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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JOLEE HOULIHAN



Dear GGC Members,

I hope your summer is going well and you are enjoying yourselves. I thought I would share a few things that we have been working on this summer.

First of all, we are having our 100th Birthday Celebration Luncheon on Thursday, September 12, 2024. This celebration is for YOU.

There will no cost to anyone and we do not have to do the cooking and clean-up. How fabulous is that. I look forward to seeing you at our 100th Celebration.

Plans are in the process of being finalized for our Fall Horticulture Expo with Doug Tallamy on October 19, 2024. We are going to need you on that date to help. I know there is a UF Football Game that day, but do plan to help if you can. The Master Gardeners and GGC are planning a worthwhile event with lots of vendors, exhibitions and demonstrations. We will also have a kid's corner like we did at Kanapaha. It will be loads of fun for the entire family. Mark that date on your calendar.

October 4, 2024 will be the District V Fall Meeting in Brooksville, Florida. Please be on the lookout for the invitation. If you can attend, do so as it is always a great time to meet new members of our Garden Clubs from our District.

We are trying so hard not to make this next year as busy as last. Once again, I want to say "Thank You" for your hard work during our 100th year. I cannot tell you how proud I am of each of you for your dedication and support of the Gainesville Garden Club. You are wonderful and I so appreciate "YOU"!

Stay Cool and Hydrated during this crazy hot summer!

Yours in Gardening,

Jo Lee Winterrowd-Houlihan
GGC President

YOU'RE INVITED



GGC "100th Birthday Luncheon

Sep 12, 2024, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Keynote Speaker: Erica Mollon

Proclamation from the City

"Greater Good" Video

Long-Standing Members

Champagne Toast

**Please RSVP to ggcfl.org
(No purchase necessary)**

Make a New Year's Resolution: Get your garden on the Map!

Fall Horticulture Expo, October 19th, 9 to 4 pm. **Keynote Speaker: Doug Tallamy** - *"Grow Your Own... Homegrown National Park"* Professor Tallamy will speak at 2 pm about raising awareness and inspiring everyone to address the biodiversity crisis by adding native plants and removing invasive ones where we live, work, learn, pray, and play.

"In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water."

- Doug Tallamy

FFGC Short Course North
Jun 02, – Jun 04, 2024
University of Florida Straughn Center

FFGC Short Course North was entitled "Plant The Planet: How Plants Can Save Our World" and featured speakers from around the state and a field trip to Cedar



Thank You to the
Sponsors of Short
Course:

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Supported by:

Visit Gainesville.

Carol Binello, Chairman, outdid herself again by putting together a course that was informative, fun and one that offered an opportunity for garden club members to network with other club members. Short Course North was sponsored by GGC, District V, and was supported by Visit Gainesville.

FFGC AWARDS WON BY GGC

#13-6 Publication
Gainesville Garden Club

#15-3 Garden Therapy
Gardenia Circle GGC

#46-6 Garden Tour
Gainesville Garden Club

#47-6 Habitat for Humanity
Gainesville Garden Club

#63 Garden Center Programs
Gainesville Garden Club

#69C Digital Wildflowers
Daisy Circle – Hallie Peyton

#69F Digital Florida Scenery
Daisy Circle – Hallie Peyton

76 Fun with Flowers
Gainesville Garden Club

Congratulations to Gardenia Circle for winning first place for the Garden Therapy Award. The award was for Gardenia's establishment of three flower beds at the Hospice Attic and for watering and seasonal installation of plants.

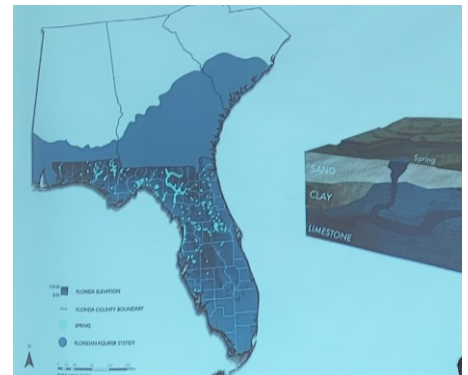
And, kudos to Gardenia for winning the **National Garden Club Award G-3 Therapy Gardens.**

"District V is very proud of you." *Carol Stevens*



GGC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 16th, 2024



Karen Beaty introduced speaker, Haley Moody, Associate Director of the Florida Springs Institute who explained how to have a Florida Springs friendly yard. Her power point presentation covered maps showing current condition of the springs and causes of pollution in the Florida Aquifer. The general principles included reducing groundwater depletion, nitrogen pollution and relying on planting native plants. The garden club donated \$275 to the Florida Springs Institute.



