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Looking Ahead at GGC

Fri-Sun Feb.8-10	Wekiva Training
Feb. 10	Wekiva Open House
Sat. Feb. 9	Audubon Tour-Tix at Wild Birds-Visit Deedee's House
Sat. Feb 16	Roadside Beautification 8:30AM
Thurs. Feb 21	Board of Directors 9:30AM
Sat. Feb 23	Stop Paws and Learn at Santa Fe Zoo-Free! 10A-3P
Thurs. Feb 28-	Circle Meetings
Thurs. March 7	Garden Party and Fashion Show 10:30A-1PM
Sat. April 13	Junque in the Trunk and GGC MarketPlac 9:00AM-3:00PM

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.

*Fashion Show
& Garden Party*
Presented by the
Gainesville Garden Club
1350 NW 75 St, Gainesville, FL 32605

March 7, 2019 || 10:30-1:00
Social Time
Fashion Show by Dillard's
Luncheon
Hat Competition
Raffle Baskets

\$25 Admission
*All ticket sales will be
sold in advance*
Proceeds to go to our many community projects

*For more information contact Mary at
GGCFashionShow@yahoo.com or visit our
facebook page
www.facebook.com/gvillegardenclub*

Combined Meeting: March 21 at 10:00AM

Birds And How To Attract Them To Your Yard

Presenter: Tom Hctor, PhD, Director of the Center for Landscape Conservation Planning. Dr. Hctor's research interests include the application of landscape ecology and conservation biology to regional planning, greenway and wildlife corridor design, large carnivore ecology and conservation, focal species habitat modeling, and Geographic Information Systems applications in conservation planning.



To be hosted by Begonia and Mimosa Circles.

President's Message

The Birds, Bees and Butterflies are chirping, buzzing and fluttering at GGC~this of course true in our beautiful Grounds and as a metaphor for all of those members assisting in the many activities we have coming up this spring. Our Fashion Show and District V Committees are meeting regularly. The Spring Promenade to benefit the Thomas Center Gardens is offering hosting opportunities in historic homes and gardens on Saturday, March 9. The Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival requires our assistance with the children's area and in the past splitting the vendor revenue has brought between \$2000 and \$3800 for GGC's community projects. Our very own "Junque in the Trunk" and GGC Marketplace will take place on Saturday, April 13. Our clubhouse needs some TLC and we are looking for couples/members to help us paint and tidy up~be watching for more information. Volunteerism is a great way to meet new people, make new friends and find out what's happening in the community! Volunteerism feeds the soul! Join in the fun!



The weather has been beautiful this winter with minimal impact on the beauty of the landscape. However beware, the average last frost date according to Alachua County Records is around March 15. Many in fact believe that the true last frost can coincide with Easter which is April 21, 2019! Pruning especially of Roses can be done around Valentine's Day and Crepe Myrtles around the end of February! Happy Gardening my friends, it is one of the great joys in life, always filled with hope and possibilities. Mother Nature is truly amazing!

Serving with Gratitude,

Fran Maris

Fran Maris To Receive "Women of Distinction 2019" Award



Every March, Santa Fe College celebrates Women's History Month by holding an annual ceremony lauding the achievements of women in our community.

"Women of Distinction" are women who have enriched the community through their contributions to the arts, business, education, social services, government, wellness or other philanthropic ventures in Alachua or Bradford County. These extraordinary women are examples for all women, balancing careers, families and community service, and making our community a better place for all.

The 2019 Women of Distinction ceremony is set for Tuesday, March 26, at the UF Hilton, 11:30AM. All are welcome to attend to help Santa Fe College recognize over 30 years of exceptional women.

Tickets are \$40 per person and are now available online at <https://app.etapestry.com/cart/SantaFeCollegeFoundation/default/category.php?ref=769.0.229519426> or search Santa Fe College Women of Distinction. 300 tickets are available. Money beyond expenses goes to scholarship endowment creating 3 scholarships a year for Santa Fe Students. If you'd like to sit with other GGC members please indicate in the memo section when purchasing a ticket.

Members of the Gainesville Garden Club initiated and wrote the application. It is a great honor to represent GGC and to celebrate volunteerism in Alachua County. Thank you all for making my experience in leadership so rewarding and for the opportunity to inspire and motivate in the activities undertaken by our club to educate, create an environment of fellowship and to serve.

