



Hello CGC Members!

by Cindy Simon

I can't believe that it is June already and our 2020-2021 program year is over. We made it through the Covid-19 quarantine and many of us are now vaccinated. Another step closer to normality!

Since we normally do not have meetings during the summer, I thought you might be interested in having an update on what is going on. Many of you will be very busy during the summer.

An update on activities is provided below. Please have a great summer and I hope to see you Wednesday, September 15, 2021, for our General Meeting.

Membership – We have 48 members paid for the 2021-2022 program year. We started with 53 members, so 5 have not renewed for various reasons. This will be their last newsletter, as the email lists will be updated to reflect current members only.

Many members and committees will be hard at work during the summer:

Audit Committee (Pam Molesky, Sandi Eckstein, Julie Milburn) will meet once all financial records are ready;

Fun with Flowers events - I am working on setting up multiple events to include workshops for a succulent birdhouse, decoupage flowerpots, succulent pumpkins and a holiday arrangement to get us off to a great start inviting the public and our members to buy tickets to participate in these events;

Grounds Workdays - June 7 was the latest grounds workday. Please see the list later in the newsletter for the future dates. The rainy time has arrived, and we need to try to keep up with the weeds which become prolific at this time;

Plant at City Hall and Cooper Memorial Library – The loaning of plants will continue beginning in July. If you signed up for either City Hall or the Library, expect a reminder from our new chairwoman, Sandi Eckstein.

Programs – Pam Molesky is working hard to plan exciting and interesting programs for our General Meetings.



The 2021-2023 Executive Officers Installed at Year End Luncheon

The Year End Luncheon was held at the clubhouse on May 19, 2021, with 29 members in attendance. A General Meeting was held, followed by a buffet lunch, then Member Recognition and the Installation Ceremony.

Member Recognition (selected by our members!) was presented by Member Recognition Chairwoman Arlene Rand:

- Most Active New Member: Denise Palermo
- Outstanding Member: Barbara Williams
- Honorary Member Award: Alice Barrows
- Honorary Member Award: Pat Richardson

Arlene Rand performed the Installation Ceremony in a moving presentation that included presenting each Executive Officer with a “golden” rose to celebrate the auspicious occasion. A wonderful article and lots of pictures can be found on our website: Clermontgardenclub.com. Thank you to Gwen Carter for being the photographer and ending her Media Chairwoman position by posting an informative article and great pictures on the website!

Many members were involved in planning and executing the event:

Margaret Piper, Chairwoman, Alice Barrows, Reservations, Elaine Hogan received the checks, Installation arrangements were handled by Sandi Eckstein, Member Recognition/Installing Officer/Blessing were all carried out by Arlene Rand. Food committee: Sandi Eckstein, Pam Molesky, Cindy Simon. Flower shaped iced cookies created by Lisa Palermo. Decorating and Set-up Committee: Julie Milburn, Elaine Hogan, Denise Palermo, Linda Lauletta and Lisa Palermo. Beautiful name plates for the new officers were created by Tina Worrell. Agenda at each place setting was provided by Marilyn Paone. Clean-up Committee: Ruth Webb, Pat Richardson, Linda Lauletta, Gwen Carter, Cindy Simon, Sandi Eckstein, Marilyn Paone. There were also some members who stayed to help clean up and I’m sorry I don’t have all their names.



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The 2021-2023 Executive Officers are pictured below:



(from left to right) Cindy Simon, President; Pam Molesky, 1st Vice President; Denise Palermo, 2nd Vice President, Linda Lauletta, Recording Secretary; Margaret Piper, Corresponding Secretary; Elaine Hogan, Treasurer; Julie Milburn, Assistant Treasurer



A delicious lunch and fellowship at the annual end of year meeting and luncheon!





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Garden Club Update

Rentals are returning to our club! We are hosting weddings, baby showers, family reunions, memorials and more! Remind your friends and family of our beautiful clubhouse and grounds for their next event!

Summer rains returned on Memorial Day weekend – that means WEEDS! Please stop by either on a workday or on a convenient day that fits your schedule and pull a few weeds.

The City of Clermont will be trimming the camphor tree that overhangs the south side of the clubhouse this month. We appreciate their partnership!

