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Looking Ahead at GGC

January


- 9 Board of Trustees @ 9:30 AM
Bylaws Committee 11:00 AM
(Lunch Provided)
- 11 BOD Meeting - Jasmine Hosts @ 9:30 AM
Fashion Show Meeting @ 11:00 AM
- 16 FWF @ 9:30 AM Social; 10:00 AM Demo
- 19 Arbor Day Celebration @ Matheson @ 11:45 AM
- 21 Arbor Day Tree Give Away @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- 25 Combined Meeting - Therapeutic Horticulture
10:00 AM

February

- 8 Magic of a School Garden @ 10:00 AM
- 10 Roadside Beautification @ 8:30 AM
- 15 BOD Meeting @ 9:30 AM
Wildflowers Host
- 22 Circle Meetings
- 24 Garden Tours hosted by Jasmine Circle
@ 9 AM- -1:00 PM

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.



**CITY OF GAINESVILLE
CITY BEAUTIFICATION BOARD**

Department of Doing
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
Matheson History Museum
& Gainesville Garden Club


Cordially invite you to a tree-planting celebration
for

FLORIDA ARBOR DAY

Friday, January 19, 2018

*Matheson History Museum
513 East University Avenue
11:45am to 1:00pm
Music and light lunch*

RSVP: Ella Brooks, 352-393-8181, Email: brooksel@cityofgainesville.org
Additional parking at Alachua County Schools, 620 E. University Avenue



Combined Circle Meeting, January 25 at 10:00 AM

Nature and Wellness Throughout the Life Course

Presenter: Elizabeth "Leah" Diehl, RLA, HTM, Director of Therapeutic Horticulture Program, at Wilmot Gardens. She is a licensed landscape architect, a master gardener and a registered horticultural therapist. She has bachelor's degrees in both architecture and art history from the University of Illinois-Chicago and a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. Leah began her work in horticultural therapy in Chicago in 1993, where she started a therapeutic and pre-vocational program for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities. She served as Editor-in-Chief of the peer-reviewed Journal of Therapeutic Horticulture from 1999-2014. Leah has taught landscape architecture, horticulture and horticultural therapy courses at several universities and colleges and has published more than 20 papers on horticultural therapy and therapeutic landscapes, including a chapter: Healing with Nature in Mind. She has provided numerous presentations on people-plant interactions in the U.S. and abroad.



Gardenia Circle will be our host for this very informative presentation.



President's Message



Happy New Year! Hope your holiday season was merry, bright, festive and fragrant! Thanks to all our members for a great fall 2017 at the Gainesville Garden Club! Our mission statement was written many years ago to guide us successfully forward with what our predecessors deemed the vision. We honored the role of friendship and networking by encouraging members to come to casual social gatherings for coffee and conversation prior to Fun With Flowers and General Meetings. The "Aged to Perfection" event with the repurposed items auction and magnificent crudites , spurred interesting interactions and inspiration. We promoted beauty in nature with the continued commitment to Women Build, the Ronald McDonald House, and our butterfly garden.



Love of gardening and design was perpetuated with monthly Fun With Flowers, "In the Kitchen with Herbs" in September, Holiday Designs and Wreath Building in December. The education through "Recycling & Composting for the Homeowner" in October and quarterly clean up of 13th Street enforce our environmental responsibility. Planning, partnership and participation in a most honorable civic project in dedicating the Blue Star Memorial Marker in November highlighted our season.

Most importantly, we defined fellowship in all of our activity~ a community of interest, activity, feeling and experience. To ALL our members, spring is on the way, COME , plant, bloom and grow greener with GGC!

In service and with gratitude,

Fran Maris



The Magic of a School Garden

Thursday, Feb. 8th, at 10:00 AM

Host - General Membership

Lois McNamara and Fran Maris, both Master Gardener advisers to the Kanapaha Middle School garden, will present a program on their experiences in working with the students and teachers there. There will be lots of photos and interesting information about this unusual garden, where the students get to eat and prepare foods that they themselves have grown. Samples of those foods and recipes will be provided. Please join us for an informative session.



FFGC

There are eight hard working GGC Members on the FFGC Board of Directors. They will be meeting in Winter Park on January 18-19, 2017.

