



# The Garden Club of Coral Springs

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Member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs ([www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org)) and National Garden Club ([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org))

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND THURSDAY DURING THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER THROUGH MAY FROM 10 AM TO NOON - WE MEET AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AS WE OFTEN INCORPORATE A FIELD TRIP.

## A Message from your President: Jeri Decker

Our club continues presenting the Environmental School. The final course is being held April 15-16. Attendance continues to be excellent.

We continue to have monthly meetings and presentations via Zoom with club members. We record each meeting which is emailed to members who were unable to attend. Our newsletter is also sent to all members and shared with others in the district.

We adopted Veterans' Park in the City. We participated in Waterway Cleanup on March 27th by cleaning up the grounds. Mary Anne donated a plaque and water feature in memory of Teri Jablow and that day, they have been placed in the Bee and Butterfly Garden we created in the park. Mary Anne touchingly reminded us that the last time we saw Teri was at the initial planting of the Garden. Our plantings have taken well.

Thank you to Sandy and those members who are helping to plan and work our tent and activities for EarthFest. This public event is being held on April 24th at Sportsplex Park.

Our first in person field trip will be at Mounts Botanical Garden on April 8th. Members will pay at the gate using their credit card. The cost is \$12 per person or \$8 for Mounts Members. If you plan to attend, please let me know ASAP so carpool arrangements may be made.

Our May Scholarship Luncheon will be at Grand Lux at Sawgrass Mall, We can have a maximum of 24 guests. We have 18 confirmations to date. More details to follow. These will be confirmed reservations, so a count is necessary.

The club has sent over 3,000 corks to support our forests and oceans. We raised \$136 for Penny Pines and continue to collect empty medication bottles for Doctors without Borders.

Last, but certainly not least, a heartfelt congratulations to June Bookal who has been awarded the Golden Bee Award this month. Besides helping with so many of our projects, June has been chairing the committee which applies for awards for our various activities.

## GARDEN CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

APRIL 8, 2021 — Field Trip to Mounts Botanical Garden

MAY 13, 2021 — Scholarship Luncheon at Grand Lux Café, Sawgrass Mills

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE** - [www.coral Springsgardenclub.org](http://www.coral Springsgardenclub.org)

What would you like to see in our newsletter? Please email suggestions to [dmolski@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmolski@bellsouth.net).  
Membership in the Garden Club is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

## REPOTTING ORCHIDS

We have heard from so many this year that the orchids have been exquisite! The best time to repot orchids is when new growths and roots emerge, which is typically after flowering. However, if there is significant decomposition of potting medium, best not to wait.

You will need the following supplies: containers, mix, stakes, wire, rhizome clips and sterilized butting blades. Wear disposable gloves and work on newspaper that you can change between each plant.

**Step 1** Remove the plant from the container. This is easiest to do when the medium is moist and roots are more pliable. If the plant resists, a sterilized knife run along the inside of the container may help.

**Step 2** Remove the old medium preserving as many viable roots as possible. After the mix is removed remove damaged and dead roots with sterilized scissors or clippers.

**Step 3** Choose a sterilized container that is not too large. The new pot should accommodate no more than two years of new growth.

**Step 4** To enhance drainage and aeration, put gravel, clay shards or packing chips in the bottom of the pot before placing the plant and planting medium.

**Step 5** Position the plant appropriately in the pot. For horizontally growing plants, put the side of the plant with the oldest pseudobulbs flush with the side of the pot allowing for new growth to have the greatest potential space. Vertically growing plants should be placed in the center of the pot.

**Step 6** Add the moistened medium mix. Press the mix around the roots with both hands. Tap the pot and plant on the potting surface to settle the mix. Cover until the mix rises to the level of the rhizome or covers the area of greatest root production.

**Step 7** The orchid should be firmly in place as an orchid that wobbles in the container cannot establish itself properly. You may need to stake or use rhizome clips.

**Step 8** Don't forget a name tag!

**Step 9** Return the orchid to the growing area. If many roots were removed, place it in a slightly shaded area where it can recuperate.

This is simplified due to space limitations. If you need further advice, I'm sure our resident orchid expert Luanne will be happy to advise!

Thank you to Stephen R Batchelor for this information.

## HISTORY OF the GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS

This month's history article is more current. We are featuring information on this year's major project — Veterans' Park of Coral Springs. The Blue Star Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now NGC, Inc.) adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed along the way. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and - was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war, as well as in churches and businesses.

Garden Club Members worked diligently raising funds to purchase a Marker to place in Veterans' Park and to purchase plants and planting supplies for the project. Supporters could purchase a brick on which their Veteran's name would be inscribed.

