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Looking Ahead at GGC

April

8 9:30	Bd. of Dir. Meeting
10 10:00am	Cutting Garden Workshop
10-14	FFGC Annual Convention Daytona Beach, FL
17 10:00	Roadside Beautification
20	Fun with Flowers
22	Circle Meetings
23	Blueberry Picking

May

1 9:00-noon	May Day Garden Tour
6 9:30	Bd. of Dir. Meeting
13	Circle Meetings
19	District V Spring Meeting Inverness Golf & Country Club
20 11:00	General Meeting - Installation/ Memorial
25 9:30	New Bd. of Trustees Meeting
27 9:30	New Bd. of Dir. Meeting

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.

PLAN TO ATTEND!!

On April 10th at 10 am, under the tree canopy at GGC, Jon George of Cottage Gardens will teach us how to Grow Our Own Cut Garden & Nicki Byers (Jasmine Circle) will demonstrate how to make casual arrangements from those flowers and greenery.

During the event, many of the plants recommended by Jon will be available for purchase from our partners, *Grass-roots Nursery and Rose Petals Nursery* (to preorder roses, visit their website – www.rosepetals.com).

For those varieties easily propagated from direct sowing, packets of seeds will be available for succession planting. The *Shed Pop Up Shop* has stocked up on floral supplies, tools, and spring items.

To keep us hydrated and happy, we will be serving cold water, selzers, and mimosas!

See the GGC website – ggcfl.org to purchase tickets for \$10.
Masks required and Social Distancing Observed.
Special Thanks to Gainesville Events for providing our seating.

Daisy Circle to host:

CARD & GAME DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, June 10, 2021, 10:30 am – 2 pm
Location: Gainesville Garden Club
Celebrating “National Volunteer Week”
Tickets \$ 17.50 each or \$65.00 for table of 4

Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawing, Gift Baskets, Photo Booth
with Beach Party theme

Proceeds to benefit our service projects:
Protecting Pollinators,
the Environment,
Conservation,
Penny Pines.

Questions call 870-6161 or searnold6348@gmail.com

President's Message

Dear Garden Club Friends,

Spring is upon us and now it is looking likely that we will all be able to receive a vaccine by the end of April, so hopefully all will then feel comfortable returning to our normal Garden Club activities. Our Spring Flower Fling was a great success and even though we wore masks and spaced out, it felt almost like old times! I just learned that Danny Hughes (Valerie Mountjoy's son) donated our picnic lunches – such a huge benefit to us and it makes me feel incredibly good that they felt that our organization has enough impact in the community to warrant this donation! We will discuss ways to let them know how much we appreciate them, but in the meantime, please visit either of Danny's restaurants –Loosey's Downtown or in High Springs - Headwaters New American Diner, 23352 W US Hwy 27. Both serve yummy food as evidenced by our picnic lunches! The Spring Flower Fling would not have happened without the creative genius of two of our members – Michelle Gorday and Bruce Cavey. A giant thank you to them and to all who helped to pull off this event in challenging times.



April and May will be active months for us starting with the Cutting Garden talk with Jon George on April 10th, We will have a Mayday garden tour on May 1st and will have our last General Meeting of the year with the installation of new officers and our Memorial Service on May 20th. Over the summer, we will be working on finalizing the calendar for next year starting with Aged to Perfection (finally!!) on Thursday September 9th - mark your calendars! I sure am looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Linda

