



Clermont Garden Club Newsletter

September 2021
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September 15 – General Meeting

Program: Everything You Wanted To Know About Clermont Garden Club but were Afraid to Ask

Presenter: Pam Molesky & Arlene Rand

1st VP, Pam Molesky will review the activities and events for this program year. We will circulate committee clipboards and have a fun icebreaker game to get to know each other.

Member Recognition and Protocol Chair, Arlene Rand will provide a history of our club (do you know who the women on the wall of the clubhouse are?)

Time: 9:30 – 10:00 Social time
10:00 – Noon General Mtg & Program

Location: Our Clubhouse!

Masks Optional

Next Meeting – October 20

Program: Early Clermont up to the 1800's

Presenter: Ron Hill

Ron Hill is a member of the Clermont Historical Society. He will walk us through the history of Clermont up to the 1800's

Time: 9:30 – 10:00 Social time
10:00 – Noon General Mtg & Program

Location: Our Clubhouse!

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October Field Trip – Tuesday 10/5

Polk Training Center, Lunch & Shopping in Lake Alfred, FL

Carpool from the club for a wonderful day!

Tour the Polk Training Center and observe students working with plants. Plants are available for purchase.

Travel to The Barn for Lunch on your own. Then enjoy shopping for antiques and collectables, home décor, garden accessories and more!

Details in your Yearbook!

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Library Plant Loaned by Carol Walker

Receiving plant is Jamie Dayagdag (left), assistant librarian.

The plant of the month of September is the DRACAENA Angustifolia.

There are many different species of the Dracaena plant. The Angustifolia is an evergreen, and must be kept in moist soil, but never soggy. Drooping or yellow leaves indicate over-watering or poor drainage. Always let the top of the soil dry out completely between watering.

It tolerates dimmer light but grows slow as a result. Dracaena will tolerate pot-bound condition for a long period and is rarely bothered by pests or diseases. It does not need sunlight.

Dracaena is usually a very popular houseplant.



September Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month will resume in October.

If you see a yard or business frontage that you think would qualify as a Yard of the Month, please contact Julie Milburn, jmilburn4@cfl.rr.com.

Plant to City Hall Loaned by Denise Mercandetti

No picture available.



Fun with Flowers – Pumpkin Succulent Planter Workshop

New Date from Yearbook!

Saturday, Oct. 30 at the clubhouse from 10:00 am to Noon. Base cost \$40, with tax \$42.60. Register on Eventbrite by Oct. 4.

This workshop will use a live pumpkin as a planter for live succulent plants. As the pumpkin fades in a month or so, transfer your live plants to your own pots for years of enjoyment.

Paying with a credit card on Eventbrite will incur an event fee, as well as the cost of the event plus tax. Personal checks made out to Clermont Garden Club will include tax and must be received by Oct. 11.

Eventbrite link will be provided via email very soon! Contact Cindy Simon with any questions: bsktcindy@earthlink.net

The date change is due to an all-day Bridal/Baby Shower Rental.

District VII Fall Meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 27

Hilton Garden Inn, Apopka, 10:00 am. Let's show our CGC Spirit and attend!

Leave 8:30 am from Target parking lot close to McDonalds in carpools. Members are encouraged to attend!

RSVP to Cindy Simon by Wednesday, 10/13, if attending:
352-978-9542 or bsktcindy@earthlink.net



Meeting Reminders

Please follow these reminders during club meetings

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.

Cell Phones: Please have your phone turned off or on vibrate. If you must take a call, Please quietly leave the meeting and return when your call has completed.

Club Meeting Format:

9:30 – 10:00 Social Time w/Light Refreshments

10:00 – 10:45 General Meeting

10:45 – 11:00 Short Break

11:00 – Noon Program

Email Scam Alert!

Submitted by Marilyn Paone,
previous President of CGC

It's a SCAM!!



PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO E-MAILS WHICH ARE SUPPOSEDLY FROM ME BUT ARE NOT REALLY FROM ME. E-mails may ask if I “have a moment”, state that I “am out of town but need you to send gift cards,” or provide some other message. In the “From” line the e-mails always show my name but use a “@gmail.com” address for me.

My valid e-mail address is included in our Yearbook, and it is not “@gmail.com.” If you have any suspicions about an e-mail you receive, you can tell whether it is actually from me by going to the “From” line and clicking on the arrow which is next to my name to see the e-mail address used.

I apologize for any inconvenience to those who keep receiving the scam e-mails. I do hope they will give up trying if they never receive a response.



New Yearbook for 2021 – 2022 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.

August New Member Orientation and Open House

The new member orientation and open house was held on Wednesday, August 18, from 9:30 am – Noon. We had a wonderful attendance of current members, new members and potential members. After light refreshments and social time, Cindy Simon, President, provided a program describing the Clermont Garden Club's history and community involvement.



New Members!

Linda Chaize
Loretta D'Andrea
Carol M. Dixon
Barbara McDowell
Kim Sams
Carol Warner



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.



September Horticulture

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





GROW NOW for the November Plant Sale!

We will host a plant sale on Saturday, November 6, 2021, on our Club grounds. Plants for sale will be home-grown by our members. This means you should have started planning and planting over the summer.

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

Herbs

Houseplants

Natives

Perennials

Shrubs

Small Trees

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.

Members will also be asked to donate raffle items and/or baskets.



What are the Best Pots for Christmas Cactus?

From gardenloversclub.com

Unlike most other members of the Cactus family, Christmas Cactus (*Schlumbergera truncate*) didn't evolve in a dry, desert environment.



