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## Looking Ahead at GGC

### March

- 15 BOD @ 9:30 AM
- 17 Tour Grassroots Nursery
- 20 FWF @ 9:30AM Social; 10:00AM Demo
- 20 Board of Trustees
- 24 - 25 Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival

### April

- 7 McIntosh Seedlings Plant Sale 9AM - 4PM
- 12 4 Seasons of the Florida Garden Tour 10:00AM
- 14 Roadside Beautification @ 8:30AM
- 19 BOD Meeting @ 9:30AM
- 22 - 23 FFGC State Flower Show, St. Augustine
- 23 - 24 FFGC State Convention, St. Augustine
- 26 Circle Meetings

## 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.



### Walk On The Wild Side!

At the 2018 Kanapaha Spring Festival March 24 (9am - 5pm) & 25 (9am - 5pm), 2018

Gainesville Garden Club has volunteered at this event for over 20 years with our special emphasis in providing activities for children. Each day of the festival we see about 225 kids and help them plant a flowering specimen to take home. They also enjoy making paper hats. All members of the garden club are encouraged to work a shift. The garden club receives 1/3 of the vendors fees. Please call Florence Cline at 352 332-2309 or Carol Binello at [carolambinello@gmail.com](mailto:carolambinello@gmail.com) if you can help.

Of added interest this year, each circle will will choose a photo exhibited at Kanapaha Summer House from which they will create a floral arrangement to be displayed during the festival. So select your photo on the Mon. or Tue. of festival week. For further questions about this exhibit, ask Lorene Junkin.

## Special Garden Tour Coming Up!

Mark your calendars for April 12: Many of you know the garden design work of Jon George. Jon's tour of his yard last year was such a hit with Garden Club members that a repeat performance was requested. So, Jon will again host us at his Cottage Gardens place of business. He will be enhancing our knowledge with a program on "Perennials for the Four Seasons" before we move outside to see his inspired planting. Mimosa and Begonia Circles are co-hosting. Watch for BLASTs about a week before the tour date to note the time and address for this special visit.



## FFGC -- VIVA LA FLORIDA

### President's Message:

Spring has sprung! As garden club members, joy is seeing those little green sprouts from the ground or the plant we thought "GONE" coming back from the bottom! Remember, though, that mid March is our last AVERAGE frost so take care in protecting those tender leaves!



Our garden club year to date has been so positive! We are operating in the black and our financial strength is on track to cover our expenses for the year. We have had excellent responses in attendance for our programs and our members seem please with our social time added to our events.

As we move into planning for 2018-19, I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and take on a leadership role in chairing a standing committee or suggest to the club activities and service projects that we can pursue!

Spending time with our club members has been so rewarding! Looking forward to finishing out the year with excellent results.

— Fran Maris

"VIVA LA FLORIDA" FFGC's Convention with Presiding Officer Claudia Bates from GGC!

Registration deadline for the Convention is Friday, March 30, 2018 for both the Hotel (Call in or internet reservation) and FFGC (Post marked)

Hope all GGC members will consider attending the 92nd Annual Convention of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs-District V which is GGC's is a host! April 22-24, 2018! Attached is some information that will help you make a decision on how to register.

If you would like to Hostess either one or both days DEDUCT \$20 from your registration-mark HOSTESS and let Fran Know. She will give you details.

You can get your money back if you cancel before April 6th but you have to register with a postmark of March 30. There are NO walk in registrations!

Visit the FFGC website at [ffgc.org](http://ffgc.org) for more information.

Events at a Glance for FFGC Convention:

<https://ffgc.org/resources/Documents/Events%20at%20a%20Glance.pdf>

Convention Schedule:

<https://ffgc.org/resources/Documents/Tenative%20Schedule%202-2-18%20%20..pdf>

Hotel Reservations:

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Florida%20Federation%20of%20Garden%20Clubs%20Annual%20Convention%5Eajaxbr%60gcagaa%60139%60USD%60false%602%604%2F18%2F18%604%2F26%2F18%603%2F30%2F18&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Florida%20Federation%20of%20Garden%20Clubs%20Annual%20Convention%5Eajaxbr%60gcagaa%60139%60USD%60false%602%604%2F18%2F18%604%2F26%2F18%603%2F30%2F18&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

