



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

August 2022

Member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (www.ffgc.org) and National Garden Club (www.gardenclub.org)

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND THURSDAY DURING THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER THROUGH MAY FROM 10 AM TO NOON - LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS VARY - PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE BELOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT JERI DECKER

This year will be a big one for our club. Northwest Regional Library has partnered with us to offer four additional meetings on Saturday mornings to accommodate our working members and meet the needs of the Community. They are generously providing the meeting room free of charge and doing the advertising. Please invite any working friends as a guest if they have expressed an interest in joining. Thursday daytime meetings will continue to be held at Mullins Park.

We will host 6 Youth Group meetings following FFGC youth curriculum to allow the young to explore gardening. We will assist Forest Glen Middle School with the installation of their Food Forest.

We helped with the weeding during our last garden session with the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Afterwards we played a game of Jeopardy with the students which included gardening tips and facts. We will continue to mentor and educate these high school students once a month during the school year and help with their garden needs.

We continue to plant Native Orchids in our city parks. We will have planted 700 orchids by the end of the summer. Our goal is one thousand, but it's been such a success we might do more!

Our members have voted to sponsor a plant exchange booth at the Community Garden. Members will supply plants and we will have flyers educating citizens about invasive plants and native plants.

We presented on Container Gardening at Coral Springs Wellness Center and have been asked to come back again. Our members are continuing to weed and care for our Native Pollination Garden and Blue Star Memorial at Veterans Park and at the Sawgrass Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital.

We completed our Five City Yard of The Month Award. Residents of our city and four surrounding cities can submit their yard to win Yard of The Month. Yards can also be nominated by our membership. Winners receive a certificate and display a large sign in their yard for all to see. We also post their yard on our Facebook and Website. This endeavor has allowed us to expand our membership as several of the winners joined us.

Our largest event, GardenFest, is scheduled for March 18 and 19. Over 10,000 people attend this event. It is also our major fundraiser of the year.

We have scheduled fun and educational field trips to Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, Kampong Gardens and Tree Zoo at the Arboretum at Constitution Park.

We attend our local Chamber of Commerce meetings and make great connections. The members continue to meet during the summer and do lunch. Best of all, we have made the local online newspaper for Coral Springs 3 times!! This has been great promotionally.

Thank you all for your efforts. We could not be this successful without you.

Jeri

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - www.coralspringsgardenclub.org OUR ADDRESS: PO Box 773334, Coral Springs, FL 33077
What would you like to see in our newsletter? Please email suggestions to dmolski@bellsouth.net.
Membership in the Garden Club is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

TILLANDSIAS

There are 650 known Tillandsias, native to forests, mountains and deserts, all low maintenance with many tropical varieties. Because they are epiphytes, they cling to other plants, trees, bushes, rocks and the ground. Orchids are also epiphytes. Cross breeders combine different species so that you may never see two that are identical.

Air plants are the cute hairy, fuzzy, spiky, furry, round or long trailing darlings of houseplants. If you keep them indoors, remember that if they are near the air conditioner vent, they might dry out quickly. Enclosed containers might obstruct air flow around the roots. You can also dunk them several times but be sure to shake off the excess water.

Of course, being living things, air plants need light and water. They like several hours of bright, indirect light. Also, don't forget that they need a drink which they absorb through their leaves. Once every 5 days watering or spritzing is a good rule of thumb for a thirsty indoor air plant. If your plant needs water, it will let you know when the tips of the leaves turn brown. If you are over watering, the leaves may look soggy.

Blossoms last from a few days to a few weeks with a whole combination of bright colors like pink and purple. After the plant flowers, snip off the flower, and it will keep on growing and producing more blooms.



Tillandsia Fasciculata Sw
Cardinal Airplant



Catopsis Floribunda LB Sm
Florida Strap Airplant



Tillandsia Pruinosa Sw
Fuzzy Wuzzy Airplant

Tillandsia x Smalliana H Luther
Crow's Nest



Facebook Request Turns into Reality
Educating Our Community on Native and Invasive Plants
Take One, Leave One Plant Exchange

The Garden Club of Coral Springs Recording Secretary Carol Johnson, while surfing through Facebook noticed a request from our citizens to have a plant exchange in the city. She immediately wrote a proposal and presented it to the board. It was approved and a committee of newbies and long time members joined together to make it a reality. Funds were raised and plant donations collected. Lou Goldstein from Parks and Recreation's gave the go ahead.

