



General Meeting – November 18

Program: Field Trip to Oakland Nature Preserve, Oakland, FL

10:00 AM arrival time. Admission is Free, donations accepted.

Jennifer Hunt, Director, will give us a presentation about the Preserve in their pavilion, followed by a 2/3 mile walk along their boardwalk.

Wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

Reservations were due to Sandi Eckstein by Nov. 4, 2020, gtesse@aol.com or 352-394-4109.

Carpool from the clubhouse or meet at Oakland Preserve.

Check emails for any updates.

Directions:

Hwy 50 East, towards Winter Garden.

Turn Left onto Oakland Ave (1.2 mi)

Turn Left onto Machete Trail (157 ft)

Proceed through the Preserve entrance to the parking lot.

Next Meeting – December 16

Program: Holiday Luncheon at the Clubhouse

The original plan was to have members bring hors d'oeuvres, finger foods or dessert.

Everyone would bring a small plant to get a plant and we would have a 50/50 raffle drawing.

However, due to current pandemic conditions, a survey is being emailed to YOU for your reaction to these plans.

Based on majority response, a separate email will outline the updated plans.

Stay Tuned and respond to the survey!!





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Fall Plant Sale and More! Was a Huge Success!

Saturday, November 7, was a wonderful day at our Club! The morning dawned clear and bright, temperatures remained comfortable and a breeze off Center Lake kept everyone cool.

There are so many people to thank for their time and effort to make the event a success. The raffle items and baskets were creative and unique. The plants, pots and garden art were *definitely* what people were looking for – because they sure bought a lot of everything!

Thank you to those who brought raffle items:

Carol Walker, Arlene Rand, Sue Randall, Helen Ribbe, Gwen Carter, Alice Barrows, Cindy Simon, Linda Lauletta, Denise Palermo, Barb Williams, Lori Toth, Marilyn Paone, Tina Worrell, Sandi Eckstein, Donna Clement, Pat Richardson, Ruth Webb, Kathy Tozzi, Thea Zajaczk.

Thank you to those who worked Friday to receive and price plants and garden items, and those who worked on Saturday to sell raffle tickets, offer membership information, greet guests in the clubhouse, provide tours of the grounds, answer plant questions, act as cashiers, and help sell all the wonderful things we had to offer:

Tina Worrell, Barb Williams, Elaine Hogan, Helen Ribbe, Carol Walker, Lori Toth, Diane Wilson, Linda Lauletta, Cindy Simon, Marilyn Paone, Sandi Eckstein, Pat Olsen, Kathy Tozzi, Anne Ellis, Jane Caruso, Arlene Rand, Gwen Carter, Alice Barrows, Julie Milburn, Margaret Piper, Lin-Lin.

And a special thank you to the three co-chairs for the event: Pat Richardson, Debra Smidt, and Cindy Simon.

We also had the assistance of two young men from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and students from the East Ridge High School Future Farmers of America and their teacher, Mr. Badeaux.

The Lake County Master Gardeners were also present to answer questions about plants and pests.

Please enjoy the pictures on the next page.



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Plant Sale and More! Pictures





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November Library Plant was loaned by Arlene Rand

There was no picture at the time of the newsletter publication.

November Yard of the Month

There was no Yard of the Month selected at the time of the newsletter publication.



Plant to City Hall Loaned by Sue Randall



Sue Randall, member of Clermont Garden Club shares this lovely centerpiece with Kelly Caulton, permit tech with the City of Clermont. The cornucopia centerpiece has lantana planted in it and accented with fall leaves, berries and grapes. A turkey and pumpkins were added to the decor. Lantana (disambiguation) is a perennial native tropical shrub. Lantana's aromatic flower clusters are a mix of red, orange, yellow or blue. The colors change with the season.





Our Library has a New Look!



Have you noticed a big difference in the look and organization of the books in the CGC library? Our Library Chairwoman, Julie Milburn, has worked diligently to clean out and organize the books. Thanks Julie!

Books can be checked out using the cards in the small green box. You now can easily find books by their based on the labels on each shelf. The categories are individual flowers such as roses, orchids, violets, etc., wildflowers, container gardening, perennials, annuals, floral design, and one entire shelf for Florida plants for many of our members who have moved from northern zones and don't yet know what will grow in this area. A large number of repetitive books in certain categories as well as books which were fairly old were for sale at the "Plants and More" event.

Members frequently drop off books to be added to the library, but it would be appreciated if you would talk with Julie first to see if they are books which will be a good addition to our library.

In addition to garden-related books you will notice that the three right-hand shelves include books from previous CGC publicity, flower shows, garden walks, member recognition/awards, and miscellaneous items. A review of some of these items will help you to get a feeling for what CGC has done in the past.



What in the World is a “Snag” Tree?

