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## Looking Ahead at GGC

### December

5 9:30 am	GGC BOD
7 8:30 am	Roadside Clean-up
10 10:00 am	General Meeting Holiday Design Workshop Brunch
12	Circle Meetings
19 11:30 - 3:00	Ronald McDonald House Gingerbread House Event Cade Museum

### January

2 9:30 am	GGC BOT
8-9	FFGC Winter Bd Meeting
16 9:30 am	GGC BOD
17	Arbor Day Celebration
21 10:00 am	Fun with Flowers
23 10:00 am	Combined Circle Meeting Travelogues of Gardens Gardenia - Host 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.

### General Meeting/Workshop

## Holiday Workshop with Claudia

Our next General Meeting will be coincident with the Christmas workshop on December 10. Our own Claudia Bates will be our presenter at the Christmas workshop. We will have a delicious brunch with breakfast casseroles, fruit, and sweets starting at 10:00. During the brunch time, Claudia will demonstrate several floral arrangements. When brunch is over there will be a short break. Then we will proceed to the Fun With Flowers part of the workshop where attendees will make an arrangement with Claudia leading us through the steps. This General Meeting has already sold out at 76 participants.

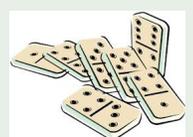


The Glue Gun Gang preparing for the workshop: L to R: Shelley Warner, Kathy Powell, Mary Harding, Linda Schoellhorn, Carol Binello, Inez Brooker. Missing from photo: Janet Greene, Susan Thrall.

## Card & Game Day Luncheon

Wednesday, January 9, 2019  
11 AM – 3 PM

Join us for lunch and then play cards/games with your friends. Or, you can just stay for lunch and participate in the drawings for gift baskets, 50/50, and the chance at door prizes which will be distributed after lunch before the games begin. Best of all, by purchasing a ticket, you will help Daisy Circle fund its community service projects. Tickets: \$20.00 each or 4 tickets for \$50.00. Tickets will be distributed in January.



## President's Message



As we move into our winter holiday season we have so much to be thankful for! I am especially thankful for the generosity shown by our members in contributing almost \$20,000 to the GGC Capital Campaign which will help us keep our facility maintained and even improved.

Our calendar for 2020 continues to keep us busy. In January, we will plant Long Leaf Pine to celebrate Arbor Day and encourage members to plant at least one tree (native) in support of the NGC Plant America with Trees program. Though we support reforestation with Penny Pines, if each Garden Club member plants just one tree, we will have added 165,000 trees to our nation. In January, Gardenia Circle will treat us to a Combined Circle meeting with *Travelogues of Interesting Gardens*. Daisy Circle has their Card Party Fundraiser in February and we are also working with Sawdust Dreams on a craft project for members. March is a full month too, with the Garden Party & Fashion Show, benefitting Haven Hospice, and the Spring Garden Festival with the Children's Corner. We will wrap up the year in May, starting with a field trip to do some blueberry picking, and then we will attend the District V Spring meeting in Ocala, followed with our last General meeting of the year with Dr Tom Hctor, talking about landscape conservation. And through all of this we will continue to have Fun with Flowers!

Happy New Year to all!

Linda

## District V Fall Meeting

The fourteen garden clubs in District V have all been busy with programs and their commitments to their communities. This Director has talked with several garden clubs; always amazed at how much these clubs do! It is our hope that they will apply for awards for these projects!

We are already busy planning for the Spring District V meeting. Please put May 13, 2020, on your calendar! Pioneer Garden Club will be our host, we will meet in Ocala. Riverhaven Garden Club had 106 members at the Fall District meeting! Bet we can do that again! I know that Pioneer G.C. always does a fantastic job....so you won't want to miss this one!

A reminder also. Deep South Garden Club (4/13 to 4/16) and Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 4-16 to 4-19) will have back to back conventions in Tampa in 2020! Sounds like a lot of fun. Can't wait to see who the speakers are! Let's see how many members of Fantastic District V will come. Which garden club will have the most there!