John Beckenstein, a retired engineer and new member this year, drew up the design and constructed the stand. Debra Weatherly volunteered to start collecting plants to start the project. Member and Master Gardener Pilar Londono created a flyer of Native Plants and Invasive Plants that will be attached to the stand for everyone to take.

This entire project from start to finish took exactly two months. The plant exchange will be located in front of the Rotary Community Garden and Food Forest, 2575 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs.

Now, instead of throwing away unwanted native plants after thinning or changing your garden, someone else can benefit from them. It's like an island for misfit plants!



The Garden Club of Coral Springs Schedule of Events 2022-2023

(Events and Speakers subject to change.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
August 11(Thurs)	Members Who Lunch - Noon at Taverna Evia
August 12 (Fri)	Million Orchid Project at 8 or 8:30 AM - Luanne to send email
October 13 (Thurs)	Member Meeting 10 AM at Mullins Hall - Topic "Pests and Diseases"
October 13 (Thurs)	Youth Gardeners Sawgrass Nature Center at 4 PM
October 15 (Sat)	Member Meeting at Northwest Regional Library
October 20 (Thurs)	Fall District Mtg at Lauderdale by the Sea City Hall
October 23 (Sun)	MSD Gardening and Mentoring 9 to 10:30 AM
November 10 (Thurs)	Field Trip to Morikami Museum and Japanese Garden
November 10 (Thurs)	Youth Gardeners Sawgrass Nature Center at 4 PM
November 12 (Sat)	Member Meeting at Northwest Regional Library - Mona Johnston presents on "Lets Go Wild in the Garden"
November 27 (Sun)	MSD Gardening and Mentoring 9 to 10:30 AM
December 3 (Sat)	Holiday Luncheon at Coopers Hawk 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM
December 8 (Thurs)	Youth Gardeners Sawgrass Nature Center at 4 PM
January 12 (Thurs)	Field Trip to Kampong Gardens
January 12 (Thurs)	Youth Gardeners Sawgrass Nature Center at 4 PM
January 14 (Sat)	Members Meeting at Norwest Regional Library - Lorna Bravo presents on "Florida Friendly Landscapes"
January 29 (Sun)	MSD Gardening and Mentoring 9 to 10:30 AM
February 9 (Thurs)	Member Meeting 10 AM at Mullins Hall - Inger Jones presents on "Pruning Our Gardens Dos and Don't"
February 9 (Thurs)	Youth Gardeners Sawgrass Nature Center at 4 PM
February 26 (Sun)	MSD Gardening and Mentoring 9 to 10:30 AM
March 9 (Thurs)	Field Trip to the Tree Zoo at the Arboretum in Constitution Park
March 9 (Thurs)	Youth Gardeners Sawgrass Nature Center at 4 PM
March 11 (Sat)	Member Meeting at Northwest Regional Library—Presentation by Kristen Hoss on "Ecology"
March 18-19 (Sat & Sun)	GardenFest
March 26 (Sun)	MSD Gardening and Mentoring 9 to 10:30 AM
April 13 (Thurs)	Member Meeting 10 AM at Mullins Hall - Make and Take

Notes

Due to the fact that our Treasurer Luanne Betz is off riding camels in Egypt, there will be no Bouquet of Giving this issue.

Our Five City Yard of the Month Awards are not bestowed in the summer. We will resume in the fall.

Golden Bee Award

Nominated by members. Awarded to a member who goes above and beyond.



This month's winner is Dotty Molski

Dotty is a member who has definitely gone above and beyond.

Her dedication to our club as past Recording Secretary and unwavering success as editor and publisher of our newsletter is priceless.

She has spent countless hours of her time working alongside Luanne with our budget and audit and filling out pages of IRS forms. She has also successfully applied for grants for monies for our projects. Her amazing knowledge has helped this club keep on the straight and narrow.

We're so happy you returned to the hive and hope she will continue being a busy bee.

Congratulations Dotty!!



August



Colorize Your Yard: Need a burst of color? Add heat-loving annuals and perennials like [angelonia](#), [annual vinca](#), [coleus](#), [evolvulus](#), [Mexican heather](#), and [purslane](#) to garden beds, borders, and containers. Remember, a few pots on your front porch or doorway is an easy, and inexpensive, way to add instant curb appeal.

