



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

DEC 2020

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 ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. OTHER MONTHS MEET AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

A Message from your President: Jeri Decker

Wow, what an exciting month!

- **60%** of our members helped with our native garden and Blue Star Memorial honoring US servicemen.
- Members are busy making 100 small succulent potted plants to be donated to a nearby assisted living facility in Coral Springs for Valentine's Day.
- We just completed Course One of our Zoom Environmental School which had amazing presenters! If you haven't signed up, consider doing so. The brochure is attached to the newsletter. We had 48 people attend from all over the United States.
- Mary Anne will be including information on our Opportunity Drawing, so please participate, We have some wonderful donations.

I want to thank everyone who has helped out during these trying times. We greatly appreciate your participation and your donations.

Please be on the lookout for your Evite invitation to the December meeting.

I hope everyone had a safe Thanksgiving and wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and any other holiday you may celebrate. Please stay safe and continue to wear your mask!



Native Garden and Blue Star Memorial

GARDEN CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

DEC 10 - Stephanie Kedzuf speaks of Sea Turtles

MAR 11, 21 - TBD

JAN 14, 21 - Rich Ackerman speaks of the Million Orchid Program

APR 9, 21 - Butterfly Garden Tour of Amy's Garden

FEB 11, 21 - Lynn Rochelle demonstrates Wood Art

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - www.coral Springsgardenclub.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.

PLANTING FOR WILDLIFE

I am a lazy gardener. I do not have the time to nurture plants by watering, fertilizing and inspecting for pests which are so prevalent in South Florida's subtropical environment. This constant maintenance required for healthy, disease and pest free plants is beyond my time and interest. I have an easier way - plant native plants. Native plants are adapted to the climate, soils and rainfall of an area. They do not require extra fertilizer, water and are usually resistant to most harmful pests. Planting native does not only satisfy my lazy nature, it is good for our native wildlife.

By planting a variety of plants that are indigenous to your area, you can provide wildlife all it needs to thrive and without the need for harmful chemicals. Many native plants can provide a consistent food source in the form of nectar, seeds and berries. Or, they may attract insects that other animals can eat. Even the moisture from these sources is important for wildlife survival. The animals themselves may in turn help the plants by aiding in seed dispersal. Native shrubs not only provide food, but also offer safety for wildlife in the form of shelter or a place to raise their young.



So, embrace your laziness and still have a beautiful garden that serves an additional purpose. To see many of the native plants suitable for South Florida, visit the gardens of the Sawgrass Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital (www.sawgrassnaturecenter.org) or consult your local native plant society (<https://broward.fnpschapter.org>).

Our members Debra Weatherly and Lynn Rochelle help with the gardening at SNC. If anyone wants to help, contact either member.

Thank you to Robin Reccasina, Executive Director, and to Abby De La Roche, Volunteer Coordinator, of Sawgrass Nature Center, for this article and photographs, respectively.



What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: To add color to the winter garden, plant masses of begonia, impatiens, and geranium. **See *Annuals:*** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Amaryllis is a popular plant for the holiday season. It can be forced to bloom now or planted outdoors for spring blooms. **See *Bulbs for Florida:*** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Herbs: Plant herbs that thrive in cool weather. Some examples include parsley, thyme, sage, dill, fennel, and cilantro. **See *Herbs:*** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Vegetables: Reliable cool-season vegetables to plant this month include broccoli, carrots, kale, green onions, and others. **See *Vegetable Gardening in Florida:*** <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>

WHAT TO DO

Irrigation: Irrigate if the weather has been warm and dry. Monitor plants for signs of stress and water only as needed. **See *Landscape Irrigation:*** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_irrigation

Lawns: Continue monitoring for brown patch and large patch fungal disease until May. Proper cultural practices are key for control. **See *Turf Diseases:*** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_diseases

Houseplants: Inspect regularly for pests on indoor plants. Keep in mind that plant-specific temperature, light, and humidity are key to ensuring that indoor plants thrive. **See *Houseplants:*** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_house_plants

Soil test: Consider performing a soil test if plants do not perform as desired or if new plantings are planned. **See *Soil Testing:*** http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot_topics/agriculture/soil_testing.html and *Landscape and Soil Test (Home Lawn and Garden):* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_home_soil_testing

Compost/mulch: Use fallen leaves and other plant debris to provide the carbon ingredient needed for successful composting and also to make a good mulch. **See *Backyard Composting:*** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_home_composting and *Landscape Mulches:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_mulch

Landscape and garden pests: Continue monitoring and treat as needed. While cooler weather generally means fewer pests, some populations actually increase at this time of year. **See *Landscape Pest Management:*** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests

THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

Lynne Kroll

PLANT OF THE MONTH



The Poinsettia is native to Mexico, and the Aztecs used them in their fall celebrations. The plant's name is derived from Joel Poinsett, the first US minister to Mexico, who introduced the plant to the US in 1825. The colorful and showy "flower" is actually a cluster of modified leaves called bracts. The true flowers are small and clustered in the centers of the bracts.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



Pineapple Cutter Corer

Slicer peeler

If you grow pineapples (or buy them) this is a must have tool! Super simple to use and clean.