Claudia Bates-President

Jeanice Gage-Short Course, FFGC 2018 Convention
Vice Chair

Inez Brooker-Chaplin

Linda Schoellhorn-Programs and Speakers, Long Range
Planning Committee

Fran Maris-National Garden Week

Lorene Junkin-Parliamentarian, SEEK Finance & Treasurer

Margaret Chodosh, Photo Archivist

FFGC 2017 Awards

GGC members volunteered on a variety of in-house programs and community projects in 2017. It took hard work and strong leadership to accomplish the club's busy schedule. FFGC Awards are a way to recognize clubs and its members on a state-wide basis. We are pleased to announce that GGC has submitted the following award applications: Blanch Capel Covington Leadership; Outstanding Leadership; Garden Club of the Year; Historic Preservation; Year's Horticulture Programs; Blue Star Memorial Marker; Garden Tours; Butterfly Conservation; Convention Delegate; Digital Photography – Butterflies; Years Programs; Floral Designer. The award applications were judged in early December and the winners will be announced at the FFGC April 2018 convention.

Save the Dates:

Saturday, January 20, 2018 at FFGC Headquarters, Trash or Treasure (Similar to Antique Roadshow!)

April 21-24, 2018 FFGC Convention and State Flower Show, World Golf Village, St. Augustine

Visit: FFGC.org for more information.

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:

New Year's News from the Treasurer!

Looking financially forward to 2018 with half our Garden Club year ahead!

From July 1 - December 30, 2017: Total Income to date is \$49,878, Expenses total \$35,010 ... resulting in a net gain of \$14,864.

The largest portion of the income for these past 5 months was contributed by Rentals (\$21,430) and additionally, we have had several successful and fun events in November & December which raised additional funds..... Ronald McDonald Gingerbread House \$500, Amaryllis Bulb Fundraiser \$1001, Holiday Workshop \$1,152.

Thank you all for your generosity!
Kathy Stephens, Treasurer

Grounds:

The Board of Trustees will meet in January to discuss the Lawn & Grounds maintenance. Master's Lawn Care has done a great job this past year and we are on month to month terms with their service. Maintenance of irrigation system will also be discussed. A timer was repaired in December. At present, there is a tree down in the rear of the property, the BOT will discuss the solution. An arborist evaluated the tree over the garden room and at present it is stable but will need to be evaluated on an annual basis. The grounds committee is working on getting bids for beautification to include the inner courtyard for presentation to membership and budgeting purposes. A workday to beautify the grounds will be scheduled in the next month.

— Florence Cline

Building:

The Board of Trustees will discuss the internal pest control agreement. The roof over the men's restroom is in need of repair and will be discussed by the BOT. An inventory of the club will be done in January. Look for further information.

— Janet Felder, Clubhouse Facilities

Rentals:

For the fiscal year 2017 July 1 to December 29 comparison: Rental Income 2017-\$24,660 vs 2016-\$20,860. Rental requests are beginning to pick up again after the holidays. Ronald Mc-

Donald House will hold their Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the club on January 20. The Clubhouse Rentals committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 11:15 AM following Fun with Flowers at the Clubhouse. All those interested in assisting with rentals, responding to phone calls to the club and requests to the website (do not need to be on site), scheduling tours & providing the tour to include filling out paperwork, on site contact for rentals during the set up phase of their event, etc. please come to this meeting or let Lee Kline know you are interested. Think of all the fundraising, amaryllis bulbs sales, club functions to raise money if we did not have our successful rental program. Supporting a BEAUTIFUL facility in which we as garden club members can enjoy meetings, lunches, and programs and which is an ASSET to our community, takes money to maintain!

— Lee Cline,

Tree Giveaway

Help Celebrate Florida Arbor Day!
Stop by the Gainesville Garden Clubhouse to receive two FREE sapling or seedling trees.

January 21st, 2018
1pm - 3pm

* 375 saplings: Red & White Dogwood, Persimmon and River Birch trees
* 100 - 200 Crape Myrtle saplings
* 50 Tulip seedlings (just planted)

Each attendee will be given 2 tickets for 2 tree saplings or seedlings. If you have any questions or would like to bring school age children by to pick a tree, please email us at mvp.ggcf@gmail.com.