Convention Registration:

<https://ffgc.org/resources/Documents/2018%20Conv.%20Registration%20Fillable.pdf>



### Save the Dates:

March 15 GGC - Board of Directors Meeting  
March 17 - Tour Grassroots Nursery  
March 20 GGC - Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 20 - Fun with Flowers  
March 24-25 - Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival  
April 8 - Four Seasons of the Florida Garden  
Hosted by Cottage Gardens  
April 22-23 - FFGC State Flower Show, St. Augustine  
April 23-24 - FFGC State Convention, St. Augustine  
May 11 - District V Spring Meeting, (make correction in your calendar) Citrus Hills

### District V

The District V Spring meeting is Friday, May 11, 2018. In the Yearbook, it is INCORRECTLY listed as Thursday, May 10. The registration form will be sent through your circle. Citrus Garden Club is the Host. Coffee and Social is from 9-10AM. The meeting begins at 10AM and will be at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. If you'd like to go and want to carpool, please let Fran know.

Our beautiful garden center is a responsibility we all share. We are obliged to maintain and update as needed to provide comfortable surroundings for our members and to attract new members, public groups and individuals who are drawn to our lovely setting for their events.

In an effort to keep the membership informed of our progress in this endeavor we offer:



### **Financial:**

News from the New Treasurer!

Spring will be an event-FULL Garden Club season, and January's figures continue to be good on the income side:

For the month of January 2018.....

Total income: ..... \$ 6,392.42

Total expenditures: ... (\$ 3,449.15)

resulting in Net Gain .... \$ 2,943.27

And if you are interested in knowing the income we derive from Rentals:

Rentals for the fiscal year to date (July-Jan) as of Jan. 31, 2018.....

Income: ..... \$30,759.01

Expense: ... (\$5,426.41)

Payroll taxes (\$1,105.72)

resulting in Net Gain .... \$24,226.88

Thank you all for your generosity!

— Kathy Stephens

### **Grounds:**

A clubhouse grounds workday was completed January 23 and 150 plants donated by Grandiflora were installed. Mulch was purchased for the inner courtyard. The Board of Trustees met prior to installation for approval. Special thank you to Bruce Cavey and Florence Cline. Thanks to Ellen for planting the camellia in the inner courtyard.

— Florence Cline

### **Building:**

The two roof leaks have been fixed. At our trustee meeting in March, I plan to recommend that we do a maintenance agreement with the roofer Crosier & Son for \$400 per year. They will blow off all the leaves from the roof and clean the gutters quarterly for \$100 per quarter. They will check for problems with the roof. On the flat part of the roof, it is seal around the edges. Mr. Crosier explained that the weather makes the seal pull away from

the roof.

Also discussed: a proposal from a heating and air conditioning company to address the problems with the bathrooms in the main building and because this area has a flat roof, it will be an expensive fix. The unit in the Garden Room cost as much as it did to do everything else in that room. We are still looking at getting programmable thermostat for the main room. No decision on the bathrooms have been made.

— Janet Felder, Clubhouse Facilities

### **Rentals:**

January and February were light months as far as the number of rentals that we have had. But we will have an increased number of rentals as spring approaches. As a result of Fran's plea to the membership to offer to help our rental committee, we have three members sign up for the rental committee. They each have a day to take phone calls from prospective renters. This lightens my burden and allows me to focus on other rental related details making the process more efficient and thorough. We now have an inventory committee as well as the clubhouse committee which is a great asset in the overall operation of club activities in this area.

— Lee Cline

### **Membership:**

Jasmine Circle added three new members last month and Wildflowers added two; the total current membership is 191.

Historical Member information:

- Members who have been in GGC for 50 years or more - Inez Brooker and Rosalie Bond.
- Members who have been in GGC between 25 and 49 years - Claudia Bates, Alicia Churchill, Dorothy Maurer, Windy McGuire, Lorene Junkin, Pam Turney, Naomi Shepard, Jean Parker, Gail Birket, Wilma Gordon, Celia Gottesman, Cile Pfahler, Lynne Randazzo, Marion Sproul, Millie Evans, Carolyn Hufty, Monica Aiton, Janet Felder, Suzanne Fry, Mary Nell Wolz.

