



Clermont Garden Club Newsletter

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Next Meeting – March 20

General Meeting: **Elections of Officers for June 2019 through May 2021**

It is very important for every member to be present for voting. Please make every effort to make this meeting. See the nominee details on pages 2 & 3.

Floral Design Demonstration

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

Program: "Floral design Demonstration"

Join us as our own members demonstrate various techniques in floral design. They all have championship ribbons for their accomplishments.

Mark Your Calendars for Meetings & Events at the Clubhouse

March 30 – Antique/Collectible Appraisal & Consignment Sale

Open to the Public and Membership 9 AM – 1 PM

April 6 – Saturday Education Meeting

Open to the Public & Membership 10 AM

Presenter: Chickie Broman

Program: "Leaf Manipulation"

April 17 – General Meeting

Presenter: Vicki Hearst of the Windermere Garden Club

Program: "Raising Sprouts"

It's Time to Pay Our Dues!

Annual Dues are to be paid March 20 - \$40 check made out to Clermont Garden Club. Dues are considered delinquent after May 15, 2019. Thank you!



Florida Friendly Flowering Shrubs – March 2

It was a full house on Saturday, March 2, as Leslie Lightbourne, Lake County Master Gardener, presented her program on Florida Friendly Flowering Shrubs.

As part of Leslie's presentation, she gave pointers on where to plant shrubs, sun/shade, space needed, depth of hole, and root distribution. When shrubs are established, they don't need much water.

Examples of flowering shrubs that are good for our area are Azaleas, 'Little Volcano' Bush Clover, Thyralis, Oakleaf Hydrangea, Buttonbush, Camellia, Firebush, and Tropical Hibiscus, to name a few.

Like any plant, Leslie encourages gardeners to "Plant the Right Shrub in the Right Place."



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 20, 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.

Great Field Trip to Agri Starts, Inc. on February 20!





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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

Friday, Mar. 15

Friday, Mar. 29

Monday, April 8

Monday, April 22

Friday, May 10

Monday, May 20



March Library Plant



Candace Keller-Raber, a staff member of the Cooper Memorial Library is shown here with a "Lucky Bamboo" (*Dracaena sanderiana*) brought into the library by Barbara Williams, a member of the Clermont Garden Club.

While it is not a true bamboo, this Lucky Bamboo looks like one and is very easy to care for! It is an indoor house plant, and it should be kept out of direct sunlight. Water just once a week. It's a great plant for beginning gardeners.

It is believed that keeping lucky bamboo inside houses and business places promotes happiness and prosperity.

April Library Plant

Cecile Daniels



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Caladium Sales Have Begun!

We began selling caladium bulbs on Saturday, March 2 at the Clubhouse. There were people waiting as we got the table set up! We sold 102 bags of bulbs!

A big thank you to Linda Wentworth for driving down to Lake Placid, FL to pick up the bulbs. And thanks to Barb Williams, Julie Milburn and Margaret Piper, the bulbs were bagged and tagged for sale.

The next opportunity to purchase bulbs will be at the March 20 meeting. They will also be available at the March 30 Antique/Collectibles Appraisal and Consignment Sale. The bulbs are \$5 per bag and each bag contains 6 bulbs.

Florida Cardinal



Carolyn Wharton



Florida Fantasy



Rosebud



Red Flash



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Antique/Collectibles Appraisals and Consignments Sale

Saturday, March 30

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.

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!

Please share this information with friends and family! Come out and support the Club!



CLERMONT GARDEN CLUB
Antique/Collectibles Appraisals and Sale

March 30, 2019 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
849 West Avenue, Clermont Florida

BRING UP TO 3 TREASURES THAT YOU CAN CARRY
(NO LARGE ITEMS, FURNITURE, COINS OR WEAPONS)

\$5 DONATION PER ITEM

In addition, guests will have the opportunity to leave their items or bring other items for us to sell. The consignment commission will be 30% if the item is sold.

This is a verbal appraisal NOT a written appraisal

Appraisals will be done by Al Wittnebert, AWA, Inc. Appraisals - Licensed Appraiser

Questions? Contact donnaferaguto@gmail.com

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Spring Garden Festival

Saturday, May 4, 2019

2nd Meeting:

Monday, 3/18

10:00 – noon

At the Clubhouse



Plans are underway for the Spring Garden Festival. We already have 3 speakers for the Ask the Garden Experts! An article requesting vendors to apply for booth space will be in papers soon. Another article soliciting sponsors will soon follow.

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 projects for the family
- Raffle Baskets

A flyer and vendor packet has been posted on our website. If you know of any vendors who may be interested, please direct them to our website!



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Clermont Garden Club Hosts Flower Show in 2020

Every two years, the CGC hosts a flower show. Members of the club are encouraged to participate by entering the show and volunteering at the two day event.

Friday, January 21 and Saturday, February 1 will be the two days of the event.

The categories for the show will include:

- Container Landscape
- Photography
- Horticulture

The Co-Chairs are Marilyn Paone and Alice Barrows.

Those interested in working on the committee should contact Alice. She will have a sign up sheet at the 3/20 meeting.

What's Going on at the Clubhouse?

The Work Days have seen record members coming out to help! We are SO grateful for the help! A new bed is being planned for under the sign at the front of the property. We've cleared out oyster plants and nandina in the front of the club, we will be planting caladium bulbs and oakleaf hydrangeas int their place. The irrigation zones have been reviewed by a master gardener, a couple of sprinkler heads will be repaired and we will be ready to get more plants in the ground! Pat Richardson prepares a list of "chores" each work day and we have been very productive! Please make note of the work days and come out to help!

A new storage cabinet has been installed in the storage room. We will be able to secure paper products and cleaning supplies in the cabinet.

Rentals have been steady. We have 12 rentals scheduled for the month of March! Be sure to tell your friends, co-workers, and family that our clubhouse is available for rent!



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

Don't Forget - 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. The dates are April 7 – 9, 2019.

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



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It's Luncheon Time!

Mark your calendars for these two Luncheons, details to follow:

Our End of Year Luncheon May 15 \$25 Sanctuary Ridge Restaurant

District VI Spring Luncheon May 16 \$24 West Orange Country Club