— Fran



2019 Convention Registration Form download pdf:

<https://ffgc.org/resources/Documents/Registration%20Form%20with%20Registrars%20Name%20Final.pdf>

Registration must be Postmarked March 31, 2019

No Walk Ins.

LATE REGISTRATION FEE Add \$40.00– if postmarked after Sunday, March 31, 2019

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:

News from Your Treasurer!

As we move into the second half of our Garden Club year, we are running about \$10,800 ahead of last year! Good news - especially as we are looking at some air conditioner repairs for the Laura Carmichael Building. Here's how our finances look for the first of February 2019:

Total Cash & Investments, as of January 31, 2019:

Checking:	11,492.43
*Money Market:	43,029.78
*CD 7801 (Maturity Date: 6/07/2019)	52,531.65
*CD 2930 (Maturity Date: 1/31/2020)	50,563.96
Total	\$157,617.82

— Kathryn Stephens, Treasurer

Rentals:

There were 2 paid rentals in January, 6 in February and 4 in March. It seems that June is all booked on the weekends.

— Lee Kline, Chairman, Rental Committee

Board of Trustees

The Trustees met on January 3, 2019 and discussed the following:

1. Storage addition preconstruction processing is underway and Don Kline, Watchwell Construction, presented preliminary financials, and the BOT authorized him to proceed to get final drawings. This addition is needed to move furniture out of the small storage room on the northwest side of the stage because of the fire hazard of storing furniture by the heating equipment. Due to the cost, members will be asked to donate to this project and any donations will be recognized in GGC publications.
2. Small projects completed – Lock on Sound System box – Keys held by Lee, Fran and Linda and are also in Flossie's closet; carpet on stage cleaned; Fran and Linda washed windows in LCB due to expense, and it was decided to purchase window washing equipment so that members can do this more often.
3. Trustees are getting bids or scheduling a number of projects including:

- Replace threshold in main building double doors with commercial grade to meet code.
- Replace blinds in main building
- New projection screen
- Extend gutter between main building and LCB so rain does not fall in courtyard.
- Replace some of the chairs that are badly stained and cannot be cleaned.
- AC units – getting bids for service contracts and requesting anticipated life remaining as well as replacement cost information for the long range planning schedule. AC unit in LCB is damaged and will only heat with emergency heat, but no AC. We are in the process of getting bids for either replacement or repair from other companies.
- Wiring chandelier – decided to wait to see if this can be included in the electrical work with the Storage addition.
- Repair asphalt on driveway – wait until completion of Storage addition.
- Replace stolen bench in front entry way – Ellen researching.
- Replace Florence's tree in front Camellia bed with St Luke's Plum. Begonia will pay for the tree; Bruce Cavey will purchase and plant. GGC will pay him to plant the tree.
- Tree trimming and cabling – Fran will contract arborist for advice on what needs to be done to the large live oak over the Garden Room – cost \$100.
- Wish list for kitchen to be developed; Circles might consider donating items, and/or be purchased outright by GGC.

The Trustees moved and approved the following:

1. Plant a wildflower meadow bed along the east fence bordering the parking area. BOD ratified decision.
2. Rental discounts – BOT approved adding discounts for the immediate family of military and first responders of 25% for weekend and 50% for weekdays. BOT also approved adding multi-rental fees as outlined in the rental documents. The proposed Standing Rule changes were approved by the Board of Directors.

— Linda Schoellhorn, First Vice President

FFGC

GGC members Claudia Bates, Lorene Junkin, Jeanice Gage, Inez Brooker, Margaret Chodosh, Linda Schoellhorn and Fran Maris attended the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Winter Board of Directors January 9-10 at headquarters in Winter Park

Transformed by Trash

Hoping to “resolve all the mysteries about recycling,” guest speakers Shelley Samec and Alana Carinio from Alachua Waste Alternatives entertained and encouraged our combined circles in January to reduce, reuse, and recycle items in our trash.



Alana Carinio and Shelley Samec from Alachua Waste Alternatives

Did you know that each day an Alachua County resident produces an average of 4.5 pounds of trash? Forty tractor trailers of trash is trucked to the Union County landfill—between 500-900 tons per day is discarded. So what can we do, and what do we wish we could do but can't?

