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Next Meeting – September!

Welcome Back!

9/18 Wednesday - General Meeting

Program: Ask the Plant Czars!

A panel discussion led by our own Clermont Garden Club Members: Pat Richardson, Margaret Piper, Debra Smidt, Ruth Webb & Tina Worrell.

Panelists will present plants that grow in Florida & in their gardens & give a description of their growing habits & care. They will answer questions from the audience.

This is normally the largest meeting of the year, please RSVP if you CANNOT attend to Marilyn Paone at m.paone@icloud.com. Thanks!

Meeting Reminders

Please follow these reminders

Parking: Park on the side of the building, in front of the building, or along West Ave. For public events, please park in the public parking areas across DeSoto St. to allow the public to have easy access to the Clubhouse.

Telephones: Please have your phone turned off or on vibrate. The Standing Rules indicate a \$5 charge will be assessed for anyone whose phone goes off in a meeting.

General Meeting Format:

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

Are You Ready to Get Busy?

We have some wonderful events planned for this year and we count on our members to bring them to life! Please plan to sign up for a committee or two (or 3!) that interests you at the general meeting on 9/18.

Events include:

- New Member Orientation 9/26
- Hosting the District VII Fall Meeting 10/23
- Plant Sale 11/16
- Holiday Floral Arrangement Tea 12/7
- Flower Show 1/31 & 2/1
- Caladium Sales @ February – April
- Spring Garden Festival 5/2



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Calendar of Events – September & October

Just to get you familiar with using the Yearbook, here is the calendar for September & October.

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 9/2 Monday - Plant to Library, provided by Carol Walker
 - 9/4 Wednesday - Board Meeting
 - 9/9 **Monday - Grounds Work Day**
 - 9/18 Wednesday - General Meeting**
 - 9/23 Monday - Grounds Work Day**
 - 9/26 Thursday - Member Recruitment and New Member Orientation
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OCTOBER 2019

- 10/1 Tuesday - Plant to Library, provided by Teresa Alvarez
- 10/2 Wednesday - Board Meeting
- 10/7 **Monday - Grounds Work Day**
- 10/16 Wednesday - General Meeting**
- 10/21 Monday - Grounds Work Day**

10/23 Wednesday - CGC Hosts District VII Fall Meeting at West Orange Country Club. All members are encouraged to attend as our club is sponsoring this event!

10/26 Saturday - **“Fun with Flowers” 10 AM – Noon.** A hands-on floral demonstration of Pot-et-fleur. Open to members only. Perfect to learn this application for submission to our Mardi Gras Flower Show in January. Registration required. Contact Alice Barrows at abarrows@cfl.rr.com. Limited to 25 attendees. Fee \$25.



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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, bugspray, clippers, etc. And don't forget your WATER!

Garden Workdays

Monday, Sept 9

Monday, Sept 23

Monday, Oct 7

Monday, Oct 21

Monday, Nov 4

Monday, Nov 18

Monday, Dec 9

Monday, Dec 30

Monday, Jan 13



September Library Plant was loaned by Carol Walker

SANSEVIERIA TRIFASCIATA, commonly known as the Snake Plant, Mother-In-Laws Tongue or Saint George's Sword



Happy Dollars at a Meeting Soon!

What?!

An opportunity to share good news at a meeting by placing a dollar or two in a basket and telling us your news. The CGC benefits and you get to share!

When?

At a general meeting, when time permits.

How?!

When announced, raise your hand to be recognized, place your dollars in the basket, quickly share your news.



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New Yearbook for 2019 – 2020 is Here!

You should have received your Yearbook via email if you are an active, dues-paid member. It is recommended to place it in a notebook and bring it to all general meetings. A good hint is to include some note paper so you can take notes during a program that has interest for you.

What's Going on at the Clubhouse?

The Workdays continued through the summer. We had a loyal few who came out early in the morning before the heat and sun got too bad. And we accomplished quite a lot!

A new water faucet has been installed on the north slope and we can now water by hand and by timed micro irrigation. Jim Lobb installed micro irrigation on the north slope and the ability to water that area separately has improved the health of the plants in that zone. A new area of Florida natives has been planted to the left of the gazebo. The hedge and bromeliads were removed to provide better access to the new native bed.

The Indian hawthorns that were diseased have been removed from the north side of the clubhouse. Oak leaf hydrangeas and caladiums have been installed at the front left of the clubhouse. Succulents are now planted under the sign near the road.

We have a new master plan for the grounds that will include planting native trees and shrubs in the back of our property, including zone 9 plants, and updating the irrigation in the back area. Plans to replace the azalea bed and improve the bed in front of the parking area are also in the works.

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!

