She has been doing a wonderful job on our newsletter and has just assumed the new responsibility of chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

**Recording Secretary - Juanita Schuster** - The recording secretary records the proceedings of all meetings, provides copies electronically to all members and takes attendance at the meetings. Juanita has proven herself to be a valuable member of the club during her short time with us by providing considerable help with tickets and sponsors for the garden walk and helping on work days.



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## Nominees for Officer Positions...continued

**Corresponding Secretary - Tina Worrell** - The corresponding secretary handles all correspondence for the club. Tina has been very active in the club for many years. She is currently hostess chairman and chairman of assuring that we provide a plant to the library each month. Tina also co-chairs the Antique/Collectibles Appraisal events, and found and made arrangements with places for members to obtain shirts and name tags. She has been Horticulture Chairman and has been in charge of finding students for SEEK and Wekiva.

**Treasurer - Elaine Hogan** - The Treasurer is responsible for all aspects of CGC monies. Elaine has been doing a very thorough and competent job of this for the past few years and has agreed to continue in this position - which is the only position where an officer may serve more than one term.

### December Library Plant

#### Poinsettia

Loaned by Arline Jelly  
(great pic in the News Leader!)

January Library Plant

Helen Ribbe

### Clubhouse Parking

Where do I park when the spots in front of the Clubhouse are full?

Just north of the Club, one block, across DeSoto St. is a public parking lot. There is also parking behind the old Clermont Police station. When we have Club events, we can park on the grass on the side of our Club, but when we have public events, please use the DeSoto St. parking. Our public guests should have best access at the Club. (Those unable to walk far are, of course, welcome to park at the Club when space is available.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Welcome New Member

#### Jim Laub

We are so happy you have joined the club!



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## Year Book Calendar Change

Please update your Year Book Calendar. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the appraisers for the January Antique Appraisal have changed. Consequently, the date has been changed, too.

The new date is March 30, 2019.



## Advertise the Garden Club for Rentals!

Please help spread the word that our very own Clubhouse is available for RENTAL!

Do you have a church newsletter? A neighborhood newsletter? A clubhouse bulletin board? Offer to place an ad about our Clubhouse! Let's get the word out!

The more rentals we have, the more revenue we make to keep our bills paid and support our charities!





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## *Upcoming Special Event*

### *Open House to the Public*

*January 19, 2019 ~ 1 pm - 3 pm*

*Save  
the  
Date*

*Volunteers will be needed for set-up  
1/18, details to follow*