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## Looking Ahead at GGC

### October

14	9:30 am	Membership Meeting/Brunch
14		Amaryllis order due
19	10:00 am	Fun with Flowers
		Social 9:30 am
20	9:30 am	District V Meeting
		Newberry GC Clark Plantation
		3682 SW 202 St.
21	9:30 am	BOD Meeting
23	8:30 am	Roadside Beautification
23 - 24		Kanapaha Fall Plant sale
		and Orchid Show
28		Circle Meetings

### November

11	9:30 am	BOD Meeting
16	10:00 am	Fun with Flowers
18		Circle Meetings
25 - 26		Thanksgiving

## 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.

## MEMBERSHIP OPEN HOUSE

October 14, 2021

9:30 AM - Refreshments & GGC Photo Presentation

10 AM - Welcome to the Gainesville Garden Club

### Open House

Circles and General Members are asked to invite friends, family and individuals in the community to the Open House so that GGC will have an opportunity to show them all that our garden club has to offer - especially friendly and welcoming members.

### New Member Recognition

GGC will be recognizing members who have joined the club in 2021 at the membership meeting. We ask Circle Chairmen to introduce their new members.

### GGC Garden Club Trivia

A Garden Club Trivia Game will be held at the Thursday, October 14th Open House. The contest will include questions about GGC, FFGC, NGC, and general gardening questions. The winning Circle & General members will have bragging rights for the 2021-2022 year!

### Penny Pines - Saving Forests \$68 At A Time

As GGC Membership Chairman, I encourage Circles and club members to support FFGC & NGC with the Penny Pines Project. Circles and members can participate in this meaningful and practical conservation project by collecting funds as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area due to a natural catastrophe.

Betty Anderson, GGC 1st VP & Membership Chairman

*It's Amaryllis time !! ....*  
*And these are a few of our favorite things !*



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

Added to this year's catalog ....

- Bulbs which have been fired with shorter, stouter stems - for all of us who like to force bulbs for our holiday tables
- Offer at least one or two super-size (higher priced !!) bulbs
- New this year ... Landscape Bulbs grown by a local retired UF professor and with \$75 order, he will plant, fertilize and guarantee them for one year! That is quite a deal!

Pricing is a Club Benefit: our pricing includes both sales tax and shipping so you receive a 17% discount right off the top! 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.

We will send order forms and a GGC catalog of the bulbs as a Blast to all our members ... share them with family & friends!

Order deadline is October 14th - and we'll notify you when we receive the bulbs!

For those with questions, we'll have information on the best techniques as how to plant them out in your gardens on delivery day.



Bulbs from Amaryllis and  
Caladium Bulb Company

**Amaryllis & Caladium**  
BULB CO.

• 9 Varieties to choose from- Alfresco, Double King, Alaska, Cape Horn, Karoo, Olat, Revelation, Ragtime, and Spartacus

## Presidents Message:

Dear Garden Clubbers,

We had a fine start to GGC's 97<sup>th</sup> year, having learned to manage events with the pandemic still with us. Our Aged to Perfection couldn't have turned out more perfectly! We had lovely weather – no hurricanes – and had our food and beverages outdoors and the auction items and band indoors where masks could be worn.

We made over \$3,000 which will be used for much needed repairs to our facilities and our community projects. Thank you to the many folks who helped to pull this off!

In anticipation of the Garden Club year, members met in August for a Grounds and Building cleanup. Beds were weeded and plants were trimmed; windows, doors and baseboards were washed! Everything looks sparkling and neat! Thank you to all who assisted in this endeavor!

We had our first General Meeting of the year on September 21<sup>st</sup> with a very entertaining and informative speaker, Susie Lyons, discussing edible plants in your landscape. She had pictures of her own garden and invited us all to visit, so we will be scheduling a tour for sure! Thank you to Mimosa and Wildflowers for providing a yummy brunch and to Becky O'Brien for pulling this all together!

October will also be a full month with the UF Homecoming Parade on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, the Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Membership Open House, hosted by Daisy Circle, the Oct 20<sup>th</sup> District V meeting in Newberry and Roadside Beautification on Oct 23rd. I hope to see you at these events!

