

November 12, 2013



Would you like to have an English cottage garden without spending a small fortune on bedding plants each year? Our meeting on November 21st at the Garden Club will tell you how to do those things economically. After a brief explanation of the essentials for growing and saving the seed of wildflowers and many other old garden favorites, such as poppies, bachelor buttons, larkspur and cosmos, Lois McNamara and Begonia Circle members will provide a hands-on experience on how to “process” flower seeds. (You may wish to bring your gardening gloves.) Learn how to store the seeds and sow them. Envelopes and printed instructions will be provided so you can take whichever seeds you would like to have. There will be at least 14 kinds of flower seeds. Please note: November is a great time to sow the seeds for many of our Florida wildflowers and hardy annuals.

Combined Meeting November 21st at 10:00 AM

Lois McNamara presents “Seeds and How They Grow”. She has been a Master Gardener since 2006 and was previously a member of the Winter Park Garden Club. Before retiring in 2001, she taught Humanities at Valencia Community College.

It Takes Two

The Gainesville Garden Club extended an invitation to the Four Seasons Garden Club to share the hosting of the 2013 Standard Flower Show. This very successful event was held on November 7th and 8th at the Tower Club in the Villages. Event Co-chairs Lee Kline and Four Season's Garden Club's Liz Shaw welcomed volunteers and visitors as plants, flowers and cuttings arrived with members from both clubs. Lois McNamara, Ruby Parker and Rick and Linda Schoelhorn assisted with plant identification, and club members registered their entries. Logistics fell to the capable hands of Florence and Carl Cline.



Judging was held on Friday and one could see that it would not be an easy task. The room was filled with an array of beautiful plants and flowers,. The only thing for sure at that moment was that this year's Flower Show was going to be a huge success. You can read all about it, find out who won ribbons and see several of the beautiful; photographs from the show in the next issue of *The Seedling*.

Jasmine Circle Hosts Speaker Dr. Schoelhorn

On Thursday evening, October 24th, Jasmine Circle hosted the combined Gainesville Garden Club meeting. An excellent salad/desert supper was followed by guest speaker Dr. Rick Schoelhorn's presentation: Plant Now for Spring. Ellen Shapiro introduced Dr. Schoelhorn stating that over the past twenty years he has worked extensively in the horticulture holding a variety of positions in both higher education and business. Rick found his dream job with the Proven Winners team in 2005 as Director of New Products. He traveled the world to find new plants and tested them via Proven Winners exhaustive trial program helping plant breeders develop new crops. Dr. Rick Schoelhorn received his M.S. (1992) and Ph.D. (1996) from the University of Florida, Gainesville, and his B.S. from Colorado State University, in Fort Collins, in 1989. Dr. Schoelhorn is the co-author of *Your Florida Guide to Perennials* (ISBN: 0-8130-2927-9) with Dr. Sydney Park-Brown. Dr. Schoelhorn addressed the do's and don'ts of planting and landscape design keeping in mind advised dates for each micro-climate that we experience in Gainesville. An enthusiastic question and answer session followed. Attendees received 3 Proven Winners start up plants for growing this time of year. Thank you Jasmine Circle for hosting this fun and informative evening.



Schoelhorn Garden Tour

Over 75 GGC club members and community attendees toured Linda and Rick Schoelhorn's garden on November 3rd. Rick identified the many varieties of plants and explained their location in the garden based on plant needs and why plants thrive or die and why he and Linda had chosen them. They answered many other questions during the 1½ hour tour and everyone left with

great information and a variety of plant cuttings to start in their own gardens. Many thanks to Rick and Linda for sharing their beautiful garden.

Gainesville Garden Club Recognized

We know our Gainesville Garden Club is wonderful but it is especially nice to be recognized by others. The city of Gainesville's City Beautification Board honored us on April 24th with the Outstanding Group Award for 2013. When Florence Cline accepted the award she stated, "The meetings include discussions on landscaping as well as plant propagation, container gardening, raised-bed gardening, Florida wildflowers and developing gardens that attract butterflies. We are delighted to offer these exciting programs in gardening and horticultural education to our members and all who would like to join us."



Congratulations to us and especially to the circles who have initiated many of the following community projects that bring our fine organization into the spotlight:

13th Street beautification

Wilmot Gardens – caladium planting

Gardening projects at Elementary Schools

Garden therapy program at Veteran's Center

Holiday decorating at Hope Lodge

The flower show at the Villages

Planting at Acorn Clinic and Habitat for Humanity

In addition to the projects, Gainesville Garden Club was recognized for the many fine organizations receiving GGC financial support.

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