Members created a Bee and Butterfly Garden in a circle at the park by which every visitor will either walk or drive. Over 100 native plants were planted to support the pollinators.

On November 11th, there was a virtual ceremony with a few of our Members and the City. The ceremony was Zoomed and televised due to Covid 19.

Lynn Rochelle and Debbie Weatherly have maintained the garden. On March 27th, Members did a major clean up as part of Waterway Cleanup and a plaque and water feature donated by Mary Anne McKay were placed as a tribute to Teri Jablow, our member who succumbed to Covid 19.

This park is dedicated to those who gave so much for our country.



Be sure to follow our Facebook page where we all post photos of our events and garden! The Garden Club of Coral Springs.



## What to Plant

**Annuals/Bedding plants:** Plant heat-tolerant annuals, such as coleus, vinca, and portulaca. **See Annuals:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_annual\\_landscape\\_plants](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants)

**Bulbs:** Cannas thrive in the heat of summer. New varieties have colorful leaves as well as flowers. **See Bulbs for Florida:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_bulbous\\_flowers](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers)

**Herbs:** Some to start now include basil, coriander, cumin, and mint. **See Herbs:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_herbs](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs)

**Vegetables:** Beans, Chinese cabbage, Southern peas, and sweet potatoes can still be planted. Mulch beds well and monitor irrigation if the weather is dry. **See Vegetable Gardening in Florida:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_vegetable\\_gardening](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening)

## What to Do

**Plant for Butterflies:** Plant flowers of different colors, shapes, sizes, and blooming seasons to provide nectar for adult butterflies and provide host plants for their caterpillars. **See Butterfly Gardening:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_butterfly\\_gardening](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_butterfly_gardening) **Pests:** Monitor insect activity and learn which bugs damage plants and which do not. **See Landscape Pest Management:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_landscape\\_pests](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests)

**Beneficials:** Identify and conserve beneficial insects. Some insects should be encouraged in your yard! **See Beneficial Insects:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_beneficial\\_insects](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_beneficial_insects)

**Tomatoes:** Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on developing tomato plants. **See Home Tomato Gardening:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_tomato\\_gardening](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tomato_gardening)

**Palms:** Identify and treat environmental and nutritional disorders in palm trees. **See Palm Care:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_palm\\_care](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_care)

**Oleanders:** Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander caterpillars at work. **See Oleander Pest Management:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_oleander\\_ipm](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_oleander_ipm)

**Fruits:** Propagate fruit crops by air layering and grafting. **See Propagating Fruits in Florida:** [http://www.solutionsforyourlife.com/hot\\_topics/lawn\\_and\\_garden/propagating\\_fruits.shtml](http://www.solutionsforyourlife.com/hot_topics/lawn_and_garden/propagating_fruits.shtml)

**Perennials and bulbs:** Divide clumps of bulbs, ornamental grasses, or herbaceous perennials to expand or rejuvenate garden beds or to pass along to friends. **See Bulbs for Florida:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_bulbous\\_flowers](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers) and **Perennial Landscape Plants:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_perennials](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_perennials)

**Shrubs:** Choose from a wide variety of shrubs to add to the landscape now. Remember Right Plant/Right Place and match the mature size with the location. **See The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection & Landscape Design:** [https://fl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN\\_Plant\\_Selection\\_Guide\\_2015.pdf](https://fl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_2015.pdf) and **Shrubs:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_shrubs](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_shrubs)

# THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Jill Cytryn        | 4/09 |
| Steven Braska      | 4/10 |
| Donna Benckenstein | 4/12 |
| Nancy DaSilva      | 4/26 |

## PLANT OF THE MONTH

### Malaysian Orchid (Medinilla myriantha)



Malaysian Orchid is not a true orchid at all. However, it is considered a “semi-epiphyte,” which gives it some of the same growing tendencies as orchids (which are true epiphytes). What’s an epiphyte? Basically, it’s a plant that doesn’t need soil to grow; they go by the common name “[air plant](#)”. These plants anchor themselves in the crooks of trees or cracks of rocks, living on the moisture and nutrients they take from the air. As you might guess, epiphytes require very humid conditions to thrive. Malaysian Orchids are sometimes found growing in the wild tucked into trees, but you can grow them in pots if you provide the right potting medium. The soil must be very loose, allowing water to drain easily. Most growers recommend adding about 30% orchid potting mix to regular potting soil to keep it from getting overly compact.