*Linda*



Susie Lyons talking to us about edible plants in our landscape at our first General Meeting of the year.

## District V's New Website

The new Director of District V, Donna Thomas, asked Kelley Wood to host and build a website for District V and it wasn't too long before <http://www.ffgcdistrict5.com> was born. Currently available on the site is a listing of all the clubs in the district, along with links to those club's websites if they have them. The officer's Bios are available as well as pages for all the awards that were won by the district, and a photo gallery from the Spring District meeting.

More will be added as time goes on, and we welcome comments and suggestions as to what you would like to see. Feedback can be emailed to [webmaster@ffgcdistrict5.com](mailto:webmaster@ffgcdistrict5.com), and you can reach Donna Thomas at [Director@ffgcdistrict5.com](mailto:Director@ffgcdistrict5.com).

### PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Guidelines and Application

The PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Program is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. for new or existing club projects in their respective communities. Projects may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects may include but are not limited to:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Landscaping projects
- Community gardens
- Implementation of environmental practices
- Youth gardening
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping

**Grant Amount:** Up to \$1,000.00 is available to be used for direct expenses of 2022 projects.

#### Who May Apply:

- Individual or near-garden clubs that are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- **NOTE:** Recipients of previous PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants are **NOT** eligible to apply.

#### How to Apply using this PDF form:

- Application is limited to a **TOTAL of two (2) pages**. (This page does not count.)
  - **ONE (1) PAGE** - Application Form (Page 1)
  - **ONE (1) PAGE** - Budget (Page 2)
- Applications of more than two pages will **NOT** be considered. **NO PHOTOS/DIAGRAMS.**

- Save this form to your desktop and open it in Adobe Acrobat; it is not fillable with most internet browsers. Fill in, save the changes and email the completed **application form** and **budget** to: [PlantAmericaGrants@gardenclub.org](mailto:PlantAmericaGrants@gardenclub.org).

#### Application Deadline: October 15, 2021

- Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by **January 31, 2022**.
- Projects must be completed by **February 28, 2023**; final report forms due by **April 1, 2023**.

#### Judging Criteria:

In evaluating grant applications, judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

Benefits and visibility in community	40	Collaboration with other community groups	15
Impact and scope of project	25	Application form complete	5
Involvement & participation by club members	15	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

#### Funding Guidelines:

Grants will not be provided for:

- Projects in which club does not participate in some aspect
- Competitive Flower Shows
- Scholarships and/or endowments
- Purchase of Blue or Gold Star Markers
- Scout projects
- Private gardens
- Salaries or benefits of personnel
- Lawsuits and/or litigation
- Political action programs
- Overhead costs
- Capital drives and/or fund building
- Projects completed in 2021.

#### Final Report:

1. **Deadline:** within two months after the completion of the project or by April 1, 2023.
2. Email the following:
  - A short two-to-three pages report describing the project including photos
  - A copy of the final financial report including all income and expenses
  - A copy of any publicity

**NOTE:** Please indicate if permission has been given for use of photos by NGC in print, website and social media. A release form for adults and minors can be found on the NGC website:

<https://www.gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2020-05/ngc-publication-release-fillable-01.pdf>





# *The State of the Garden Center*

## **Board of Trustees**

**GGC Roof** - There are multiple leaks in the roof of the main GGC building. Two estimates were obtained for total replacement and ranged from \$13,000 to \$30,000, depending on the materials used. One estimate received was \$3,000-\$5,000 to patch the leaks, replace rotten wood, and extend rain gutter. The BOT proposed we hire Mac Johnson Roofing to patch the roof for now and add a total replacement into the budget to be completed in 2 -3 years. After discussion, the recommendation was approved.

**Terrazzo Floors** - The terrazzo floors need attention. Two bids have been received for the work. One for \$2,400 and one for \$1,000. The bids were to strip, seal, and wax all floors in the main Gainesville Garden Club building, the Laura Carmichael Building (LCB), and all bathrooms. The BOT proposed we hire All-Clean to do the job for a cost of \$1,000. After discussion, the recommendation was approved.

