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General Meeting – October 21

Program: Orchids

Presenter: Brian Behm

Brian is the owner of B&G Landscaping. He is also the President of the Central Florida Orchid Society, the V-P of the Mid-Lakes Orchid Society and a Member of the American Orchid Society.

Brian will discuss orchid planting, growing and care.

He will re-pot orchids brought by members for a nominal fee and have orchids for sale. (Bring your check book!)



Next Meeting – November 18

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

10:30 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 are 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.





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Wanted: Garden Art, Pots, Bird Feeders

We will be selling gently used garden art, pots, bird feeders, etc. If you have any around the house that you would like to donate for the Club to sell please plan to bring them to the Club on Friday, 11/6, between 8 am and noon. Please be sure everything is clean and in good working order. If it came with instructions, please bring them!

Wanted: Member Created Raffle Baskets or Items

Members are asked to create their own garden related baskets to be raffled at the Plant Sale. You can go in with a few people to donate items. Do you have an item that you think would make a good raffle candidate? Not sure? Email Cindy Simon, bsktcindy@earthlink.net with a description or picture for an answer!

Ideas include: Post-Garden basket with wine, Spring basket with seeds, gloves, fertilizer; Garden basket with small pots of plants ready to plant; Butterfly Garden basket with native butterfly attracting plants or seeds. A fairy garden, orchid plant, container garden. Get the idea? Be creative!





Plant Sale and More! Saturday, November 7th 9 am – 2 pm

How are you doing with the plants you are growing for our sale? Do you have any questions about what you should or should not grow? Just ask! Pat Richardson can be reached at ograpat42@yahoo.com.

We need your help!

An event like this takes planning and execution. We have done the planning, now we need your help for the execution!

10 Volunteers are needed on Friday, 11/6, 8 am – noon:

- Receive plants
- Price plants, pots, lawn art and other "More!" items
- Place plants and other items on the lawn
- Place tables on the lawn for selling "More!" items and cashier area
- Receive raffle items in the clubhouse
- Set up the clubhouse for selling raffle tickets and displaying raffle items, membership and garden club history display

6 Volunteers are needed on Saturday, 11/7, for selling plants and more:

- 3 people from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
- 3 people from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

1 Volunteer to be a Door Greeter to control the number of people entering the Club

- 1 person from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

1 Volunteer to cashier on Saturday, 11/7:

- We have 3 people already volunteering for 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- 1 person either the above hours or 9:00 – 11:30 or 11:30 – 2:00

3 Volunteers to help carry items to customer vehicles for 2 shifts:

- We hope to have some youth volunteers, but need members as back-up
- 3 people 9:00 am – 11:30 am
- 3 people 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

5 Volunteers for Clean Up:

- 5 people 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- Move un-sold plants to back areas of the club grounds
- Take down, clean and store tables back into the clubhouse
- Clean up any trash
- Help clean the clubhouse

Respond to the email from Cindy Simon asking for volunteers with your preferred shift!



October Library Plant was loaned by Alice Barrows



Alice Barrows brought a marble queen pothos to the Cooper Memorial Library.

Senior Branch Supervisor Rachel Smoyak accepts the plant. Pothos is considered to be an easy and undemanding plant for your home.

The CGC hopes to educate and inspire residents to grow plants by showcasing a different plant every month.

Plant to City Hall Loaned by Pam Molesky



Pam Molesky shared a Halloween themed sago palm with the Clermont City Hall.

Ray Sanfratella accepts the plant to be on display for the month of October.

We think about a sago palm as an outside plant, but it is a great inside plant.

The sago palm (*Cycas revoluta*) is a popular houseplant known for its feathery foliage and ease of care. In fact, this is a great plant for beginners and makes an interesting addition to nearly any room. It can even be grown outdoors. While the name might imply that it is a palm, this plant is considered a cycad, one of the oldest groups of plants dating back to prehistoric times — hence the plant's hardiness.