1350 NW 75th Street, Gainesville
(352) 331-0426

For more information, visit our website GGCFL.ORG

First come, first serve. Limited quantities.

Civic and Community Service

Women Build Project

Habitat Lunches were provided by Mimosa, Jasmine and Wildflowers Circle. The house is almost completed and should have a closing sometime in January. No date set yet to report.



Stop, Paws and Learn

This event was sponsored by WUFT to help educate the public and especially children about stranger safety, pet care and the wonders of the Santa Fe Zoo which was free to all attendees that day. GGC was invited to man a booth in the PBS Kids Zone at the zoo to interest attending children with related activities. So members helped make pine cone bird feeders and paper rocking birds.



Dalia Hobbs, Jeanice Gage, Florence Cline and Ellen Shapiro

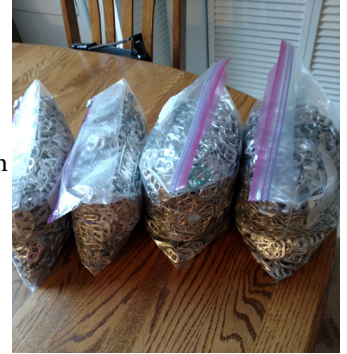


Lynnette Worley, Claudia Lambert and Jean Fouraker working a shift.

Our members had fun despite the chilly weather.

Box tops for Education and Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Rose Kimmlinger has turned in 4 gallon-size bags of can tabs to RMcD House totaling 8.3 pounds collected since June. Please continue to save. Unfortunately the Labels for Education program has been discontinued as of January 2018 after over 25 years of providing help to schools. A message from the program – “We would like to thank all the schools and families that have made Labels for Education so special over the years. We are proud to have been part of your communities and appreciate the support you have shown for our brands.”



The Box Tops for Education is still going strong. Please be sure to check all products for the pink rectangle and clip it out. Some of the more popular brands to look for are : Reynolds, Ziploc, Pillsbury, Lysol, Old El Paso, Annie’s, Scott, Land O’Lakes, Nature Valley, Hefty, and Betty Crocker along with many others – so look over the packaging.

— Rose Kimmlinger

Roadside Beautification

We had another successful roadside cleanup on Dec. 9th. Many thanks to the eight GGC members who came out to help us pick up trash on a very chilly morning. We collected 70 lbs. and really appreciated the carts designed and built by David Willkom of Begonia Circle. They made our job a lot easier!



Join us Saturday Feb. 10th, 8:30 AM @ 405 NW 13th St.

Janet Greene, Candy Piggott, Dave Willkomm

— Janet Greene

Ronald McDonald Gingerbread House Event



An Inspiration to Us All -- Bruce Cavey

Much of our Garden Club artistry and vision in the Fall 2017 was inspired by a wonderful member and Gardener Extraordinaire.

Bruce has

- donated a beautiful arrangement from his yard to our "Aged to Perfection" event,
- donated 2 landscape consults,
- opened his home for two garden tours (Fall is a lovely time in his paradise!),
- landscaped (donated his time and the club paid for materials) the Blue Star Memorial Marker site (it wasn't easy prepping that ground for a successful planting!) and he continues to water.
- He took the stage at the December Design Workshop, warming it up for Claudia Bates, making 4 arrangements from his garden and allowed us to auction them off-following his presentation he helped serve lunch and clean up, being one of the last to leave the club.



Bruce concluded our fall program year by presenting his artistry, live, with an exceptionally LARGE and beautiful arrangement at the Jasmine Christmas Program, leaving everyone in the room with a sense of AWE and inspiration for the holidays. He also made table arrangements for that meeting and gave those away. At each table he gifted one lucky Jasmine member or guest with a complimentary one hour consult, hiding a business card under a chair! Bruce is an amazing gardener and loves to teach us about how we can be "fruitful" in our own garden. We are so grateful to Bruce and consider ourselves to be the luckiest club in Gainesville with such an inspired member!

Fun with Flowers

On January 16th Barbara Crevasse of Crevasse's Florist will be our program presenter. We have over 30 people signed up so come at 9:30 AM for light refreshments and share your holiday adventures with your friends. The program will start at 10:00 AM.



November's design accomplished with Inez's expert guidance.