**Tree Work** - There are three (now four) trees on the property that need attention. An arborist, Danny Lippi from Advanced Tree Care, visited the site to consult. We have received two estimates on the two live oaks that threaten the main GGC building and the LCB. Estimates were to trim (to remove weight) the large limbs that overhang the buildings and to cut out all dead limbs on each tree. Also, a hackberry has uprooted on the northern part of the property and has fallen into sabal palms. The estimates also included removing that tree. SkyFrog's estimate is \$3,800 and Marco Ferri Tree Service's estimate is \$2,200. The BOT proposed we hire Frank Ferri to do the job. After discussion, the recommendation was approved.

**Other** - A request to hang a matted and framed drawing of a black amaryllis in the LCB was approved and presented to the Board of Directors, which they approved.

Begonia Circle requested permission to install a plaque to honor Bob and Lee Kline in the Clubhouse courtyard. The BOT agreed and presented this request to the Board of Directors for approval. It was approved.

Carol Ann Binello, Chair

## **Facilities**

We continue our search for the best solution for the roof repair. The BOD has agreed to a cost not to exceed \$5000.

Sheridan Commercial Refrigeration was called to fix the refrigerator in the main building that is 19 years old. Cost for repairs=\$140.00 replacement needs to be figured into long range planning.

The Fire Marshall reviewed fire exits, directional signage, emergency lighting and access to fuse/power boxes. After some minor fixes, ie: replaced batteries and cleared access pathways,

we passed. This inspection will happen every 3 years. Thanks to Dave Rowett, Bob Kline, Carol Binello, Linda Schoellhorn and Steve Provost. Cost \$100.

Bob Kline buffed the main building floors. The floors in all buildings will be stripped and waxed with 4 coats sometime in the next two months. Cost \$1000.

Beltz Septic Service pumped out the septic tank which was last done in 2016. Cost \$375

Thank you to all for an excellent turn out on the work day!

Fran Maris, Chair

## **Financial**

**Total Cash & Investments**, as of October 1, 2021:

Checking:	\$26,268.85
Money Market:	\$117,520.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 143,789.30</b>

**Aged to Perfection Fundraising Updates: \$4,072.53 and still rising!!**

Plant Sale at the Sept. General Meeting: \$136.35

Thank you to all our very generous members and friends !!

**Total \$ 143,789.30**

Kathryn Stephens,  
Treasurer

## **Rentals**

Rentals Committee Update Rentals have seen a marked increase beginning with the Summer and continuing through the Fall. With the lifting of local capacity limitations on social gathering, our facility has been able to host weddings, parties and other celebratory gatherings. We continue to follow safety protocols with signs posted for masking and social distancing. Looking ahead through December, and based on current bookings, we will double our rentals when compared to last year. It is important to acknowledge that, although we currently rent to our full-room capacity, the County may return to limited indoor social gatherings and we will, as before, adhere to any guidelines that may be imposed as a result of those regulations

## **Status of Custodial Help**

To address the significant amount of work required for every booking, we interviewed several companies and individuals, giving each the opportunity to do a full cleaning. We extended an offer to a team of two women whose work was excellent and they accepted the position to do set ups, break downs and cleaning after all fee-producing, external events in our buildings.

Mona Ripe, Chair

# GGC Fund Raising Opportunities

## Aged to Perfection - September 9, 2021

This was a wonderful kickoff to our 97<sup>th</sup> year! We did not have a hurricane and the weather was clear and not too hot. In response to the pandemic environment, we served all food and beverages on outside tables in the courtyard under the covered areas. Auction items were staged in both room with lots of room to spread out. Cat and Chuck accompanied by our own David Willkomm serenaded us while making our bids. Bruce Cavey's ceiling extravaganza was spectacular as always!

Mo Dawson outdid herself in the menu items served and many members helped to prepare and serve the food. The food lineup included marinated chicken and beef satay grilled on skewers, fruit kabobs, capresi on skewers, smoked whole salmon served on pumpernickel, Charcuterie boards with meats and cheeses, mini cupcakes decorated with floral accents and assorted homemade cookies.