— Linda Schoellhorn

# Civic and Community Service

## Habitat Women Build

The Habitat Women Build dedication was on Feb 25th in High Springs. New home owner, Tonya and her daughter and son received the keys to her long awaited new home. Tonya put in over 400 working hours towards acquiring her Habitat Women Build Home. The home was constructed by women volunteers. This is the 10th Home that Women Build has constructed. Jasmine Circle has furnished all the plants for the landscape in the last 8 homes and installed them. They also provided garden tools the homeowner could start using right away. GGC has provided the plants for the last two homes. Jasmine members installed them and Begonia Circle provided the garden tools this year. A new home is underway on the east side of town and GGC will once again purchase and install the new landscape when it is completed. Several circles have also provided lunches for volunteers throughout the year.



— Ellen Shapiro

## Outstanding Arbor Day Event

GGC was privileged to co-host this Florida Arbor Day event with the City Beautification Board - Department of Doing, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs and the Matheson Museum. We were asked one year ago to participate in this special celebration! Gardenia Circle provided the desserts and 4 fresh floral arrangements provided by Lois McNamara and Karen Markey of Begonia Circle, to decorate the tables. Sixteen GGC members attended and GGC President Fran Maris was a guest speaker.



Fran Maris receiving a proclamation from county commissioner Harvey Budd.

## Roadside Cleanup.

Our Feb. roadside cleanup was very successful thanks to 13 members attending and picking up about 80 pounds of trash on 13th St. We appreciate the carts constructed by Begonia member David Willkomm. It makes our job a lot easier! Please sign up at your next circle meeting for our April 14th clean up.

— Janet Greene

## Tree Giveaway

On Sunday, January 21st, the General Membership Group hosted the club's first tree giveaway at the Garden Center. The attendance and interest in the event was wonderful and we thank Cat Parsons for advertising the event on the club's web site and Facebook pages. Three hundred and seventy-six seedlings and 100 Crape Myrtle trees were given to college students, families and garden club members. A big thank you to all of the club members who volunteered during the event, especially Ellen Shapiro who donated 100 Crape Myrtle trees and spent the afternoon answering questions and advising attendees on the right tree for their yard or business location. Educational information was provided on Florida Native Plants and other info explaining how to plant and care for the trees. Posters were placed in front of the various trees, with the name of the tree and information about it. A larger poster entitled "Color Our Canopy" described the projects & goals of NGC, FFGC, and GGC, and how to contact each. The success of the event was echoed by attendees from throughout Alachua County. We also passed out Garden Club brochures, solicited new members, and marketed rentals at the Garden Center.



Rosalie Bond - our #1 promoter

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— Sandra Arnold

## Congratulations!

Unsung Gardener Award - Kathy Fanning - Jasmine Circle  
Plant Sale Extraordinaire Award - Florence Cline -  
Begonia Circle  
Golden Apple Award - Fran Maris - Jasmine Circle

The awards were bestowed for the efforts of these ladies to the success of the Alachua County Master Gardener Program for Florida Friendly Landscaping, MG Plant Sale and School Gardens amongst other contributions!

# Horticulture

## A Superb Shade Garden

When Jean Fouraker and her husband Bill bought their Gainesville property in 2005, it was the five gigantic live oaks that sold them on the place. The house was small and needed updating, there was a ramshackle greenhouse in the back yard, and much of the yard was overgrown with vines, brambles and some offensive invasive plants. But Jean saw the potential, and in 10 years, she and Bill have turned their 1.4 acres into a sublime shade garden that is simply spectacular.