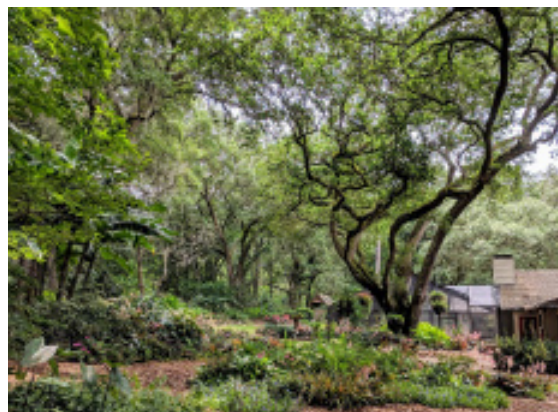
May Day Celebration - Garden Tour

On Saturday, May 1st from 9 am – noon, we will be having a garden tour of a few homes in the Northwest area. We have two homes as of now but are looking for more – please contact Kathy Fanning if you are willing to be part of this Spring garden celebration. The homes are Dave & Suzanne Rowett's home (11405 NW 129th Terrace, Alachua) and Linda & Rick Schoellhorn's home (7421 NW 176th Street). The Rowett's 3.5 acre property is an inspiration to us all – lots of ornamentals planted among majestic oaks, they have many vegetable, fruit and nut trees. Dave has also created habitat to encourage birds, owls, and foxes. Many of you have seen the Schoellhorn's gardens, but something different is blooming all the time. We would appreciate your donation of \$5 per person per home and you can pay at the time you visit each home. When done, you can visit Alachua or High Springs for lunch at your choice of restaurants!

Rowett's



Schoellhorn's



A Warm Welcome to the 2021-2022 Executive Board.

The membership is grateful to you for accepting these responsibilities and know you cannot accomplish GGC goals and aspirations without our support and cooperation. As members, we will work with you while we find pleasure in our activities and benefit from all we learn.

President - Linda Schoellhorn was born in Yakima, Washington, was an Army brat and lived many places in the US and the world including Japan and Germany and enjoys traveling – most recently - Hawaii, Seattle and Victoria, Canada before everything shut down for COVID. She joined GGC-Jasmine Circle in 2003 and served as Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman and as GGC Treasurer for 5 years and First VP for 2 years. She especially enjoys working with other GGC members on their many community projects. She and her husband frequently share their 3 acre gardens with members and friends and are always happy to pass along plants from their yard. She especially enjoys spending time with her son's family who live close by, especially her two granddaughters, ages 7 and 4.



1st Vice President - Betty Anderson is retired from a 35-year career at Shands where she worked in the Admissions Administration in the College of Nursing. She has been an active member of GGC and Daisy Circle since 2012. In Daisy Circle she served as Corresponding Secretary, 1st VP – Membership and 4 years as Chairman of Daisy Circle. Betty is a member of the Board of Directors, and has served on the Board of Trustees; and as Rental Chairman.



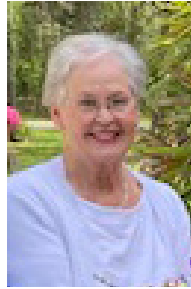
In the coming club year Betty will be serving as GGC 1st Vice President – Membership and Yearbook Chairman. She will be coordinating a special membership meeting at the beginning of the club year. Betty is looking forward to working with circle chairmen on this event and will seek their input on newsletter articles that will introduce new members; recognize individual member achievements; and seek ideas on recruiting, mentoring, and retaining members.

2nd Vice President - Becky O'Brien has been happily retired for 9 years after a long career in teaching and with child welfare organizations. One of the happy parts of retirement is gardening and she is delighted to cram even more plants in her already "busy" yard. Becky says, "GGC has given me confidence and knowledge about gardening and even more importantly GGC has given me

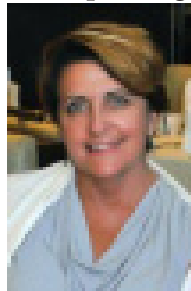


friendships and fun with our members and activities. I'm a good commercial for all the many reasons to join.

Recording Secretary - Jo Lee Houlihan joined Begonia Circle of GGC in September, 2017. Jo Lee served as Publicity Chair of GGC and then was asked to be the Begonia Circle Chairman for the term 2019-2021. She moved from Hollywood, Florida in March of 2010 after retiring from State Farm Insurance where she was an agent for 30 years. She came to Hollywood from Chicago, Illinois in March, 1980. Jo Lee wears many hats outside of GGC. She works from home for her brother who is also a State Farm Agent. She is Treasurer of the Gainesville DAR and serves on her Homeowners Association Board of Directors. Jo Lee is also involved with her church and loves her church family. Her outside activities when she has time is shopping, doing cross stitch and having lunch with all of her friends



Corresponding Secretary - Diane Robar is a long time resident of Gainesville (since 1956) except for a short while when I did move out of state for 6 years. I retired from teaching in the field of Cardiovascular Technology (both at Santa Fe and Central Piedmont CC/Charlotte, NC) in 2004 and have enjoyed being able to spend time with grandchildren, grown children and volunteering in various organizations. Besides the Gainesville Garden club, my time is also dedicated to the Guardian Ad Litem program and the Rotary Club of Downton Gainesville. It has been so enjoyable being a member of the Mimosa club (thank you, Janet Greene, for inviting me to visit that first time) and I'm very proud to be part of Gainesville Garden Club.



