



Clermont Garden Club Newsletter

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Next Meeting – Field Trip 11/20

Field Trip to the Orlando Museum of Art for the Festival of Trees

YOU HAD TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND!

Contact Sandi Eckstein with questions (352) 394-4109 or gtesse@aol.com

Meet 9:00 AM SHARP at Target parking lot for carpool assembly.

Once signed up, Sandi sends emails with important information regarding carpool location, times, lunch, cost, etc.

View magnificently decorated Christmas/Hanukkah trees from many groups around Orlando. This show is open only 1 week a year.

Not to be missed!

Holiday Store open for shopping.

Lunch at The Cheesecake Factory, Winter Park Village, on own.

Wear comfortable shoes and bring your own water.

Are You Receiving Weekly Emails?

Tina Worrell, Corresponding Secretary, sends weekly emails to the membership with reminders and updates.

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING EMAILS FROM TINA WORRELL, PLEASE EMAIL HER AT GRAMMYTINA@CFL.RR.COM OR CALL HER AT (352) 243-4035

Check your SPAM Folder!

CGC Hosts Plant Sale Saturday, 11/16, 9 am – 2 pm

All members are strongly urged to participate! If you did not grow anything, look around for gently used tools, yard art, birdfeeders, clean pots that you are not using.

Bring your sale items (plants, garden-related items) to the clubhouse on Friday, 11/15, between 9 am and Noon. They will be received, sorted, priced and placed on the lawn for Saturday's sale.

Bring lots of plants and/or garden-related items – we don't want folks to come and not have a good selection to choose from.

Please label your plants with the name (craft sticks work great!). It helps with public education.

The East Ridge HS FFA Agriculture class will be selling their plants at our sale this year. We sponsor this organization and are in the process of formally recognizing them as a High School Garden Club!!

And we are thrilled to have Master Gardeners from Lake County on hand to answer plant questions – identification, diseases, and pest management, etc.

This event is open to the public, therefore, please park on the surrounding streets or public parking areas. The side lawn and front of building parking is for the public. Thank you!

Continue to promote this event as much as possible!!



Successful District VII Meeting Hosted by Clermont Garden Club

A successful and well received District VII Fall Meeting was held on October 23, 2019, at the West Orange Country Club. Our club was the host for the meeting.

Sixteen CGC members attended, including: Gwen Carter, Director District VII, Mary Adams, District VII Recording Secretary, Marilyn Paone, CGC President, and members Arlene Rand, Carolyn Schaag, Margaret Piper, Julie Milburn, Carol Walker, Ruth Webb, Cindy Simon, Tina Worrell, Sandi Eckstein, Alice Barrows, Ann Krupsack-Ellis, Thea Zajaczk and Blanche Jean Gibson.

Many CGC members helped make this a successful event. Marilyn coordinated the event and chaired the planning committee which consisted of Gwen, Ruth, Arlene, and Alice. Gwen arranged for the venue, luncheon and program, Ruth prepared the table decorations, Arlene provided advice on protocol and the head table favors, and Alice prepared and paid for printing the program. Also Jean was the Page for the FFGC officers, Margaret sold garden gloves, Carol sold raffle tickets for the baskets provided by District VII clubs, Cindy prepared the basket provided by CGC containing items donated by CGC Board members, and Julie sold 50/50 raffle tickets. Our club earned \$25 from the sale of gloves and \$80 from the 50/50 raffle. Many thanks to all!

A Celebration of Life for Juanita Schuster



A Celebration of Life will be held for Juanita Schuster on Saturday, December 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be at Juanita's residence, 11432 Sterling View Court, Clermont, and is hosted by her daughter Jennifer White.

Although this will be held on the same day as our Holiday Tea it will start early enough that some of you may be able to fit it into your schedules. If you plan to attend, please let Marilyn Paone (m.paone@icloud.com) know by December 5 so that she can notify Jennifer of Clermont Garden Club attendees.



HOLIDAY TEA TIME AND SWEETS

by Tina Worrell

Saturday, December 7 - The first Clermont Garden Club Tea and Sweets event



Updates and Reminders:

- ❖ The tea is sold out! We do have a wait list as we understand that people's plans change. So let Leslie know if you would like to be added. leslietemen@comcast.net.
- ❖ Bring your sweets to the club on Friday, 12/6, 1:00 – 3:00 PM or Saturday, 12/7, 11:00 AM – Noon.
- ❖ The Clermont Christmas parade is at 10:00 am. We hope parking will open after the parade.
- ❖ Plan to arrive early for parking. We will open our lawn parking only to attendees. Additional parking on side streets and behind the old police station.
- ❖ The hours of the Tea are 1:00 – 3:00 PM.
- ❖ The Christmas arrangements will be raffled - so bring cash or checkbook! (Cost of Tea includes one raffle ticket, others available at the Tea.)
- ❖ Special thanks to the CGC Board members who gave up a seat to allow for more guests.



December General Meeting & Holiday Luncheon – 12/18

Program: Christmas Luncheon & Holiday Auction 10:00 AM



A short general meeting will be held, followed by a catered buffet lunch by our very own chef, Carol Walker. Select items will be auctioned by Gwen Carter, so be sure to bring Cash or Checkbook. This is a hilarious event and Gwen is a fabulous auctioneer! Auction items will be provided by members of the board.