The gazebo and interior of the clubhouse have received a fresh coat of paint!





Volunteers Needed for the Plant Sale on November 6, 2021



Please be prepared to volunteer to help sell plants at the Plant Sale. We will also be asking members for baskets to raffle again this year...we made close to \$700 on the raffles last November!
Pat Richardson will oversee the Plant Sale.

Expect a sign-up clipboard to be circulated at the September 15 General Meeting. We love our volunteers!

Ready, Set, Grow!

**Plant Sale & Raffle Saturday,
November 6, 2021**



Have you started growing the plants you will bring to the Plant Sale?

You have lots of time for cuttings, divisions, air layering, seed starting, etc. but you should get started now!

Remember plants should be healthy, well groomed, and NOT on the invasive plant list!



June - The First Month of Summer (and Hurricane Season)

Summer begins on the summer solstice (around June 22, the longest day of the year when the sun is furthest north) and ends around September 24 (the autumnal equinox). But in Florida, summer practically begins on June first and lasts weeks past the autumnal equinox.

June is also the first month of the official Atlantic hurricane season. If you did not prune your trees and palms in May, now is when you should do it. Trim back dead or weak branches from trees and make sure that you have all the limbs and fronds hauled off so that they do not become dangerous projectiles if a hurricane should approach. While Hurricanes have been rare in the month of June (the busiest part of the season is August, September, and October), it is not too early to prepare for one's approach. **Before a hurricane arrives is the best time to prepare your home and yard for one.**

If a hurricane does approach, be sure to bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.

This month, and all through summer, continue to fertilize since Florida's sandy soils do not hold nutrients well and your plants may begin to show signs of nutritional deficiencies. The heavy rains and consistent watering help to leach away the foods plants need to do their best. Pay special attention to plants which are heavy feeders such as palms and cycads. Insects are still on the prowl and will be until the cool weather sets in. Be aware and you will be able to end infestations of bad bugs before they begin. If you are still hoping to plant a traditional vegetable, herb or annual garden this month these are your best bets:

Vegetables: Boniato, Calabaza, Chayote, Cherry Tomatoes, Collards, Cowpeas, Dasheen, Okra, Peanuts, Roselle, Seminole Pumpkin, New Zealand Spinach, Southern Peas, Squash, Sweet Cassava, Sweet Potatoes, Yard-long Beans and Yautia.

Herbs: Basil, Chives, Dill, Ginger, Marjoram, Mint, Oregano, Sage and Thyme.

Flowers: Begonias, Caladiums, Cat's Whiskers, Celosia, Coleus, Cosmos, Cockscomb, Dianthus, Gaillardia, Ginger, Impatiens, Lantanas, Marigolds, Melampodium, Moon Vine, Pentas, Periwinkles, Porter weed, Portulaca, Purslane, Salvia, Strawflowers, Sunflowers, Torenia and Zinnias.

Bulbs: Achimenes, African Iris, Caladiums, Cannas, Crinums, Daylilies, Eucharis Lily, Gladioli, Gloriosa Lilies, Society Garlic and Zephyranthes (Rain Lilies).

Sources: Florida Home Grown; Florida Gardening Month by Month



New Member Open House

Mark your calendar!

August 18, 2021

New Member Open House

Save
the
Date

We will throw open our doors to new members and new member prospects at this Open House.

- ❖ Please plan to bring a friend as a potential member
- ❖ Open to the Public
- ❖ Light Refreshments
- ❖ Details to follow!



New
Member

Mike Godge

See you Soon!



Garden Workdays at the Clubhouse

We start @ 8 am until @ noon

ALL are welcome!

Bring your gloves, clippers, water, etc.

Garden Workdays

Monday, June 21

Monday, July 5

Monday, July 19

Monday, August 9

Monday, August 23



Happy Birthday!

June Baby!

Margaret Iler 6/14

July Babies!

Ruth Webb	7/5
Linda Lauletta	7/14
Gwen Carter	7/25
Mike Goodge	7/26

August Babies!

Linda Wentworth	8/1
Barbara Williams	8/3
Donna Kozick	8/4
Arlene Rand	8/11
Pat Olsen	8/13
Helen Ribbe	8/22