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Next Meeting – February 20

Field Trip to Agristarts, Inc.

No meeting at the Clubhouse!



Agristarts, Inc., an Ornamental Floriculture & Nursery
1728 W Kelly Park Rd
Apopka, FL 32712
Agristarts.com

The world's leading & most reliable supplier of plant tissue culture starter services.

WE WILL CARPOOL FROM THE CLERMONT TARGET PARKING LOT (CLOSEST TO MCDONALDS) AT THE CORNER OF HWY 50 & HANCOCK RD.

BE AT THE PARKING LOT AT 9:00 AM.
CARPOOLS WILL LEAVE AT 9:15 AM.

Gwen will locate a restaurant in the Apopka area for us all to have lunch together.

Approximately 26 people raised their hands to attend. We have volunteer drivers: Gwen Carter, Debra Schmidt, Sandi Eckstein and Tina Worrell. **We need more drivers!** You are welcome to drive yourself, as well. Hostesses will provide beverages and light snacks in the parking lot.

Fun with Flowers February 2



*Fun with Flowers
Clermont Garden Club*

PIC-COLLAGE

Mark Your Calendars for March Meetings & Events at the Clubhouse

March 2 – Saturday Education Meeting

Open to the Public & Membership 10 AM

Presenter: Leslie Lightbourne, Lake County Master Gardener

Program: "Florida Friendly Flowering Shrubs"

March 20 – General Meeting

Presenters: CGC's very own Julie Milburn, Anne Kersack-Ellis, Carolyn Schaag

Program: "Floral design Demonstration"

March 30 – Antique/Collectible Appraisal & Consignment Sale

Open to the Public and Membership 9 AM – 1 PM
Details in this newsletter



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Holiday Gift Card Collection at the Holiday Luncheon Delivered to FIT



Five Members of the Garden Club visited the FIT location on January 16 to present the gift cards to FIT workers. The final total increased from \$500 to \$520 worth of various gift cards. Debra Schmidt, Gwen Carter, Cindy Simon, Tina Worrell and new member Margaret Iler met Kristen McCall and Kathy Entler for the presentation.

After the delivery, we enjoyed lunch at JB Boondocks Grill on Lk. Harris. It has great home cooked food and fabulous homemade desserts.

For more information about FIT, please go to the website: www.lake.k12.fl.us

Nametags

Correction to January Newsletter

Name tags may be ordered/purchased from
Awards and More
16730 Fosgate Rd
Montverde, FL 34756
407-469-3811

Do not pay tax. Closed at noon on Fridays

Shirts

Here is a great example of an embroidered shirt that Donna Kozick had made at Welcome Back Shirt Shack. She had her name embroidered!





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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, Feb. 11

Monday, Feb. 25

Friday, Mar. 15

Friday, Mar. 29



February Library Plant

Loaned by Blanche (Jean) Gibson

Its the Sansevieria trifasciata. Trifasciata is recognized majorly as a plant with green-yellow leaves. However, it has a variety of cultivars to choose from, depending on preference. They are distinguished based on the leaf color.



March Library Plant

Barbara Williams





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Upcoming Club Events – We Need You!

Caladium Sale

MARCH



Quality caladium bulbs will be sold by Club members in **March**.

We will receive the bulbs in late February and will need assistance in packaging the bulbs for sale.

We will also need volunteers to sell the caladium bulbs beginning in March.

Barbara Williams and Linda Wentworth are co-chairing this effort. Please be prepared to sign up for help as soon as details are worked out.

Antique/Collectibles Appraisals and Consignments Sale

On Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. the Clermont Garden Club (CGC) will hold an event for you to obtain appraisals of your antiques and collectibles and to sell the appraised items or any other antique/collectible items you wish to bring in.

The appraisals will be provided verbally for \$5 per item and you may bring in up to three items that you can carry - but no large items, furniture, coins, or weapons. The appraisals will be done by Al Wittnebert, who is a Licensed Appraiser with over 40 years of experience in the collectibles field. Al has written books and over one hundred articles on collecting and he has done evaluations for the U. S. Marshall's Service, Homeland Security, and numerous individual large and small estates.

Items to be sold will be consigned to CGC for the day and CGC will retain a commission of 30% of the selling price. CGC will make the final determination of what items may be accepted for sale. All consigned items that do not sell must be picked up by the owners by 1:15 p.m.

Marilyn Paone and Donna Farraguto and Tina Sanford are co-chairing this event. Thank you to those who signed up to help!



Upcoming Events – Continued!

The BIG EVENT!

Spring Garden Festival

Saturday, May 4, 2019

**First Meeting:
Thursday, 2/28
10:00 – noon
At the Clubhouse**



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This year the Club will host a Spring Garden Festival at the Clubhouse in lieu of a Garden Walk. (The Garden Walk was this past October)

A sign-up sheet was circulated at the January 16 meeting for anyone interested in being on the committee. Places are still available on the committee. Cindy Simon will be the chair person for this event.

