

February 2015



Lee Kline

Begonia Circle Hosts the February 26th Combined Meeting at 10:00 AM:

Old Garden Roses and Propagating

Lee Kline, Consulting Rosarian, and a most experienced rose grower, will tell us about Old Garden Roses, as well as demonstrating how to propagate roses from cuttings. Lee will have cuttings of the Old Garden rose 'Cramoisi Superieur' for members who want to try a hand at propagating and then take home a baby rose. Thanks to Inez Brooker for supplying all the cuttings. In addition, Cydney Wade, owner of Rose Petals Nursery, will be on hand with potted roses to sell to any Garden Club members who want to add some easy care roses to their gardens.

About Our Speaker:

Lee originally hails from Connecticut, where she grew about two dozen roses. More impressively, she earned a plaque from the U.S. Congress, thanking her for her service as office manager for Congressmen Chris Shays and Steward McKinney of the 4th District. Moving next to Charleston, she and her husband Bob bought a house on a tidal creek (at the time of the purchase, the yard was planted with four roses). By the time they moved to Gainesville, their one-acre lot featured 150 roses and 200 camellias! While in Charleston, she learned the art of propagating roses from the internationally famous rosarian Ruth Knopf. At present Lee volunteers in the rose garden at Kanapaha Botanical Garden. She has always avoided pesticides, and consequently her yard in Gainesville was chosen to be part of a two year UF Wildlife, Plant and Bee Study.

So come February 26th at 10:00 AM. Learn a valuable new horticultural skill and take home a rose cutting that you will have potted for propagating. You'll probably also be tempted to buy some of Cydney's roses!

Kenapaha Spring Garden Festival March 21- 22

The Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival is almost here. Members are needed to volunteer in the Children's Corner on both days. Volunteering is a very positive way to keep GGC front and center in the eyes of the community. The parents and children enjoy such activities as planting small plants, creating butterfly and bug crafts and making newspaper hats. GGC also receives a portion of the profits from the festival each year.

March 5 At 11:00 AM General Meeting:

"Landscape Design: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"

By Dr. Gail Hanson, MS, MLA, PhD

This presentation will explore the plants and landscapes we prefer and why we like them. Dr. Hanson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Horticulture and at the Center for Landscape Conservation and Ecology she is an Extension Specialist in Landscape Design.

It is time to order your Caladium bulbs



Candidum



Postman Joyner



Fannie Munson



Moonlight

Caladiums originated in the Amazon jungles of South America. 95% of all caladiums are grown in the Lake Placid area. The grower that we use is Bates Sons and Daughters, Inc. The third generation of Bates is now running their 100+ acre farm.

Outdoor planting is recommended after April first for north Florida. Most caladiums prefer filtered shade or afternoon shade with morning sun. When planting them in full sun, plant them closer together and water every day. Caladiums can be grown in beds or pots. Cut leaves will keep two to three weeks indoors.

Mimosa Caladium **sales will begin in February - to be delivered April 18th.** Price: \$2.50/bag of 4 fancy bulbs or \$3.00/bag of Dwarf or Strap variety bulbs. You may chose from 10 varieties of fancy leaf and 5 varieties of Strap or Dwarf. Please call (386-462-1640) or email Janet Felder for more information.

Arbor Day

On Thursday, January 22, Gainesville Garden Club celebrated Arbor Day by planting two Weeping Willow trees on the club grounds. President Peggy Billings hefted a shovel and members gathered round to cheer her on. Florence and Carl Cline brought Red Maple and Eaglestone Holly trees to distribute to those in attendance. Many thanks to Florence & Carl!

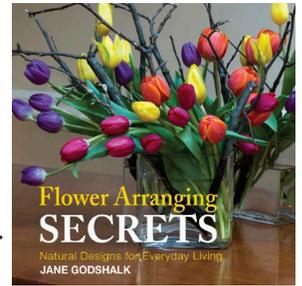


Peggy Billings, President

Who Is Up For a Field Trip?

Jacksonville Garden Club
Designer of Distinction
Program presents:

Jane Godshalk,
"Flower Arranging Secrets"



10:30 AM Thursday, March 12th.

The cost of \$40 per person includes Luncheon which will be served following the program. The designs will be raffled and the Boutique at the Garden Club will be open for shopping.

Checks, credit cards and cash are accepted. Make your reservations early with Robin (office manager) at 904-355-4224, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. .

The Cummer Art Gallery is next door to the Garden Club and available for an afternoon visit to make a very nice day.

Email or phone Mo Dawson if you are interested in car-pooling.

GGC Card and Game Day Luncheon



Pauline Schochet, Alicia Churchill, Rose Kimlinger

Attendees at the Game Day event were greeted with colorful Luau decorations and enjoyed a buffet lunch, prizes and time with friends. A special thank you goes out to all who worked during the event and to those who purchased tickets, donated money, and brought food. We appreciate the support by circles, club members and friends from the community. The event raised \$850.00.

New(s) Sprouts is a flyer to be issued as needed between the bi-monthly publications of The Seedling - Gainesville Garden Club's official newsletter.

Email notices for publication to Maureen Dawson. Please include identification information when submitting photos.