Rentals continue to be on pace. We had steady rentals through the summer. 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!



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September Horticulture

Garden Checklist:

Fruit and vegetable care:

- A new gardening season has begun; improve sandy soils with lots of organic matter.
- Tomato, pepper and eggplant need to be the first crops planted.
- Keep new transplants and seeded areas moist to ensure growth.
- Apply a first feeding 2 weeks after planting or seed growth.
- Only allow healthy older tomato plants to grow from spring into the fall.
- Additional warm season crops need to be in the ground before early October.
- Start rejuvenating herb gardens in late September and add fresh fall plantings.
- Feed vegetable gardens every three to four weeks; container gardens weekly.

Lawn care:

Check local ordinances to determine when lawn feedings can begin.

Moths cause no lawn damage but start looking for sod webworms and treat as needed.

Chinch bugs usually continue into fall; treat at first sign of turf decline.

Fire ants are frequently found in lawns; spot treat mounds then treat the entire lawn.

Dry weather can return this month; wait to irrigate turf until leaf blades start to curl.

In the landscape:

- Check container plantings for plugged drainage holes; repot as needed.
- Trim out of bounds shrubs and trees.
- Edge walkways and beds to give landscape a fresh look.
- Remove declining annuals and continue with warm season flowers.
- Cool season flowers may arrive at garden centers; wait at least another month to plant.
- Groom perennials to remove old flower heads and out of control shoots
- Give poinsettias a final pruning in early September; continue feedings.
- Feed hanging baskets and orchids every other week.

House & foliage plant care:

- Gradually reduce feedings and waterings of Christmas and holiday cactus for fall.
- Decide which plants to bring indoors for the cooler months.
- Perform a final pruning and check for pests on foliage plants to eventually move indoors.
- Transplant foliage plants needing new containers to prepare for cooler fall weather.
- Feed foliage plants monthly or use a slow release fertilizer according to the label.
- Remove dust and pests with soapy water.
- Make cuttings to increase the foliage plant collection.



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What to Plant:

Flowers: Ageratum, angelonia, begonia, blue daze, butterfly weed, cat's whiskers, celosia, cleome, coleus, coreopsis, cosmos, garden mums, gaura, gazania, gerbera, goldenrod, gomphrena, heliotrope, impatiens, jacobinia, marigold, melampodium, nicotiana, pentas, periwinkle, salvia, sunflower, sweet alyssum, torenia, verbena and zinnia.

Vegetables: Early plantings include lima bean, snap bean, corn, cucumber, eggplant, pepper, southern pea, rhubarb, squash, and tomato; End of the month crops include broccoli, cabbage, celery, collard, endive, lettuce, mustard, onion, radish, strawberry and turnip.

Herbs: Anise, basil, bay laurel, borage, chives, coriander, dill, lemon balm, lavender, Mexican tarragon, mint, parsley, rosemary, sage, sweet fennel, sweet marjoram and thyme.

Bulbs: African iris, agapanthus, amaryllis, blackberry lily, bulbine, calla lily, crinum, crocosmia, day lily, gladiolus, kaffir lily, narcissus, society garlic, spider lily, rain lilies and walking iris.

Gardening Tip:

Plastic forks inserted stem side down into the ground can help keep little critters away from small plants. Totally going to try it this year to deter our annual bunny invaders!





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GROW NOW for the November Plant Sale!

We will host a plant sale on Saturday, November 16, 2019 on our Club Grounds. Plants for sale will be home-grown by our members. This means you should start planning and planting NOW!!

The horticulture tips for September will give you a good starting guide for what to plant that will be suitable for the fall. We are looking for healthy, attractive foliage that does well in our zone 9b. You can separate and transplant from your garden or start from seed.

Ideas include:

Annuals	Perennials
Herbs	Shrubs
Houseplants	Small Trees
Natives	Succulents

Do not bring invasive plants! We do not want to perpetuate the spread of these types of plant materials. Examples include Mexican Petunia (dwarf and regular) Ruellia simplex, Sprenger's Asparagus Fern/Asparagus Fern, Asparagus aethiopicus, Oyster Plant (Tradescantia spathacea/Rhoeo discolor), White Fountain Grass (pennisetum Setaceum). Not sure? Google it!

Other Items to Know:

We will also 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 be sure everything is clean and in good working order.

A 'specialty' table for small to medium mixed plants containers prepared by members. If you would like to help plant donated containers, please sign up at the September 18 meeting, and we'll find a time convenient for all.

Fairy Gardens and Terrariums will be available for the public to Make and Take. We will need volunteers for this activity, too.

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



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What *Is* a Flower Show?