Lynnette Worley presented the memorial program. She welcomed members of Janet Felder's family (on right). Janet Greene shared memories of Janet Felder. Cecilia Gottesman honored Cile Pfahler and Becky O'Brien spoke about special moments with Rick Schoellhorn and his love of plants. Inez Brooker created the beautiful floral arrangement



Janet Greene



Cecilia Pfahler



Becky O'Brien

GGC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

New members were introduced and each were given a sunflower – some of them are pictured below:



Mary Munson & Karen Markey



M.J. Stoeker &



Terry Murphy



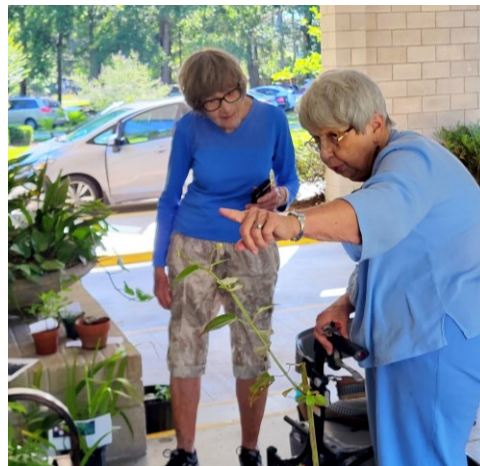
Jane Caldwell



Karen Beaty, Karen Markey, & Donna Berthold



The sunflower is a symbol of happiness.



Included at the meeting was a Plant Swap hosted by Kathy Fanning (on left) and Lois McNamara.

Members were excited to have a new plant to add to their collection

The meeting included a silent auction item and the awarding of over 20 door prizes. Our sponsors included Grassroots Nursery, UF/IFAS, Alachua County Master Gardeners, Sam's Club, Lisa Davies, City of Gainesville, and Fl. Dept of Environmental Protection. We thank them all for their support!

LUAU PARTY & LUNCHEON
May 29, 2024
Hosted by Begonia, Daisy & Mimosa Circles



Host committee members worked hard on the decorations and plans for the meeting. During the event, attendees were treated to great food, fun games, a "Luau hat and attire contest, and dressing up for photos at the photo booth.

Grow Your Own Songbird

GGC held another Grow Your Own community event on April 27th which taught attendees about bringing birds to your yard. Former GGC members, Ellen and Alan Shapiro, were the speakers and proved a wealth of information for the attendees. Plants that had been potted by girl scouts and club members were beautifully arranged and on sale.

A children's "Plant a Plant" area was set up under tents and Blanca McNab (pictured on the right). Blanca is shown preparing the plants, pots and soil. The children beamed when they were told they could take their plant home.



Nearby our very own Bruce Cavey, created a beautiful floral arrangement while attendees watched and asked questions. An information table and refreshment tables were set up, and vendors such as Wild Birds Unlimited and various Circles sold their wares.



A LOOK BACK Garden Party Luncheon

GGC held its annual garden party luncheon on March 7, with an attendance of 73 members and guests.



DISTRICT 5 PHOTO CONTEST

The deadline for submitting photographs has been extended to the Fall with the deadline being **September 15, 2024**. All the winning photographs will be shown at the 2024 Fall District V Meeting and will then be posted on the District V website – 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**
9. **Insects** – Ants, bees, beetles, ladybugs, grasshoppers, katydids, dragonflies, spiders, moths, etc.