This time we had fewer auction items and more buy now options, so everyone was able to leave with something they liked! From all the comments, everyone had a good time and were very happy to meet up with Garden Club friends and also meet new ones!



*Another Date to Add to Your Holiday Calendar!*

## Holiday Design Open House & Santa's Garden Shoppe

Thursday, December 9th, 9:30 to 11:30AM

\$35 per person

Join our annual fund-raising event that gives members a chance to be creative, get ready for the holidays and support GGC! We'll make a **Nature's Southern Living Garland** with eucalyptus, dried orange slices, berries and other festive additions. Plan to come and learn how from our She Shed Design Team.

We're trying something new with a "Make It or Take It Workshop." You will receive a six-foot silk eucalyptus garland and items ready to tie or wire on to your garland: dried orange and apple slices, berries, nuts, cinnamon sticks, rafia, greenery and a string of tiny, mini lights. Plus, we have sea shells, holiday ribbons and other natural decorations to add as you like.



You will be able to work on your garland at GGC or take all the items home to complete it. Each person will need quite a large workspace, so we'll have timed start times to make room for all of us. The design team will have a variety of examples for you to see and helpers available.

The She Shed Design Team is also preparing items for sale in Santa's Garden Shoppe. More lovely holiday art cards have been created as a follow up to last year's wonderful cards.

Of course, we'll have refreshments provided by Begonia and Gardenia Circles to insure a festive mood for a holiday party-workshop. So, come to shop and create. Advance registration and payment will be required for this fund-raising event so watch for information to sign up!



# Civic and Community Projects

Gainesville Garden Club makes its annual appearance in the Homecoming Parade



The FFGC President Marge Hendon, rode in the parade with Linda and Fran this year!

## Women Build

Alachua Habitat for Humanity Women Build (WB) group will be starting their 15<sup>th</sup> house later this fall. WB is a group of women that build Habitat houses for low-income families. The Gainesville Garden Club (GGC) has a great opportunity to partner with WB. In the past GGC has taken on the responsibility of landscaping the house. This consists of designing the plan, acquiring plants/trees/shrubs, and installing. This opportunity won't happen until the Spring of 2022. But, until then, GGC has the opportunity to provide lunches to the hard-working construction volunteers on Saturdays; 10-15 max.

The lot has been chosen, the new homeowner identified, and the permit has just been submitted. Volunteers could start around the end of November. The exact date is dependent on permit approval and subcontractors getting the infrastructure in place. To be safe, I'm guessing Saturday, 12/04, would be the first day WB would need a lunch delivered. I (Jill Carter) will be organizing the lunches for WB. Typically, a group of women from GGC get together and deliver lunch to the job site around 11am. Lunch can be whatever you want. You can go out and buy it pre-made or make it yourself and deliver it. Most of the WB volunteers are not heavy eaters, especially if it's hot out. Several volunteers are vegetarians, so please always provide an option for them.

Lunch providers get a tour of the house and a chance to meet the homeowner and the supporting volunteers. Plates, silverware, and cups are already at the site. The only thing I ask is, if you plan on bringing soup/stew to let me know so I can ensure bowls and spoons are available.

Please contact me if you are interested, [jill\\_w\\_carter@outlook.com](mailto:jill_w_carter@outlook.com). You can also look me up in the yearbook. Let me know if you have questions or if you want to volunteer to bring lunch and which date you prefer.

## Conservation and Roadside Clean-up

The Gainesville Garden Club is committed to maintaining the stretch of 13th street (441) from approximately the DNA bridge to Gainesville High School. Clean ups take place four times a year with our first one Oc 23. You must register to serve as a volunteer no later than October 15. All volunteers will be greeted with donuts from the nearby Krispy Kreme as a thank you for your work. Everyone will be provided with a safety vest to wear during the cleanup along with disposable gloves and a grabber/reacher tool. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own water, a hat and sunscreen.

