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## Looking Ahead at GGC

October		
8	9:30 AM	BOD at GGC
14	10:00 AM	Distict V Fall Meeting
20	?	ZOOM FWF Video see article for details
22		Circle Meetings
29	10:00 AM	General Meeting and
	9:30 Social	Memorial Service
November		
2	10:00 AM	Judges Council District V
5	9:30 AM	BOD at GGC
10	10:00 AM	FWF ZOOM
12		Circle Meetings

## GGC Mission Statement

Members of the Gainesville Garden Club are special people who appreciate the importance of friendships while they promote the beauty in nature, stimulate a knowledge and love of gardening and design, aid in the protection of birds, butterflies and native plant material, and participate in civic and environmental responsibilities.

The first General Meeting provides awareness and understanding in our Community. It will be on Thursday, October 29th at 10:00 AM (social period starting at 9:30)



It will most likely be both an "in person" and a Zoom meeting, so that many can attend and decide which venue is best for them. Our speaker will be Abigail Perret-Gentil, founder of the Grace Garden Project and current Community Engagement Manager. GRACE Grows is a non-profit organization that collaborates with GRACE Marketplace to support its mission to end homelessness in our community. Their community garden located on the GRACE Marketplace campus provides a space for individuals to connect with nature, practice self-care, and find relief from the day-to-day stress of homelessness. For individuals who have experienced trauma, spending time in the garden promotes mental and physical health, provides a space where they can grow their own garden and interact with the community at large, learn about one another, and collaborate on a mission to wholeness. Many guests express that this garden is their reprieve from chaos and that they learn more through working the garden than they ever thought possible.



The October 29 General Meeting will also have the Memorial Service that was missed last May due to Covid.

## Open House at GGC to honor Ellen & Alan Shapiro When: Sunday, October 11, 2020, 2 – 4 pm

Please join me to say good-bye to our dear friends, Ellen and Alan Shapiro, who are leaving Gainesville by the end of the month to move closer to their grandchildren. These two wonderful people have been a part of the Gainesville Garden Club for over 20 years and I am so sad they are leaving us! They have made many major contributions that beautify all that they touch with their hearts and plantings!

This will be a casual affair held outside on GGC Grounds (weather permitting) and we would hope that all adhere to safety measures to keep us all safe.

I hope to see you next Sunday so that we can let Ellen & Alan know how much we appreciate all that they have done for us!

Linda

## President's Message

I am so pleased that so many of our members have continued to stay part of GGC for our 96th year – we are 225 members strong and still adding more! 2020 will bring challenges but I know we are a resilient force in our community and will weather what the pandemic brings us. Though we had to postpone our annual kickoff event, Aged to Perfection, we were able to hold a Junque d'Boutique (mini garage sale) and Plant Sale and made over \$1,400! It was exciting to get out again and see friends even though we were all wearing masks!

Our first General Meeting will be on October 29th and it will start at 10 am with 9:30 as social time. (The time in the year-book is incorrect) and we will hold it in person at GGC. Our speaker Abigail Perret-Gentil will talk to us about gardening at Grace Marketplace, the homeless center in Gainesville. That day, we will also have our Memorial Service which was cancelled last year. We will also have our first Fun with Flowers of the year on October 20th, and we will try out a new way of learning Floral Design!

I am looking forward to a nice fall season - this is the best time to garden!  
Linda

## Board of Trustees Report

The new storage room is finally complete with the inspection of the roof by the manufacturer and the final bill has been paid. It is guaranteed for 15 years as long as it is maintained in good condition with periodic inspections and cleaning. Bob Kline painted the existing wall included in the new construction to match and shelving units were purchased for optimal organization. In report: The Trustees suggested to the Board that rental rates be increased. A survey was conducted to ensure club rates are in line with competitors. Increase is 18-20% over previous pricing. It was suggested to reframe 4 of 9 Marge Deckers prints now hanging in the hall and ladies room as frames and matting are old and renovation would give new life to art. Kathy Stephens offered to donate the cost. It was suggested that the white cups and saucers in kitchen inventory be used in a fundraising project for the club. Plates and mugs would remain. All passed by vote of the Board of Directors.