Eat What You Grow: Late this month is the time to start thinking about and planting many traditional vegetables. This includes cantaloupe, carrot, eggplant, peppers, potatoes, summer squash, tomatoes, and watermelons.

Plan the Future: Don't want to go outside in the heat/humidity/rain/bugs? Pay attention to what windows you spend the most time looking out and plan to plant beds to beautify your view from the inside. This fall, when temperatures cool and gardening is easier, you can execute your plan.

Plant for Pollinators: Keep your yard full of colorful and happy pollinators by planting [butterfly bush \(Buddleia\)](#), [firebush \(Hamelia\)](#), firecracker plant (*Russelia*), firespike (*Odontonema*), [milkweed \(Asclepias\)](#), and [passionflower](#)



September



Add Perennials: Enjoy perennials that keep going all year long (and for years, with good care). Not sure what plants to pick for South Florida? Try [crossandra](#), [daylily \(Hemerocallis\)](#), [Garvinea gerbera](#), and [milkweed \(Asclepias curassavica\)](#).

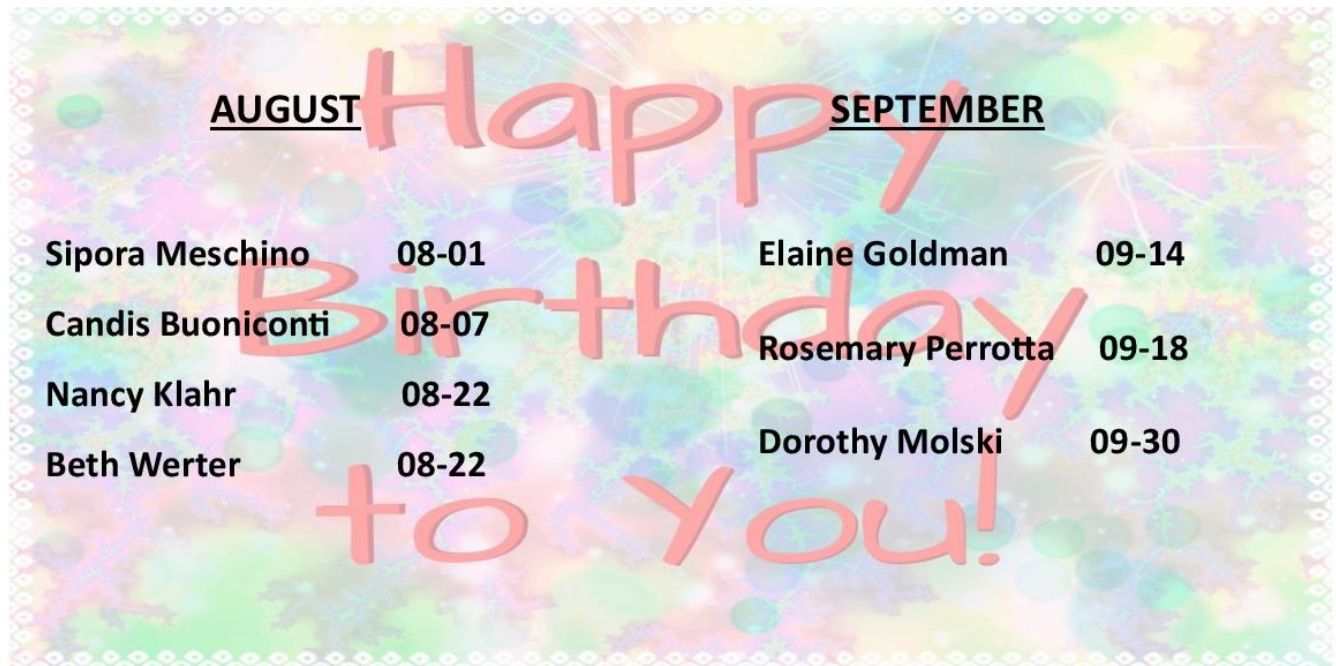
Decorate for Fall: Want to get the fall look in your yard?

Add [marigolds](#), [mums](#), [ornamental peppers](#), pumpkins, straw bales, and other seasonal décor.

Get Your Tools in Shape: One simple way to make working in the garden easier is to sharpen blades and edges on your pruning shears and shovel. While a lot of us don't think about shovels, having a sharp edge makes digging holes a lot easier.

Grow Your Own Food: It's still perfect planting time for most of your favorite vegetables -- carrot, eggplant, pepper, potato, summer squash, tomato, and watermelon.

THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW



PLANT OF THE MONTH

Pagoda plant - Clerodendrum paniculatum



Pagoda plant (*Clerodendrum paniculatum*) earned its common name because of the tiered, pyramidal shape of its flower clusters, which stand out against its large, heart-shaped leaves. It grows in U.S. Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones 8 through 11, where its equally ornamental foliage and flowers brighten gardens all year. Pagoda plant requires year-round care to maintain its good looks and long-term health. Its care requirements vary by season but decrease significantly in winter.

A pagoda plant will grow quickly in summer, which means it may crowd out less assertive plants. Prune it to restrict its size and encourage better blooming and denser foliage. Prune in summer after the last flowers have faded. Snip off any spent flowers and trim back the entire plant by up to one-half, if you wish.

If you want to propagate the pagoda plant, you can use either root or [stem cuttings](#).

JUST FOR FUN

THINGS I DO IN MY SPARE TIME



The secret to my "green thumb":



Planting SO MANY plants no one can tell that half of them died.

Joseph Tychonievich



family of

Pot Heads...

I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD CLEAN THE HOUSE SO I'M GOING TO MY



GARDEN

TO PLAY UNTIL THE FEELING PASSES



A photograph of a garden. In the foreground, a large, five-petaled white flower with a yellow center is in focus. The background is a field of many smaller yellow flowers. The scene is outdoors with green foliage and a clear sky.

"If half of American lawns
were replaced with native plants,
we would create the equivalent
of a 20 million acre national park,
nine times bigger than Yellowstone,
or 100 times bigger than
Shenandoah National Park."

Doug Tallamy

pollinator friendly yards on facebook

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Live Monarch

FOUNDATION



One Seed Can Change The World

<https://www.livemonarch.com>

Mission Statement:

We offer education, involvement, assistance and acknowledgment of persons directly acting to benefit the Monarch Butterfly and various native creatures who have suffered a decline in their natural habitats.



FREE SEEDS

Send one self addressed, stamped envelope for **Milkweed or mixed seeds** appropriate for your area to:

Live Monarch - 2022 Seed Campaign

PO BOX 1339

Blairsville, Georgia 30514



Thanks to Steven Braska for this timely information!

If you love wildlife and have not already done so, consider creating a wildlife habitat in your back yard. It's easy and then you can be awarded a plaque to post in your garden. Many of us have already done so. How about letting Dotty know at dmolski@bellsouth.net if you are certified. It will be interesting to see our percentage of members. For more information go to [Certify \(nwf.org\)](http://Certify(nwf.org))

Components of Habitat

There are four basic elements of a Certified Wildlife Habitat™:



Visit www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife for more great tips on attracting wildlife!



Nine Principles of

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™:

1. Right Plant, Right Place
2. Water Efficiently
3. Fertilize Appropriately
4. Mulch
5. Attract Wildlife
6. Control Pests Responsibly
7. Recycle
8. Reduce Stormwater Runoff
9. Protect the Waterfront

WEB SITES FOR MORE INFORMATION:

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA:

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/>
Native aquatic and wetland plants in Florida

<http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/>

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Pattern Book:
http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FFL_Book_Zone_10_081610.pdf

Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Plant Selection Guide:
http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_v090110.pdf

NATIVES FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD—SOUTH FLORIDA

<http://regionalconservation.org/beta/nfyn>
Find out how to turn simple gardening into habitat restoration by using plants native to your specific area

<http://www.plantfinder.com>

<http://www.floridanativenurseries.org>

<http://www.fnqla.org/>

www.floridata.com

<http://flawildflowers.org>

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT:
www.sfwmd.gov

PUBLISHERS:

<http://upf.com>
(the scholarly publishing arm of the State University System of Florida)

<http://www.pineapplepress.com/>

NATIVE PLANT & OTHER BOOKS:

NATIVE FLORIDA PLANTS, Revised Edition
Robert G. Haehle & Joan Brookwell
(Amazon.com, Borders, Barnes & Noble carry this)

A GARDENER'S GUIDE TO FLORIDA'S NATIVE PLANTS
Rufino Osorio, University Press of Florida

FLORIDA'S BEST NATIVE LANDSCAPE PLANTS
Gil Nelson, University Press of Florida

THE GUIDE TO FLORIDA WILDFLOWERS
Walter Kingsley Taylor/ the book is color coded—very useful
(Amazon and possible Barnes & Noble)