This event will provide volunteers with the opportunity to help beautify our community while at the same time getting in a morning walk with fellow gardeners. Contact Mercy Quiroga at 305 968-3882 or [MAQ9341@gmail.com](mailto:MAQ9341@gmail.com)

# Horticulture

## A Look At What We Learned: GGC Wildflower Medians and Beds.

In the year since we seeded the roadway medians on NW 16th Ave and NW 43rd St and the two beds on the GGC grounds we have observed that these four areas are all developing in different ways. Of course, this seems reasonable since we used a different mix of seeds for the medians compared to the beds and we used different weed removal treatments for the beds and the medians. But it seems that the difference may be due to more than just that.

**Existing soil conditions:** The soil on the 16th Ave median is more organic and holds more moisture. The sandy soil on the 43rd St median is well drained and relatively dry. The soil in the GGC beds seems Sandy yet somewhat organic and does hold moisture which would be expected in an area near wetlands and floodplains.

**Existing light conditions:** The 16th Ave median is shaded part of the day due to forested area on south side of street. The 43rd St median is more or less in full sun all day. The GGC beds are both in filtered light under tree canopy with the bed off of the parking lot getting some direct sun. The bed along the wooden fence near the road is more shaded all day.

The constant at all the sites is that they have not been mowed since seeding. The median sites were mechanically scraped of weeds to expose bare soil and raked prior to seeding. The GGC beds were herbicided and raked prior to seeding. Weeds developed quickly after *Coreopsis basilis* (dye flower) on the medians stopped flowering. Weeds are still at a minimal level in the GGC beds. Weeds seem to have crowded out the other successional wildflowers from developing fully on the medians. However, in the beds the extensive wildflower coverage seems to be keeping the weeds from overtaking the area.

So did soil disturbance on the medians expose and allow seeds in the seed bank to germinate and take over? Did herbiciding, since there was no soil disturbance, kill only the existing weeds and allow the wildflower seeds to prevail in the beds at GGC? Stay tuned for more as we plan for additional wildflower seeding in November!



## *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 and November

### 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



Pruning/deadheading - continue

### What To Do

#### **October**

Lawns - Apply reemergent herbicides to lawns when nighttime temperatures are 55-60 degrees F. Over seed 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 i

Camelias - Fertilize new plantings with 0-0-22

Pruning/Deadheading

#### **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

Flowering Trees - Remove some buds from camellias to stimulate larger blooms

Birds - make a small brush pile from plant debris for birds

Pruning/deadheading - continue





Butterfly Garden and RMH entrance:  
October - Daisy Circle  
November - Gardenia Circle

### **Begonia - Lynnette Worley**

Begonia Circle closed our 2020-2021 year in May with a Flower Design program. We donated 36 mugs of fresh flowers to the Atrium.

The circle has assumed responsibility for the two garden beds in front of the main building. We exceeded our original \$500 budget by \$200 as we added two rose bushes along with some New Guinea Impatiens. We also planted some of our “leftover” Caladium bulbs from our most recent circle fundraiser in the Celebration Garden. One of our newest circle members, Mark Zadra, blew off the clubhouse roof and helped clean the gutters.



In June, our circle met at the Northwest Grille for lunch where we planned our 2021-2022 meeting calendar. We also honored Jo Lee Houlihan for the great work that she did as our past circle chair.

We are pleased to write that Begonia Circle member, Clint Shepard generously donated \$500 to upgrade our ability to assist Westwood Middle School's Garden. We also received \$100 from the Daisy Circle to help also. Lee Kline is the “point person” on coordinating this effort and has done a terrific job in doing so.

Our September meeting was a “Welcome Back” luncheon with our GGC President, Linda Schoellhorn as our featured speaker. She discussed her background and history of her roles with the club. She also outlined ways where one can become more involved in club activities and programs.

Our next meeting will be on October 28th with a scheduled tour of Dudley Farm. Lunch will follow at Ole Sole Mio in Newberry.

### **Daisy - Sandra Arnold**

Daisy Circle participated in a multi-family garage sale thanks to items donated by friend Gloria Parker. We raised \$400 which will go towards the Open House expenses and community service projects.