Fran Maris, Chair



## District V Report

The pandemic has played dirty tricks on us! Our garden club year, that we were so looking forward to, was canceled. Our Spring District Five meeting was canceled because of Covid 19. Our District Five Board of Directors decided that it was critical that we have our Fall District meeting. We are very fortunate to have Kelley Wood, a member of District Five and Chairman of the "Virtual Platform Committee", set up by President Al Latina. Kelley will be the host of our District Five Fall Meeting, on October 14 at 10:00 by ZOOM (format). You must be registered to join the meeting. The last day to register is October 4. Please join our meeting! I know you will enjoy it! We will have the photo contest...I've been told the photos are amazing! you'll want to see who won!

Again, congratulations to District V for winning awards: Thanks to Sandra Arnold and Rose Kimlinger for putting these Award (winning) books together! Gainesville Garden Club does so many wonderful projects for our community. Please apply for awards...I'll bet you'll win!

My very best wishes to you and your families for good health, and happy holidays filled with wonderful memories.

Jeanice Gage District V Director

## Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

The 70th Edition of the FFGC Floral Design Calendar is available through FFGC web site. GGC has a few copies for sale - \$8.52. Congratulations to Margaret Chodosh. Her design received the Crystal Award, which positions her entry on the inside cover. This honor is runner up to the cover.

*They're Here!*

*The 70th Edition of the FFGC Floral Design Calendar has arrived!*

This calendar features 18 different named design types with several examples of each. The pictures of specific design types, all created by **Florida Floral Designers**, will help those starting out, inspire the experienced designers, and will make all FFGC members proud of the talent we have in Florida.

 <p><b>Showcase</b> (Front Cover) Award By Mayfair Hydro from Palmetto Bay District XII</p>	 <p><b>Crystal Award</b> By Margaret Chodosh from Gainesville District V</p>	 <p><b>Nature's Beauty</b> (Back Cover) Award Photographed by Holly Yocum from Ocala District V</p>
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The price is still only \$8 each (plus tax).  
To order - contact Lori Richie or your District Director.  
Lori can be reached at 1212 75th St. West - Bradenton,  
FL 34209, 941-717-1806, and [lori@richieccs.com](mailto:lori@richieccs.com).

Get yours while they last!  
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## FFGC Award Submissions for 2020

Due to the COVID-19 virus FFGC is changing how we submit awards for 2020. Judging will be limited to the FFGC Awards Committee chaired by Valerie Seinfeld, FFGC Awards Chair Joanne Mulinare, FFGC Awards Vice-Chair ffgcawards@gmail.com.

GGC members and Circles are encouraged to submit award applications for one or more of their programs or projects. Information on the Awards is listed on the FFGC.org website. Jeannie Bender, GGC Awards Chairman, and Sandra Arnold, District V Awards Chairman, will be happy to help you complete an application and/or answer any questions you may have.



# *The State of the Garden Center*

## **Building**

The new storage addition is completed with the final inspection. This included the roof over the old storage unit and the kitchen. The air conditioner in the main building has been replaced. We have received bids for gutter screens including guttering for our new storage building. We need to paint the walls and ceiling and replace the flooring in the Garden Room.

Janet Felder, Chair

## **Rentals Committee Update**

The impacts of Covid-19 have been significant on the rentals program. As a venue that serves the public by renting our facilities to the community, we follow the guidelines set forth by the City and County regarding social gatherings. These guidelines limit our ability to rent to any group greater than 50 people. As a result, we have had to cancel some existing bookings or have gained agreement to reschedule other rentals to a future date. In the current environment, we cannot accept any new bookings that exceed the 50 person limit and this has significantly decreased the rentals of our buildings. We are confident that, as restrictions ease, our rentals program will be in demand again. We are already seeing more activity in October and are hopeful that this trend may continue.

Following a detailed analysis of pricing at other local venues, a rental fee increase was proposed to the Board of Directors. The increase in fees will improve future revenue streams while still remaining highly competitive in the Gainesville market. The Board approved the rental increase which went into effect September 1, 2020.