Treasurer - Kathy Stephens - has been GGC treasurer since 2017 and some of my favorite GGC things to do include planting wildflowers and having fun with flowers ... and most especially, going on our garden tours!



GGC BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Linda Schoellhorn, President, Betty Anderson, 1st VP, Kathy Stephens, Treasurer, Fran Maris, Clubhouse Facilities, Mona Rippe, Clubhouse Rentals, Kathy Murphey, Member at Large (2020-2022), Pauline Schochet, Member at Large, Carol Binello, Member at Large



The State of the Garden Center

By Laws Committee-



A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the changes made to the By Laws and Standing Rules as presented.

Mary Harding, Chair

Grounds

On Thursday, March 11, Jean Fouraker, Janet Greene, Bruce Cavey, Deedee Whitehead, Fran Maris, and Carol Binello moved and divided lirope from inner courtyard to roadside celebration garden.

Five dwarf wheelers pittosporum were planted in inner courtyard and continuing mondo grass was planted as border to the concrete areas. The rose arbor was trimmed and walkways were blown off. A concrete bench was relocated into the Celebration Garden near the road.

The Celebration Garden working committee has been active in beautifying this area of the clubhouse grounds.

Workday will be scheduled in April.

Masters Lawn care continuing 2x per month reduced schedule. To be reevaluated in May.

There are three garden weddings in June.

Fran Maris, Chair

Membership

Membership as submitted to FFGC at the beginning of the year was 224. We had more returning members who didn't make the deadline and new members to make up the current 231. We have added 6 new members this year. Welcome to Lynn George a new General Member and Helen Tate of Wildflowers Circle.

Please contact me with any address/phone/email changes to the yearbook: mhsatbeach@yahoo.com.

Enjoy this great spring we're having!

Mary Harding, First Vice President

Program Report

The last General Meeting of the year will be held May 20 starting at 11:00. The meeting will have a speaker, the memorial service, and installation of officers. The speaker will be Master Gardener Scott Schuppie who will speak on vegetables and herbs one can grow in the summer. His topic is especially interesting as we head into our summer hiatus and have time to work in our gardens. As the heat of the summer is overwhelming, his topic is most

relevant. There will also be a plant exchange and a book exchange at the meeting. Bring plant(s) labeled as to what they are and/or book(s) if you would like to participate.

Susan Thrall, 2nd Vice President

Financial

News from the Treasurer ...

Total Cash & Investments, as of April 1, 2021:

Checking:	\$ 11,676.36
Money Market:	92,412.12
CD 0916 (Maturity Date: 7/08/2021)	25,066.50
Total	\$ 129,154.98

(\$151,826.11 this time last year)

Fundraising Updates:

Member cash donations, to date \$1,730.00

Spring Fling & Pop Up Sales, to date : 1,637.94

AND our delicious picnic lunches were DONATED !! by Danny Hughes, owner of Loosey's Downtown (Valerie Mountjoy's son)

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

Kathryn Stephens, Treasurer

Rentals Committee Update

It has indeed been a challenging year. The Rentals program experienced an unprecedented slowdown over the past twelve months, but there are indications that things are improving. Although we still can not host large groups due to current social gathering guidelines, we are able to accommodate smaller groups and there has been increasing interest in the community for renting our facilities. Looking into late Spring and early Summer, we have several small weddings, bridal showers, and family birthday parties that have been booked. Our beautiful grounds make us a desirable venue for many in the community, something of which we can all be proud.

During this past year, our Rentals Committee has not been active but we hope that will change over the next several months and into the future. If you are interested in helping the GGC maintain our vital source of revenue, please consider joining us. I am happy to tell you what we do and how you can help.

Mona Rippe, Rentals Chair

Civic and Community Service

Yard of the Month Award

Joe & Annis Stewart received the March 2021 award. Their home is located in Deer Run at 5212 NW 55 Lane and it sits on a corner lot. The Stewards have been in their home for over 30 years and by the way the plants are laid out and landscaped, it shows years of hard work.