FLORIDA WILDFLOWERS: A Comprehensive Guide
This is the 2013 update from Walter Kingsley Taylor and includes the newest scientific information about Florida's wildflowers. (Amazon and possible Barnes & Noble)

EVERGLADES WILDFLOWERS
Color coded. A great field guide
Roger L. Hammer, The Globe Pequot Press

FLORIDA KEYS WILDFLOWERS
Color coded—companion to **Everglades Wildflowers**
Roger L. Hammer, The Globe Pequot Press

ATTRACTING HUMMINBIRDS & BUTTERFLIES IN TROPICAL FLORIDA
Roger L. Hammer, University Press of Florida

NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPING FOR FLORIDA WILDLIFE
Very well written and informative,
Craig N. Huegel, University Press of Florida

NATIVE FLORIDA PLANTS FOR SHADY LANDSCAPES
Craig N. Huegel, University Press of Florida

BRINGING NATURE HOME
How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife In Our Gardens
Douglas Tallamy: Timber Press

FLORIDA GARDENER'S GUIDE (REVISED EDITION)
Tom MacCubbin & Georgia Tasker
Cool Springs Press/ <http://coolspringspress.com>

NATIVE BROMELIADS OF FLORIDA
Harry E. Luther & David H. Benzing, Pineapple Press, Inc.

WILD ORCHIDS OF FLORIDA
Paul Martin Brown/A more compact update & field guide of the work of Carlyle A. Luer, University Press of Florida

FLORIDA'S FABULOUS BUTTERFLIES
Includes special chapter on moths &
FLORIDA'S FABULOUS INSECTS
2 separate oversize publications in the FLORIDA FABULOUS series. WORLD PUBLICATIONS/ www.allfloridabooks.com

FLORIDA BUTTERFLY GARDENING
Marc C. Minno & Maria Minno
University Press of Florida

ATTRACTING BENEFICIAL BUGS TO YOUR GARDEN
Jessica Walliser: Timber Press

ATTRACTING NATIVE POLLINATORS
Protecting North America's Bees & Butterflies
The Xerces Society: Storey Publishing

ATTRACTING BIRDS TO SOUTH FLORIDA GARDENS
James A. Kushlan & Kirsten Hines
www.kirstenNatureTravel/publications

THE BOOKS OF PAMELA CRAWFORD:
<http://pamela-crawford.com/pamela-crawfords-books/>

A Garden Diary:
A Guide to Gardening in South Florida ©
by Robert G. Haehle and M.E. DePalma
De Palma Enterprises

THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HERBS & THEIR USES
The Definitive Guide to the Identification, Cultivation and uses of Herbs
Deni Bown: Dorling Kindersley Publishing Staff

THE GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS
YARD OF THE MONTH
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT



Please help us acknowledge the beautiful yards and gardens in our community of Coral Springs and surrounding areas. We are fortunate to be able to garden year-round due to our semi-tropical climate.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be nominated for our

Yard of the Month Award

contact

gardenclubs2020@yahoo.com

with name and address of property to be nominated

HAPPY GARDENING!!

YARD OF THE MONTH GUIDELINES

Yard of the Month guidelines were determined by Ken, Mary Anne, Carol J, Nancy D, Casey and Jeri

Nominations for Yard of the Month are for the front and back yards.

Areas covered are Coral Springs, Parkland, Tamarac, Coconut Creek, and Margate.

Anyone can nominate a yard to the club, even yourself. This nomination is sent to gardenclubs2020@yahoo.com.

No patios or condos are considered.

Pictures of said nominations are sent for approval and a google earth search is completed by Jeri.

Jeri will send photos of the nominations to the committee, but everyone wins unless the yard is not suitable.

After the nominations are approved, Ken or Jeri will call and set up an appointment around the 15th of every month.

Emails are then sent to the committee for presentation of the sign with a date, time and addresses of the winners. The home is then visited by the committee and/or other club members and the sign is presented along with a laminated certificate.

Mary Anne makes up the certificate and there are 4 signs.

Nancy photographs the yard during the visit and then a collage is made and put on Facebook. Photos from Facebook are then sent to Mary Anne and Dotty to be added to the newsletter. Yard of the Month winners will also be uploaded to the club's web site.

Thirty days after placing the sign in the yards, they are picked up and taken to the next winners by various committee members.

Any exceptions to the above guidelines are to be determined by the committee.



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