Submitted by Mona Rippe, Rentals Chair

## **Grounds**

**Celebration Garden** - Hardscape is complete for this phase. Aza-leas, Tea Olives and Camellias have been purchased and planted. Many thanks to the family of Suzanne Frye (Mimosa Circle) in her memory, for the seed money to start this garden and for the other donations to make this financially possible. Many thanks to Jean Fouraker for her design concept and labor of love in the many hours she spent shopping, arranging, and planting/digging mondo grass from her own yard to plant in ours. To Deedee Whitehead for the many hours she has spent digging, arranging, shopping and advising. To Bruce Cavey for all he's done and with Greg Young for his diligence in laying the pattern and making

sure it was all just right! To the many others who shoveled, moved soil, planted, watered and loved on this garden, YOUR club is grateful and it is beautiful! More work is still to be done and lots of plants will eventually be available for purchase. We look forward to the Dedication of this special garden.

Fran Maris, Chair

## **Financial**

News from your Treasurer...

Total Cash & Investments, as of September 30 2020:

Checking: \$ 3,184.09

\*Money Market: 54,571.76

\*CD 1433 (Maturity Date: 1/31/2021) 50,546.37

\*CD 0916 (Maturity Date: 7/08/2021) 25,016.95

Total \$133,319.17

**Fundraiser Income from Junque Boutique and Plant Sale: \$1,584! and it was fun to see everyone!**

Kathy Stevens, Treasurer

## **Membership**

Our membership stands at 225. Begonia has 1 new member, Daisy 3 new members, Jasmine - 4 new members and Mimosa added 2 new members.

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Mary Harding, First Vice President

Our silver bullet garden hose and nozzle used especially to water the two planters at the entrance as well as used for many other purposes, is missing. More than likely, it has been stolen. Please be aware of leaving items on the club premises as they will disappear, sadly!

If anyone would like to donate another retractable hose (100') and a nozzle, we would love it!



# Civic and Community Service

## Habitat Women Build Project



Ellen Shapiro attending to the landscaping

Dear Women Build Volunteers and Friends,

WB House #13 passed its final inspection! Many thanks to Alachua Habitat for Humanity's construction staff -- Beth, Gene, and Jim -- and to our site supervisor, Russ Mills, and his RBBI crew for finishing the job after volunteer activities were suspended.

The house looks even more beautiful now that landscaping has been installed. The Gainesville Garden Club donated shrubs and flowering plants and 11 volunteers from the club installed them around the house. Masheria, our family partner, spread mulch all around and she is caring for the plants and lawn while waiting for the house closing. Chestnut Hill Nursery donated two, large flowering pear trees. We greatly appreciate all these donations and efforts and especially want to thank Ellen Shapiro, who spearheaded the Garden Club's contributions. Ellen planned and helped execute the landscaping of all of Women Build's houses, and she will be greatly missed when she leaves Gainesville in the fall.

Habitat expects that the paperwork for the house closing will take about 45 days. Stay tuned for news about the dedication, which due to the coronavirus pandemic, may be in a different format than usual.

Thanks again for all your support.  
-- the Alachua Women Build steering committee

## GGC Landscape Project

The Gainesville Garden Club continues to make progress on the Celebration Garden adjacent to the Laura Carmichael Building. The hardscape path was completed along with the mondo grass border that frames it. The bench donated by Ellen and Alan Shapiro is in place. We have added additional mondo plantings plus sasanqua



camellias, white ruffle azaleas, tea olives and autumn ferns. We will look forward to seeing this Celebration Garden grow and evolve in the future.

Jean Fouraker

## Yard of the Month Project

Daisy Circle is sponsoring a "Yard of the Month" project and will be recognizing exemplary examples of gardening by residents of Gainesville who have created welcoming and plant-based front yards and especially creative ideas in landscaping. Hopefully, this award may inspire neighbors to garden as well as provide recognition for the homeowner's hard work.

Awards will be given from June through December and March through May and will represent all sections of Gainesville by rotating the judging from the West, East, North and South. In addition to placing a sign in the homeowner's yard (a well-deserved ego boost) the recipient will also receive a certificate and a \$25.00 gift card from a local garden center.

The "Yard of the Month" sign honors and rewards home owners for their beautifully landscaped yard. It serves as a big thank-you card from Daisy Circle for community residents to see.



To nominate a homeowner for this award, please call: Sandra Arnold at 352 332-6342 or email her at [searnold6348@gmail.com](mailto:searnold6348@gmail.com).

# It's Amaryllis Time !! ...

*And these are a few of our favorite things !*

This year's selections cover a wide range of bulbs - a some are new introductions, one or two from a specialized bulb grower & a few of the most popular from last year!