Their front lawn has an abundance of azaleas, camellias, ferns and hollies. The azalea and camelia blooms display an array of flowers in pink, white and reds.

Their advice to other homeowners who are interested in landscaping their yards is to go with what is grown locally!

Conservation & Roadside Cleanup

Janet Greene

The next cleanup of 13th St. will be on Sat. April 17th. We will start later than usual meeting at the Cricket Wireless parking lot at 10:00am. The address is 405 NW 13th St. Please car pool if possible.



Vests, bags, grabbers and four carts will be furnished. Please bring gloves.

We hope everyone will stick around after the cleanup and meet for lunch at SweetBerries Eatery. Some gift certificates were donated and we will have a drawing to give them out. This will be the last cleanup for the garden club year. Thank you to all who have supported this project and helped to keep our adopted section of the roadway clean!

Support Wilmot Garden's Plant Sale

WILMOT BOTANICAL GARDENS' ANNUAL
SPRING PLANT SALE
Camellias, Herbs, Succulents, Tropicals, Vegetables & More!
Fri., April 9 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat., April 10 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
2023 MOWRY ROAD
This is an OUTDOOR only event!*
We will adhere to UF & UF Health safety guidelines and event restrictions.
Pre-ordering is underway!
Visit the Events page of our website for more details.
*Only service dogs will be permitted.
Proper face-coverings and social-distancing will be required
All proceeds support the Wilmot Botanical Gardens and Therapeutic Horticulture Program
WILMOT BOTANICAL GARDENS
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
HEALING GARDENS & TEACHING LABORATORY
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Consider the Possibilities



Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park Visitor Center Volunteer

If you are outgoing and enjoy talking to people, this position is for you! This position provides support in the Visitor Center through greeting visitors, orienting guests to the park and bookstore merchandise, and answering phone inquiries. This position supplies essential help for park staff during our visitor center operational hours.

Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park is where the bison, wild horses, deer and alligators play! The prairie is composed of 22,000 acres of wet and dry savanna. PPPSP has eight trails to explore the park's interior and observe wildlife. Climb the 50-foot observation tower to get a panoramic view of the prairie. People have settled the area for over 12,000 years, from early Paleo, Cades Pond, and Alachua people were followed by the Potano Indians, Spanish adventurers, Seminole Indians and finally settlers from the North to modern park visitors. Paynes Prairie continues to captivate the explorer and the adventurer.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please email Tracie Johnson at tracie.johnson@floridadep.gov

Gainesville Garden Club Fund Raising Opportunities

Our Caladium Bulbs to Arrive Soon



The caladiums will be shipped on or about April 5th. Once they arrive, Begonia Members will sort, package and label them. The Circle Chairman will be called and the order can then be picked up.

Keep in mind, if the grower has a bad year with any of the varieties we have ordered, they will substitute with another variety as close to what we ordered. Every year is different depending on temperature and rain. The grower doesn't know how their crop will be until right before shipping.

Let's all hope for a good caladium crop!
Thank you,
Karen Markey, Begonia Circle



Card & Game Day Luncheon

CARD & GAME DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, June 10, 2021, 10:30 am – 2 pm

Hosted by Daisy Circle at the Gainesville Garden Club.

Celebrating "National Volunteer Week"

Location: Gainesville Garden Club

Tickets \$ 17.50 each or \$65.00 for table of 4

Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawing, Gift Baskets

Photo Booth with Beach Party theme

Questions call 870-6161 or searnold6348@gmail.com

Proceeds will go toward service projects such as Protecting Pollinators, the Environment, Conservation, and Penny Pines.



SHE SHED POP UP

GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB

She Shed Pop Up Shop

At the "Grow Your Own Cutting Garden" Event
9:30 Social & Shop 10-11 am Workshop
11 am Shop 'til you Drop!

April 10 9:30 - noon

Plants & Seeds

for your Cutting Garden
Grass Roots Nursery
Rose Petals Nursery

Plant Truck Rally!