Dudley Farms

Theresa Stevens and Fran Maris spent two mornings at Dudley Farms potting up 10 varieties of camellia cuttings from an incubator to 1 gallon pots. The root systems were amazing. The cuttings were gifted and started by John Swanson, past president of the Camellia Society. There were approximately 150 beautiful plants in their nursery upon completion. The cuttings have been rooting for about 3 months and the success rate looked to be about 85% developed roots. There are 10 different varieties that Dudley Farm will raise and sell at their spring plant sale.



Dudley would like GGC to assist with the propagation of heritage plants this spring.

Queen of Peace Girl Scout Troop works towards FFGC Wildflower Badge

Thank you to Lois McNamara for her powerpoint presentation and generous gift of time, knowledge and skill to the Queen of Peace Girl Scouts on Sunday, November 12 in an effort to have the girls earn the FFGC designed Wildflower Badge! Both Fran and Lois instructed the girls in shucking dried flower seed heads. The girls sorted them into labeled envelopes to take home, they learned about and prepared seed tape, and learned about the process and distribution of wildflower seeds. The seeds were then scattered onto a cultivated plot at the church for practical application of knowledge. They were given a wildflower word search to complete. Thank you Lois, you were an excellent presenter and inspired the girls. A special thank you to Wilma Gordon for passing on her knowledge on preparing seed tape for the presentation.



Horticulture

Yard Art: Beautiful, Tasteful or Tacky?

We've all seen the tacky: the discarded toilet bowl planted with petunias! The bed frame that is now a flower bed. It was funny, the first time we saw it, but then. . . .

But tasteful yard art can enhance the beauty of a garden. Consider Delores Buffington's (of Jasmine Circle) beautiful sculpture amidst her azaleas, Amaryllis and Calatheas, pictured here with her mother.



Of course, not all of us are lucky enough to receive a lovely sculpture when we retire, as Delores did! We envy you, Delores, but you do have good taste! It's a beautiful sculpture, beautifully displayed. Speaking of beauty, Delores had the chutzpah to paint the seating area of her shed a bright blue. What a brilliant idea! She has both good taste and a daring spirit!



Delores is pictured here with the statue and her mother.

Linda and Rick Schoellhorn (Jasmine) have also exhibited good taste, both when they bought their beautiful property outside of Gainesville, and as they added plants and garden art amidst their mighty live oaks and interspersed open spaces. Consider this stainless steel sculpture:



Though sculptures like these are both beautiful and durable, they are also pricey! So logically, some gardeners opt for found art or art made from inexpensive – even free throwaway – materials!

That is what Karen Markey (Begonia Circle) has done when she finds discarded bikes; she adds a basket or two, plants the basket with bedding plants, and voila, it's garden art. It's also what she did when she found a well worn piano beside the road. She organized a moving party, and now the piano seems perfectly situated under the eaves on her much lived-on patio. That's creative thinking. Way to go, Karen!

We probably do not all agree on what's attractive and what's just tacky. Case in point, consider this pile of tires in the Demonstration Gardens at the Orange County Extension Center. Tasteful or tacky? What's your vote?

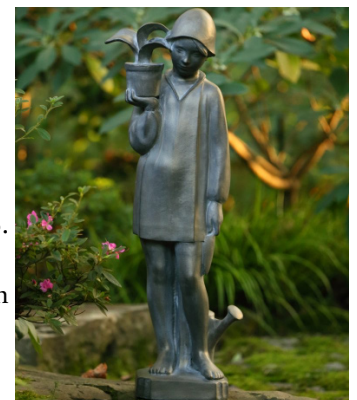


Nevertheless, we, as members of the Gainesville Garden Club, almost certainly agree that signs like this one are appropriate and tasteful. After all, friendship is part of the beauty we cultivate.

— Lois McNamara

The Gardener

I would like to share with you my joy at seeing the wonderfully engaging sculpture of The Gardener. How lovely to have a favorite art piece given in recognition to Inez Brooker, a favorite person and friend to all at GGC. It was created by my friend Sylvia Shaw Judson (Haskins) in 1935. There were 3 - 50" originals. One in a private garden in Lake Forest IL, one in the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden and one was given as a gift to President and Mrs Marcos, Manila, P.I. by President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson. Sylvia was also the creator of the ubiquitous Bird Girl of Savannah. At one time, the proceeds realized from the reproduction of certain garden pieces went to support the Ragdale* Foundation which is an art colony that hosts creators from a number of disciplines: writers, composers, poets, play and screenwriters, visual artists, choreographers, as well as those with interdisciplinary interests.



