



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

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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 - OCTOBER, FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETING LOCATIONS ARE AT NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY, 3151 N UNIVERSITY DR, CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33065. OTHER MONTHS MEET AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

A Message from your President: Jeri Decker

I wish to thank all the Board Members and Members who helped organize and plan for the coming year and acknowledge accomplishments.

- Luanne, Marcy, Dotty, Sandy and Jeri form the Budget Committee. Marcy's foresight using the Capital One credit card enabled us to defray some of our expenses this year.
- Mary Anne, Steven, Debbie, and Lynn R came up with creative ideas for fundraising! If you shop on Amazon, you can donate to the club through Amazon Smile. List the Garden Club, and a percentage will be sent to us.
- Dotty, Donna B, Lynn R and Mary Anne developed our Newsletter to keep our club informed.
- Sandy and Terry T updated our Bee awards. Bees will be flying to you soon.
- Marcy has ordered iron-on patches that can be placed on a pink blouse or tee shirt of your choosing. (We will temporarily not be selling club tee shirts.) The patch will cost \$5.00. Contact Marcy to place your order.
- Luanne, Nancy K and I are the committee working on the virtual Environmental School which starts in November, through the National Garden Clubs. Please sign up and take this very informative class, taught by experts in the field. For details go to our website under NGC schools.
- Thank you to everyone for donating your pennies. We were able to donate \$68 to Penny Pines in memory of Earl Barker. Trees will be planted in his memory at Ocala National Forest.
- Mary Anne is keeping our recycling going. We are still saving corks. We have sent in over 2000 corks this year! Don't forget the clear bottle caps and medicine bottles.
- I am donating the funds to erect a Blue Star Memorial, which will be dedicated on Veterans Day at Veterans Park in Coral Springs. Marcy and Lynn R will be planting a butterfly garden. Please call Marcy to assist with this amazing endeavor.

I hope you have been enjoying your virtual Garden tours. Eventually, we will be able to meet and tour gardens in person. We will hold virtual meetings through Zoom and Facebook until it is safe to meet. We are changing our meeting place to the Coral Springs Library. There is no fee, and we can bring in plants and refreshments.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

October 8, 2020 - Presentation on Growing Vegetables in Florida

November 12, 2020 - Tall Cypress Natural Area, Turtle Run

December 17, 2020 - Holiday Celebration

January 14, 2021 - Fairchild Tropical Gardens

February 11, 2021 - Lynn Rochelle demonstrates Wood Art

March 11, 2021 - Video Tour of Nancy DaSilva's Garden

April 8, 2021 - Butterfly Garden Tour of Amy's Garden

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - www.coral Springs Garden Club.org

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.

Coral Springs Community Garden and Food Forest

In 2009, the City approached the Rotary Club of Coral Springs to help begin a Community Garden. A number of residents became involved in the project and took over the running and organization of the Garden. Individuals rent a plot and grow vegetables of their choice.

In 2014, one of the gardeners and organizers - Judi Gulko - had a vision to develop the lot adjacent to the garden into a Food Forest. A Food Forest grows trees and other perennial plants in an ecologically sustainable way which improves the environment. Utilizing permaculture design, it is developed by mimicking nature and placing companion plants together as in a forest. The mission of the Food Forest is to grow and teach about tropical plants that are found abundantly here in South Florida and provide a healthy ecosystem for humans and pollinators.

Left to right:

Satya Rudin - Community Garden Manager
Judi Gulko - Food Forest Developer
Susan Liberatore - Volunteer



In keeping with the philosophy of the Food Forest, Judi has incorporated the system of the seven F's. The seven F's are fun, fiber, fuel, fertilizer, food, fodder, f(ph)armaceutical (meaning herbs with medicinal properties). All waste is composted.

The Forest incorporates seven layers. Trees, such as Ackee and Soursop, are the tallest. Root vegetables like casaba and sweet potatoes are the lowest, being underground. Mimosa pudica is a ground cover and various heights of shrubbery lie in between. Some plants, such as marigolds, are planted for their insect repellent properties.

After the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, the Helena Ramsay Memorial Garden was created, incorporating bamboo plantings to honor each victim and a Meditation Labyrinth, a symbol of the journey of life.



Beehive of honey producing pollinators.

Meditation Labyrinth



Volunteers help maintain the property and can enjoy the fruits of their labors. Guests are welcome, but are asked to respect the Forest and not help themselves. For further information, volunteering or otherwise, please contact Lynn Rochelle at 954-303-4507.

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 \(Passiflora\)](#).



This 5" Pocket Garden Tool Sharpener is recommended by several of our members.

Available at Amazon for \$9.72. *

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 [mariquolds](#), [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.

PLANT OF THE MONTH



BRIDAL BOUQUET

This plumeria, **Pudica White**, is very unique with its fiddle leaves and large 3" white flowers. It is an easy, fast growing tree with an upright habit. The blooms are unscented.

This has been a difficult year for the Coral Springs Garden Club. To help us through these trying times, we have developed an award program for generous donations to the Club. Please see the following chart. We hope you will consider becoming a patron donor at any level.

<u>PATRON DONORS</u>						
		<u>CSGC</u>	<u>FFGC</u>	<u>PATCHES</u>	<u>BADGE</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIPS OR EVENT *</u>
ORCHID	\$1000	X	X	2		3 for 2 people**
ROSE	\$ 500	X	X	1		2 for 1 person**
AZALEA	\$ 250	X	X	1	1	1 for 1 person
BEGONIA	\$ 100				1	1 for 1 person
DAISY	\$ 50			1	1	
<u>*MEMBERSHIPS</u>		<u>American Orchid Society</u>				<u>\$ 79 each</u>
		<u>Bonnet House</u>				<u>\$ 65 each 2-\$100</u>
		<u>Butterfly World</u>				<u>\$ 70 each</u>
		<u>Fairchild Tropical Gardens</u>				<u>\$ 95 each 2-\$120</u>
		<u>Flamingo Gardens</u>				<u>\$ 65 each 2-\$115</u>
		<u>Mounts Botanical Garden</u>				<u>\$ 50 each 2-\$ 75</u>
		<u>National Wildlife Federation</u>				<u>\$ 75 Garden Tools</u>
		<u>Sawgrass Nature Center</u>				<u>\$ 30 each 4-\$ 50</u>
<u>*EVENT</u>		<u>MAY LUNCHEON</u>				
		<u>HOLIDAY PARTY</u>				

**Top two levels, 50% of money will go to Scholarship Fund
Patrons names will be acknowledged on Website, Facebook and Newsletter



RUSTIC TABLES AVAILABLE

Small Approx 6" X 6" \$18

Medium Approx 8" X 10" \$22
Heights vary

Made and Donated by LYNN ROCHELLE
All proceeds will benefit the Garden Club.

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