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## ***MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JOLEE HOULIHAN***

First of all, I want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who had anything to do with our Arbor Celebration; *100 Trees for 100 Years*. This event was a huge success for GGC and a wonderful start to our Centennial Year. If you have not had the opportunity to listen to Donna Waller's presentation before the City Commission, I encourage you to do so. It was informative as she talked about GGC and Marjorie Harris Carr. This was great publicity for us.

Don't forget the "Blossom, Brew and BBQ" at First Magnitude Brewery on Sunday from 2-6 PM February 18, 2024. There will be plants for sale and many other things, too. This event is free to all.

As all of you know, we are at a very busy time for GGC. We have "Gardeners Gold Gala" on February 24, 2024. Kristy Welch has led this Committee with enthusiasm like I have never seen. This will be lots of fun with our Roaring 20's theme. I cannot wait for the music and dancing. This event not only celebrates our 100 years of Community Service; the proceeds will benefit our Youth Programs which includes school teaching gardens, Sponsorships to Wekiva Youth Camp and scholarships for our new environmental protectors. Get your tickets and come join the fun!

On March 7, 2024 our Spring Fling will take place. This is a luncheon with a "Garden Party" theme. Sandra Arnold is chairing this event and from what I can tell it will be amazing. There will be a flower show with arrangements made by our members who took the Floral Design Classes from our own Claudia Bates. Since this is not a formal show with rules and regulations, it will be judged by you; our members and guests with four fun questions. Claudia will be working with our designers for the Garden Party. GGC has several seasoned designers, and we are working on having them do a design for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Do not forget to get your tickets.

GGC is being recognized by the Gainesville Modern-Mid Century Modern Tour. The dates are March 21-23, 2024. This event will give GGC so much exposure and there will not be much expected of us other than hosting. Tickets and Map will be handled by Gainesville Modern.

Grow Your Own will happen on April 27, 2024. The theme will be "Grown Your Own Songbird Garden." Alan and Ellen Shapiro will be the lecturers. There will be 1000 plants for sale along with many other things. There will be more to follow with this event. I think this is enough for now, but other events are on the horizon with more details to come. Once again, Thank You for all you do. Know it is appreciated.

Yours in gardening,

Jo Lee Houlihan, President

# GARDENERS GOLDEN GALA

February 24, 2024

**GARDENERS GOLDEN GALA**



**GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB**  
2024.02.24 | 6:30PM - 9:30PM  
TICKETS: \$25 PP/\$50 COUPLE  
GGCFL.ORG

**EVENT CONTRIBUTORS**



**FLORIDA GARDEN TRAVEL TRUNKS!**  
Opportunity Drawings  
for 6 Florida Garden  
Travel Trunks!

**MUSEUM-STYLE DISPLAYS**

Learn how the Gainesville Garden Club supports our community!

**COMMUNITY  
HEALTH  
CONSERVATION  
EDUCATION  
MILITARY**

+ Additional Displays on:

**THROUGHOUT THE YEARS  
FLOWER SHOWS  
HALL OF PRESIDENTS  
GGC TIMELINE**

24 February 2024  
Clubhouse  
6:30-9:30pm

**MIRANDA MADISON**



**"TIME TO SWING"**

**IT'S THE BEE'S KNEES!**  
DRESS CODE: GATSBY



# GARDEN PARTY



MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> - 11 am to 2 pm

Join us on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at GGC for a whimsical garden party. Attendees will enjoy the delightful decorations, tea pot centerpieces, and a chance to judge beautiful floral arrangements created by garden club members. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased on-line at [ggcfl.org](http://ggcfl.org), or at GGC Circle meetings. Also included in the price of your ticket is lunch, a photo booth, and door prizes. The general public is invited! Mark your calendars today!



Celebrate FFGC's 97th Convention and 100th Anniversary in Jacksonville, FL.

## Centennial Celebration

Join the FFGC Celebration April 10-12, 2024



### **Blossom Brew & BBQ** February 18<sup>th</sup> 2-6 pm

First Magnitude Brewing Company  
1220 SE Veitch St, Gainesville

The Gainesville Garden Club is hosting a community outreach event to show the community what we do and encourage new members to participate!