A Snag tree is a dead tree that is purposely preserved for wildlife species which use nearly every part in its decay for...

a place to live and raise young in hollow cavities (birds, bats, squirrels)

a food source (insects, mosses, lichens and fungi)

a hiding place in which nooks and crannies are used to store food

a “Crow’s Nest” providing excellent lookouts for raptors in spotting prey

A soil refresher (mosses, lichens and fungi aid in the return of vital nutrients to the soil).

Well, that’s why we have made the conscious decision to keep the dying tree in the front yard of the club’s property.





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Want to keep up with what is going on in CGC?

Suggested by Marilyn Paone

Check out the CGC website clermontgardenclub.com. Did you know that you can receive a copy of the articles and pictures that are posted on the website?

All you need do is go to our website and scroll to the bottom of the main page. There you will see a place to subscribe. Fill in your email address, select 'Subscribe', and be taken to a pop-up to validate that you are not a Robot. Select the 'Complete Subscription Process' button and you will be ready to receive emails.

The emails will be copies of what has been added to the website with pictures, if available.

Try it – You'll like it!

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Member Recognition Celebrated at the October General Meeting

Club members nominated fellow members for recognition in the 2019-2020 program year and are pictured below.

Honorees for Outstanding Members:



Gwen Carter



Julie Milburn



Tina Worrell



Member Recognition Celebrated at the October General Meeting *Continued*

Most Active New Member

Linda Lauletta



Special Recognition, Honorary Member

Ruth Webb





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Ms. Clara Clermont Makes Her Debut!

The Garden Club participated in a scarecrow contest hosted by the Downtown Partnership. Co-chaired by Gwen Carter and Tina Worrell, Members met in Tina's spacious garage to construct Clara and had great Fun putting her together from her hat to her boots. She has been displayed outside Hank's Appliances on Montrose Street. Voting ended on November 10th, so we await the outcome of the voting...no prize, just bragging rights!

Many thanks to Leslie Temmen, Anne Ellis, Cindy Simon, Jane Caruso and Diane Wilson for their help in constructing Ms. Clara!



Clara's cousin, Ms. Monti, relaxes at the Club and welcomes visitors. Ms. Monti was not Part of the contest but is a highlight at our front door.



Garden Club Meets Criteria as Wildlife Habitat

Clermont Garden Club is honored to have our landscape meet the criteria as a wildlife habitat.

Pat Richardson, Tina Worrell, and Marilyn Paone, Clermont Garden Club President, display Clermont Garden Club's Wildlife Habitat sign.





Winter Garden's Bloom & Grow Society Events

The Bloom and Grow Society is a sister garden club in our District VII. These are notification of two of their events for your information and enjoyment.

Bloom and Grow Garden Society Christmas Poinsettias Sale

Christmas Poinsettia Pre-Order Sale

Order your choice of Red or Ice Crystal Poinsettias.

6 1/2 inch pot with gold foil wrap.

Perfect for decorating or gift giving!



To Pre-order: Carole Engle

Call: 407-876-3826

Or Text: 321-278-1706

Curbside Pick up on Thursday, December 3

11:00 am—2:00 pm

Near corner of W. Smith St. and S. Central Ave, Winter Garden

(Behind the Crooked Can Brewery Marketplace)

Note: Please make check payable to Bloom and Grow Garden Society, or pay with a credit card. We will not be accepting cash. Thank you!



Red \$11.00 + tax



Ice Crystal \$14.00 + tax



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Bloom and Grow's Christmas Shopping Event



Dillard's at the Florida Mall

8001 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando

Wednesday, December 9

Personal Shopping Assistants will be available.

Make sure to mention Bloom and Grow!

Dillard's will give a percent of the total daily sales to the club.



Dillard's is donating \$1000 Raffle basket for the event.

Raffle Tickets available at Dillard's

On the day of the event: \$10 each or 3/\$25 (Cash only)

Note: If you cannot shop on Wednesday, December 9, you may shop on Monday, December 7 or Tuesday, December 8. Mention Bloom and Grow and they will take your information, but not ring up your items until December 9. You can then pick up your packages on December 9 or have a friend pick them up for you. That way, Bloom and Grow will still get credit for your sale!

This shopping event replaces the December Dillard's luncheon that, due to the pandemic, we have decided to postpone until 2021.

If you plan on shopping this day, please email me at yazinkijm@gmail.com to let me know how many will be shopping with you. Dillard's needs a count





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November Babies!

Donna Ferraguto 11/9

Margaret Piper 11/12



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!

Garden Workdays

Monday, Nov 16

Monday, Nov 30

Monday, Dec 14

Monday, Dec 28

Monday, Jan 11

Monday, Jan 25

Monday, Feb 8

Monday, Feb 22