Reminders and Surprises about Recycling:

- Recycle metal cans with lids pushed in—labels can stay
- Recycle non-greasy parts of pizza boxes—use cardboard as weed barriers under mulch
- Broth containers and plastic lined cardboard go into the BLUE bin
- Recycle totally empty aerosol containers
- Recycle water bottles and butter tubs without their lids
- Recycle glass – highly recyclable and non-toxic
- Recycle most yogurt cups except Activa and black plastic cups

Do not recycle black plastics, aluminum pie pans, bake pans, aluminum foil, mixed plastic lids that fall through sifters. No fast food cups, even paper are recyclable. “Compostable,” basically just means it will take up less room in the land fill and is not toxic.

The number inside a recycle symbol indicates the chemical composition. Food “clamshell” containers even with a symbol are refused, and #6 isn't recyclable here either.

- Electronic waste is recycled. Anything that plugs in, as well as light bulbs, can go to the Hazardous Waste Collection Station.
- Home Depot and Lowe's will properly dispose of spent batteries and black plastic pots for plants
- Use bio-degradable plastic bags and compostable plates and cups and/or bring your own containers to stores, for coffee, all reusable. Take your own drinking cup or mug along with you. Many businesses reward you for your effort with a discount. Ask!

Even if it's raining, we can put out our orange bin with paper.

Managing our mountains of trash is so important and there's so much more to learn and do to keep our earth alive. Alachua County Office of Waste Collection has a good website so we can refresh and learn.

AlachuaCountyRecycles.com or on Facebook as Alachua County Recycles.

Step UP!

We all enjoy the benefits of GGC membership -- exceptional and up to date innovations in gardening; excellent speakers; creative ideas in design, landscaping, horticulture and friendship. This gives us an opportunity to be a part of a thriving community of fellow gardeners who are making a positive impact in Gainesville. It is thriving because each member is valued and offers valuable talents that get even better when shared.

In fact, GGC depends in every way on the volunteer work of members. A good way to share your talent is by stepping up and offering to take a leadership position or to accept one when asked. Members are quick to raise hands to help out but hands don't always get raised as quickly if we are asking folks to take a leadership role as an officer or committee chair. Some of the duties can be shared between co-chairs. Based on GGC history we know that you can always ask for and expect help in any of our leadership roles.

GGC has adopted two year terms for officers and committee chairs so folks have a chance to learn and grow into the duties and tasks. It also means that the nominating committees for our Circles and GGC are asking people now to take on various roles for Fall 2019 through Spring 2021.

To those of you who have already said yes: THANK YOU! To those of you considering saying yes, we hope you can join in GGC activities in this new way. To those of you who would be ready to asked in the future, talk to your Circle officers. It does take all of us in these varying roles to make GGC a satisfying and flourishing community of gardening friends.

— Becky O'Brien, Chair Nominating Committee

Did You See • • • Florence's replacement tree?

Begonia Circle planted the original tree in honor of Florence Cline for receiving the *2016 Keep America Beautiful Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson Award* after returning from Washington DC. This is a new St. Luke's Plum planted by Bruce Cavey.



Civic and Community Service

Arbor Day Celebration

On Friday, January 18, GGC celebrated Florida Arbor Day with the City of Gainesville, City Beautification Board, Dept of Doing, Public Works Dept and the Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center. Florida has celebrated Arbor Day since 1886 and has one of the first Arbor Day celebrations in the nation. It is an event to remind us of the impact of trees and tree related industries in our lives. Dr. Michael Andreau, Associate Professor UF School of Forest Resources and Conservation spoke about the impact of trees on people. The canopy provides reprieve from heat, sun and wind reducing electricity usage. They provide a component for air quality, wood for necessities and of course they provide beautification for the landscape.

Vivian Filer, Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center gave a passionate speech about the Building and the Museums role in the Gainesville Community to preserve and assist all people in the understanding of the African American experience with an emphasis in North Central Florida and the Springhill community. The Museum Building will also benefit the community economically through rentals and community events.

Two trees were planted on the grounds, a winged elm and Dahoon Holly. Fringe Trees and Hollies were given away. Fran participated in the shovel ceremony and GGC was featured on TV20 News that night.

GGC had wonderful representation with 27 members attending the event. Fran Maris gave a 5 minute speech highlighting GGC's role in the community and the efforts to beautify through the clubs projects. Thank you to Inez Brooker, Janet Greene and Bruce Cavey for the wonderful centerpieces that represented Fun with Flowers, Floral Design and arranging cut foliage and flowers from your yard. Many members made delicious homemade desserts and the City Beautification Board provided lunch.

