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Next Meeting: November 21

“Edible Landscaping”

Presented by Leslie Lightbourne, Master Gardener, from the Sumter County Extension Office

- Attendance is especially encouraged when guest speakers are invited. See you there!

December 19 “Holiday Party Pot Luck & Gift Exchange”

- Bring a favorite dish to share. We don't sign up for main courses, sides, desserts – bring whatever you want to share! (It's an adventure meal!)
- Gift Exchange – Plant or Garden-related item with a minimum \$10 value. (Don't go crazy, go for fun!!) Rules of the game will be explained at the party.



Member Orientation

Thank you to those who attended the orientation Nov 14! The Year Book was explained, as were the Officer and Committee positions, and what SEEK & Wekiva are all about. We encourage all to attend meetings and support the Garden Club!

Bless My Bloomers!

The Garden Walk was a Success!

Here is a big THANK YOU to all members who volunteered to help with all aspects of this year's Garden Walk.

It was a beautiful day!

Here is a summary of our earnings:

Tickets	\$2490
Raffle	\$730
Plant Sale	\$908
Silent Auction	\$477
Member Donations	\$300
Sponsor Donations	\$950
Total	\$5,855

Volunteers Needed to Decorate Christmas Tree for City Hall

The Garden Club provides a decorated tree annually for City Hall. At least four (4) volunteers are needed to decorate the tree prior to November 30.

Please email Debra Smidt with your name:

debrajsmidt@gmail.com

New Meeting Format!

10:00 – 10:45	General Meeting
10:45 – 11:15	Break w/light food
11:15 – Noon	Speaker/Presentation



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Ways and Means Committee Selected

A Ways and Means Committee's primary duty is the planning and execution of projects to raise money for the club. The committee chair offers suggestions to the Board for approval on projects, raffles, and fund raisers.

A new Chairwoman was announced at the November 7 Board meeting: Cindy Simon.

Volunteers for the committee include:
Marilyn Paone, Barbara Williams, Tina Worrell.

We have room for a few more! If interested, or have some great fundraising ideas, please contact Cindy Simon, bsktcindy@earthlink.net



Yard of the Month

November – Nolands Roofing
1295 W Hwy 50

December - Matlack Tree Farm
11631 CR 561 South

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

Monday, Nov. 26

Friday, Dec. 7

Friday, Dec. 21

Friday, Jan. 4

Monday, Jan. 14





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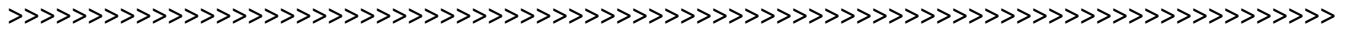
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Wekiva Youth Camp Open House

Sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Sunday, February 10, 2019 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
ACA Accredited residential Camp for Children in grades 1-8
Sunday – Saturday Sessions from June 16 – July 27, 2019
Wekiwa Springs State Park, 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka
Guided Tours – Light Refreshments



2019 Wekiva Youth Camp Volunteer Training & Junior Gardener Volunteer Training Friday, February 8 (1 pm) – Sunday, February 10 (11 am)

You are invited to join garden club friends from around Florida for the 2019 Wekiva Volunteer Training & Junior Gardener leadership Training – a weekend with nature nestled under the longleaf pines within the peace and beauty of Wekiwa Springs State park in Apopka.

FFGC’s Wekiva Youth Camp has been located at Wekiwa Springs State Park since 1974, under a partnership with the Florida Dept of Natural Resources and Div of Parks & Recreation. The facility has grown through the years and now boasts a swimming pool, craft hall, screened pavilion, dining hall, canteen, nature hut, outdoor amphitheater, sports field and Volunteer and Camper Cabins. Over a six week period each summer, campers completing Grades 1-8 spend a week living in cabins clustered around a fire circle learning about the importance of conservation and protection of our environment in a protected natural setting. Adult Volunteers and Environmental Educators serve as Program Leaders and Role Models as our Campers enjoy swimming, hiking, nature photography, crafts, nature study, skit night, campfires, great food and more at this American Camp Association Accredited environmental youth camp. Leaders are housed in air-conditioned cabins with indoor plumbing. The infirmary is staffed with a Registered Nurse on site daily. Our Camp Director supervises the activities of the Campers and Counselors, many of whom are former campers themselves.

Wekiva Volunteer Training is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with summer volunteer opportunities at Wekiva Youth Camp. Junior Gardener Leadership Training will be included to offer programming ideas and instruction for those interested in being Junior Gardener Leaders in their own community. Space is limited for prime housing (*twin bed, climate controlled, indoor bathroom facilities*) to the first 38 registrants. After those spaces are filled, attendees will have the option of “*living like a camper*” in Camper Cabins with a bathhouse nearby or “*bunking*” in the Craft hall. Bring a friend and experience the “wonder of Wekiva”.

Information: www.wekivayouthcamp.org
Registration questions: Tina Tuttle, ttuttle1954@gmail.com



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November Library Plant

Chrysanthemum

Loaned by Gayle Wussick

December – Arline Jelly

Clubhouse Parking

Where do I park when the spots in front of the Clubhouse are full?

Just north of the Club, across DeSoto St. is a public parking lot. There is also parking behind the old Clermont Police station. When we have Club events, we can park on the grass on the side of our Club, but when we have public events, please use the DeSoto St. parking. Our public guests should have best access at the Club. (Those unable to walk far are, of course, welcome to park at the Club when space is available. Thank you for your understanding.

Do You Use Facebook?

Garden Club Members may find the following Facebook sites helpful:

Clermont Garden Club
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
FFGC District VII
National Garden Clubs Inc

Here are some Facebook sites that might be of interest:

Central Florida Gardening Friends
Florida Gardening Friends
Florida Flora



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Upcoming Special Events

*Save
the
Date*

Open House to the Public

Moved from December to new date

January 19, 2019 ~ 1 pm - 3 pm

*Volunteers will be needed for set-up
1/18, details to follow*