



Clermont Garden Club Newsletter

June 2020

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Hello CGC Members! **by Marilyn Paone**

I can't believe that it is June already and our 2019-2020 program year is over. It certainly was an interesting one starting with a postponed September Board meeting due to the hurricane and ending with the pandemic and protestors.

Since we normally do not have meetings during the summer, I thought you might be interested in having an update on what is going on. Many of you will be very busy during the summer.

An update on activities is provided below. Please have a great summer and I hope to see you July 15 for our luncheon.

Marilyn

Membership – We currently have 53 members paid for the 2020-2021 program year. That includes 48 members who re-joined from last year plus 5 new members. A few others have “checks in the mail,” so the count may go up.

Caladiums – All caladiums have been sold! Many thanks to Barbara Williams for her hard work selling them even though we didn't have the events expected, to Margaret Piper for arranging for Matlack Tree Farm to sell the remainder, and to the team at Matlack Tree Farm for their help.

Daily watering of the new native plants have been suspended now that we are getting regular rain. The plants look good and everyone should go take a look. Thanks to Pat Richardson, Cindy Simon, Lin-Lin Lin, Linda Wentworth and Jim Lobb for ensuring this was done every day since January (except for sprinkler watering days).

Many members and committees will be hard at work during the summer:

Audit Committee (Margaret Piper, Leslie Temmen, Julie Milburn) will meet once all financial records are ready;

By-Laws Committee (Alice Barrows, Arlene Rand, Helen Ribbe, Marilyn Paone, Ruth Webb) met on June 10;

Fun with Flowers events - Cindy Simon is working on setting up 3 events (hopefully for August, December, and March)

Garden Walk - Debra Smidt will arrange a meeting soon;

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Hello CGC Members - continued

Grounds Work Days - June 22 is the next grounds work day and please see the last newsletter for the future dates. The rainy time has arrived, and we need to try to keep up with the weeds which become prolific at this time;

Member Recognition - The committee met recently and are working on obtaining the items to be presented to the members that will be recognized at our July luncheon;

Plant at City Hall - the plant which was there when they closed due to the pandemic has been picked up and Tina Worrell has provided another plant. She will arrange for future plants to be taken in.

Programs - Sandi Eckstein is finalizing programs for next year;

Projects - Marilyn Paone is working on gathering more information on suggested projects submitted via the member survey;

End of Year Luncheon

Mark your calendar!

July 15

End of Year Luncheon

*Save
the
Date*

An email invitation will be coming soon from Tina Worrell with all the details for the End of Year Luncheon.

~ **Member Recognition**

~ **50/50 Raffle**

~ **Fun & Fellowship**



Plant for City Hall by Tina Worrell

The Clermont City Hall is open now. They love when we bring a monthly plant for the welcome desk at the entry.

Please send me an e-mail if you can provide a plant for the desk for July, August or September.

Ray San Frantello is the greeter for the city at the desk. He loves plants and takes good care of your plant. The plant should be an easy-care plant that will be there for the month.

This has been very good PR for the Club. I will send you a reminder prior to the month you volunteer for.

Chickie Broman's succulents were there from March until last week and the succulent arrangement was still perfect!

Call or email me if you have specific questions. Tina Worrell: 352-243-4035
Grammytina9@gmail.com

(The picture is from the March 2020 newsletter)



Plants/Flowers/Yard Art by Tina Worrell

Thanks for your positive comments on the daily Plant/Flower emails. My hope is to not only share member's horticulture, but to lift our spirits during these trying times. Please continue to email me your flowers, plants - and let's get some pictures of your yard art. If you are not comfortable taking pictures with your phone, ask a friend to take the picture and send it via their phone. Happy Gardening!

Tina Worrell: Grammytina9@gmail.com



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Garden Club Update by Carol Walker

The suspension of our plans and activities due to the Corona Virus Pandemic have affected us toward the end of our 2019-2020 program year tremendously.

In as much as the club's love and passion for flowers and gardening is concerned, all our members have complied with the social distancing and stay-at-home orders to the best of our ability. Cancellation of our Board and General meetings, field trips, workshops, guest appearances and community involvement (i.e. plant of the month shared with Cooper Memorial Library and the Clermont City Hall) has been on hold.

We look forward to resuming doing business as usual, reuniting with fellow gardeners, implementing new plans and welcoming new members. The Garden Work Days remain as scheduled and the Clubhouse is again open for Rental.





Volunteers Needed as Hostesses for the 2020-2021 Program Year



Please be prepared to volunteer as a Hostess for one of the General Meetings. Margaret Piper is the Chairperson for the Hostess Committee. Each member of the club is asked to consider taking a turn. LIGHT refreshments will be served, some set up and clean up on meeting days will be some of the responsibilities.

An official request will be coming soon via an email from Tina Worrell.

Garden Walk and Plant Sale – November 7, 2020

Ready, Set, Grow!



Have you started growing the plants you will bring to the Plant Sale being held in conjunction with the Garden Walk?

You have lots of time for cuttings, divisions, air layering, seed starting, etc. but you should get started now!

Remember plants should be healthy, well groomed, and NOT on the invasive plant list!