Many thanks to all who attended. It was a beautiful day for the celebration.



Wildflower Planting Project

Florida Department of Transportation have responded to our request for wildflower sites, & will plant the US 441 - 6th St. triangle with Lady Bird Dwarf Orange Cosmos and blue Chicory within the next four to six weeks! GGC also requested the US 441 - 43rd. St. triangle, but we are looking into right-of-way permissions at this point. Four more locations, NE Waldo Road close to the airport, Williston Rd. north of I-75, 441 in front of Home Depot, and 331 close to S. Main St. are on FDOT's list for fall planting! Committee members: Inez Brooker, Linda Schoellhorn, Carol Binello, & Kathy Stephens.



Color Our Canopy Update

The diligent members of this committee have focused on two projects over the past few months. The privately funded, in part, new Bee Lab and Crepe Myrtle Alley (16th Ave. from 43rd St to 13th St.) to fulfill our commitment for flowering tree possibilities.

Bee Lab Apiary at UF:

- Board approval to allocate \$1600 to purchase 37 trees (Signage and recognition to be made by the Bee Lab).
- UF has hired a company for the installation of the trees that we will be providing as well as installing irrigation and mulch in the Bee Yard (no public access).
- The sidewalk has been poured and the split-rail fence will go next.
- Installation of the plant materials is scheduled in March which they feel will give them the best chance of establishment.



Crepe Myrtle Alley:

- A meeting with the Alachua County Commissioners is the next step.
- Wildflowers have been planted along the 16th Ave. corridor.

— Kathy Stephens

Women Build Project

Jasmine Circle provided lunches for volunteers in the month of January at the #12 Habitat Women Build. Gardenia, Daisy, Mimosa and Wildflowers Circle will provide lunches in March.

Horticulture

The Spring-Time Gardening Bug

— Lois McNamara, Horticulture Chair

“In spring a young man’s fancy turns to love,” according to Lord Alfred Tennyson. Garden Club members can’t help but notice that come Spring, almost everyone in Florida thinks about gardening, especially every transplanted Northerner! Walk into Walmart, Home Depot, even stores that don’t ordinarily sell anything green, and they will be pushing plants in March. Dare to go to a garden center on a Saturday in March and you will be standing in line for quite some time. People will be buying seeds, plants, mulch, pesticides, herbicides, stepping stones and gardening equipment. Some of these people plant in the spring and do little gardening the rest of the year.

But beware! Many stores will be selling plants that are not necessarily well suited to our region. Those beautiful tuberous begonias and fuschias will succumb to our heat and humidity within a month or two. That humid heat will cause others to fizzle out by June or July. That’s okay, if you realize that you’re buying the beauty of the plants for just a few months; I do it with delphiniums and foxgloves; they are so exquisite; each year I squander a some money on a half dozen of these lovely flowering plants. The big box stores entice us with gorgeous rose bushes in bloom, especially their beautiful hybrid teas. Take care! Many of those for sale there have been grown in a more northern location and brought to perfection with multiple doses of fertilizer, pesticide and a fungicide. With a few exceptions, they will not do well here unless they are growing on Fortuniana root stock. Because our soils tend to be inhabited by nematodes, roses grown on other rootstocks generally succumb to death in a year or two. Nelson Roses, an Apopka company, does grow roses on Fortuniana root stock and they are usually available at Garden Gate. Look for them in their signature blue pots with the word Nelson on the outside. Another option is purchasing Old Garden roses or roses on their own rootstock. GGC member Cydney Wade propagates these roses at her Rose Petals Nursery, an interesting establishment which some of our circles have visited. Many of you have also had success growing the KnockOut roses and the Carpet roses. But if you want a hybrid tea, you can’t beat a ‘Don Juan’ growing on Fortuniana rootstock. The photo here shows how well this rose does. It



grew at the Central Florida Fairgrounds where, it got no care other than an occasional pruning.

