



Clermont Garden Club Newsletter

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January 15 – General Meeting

Program: *Dennis the Bee Guy*

Presenter: Dennis Langlois



Dennis is a bee expert who rescues bees by humanely removing them from unwanted areas. He can do this because he “reads the bees.” He will discuss the value of bees in our gardens and environment.

Dennis will have honey products for sale!

Next Meeting – February 15

Program: *Gardening with Natives*

Presenter: Jim Lobb, CGC Member



Preserving the native plants of the “real” Florida is his passion. He has experimented with 100+ native plants on his own property, and is an expert at returning Florida to its native beginnings.

A great opportunity to learn about native plants!

December General Meeting & Holiday Luncheon – 12/18 – was a success!

A wonderful buffet luncheon was enjoyed by twenty-eight members and guests. We all enjoyed the wonderful chicken piccata, glazed ham, yellow rice, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, holiday punch, and a wonderful commemorative 70th Anniversary cake.



There were over 20 items in the auction donated by the board and Members. Our auction netted the club \$276!

Overall, it was a very relaxing event. Those present were able to visit with each other and enjoy a delightful meal.

ECHO Charitable Donations

Donations collected at the luncheon totaled \$394, and we estimate another \$550 was sent in by individual members. Thank you for your contributions!



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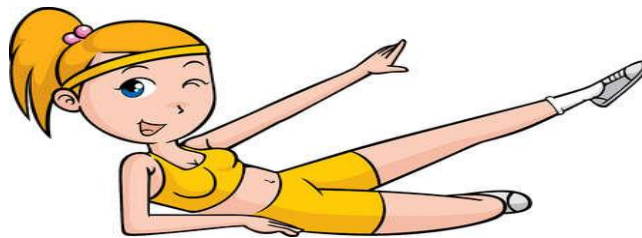
Looking Ahead – Saturday March 20

Free Movement Workshop with our own Katrina Stephenson

Program: *Staying Active in the Garden*

Are achy joints and a sore back keeping you from getting out and gardening? This class will teach you simple, gentle and effective exercises you can do at home to improve your mobility, balance and stamina. All exercises are no impact, very safe and will be performed either seated in a chair or standing. Please wear clothing you can comfortably move in.

Email katrina.a.Stephenson@gmail.com by 3/3/20 to sign up. Space is limited. The class is FREE!



What would YOU like to DO?

So – you've joined the Clermont Garden Club. You paid your dues. You check your Yearbook calendar for upcoming events and you read the newsletter for updates and new things on the horizon.

We have a total of 63 wonderful men and women members. But only half that number attend meetings or participate in field trips or events.

WHY? What would YOU like to DO?

Do you have ideas for club programs, speakers, field trips or events? Please share them! Email me, (Cindy Simon), at bsktcindy@earthlink.net. I would love to hear from you and will gladly reach out to you for details to share your ideas with the board of directors. Still not sure what the board does? Come to a board meeting! The Board meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10 AM. You can participate in discussions but cannot vote.

Help us make the Clermont Garden Club something you can't wait to attend!





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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.

Garden Workdays

Monday, Jan 13

Monday, Jan 20

Monday, Jan 27 **Cancelled**

Monday, Feb 10

Monday, Feb 24

Monday, March 9

Monday, March 23

Monday, April 13

Monday, April 27

Monday, May 11



January City Hall Plant Loaned by Tina Worrell



Tina's fairy garden contains multiple Earth Star (*Cyrtanthus* spp.). It is easy to grow. The more light it receives, the more colorful the foliage. Low water needs. And it purifies the air!



We are expanding our presence in Clermont! A member will be loaning a plant to City Hall beginning this January.

January Library Plant Loaned by Noel Hall

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Clermont Garden Club Hosts Mardi Gras Flower Show in 2020

It is time 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.

There are openings in the Wreath and Topiary categories. Please contact Ruth Webb if interested.

***Horticulture** forms are available at meetings and from Pat Richardson ograpat42@yahoo.com. No pre-registration necessary. There will be people at the club available to help you complete the plant identification forms. You are encouraged to bring several horticulture entries.

Be sure to put this on your calendar and plan to stop by and see what the show is all about. You will get ideas for the next show in two years!

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



Yard of the Month – January

The Clermont Garden Club's choice for January 2020 Yard of the Month is 2815 Highland View Circle in the Summit Greens neighborhood. This lovely home and yard belong to Terry and Russ Moore. The flower beds that surround the house on all sides are overflowing with flowering plants such as heather, marigolds, canna lily, crown of thorns, impatiens, snapdragons, salvia, poinsettia, Datura, begonias, and celosia. A lovely and less often seen pink powder puff tree is in the front yard as well as a rare white powder puff tree. Flowering camellias and magnolias are in the front and back yard. Scattered among the flowers in all the beds are assorted lush succulents such as sedums and echeverias. The screened patio area is shaded by topped Norfolk pine trees that offer a cool comfortable retreat from the summer heat. A water fountain there is surrounded by orchids, bromeliads, begonias, ferns, dwarf bananas, and ivy. The back yard is one large flower bed with additional planting of roses, bush daisy, caladiums, pagoda plants, and more. What lucky neighbors to have such a beautiful view to enjoy!



Calling All Plant Vendors and Crafters!

Our 2nd annual Spring Garden Festival is Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 9 AM – 2 PM.

Planning is already underway! Do you have a favorite plant nursery? Do you know Any local crafters who specialize in nature-inspired products?

The 2020 Vendor packet has been posted on our website: clermontgardenclub.com. Please direct any interested vendors to the website to download the vendor packet and apply for this year's Festival! For questions, please ask Cindy Simon



January 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.

- Winter is a good time to add hardy trees, shrubs and vines to the landscape.
- Make sure root balls are moist at planting time: add a berm to direct water through root balls.
- Winter through spring is our dry time; renew mulch layers to conserve moisture.
- Leaves are falling from trees and shrubs; use as mulch or add to the compost pile.

Foliage and House Plant Care:

- Water holiday cactus and kalanchoe when the soil dries to the touch; keep poinsettias moist.
- 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: Alyssum, baby's breath, calendula, California poppy, cleome, candytuft, carnation, delphinium, dianthus, dusty miller, foxglove, gaillardia, geranium, hollyhock, Iceland poppy, lobelia, nasturtium, ornamental cabbage & kale, pansy, petunia, shasta daisy, statice, stock and sweet pea.

Bulbs: African iris, Asiatic lilies, amaryllis, blood lilies, bulbine, crinum, day lilies, Louisiana iris, society garlic, spider lilies, rain lilies.

Herbs: Anise, bay laurel, cardamom, chives, coriander, fennel, garlic, ginger, lavender, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, sweet marjoram, thyme and watercress.

Vegetables: Asparagus, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, collards, endive, horseradish, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, onion sets, peas, potatoes, radicchio, radishes, roquette, rutabagas, spinach, Swiss chard and turnips.



What's Happening at the Clubhouse?



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 wooden columns at the front door have been replaced and will be painted after the wood has cured.

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. We have cancelled the 1/27 workday to prepare for the Mardi Gras Flower Show.

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!