Leather Rose Gloves

Tools
Clippers
Rain Gauges
Garden Carryall
Garden Gloves & Caps

Pots

Vintage Vases

Wreaths

Floral Supplies

Birdhouses

Masks Required * Social Distancing Observed

Come and shop at the She Shed this time under the trees at the Cutting Garden Workshop.

The Creative Team headed by Valerie Mountjoy and Michelle Gorday have stocked our tables with garden pots, tools & gear and the "Aged to Perfection" team continues to find vintage containers & floral frogs for our garden arrangements.

Look for the wonderful "Winner" Photo Cards from the FFGC photo contest and the beautiful hand crafted notecards, journals, and wreaths made exclusively for GGC by Gail Cook's sister, Anne Earley ... the "Christmas Wonderland" designer. Blue Bird Houses, made by Jim Cook and Carrie Krone are also available as well as a few bird feeders ... and Carrie's charming hummingbird feeders. Watch for our Pop Up Shop to make an appearance at many of our events & invite your Gainesville friends and neighbors to come and visit our beautiful Club and share in the shopping!

Thanks for your support!



SPRING FLING

A very successful gathering (see treasurer's report) after a year of social distancing. It was great to get together on March 16. Care was taken and masking still observed, Be sure to sign up to attend the cutting Garden Workshop on April 10th.



Horticulture

by Kathy Fanning

Hooray for wildflowers! They are harbingers of spring, colorful and cheery and just make people happy as well as fostering more pollinators. And GGC is working to add more of them to the Gainesville area. As seen in the photos, the two urban medians which were planted in conjunction with ACPWD, are now in full bloom with an early wildflower *Coreopsis basilis*, *Dye flower*. *Dye flower* is a Texas native which also does well in Florida and can also be seen on FDOT right of way at Archer Rd. and I-75. (I think it was planted there to calm drivers stuck in traffic from the highway construction!) In the medians *Dye flower* is the earliest to flower but should be followed by another tickseed species *Coreopsis lanceolata*, *lanceleaf tickseed*. As the seasons progress, blanket flower, *Gaillardia pulchella* should also flower. So keep watching!

Members of the Horticulture and Grounds committees are proposing to increase wildflower plantings at GGC as well, especially in an area along the driveway which is now filled with the invasive species *Wedelia triloba*. This area stays quite wet so we are working to find species which do well growing in hydric conditions. It will take quite an effort to remove the wedelia since the area is quite large and phasing the work will be necessary. We have also proposed increasing the butterfly garden to add more wildflower species as they are also, of course, good pollinator species. And finally we have proposed increasing the wildflower areas we seeded in early December along the edge of the parking field. We want to get wildflowers into the more full sun areas of the parking field. Wildflowers planted in full sun provide the most nectar and pollen; something we are striving to achieve as we create more pollinator friendly habitat!



Wedelia triloba

43rd Street Median Planting



Early sowing and sun.




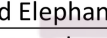
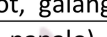

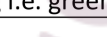



Later sowing and shade


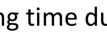
Celebration Garden Progress



Celebration Garden Progress Report...the new seating area we started with a bench that we found half buried in another area of the grounds and moved to the Celebration Garden. The bench matches the ones on the patio adjacent to the Laura Carmichael building. This seating area will be further landscaped and enhanced in the future.