We all love wildflowers growing in profusion beside the roads in the Spring. You may see sizable boxes of wildflower seeds for sale; it will seem like a great deal. But if you read the fine print, you will note that they contain 5 or 7% seeds. The rest is an inert filler than helps you spread the seeds evenly. Many seeds are so small that this is justified. These packages of mixed wildflower seeds are produced for the entire U.S. If you read the list of seeds, you will note that many of the species, such as several *Coreopsis* species, grow well here – if they are sown in the fall. They need the chill hours our winter usually provides. Sown in the March or thereafter, the germination rate will probably not be very high. Next year, buy wildflower seeds from Wildseed Farms, a mail order company in Texas, or from the Florida Wild Flower Foundation. You can purchase them online or at Garden Gate Nursery.

Another spring time trap is raking up the fallen oak leaves! It’s like throwing money away. Simply have the guys who mow your lawn mulch them into the lawn; they are great fertilizer! If there are too many for one particular place, they make great mulch for all your plants that love an acidic soil: that includes azaleas, camellias, gardenias, and hydrangeas – if you like blue ones.



Another misconception about having a good lawn and a beautiful garden is assuming that it requires lots of fertilizer. Some lawn crews routinely spray pesticides whether or not they are needed. Sometimes there is an insect problem, especially late in the summer, but if pesticides and other chemicals are washed away in a heavy rain, they can get into our aquifer! And we do want safe drinking water.

Sure, we can be like the young in love. Spring reignites our love of gardening. But let’s be smart, do our homework, spend our money wisely and be careful to not damage our environment

GGC History - Treasure in the Attic

Inez Brooker recently found a Gainesville Sun article from May 2, 1954 entitled "Gainesville Garden Club has over 600 Members!"

A synopsis of the article follows:

One of the largest women's organizations in Gainesville is the Gainesville Garden Club which boasts a membership of over 620 members and a long list of Associate Members. There were 20 flower named circles. It related that GGC organized in 1924. "A group of 18 women gathered at the home of Mrs. E. L. Lord on September 19, 1924 for the purpose of learning the art of cultivating flowers. There were no minutes the first few years so history is sketchy. However, word is they were too busy talking and doing garden work to run a business-like club. Rose Kimlinger is compiling highlights of those creative years to share with our membership over the next few issues. i.e.:

- 1926-27 – The first annual Flower Show was held at the Episcopal Parish House. The members met at Payne's Prairie to set plants out along the causeway. Mrs. Ida Hardesty Heath was president and the club was admitted to the FFGC in May.
- 1928-29 – Mrs. N. W. Sanborn broadcasted "Bird Conservation" over the radio. A Cedar tree was planted in the city park as a memorial to the late Dr. A. A. Murphree. Living Christmas trees were planted at the new county hospital. "Bird Sanctuary" signs were placed at the city gates.
- 1934-35 – Mrs. Parrish, President, was elected President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. "The Iron Duke", a benefit movie, was shown at the Florida Theater. A letter was written to civic organizations regarding paper goods being thrown all over. The club became involved in a project to clean up lily pools or close them permanently if not properly taken care of.
- 1936-37 – A benefit Moonlight Musical was held at the Thomas Center Gardens. "The object of the club shall be to promote an interest in gardens, to cooperate in the protection of wild flowers, trees and birds and to encourage public planting and beautification" became the motto of the club.



Gainesville Garden Club Marketplace Saturday, April 13 – 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Fundraiser for GGC with artisans and makers and collectors selling treasures!
Vendors with unique items, plants, food and "Junque in the Trunk"

We're getting organized. Here's where we need help ...

- Junque in the Trunk – Sign-up and show-up with priced garage sale items in your vehicle. Bring your donations, team up with a friend. You can clean out and GGC will clean up – with donated funds from your sales
- We'll line you up in our parking lot under some nice shade trees. Spaces for 20 cars or SUV's or trucks.
- Sell your donated and priced items. Bring a table if you like. We'll have a cashier's table but you will manage sales
- If you just have a few items, combine your treasures with someone else. Help out.
- Email Becky O'Brien to sign up: 2beckyobrien@gmail.com

Each Circle can have a table set up in the Laura Carmichael Room to sell items and promote membership with info. Proceeds to your Circle.

- Help us recruit vendors. Maybe you? We are looking for vendors with unique items for sale Sign up BEFORE 2/20.
- Rent 10'x10' display space inside for \$40 or outside for \$35
- Bake cookies, make sandwiches, and/or delicious things we can sell! Help sell them and pizza. Let your Circle Chair know now.
- Volunteer to help – plan to come – help us get the word out! We'll sign up volunteers in February.
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Contact Barbara Cloud-Weisman (Our GGC Chair for this event) silverliningsfl@aol.com.