 Price:\$8.99

This product was recommended by several Garden Club Members

HOLIDAY DECOR



Who doesn't love orchids? The wide range of colors and varieties makes them the perfect flowers for any holiday flower arrangement. Moth orchids are easy to care for and can bloom for as long as four months. Fill an oversize vase with your favorite color of orchid and a variety of small, shimmery ornaments.



PATRON DONORS



ORCHID LEVEL

Jeri Decker

ROSE LEVEL

AZALEA LEVEL

Luanne Betz

June Bookal

BEGONIA LEVEL

Deb Weatherly

Dot Molski

Lynn Rochelle

Marcy Di Mare

Donna Benckenstein

Susan Baer

Mary Anne McKay

DAISY LEVEL



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

BID ITEMS

Hand carved wooden owl plaque by: Lynn Rochelle, 7" x 11" \$ 45.00 value

Wishing by: award winning artist Lynne Kroll. Lynne created this artwork by photographing a Mountain View in Vermont, then digitally layered her own butterfly lady into the piece. \$ 25.00 value
Matted 12X24.

Walk in the Park Woman's Folding Rain Boots. Flexible, waterproof rain boots fold up to fit in included pouch for easy storage and feature a soft fleece lining to keep feet warm. Size 8 \$120.00 value

Sunflowers by JB Decker. Matted 11x14 Watercolor flowers in vase on rice paper. \$ 45.00 value

LLADRO - Aggressive Goose \$140.00 value

Plumeria Hawaiian Flower. Artist unknown 36x45 framed limited edition watercolor. Number 6/250. \$350.00 value

Dragonfly jeweled picture frame. 4" x 4" \$ 25.00 value

Please send in your **BEST BID** for items listed above to: mimi0113@gmail.com

The highest **BID gets** the item . This fundraiser will run for **two** weeks so get your **BID** in!!

You have one BID so make it a good one.....

Help Garden Club grow by participating, all proceeds benefit the Garden Club of Coral Springs.

The Garden Club of Coral Springs reserves the right to "pull" an item from the Auction if the highest **Bid** is deemed unreasonable.

Thank you for supporting Garden Club of Coral Springs. Winners will be announced at the December 10th Meeting.

Mary Anne McKay
Fundraising

Hand Carved Wooden Owl

Plaque by: Lynn Rochelle



\$45.00 value

\$25.00 value

Matted 12X24



Wishing by:

Award Winning Artist Lynn Kroll

Opportunity
Drawing

Woman's Folding Rain Boots



Size 8

\$120.00 value



\$45.00 value

Sunflowers by: JB Decker-
Matted 11x14 Watercolor



\$140.00 value

LLADRO- Aggressive Goose

\$350.00 value

36x45 limited edition



Plumeria Hawaiian Flower Watercolor



\$25.00 value

Dragonfly Jeweled Picture Frame

OUR INITIAL FUNDRAISER, THE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING, IS NOW AN AUCTION. THE SAME ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE.

PLEASE SEND YOUR BIDS TO: mimi0113@gmail.com ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
PRESENTS
Environmental Schools (ES)
Series XIV

Course 2: Land & Related Issues
January 21-22, 2021 ZOOM

Sponsored By: The Garden Club
of Coral Springs

Chairperson:
Jeri Decker 954 -913-1616
ikenjeri@att.net

For more information on
Environmental Schools, see The
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
website: www.gardenclub.org
Or
www.
coralspringsgardenclubs.org

COURSE OVERVIEW

Days:
Thursday, January 21, 2021
Friday, January 22, 2021

zoom

PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A
DESKTOP OR LAPTOP
COMPUTER, TABLET, IPAD
WITH AUDIO AND VIDEO
CAPABILITY. PARTICIPANTS
MUST ATTEND A
TEST/PRACTICE SESSION TO
TEST THEIR ABILITY TO USE
ZOOM AND DO A TEST CHECK
THE WEEK BEFORE; DATE TO
BE ANNOUNCED WITH
REGISTRATION
CONFIRMATION.