Your District V Board of Directors wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas,

Happy Holidays and Wonderful Memories!

Jeanice



## The Meaning Of Garden Club Work

*Author Unknown - from NGC Membership Committee*

- For some it means the actual gardening, hands in the soil, body in the sun and vision of color and fragrance and form.
- To some it means the use of flowers as a medium of artistic expression.
- To some it means an opportunity to serve their community by turning the ugly places into beauty spots.
- To some it is a spiritual experience, whereby they may serve through their giving of flowers to churches and hospitals and the lonely and forlorn.
- To a few, it means the challenge of leadership and personal ability in group work.
- To a very few, it is meaningless, a name on the membership list and a sometime attendance.
- But to the many it means making friends, meeting with the old and mingling with the new.

Garden Club work is as complex as the unfolding of a rose and as simple as the face of a daisy. It is social. It is spiritual. It is political. It is educational. It is scientific. It is a way of life.

Our beautiful garden center is a responsibility we all share. We are obliged to maintain and update as needed to provide comfortable surroundings for our members and to attract new members, public groups and individuals who are drawn to our lovely setting for their events.

In an effort to keep the membership informed of our progress in this endeavor we offer:



### Financial:

From your Treasurer's Point of View .....

Total Cash & Investments, as of November 30, 2019:

Checking:	\$19,416.43
Includes Capital Campaign Funds 11/30/19	\$18,225.00

\*Renovation Acc. Money Market: \$46,569.33

\*CD 2930 (Maturity Date: 1/31/2020) \$51,506.55

\*CD 5295 (Maturity Date: 7/07/2020) \$50,500.24

Total \$ 167,992.55

With the great financial support from Club Members, we should be able to fund our new storage room, update the AC system in the Main Building, and make our roof repairs. The challenge for our Club isn't paying the mortgage (thank heavens!) but maintaining our buildings, grounds, and equipment. Thank you all for your great support! It makes coming to Garden Club fun!

— Kathryn Stephens, Treasurer

### Rentals:

The Rentals Committee has been very active throughout the Fall. Did you know that, between October and December, the Garden Club will have hosted 24 different events? During this time, we have prepared and set up our building for 12 meetings and workshops to benefit our members. We have also cleaned, set up and provided coverage for 12 revenue-generating events for outside parties. This takes an enormous amount of planning and participation, so we are extremely grateful to our Committee for their flexibility and dedication to the Garden Club. We always welcome those who would like to participate on the Rentals Committee. There are various ways you can contribute, if you are interested. As the saying goes... many hands make light work. If interested, please contact Mona Rippe.

— Mona Rippe, Chairman, Rental Committee

### Membership

Welcome to all our new members. We now have a total of 241 members. If it has not already been sent, an email blast will be coming with a pdf version of the yearbook with the additions and corrections page. Anyone who has not received their paper copy of the yearbook please contact me at [mhsatbeach@yahoo.com](mailto:mhsatbeach@yahoo.com) so we can be sure you do.

— Mary Harding, First Vice President

### Building and Grounds

The ground has been cleared by Bob Kline in preparation for the construction of the new storage building. We are currently in the stage of applying for the permit. This phase could be 4-6 weeks.

While clearing the base of a bench was uncovered. On the plaque it was dedicated in memorial to Mrs James E. Clayton GGC member 1962-1972. She was chair of Rose circle in 1967.

A path has been cleared behind the Carmichael building at the end of the wood fence. Please take all compostable plant material to the back by the I-75 fence so we can keep the path clear for access to debris piles

— Fran Maris, Capital Improvements Chair



### The Butterfly Garden and Ronald Mc Donald House

have been in good hands. The month of September found the Begonia Circle doing regular maintenance at the Garden Club and found Ronald Mc Donald house in great shape with only a small amount of weeding needed, October brought out energetic members of the Gardenia Circle doing weeding and some needed trimming of some plants getting ready for fall. The month of November found the Mimosa Circle getting the Garden ready for winter. The pathways around the garden were cleaned along with the bird bath, There will be 12 bags of mulch spread and 2 large bails of pine needles put out to enhance our walkways in December, The beauty of the Garden and the manicured presence of the Ronald Mc Donald House remains due to the dedicated work of you, our members. THANK YOU very much.