Cost of lunch is \$22.00. Checks must be made out to 'Clermont Garden Club' and mailed to Clermont Garden Club, P.O. Box 121311, Clermont, FL 34712-1322.

RSVP to Margaret Piper (407-421-6225, flowergal@cfl.rr.com) or Sandi Eckstein (352-394-4109, gtesse@aol.com) by Monday, December 2, 2019.

This event may run past our normal meeting ending time of noon, so please plan to stay till the very end.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE FIELD TRIP TO FESTIVAL OF TREES, YOU MAY BRING A CHECK AND GIVE IT TO SANDI ECKSTEIN. In previous years, we have a general meeting prior to the luncheon, and many pay at that meeting.

Please Welcome our New Recording Secretary

We are pleased to announce that our new Recording Secretary is Helen Ribbe. She was nominated by Marilyn Paone and received a unanimous vote at the Board meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2019.

Welcome, Helen!





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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. And don't forget your WATER!

Garden Workdays

Monday, Nov 4

Monday, Nov 18

Monday, Dec 9

Monday, Dec 30

Monday, Jan 13

Monday, Jan 27



November Library Plant was loaned by Elaine Hogan

Elaine Hogan provided a planter containing Bromeliads, Pothos and an Orchid to the Cooper Memorial Library.

She is pictured between Naomi and Natalie, students at Lake Sumter College.



Yard of the Month

Beginning next month, the Yard of the Month will be included in the Newsletter.



Clermont Garden Club Hosts Flower Show in 2020



As a reminder, 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.

It's time for volunteers! Contact Alice Barrows abarrows@cfl.rr.com

(Wednesday through Saturday, Jan 29-Feb 1, 2020)

Jan 10-15 th	Spray painter for pedestals	1 person
Jan 29 th	Set up with Staging Comm. (PM)	2 people
Jan 30	Help carry entries from cars	2 people
Jan 31	1-3 pm Hostesses	2 people
Feb 1	10-12 noon Hostesses	2 people
Feb 1	12 noon – 2 pm	2 people

Are you entering the show? Contact Ruth Webb Ruth.Webb1938@gmail.com

Botanical Arts Entries See Schedule pp. 13-14

Designs

Pot-et-Fleur	4 Entries
Hanging Wreath	4 Entries
Topiary	4 Entries

Photography

Flower, 8 X 10, vertical image	4 Entries
Landscape, 8 X 10, horizontal	4 Entries
Water, 8 X 10, vertical	4 Entries



Travel with FFGC!

Did you know that FFGC provides opportunities to chase your travel dreams? They try to make trips hassle-free, safe, and pocketbook-friendly. They currently have four trips planned.

March 7, 2020 - Join Painting with a Twist for a 7-night Mississippi River Cruise, American Cruise Line - 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay in New Orleans, then sailing to Oak Alley, LA; Natchez, MS; Vicksburg, MS; St. Francisville, LA; Baton Rouge, LA; and Houmas House, LA. Starting from \$3,799 pp.

June 21, 2020 - 11-Night Triple Denali Cruisetour, Holland America's Noordam, - 7-Day Alaska Cruise and 4 days into Denali National Park. Starting from \$2,249 pp.

July 17-29, 2020 - Exploring the Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play - 7-day U by Uniworld River Cruise and then 4-day tour to Munich and the Oberammergau Passion Play. Starting from \$3,993 pp.

November 14, 2020 - Join Painting with a Twist at Sea for a 7-Night Caribbean Cruise, Celebrity Constellation. Sailing roundtrip from Tampa to Costa Maya, Mexico; Roatan, Honduras; Belize City, Belize; and Cozumel, Mexico. Starting from \$1,199 pp.

For more information on each trip visit www.FFGCTravel.com or contact Shelley at 850-386-7327, Ext. 208, or e-mail SAtkinson@FunSeas.com

Do You Shop Amazon?

There is a link from the FFGC Home page which will direct your web page to the Amazon website. From there you may proceed to sign into your Amazon account and do your normal shopping. When you complete your on-line transaction, Amazon will pay the FFGC a pre-set amount. Your purchase will automatically benefit the FFGC!

Easy-Peasy!



prizes!

94th Annual FFGC Convention Opportunity Drawing - Reminder

Each year FFGC provides an Opportunity Drawing which provides members the opportunity to purchase \$2 tickets to win one of the numerous prizes.

This year the prizes are:

- One week stay at Sandcastle II Condo at Indian Shores
(www.plumleegulfbeachrealty.com)
- Two-night stay at the Hilton Tampa Downtown - plus 2 tickets to the Florida Aquarium with Boat Tour and Dinner for 2 at Ybor's Columbia Restaurant
- Silver necklace, earrings and bracelet set
- I-pad 6 generation, 32 GB
- Handmade quilt and pillow set
- Gronomics Vertical Garden, assembled (plants not included)
- Wood platter with stand
- Metal sculpture by Ken Schwartz
- Hergesheimer design containers

You may purchase your tickets from Gwen Carter or Arlene Rand, until they are sold out, at the next CGC General Meeting. (Or feel free to contact them individually.) Checks should be made payable to **FFGC 2020 Convention**

The drawing will be held April 18, 2020, at Convention. You need not be present to win. Your generous donations support FFGC aims, goals, and special projects.