ABOUT ES COURSES

Environmental Schools (ES) is a
practical and economical approach
to obtaining a basic environmental
education.

ES is divided into four courses,
investigating overall environmental
concepts, air, land, and water. Each
course is generally taught over a
two -day span.

Environmental Schools courses are
open to everyone, regardless of
National Garden Club, Inc. (NGC)
membership. Each of the four
courses has an optional exam. NGC
members wishing to apply to be
NGC Environmental Consultants
need to take all four courses, pay
the testing fees and pass each test,
Subscription to The National
Gardener magazine is suggested,
but not required.

Non-members fulfilling the above
requirements may apply to be
Consultants upon joining and NGC
affiliated club within one calendar
year of the completion date of the
fourth course.

Consultants may serve on their
state's Environmental Consultants
Council.

Students who only attend the
course, but who do not take the
test, will receive a Certificate of
Achievement.

REGISTRATION FORM

ES COURSE 2 via Zoom
The Living Earth
January 21-22, 2021

Registration Fee:
\$60 for NGC/FFGC Members
\$72 for non-NGC.FFGC Members
plus
NGC EXAM FEE: \$5

TOTAL _____

Registration Deadline: Jan. 4, 2021

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

NGC Members:

Club: _____

District: _____

_____ I'm taking this course as a
Refresher to maintain my
Consultant's Certificate (No exam
required, remit registration fee
only)

Include check for the total amount
payable to: The Garden Club Of
Coral Springs

Mail Registration form and check to:
or print and email copy to
Gardenclubs2020@yahoo.com
Luanne Betz
8721 NW 18th Place
Coral Springs, FL 33071
Environmental School Benefits

The benefits of attending
Environmental School (ES) are many
and diverse.

ESS classes are interesting and
generally fun. The range of topics is
large, covering many issues in
water, air, and land. It is a
requirement that each of the four
classes have a field trip. This field-
trip is a method of teaching through
hands-on experiences and
reinforces the coursework. It can
include a trail walk, a riverboat
cruise, or a trip to the local recycling
center.

Instructors who may be professors
or naturalists teach the science of
the topic, and most are leaders in
their fields. All enjoy interacting

with students who are eager to learn, which makes the experience rewarding for all.

Environmental Schools pull in aspects of other National Garden Clubs, Inc. schools, Landscape Design and Gardening. The goal here is to make environmental choices for an aesthetically pleasing and healthy garden and yard. The choice of plants and trees, lawn treatments, even what is selected for the dinner table, all affect our world and our lives.

Course 2 Highlights

Ecology - LAND

- Origins. Characteristics
- Land Types
- Land Management
- Environmental Challenges and Opportunities
- Urban Land Use, Land Conservation

Plants – AGRICULTURE

- World Food Production
- Origin of Food Plants
- Land Preservation
- Modified Genetics

Environmental Science

- Earth's Resources: solar, hydropower, wind, biofuel, geothermal
- 5 R's of Earth Care
- Land Protection

Environmental Issues

- Pollutants, Toxins, Disease
- Identify Sources and Risk Factors to Land
- Manage and Achieve Balance and Sustainability
- Coastal Zone Management

Wildlife Animals & Organisms

- The Misunderstoods
- Value of the Animals and Organisms to Land and Life

Networking and Outreach

- Ways to effectively work with individuals,

organizations, institutions, businesses, industry and government to promote Earth Stewardship.

Historical Environmental Actions and Leaders

- History of Humans Actions on Environment
- Environmental Education key to Survival
- Landmark Legislation to preserve and protect the Land

Sustainability

- Gardening With Nature
- Thinking Globally/ Acting Locally and Committing Personally
- Use of Eco-friendly Principles

Nature Discovery Field Trip

Participants will be taking a visual tour of a natural area emphasizing land issues under the direction of trained education facilitators. Video will be approximately 30 minutes .

Open to Everyone!

Environmental School courses are open to everyone, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership. Each of the 4 courses has an optional exam. NGC members wishing to apply to be an **NGC Environmental Consultant must take all four courses and pass each exam.**

Non-members fulfilling the above requirements may apply to be Consultants upon joining an NGC affiliated club within one calendar year of the completion date of the 4th course.

See:

[Http://coralspringsgardenclub.org](http://coralspringsgardenclub.org) For registration form and brochure.

EXAM

Each day concludes with a course review and an optional open book, and notes exam.

Exam will be emailed to participants and need to be returned same day for grading.

NOTE: Students seeking National Garden Club designation of Environmental Consultant must pay the Nominal fees and pass all exams. Students who opt out of the exam receives a Certificate of Achievement. See ABOUT ES COURSES.