Questions? Mona Rippe, Fran Maris, Nancy Loeper can also help

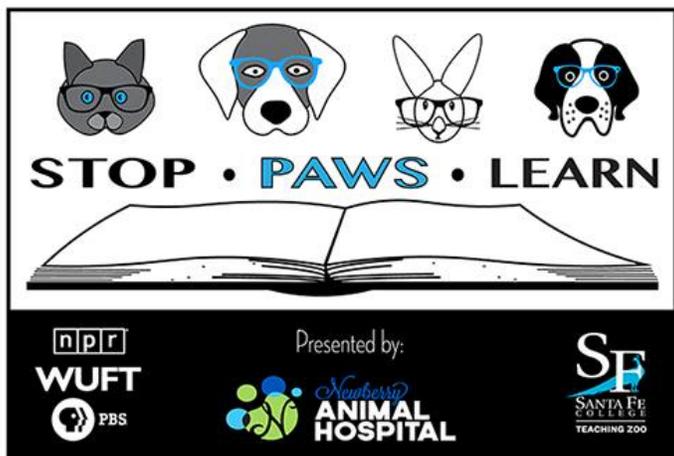
Gainesville Garden Club
~ Marketplace ~
Saturday, April 13, 2019
9:00 – 3:00

Artisans
Vintage Wares
Plants
Food
&
"Junque in the Trunk"

GGC Clubhouse
1350 NW 75th Street
www.ggcf.org

Stop, Paws, and Learn!

Saturday, February 23, 2019



Presented by Newberry Animal Hospital Group, A WUFT and Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo community event. The 2nd Annual Stop, Paws, and Learn will be at the SF Teaching Zoo in Gainesville on February 23 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Parents, kids, and animal lovers can learn about pets and pet care and help shelter pets find forever homes. Admission to the event and the zoo is FREE.

Mayflower Cellars, Cilantro Tacos Gville, and Soup to Nuts Food Truck will be selling food and refreshments during the event!

GGC will have a table with an activity for kids as part of a community service project. GGC membership information will be available to the public.

Westwood Middle School Project



Raised bed project at Westwood Middle School. Bob and Lee Kline picked up the cypress wood and cut the pieces. The Rose society assisted with the installation. Fran and Randy Maris and their two sons moved donated soil into the beds on January 1.

Roadside Cleanup

The next roadside cleanup of 13th Street is Saturday Feb. 16th. at 8:30. Thank you to all who signed up! Lets hope we have good weather. Remember to wear comfortable shoes and bring gloves.

Change wording to There will be vests, pickup sticks and bags for everyone. Janet would like to treat everyone to coffee and a Krispy Kreme doughnut after the cleanup.



Kristy Welch, David Willkomm, Martha Allen, Fairlie Bagley, Claudia Lambert, Peggy Caswell, Janet Greene, Kathy Ames, Monica Aiton and Rose Kimlinger

Fun With Flowers

Fun With Flowers has had a very successful season. Barbara Crevasse of Crevasse florist started us out in October with a delightful fall arrangement which included a light up figurine of either Halloween pumpkin, owl, or skull. November Fun With Flowers was held at The Village with garden club members joining Village residents to create an arrangement using an hydrangea as a frog to hold the other flowers. Almost sixty participants took part under the direction of florists from Floral Expressions. January brought Joan Prange from Prange Florist leading garden club members to create a beautiful floral design using hydrangeas, snapdragons, sunflowers, and other flowers.

On Monday March 18 at 2:00, another Fun With Flowers event will be presented at The Village with Susan Thrall of Gardenia Circle helping residents create a topiary flower arrangement. Volunteers are needed to help distribute flowers and be available should the residents need help with their arrangements during the presentation. If you can give an hour and a half of your time from 1:30 to about 3:00, please contact Susan Thrall at susan@thrall.us.



The next Fun With Flowers will be held on Tuesday March 19 at the Garden Club. Our florist presenter will be Christian Larramore of CC's Flower Villa in Lake City.



Butterfly Garden & RMH entrance
February - Daisy
March - Gardenia

Begonia Circle - Inez Brooker

Begonia had 3 members attend the card party. Two members attended the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) Winter Board of Directors meeting in Orlando for two days. Two members were invited to do Exhibition Designs for the recent Camellia show. One member worked on the Placement Committee for 1500 blooms for the show! Plans have been made for work on the Butterfly garden. This month we will meet in Kathy Ames home. Kathy is a new member.

