



# Clermont Garden Club Newsletter

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## Year End Luncheon and Installation of New Officers

The Year End Luncheon will be Wednesday, May 19, at our clubhouse starting at 11 am. You must RSVP by Wednesday, May 12 to Alice Barrows, [ahbarrows@gmail.com](mailto:ahbarrows@gmail.com), if you plan to attend. Cost is \$15. Make checks out to Clermont Garden Club and mail to Clermont Garden Club, PO Box 121322, Clermont, FL 34712-1322.



Social Time  
Annual Meeting  
Buffet Lunch  
Member Recognition  
Installation of Officers for 2021-2023

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES!**...Please pay NOW!

Payment for membership is now overdue for the 2020-2021 year.

Make checks payable to “**Clermont Garden Club**”

Your check must be mailed to Clermont Garden Club  
PO Box 121322, Clermont, FL 34712-1322

According to our by-laws, dues should be paid as follows:

Annual dues for active members...\$26.00 (this year only)

Of the dues each member pays, \$12.00 dues goes to FFGC, except for FFGC Life Members.

A list of current members who have paid their dues is sent to FFGC by June 1. If you are not on this list, you will be dropped from FFGC rolls and from the mailing of The Florida Gardener for the year.

Thank you for your continued support and membership to our club!





## Library Plant Loaned by Marilyn Paone



(Pictured with Marilyn, (L-R) Librarian Assistants Lexi Bigard, Liam Wagler, Kierston Bradley)

Marilyn loaned a Rex Begonia to the library for the month of May.

Rex begonias are known for their fabulous foliage. They are available in a wide range of colors, textures, and shapes. The leaves can vary in form and color. As house plants they are as easy to care for as they are easy on the eyes.

They like:

Sunlight - moderate to bright indirect light

Water - weekly allowing the top inch of soil to dry out between waterings

Humidity - will tolerate dry air but prefer high humidity. Avoid misting, which can lead to problems with powdery mildew

Temperature - average home temperature of 65 - 75 degrees F. If you're comfortable the begonia is comfortable.

Precautions:

Toxic to cats and dogs if ingested

## City Hall Plant Loaned by Leslie Temmens



(Pictured L-R is Leslie and City Hall Receptionist, Rose Ford)

Leslie loaned a very creative succulent planter. The plant and pot are embedded into the planter to give the arrangement a 3-D effect.

Succulents do not require much water and this arrangement will be very drought tolerant!





## Yard of the Month

The Clermont Garden Club has chosen the home of Mrs. Lucy Mir at 10424 Bronson Road as May Yard of the Month. Mrs. Mir inherited her mother's love of gardening and has been transforming the gardens since they moved in a couple of years ago. Their colorful beds are framed and accented by palms, cedars, and podocarpus, as well as assorted variegated shrubbery. The beds and hanging baskets are planted with a rainbow of flowers including calibrachoa, milkweed, allamanda, salvia, shrimp plant, lantana, bougainvillea, orchids, azaleas, hibiscus, bottlebrush, and even a Dutchman's pipe vine. Lucy's garden attracts many kinds of butterflies and hummingbirds. Thank you for sharing your lovely gardens with us.





## President's Report

**Annual Convention** – April 11-14. Twelve CGC members attended, the most in many years. We placed an advertisement in the convention program (see picture). Table decorations for convention meals were created by FFGC members and Tina Worrell won one! District VII had a new Director installed, Charlotte White from the Foliage Garden Club in Apopka, and our own Gwen Carter was retired as District VII Director. Gwen was recognized with an FFGC Life Membership. Gwen will now move on as the State Awards Chairman!

**District VII Spring General Meeting** – May 7. Five CGC members attended. Our raffle basket was created by Sue Randall, (see picture). Cindy Simon won a raffle basket from the Foliage Garden Club. The District VII Directors pin and gavel were passed from Gwen Carter to Charlotte White and Charlotte continued the meeting as new District VII Director. A very fun and informative program was presented in the form of a Jeopardy game by Maryann Krisovitch, Executive Director of the Florida Lake Management Society.





## **The Awards Just Keep on Coming!**

The Clermont Garden Club was recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the Club's efforts in Replanting and Beautifying Florida during the period March 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021. The Florida Federation of Garden Club's (FFGC) Certificate includes trees which were provided by the City of Clermont for Arbor Day and given out by Club members and trees planted by Club members. This placed the Club in second place for the number of trees planted by FFGC clubs in Florida.

## **Do You Know Someone Who Needs a Card for Cheer or Sympathy?**

Margaret will be the new Corresponding Secretary for 2021-2023.

Please contact Margaret Piper at [flowergal@cfl.rr.com](mailto:flowergal@cfl.rr.com) with the name of a member who might need some cheering up or sympathy.



Our Newest Member

KATHLEEN FIELITZ



## It's a New Year, What Would You Like to Do?



2021-2022 is a new program year! What would you like to do?

### **PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS**

Please provide suggestions for any programs, speakers, and field trips to Pam Molesky, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-elect and Program Chairman, at [gmo5793@aol.com](mailto:gmo5793@aol.com). Be as specific as possible! If you have contact information, please provide it!

### **FUNDRAISERS**

Have an idea for a fundraiser? Send your ideas to Cindy Simon, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, at [bsktcindy@earthlink.net](mailto:bsktcindy@earthlink.net).