Planting Guide for North Central Florida

Crop (<i>italics = more challenging for new growers</i>)	Sow	*	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Amaranths (i.e callaloo, celosia)	DS/T				f									
Beans, common & Lima	DS													
<i>Beets</i>	DS/T	*												
Brassica (broccoli, <i>Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower</i>)	DS/T	*												
Brassica (collards, kale, spigariello, turnips)	DS/T	*												
Brassica (Asian greens, arugula, kohlrabi, mustards, raab)		*												
Cantaloupe	DS/T*			f										
Carrots	DS	*												
Cassava														
Celery	T	*												
<i>Corn</i>	DS/T*			f										
Cucumbers	DS/T*			f										
Eggplant	DS/T			f	f									
Garlic (regular and Elephant)		*												
Gingers (arrowroot, galangal, ginger, turmeric)														
Herbs (basil, tuls, papalo)	DS/T			f										
Herbs(cilantro, parsley)	DS/T	*												
Lamb's quarters	DS/T					s	h	a	d	e				
Lettuce	DS/T	*												
Luffah	DS/T				f									
Molokhiya (aka Egyptian spinach)	DS/T				f									
Moringa	T				f									
Okra	DS/T*				f									
Onions (bulbing)		*												
Onions (bunching i.e. green and shallots)		*												
Peanuts	DS													
Peas, English	DS	*												
Peas, pigeon (aka gandules)	DS/T*				f									
Peas, Southern (aka cowpeas)	DS													
Peppers (hot)	T		f	f	f									
Peppers, (sweet) sow indoors	T		f	f	f									
Potatoes (regular) sow indoors	T	*												
Potatoes (sweet)														
Radish	DS	*												
Roselle	T				f									
Sorghum	T													
Spinach	DS/T	*												
"Spinach" (longevity, Malabar, Okinawa)	DS/T													
Squash (summer i.e. zucchini, yellow)	DS/T*			f	f									
Squash (winter i.e. Seminole, butternut, cushaw)	DS/T*			f	f									
Strawberry		*												
Sugarcane														
Swiss chard	DS/T	*												
Tomatoes & tomatillos; sow indoors	T		f	f										
Watermelon	DS/T*			f										

DS=direct sow seeds into ground | T=transplant | T* = transplant with care as roots are prone to shock if root-bound or handled poorly |  from plant parts (i.e. slips, cuttings, roots, rhizomes) | * tolerates light frosts once acclimated
 riskier planting time due to warm temperatures that invite pests and disease, possible with diligence and experience
 f = frost sensitive, start indoors and set out as transplant when frost-free



Butterfly Garden and RMH entrance:
 April - Begonia Circle
 May - Mimosa Circle

Begonia Circle - Jo Lee Houlihan

Our January 28, 2021 meeting was held at GGC with Mimosa Circle joining us. The presentation was given by Bruce Cavey entitled “Camellias and their Shady Companions”. There certainly was quite a bit of information. Our meetings followed after the presentation.

Begonia Circle met on January 28, 2021 after our combined meeting with Mimosa Circle. We had a very good presentation earlier with Deah Lieurance from UF about invasive plants here in Florida. She talked about identification of the plants and how to get rid of them if necessary. Not all plants that are designated invasive need to be eradicated.

Our March meeting was held on March 11, 2021 with a field trip to Ravine Gardens State Park in Palatka to view the azaleas. The park was enjoyed by 7 members of the Circle. We followed up our trip by having lunch at Corky Belle’s on the water. It was a beautiful day with beautiful weather.

Our next meeting will be held in the home of Diane McCall with a presentation on Rare and Antique Roses by Art Wade from Rose Petals Nursery. He also will bring roses for us to purchase. This should be a very informative meeting.

Lee Kline has informed us that the gardens at Westwood Middle School are doing well. The cabbage has been harvested and coleslaw was made. The children enjoyed learning how to make coleslaw and there was some to take home. Two weeks ago they planted tomatoes, peppers, yellow squash, and zucchini. Lee will be working with the kids on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the school at 4:00. If anyone is interested, Lee would love to have your help.

We had 7 members attend The Spring Flower Fling Fun with Flowers Event with Bruce Cavey. followed with a picnic lunch. We all made an interesting arrangement using cabbage as a container and filling it with fresh flowers. Everyone’s was so different but very pretty.

Caladium Sales have gone well and the bulbs are expected around April 1, 2021. We have four varieties left in the pinks and whites. We will be selling the bulbs at the “Grow your own Cutting Garden” event being held on April 10, 2021.

Happy Gardening!!!

Daisy Circle - Sandra Arnold

Daisy continues to recognise home owners each month for their well maintained lawns as part of “Yard of the Month”. In March members weeded the GGC Butterfly Garden and then spread mulch in the front garden of the Ronald McDonald House. Member Sheri Munn is pictured spreading mulch under a tree in the entrance garden.



Members have been meeting monthly to discuss plans for the Circle’s “Card and Game Day Luncheon” which is being held

on June 10th. We will be highlighting “National Garden Club Week” at our event. We are pleased to announce that we have received an outpouring of gift cards, plants, and items from local businesses again this year. Tickets are \$17.50 each or \$65.00 for a table of 4. Lunch will be served at 11 am and at 11:45 am door prizes, the 50/50 drawing, and gift basket winners will be announced. Attendees may leave following this or stay and play cards, board games or Bingo.

