



Clermont Garden Club Newsletter

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General Meeting – January 20

Program: Field Trip to Leu Gardens

We will have a 1 hour guided tour of the Gardens. A tour of the Leu House Museum is included.

All walkways are paved. Wheel chairs available on first come, first served basis at check in. Masks required on tour and inside.

Reservations required to Sandi Eckstein by January 8, 2021. Call her if you still want to go!!

Cost is \$12 per person, payable to Sandi Eckstein, as she will pay with her credit card for the reserved group. Sandi Eckstein: (352) 394-4109 or email gtesse@aol.com

Carpooling from the Clubhouse leaves by 9:30 am for a 10:30 am arrival time at the Gardens

Lunch at a restaurant may be arranged.

Harry P. Leu Gardens
1920 N. Forest Ave
Orlando, FL 32803

Stay Tuned for any updates!



Next Meeting – February 17

Program: Gesneriads 101: From African Violets to Sinningia

AKA – African Violets!

**Presenter: Jay Sespico
a trained horticulturist and
Master Judge with the Gesneriad
Society**

Jay will have some for sale (cash and checks only)

Location: To Be Determined

Time: May Change to Afternoon

Watch emails for updates!



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December 16 Holiday Program via ZOOM

The December general meeting was cancelled due to the covid 19 pandemic. Not to be deterred, a holiday program was developed by President Marilyn Paone that featured two members doing floral presentations via ZOOM.

Julie Milburn created a floral Christmas tree arrangement consisting of boxwood as the “tree” and sweet carnations as the “ornaments”. She also had an arrangement made with red and white carnations as a “tree”. Thank you, Julie!



Chickie Broman presented live and dried leaves and branches in various forms and gave great tips on how to twist and form them into unusual shapes. She used everything from variegated Flax (pictured) to willow stems and reminded us to think out of the box, using a branch upside down for an interesting shape. Thank you, Chickie!





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Holiday ZOOM Program, continued

The meeting included members sharing their favorite holiday desserts and ended with all wishing each other a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Pictured in the ZOOM screen: Marilyn Paone, Tina Worrell, Helen Ribbe, (at Helen's house but not seen were Ruth Webb and Pat Olsen), Barb Williams, Chickie Broman, Cindy Simon, Arlene Rand, Alice Barrows, Donna Clement, Romah Netram, Blanche Jean Gibson, Julie Milburn (hidden behind her floral arrangement! And Margaret Piper is not visible with Julie), Diane Wilson, Carolyn Schaag, Gwen Carter, Lori Toth. Not pictured: Pat Richardson



The Reboot Did It!

By Marilyn Paone

WAIT WAIT WAIT – THEN ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM – The following adds a little more information about the Christmas Program ZOOM meeting on December 16.

At 9:25 I entered the meeting site
Our presenters, Chickie and Julie, also tried with all their might

ZOOM told them I was in another meeting
I couldn't give anyone a greeting

Numerous times I went out of the site
I thought this would solve my plight

I didn't know of any other course
Then Chickie's daughter joined us on her white horse

She suggested I reboot
Just like Santa getting into his suit

IT WORKED!!

Thank You for Your Donations to ECHO!



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 learn 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 for more information.

This year our combined donation to ECHO exceeded last year. Debra Smidt, Charity Chairman, announced at the January 6 Board of Directors meeting that the final amount donated by the club and individual members was \$597!

Thank you for your generous contributions!



Horticulture Report for January

By Tina Worrell, Horticulture Chair

HAPPY NEW YEAR. Start out your new year with some plants that will help you inside your house. These are all very common plants that can be found at your local plant store.

Best Indoor Plants That Purify The Air Around You



Spider Plant
(Chlorophytum Comosum)

Golden Pothos
(Epipremnum pinnatum)



Chrysanthemum
(Chrysanthemum Indicum)

Peace Lilly
(Spathyphylum)



Chinese evergreen
(Dieffenbachia seguine)

Areca Palm
(Dypsis lutescens)



Aloe vera
(Aloe barbadensis mill)

Gerbera Daisy
(Gerbera Jamesonii)



English Ivy
(Hedera helix)



Snake Plant
(Sansevieria laurentii)

Rhapis Palm
(Rhapis excelsa)



Cum Joy



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Plant to City Hall Loaned by Jane Caruso

Jane loaned a Cyclamen to City Hall and is pictured with Ray Sanfratella.