Daisy Circle - Sandra Arnold

Daisy members donated 60 floral arrangements to local not-for-profits such as Winn Dixie Hope Lodge and Ronald McDonald House and purchased 4 sets of NGC children's books - "The Saved Seed" and "The Frightened Frog" - for public libraries in Gainesville. We hosted a Card & Game Day Luncheon which raised funds for 34 NGC children's books for 17 elementary school libraries in Gainesville. Thank you to those who attended and donated to this project. The second issue of the Daisy Circle newsletter "Connections" has been printed. It is a look back on community projects and other activities with photos, to recognize its members for all they do and present future opportunities.



Rosalie Bond

Gardenia Circle - Fairlie Bagley

Gardenia Circle had a wonderful Christmas luncheon at the home of Susan Thrall. Good friends, good food, and a good time was had. At that meeting our slate of officers for 2019-2020 was elected: Kathy Murphey, Chair; Marni Most, 1st VP; Monica Lindberg, 2nd VP; Fairlie Bagley, Secretary; and Carol Wiltbank, Treasurer. The Gardenia Nominating Committee was chaired by Paula Waterman, who also represented the Circle at the Gainesville Garden Club Nominating Committee.

We have been working to plan a combined meeting for January circles. The speakers from Alachua Waste Alternatives are Shelley Samec and Alana Carinio. In March, Gardenia Circle will again participate in the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival by doing two days of vendor check-in. Gardenia Circle members greet vendors arriving for set up, give out the Festival packets, direct vehicles to their assigned areas, and monitor traffic to and from the booth areas on the narrow dirt roads.

Jasmine Circle - Becky O'Brien

Jasmine now boasts 91 members with an average of 65 attending

evening programs, dinners, and meetings each month. We are especially excited to welcome new members including more men who bring expanding perspectives, talents, and interests to our circle.

Our recent programs included:

- Siembra Farms owner, Cody Galligan, "Farm to Table Experience"
- Audubon Society's Scott Flamand, "A Bird for All Seasons"
- Alan Shapiro, "The Shady World of Ferns"
- This spring, we are looking forward to learning more about fertilizers, plants that thrive in our heat, invasive plants, and insects to welcome into our yards.

We're thankful for these Jasmine workers:

- Joyce Ashley for digging and bagging plants to share
- Carol Binello for seeds
- Ellen Shapiro for setting up the impromptu "garage sale" to benefit Jasmine

And don't forget our host/cooking teams for magically decorating the room, serving 65 people dinner, and cleaning up (which means washing all those dishes as we "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle")

Emphasizing community service, Sandy Jones, Anne Marie Matison, and Kristy Welch are considering a new community project to fund. Gail Cook, manager of our children's book drive for ACORN clinic delivered 117 books for the holidays. A 25 member team filled 10 holiday baskets for Sidney Lanier School with \$800 worth of food. Ellen Shapiro's 4 teams provided lunches for Women Build volunteers each weekend in January. Ten members replanted annuals and weeded at Shands Rehab Hospital, finishing in 90 minutes!

Finally, cleaning facilities following events, keeping the kitchen organized, helping plan the Spring Fashion Show and the upcoming GGC Marketplace and Junque in the Trunk, round out more of the continuing Jasmine GGC activities.

Mimosa Circle - Janet Greene

We had a wonderful holiday celebration at NW Grille with twenty members and seven guests attending. We played games, enjoyed a delicious meal and held a short business meeting. We delivered over 300 of our felt poinsettia napkin holders to Meals on Wheels, Ronald McDonald House, Alz's Place and Hospice to brighten their holiday meal. We also delivered \$230.00 in preemie clothes and diapers to the Ronald McDonald House thanks to our member's generous donations. We are continuing to take orders for the GGC polo shirts. If interested, please contact Janet Greene or pick up an order form from your circle chairman. Eleven members and three guests attended the Jan. Fun with Flowers and went home with a beautiful arrangement with help from Joan Prange. Six members attended the Arbor



Day event at the restored Cotton Club Museum bringing delicious desserts. One member furnished three small flower arrangements for the food table. Five members are planning to help with the roadside cleanup in Feb. Several members are busy attending meetings to plan the fashion show, District V meeting and the April Marketplace event. We welcome back Judy Hart to Gainesville and Mimosa Circle. Judy has already volunteered to help on several projects. We are thrilled to have Karen Beaty as a new member. Karen has signed up to hostess at the Spring Promenade along with four other members.