Instead, it has its roots as an under-story plant on the floor of tropical rain forests, and it's important to keep this in mind when cultivating it as a houseplant. There are several best practice guidelines for helping Christmas Cactus to look and perform its best, and one of the most important is choosing the right pot.

Here's what you need to know about choosing the best possible pot for your Christmas Cactus.

Un-glazed Ceramic Pots

Although it's tempting to show off your Christmas Cactus by placing it in a beautifully glazed ceramic pot, this is actually not recommended. The roots of Christmas Cactus plants source oxygen from the surrounding air, and this can't happen in glazed pots because they aren't porous. Fortunately, there are many attractive unglazed options, and many people find that their rustic appearance is better suited for cactus plants over their glazed counterparts anyway.



Choose a Pot With Good Drainage

Christmas Cactus doesn't perform well if its roots are allowed to become waterlogged, so be sure to choose a pot with at least one drainage hole and be sure to place a tray underneath the pot to capture any water that runs out when you water it. Only water your Christmas Cactus when the top one-third of the soil is dry to the touch.

Add water until it reaches the rim of the pot, and be sure to remove any water in the tray or saucer under the pot within 15 minutes to help prevent the roots from becoming waterlogged.

Consider Something Festive

Because Christmas Cactus lives up to its name by blooming during the holiday season, it's often given a front and center place along with another seasonal decor so that everyone can enjoy the flowers.

Choosing a colorful or otherwise festive pot can add to the spirit of the season. If the pot has a saucer attached to it, it can be used as a centerpiece on the table during holiday feasts.

Consider a Hanging Pot

Christmas Cactus has a semi-trailing growth habit, which makes them ideal candidates for placing in hanging pots.





Local Upcoming Events

Here are just a few of the garden-related events happening in our area in September and October. Enjoy!

Orchid Nanny 2021 September Sale - Saturday,
September 18, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
3013 Orleans Way N, Apopka, FL 32703
Orchid Sale!

Oakland Nature Preserve Community Open House September 25th from 10-2.

There will be:

- Native Plant Sale
- Try Archery
- Guided Hikes
- Animal Interactions
- Community Partners
- and more!!!!

The **Pumpkin Glow Jack-o'-Lantern Trail** is back this year! Join us for an evening of glowing Jack-o'-Lanterns, Painted Pumpkin Patches, nighttime trails, and lots of fun! We have 2 nights this year **Oct 29th and 30th**.

Garden Fest and More – September 25, 9 am – 3 pm
Plant City Train Depot, 102 N Palmer St, Plant City, FL
Event Sponsor – Plant City Garden Club, District VIII

Orlando International Orchid Show & Plant Sale – Fri-Sun Oct. 8-10 at Orchids in Bloom 2001 Rock Spring Rd, Apopka, FL
Orchid vendors and others

Garden Club of DeLand Annual Plant Sale – Saturday October 9
8 am – Noon
865 South Alabama Ave, Deland, FL 32724



Fun with Flowers Workshops

- 10/30 Saturday **Fun with Flowers: Succulent Pumpkin Workshop.**
Presented by member Cindy Simon. 10:00 am – Noon at the clubhouse. Register via Eventbrite by 10/4. Cost \$42.60 (with tax). Paying with a credit card on Eventbrite will incur tax and Eventbrite fee. Personal check total is \$42.60 made out to Clermont Garden Club. Full payment due 10/11. Open to Public. Date change from 10/23 due to an all day rental.
- 12/18 Saturday **Fun with Flowers – Holiday Arrangement Workshop**
11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Presented by member Julie Milburn. Register via Eventbrite by Monday, 12/6. Cost \$42.60 (with tax). Paying with a credit card on Eventbrite will incur tax and Eventbrite fee. Personal check total is \$42.60 made out to Clermont Garden Club. Full payment due 12/6. Open to Public.
- 1/22 Saturday **Fun with Flowers: Paint a Flower Pot Workshop.**
10:00 am – Noon at the clubhouse. Presented by member Cindy Simon. Register via Eventbrite by Monday, January 10. Cost \$31.95 (with tax). Paying with a credit card on Eventbrite will incur tax and Eventbrite fee. Personal check total is \$31.95 made out to Clermont Garden Club. Full payment due 1/10. Open to Public.
- 3/19 Saturday **Fun with Flowers – Terrarium Workshop**
10 am – Noon at the Clubhouse. Presented by member Cindy Simon. Register via Eventbrite by 2/28. Cost \$47.93 (with tax). Paying with a credit card on Eventbrite will incur tax and Eventbrite fee. Personal check total is \$47.93 made out to Clermont Garden Club. Full payment due 2/28. Open to Public.
- 4/23 Saturday **Fun with Flowers: Decoupage Flower Pots Workshop**
10 am – Noon at the Clubhouse. Presented by member Cindy Simon. Register via Eventbrite by 4/11. Cost \$31.95. Paying with a credit card on Eventbrite will incur tax and Eventbrite fee. Personal check total is \$31.95 made out to Clermont Garden Club. Full payment due 4/11. Open to Public.



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September Babies

Anne Ellis-Kerpsack 9/3
Carol Walker 9/3
Julie Milburn 9/4
Mary Adams 9/9
Donna Ferraguto 9/9
Kim Sams 9/9
Sandi Eckstein 9/28



Garden Workdays at the Clubhouse

We start @ 9 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, Sept 6

Monday, Sept 20

Monday, Oct 4

Monday, Oct 18

Monday, Nov 1

Monday, Nov 15

Monday, Dec 6

Monday, Dec 20

Monday, Jan 10

Monday, Jan 24