### **PROJECTS**

Do you have an idea for a project that the club could become involved in? Suggestions should be sent to Cindy Simon, President-elect, at [bsktcindy@earthlink.net](mailto:bsktcindy@earthlink.net). Projects are things that we do to advocate gardening and promote an interest in gardening to the public even though the projects do not produce income for us. We currently provide a monthly plant to the Library and to City Hall, select and advertise a Yard of the Month, work with the East Ridge High School Garden Club and provide sponsorships for students to attend SEEK (the Save Earth's Environment Through Knowledge conference) and Wekiva Youth Camp.



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## Visit the Umbrellas at Historic Village

The Umbrella Art Project umbrellas painted by various non-profit organizations, including our own club, have been moved to the Clermont Historic Village. Elaine Hogan created our beautiful umbrella!





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## Spring Garden Festival Recap

Saturday, May 1 began with a beautiful sunrise! I know because I was at the clubhouse by 6:30 am with Debra Smidt to greet early vendors. This year we had a 17 vendors (up 4 from 2019).

I would like to thank all who provided raffle items or baskets. Our raffle totals were \$680! We did have a couple of baskets with expired items in them that we found out from the winners, so we'll do better next year!

Our total profit was \$1027 after expenses.

We had 27 members assist with providing raffles and working the event. THANK YOU ALL!

Anne Ellis, Denise Palermo, Lisa Palermo, Tina Worrell, Pam Molesky, Debra Smidt, Lori Toth, Linda Wentworth, Margaret Piper, Julie Milburn, Elaine Hogan, Arlene Rand, Barbara Williams, Donna Clement, Ruth Webb, Marilyn Paone, Sandi Eckstein, Gwen Carter, Katrina Stephenson, Pat Richardson, Sue Randall, Jane Caruso, Margaret Iler, Diane Wilson, Linda Lauletta, Helen Ribbe, Pat Olsen.





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## Plant Sale and Raffle – Saturday, November 6, 2021 Ready – Set – Grow!



It's time to begin planning which plants you will bring to the Plant Sale on Saturday, November 6, 2021. We will also ask for member created raffle items, which have become great sources of income!

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!

## Interesting Bromeliads Wanted!



The club grounds have bromeliads planted in shady areas. Due to natural selection, some have died or have been thinned out.

We have room for more bromeliads and are asking for donations of pups or mature plants that are not currently represented at the club.

You are welcome to bring them to the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Wednesday, May 19, or the next workday, Monday, May 24. If you drop them off when no one is there, please place them in the shaded area under the big oak tree at the cement bench in the back right corner behind the clubhouse.



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## What's happening at the Clubhouse?



Pat Richardson held a Grounds Committee meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021. There was discussion of the accomplishments made, such as the Wildlife and Butterfly Certifications, the maintenance of the grounds despite the pandemic and the success of our Plant Sale.

There will be continued improvements as the gazebo will be sanded, repaired and repainted as well as the repainting of the interior of the clubhouse walls, trim and interior doors.

The live oak in the front of the building will be trimmed to prevent people from walking into low hanging branches. Screening of the shed in the backyard is being considered.

The veggie bed and hydroponic unit will be broken down for the summer. Once the rains begin it will be hard to keep up with vegetables since fungus and insects will become prevalent. Last chance to come by and get herbs and vegetables!

The backyard has exploded with color as the new native trees, shrubs and flowers take hold. We will continue the master plan of adding walkways and expanding the beds.

Native plants will continue to be added to the backyard. If you have any native plants available and would like to donate them, please contact Pat Richardson at [ogrmapat42@yahoo.com](mailto:ogrmapat42@yahoo.com).

Please see the notice in this newsletter for the date of the 2021 Plant Sale and Raffle!

If you can come for a workday, or an hour on your own, please do! The weeds don't stop growing in the summer! (Darn!)





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## Summer Garden Workdays at the Clubhouse

We start @ 8 am until @ noon

ALL are welcome!  
Bring your gloves, clippers,  
water, etc.

## Garden Workdays

**Monday, May 24**

**Monday, June 7**

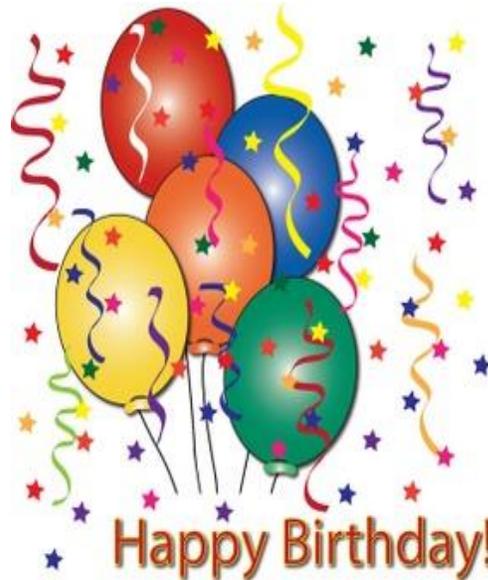
**Monday, June 21**

**Monday, July 5**

**Monday, July 19**

**Monday, August 9**

**Monday, August 23**



## May Babies!

**Diane Wilson 5/7**

**Muhammad  
Abdullah 5/12**

**Laramie Brown  
5/14**