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Yard of the Month

The Clermont Garden Club's pick for October 2020 yard of the month is 12128 Lake Shore Drive. The homeowners continually add to their garden annuals and perennials for color and bloom and unusual plants and shrubs. The house, paver patio, and driveway are framed by juniper, loropetalum, Indian hawthorn, Asian jasmine, sky pencil shrubs, and topiary boxwoods. Colorful plantings of crotons, snow on the mountain, variegated lily grasses, as well as plumbago, shrimp plant, iris, camellias, firecracker's, agapanthus, assorted succulents and many, many more are planted around the home. There are several rare trees and bushes in the backyard such as the rainbow eucalyptus tree and cryptomeria shrubs. Thank you for sharing such a beautiful and ever-changing landscape.



The front entry (top) and backyard retaining wall (right)



What's Going on at the Clubhouse?

The back yard is exploding with fall color as the goldenrod, blue curl, porter weed, White scorpion tale and spotted bee balm are blooming. Yellow dune sunflowers are draping beautifully from the top hill section. There are two Beauty berry bushes that are bursting with purple berries. You are really missing out if you don't stop by the club to take a slow stroll around the grounds.

Pat Richardson continues to prepare a list of "chores" each workday and we have been very productive! Please make note of the workdays and come out to help! A special THANK YOU to those who came throughout the summer on their own workday to practice their own social distancing.

We are working hard to maintain the grounds in preparation for our Plant Sale on Saturday, November 7. Be sure to mark you calendar and come out to support the club and get plants for your own gardens.

Rentals are returning slowly. Some are popping up last minute. We are already accepting applications for 2021. The beauty of our grounds has a lot to do with how many rentals we get for bridal showers and small weddings!

Be sure to tell your friends, co-workers, and family that our clubhouse is available for rent! The revenue from rentals is vital to our fiscal stability! Information and rental forms are on our website: clermontgardenclub.com.



Beauty Berry (upper left),
Spotted Bee Balm (upper
right), Blue Curl, (bottom
center)



Still Looking for Things to Do?

Virtual Garden Tour Websites (find by google search on virtual garden tours)

<https://www.purewow.com/travel/virtual-garden-tours>

<https://www.housebeautiful.com/uk/garden/g31913008/best-virtual-tours-garden/>

<https://backyardbend.com/10-beautiful-virtual-garden-tours-you-can-enjoy-at-home-duringquarantine/>

<https://thespaces.com/take-a-virtual-tour-of-beautiful-botanical-gardens/>

<https://longwoodgardens.org>

<https://www.butchartgardens.com/>

Some of the many YouTube tours and videos: (you can find with a simple search)

NY orchid show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCXkVDt7m1I>

Butchart Gardens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bH2HtztoSI>

Magical Gardens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LGjfN-4DJI>

10 Most Beautiful flowers in the world:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DU5joSi-bVU>

10 Most Beautiful Orchids in the world:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEeUob-IY6g>

Plants for a Healthy Home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1WpEWbQWu>



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Local Events of Interest

Here are some garden related events taking place in our area that may be of interest.

SWEETWATER OAKS Garden Club - "PLANT SALE" - OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2020 – 9:30 am – 4 pm
At the home of Shirley Hungerdord, 210 Lonesome Pine Drive, Longwood, FL 32779

Nehrling Gardens – Owl Prowl Art & Wine Walk – October 24, 2020 4:30 – 6:30 pm
2267 Hempel Ave, Gotha, FL 34734. Sample beer, wine and nibbles while viewing Artists at work throughout the gardens, enjoying music and Owl Ambassadors. View Original art and other enticing items available at our online auction. Bidding begins at 4 pm On Saturday, Oct. 24th and closes 3 pm on Sunday, Nov. 1st. \$25 in advance, \$35 on the day. Nehrlinggardens.org. or 407-445-9977.

Learn and Grow Festival @ A Natural Farm – October 24 – 25, 2020 – 9 am – 5 pm
23630 SR 19 Howey In The Hills. 352-536-3112 www.anaturalfarm.com
Free event, workshops and parking. Vendors, Food & Beverages, Outdoor Workshops. Must reserve a spot for each workshop.

Your CGC Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met in person for the first time since March 2020. We gathered on the grounds of the club and adjacent Center Lake Park for our October meeting. We look forward to the General Meeting on October 21 when we can welcome everyone back in person! We will practice social distancing and recommend wearing masks.





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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, Oct 12

Monday, Oct 26

Monday, Nov 9

Monday, Nov 30

Monday, Dec 14

Monday, Dec 28

Monday, Jan 11

Monday, Jan 25