On September 30<sup>th</sup> members met for a meeting and our very own Fun With Flowers Workshop. Everyone made beautiful fall arrangements and enjoyed being together.

### **Gardinia - Kathy Murphy**

On June 8th, 6 Gardenia members created 60 small arrangements of fresh flowers. These were done during National Garden Week as our circle project. The tiny creations were then delivered the Park Meadows Care Center in Gainesville that day. They were most appreciative and were enjoyed on their bed trays and in the dining room.

Several members participated in the Aged to Perfection event. Some prepared and served food and others helped to serve beverages that evening.

At our first circle meeting, we will be discussing several projects that had been tabled back in May and included fundraisers for this fall. We are still waiting to hear pricing from the pecan grower for the bags of nuts. We hope to have available to sell in October. We should have more information

by the time for our meeting to pass along to the rest of the garden

### **Jasmine - Kristy Welch**

As the newly appointed chairperson for the Jasmine Circle, I find myself pondering the complexities in guiding a large circle through the current climate of pandemic concerns and precautions. We have many challenges yet to face, but I am confident that the strength of family, friends, and community-driven purpose will persist in our up-coming and future endeavors. I have adopted the motto “Opportunity Awaits” for my tenure as the Jasmine chairperson and will encourage all members to remember that we are a team, a family, and through all, we will continue to show the community at large that we are willing and ready to help when needed.

Jasmine members continue to gear up for the new season and are looking forward to a great series of programming and volunteer opportunities in the works. Over the summer, they maintained the GGC Butterfly Garden and Ronald McDonald House Entryway garden beds even through a vehicular mishap that left the beds a bit torn-up. Plans are being drawn up by Carol Binello, Florence Cline, and Mario Perez to rework the beds and they will be calling on volunteers from the club at large to assist in the “rebuild” this fall.

Many Jasmine members contributed in creating a wonderful Aged to Perfection Auction and Wine Social last week, and all should be commended on a well-executed event! Diane Bryson, Penny Clark, Carol Binello, Jill Carter, Gail Cook, Audrey Hoehn, and Stacey Copenhaver have all committed to continuing their leadership roles on various Jasmine volunteer commitments, and we are excited to have Mercy & Manny Quiroga leading the Roadside Beautification teams this year as well!

Because of the size of our circle (approx. 90), the Jasmine team agreed to meet via Zoom this month (September), but we will be making plans and discussing options to help members feel more comfortable meeting in person for our October meeting and beyond. We are pleased to have a new member join GGC and the Jasmine Circle this month, Yvonne Grubbs, and we are currently getting her processed into the system.



As the season progresses, we will have much more to report on our annual community project, and numerous volunteer efforts being organized now. We are excited to welcome Marc Frank, UF Botanist, to talk at our October circle meeting on “The New Houseplant Renaissance” and welcome anyone to join us as he

We are gearing up for the next Women Build house build this fall and being able to provide lunches for that effort, and coordinating efforts to spruce up the Gold Star Marker, Blue Star Marker, and VA Hospital garden beds this month.

We look forward to extending invitations to the other circles on future planned events and will share more information as we firm up those details. It's going to be an exciting year for the club, and I can't wait to see it unfold!

## Mimosa - Janet Greene

Mimosa Circle met twice over the summer to socialize and keep in touch. In June, we had lunch at the Cintron Restaurant and in August we viewed the FL. art exhibit at the Harn Museum and had lunch at Mildreds. We planted 200 Tapestry Caladium Bulbs at the garden center which were donated by the Bates family of Lake Placid. Several members actively participated in the Aged to Perfection event and donated items. We sold our garden gloves, sand bags and angle weeder. Thirteen members attended with most cooking, serving and selling items. Three members attended the funeral for emeritus member Mary Wolz and we voted to add a leaf on the memorial tree in her honor. We had 11 members attend the general meeting and our circle helped furnish refreshments and clean up. Pauline Schochet and Karen Beaty are hard at work with the Amaryllis Bulb sale. Our Sept. meeting was held at the home of Kathy Powell. We had 14 members and one guest attend. Plants were exchanged and plans were made for our Oct. trip to Dunnellon where we will take a boat ride down the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers. Three members will be attending the District V meeting and four will be working at the Oct. roadside cleanup. Five signed up for Fun with Flowers. We collected for Penny Pines. We are very happy to welcome new member, Patti Farley to our