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

- Plant and Garden related vendors renting space on the Club and Center Lake Park grounds
- Speakers/Demonstrators
- Food & Beverage on-site
- Make & Take
- Raffle Baskets
- Sponsors

If you have any ideas, please email them to Cindy Simon: bsktcindy@earthlink.net



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Orchid Judging at Clermont Garden Club

Submitted by Marilyn Paone

Every second Saturday of the month from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. the CGC clubhouse is the place to go to see beautiful orchids. On that day the American Orchid Society, Florida North-Central Judging Center, rents our clubhouse to use as their judging center. The public is encouraged to bring plants in for judging or to stop in just to view the beautiful orchids being judged that day. (Please do not go in as a large group.)

The following information was provided by the chairman of the Florida-North Central Judging Center. The judging is for the public and anyone may bring plants to be judged. Plants must be brought in between 12:45 and 1:15 p.m. so their clerk can register them to be judged (owner, address, telephone number, etc.). Plants that are not labeled with their Genus and species name, or without a Genus, hybrid and/or parentage will NOT be judged.

There is no fee for judging, however, for plants that receive an American Orchid Society award there is a fee (AOS members \$40 and non-members \$60 per award). An AOS awarded and photographed plant becomes a valued plant throughout the world and is shown in various registers, photo albums, database programs, and magazines. The AOS website is www/aos.org.

IN BLOOM



Provide a mild, warm, and somewhat humid environment



Orchids need very little water

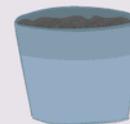


Do not put in direct sunlight



AFTER BLOOM

You can repot them with the right growing medium



Snip off old flower spikes near the base



How to Care for Your Orchid

from  the spruce



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Ya'll Come – Plant, Bloom & Grow with us!

It's Convention Time!

Submitted by Arlene Rand

Spring will be upon us before we know it. That means our State Garden Club's 93rd Annual FFGC Convention is also close at hand. All information is now online at FFGC.org, including a Registration Form, the Tentative Daily Schedule and the Opportunity Drawing information. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Should you be tempted I have tickets for only \$2.00 for the Opportunity Drawing.

I encourage you to come! Exhibits/Speakers/Educational Opportunities and Vendors will all pique your interest. Programs you won't want to miss include ones on Crotons, Cordylines, RVing in our Florida State Parks and Keep Florida Beautiful. Margot Shaw, *Flower Magazine* Editor, will also be speaking at Monday's Dinner. The Deep South Director, Ann McCormick, will also be with us.

Most importantly though, Tuesday evening will be the installation of the FFGC Officers and 12 District Directors. Our own **Gwen Carter** will be installed as the **Director of District VII** which comprises the 5 Central Counties in the state – Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter.

I hope to see many of you there in St. Augustine as we extend support to Gwen on her very important occasion. All information is available at FFGC.org or get in touch with me, Arlene Rand: Arlene.Rand25@gmail.com or (352) 243-7103



Pictured from last year: (L-R) Elaine Hogan, Marilyn Paone, Gwen Carter, Arlene Rand, Mary Adams, Tina Worrell. Seated: Carolyn Schaag. Not pictured: Anne Kerpsack-Ellis



YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NEEDED!

Submitted by Marilyn Paone

At our May luncheon each year we honor club members who have been very active in and/or made significant contributions to the club. **Your recommendations are needed** to help us determine who will be honored in May 2019. A committee of three CGC members will select those to be recognized based on your recommendations. You may recommend more than one person.

Below is information about the recognitions that are available. Please review the available recognitions and **provide your recommendations by February 28** to Marilyn Paone, Awards and Member Recognition Chairman. Submitting your name with the recommendation(s) is optional but each recommendation **must** include:

- name of the person to be recognized,
- the reason you feel the member deserves recognition,
- which recognition you feel would be appropriate.

Possible Recognition:

1. **Most Active New Member(s):** New member who has participated in the club in numerous ways during their first year.
2. **Outstanding Member(s):** Member who has gone above and beyond by being involved in activities in addition to their normal assigned responsibilities.
3. **Honorary Member(s):** Member who has been recognized by the Board of Directors for outstanding service. The member would no longer pay CGC dues and CGC would pay their FFGC dues for them.
4. **Citation for the Public:** An organization or individual who has assisted CGC with an extremely worthwhile deed or accomplishment. They may not be a current CGC member.
5. **Brick at FFGC Headquarters:** CGC will pay \$50 to FFGC for a brick to be engraved and installed in a walkway at Headquarters in Winter Park honoring a member who is deserving of it through their service to CGC.
6. **FFGC Lifetime Membership:** CGC will pay \$300 to FFGC for a deserving member to become a lifetime member of FFGC. The member will no longer pay FFGC dues and will receive The Florida Gardener for life.
7. **Additional FFGC Recognitions** and more details about the FFGC recognitions may be reviewed on their website at www.ffgc.org.



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Welcome New Members!

New gardeners learn
by trowel and error

Laramie Brown

Margaret Iler

Romah Netram



February Babies!

Sue Randall 2/4

Sue Rogers 2/12

Karin Fischer 2/28