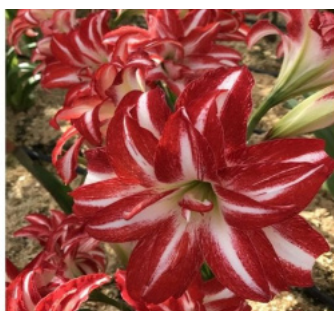
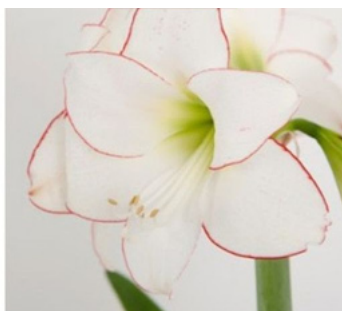
- Based on last year's survey, we have added ....
- Forcing containers made specifically for amaryllis
- Bamboo stakes (cut from a Garden Club member's garden!!)
- A new variety of "Gator Bulb"
- Offer several special bulbs from a new company
- Purchase directly from our website with your credit card!

Pricing is a Club Benefit; our pricing includes both sales tax and shipping so you receive a 22% discount right off the top! And it's a Fundraiser - so order lots! And order directly through us. Force them, plant them, and gift them! Brighten up those dark winter days!

As you know, final selections may vary due to last minute stock changes incurred by the bulb companies - we will check back with you if we have changes.

We are ordering early to insure first dibs on the best selection as they arrive from Holland so the last day bulbs can be ordered is October 15th.

Information and pricing for the bulbs and containers available to order was sent to all members via a blast with an order form to print out and send with payment to the GGC Post Office Box. If you didn't get the information, please contact Pauline Schochet at 333-0399 or schochetp@gmail.com.



## Fun With Flowers

Open to All Members and the Public

Fun With Flowers presentation will be online this year. Here's how to sign up:

- Send a check for \$20 made out to GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB to Shelley Warner 5319 NW 9th Lane Gainesville FL 32605-6409
- Shelley must receive your check BY OCTOBER 9
- Include your email address if you are a member of the Public
- Pick up your flowers at the Garden Club on Oct 20; hours of pickup will be emailed to you
- Watch the video of the florist making the arrangement, as many times as you want, which will be posted online. Use the video to help you make a beautiful arrangement.



Despite covid, Fun with Flowers will be held this year, though with a different format. The cost will remain \$20. There will be NO paper signup sheet at circle meetings and NO payment "at the door".

To sign up for FWF, mail a check for the amount of \$20 made out to GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB to Shelley Warner at her home at - 5319 NW 9th Lane, Gainesville FL 32605-6409

For the October FWF your check MUST BE RECEIVED by Shelley Warner BY OCTOBER 9.

On Oct 20, the day of FWF, Shelley Warner and Susan Thrall will put together the "packets" of flowers and materials for each paid participant. The florist (Betsy Gardner from The Plant Shoppe) will be videoed making the arrangement. The video will be posted on the GGC website with instructions giving the video online link. Shelley Warner and Susan Thrall will hold a curbside pickup of the materials "packets" for all paid participants. Hour(s) for curbside pickup will be emailed to each participant. Once participants have picked up their packets, they can watch the video of the florist presentation at home at their leisure, and as many times as needed, to make their arrangement.

Note that there will be no in-person FWF for participants, so all can stay healthy and safe. This is a work in progress so directions might change as it is fine-tuned.

PLEASE MAKE SURE SHELLEY RECEIVES YOUR CHECK FOR OCTOBER FWF BY OCTOBER 9. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB. Please email any questions to Susan Thrall at [susan@thrall.us](mailto:susan@thrall.us) Susan

## Roadside Cleanup

--Janet Greene

The October Roadside Cleanup has been cancelled. We are hoping to resume in December with our scheduled day of Sat. Dec. 7th. We will continue to use the Cricket Wireless parking lot to meet up. The address is 405 NW 13th St. More info will be sent out as it gets closer.