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). Ribbons will be given as follows: First Place, Second Place, Third Place. Send the photographs to **Kelley Wood** at photos@ffgcdistrict5.com and to **Lesly Smith, District V Photo Contest Chairman** at leslybeth326@gmail.com. Then send the entry fee and the photo description/category to Lesly at 3986 S Garland Terrace, Inverness, FL 34452-7610.

DISTRICT V FALL MEETING

Friday, October 4, 2024

The Brooksville Garden Club will be the host of the ‘FALL IN THE COUNTRY’ meeting at the Sylvan Grove Clubhouse, 2750 Kingswood Circle, Brooksville, FL 34604.

Join the Brooksville Garden Club for fun, friendship, food, raffle baskets, vendors and an exciting program! Registration and hospitality – 9:00 am. Call to Order – 10:00 am. Registration Fee: \$37.00. Contact Skip Lamoureux, Registrar, 352 587-3633 or at skip@verizon.com.

DISTRICT V - PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

It's that time – time to select the slate of officers who will take office in May 2025. District Director, Carol Stevens, selected a Nominating Committee to take on this important yet sometimes, difficult task. They first approached the current officers, Sandra Arnold, Assistant District Director, Kayt Huttlin, Secretary, and Susie Berryhill, Treasurer, to see if they were willing to move forward. Unfortunately, each of these officers, had taken on other commitments and felt they could not do so at this time.

The committee moved forward and found qualified members who were able to fill these positions: Jo Lee Houlihan, Gainesville Garden Club - District Director; TBA – Assistant Director; Lorry Davies, Homosassa Garden Club – Secretary; and Linda Schoellhorn, Gainesville Garden Club – Treasurer.

The proposed slate of officers will be voted on by the attendees at the Fall District V Meeting on October



FFGC is holding its Winter Board Meeting at sea aboard the *Voyager of the Seas*. Garden club members within the state are welcome to sign up for the cruise too! This is a great way to meet fellow Garden Club Members. The Voyager of the Sea will set sail on January 6, 2025 and return on January 11, 2025.

Itinerary:

Monday	January 6	Port Canaveral
Tuesday	January 7	At Sea
Wednesday	January 8	Cozumel, Mexico
Thursday	January 9	At Sea
Friday	January 10	Perfect day at Coco Cay
Saturday	January 11	Port Canaveral

Rates: \$ 368.00 per person*

*Pricing is per person based on double occupancy. Gratuities, fees and taxes are extra. The deposit is \$100 per person. Final payment is due on or before October 2, 2024.

GGC CALENDAR

September

- 10 Board of Trustees
- 12 GGC "100th" Birthday luncheon for Members & General Meeting – Catered!
- 19 BOD
- 26 Circle Meetings

October

- 15 Fun with Flowers
- 17 BOD
- 18-19 Doug Tallamy event at Horticultural Arena
- 24 Circle Meetings

November

- 12 Fun with Flowers
- 14 BOD
- 21 Circle Meetings

GGC BADGES

GGC badges may be ordered by contacting Sandra Arnold, Daisy Circle, at searnold6348@gmail.com. She will need your name (as you want it printed) and the circle or general membership title.

The cost of the badge is \$12.00

ADVICE FROM A TREE

- Stand tall and proud
- Go out on a limb
- Remember your roots
- Drink plenty of water
- Be content with your natural beauty
- Enjoy the view



Daisy Circle is sad to report that our beloved member Flo Orlik died July 4th. She leaves her husband Jim, her son & daughter-in-law Jim & Lauren and her future grand baby due in early November.

Flo was an Executive Secretary at the University of Florida, prior to her retirement. She was an active member of the McIntosh Seedlings Garden Club prior to joining GGC in 2022. Her family is not planning any formal services at this time.



Newsletter Submissions

If you wish to submit Circle or member news, projects, programs, or photos for the Fall newsletter, please send them in by October 5th to searnold6348@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Sandra Arnold, Editor

GARDEN CLUB WEBSITES

Gainesville Garden Club
Websites: ggcfl.org



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC)
Website: ffgc.org



Deep South Garden Clubs
dsgardenclubs.com



National Garden Clubs
Website: NGC.org