Sylvia studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Académie de la Grande Chaumière in Paris in 1920. Her father purchased the Lincoln Cabin from the Chicago World's Fair and moved it to Ragdale to be used as her first sculpture studio. She later built a separate studio with abundant natural light in the meadow behind Ragdale. As the air turned crispy in the fall, Sylvia would host a party at which she served pumpkin soup and hot chocolate. Her guests included a bagpiper who led us in parade fashion to the meadow where a 2-3 story high pile of yard debris would be set ablaze. Our children and we as adults were kept in awe. She created an extensive body of work that is now installed all over the world. Notable is the fountain at Brookfield Zoo, the Children's Zoo, Ravinia Festival (the oldest outdoor music festival in the US).

In Sylvia's book *The Quiet Eye* (which illustrates selected images that influenced her approach to her own work), she stated: "I have wanted particularly to find examples with a sense of 'divine ordinariness', a delicate balance between the outward and the inward, with freshness and a serene wholeness and respect for all simple ---- things, which are for all times and all people."

* Ragdale was the summer retreat of Chicago architect Howard Van Doren Shaw (1869–1926), located in Lake Forest, Illinois. It is now the home of the Ragdale Foundation.

— Mo Dawson

Open Garden Tour

On the afternoon of January 25th after your circle meeting, Jean Fouraker has invited Gainesville Garden Club members to enjoy her garden now in bloom with wonderful Camellias. Also hope that you were able to brave the cold on January 6 - 7 to view the Camellia Show at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens.



Design Workshop



The Design Workshop held at the club on December 5 was fun, festive and fruitful! Many thanks to our Featured Designer, Claudia Bates! As president of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Claudia has plenty of responsibilities to manage and lots of opportunities to teach and inspire. We are so grateful, GGC made it on to her calendar and we are most appreciative of all the time in selecting design material, travels to Jacksonville, lots of emails and the time you spent with us the day before preparing for the BIG day! Claudia also met at the club on Wednesday, December 13 to finish off designs for the Ronald Mc-

Donald House event. WE LOVE YOU MADAME PRESIDENT! We are also very grateful to Bruce Cavey. See featured article p. 5 on his inspiring ways at GGC.



Begonia Circle Members: JoLee Houlihan, Diane McCall, Lynnette Worley, Karen Markey, Margaret Dawson (guest) and Lois McNamara.

Amaryllis Bulb Fundraiser

Our Amaryllis bulb sale was successful and we thank everyone who helped make this happen. The Gainesville Sun arrived on November 16th as we were setting everything up and took pictures which appeared in Saturday November 18th edition. Please share your pictures of your Amaryllis with us. We would appreciate all feedback about this event, including what you liked and what you think would improve this event.



United Nation Amaryllis

— Pauline Schochet

Alz's Place

Mimosa members Georgette Peters, Janet Greene, Monica Aiton and Candy Pigott packed bags at Alz's Place for the elderly to be delivered with Meals on Wheels





Butterfly Garden and RMH entrance:
General Members - January
Begonia - February

General Membership - Pauline Schochet

Lorraine Hart made arrangements for the Christmas luncheon at the restaurant in Haile Plantation; twelve members attended. Two members worked on the wreaths for Ronald McDonald house and two attended this event. Our members are purchasing t-shirts and signing up to work at the Kanapaha Spring festival. We will also have members attending the fun with flowers in January.

The February 8th General Membership Meeting will begin at 10 AM with a slide presentation of "GGC Through the Years". At 10:30 AM Lois McNamara and Fran will be speaking about the Kanapaha Middle School Garden Program, titled "A Different Kind of School Garden".

Begonia Circle - Lynnette Worley.

Begonia Circle met at the home of Karen Markey on Dec. 14th. We had a plant exchange and Patti Hollien got the lowest number so she got to pick first.