# Horticulture

*A few updates and news on the GGC horticulture scene.....*

Kathy Fanning, Chair

1. As many of you know GGC has been involved in wildflower projects for many years and this time of year we are right around the corner from the best time to sow wildflower seeds. Some of us on the horticulture committee are again working with Alachua County Public Works (PW) to plan for two roadway median seedings in early November. One is a small median on NW43rd Street and the other is a reworking of our previous NW 16th Avenue wildflower seeding. We have very recently gotten assurances that PW will be able to do the necessary site preparation work which is so critical for successful seed germination and establishment. We are planning to use a wildflower seed mix that can provide color through several seasons. As we get closer to seeding time we will be asking for more help, so let me know if you would like to volunteer!
2. Another related new initiative in our community is the work the Sierra Club is spearheading by making an application for Gainesville to receive the Bee City USA designation. This designation is not just to promote bees but also other pollinators and especially plants that support these pollinators. The intent is to increase pollinator friendly plantings for all pollinators and increase pollinator friendly plants in cities and counties all over the country. If this application is approved, there will be many ways GGC can partner with this initiative for the benefit of both organizations and the community.
3. And lastly, in late October there are plans for a garden tour or two (hopefully) in the southwest area of the county. It should be more pleasant weather so keep looking for an announcement with further details soon.

Stay safe and happy gardening! Hopefully the weeds will start to slow down soon with some cooler weather!!

## *Your Garden Calendar*

Thanks to our friends at IFAS, you can keep up with WHAT TO PLANT and WHAT TO DO in your Florida garden for every month of the year. Here is a snapshot for you that covers October-December.

### WHAT TO PLANT

#### October

Petunia, shasta daisy, foxglove  
Daffodil  
Sage, dill, fennel, oregano  
Onions, lettuce, spinach, arugula  
Camelias

#### November

Pansy, viola, chrysanthemum  
Amaryllis, crinum, daylily  
Cilantro, parsley, thyme  
Broccoli, cabbage, kale, lettuce  
Camelias, Taiwan Cherry

#### December

Snapdragon, alyssum, lobelia  
Amaryllis  
Garlic, comfrey

### WHAT TO DO

#### October

**Lawns** – Apply preemergent herbicides to lawns when nighttime temperatures are 55-60 degrees F; Overseed with annual ryegrass for a green winter lawn when daytime temperatures are in the low 70s

**Landscaping** – Plant evergreen hollies

**Pine needles** – Gather and use for natural mulch

**Strawberries** – This is the last month to set strawberry plants in the garden or in large containers

**Camelias** – Fertilize new plantings with 0-0-22

**Pruning/Deadheading** – Take off dead blooms and seeds to encourage new flowers

#### November

**Citrus** – Protect from freezing temps by watering well at least a day before the freeze

**Scale Insects** – Apply dormant oil sprays to control insects on trees and shrubs

**Irrigation** – Turn off systems; plants need less supplemental water in cooler weather

**Flowering Trees** – Debud or remove some buds from camelias to stimulate larger blooms later

**Birds** – Make a small brush pile from plant debris in your backyard for birds

**Pruning/Deadheading** – Take off dead blooms and seeds to encourage new flowers

#### December

**Cold Damage** – Wait until warm weather returns to cut back cold-damaged plants

**Soil** – Perform a soil test if plants are not performing as desired or if new plantings are planned

**Compost/Mulch** – Use fallen leaves to boost compost piles or as mulch to protect plant roots

**Pruning/Deadheading** – Take off dead blooms and seeds to encourage new flowers

## A Look Back in Time

1946 – The FFGC sponsored a Forest Conservation Bill introduced in the State Legislature pertaining to fire prevention and reforestation.

1947-49 - Mrs. Fred Borland was president and the garden club requested the city planner to form a “Keep Florida Green” conference at which time “Seeds for Peace” movement began. The Garden Club helped organize a garden club in Newberry. GGC planted 12 live oak trees on the Court House Square. The Gernium Circle was organized for businesswomen.

1949-50 –Mrs. G. Kirkpatrick was president. Rootings were given to families living in Flavet III and the club beautified the intersection of 9th Street and Archer road. The District 3 meeting was held in Gainesville. A 25th Anniversary tea was held at the home of Mrs. J. Oneal Cox.

1950-52 – Mrs. James Day was president when the club decided to cooperate with the Men’s Garden Club in creating a camellia garden to honor the late Mr. Roy Wilmot. “Flowers for Peace” was the theme of the flower show. Two hundred fifty pine seedlings were planted at city schools for Arbor Day.