Wildflower Circle-Claudia Lambert

Wildflowers Circle met at the Park Meadows Rehab Center in December where we helped approximately 20 residents make holiday floral arrangements in coffee mugs. This is an annual event which we all enjoy doing and the residents love to have their little treasures to take back to their rooms. The new director asked if we would do this project more often and we decided that we would like to participate during the summer and will meet again to design something for the 4th of July. Work is finished on the "wildflower" planting at Sidney Lanier School's "Tom Petty Walk" thanks to Jeannie and Maggie. Our members are participating in the Roadside Beautification, Arbor Day at the Cotton Club Museum, District V planning committee, and various other committees of service to GGC. We met in the LCB for our January meeting and were entertained by two lovely ladies from Floral Expressions and left with beautiful red, pink and white Valentine's Day arrangements. Our February meeting will be held at Claudia's home for our annual White Elephant auction with Fran Maris as the guest auctioneer. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and at least one item for auction.

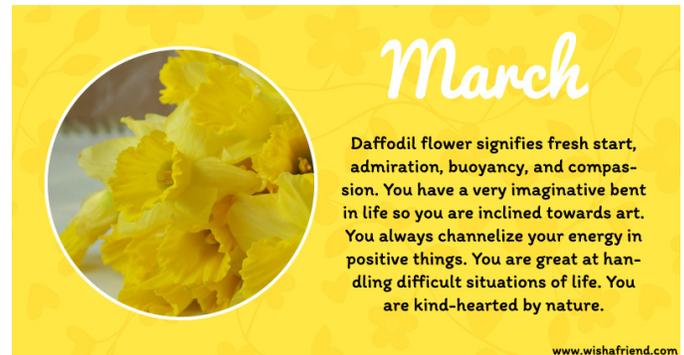


Jeannie Bender, Sarah (Guest), Kathy Ulmer, Mary Harding, Martha Allen, Claudia Lambert, Susan Ellis, Rose Kimlinger, Maggie Viele and Jeanice Gage

Birthday Blessings~



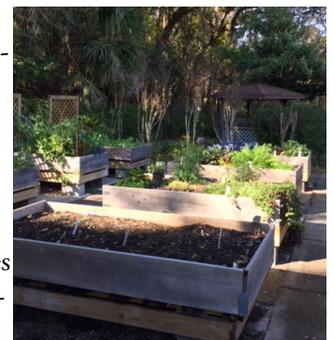
Kathy Fanning	4	Deedee Whitehead	15
Judy Hart	4	JoLee Houlihan	16
Peggy Caswell	6	Karen Trull	17
Melissa Cain	9	Bev Giordano	23
Casey Jones	14	Jeanne Earnest	23
Suzanne Questell	14	Phyllis Burrows	25
Celia Gottesman	15	Rosalie Bond	27



Penny Clark	2	Betty Anderson	20
Fairlie Bagley	9	Kathy Johnston	23
Diane Bryson	10	Gloria Kennedy	24
Andrea Little	12	Martha Allen	26
Galey Gravenstein	15	Clint Sheppard	29
Mala Lawrence	16	Kathy Heimer	31
Leslie Roseman	16		

Honor Center Update

Update on Raised Bed Garden Project at the Honor Center. The honor center is a residential rehabilitation treatment facility focusing on the recovery of Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness amongst other diagnosis. GGC raised money from the Garden Party and Fashion Show in 2018 for the rebuilding of 8' x 4' raised beds. The Organic Vegetable and Herb Garden allows residents the opportunity to learn the skill of productive gardening, growing and harvesting. The garden program allows Veterans to improve nutrition and overall health planting and growing while learning to prepare foods they've grown with simple nutritious meals. Providing this horticultural experience gives the resident confidence in a valuable life skill and is a great tool for transition back to a full and meaningful life. Fall garden consists of sweet potatoes, cabbage, spinach, lettuce, radish, snap peas, broccoli and a variety of herbs.



In Our Thoughts

Jean Fouraker enduring radiation
Carol Krauser of Begonia Circle had a knee replacement
Florence and Carl Cline
Georgette Peters is recovering from surgery.

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