Jean began by crafting a garden around each live oak, with the giant tree being the focal point. She named these gardens Annabelle, Beatrice, Chloe, Daphne, and Eugenia. Incorporating the existing azaleas into the five gardens, she added other shade loving plants, including camellias, which now number over 100, as well as tea olives, cleyera, ferns and Japanese maples. Gradually, she transplanted Mondo grass and lirope from the edge of their property to define the outlines of each garden; as the grass fills in bare spaces, the thickest plants are divided and transplanted again. A wide allee of Mondo grass that is mowed a few times a year leads the eye – and visitors – from the patio at the back of the house to the rear of the property. Curving paths then lead around each of the rear gardens and back to the house. One path is lined with resurrection ferns that have fallen from the trees. English ivy acts as a ground cover in one garden. Summer brings the addition of crape jasmine, caladiums, rose of Sharon, hydrangeas and any other flowering plant that might be happy in a shade garden.



In addition to all the planting and garden tending that Jean has done, she has documented the development of her garden to a degree very few gardeners undertake or achieve. A large three ring notebook is given to each of the five gardens, which are photographed from the roof of the house in each season each year! Bill has recorded every camellia purchased: where, when, its properties and a photo of its flower. All these records are written in the loveliest of penmanship. Judging by her record keeping, one would think that Jean once worked for a botanical garden or an herbarium.

Sun: it's what most flowering plants – at least the showiest ones – need. However, it's shade that makes our Florida outdoors enjoyable. Occasionally, an inspired garden designer like Jean accomplishes what few people could do, that is, creates a shade garden that is every bit as spectacular as any rose garden. "Right plant, right place" is the oft repeated mantra of the successful gardener. Few people do that as well as Jean Fouraker.

Lois McNamara, Chair

## Plant Flowering Trees In Florida

Help Realize FFGC President Claudia Bates' Vision to "Color Our Canopy". The Nell Coe Award 2017-2019 for best efforts in the State will be presented in the Spring of 2019.

Keep track and if you plant any of these – let your Circle Chair know so GGC can claim this award! Many plantings qualify - here is a list compiled by Becky O'Brien:

Acacia farnesiana , Sweet Acacia, Zones 8-11  
Aesculus pavia, Florida Buckeye Red Buckeye, Zones 6-9  
Bougainvillea, Zones 9-11  
Caesalpinia mexicana, Mexican Poinciana, Zones 9-11  
Calliandra haematocephala , Pink/Red Powder Puff tree, Zones 9-11  
Callicarpa americana American beautyberry , Zones 6-11  
Callistemon citrinus Bottlebrush, Zones 8-11  
Callistemon viminalis, Weeping Bottlebrush, Zones 9-11  
Carpinus caroliniana, Muscledwood, American Hornbeam, Ironwood, Zones

6-9  
Cephalanthus occidentalis, Buttonbush, Zones 6-11  
Cercis canadensis Redbud, Zones 6-9  
Chionanthus virginicus, Grancy Graybeard, Fringe Tree, Zones 6-9  
Citrus (various varieties), Zones 9-11  
Cordia sebestena, Geiger Tree, Zones 9-11  
Cornus florida, Dogwood, Zones 6-9  
Crataegus spp., Hawthorn, Zones 6-9  
Cyrilla racemiflora, Titi, Swamp Cyrilla, Leatherwood, Zones 7-11  
Eriobotrya japonica, Loquat, Zones 8-11  
Feijoa sellowiana, Pineapple Guava, Zones 8-11  
Franklinia alatamah, Franklinia, Zones 6-8  
Gordonia lasianthus Loblolly Bay, Zones 7-9  
Grevillea robusta, Silk Oak, Zones 9-11  
Halesia spp. , Silverbell, Zones 6-9  
Hibiscus-Weeping Hibiscus Tree & Hibiscus Standard, Zones 6-11  
Hibiscus tiliaceus, Sea Hibiscus, Zones 8-11  
Illicium spp., Star Anise, Zones 7-9  
Kalmia latifolia, Mountain Laurel, Zones 6-9  
Koelreuteria bipinnata, Chinese Flame Tree, Zones 7-9