Florence Cline, Chair

# Civic and Community Service

## UF Health Nature Explore Garden

UF Health has begun construction of a Children's Healing Garden, located on the south side of the Shands North Tower on Archer Road. They have received a grant to construct the garden and supply plants, but they are looking to the Gainesville Garden Club to assist in maintaining the gardens, planting seasonal raised beds and help in developing a program for the children. UF student volunteers would help as well. They expect the garden to be completed by the end of the year and to hold the grand opening in March 2020. They are planning to make Explore Nature the theme of the garden. Please let Linda know of any ideas you may have and also any who would like to volunteer for this project as well as if your Circle would like to take the lead on this project.



## New Community Project for Jasmine

Ellen Shapiro met with the Rehab therapist at the VA who was hoping we could help with a butterfly garden. Ellen began looking for volunteers to help her with the project and decided the installation date would be November 12th at 9am.

Ann Clark, Kathy Concannon, Ellen Shapiro, and DeeDee Whitehead came together to create and plant a beautiful butterfly garden at the Community Rehab Center, behind the VA Hospital. If you'd like to see it, take Archer Road towards the back of the VA hospital you will see a big parking lot. If there is space, you can park here or in the Liberty parking garage. It is free parking. Walk east from the lot towards the back of the hospital through the Honor Parking Lot. You will see a building being constructed and the Center is behind that. There are security guards that can direct you too.



# Horticulture

— Kathy Fanning, Chairman

## Take a Walk on the Wild Side!



Native Southern Red Cedar

As I write this I've been watching a flock of migrating robins cycle between my native southern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) in my front yard and the bird bath in the backyard. The southern red cedar is full of silvery blue fruit and the birds are feasting! Also in full fruit now in the front yard are beauty berry (*Callicarpa americana*), yaupon holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) and firebush (*Hamelia patens*) all natives. They are being visited by cardinals, mockingbirds and brown thrashers as well as other small birds. All of these birds and native plants have evolved together but as the natural areas are being changed due to development, this relationship is being destroyed and the bird and insect populations are declining dramatically.



Native Beautyberry with purple fruit

Audubon in their "Plants for Birds" video states "Since 1970 the bird population in North America has decreased by 3 billion birds". This is not only because the native fruit and seed plants are lost due to natural habitat destruction but also because the native trees and shrubs which are the best caterpillar plants are also impacted. Baby birds are not fed seeds and fruits from plants or bird feeders when they are born; they must have protein in the form of caterpillars and insect larvae and lots of them!

A British study, "Insect declines and why they matter" by Professor Dave Goulson, suggests that the abundance of insects may have fallen worldwide by 50% or more since 1970. He proposes some of the causes of this decline most likely include once again habitat loss and also chronic pesticide exposure. Since approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of crops grown require pollination by insects and pesticide application has been calculated to have doubled over the last 25 years, with honey samples worldwide now revealing that 75% contain neonicotinoid insecticides, we can understand why insect populations are declining. Some of Goulson's suggestions for helpful actions that gardeners can take include: \*create a native wildflower "meadow" \*reduce lawn mowing frequency and allow some of your "weeds" to flower (more about that later) \*avoid using pesticides \*leave a natural corner of your yard and \*provide a brush pile.

Once again as gardeners and environmental stewards, we and our yards can help provide some of the lost habitat for the pollinators and birds by planting or allowing native plants to grow. This doesn't mean planting varieties or hybrids of natives but planting the original species. As Doug Tallamy, PhD, chair of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, revealed in a recent article in Good Housekeeping magazine, if you only plant non-natives or plants that only supply nectar, it makes it harder for birds and insects to survive. If you want birds and pollinators to survive, you need plants for the whole food web. He states that planting non-natives removes "at least 75% of the food that is supporting the biodiversity that's out there". If our urban yards are going to have any beneficial effect on this decline of insects and birds, we need to be planting the native plants with which both the insects and birds have evolved.