June - The First Month of Summer (and Hurricane Season)

Summer begins on the summer solstice (around June 22, the longest day of the year when the sun is furthest north) and ends around September 24 (the autumnal equinox). But in Florida, summer practically begins on June first and lasts weeks past the autumnal equinox.

June is also the first month of the official Atlantic hurricane season. If you did not prune your trees and palms in May, now is when you should do it. Trim back dead or weak branches from trees and make sure that you have all the limbs and fronds hauled off so that they do not become dangerous projectiles if a hurricane should approach. While Hurricanes have been rare in the month of June (the busiest part of the season is August, September, and October), it is not too early to prepare for one's approach. **Before a hurricane arrives is the best time to prepare your home and yard for one.**

If a hurricane does approach, be sure to bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.

This month, and all through summer, continue to fertilize since Florida's sandy soils do not hold nutrients well and your plants may begin to show signs of nutritional deficiencies. The heavy rains and consistent watering help to leach away the foods plants need to do their best. Pay special attention to plants which are heavy feeders such as palms and cycads. Insects are still on the prowl and will be until the cool weather sets in. Be aware and you will be able to end infestations of bad bugs before they begin. If you are still hoping to plant a traditional vegetable, herb or annual garden this month these are your best bets:

Vegetables: Boniato, Calabaza, Chayote, Cherry Tomatoes, Collards, Cowpeas, Dasheen, Okra, Peanuts, Roselle, Seminole Pumpkin, New Zealand Spinach, Southern Peas, Squash, Sweet Cassava, Sweet Potatoes, Yard-long Beans and Yautia.

Herbs: Basil, Chives, Dill, Ginger, Marjoram, Mint, Oregano, Sage and Thyme.

Flowers: Begonias, Caladiums, Cat's Whiskers, Celosia, Coleus, Cosmos, Cockscomb, Dianthus, Gaillardia, Ginger, Impatiens, Lantanas, Marigolds, Melapodium, Moon Vine, Pentas, Periwinkles, Porterweed, Portulaca, Purslane, Salvia, Strawflowers, Sunflowers, Torenia and Zinnias.

Bulbs: Achimenes, African Iris, Caladiums, Cannas, Crinums, Daylilies, Eucharis Lily, Gladioli, Gloriosa Lilies, Society Garlic and Zephyranthes (Rain Lilies).

Sources: Florida Home Grown; Florida Gardening Month by Month



WE WIN TWO NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

by Marilyn Paone, President



I recently learned that we have won a National Garden Club Award for our Facebook page and one for our Fun with Flowers workshop. We will be receiving certificates for these awards.

Alice Barrows, as Education Chairman, arranged for us to have a Fun with Flowers workshop on Pot-et-Fleur to prepare members for our upcoming Flower Show. Vicki Hearst, Horticulturist, and Maureen Tuber, District VII Judges Council Chairman and accredited judge, gave a wonderful and informative presentation on Pot-et-Fleur at our clubhouse. They discussed the history, guidelines, and different creative designs of Pot-et-Fleur (which means "Pot and Flowers") that were introduced in France around 1960. Vicki demonstrated the process by arranging plants and explaining the balance of the plants and container, contrast, proportion, rhythm and scale. Attendees had fun creating their own Pot-et-Fleur to take home to enjoy. Congratulations Alice on a job well done!!

Our Facebook page is maintained by **Gwen Carter**, Social Media Chairman, and is to connect the garden club community and the public to our programs, civic activities, and community outreach. It opens up a portal for sharing information with our own club members and the public plus members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District VII and other districts, Deep South Garden Clubs, and National Garden Club. Way to go Gwen!!



New Members!

Donna Clement

Denise Palermo

Lisa Palermo

Amparo Suero

Patricia Vacherlon



Garden Workdays at the Clubhouse

We start @ 8 am until @ noon

ALL are welcome!

Bring your gloves, clippers, water, etc.

Garden Workdays

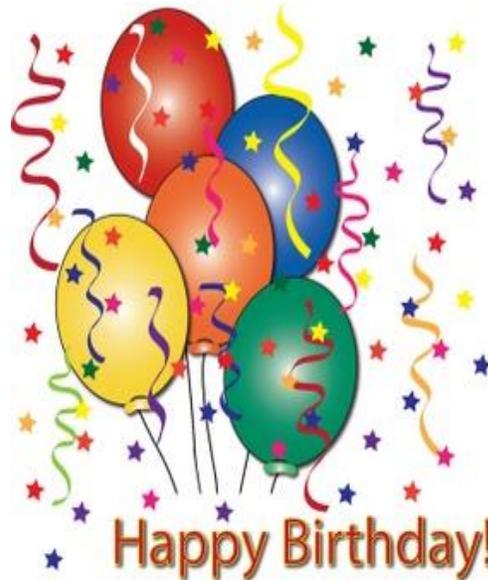
Monday, June 22

Monday, July 6

Monday, July 20

Monday, August 10

Monday, August 24



June Babies!

Margaret Iler 6/14

Teresa Alvarez 6/15

Library Plant & Yard of the Month

These activities have been suspended until further notice.

The Plant for City Hall is resuming! See page 3 for details on how you can volunteer!