Lagerstroemia indica , Crape Myrtle, Zones 6-9  
 Liriodendron tulipifera, Tulip Poplar, Tulip Tree, Yellow Poplar, Zones 6-9  
 Lyonia lucida, Fetterbush, Zones 7-9  
 Magnolia grandiflora, Southern Magnolia, Zones 6-9  
 Magnolia soulangiana, Saucer Magnolia, Zones 6-9  
 Magnolia stellata, Star Magnolia, Zones 6-8  
 Magnolia virginiana, Sweet Bay, Zones 6-9  
 Nerium oleander, Zones 8-11  
 Nyssa, Tupelo, Zones 4-9  
 Ostrya virginiana, American Hop Hornbeam, Zones 6-9  
 Parkinsonia aculeata , Jerusalem Thorn, Zones 8-11  
 Prunus angustifolia ,Chickasaw Plum, Zones 6-9  
 Prunus campanulata, Taiwan Flowering Cherry, Zones 7-9  
 Prunus cerasifera "atropurpurea" cv , St. Luke's Purple Leaf Plum, Zones 6-8  
 Prunus persica cv. 'Martha Jane' Double Flowering Nectarine, Zones 5-9  
 Pyrus calleryana, Bradford Pear, Zones 6-9  
 Rhamphiolepis indica, Indian Hawthorn, Zones 8-11  
 Sambucus spp., Elderberry, Zones 6-9  
 Sideroxylon spp., Buckthorn, Zones 8-11  
 Tabernaemontana divaricata, Crape Jasmine (AKA Cape or Crepe Jasmine),  
 Zones 9-11  
 Vaccinium arboretum, Sparkleberry, Zones 7-9  
 Viburnum obovatum, Walter's Viburnum, Zones 7-10  
 Viburnum odoratissimum, Sweet Viburnum, Zones 8-10  
 Viburnum rufidulum, Rusty Black Haw, Zones 6-9  
 Vitex agnus- castus , Chaste Tree, Zones 6-9

References:

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[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/6166b2cde003a5bf08c07eeb2/files/d1df21f4-b844-42a4-82a6-73867fb47d47/PLANT\\_FLOWERING\\_TREES\\_IN\\_FLORIDA.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/6166b2cde003a5bf08c07eeb2/files/d1df21f4-b844-42a4-82a6-73867fb47d47/PLANT_FLOWERING_TREES_IN_FLORIDA.pdf)

Alachua County is in zone 8a-8b

— Becky O'Brien

## Fun with Flowers

Fun with Flowers on March 20 at 10:00 AM (social time beging at 9:30) at will be Betsy Gardner of the Plant Shoppe Florist. There is still room if you would like to sign up.



Please call Lee at 352-240-6950.

Marge Hendon, FFGC 2nd VP treats GGC members to FWF topic on bromeliads and a St. Patrick's day theme arrangement.

## GGC Garden Party Catered to A Sell Out Crowd

Great News! Revenue exceeded \$2000! Our expenses are still to be determined but it looks like we should be able to fund the Raised Bed Garden reconstruction in full at the Veteran's Honor Center. Recreation Therapist, Mr. Pat Patterson, attended the event and spoke to the club about the importance of the garden in the lives of the veteran's residing at the Center. More information will follow. Before and After pictures will be sent to all club members so you can see how wonderful the money you invested in our event works to make the community a better place. Thanks to all who attended. The event SOLD OUT and we are grateful for the effort of members to make our models feel special and the veteran's feel appreciated.





Butterfly Garden and RMH entrance:  
 March - Gardenia  
 April - Mimosa

**General Membership - Pauline Schochet**

One general member attended “Fun With Flowers” on February 20th. Two General Members worked on Garden Party and Fashion Show, one member help prepare food for this event, another member was involved in planning, decorations, and set up for this event

**Begonia Circle - Lynnette Worley**

Our January meeting was hosted by The Village by resident Jeanne Ernest. Our program was “Growing Camellias Successfully” taught by John Swanson, past president of the Gainesville Camellias Society. After the program we were treated to a delicious lunch and then an apartment tour by The Village. We had 17 in attendance; 14 members and 3 guests. During our meeting we agreed to donate \$75 to support the Habitat Women’s Build, adding to our prior commitment of \$100 for yard tools. The build was held February 24th. We had 8 members attend the General Meeting, where our own Lois McNamara and Fran Maris led the program. On Saturday, February 10th we had 4 volunteers for the roadside cleanup. Lorene Junkin and Inez Brooker attended the state board meeting, and then Judge’s meeting held in Gainesville. We are currently attending to the Butterfly Garden and the RMH’s garden. Our February meeting was held at the home of Diane McCall, with Inez Brooker teaching a program on “Conditioning Flowers and Basic Mechanics of Floral Design”. We are looking forward to attending the March 8, Garden Party and Fashion Show. We have 15 coming including 6 guests. Our own Jo Lee Houlihan is a our model. Our March circle meeting will be a river cruise on the Rainbow River with lunch to follow at Grumbles. We will be at the Kanapaha Spring Festival in the children’s booth helping each child plant plants. The April Circle meeting will be at the home of Inez Brooker where we will be making flower coffee cup designs for a local nursing home.