Danny, from Loosey's, will be cooking up some insanely delicious BBQ, and we will also have a vegan food truck vendor as well. Several vendors will be set up with gardening supplies, plants, and information.

We hope everyone will join us at First Magnitude for one of many celebratory centennial events this year!





The Gainesville Garden Club held its Arbor Celebration on Saturday January 20, 2024. This was our kickoff to celebrate our 100 years in the Gainesville Community. Our theme for this event was *100 Trees for 100 Years* which were given to organizations that have Master Gardener involvement. We planted a Weeping Bald Cypress on our grounds and then hosted a Botanist Brunch for those in attendance, followed by Speaker, Peggy Macdonald who talked about our former GGC member, Marjorie Harris Carr. She was a conservationist and ecologist who along with the Gainesville Garden Club got the State of Florida to purchase and name Payne’s Prairie Preserve State Park.

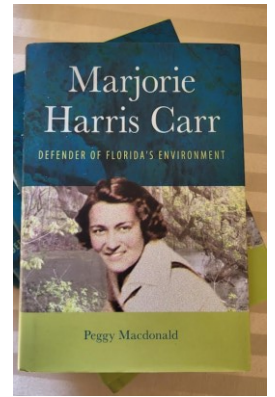


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**Saving Paynes Prairies - Margorie Harris Carr and the Gainesville Garden Club preserve one of Florida’s most unique nature resources.**

On left speaker, Peggy Macdonald, share articles/photos from her book on Marjorie Harris Carr (on right).

Below center: The presentation for “Home Grown National Park Map” was done by Paula Waterman, Gardenia





## Our Butterfly Garden: Butterflies, Beauty and Education \*

By Lois McNamara, Butterfly Garden Chair

Our butterfly garden, so beautiful in the summer and fall, appears to be sleeping now. Monarchs have flown south to Mexico or the Caribbean. Most other butterflies go into diapause (a kind of dormancy that varies greatly according to species) for the winter; however, you may still see zebra longwings and cloudless butterflies on a sunny day.

A beautiful sign depicting the life cycle of three butterfly species was recently installed at the garden. It pictures the egg, larva, pupa and mature butterfly stages of the monarch, the zebra longwing, and the giant swallowtail. A similar sign, graphics designed by Taylor Clem, former Alachua Co. Master Gardener Coordinator, is located in the Haile development, which is where I first saw this wonderful teaching tool. The sign itself was purchased with funds from Begonia Circle. Because purchasing the structure to support and install it would have been almost \$700, beyond the means of our GGC butterfly garden budget, my husband Bob McNamara made the supporting structure with locally sourced materials; for considerably less, saving GGC more than \$400.

Pictured below are Bob and Mark Zadra as they were installing the structure. This informational sign will help us educate the public on how they can bring butterflies to their own yards.

New flyers picturing the butterflies and their respective host plants are now available in the arbor mailbox. A poster picturing similar information is hanging on the arbor.



Bob and Mark installing the sign.



Lois and Bob pose beside the sign.



## CELEBRATING MEMBERS WITH 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Inez Brooker - 1956 - 68 years - Begonia - former GGC President**  
**Rosalie Bond - 1957 - 67 years – Daisy**  
**Carolyn Hufty - 1969 - 55 years – Jasmine**  
**Jean Parker - 1968 - 56 years - Gardenia - Emeritus - former GGC President**  
**Lynne Randazzo - 1971 - 53 years - Gardenia - former GGC President**  
**Monica Alton - 1974 - 50 years – Mimosa**  
**Cecelia Gottesman - 1974 - 50 years – Gardenia**  
**Lorene Junkin - 1978 - 46 years - Begonia - former GGC President**



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Allard, Nicole	Jasmine Circle
Caldwell, June	Wildflowers Circle
Cindi Dennis	Mimosa Circle
Hughes, Valree	Mimosa Circle
Jacks, Maureen	General Member
Kane, Theresa	Mimosa Circle
Kaplan, Linda	Jasmine Circle
Lewis, Kelly	General Member
Libres, Gia	General Member
Nielson, Cindy	Wildflowers Circle
Pulliam, Krista	General Member
Stoeker, Marjorie	Wildflowers Circle
Van Natta, Jenny	General Member
Wildman, Anne	General Member

### FFGC AWARD APPLICATIONS

GGC applied for the following awards to recognize the great service the club and circles provided in 2023. The winning awards will be announced at the FFGC Convention in April.