As Wendy Wilbur (State Master Gardener Coordinator) recently wrote in "Wendy's Wanderings", she has long had a negative history with beggars tick (*Bidens alba*) a native plant considered a weed by many gardeners. But when she witnessed the monarch butterfly migration at St. Mark's and noticed that one of the first plants the monarchs went to after their long migration was beggars tick, she changed her mind. She now recommends leaving a small patch of this "weed" to flower in our yards.



Female bluebird on native yaupon holly

So if you want to increase the pollinators, butterflies and birds in your yard and help re-create some of our lost natural resources, let a part of your yard

**"TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE"!**



American robin

## GGC Brings FWF to The Village

Eighteen residents of the village participated in a fun with flowers workshop presented by Floral Expressions in November assisted by 7 GGC members. A drawing was held and 3 lucky winners received a complimentary Thanksgiving arrangement delivered to them by Floral Expressions.



Dorothy Haythorne, previous GGC member participated in FWF and also won a Thanksgiving arrangement.



*Homosassa River Garden Club* would like for you to join us for a fun day at the races plus a delicious buffet lunch on **Friday, March 27, 2020.**

We will depart from the Shoppes of Sugarmill (intersection of US 19/98) by the Pinch-A-Penny store parking area at 9:15 a.m. Arrive at Tampa Bay Downs on time for entrance at 11:00 a.m. Buffett Lunch is from 11:30 – 12:30. We will be able to stay to enjoy racing events until departing at 4:00 p.m. There will be games and refreshments on the bus and a beautiful basket, full of local Homosassa goodies, will be raffled. Proceeds will help fund our club and our scholarship programs.

- The cost for this fun day including the luncheon and transportation is \$65.00 (non-refundable).
- Deadline for tickets is March 1, 2020.
- For additional information call Barb at (352) 586-0579.
- If you would like a receipt, please send a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

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**SEE YOU AT THE RACES!!!!**

## Fun with Flowers

The number of participants in this year's Fun With Flowers (FWF) has been amazing. October's FWF saw 50 participants and November's FWF had 60 participants! These numbers are almost double what we had last year. This December's General Meeting/Workshop is sold out at 76 participants.

The florist presenter for October was CC's Flower Villa from Lake City. We created a Halloween arrangement with a greenery forest, pumpkin patch from orange carnations, spider-like thistles, and different decorative Halloween picks. Jasmine Circle provided wonderful refreshments for the pre-workshop social half hour.

November's Fun With Flowers presenter was Barbara Crevasse, recent owner of Crevasse Florist. We created a beautiful fall creation using hydrangeas, carnations, sunflowers, red berries and greenery. A glittery leaf and pumpkin floral pick completed the creation. In order to have an hydrangea of fall colors, participants sprayed their hydrangeas with floral spray paint in various gold, orange, purple, and black cherry colors. Mimosa generously provided refreshments for our social half hour.

In addition to our regular Garden Club FWF, Shelley Warner, Gardenia Circle, also arranged a connection between The Village and Floral Expressions Florist for a November Fun With Flowers event at The Village. Floral Expressions and The Village worked directly together on the details, but Shelley recruited seven Garden Club volunteers as helpers. The volunteers helped with passing out flowers and materials and helping the participants create their arrangements.



Gardenia members and guests: Front row: Beth Ripple, Vikki Wallace, Susan Thrall, Kathleen Hayman, Celia Gottesman, Shelley Warner Second row: Wanda Rentfrow, Pat Hagan, Kathy Post, Pam Monroe, Sharon Hicks, Marni Most Kneeling: Kathy Murphy



Butterfly Garden & RMH entrance  
December - Wildflowers  
January - General Members

**Begonia Circle - Jo Lee Houlihan**

Begonia Circle met in November and made lovely fall gourd arrangements. Lorene Junkin and Karen Markey put this project together and did a great job. We had 2 guests and 6 members at the November 12th Fun with Flowers. Our guest enjoyed participating in the activity and there may be new members to GGC. Nine members were at Hope Lodge on December 2nd and decorated two Christmas trees and placed wreaths. Hope Lodge looked very festive when we were finished and the Executive Director was very happy with Begonia Circle. Eleven members are looking forward to the Holiday Design Workshop on December 10th with Claudia Bates. Our next meeting will be at the home of Jo Lee Houlihan celebrating the Holiday season with a luncheon. We also will be bringing food for Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, a toy for Toys for Tots and we will have our annual plant exchange. Order forms for the Caladium sale will be available in January, 2020. Begonia Circle wishes a Very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year to everyone.