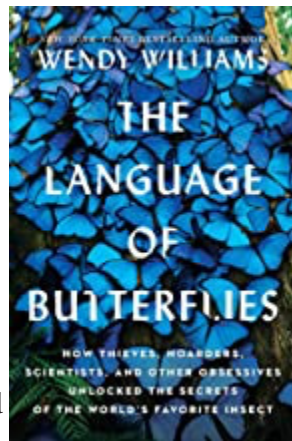
## The Language of Butterflies

by Wendy Williams

How Thieves, Hoarders, Scientists, and other Obsessives Unlocked the Secrets of the World’s Favorite Insect

Book Review by Linda Schoellhorn

This was a fascinating and very entertaining book all about the history of butterflies all the way up to current knowledge about butterflies. If that sounds boring, think again! Ms. Williams is such a great storyteller adding humor and human interest that I found it hard to put the book down. For example, we learn that in the 1600’s a young woman discovered the relationship between butterflies and caterpillars – prior to that time they were thought to be different species and one was angelic and one was evil! Several women are featured as being early scientists in their male dominated world in discoveries about butterflies. Ms. Williams also traveled to many locations around the world, and I found myself using satellite maps on the internet to take a closer look. Her writing made me want to explore even more. “The world’s favorite insect,” she writes, “unites us across generations and across space and across time. They are elemental. A butterfly is an entire universe, right there in the palm of your hand.” Kirkus reviews sum it up by saying “A merry jaunt through the past, present, and future of butterfly pop science.” I couldn’t agree more! This is not a big book and it is very easy to read and enjoy!



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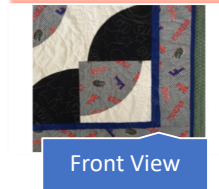


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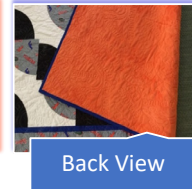
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Front View



Back View



Close Up View

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## Birthday Blessings

Yvonne Currie  
Jeanice Gage  
Sandy Jones  
Lois McNamara  
Mary Schindler  
Betty Parkell

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Claudia Lambert 4  
Stacey Copenhaver 5  
Michelle Jensen 6  
Alee Karpf 9  
Cile Pfahler 13  
Jill Carter 14  
Carol Knowles 15  
Brent Weisman 16  
Ami Kanu 17  
Donna Heider 22  
Kathy Stephens 24  
Lyne Randazzo 30







Butterfly Garden and RMH entrance:  
September - Begonia  
October - Daisy  
November - Gardenia

### **Begonia Circle - Jo Lee Houlihan**

Begonia Circle met at the home of Inez Brooker for our first meeting of the year. We enjoyed refreshments on the deck and then had our meeting.

Begonia had a very good meeting in spite of our missing members due to Covid 19. Our program was a video entitled Table Top Flower Arrangements. The video was very educational and informative for everyone.

Begonia Circle will be selling Caladiums again this year. More information to follow.

Lee Kline and Chris Payne worked with Westwood Middle School teacher Susan Shrum planting a winter garden along with several students. This is an ongoing program for Begonia. Many of the students are learning for the first time about growing the food we eat. We did have some students returning from last year who are very enthusiastic about this program as well.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Lynnette Worley. The program will be held outside with Bubba from Wild Birds Unlimited speaking to us.

In November our meeting will be at Gainesville Garden Club. It is planned that we will do a fall arrangement designed by Lorene Junkin.

We wish everyone the best and to continue to stay healthy and safe.



### **Daisy Circle - Sandra Arnold**

Daisy Circle has been communicating by email since March due to having to stay home because of the Corona Virus. We decided on a new project for the coming year – Yard of the Month. We began recognizing homeowners who had attractive and well landscaped yards in different areas of Gainesville. Awards were given as follows: for the month of June – Darla Brill (West); July – Mrs. Ellen Rush (East); and August - Dan & Beth Talaga (South). As a fundraising project Daisy Circle will be selling our Garden Club Manual which won the state and national publication award for 2019. We are also selling cloth face masks in a variety of patterns, including Gator!