A Flower Show, in particular, *Mardi Gras*, currently in preparation by Clermont Garden Club, is the luxuriant visual expression of our goals, namely the education of members and the public in horticulture and floral design, as well as an entertaining venue for creative expression furthering National Garden Club objectives.

Mardi Gras, free and open to the public, will take place at the club on January 31, and February 1, 2020, with set-up beginning January 29. Horticulture entries should arrive on January 30th and Botanical Arts design entries early on January 31, for judging from 9 – 12 noon. (See Schedule for details!)



The Schedule, otherwise known as the **Law of the Show**, is written specifically for *Mardi Gras* and contains all pertinent information, such as chairmen, rules, details of the entry classes, available awards and judging criteria. The Schedule binds both Exhibitors and Judges; it, in turn, conforms to the standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. These are detailed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, a copy of which is in the CGC Library for members. (The Schedule itself has already been emailed by the Corresponding Secretary (Tina Worrell) to CGC members and updates may follow.)

This year to engage attention, Clermont is inviting Botanical Arts designs, including Photography, a new category in the 2017 Handbook. The detailed descriptions of Pot-et-Fleur, Hanging Wreaths and Topiary classes are included in the Schedule, along with the requirements for the three classes of photos and, of course, the perennial favorite, 55 classes of horticulture. Really, something for everyone.



Where does it all come from? Members of CGC, and in some cases (when invited) Student Judges and NGC-Accredited Flower Show Judges from other clubs who need exhibiting credits. Judging is provided by 3-judge panels of NGC Accredited Judges, with the exception of Photography which requires two judges with recognized or professional standing to judge photos. (See *Handbook*.) The show is our opportunity to show off prize plants, cut specimens, creative

designs and the “instantaneous art” of photos in an atmosphere of friendly competition. Also, it’s a chance to bring home some well-deserved ribbons, along with judges’ comments, which are often an education in themselves! Judging is done according to an NGC Scale of Points for each category. (See Schedule!) Because of this rigor, your blue-ribbon entry will stand up to any other judged in the US.



So how do I decide what to enter? Attend the October 16th General Meeting (10 a.m. at the club) for a detailed “Show and Tell” from the Co-Chairs and the Horticulture Chair on both Horticulture and Botanical Arts. At the same time, sign up to participate in staging this terrific event. Several Committees need helping hands and there is no better way to get acquainted with other members than by plunging in to help with this signature Garden Club event! And, please, *read* that Schedule—it includes everything you need to know. *Mardi Gras...Let the good times roll!*



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Name Tags and T-Shirts

Get your Garden Club T-Shirt and Name Tag!

T-Shirt

Take a shirt (or buy a shirt there) to Shirt Shack. You will pay \$8.50 for the logo.

Shirt Shack: 16201 Hwy 50, Suite 303 Clermont, FL 34711
(Green Roof buildings next to Clermont Nissan)

Name Tag

Name tags may be ordered/purchased from:

Awards and More: 16730 Fosgate Rd Montverde, FL 34756
407-469-3811

Do not pay tax. Closed at noon on Fridays

Email Notices from Tina Worrell

Are you receiving email notices from our Corresponding Secretary, Tina Worrell? She sends emails with Garden Club updates. If you are not receiving emails, please call her 352-243-4035. Thanks!





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Save the Date

9/26 Thursday - Member Recruitment and New Member Orientation

Open to the public and to new members. Plan to attend an informative session about the Clermont Garden Club, our purpose, programs and plans.

10 AM – Noon at the Clubhouse, light refreshments will be served.

10/23 Wednesday - CGC Hosts District VII Fall Meeting at West Orange Country Club.

All members are encouraged to attend as our club is sponsoring this event! Stay tuned for more information and registration details.

HOLIDAY TEA TIME AND SWEETS by Tina Worrell

12/7 Saturday - The first Clermont Garden Club Tea and Sweets.

We will have floral designers demonstrating creative Holiday Designs. And you will have a chance to win an arrangement. We will need everyone to help with this fun event. There will be a variety of opportunities to help from decorating to serving. Seating will be limited so invite your friends to save the date. At the first CG meeting, there will be sign ups for your many talents. We look forward to this being the event of the year in Clermont and to become an annual social affair.



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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
- Botanical Design

The Co-Chairs are Alice Barrows and Arlene Rand.

Those interested in working on the committee should contact Alice.

Save those Greeting Cards!

Please save any greeting cards you might receive from the mail (you know the ones, they ask for donations and send cards in their envelope). Bring them to a meeting.

Tina Worrell is our new Corresponding Secretary and would like to have any extra greeting cards so she can have a card library available to send to our members in need of a friendly pick me up. (Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well)

Thanks in advance!



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Welcome New Member

Pamela Molesky

WELCOME
TO
OUR CLUB!