Each year, Begonia Circle decorates a Christmas tree for the common area in Hope Lodge, a facility where families of people undergoing cancer treatment can stay.



Diane McCall, Florence Cline, Karen Markey, Inez Brooker, David Willkomm.
Front: Lynnette Worley and Lois McNamara

Gardenia Circle - Fairlie Bagley.

Every month 2-3 Gardenia Circle members donate sweets to the residents of Hope Lodge. Because most of the Hope Lodge residents are going through chemotherapy, it is often hard to eat full meals and to taste anything. Sometimes a sweet they can suck on or small sweet to eat will provide them with needed calories and just being able to taste something. Three Gardenias donated bags of sweets this month.

Also, Gardenias put up Christmas and Hanukkah decorations at Hope Lodge. Gardenias put up wreaths, statues, and holiday baskets. They arranged a 15 piece Christmas Village for the enjoyment of the residents. Of course, Gardenias also take down and store the decorations after the holidays are over.

Gardenias are again taking care of the upkeep of landscaping at Haven Hospice Attic. Both landscaping and upkeep of the

landscaping are continual projects of the Gardenia Circle.

Gardenias are active participants in a Fun With Flowers. Seven participated in the November FWF and 16 participated in the December Design Workshop FWF. Gardenias always bring at least 1-2 guests with them to introduce them to the GGC. Two Gardenia members supplied food for the November FWF pre-reception.

Six Gardenias attended the Blue Star Memorial Service in November. Gardenia supplied desserts for the guest reception afterwards.

Gardenias also supplied refreshments for the October Board meeting. Several Gardenias volunteered and made wreaths for the Ronald McDonald fundraiser. Gardenias participated in the October roadside pickup. Six Gardenias have volunteered to make finger desserts for the January Arbor Day celebration.



Marilyn Slack, Susan Thrall, Jerry Cellon, Ruby Parker, Kathy Murphey, and Jeani Valter.

Jasmine Circle - Becky O'Brien

Jasmine members prepared for the holidays with a lot of work and some fun, as well.

We have sponsored projects at Sidney Lanier School for a number of years and during 2017 kept urns at the entrance to the school well planted and cared for. Members also filled requests for seven holiday food "baskets," for students to take home over the school break at about \$70 per basket. Spearheaded by Gail Cook, Jasmine folks donated 67 children's books for the ACORN clinic serving rural families.

Our well-attended holiday party was very festive thanks to efforts by lots of cooks, decorators and Bruce Cavey's terrific and generous presentation on making floral displays from plants from the yard. Of course, his great good spirit makes us all think we can go home and get the same marvelous results and maybe we can use his ideas and practice!

We are also readying for a sprint into 2018 and will start the year with a program by Jon George, Cottage Gardens on perennials throughout the Florida year. With leadership by Ellen Shapiro we will host a Garden Tour on Saturday, February 24th as a fundraiser in support of a brand new effort. Jasmine members voted in the Fall to create a fund that will allow us to award a \$1000 gift to a community group also embracing GGC goals for our town and a committee is working on recommendations.

Mimosa Circle - Janet Greene

Mimosa Circle took care of the butterfly garden in Nov. weeding, trimming and replacing pine bark in the pathway and perimeter of the garden. We put together 225 poinsettia napkin holders that were delivered to Hospice, Ronald McDonald House and Meals on Wheels in Dec. Three members enjoyed the Dist. V event at the Grumbles's House in Dunnellon. We recently made and sold several sand bags. Thank you GGC members for supporting our fundraising project! We are looking forward to taking over selling the gardening gloves and clippers

from Begonia Circle in Jan. On Dec. 3rd, thirteen members and guests traveled to St. Augustine to attend the Holiday Tour of Homes and Downton Abbey exhibit at the Lightner Museum. Several members and guests enjoyed making Christmas centerpieces with Claudia Bates at the General meeting. It was a treat to see Claudia and Bruce Cavey at work as they did their magic creating beautiful holiday designs. Our own, Dale Williams, was lucky enough to win one! We had two members help at the Dec. Roadside cleanup and four members helped pack food and supplies for the elderly at Alz's place on Dec. 16th. Janet Greene and Carol

Knowles decorated wreaths for the Ronald McDonald Gingerbread House event. At our Holiday lunch at N.W. Grille, we were happy to welcome new member, Kathy Powell to our circle. We purchased \$180.00 in premie clothes that were donated to Ronald McDonald House.