**Daisy Circle - Sandra Arnold**

Daisy Circle designed 30 floral arrangements for Winn Dixie Hope Lodge. Theresa Drews, Hope Lodge Director, was delighted to receive the Holiday themed arrangements.

Daisy members will be hosting our 2nd Fun with Flowers Workshop at Brookdale Senior Living Facility on December 6, at which time seniors will be creating Holiday arrangements for their rooms.

**Gardenia - Kathy Murphey**

We toured the Leveda Brown Environmental Park with hosts Alaina Carinio & Shelley Samee. Gardenia Circle members moved to the Fred Cone Park branch library for the business meeting.

Twenty-two of our Circle members attended the November Fun with Flowers program at GGC. Floral Expressions Florist prepared the flowers for The Village “Fun with Flowers” program on November 21st. Four Gardenias & 3 Jasmines assisted the participants.

Gardenia thanks the rest of the Circles for their support of our Annual Pecan Sale fundraiser. This was a successful event for us!

On Sunday, December 1st, the Hope Lodge was “dressed for the holidays” with lots of Christmas items, swags& wreathes, Santas, salt & pepper shakers & various Christmas baskets. A Hanukkah display was also installed that day.

Our ladies will be taking bags



of goodies, donated by the membership, to Hope Lodge for their guests rooms.

On January 23rd, Gardenia will be presenting “A Travelogue of Interesting Gardens” that our ladies have traveled to in recent years. We encourage all to attend!

**Jasmine Circle - Carol Binello**

Jasmine Circle now has approximately 112 active members with 60 – 70 attending our meetings each month. This creates quite a chore for our monthly host teams, but they have stepped up to the challenge with delicious meals. We ask everyone attending to bring their own plate and utensils so the host team doesn't have to spend the night in the kitchen doing dishes, plus we've drastically cut our trash volume.

The Jasmine members are a hardworking bunch and are willing to help in any way they can. Each Saturday in November and December, nine tireless members provided lunch for the crew at the new house Habitat Women Build is working on. This Fall, Gail Cook delivered 186 books, donated by Jasmine members, to ACORN dental clinic. Our own Margaret Chodosh served as the State of Florida Chair of the National Solar Tour. Eleven participated in the two Roadside Cleanups this Fall, and 31 people have teamed up to donate 18 baskets of food to the Alachua County School Holiday Food Drive which will provide food to needy families during the students' 2-week holiday in December and January. We have begun to collect food donations at our monthly meeting that are delivered to Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. Our goal for the rest of the year is 300 pounds. We continue to meet for lunch the first Monday of each month to eat, visit, and solve all the problems of the world.

Michelle Gorday, Carrie Krone, Linda Schoellhorn, Kathy Stevens, and Pauline Schochet have been setting up a table of crafts and holiday gifts to raise money for Ronald McDonald House. They set up at the November Board of Director's meeting, the November Jasmine Circle meeting, and will set up at the December 19th Ronald McDonald House Gingerbread fundraiser.

Our upcoming programs include “Bromeliads – Marvelous and Misunderstood “ by Sandy Burnett, Co-President of Gainesville Bromeliad Society in December and “Weird Botany” by Jack Putz, UF Distinguished Professor of Biology in January. And this spring we're looking forward to learning more about camellias and Payne's Prairie.

Planning has already begun for our Spring Fashion Show and the Children's Tent at Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival, which we've already begun to collect garden items to fill our wagon-full-of-goodies fundraiser.