FFGC is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations may be tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. Consult a tax advisor for more information. One prize per winning ticket.



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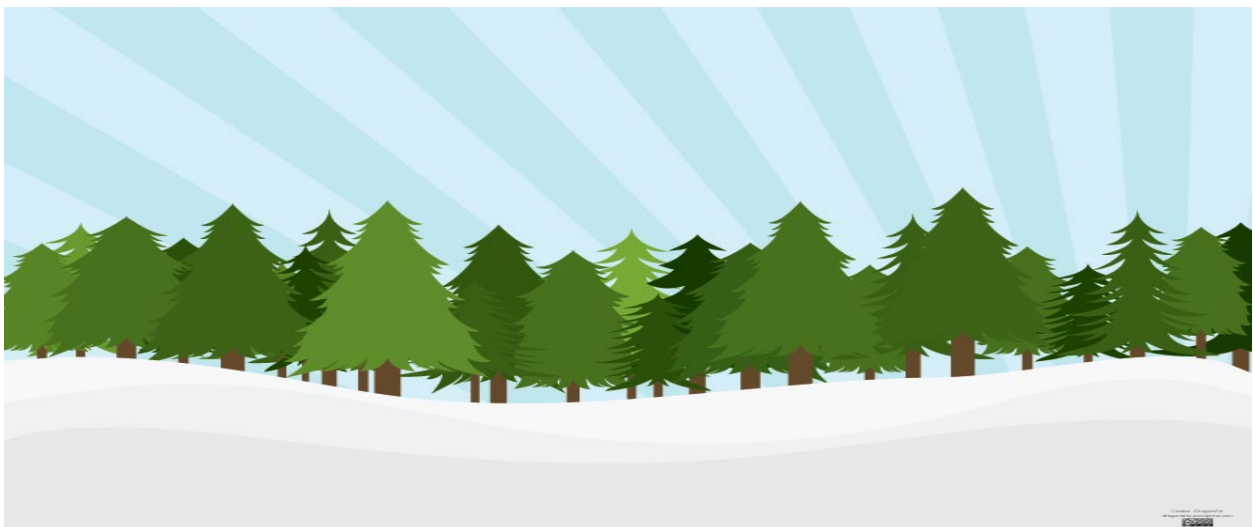
A special message was included in the November-December newsletter from the National Garden Club and shared by Al Latina, President, FFGC. In the newsletter are details of the initiative of the current board of the NGC to have the current 165,000 members plant 165,000 native trees for each year of their two-year term... That means each member of the NGC would plant 1 native tree in each year of this administration.

The name of the initiative is 'Plant America'. NGC encourages our members to involve their communities with this effort. Each ONE (member)—Plant ONE (native tree).

As stated by our president, Marilyn Paone, in a recent email:

"We currently have 63 members, so the goal is for our club to plant 63 trees. In January we will be planting a number of native trees on the back area of our property (behind the Day Care Center) so we will be meeting part of that goal. If you plant any trees on your own property those trees will also be included in the number needed to help meet the goal.

LET'S PLANT!!"





November Horticulture

Garden Checklist:

In the landscape:

Continue to remove damaged and declining limbs from summer storms.
Fall is a good time to repot, groom, feed and control pests of container plantings.
Make plans to prevent damage to cold sensitive landscape plants.
Keep the root balls of new plantings moist with frequent hand waterings.
Fall is a good time to renew mulches; only a light topping is normally needed.
Pruning time is over for azaleas, gardenias, hydrangeas and camellias.
Complete pruning of other plants early to allow new growth to mature before winter.
Make sure poinsettias receive no nighttime light; keep the soil moist and feed monthly.
Complete all tree, palm and shrub feedings by mid-month.
Reduce feedings of orchids and bromeliads in the landscape as the weather cools.

Foliage and House Plant Care:

Holiday poinsettias arrive this month and can last into the new year with good care.
Water holiday cactus and kalanchoe when the soil dries to the touch; keep poinsettias moist.
Remember, no night light for holiday plants until they begin to bloom.
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.

Flowers to Plant:

Flowers: Ageratum, alyssum, baby's breath, black-eyed Susan, bush daisy, calendula, California poppy, candytuff, carnation, cat's whiskers, chrysanthemum, cleome, cornflower, delphinium, dianthus, dusty miller, foxglove, gaillardia, geranium, goldenrod, heliotrope, hollyhocks, Iceland poppy, impatiens, larkspur, lobelia, ornamental cabbage & kale, pansy, petunia, phlox, salvia, shasta daisy, snapdragon, stock, sweet pea, verbena, viola and wax begonias.



Welcome New Members

As of 10/22/19

Muhammad Abdullah

Pat Bridenbaker

Loretta Brown-Burt

Linda Lauletta

Norma Lieffers

Gloria Roslund