## Wildflowers - Claudia Lambert

In April, our Wildflower Circle met in Dunnellon for our meeting. We took a River Boat ride by Captain Jon Semmes of Singing River Boat Tours. We learned many facts about the ecosystem and wildlife of the Withlacoochee and Rainbow Rivers. Captain Jon then entertained us with songs and stories. We had 8 members and 1 guest for this tour. We also signed a card of appreciation during our April meeting for Rose Kimlinger, a Wildflower member, who moved to Bradenton, FL. Our Wildflower Circle met in May at Harry's Seafood Bar and Grill in downtown Gainesville for the end of year wrap-up meeting. During May, Wildflowers weeded the Ronald McDonald House and the Butterfly Garden at GGC. Jeanice Gage attended District V meeting in Inverness May 19<sup>th</sup>. Rose Kimlinger from Bradenton surprised us with a visit to our May Circle meeting. We also had to say a heartfelt goodbye to Mary Harding who will be moving to Longwood, FL. Seven members attended the General Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Wildflowers will meet in September with a get-together brunch at Claudia Lambert's home.

## PECANS

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It is that time of the year again! With a nip in the air and the harvesting of Pecan groves out thoughts turn to the upcoming festivities and holidays. Gardenia Circle is once again offering the wonderful:

Mammoth Pecan Halves - 16 oz. at \$17.00 per bag,

Large Pecan Pieces - 16 oz. at \$15.00 per bag.

Think of all the yummy recipes to share with family and friends! They make wonderful gifts too!

Place your order with your treasurer at the October circle meeting. They will be ordered October 30th at noon for delivery the first week of November.

Call Gail Birket for questions - 352 371-1440.

## Birthday Blessings



**September - Aster** -Asters are mainly symbols of powerful love. Perhaps because of their positive symbolism, according to folklore they were once burned to ward off serpents.

Gail Birket	1
Dale Williams	5
Arie Havelaar	5
Barbara Smith	6
Suzanne Heern	8
Audrie Hoehn	10
Jerry Cellon	12
Jan Brown	14
Bruce Cavey	14
Margaret Chodosh	15

Gail Cook	15
Becky O'Brien	19
Cathy Berry	20
Kathi Bowker	20
David Willkomm	20
Debbie Gallagher	20
Joyce Ashley	23
Nicole Levy	23
Lynn George	27
Mercy Quiroga	30



**October - Cosmos.** The name Cosmos comes from the Greek *kosmos*, meaning order, peace, harmony as expressed in the blossom's symmetry.

Yvonne Currie	3
Jeanice Gage	4
Sandy Jones	4
Lois McNamara	13
Mary Schindler	21
Betty Parkell	31



**November -- Chrysanthemum.** It's said that a single petal placed in the bottom of a glass of wine enhances longevity. (Worth a try) Confucius once suggested chrysanthemums be used as an object of meditation.

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
Helen Tate	27
Lynne Randazzo	30

## In Our Thoughts

MaryAnn Algeo - from Jasmine Circle whose husband passed away in June.

The family of Mary Woltz of Mimosa Circle who passed away in June.

Jerry Cellon of Gardenia Circle whose daughter passed away in August

Ami Kanu of Mimosa Circle whose sister very recently passed away





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## Welcome to GGC - Florida Pest Control

Florida Pest Control is assisting GGC in the care of our old Sago Palms on the back patio by offering treatments to combat disease and scale. This is a \$250 value that they are graciously donating to the club. If you, family or friends would like to try Florida Pest as a new customer or need a special service (discount will not apply to existing service!), they will offer a 10% discount with mention of GGC. Please contact Brendan Middleton at 352-240-2462 directly to schedule or inquire. Many thanks to Brendan for making this happen for GGC.

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