Gardenia Circle - Kathy Murphey

Our March Circle meeting was held at Grumbles House Garden after an interesting plant discussion by Deborah Henry, on the house’s grounds. Ten Gardenias attended and a brief meeting was held after the program before lunch at Swampy’s on the Rainbow River in Dunnellon. There were several events to sign up for including the Jon George cutting garden program on April 10th, Roadside Cleanup on April 17th and Fun With Flowers on April 20th.

Three Gardenias helped with the set- up for the Spring Fling on Monday and 7 members participated in Bruce’s arrangement of fresh flowers in a fresh cabbage.

We will have a volunteer helping Kathy Powell at the Pop-Up Sales at the April 10th event.

Jasmine Circle - Carol Binello

Spring has sprung and flowers are abundant all over the area. People are slowly getting their vaccines and, as they do, are venturing out a bit... still playing it safe with social distancing and mask wearing, but feeling a bit more confident about being in public. It has been a year now and we all are anxious to get our lives back to “normal”, albeit the “new normal”. Jasmine Circle continues to hold our monthly meetings via Zoom, with the hope of meeting in person for our final meeting of the year on May 13th.

Jasmine Circle usually provides funds for two campers to attend Wekiva Summer Camp and this year we’ll be sending Savannah and Harper Weiss to Wekiva.



Margaret Chodosh’s design “Visions of Beauty” has been chosen for the 2022 National Garden Club calendar.

Members voted to donate \$500 to build raised vegetable garden beds and create an inviting butterfly/hummingbird garden at the Gainesville Opportunity Center. A couple of Jasmine members added another \$200 to the project so we were able to present a \$700 check.

Our April meeting will be held on April 22 and our speaker will be Maria Huff Edwards, Founder, Dreamers Garden. She will tell us all about this beautiful space (corner of NW 10th Avenue & NW 4th Street) in the city of Gainesville. Jasmine Circle remains busy throughout the summer months and we look forward to landscaping the new Habitat Women Build home when it is completed, which should be some time in June. We are responsible for weeding and watering the GGC Butterfly Garden and the entrance to the Ronald McDonald House during

the months of July and August. We'll also be gearing up for the September Aged to Perfection event. So, there will be no break for the summer. I'm so proud of all of our hard-working busy bees!

My two-year term as Chair of Jasmine is coming to an end and at our final meeting of the year, I'll be handing the baton to Kristy Welch who has agreed to be Chair 2021-2023. This will be my final submission to the Seedling, but you're not rid of me all together. I'll still be chairing the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival Children's Tent and will surely see you often at the various GGC events. I hope everyone has a fun, safe summer.

Mimosa Circle - Janet Greene

Our Feb. meeting was combined with Begonia Circle at the garden center. Deah Lieurance from U.F. gave an informative power point program on Fl. invasive plants. We worked in the butterfly and Ronald McDonald gardens in Feb. Five members and two spouses helped at the roadside cleanup. One member worked in the Celebration Garden and courtyard planting and updating the area. Mimosa is sponsoring two girls for Camp Wekiva and we are collecting recycle bags for the camper's craft projects. Nine members and one guest attended the Spring Fling. We had fun creating the cabbage center pieces with a variety of spring flowers. Two lucky Mimosa members went home with nice raffle prizes. We sold sand bags, gloves, masks and angle weeders in the beautifully decorated "She Shed." Nine members are signed up for the Cutting Garden event on April 10th. We will have our fundraising table set up there also. For our March meeting, we visited Cedar Lakes and enjoyed the beautiful spring weather and botanical gardens. Lunch was at The Ivy House in Williston. We are very happy to welcome new members Sue Farris, Marci Wilcox and Jim Wilcox!



Wildflowers Circle - Claudia Lambert

The Wildflowers Circle met at West End Clubhouse for our January meeting to learn a craft by Claudia Bates by making adorable dogwood and magnolia flowers from plastic spoons.

At the end of 2020, the Circle collected \$350.00 in \$25.00 gift card increments to donate to the Elks Mobile Unit for assistance with patients' families in need at Christmas. The Elks Therapists gave out the gift cards as they saw the need.