**Gardenia Circle - Fairlie Bagley.**

Gardenia Circle visited Ravine Gardens State Park in Palatka on February 22. The azaleas were just coming into peak bloom. We were given a Ranger led tour around the ravine. After our tour, we met at Corky Bell’s restaurant for the business meeting and lunch. We were blessed with perfect February weather. Nine members attended the February Fun with Flowers. We made a bromeliad dish garden. At least 16 members have signed up to attend the Fashion Show and Garden Party



at the Garden Center which will be on March 8. Pam Ivey will represent Gardenia as our model in the Fashion Show. Our March meeting will be held at Oak Hammock and the program will be travelogues prepared by Circle members. Nineteen members have signed up to work the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival assisting with vendor parking. This is done on March 23 prior to the Festival and frees up Kanapaha staff to do other preparation work. On April 28 Gardenia will provide a lunch for Habitat Women’s Build.

**Jasmine Circle - Becky O’Brien**

Oh my gosh, it’s that kind of berserk time of year again. First the camellia blooms light up gardens and all of a sudden it’s Spring and every azalea is showing off. And, our members are working their hardest too to get ready for a wonderfully busy March and April.



Jasmine members and guests enjoying the Spring Garden Party

Gardens have needed attention and 8 members situated the 150 plants donated by Ellen and Alan Shapiro at GGC grounds. We replanted the Sidney Lanier entrance pots and worked on the Ronald McDonald House landscaping. Although Jasmine members did the landscaping in the Fall for 10th Women Build House it was recently dedicated. Ellen Shapiro and Jill Carter have coordinated efforts by Jasmine Circle and GGC to donate the plants and landscaping work for each home and also coordinate lunches for the Women Build volunteers lunches in January and March.

Jasmine Circle made a bold commitment at the start of the year to identify and research a community project that advances the GGC mission and make a donation of \$1,000. As a result, members recently voted to support development of a brand new Community Garden by the Greater Duval Neighborhood Association. We are proud to help sponsor Phase 1 of this project. Thanks to Mona Rippe, Stacey Copenhaver, Kathy Concannon and chair of the team, Jill Carter. And to our members!

2018 started with two strong programs to help us with our own gardens: Jon George of Cottage Gardens and then Art Wade of Rose Petals Nursery. In March, we’ll hear from Jasmine member Larry Schwandes on “Carnivorous Plants in Alachua County!” And, Jean Fouraker offered tours to all GGC of her wonderful woodland garden twice!

Members help support GGC functions from Arbor Day events, to preparations for the Fashion Show, to readying for Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival, to helping manage rentals of our Clubhouse. Stay tuned for news about Jasmine’s garden tour of four area gardens as our end of the year fund-raiser on Saturday, May 5th.

**Mimosa Circle - Dalia Hobbs**

Our Feb. meeting was held at the home of Candy Pigott with a hands on corsage making demonstration by Debbie Rowland.

She showed us how to tape and wire flower stems, make bows and care for our beautiful rose and orchid corsages. At the meeting, we each brought an item for our gardening raffle basket and ended up with a wonderful selection of items that fit perfectly into our tool/garden bag. This will be raffled off at the Fashion Show. Twelve members and guests will be attending and Ami Kamu will represent Mimosa as our model. Five members and three guests attended Fun with Flowers. Five members helped with the recent roadside cleanup. We are gearing up for a busy month in March with helping at the fashion show/luncheon and working at the Kanapaha Festival Children's area. We have collected fourteen recycle bags for Camp Wekiva and continue to collect box tops and tab tops to donate to the camp. We will bring gardening gloves and sand bags to the March and April Fun with Flowers if anyone is interested in purchasing them. Our next circle meeting will be a field trip to Cedar Lakes Gardens and lunch at the Ivy House in Williston.