A big thank you goes out to our wonderful Jasmine members and we look forward to all that is ahead for Jasmine Circle in 2020!

**Mimosa Circle – Janet Greene**

November was a busy month for the members of Mimosa Circle. We weeded the GGC Butterfly Garden and the Ronald McDonald entrance garden. Nine members attended the Fun with Flowers and furnished refreshments. Three members met with Rachael Shaw, a science teacher at Buchholz High School, to

discuss helping with their vegetable garden.

Thirteen members and two guests attended our November meeting where we assembled over 200 poinsettia napkin holders. These will be delivered to Alz's Place, Hospice, Ronald McDonald House, and The Windsor Assisted Living Facility to be used for their holiday meal. Four members prepared lunch for the Habitat Women's Build workers on 11/23. Kathy Powell and Janet Greene enjoyed touring the home, having lunch and meeting the workers and the home owner. We plan to return to help with the landscaping. With Carol Knowles instructing, eight members assisted residents of The Windsor in making 32 fall flower arrangements to brighten their dining room tables. Mary Wolz, one of our emeritus members is a resident and we were happy to spend time with her and her friends.

We look forward to the holiday workshop and our holiday lunch/party at The Red Lobster in Dec.

**Wildflowers Circle - Rose Kimlinger**

Wildflowers Circle toured the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Home and Gardens in November on an absolutely beautiful Fall day. We were greeted by a barefoot gentleman who explained the procedure to us and were then given a tour of her home by a beautiful group of period-attired young ladies. We learned about Marjorie's determined and sometimes wild and crazy life, her writings, citrus groves, her ducks and chickens, followed by a walk through her fall garden and the guest house.



Donna, Kathy, Peggy, Karen, Jeannie, Claudia, Martha, Mary, Loretta, Rose, Claudia L and Jeanice plus a granddaughter

During December we will be tending the Butterfly Garden and Ronald McDonald Entryway garden, helping with the Roadside Cleanup and participating in various committees.

Our circle members contributed a total of \$250 to the Elks Mobile Unit which will provide Holiday meals to the less fortunate.

Our December meeting will be at Park Meadows Rehab Center, assisting the residents with making holiday arrangements in coffee mugs, an annual event."



**Birthday Blessings~**

*december*  
BIRTH FLOWER  
*hope  
wealth  
the only one  
good fortune*

NARCISSUS

Kristy Welch	5	Fran Maris	18
Sandy Smith	6	Jeani Valter	19
Dorothy Maurer	8	Pauline Schochet	27
Shelley Warner	9	Inez Brooker	28
Anne White	12	Kathy Concannon	28
Michelle Gorday	13	Kathy Ames	29
Betty Sue Vincent	17	Rose Kimlinger	30

*january*  
BIRTH FLOWER  
*admiration  
deep love  
affection  
purity  
luck  
gratitude*

CARNATION

Valerie Mountjoy	7	Maggie Viele	19
Monica Aiton	9	Linda Schoellhorn	22
Cyndee Park	9	Jeannie Bender	23
Diane Robar	13	Lisa Davies	24
Candy Pigott	14	Dona Stall	27
Harriet Suggs	14	Wanda Rentfrow	28
Kristin Rubin	17	Wilma Gordon	28
Pat Sampson	18	Jean Fouraker	31

**Roadside Cleanup – Janet Greene**

Our next roadside cleanup is scheduled for December 7th at 8:30. We have 17 workers and one driver signed up to help. We will organize in the Cricket Wireless parking lot at 405 NW 13th



St. and split into teams to clean up a two mile stretch. David Willkomm will bring his carts. Vests, bags and pick up sticks will be furnished. Thank you to everyone who signed up!

## Symbol - The Pine Tree

(Adopted 1948)

The Pine Tree is our own tree  
 A grown tree, a cone tree.  
 The tree to face a bitter wind,  
 The tree for mast and spar -  
 A mountain tree, a fine tree,  
 A fragrant turpentine tree.  
 A limber tree, a timber tree,  
 And resinous with tar.

- Christopher Morley



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