Our Circle elected officers in January for 2021-2022: Claudia Lambert, President, Claudia Bates, Vice-President, Martha Allen, 2nd Vice-President, Karen Trull, Secretary, and Jeanne Bender, Treasurer.

The Circle decided to sponsor two children to Camp Wekiva this Summer.

The Wildflowers Circle weeded the Ronald McDonald House and the GGC Butterfly Garden in December.

In February, Wildflowers met at the West End Clubhouse

for our annual White Elephant Auction. Linda Schoellhorn served as the Auctioneer. We had a variety of auction items and much fun and laughter.

Our Circle purchased a half page ad in the Convention Booklet in honor of Jeanice Gage for serving as District V Director.

On a sad note, we say goodbye to long-time member, Rose Kimlinger, who is moving to Bradenton. We will miss you, Rose.

Our Circle meeting in March will be held at the Laura Carmichael building with Bruce Cavey speaking on "Camellias and their Shady Companions."



Front row (l-r); Bodo Randrianasolo (guest), Jeanice Gage, Rose Kimlinger, Jeannie Bender, Mary Harding, Karen Trull, Judy Brickhouse, Peggy Caswell. Back row (L-R): Martha Allen, Claudia Lambert, Maggie Viele, Donna Stall, Helen Tate (guest)

A Fond Farewell to Rose Kimlinger

Thank you for Twenty Years Yes, it has been 20 years since Claudia Bates encouraged me to join Gainesville Garden Club. It has been such a rewarding experience for me even though I had reservations at first. Being a member and Chairman of Wildflowers Circle, GGC Recording Secretary, Historian and Short Course Registrar over the years has taught me so much about gardening; gathering with friends, and participating in many learning and hands-on experiences, meeting and becoming friends with lovely folks throughout Florida has been more than rewarding. I will miss all of you and I will continue to digitize the old scrapbooks as long as you'll have me. If you get down to the Bradenton area, stop by and see me. Thank you for the cards and wishes. Hugs to all, Rose



In Our Thoughts

Vicki Wallace from Gardenia Circle is in rehabilitation and Barbara Smith from Jasmine Circle recovering from cancer treatment.

Blessings on Rose Kimlinger in her new home.

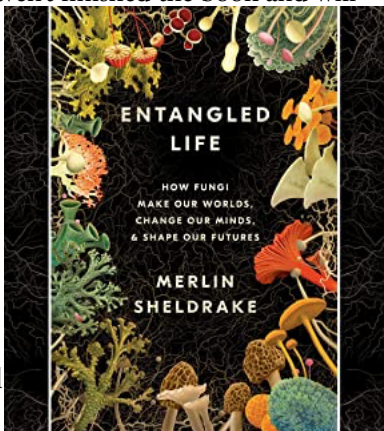
Seedling Book Reviews

by Becky O'Brien

Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds and Shape Our Futures

By Merlin Sheldrake, Random House, 2020

Right off the bat, I have to admit that I am writing this like a middle-school book report. I haven't finished the book and will guess at the ending. But, unlike many a middle-schooler, I am really enjoying this wonderfully written book that literally delves deeply into the worlds beneath our feet.



It turns out that fungi are everywhere and with his own magical and rather improbable name, the biologist author examines the many rather magical and improbable fungal connections linking plants, trees and us. Mr. Sheldrake's dedication to the book seems a succinct description of how I feel reading the book. He writes, "With gratitude to the fungi, from which I have learned."

The first chapter is "What It's Like to Be a Fungus?" so at least he starts the science on a basic level that we can all relate to and explains the fungal world is so much larger than mushrooms. He sets out the task to show how fungi are "metabolic masters, earth makers and key players in most of life's processes."

So far, only some parts are beyond my ken, his writing is clear and almost poetic. He is clearly moved by what he has learned and is researching. He takes the reader on a truffle hunt with him in Oregon and I can practically hear the dogs snuffing and the smell of the forest. I'm looking forward to the chapter entitled "Wood Wide Webs," and the amazing science unfolding around the interconnections between individual trees in a forest. And, for those of you who like horror movies there is rather scary stuff about what some fungi do to some insects.

Merlin Sheldrake has written a vivid and perfectly titled book. Get on the library waiting list.

Birthday Blessings



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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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