.Wildflower Circle December Report - Claudia Lambert

1. The Wildflower Circle met at Peggy Caswell's home to make stepping stones. A good time was had by all.
2. Nine of our Circle members attended the Design Workshop at GGC on December 5th, featuring our own Claudia Bates.
3. Three members participated in Roadside Clean-Up on December 9th. Later that day two members assisted with Stop, Paws, and Learn at Santa Fe Zoo.
4. Wildflower members weeded the Butterfly Garden at GGC and the entrance garden at the Ronald McDonald House for the month of December.
5. Our Circle decorated two wreaths to be sold at the Ronald McDonald Gingerbread event.
6. The Circle has decided to sponsor two campers for Camp Wekiva in 2018. We also donated \$325.00 in gift cards to the Elks Children's Mobile Unit.
7. The Circle meeting was held at Park Meadows Rehabilitation Center on December 15th. We assisted the residents in making mug bouquets for their rooms. Several members brought greenery from their garden to enhance the bouquets. Our January, 2018 meeting will be held at the Bob Wines Camellia Garden in Ocala.



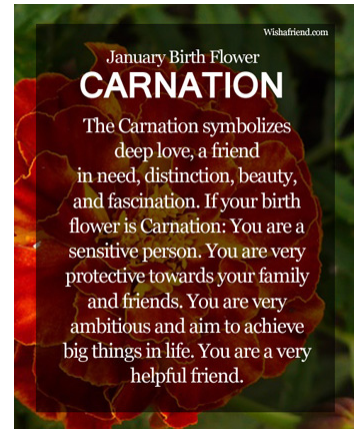
Peggy Caswell, Donna Stall, and Maggie Viele.

In Our Thoughts

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Carl Cline Bob Cline Betty Parkell Mary Wolz

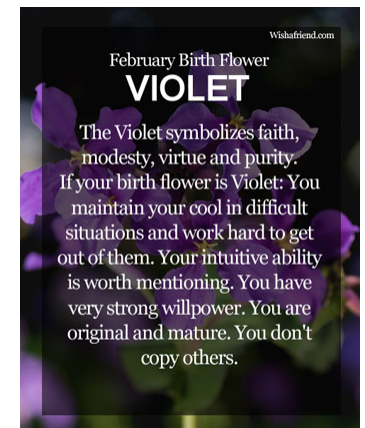
Birthday Blessings~January

Monica Aiton
Jeannie Bender
Claudia Claussen
Jean Fouraker
Wilma Gordon
Arlene Nichols
Cyndee Park
Candy Pigott
Wanda Rentfrow
Linda Schoellhorn
Donna Stall
Harriet Suggs



Birthday Blessings~February

Rosalie Bond
Phyllis Burrows
Peggy Caswell
Jeanne Earnest
Kathy Fanning
Bev Giordano
Celia Gottesman
Suzanne Questell
Deedee Whitehead



Please note attached:

"GGC's story of the Blue Star Memorial Marker as submitted for an FFGC Award"

Over 85 Vendors!

- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Flowers
- ◆ Orchids
- ◆ Trees
- ◆ Pottery
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Fountains
- ◆ Garden art

Youth activities & Great food!

"Ask The Experts" both days

Great Raffle Prizes!
...no need to be present to win!

Free Admission & Parking

Riverside Park in Vero Beach

3250 Riverside Park DriveOff Rt. 60, beachside, in Vero Beach

Saturday, Feb. 3, 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, Feb. 4, 9 am - 4 pm

Check our web site for more information and directions...
www.gardenclubofirc.org

Planning for the Months Ahead

Our members are enthusiastic, talented and fun to work with. Join us in planning and participating in:

- The Garden Party and Fashion Show to be held on March 8. Be thinking about your hat design for the competition.
- The Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival on March 24th - 25th
- "Four Seasons of the Florida Garden" Field trip on April 14
- FFGC Flower Show and Convention in St. Augustine on April 21 - 24.
- Field Trip for all Members to Red, White and Blues Farm, Williston, Florida-Blueberry Picking and Lunch on May 3.



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