Malaysian Orchid requires bright indirect light. In the wild, these plants grow in the shade of trees and other large plants, so do your best to replicate these conditions to allow your plant to survive. You can plant it in a hanging basket and suspend it from a tree to best enjoy the dangling flower panicles. Remember that this plant requires high humidity to thrive and flower, so if you live in areas with muggy summers, you’ll have the most luck. In zones 10/11 you can grow this plant outdoors year-round.

## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

amazon \$19.99



### Gereen 1.3 Gallon Compost Bin 2 Pack Compost Bucket

These little buckets are just the right size for your counter or hanging on the cabinet door. I love mine, so handy for all your kitchen waste (banana peels, coffee grounds, egg shells etc.).

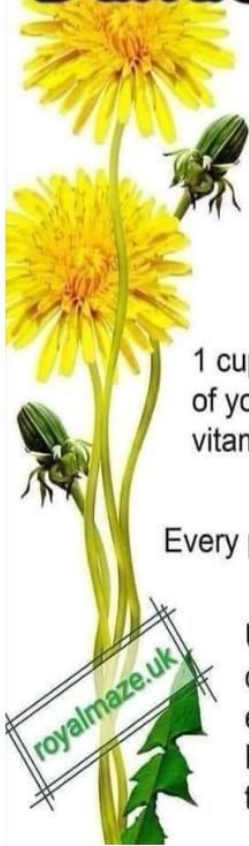
The handle makes it easy to carry & empty into your outside bin.

ON THE CUPBOARD DOOR



# FUN FACTS

## Dandelion Facts:



Dandelions are NOT weeds, but are from the same family as sunflowers.

A dandelion seed can travel up to 5 miles before it lands.

1 cup of dandelion greens = 535% of your daily recommended vitamin K and 112% of vitamin A.

Every part of the dandelion is edible.

Up until the 1800's, dandelions were seen as extremely beneficial. People would remove grass to plant dandelions.

The average **strawberry** has 200 seeds. fruit seeds on  It's the only that bears its the outside.

Sulfuric compounds are to blame for cut **onions** bringing tears to your eyes.

According to the National Onion Association, chilling the onion and cutting the root end last reduces the problem.



## CHIPPED TEAPOT:



Donate to a bird. It even has its own drainage system!

## TREES



Longest-living organisms on earth!



The average **CATERPILLAR** has 4,000 muscles, and 248 in its head alone!

# PATRON DONORS

## ORCHID LEVEL

Jeri Decker

Marcy & Sal DiMare

Deb Weatherly



## AZALEA LEVEL

June Bookal

Mary Anne McKay

## ROSE LEVEL

Luanne Betz



## BEGONIA LEVEL

Dot Molski

Lynn Rochelle

Donna Benckenstein

Susan Baer

Suzanne Anzalotta

## DAISY LEVEL

Barbara Dorinski

Nancy Klahr



**BOUQUET OF GIVING**

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| Orchid:  | \$1000 |
| Rose:    | \$ 500 |
| Azalea:  | \$ 250 |
| Begonia: | \$ 100 |
| Daisy:   | \$ 50  |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

# PATRON DONOR INCENTIVES

|                |        | CSGC* | FFGC* | PATCH | BADGE | MEMBERSHIPS ,EVENTS    |
|----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------|
| <b>ORCHID</b>  | \$1000 | X     | X     | 2     |       | 3 (M/E) for 2 people** |
| <b>ROSE</b>    | \$ 500 | X     | X     | 1     |       | 2 (M/E) for 1 person** |
| <b>AZALEA</b>  | \$ 250 | X     | X     | 1     | 1     | 1 (M/E) for 1 person   |
| <b>BEGONIA</b> | \$ 100 |       |       |       | 1     | 1 (E ) for 1 person    |
| <b>DAISY</b>   | \$ 50  |       |       | 1     | 1     |                        |

\*CSGC: CORAL SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB

\*FFGC: FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

|                     |                              |                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>*MEMBERSHIPS</u> | American Orchid Society      | \$ 79 each         |
|                     | Bonnet House                 | \$ 65 each 2/\$100 |
|                     | Butterfly World              | \$ 70 each         |
|                     | Fairchild Tropical Gardens   | \$ 95 each 2/\$120 |
|                     | Flamingo Gardens             | \$ 65 each 2/\$115 |
|                     | Mounts Botanical Garden      | \$ 50 each 2/\$ 75 |
|                     | National Wildlife Federation | \$ 75 Garden Tools |
|                     | Sawgrass Nature Center       | \$ 30 each 4/\$ 50 |

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| <u>*EVENT</u> | MAY LUNCHEON  |
|               | HOLIDAY PARTY |

\*\*Top two levels, 50% of money will go to Scholarship Fund

Patrons names will be acknowledged on Website, Facebook and Newsletter