Former Mimosa member Debbie Rowland passing out greenery to Dale Williams.

**Wildflower Circle-Claudia Lambert**

Wildflower Circle met January 25, 2018, with an informative talk and tour on camellias given by the Bob Wines Camellia Gardens in Ocala.

Two members participated in the Roadside Cleanup on February 10, 2018.

Three of our members, Peggy Caswell, Donna Stall, and Martha Allen provided lunch February 17th for the Women's Habitat Build in East Gainesville.

The February 22nd Circle meeting was held at Claudia Lambert's home with Brunch served. Afterwards, Fran Maris was our Auctioneer for the White Elephant sale. We were so pleased to welcome two visitors to our meeting.

The Circle will make cupcake liner flower designs for the Kanapaha Festival on March 24th and 25th. The Circle will help children make cupcake liner flower designs on small paper bags. Members have volunteered to work shifts at the Festival.

The March 8th Fashion Show was discussed at January Circle meeting. Martha Harding will represent the Circle on the Fashion Show Committee. Susan Ellis will be the Wildflower Circle model for the Fashion Show. Wildflowers will donate a basket to be raffled.

Our March meeting will be held at Sweetwater Wetland Park on Thursday, March 22nd at 10:00am. We welcome anyone who would like to attend.

**In Our Thoughts**

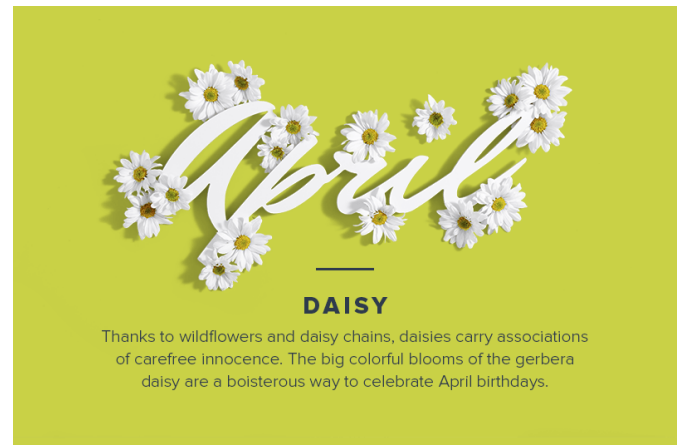
Alicia Churchill  
 Karen Markey and her husband are recovering.  
 Peggy Billings  
 Anne Nichols  
 Naomi Shepard  
 Delores Buffington  
 Vera Rabino  
 Mimosa members Betty Parkell, Maria Buenaventura and Betty Renshaw

**Birthday Blessings~**



Martha Allen  
 Betty Anderson  
 Fairlie Bagley  
 Diane Bryson  
 Penny Clark  
 Galey Gravenstein

Gloria Kennedy  
 Mala Lawrence  
 Andrea Little  
 Leslie Roseman  
 Clint Shepard



Peggy Billings  
 Andy Bryson  
 April Griffin  
 Nina McGee  
 Ruby Parker

Ellen Shapiro  
 Marilyn Slack  
 Rosalie Stone  
 Kathy Ulmer  
 Greg Young



## Garden Party Hat Competition

Glorious and Glamorous - Ami Kamu  
from Mimosa Circle  
Lovely and Living - Lois McNamara -  
from Begonia Circle  
Creative and Crafty - Margaret Jones -  
from Gardenia Circle



All winners receive club note cards inspired and produced by Pauline Schochet and a \$10 VISA gift card compliments of Tish Oleksy, State Farm.

## Are you a Super Sleuth

Will you be the first to find a typo or error in dates, etc. in this issue? You could be the Super Sleuth of the month. Please call or email <modawson898@gmail.com> with your findings.



### I see more than just a car.

**Tish P Oleksy Ins Agcy Inc**  
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