We are pleased to announce that we have had 3 new members join our circle: Yvonne Curry, Hallie Peyton, and Gail Stallings

### **Jasmine Circle - Carol Binello**

Jasmine Circle is 105 members strong as we kick off the 2020-21 year. It looks like we will be holding Zoom meetings for a while... at least through the end of 2020. At that time, we can re-evaluate. In these scary, uncertain times, we all are trying to stay safe and come up with creative ways to communicate, visit,

and learn from each other.

Jasmine volunteers had a busy summer - from weeding the Ronald McDonald House entrance and the GGC Butterfly Garden, to creating a professional landscape at Rawlings Elementary School. Speaking of professional, you all need to check out the Celebration Garden on the grounds of GGC that Jean Fouraker designed and has been working on, along with Bruce Cavey, Greg Young, and many other Garden Club members since the beginning of the year. You'll hear more about it soon. In May, 11 Jasmine members landscaped, seeded, mulched, watered at the new Habitat Women Build home. It was time to get out of the house for a bit, so several Jasmine members opened their gardens for a tour in June.

Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival was cancelled earlier this year, which is Jasmine's main fundraising opportunity. We sell chance tickets for a lucky person to win an adult wagon full of gardening goodies, and a child's wheelbarrow, also full of fun gardening things for children. So, members are coming up with other fundraising ideas for our Circle. Valerie Mountjoy donated an incredibly beautiful 80" X 80" Gator quilt to be raffled at a later date. The funds will benefit both Jasmine Circle and GGC. Mona Rippe's great idea for Each One/Teach One was introduced which taps into the many talents of our Jasmine members. A list is already started with things members are willing to teach another member... knitting, baking bread, changing a tire, etc. Soon the list will be distributed so other members can sign up to learn from these fantastic talents. A fee will be charged to the "student" which will benefit Jasmine Circle. At our September meeting, Kristy Welch introduced an idea for future Zoom meetings. She presented a slide show of the Queen's Winter Garden, which she visited and encouraged other Jasmine members to put together a 5-minute presentation, with her help and guidance, if needed. In this way, our members can share their gardens, visited gardens, how-to videos, etc. to the group. This year we're starting something new. Mona Rippe has purchased calendars for each Jasmine member and reported what should be going on in our gardens during the months of October and November. In November, she will present things we should be thinking about for our gardens during December and January, and so on. It has been very helpful so far and you can see the list which will be published in the Seedling. This list is based on the monthly IFAS suggestions for our gardens.

We are looking forward to our next two meetings. At our October 22 Circle Zoom meeting David Barnes, Director of Grow Hub, will speak on "Grow Hub – Compassionate Gardening at Work". On November 12, Rick Schoellhorn will be presenting "Begonias and Beyond".

### **Mimosa Circle - Janet Greene**

Mimosa Circle met at GGC on Sept. 24th with nine members in attendance. It was not our typical meeting as everyone wore a mask and sat 6 feet apart. We checked out the new storage room and the Celebration Garden. We voted to donate to Ronald McDonald House and Penny Pines. We also voted to furnish the paint for the Garden Room and Bob Kline has generously offered to do the painting. We will be making our Poinsettia napkin



holders again to distribute throughout the community. Members picked up felt pieces to start cutting at home. At the Boutique d' Junque, we sold cloth masks, sand bags, gardening gloves and angle weeders. We raised \$187.00 and really appreciate the support from attendees. Nine Mimosa members were there with everyone finding something to purchase.

#### Wildflowers - Rose Kimlinger

Wildflowers members have been laying low for the most part but we did get together for a nice circle meeting in September. We met at Cofrin Park in the picnic area and enjoyed a rather cool, breezy morning with seven members in attendance. Two members signed up for Fun with Flowers video presentation and three members will be attending the District V Zoom meeting. We discussed the possibility of helping the Horticulture Committee with the wildflowers project on 43rd Avenue. Rose will contact Kathy Fanning about that. We also discussed looking into some volunteer work with Working Food. Karen Trull will investigate those opportunities. Our circle plans for the remainder of the year remain in limbo as we wait out the Covid 19 epidemic. Our plans for the October meeting with a tour of Paynes Prairie are being discussed with them to see about the feasibility of moving forward. It has been a distressing time for all of us but we maintain our connections with friends and family and pray to be back on the right track in the near future. Stay safe, continue social distancing and wear masks!!

## 2019-2020 In Memoriam

Jessie Fish Brabham (Mimosa)  
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