- # 13 Publications – New Membership Card
- # 15 Garden Therapy Geriatric – Gardenia Circle
- # 36 Community Service – Wildflowers Circle
- # 46 Garden Tours
- # 47 Habitat for Humanity
- # 58 Promoting Bees Through Knowledge
- # 65 Convention Delegate
- # 75 Fun with Flowers Program
- # 76 Fun with Flowers Series
- # 69 C Digital Photographs – Wildflowers
- # 69 F Digital Photographs – Florida Scenery

*Thanks for all you do!*





# DISTRICT 5 PHOTO CONTEST

District V is hosting its fourth photography competition. **Deadline for submitting photographs will be April 30, 2024.** All the winning photographs will be shown at the 2024 Spring District V Meeting and will then be posted on the District V website – [ffgcdistrict5.com](http://ffgcdistrict5.com). During the District V Spring Meeting attendees will select the “Popular Choice Award” from the first-place winning photographs.

## Categories include:

1. **Recycle, repurpose and reuse items in your gardens**
  2. **Get creative with flowers and blossoms**
  3. **Scenic** – beach & coastal, landscapes, swamps, etc.
  4. **Butterflies** – caterpillar, chrysalis or butterfly
  5. **Everything Birds** – birds in trees, bird house, bird baths, bird feeders, etc.
  6. **Cold-blooded Critters** – turtles, frogs, snakes, lizards, fish, etc.
  7. **Wildlife** – deer, squirrels, bats, otters, foxes, etc. No pets or livestock.
  8. **Nature at Night or Early Light**
- **Monetary Awards** - An award of **\$25** will be given for photos in the following areas:
  - **“Best-in-Show Award”** – judged by the judging panel
  - **“Most Unique & Creative Award”** – has a “Wow” factor – judged by panel
  - **“Popular Choice Award”** – voted on by attendees at the Spring District V Meeting.

There is a \$3 entry fee per photo (5 limit). Awards will be given as follows: First Place, Second Place, Third Place. Send the photographs to **Kelley Wood at [photos@ffgcdistrict5.com](mailto:photos@ffgcdistrict5.com)**, and the photograph, description, name of garden club, and the entry fee to **Sandra Arnold at 3420 SW 100 St., Gainesville, FL 32608.**



Lorene Junkin, Floral Designer, created a beautiful arrangement for FFGC Board Meeting in January. Beautiful!

## GGC CALENDAR

### February

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|----|---------|--|
| 15 | 9:30 am | GGC Board Meeting  |
| 22 | 10 am   | Combined Circle Meeting<br>Speaker: Dave Conser, FL Forest Service<br>9:30 am Refreshments |
| 24 | 6:30 pm | GGC Golden Gala  |

### March

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| 4  |       | Judges Council                                      |
| 7  | 11 am | Garden Party & Flower Show                          |
| 19 | 10 am | Fun with Flowers<br>Reservations deadline March 1st |



## Newsletter Submissions

If you wish to submit Circle or member news, projects, programs, or photos to the Winter newsletter, please send them in by April 1<sup>st</sup> to [searnold6348@gmail.com](mailto:searnold6348@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
Sandra Arnold, Editor

## GARDEN CLUB WEBSITES

**Gainesville Garden Club**  
Websites: [ggcfl.org](http://ggcfl.org)



**Deep South Garden Clubs**  
[dsgardenclubs.com](http://dsgardenclubs.com)



**Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC)**  
Website: [ffgc.org](http://ffgc.org)



**National Garden Clubs**  
Website: [NGC.org](http://NGC.org)