Cyclamen need bright but indirect sunlight. During the winter they prefer a humid environment. Misting can help. Keep soil moist by not soggy.



January Library Plant Loaned by Elaine Hogan

Elaine loaned a Tillandsia Xerographica Capitata Large Air plant similar to the one pictured.

Her library picture was not yet available, so here is an example.



Yard of the Month

Will Return in the Spring



Garden Club will Assist City on Arbor Day, January 16

The City of Clermont will celebrate Florida's Arbor Day on Saturday, January 16, 2021, beginning at 8 am at Lake Hiawatha Preserve – East Pavilion.

The City will give out 1,000 free Slash Pine tree seedlings with instructions on how to care for them. The annual giveaway starts at 8 a.m. and will last until all trees are gone.

Members Gwen Carter and Debra Smidt will have a table at the event to give out the information on the trees and share membership information to our club with the public.

What is a slash pine tree? This attractive evergreen tree, a type of yellow pine native to the southeastern United States, produces sturdy, strong wood, which makes it valuable for the area's timber plantations and reforestation projects. Slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*) is known by a number of alternative names, including swamp pine, Cuban pine, yellow slash pine, southern pine, and pitch pine.





Garden Club to Participate at the Clermont Home and Garden Show Saturday, February 27

Our garden club will have a booth at the Clermont Home and Garden Show on Saturday, February 27. We will be demonstrating garden techniques, providing membership information and more...

Cindy Simon and Debra Smidt will co-chair a committee to plan our booth and determine what garden techniques will be demonstrated. The event times are 10 am – 5 pm and we will need volunteers to help at the booth.

An email asking for volunteers will be coming soon from Cindy.

Florals for a Cause for Easter



Our club is becoming more and more involved with the community and we would like to make a difference where the spotlight might not shine. The board has been discussing creating floral arrangements for a local nursing home or assisted living facility for Easter.

We will need someone interested in being the chairwoman and getting a committee together to identify a small nursing home or assisted living facility, get their permission, determine the floral design, source materials, create the design and make delivery in time for Easter on April 4, 2021.

This will be an agenda item for the February General Meeting. Please consider participating!



Backyard Native Plants Celebrate One Year Anniversary

It was January 13, 2020 when the native plants and trees were installed in the backyard of our club grounds. We placed cardboard around the plants to kill grass, and mulch on top to keep the cardboard in place. There was a daily watering schedule maintained by volunteers until the summer rains began. It took a lot of work to keep the plants watered and weeded until everything was established.

Please take a moment to stop by and see the beautiful results!



Then - January 2020



Now - January 2021





CGC Officer Terms End in 2021

The two-year term for officers will end in May 2021. We will begin the process of accepting nominations in the next two months and have a general election at the March general meeting.

A nominating committee has been formed and Cindy Simon is the chairwoman. Anyone interested in becoming an officer should contact Cindy directly.

The officers consist of the following positions:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary



Descriptions of the responsibilities for each are in our By-Laws on the website:
just copy/paste: <https://clermontgardenclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/REVISEDGCBYLAWSMarch2017.docx>

Clubhouse Rentals are our Bread and Butter!

Remember to tell all your friends, family, acquaintances, work buddies, yoga Moms, church friends, etc. that our clubhouse is available for rent!

Our rentals in November and December came close to covering our expenses for those months and we have a couple of rentals for January.

Spread the word! Rentals are our bread and butter!





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January Babies!

Jo Fleming	Jan 2
Amparo Suero	Jan 8
Romah Netram	Jan 12
Cindy Simon	Jan 14
Annette Tillet	Jan 21



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!

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Garden Workdays

Monday, Jan 11

Monday, Jan 25

Monday, Feb 8

Monday, Feb 22

Monday, March 8

Monday, March 22

Monday, April 12

Monday, April 26

