



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

December 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 - ALSO SOME SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE OUR WORKING MEMBERS. - LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS VARY - PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT JERI DECKER

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I'm thankful for having a wonderful group of members who take time out of their busy days to enhance our programs and activities. Without your support our club wouldn't be as successful as it is.

- This last month we successfully planted lettuce, kale, beans and herbs at Sawgrass Nature Center. All plants will help feed animals in their care.
- We went to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and planted herbs while Luanne explained to students the proper way to toil the soil, add fertilizer and space them. She also taught them how to get rid of grubs.
- We had Master Gardener Mona Johnston speak on Native Plant's that help our wildlife at our second Saturday meeting at the Library.
- Our visit to Morikami Gardens will now be on December 20th. Please let Mary Anne know if you are interested in attending.
- Our Holiday party is December 3rd. It is sold out.
- We still need members to call for sponsorships. Nancy Varillas generously typed up a script to help make it easier. Please let me know if you can give an hour to make some calls to local businesses.
- June, Luanne and I have sold all our Saturday spots for GardenFest. Thank you Debbie and Mary Anne for handling out flyers. We still have four spots available for Sunday.

I hope to see many of you during the month, but if I don't see you beforehand I wish you and your family all the best during whichever holiday you celebrate.

Jeri

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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.

COMMON BEGONIA TYPES

By Lynn Rochelle

Wax begonias

The most common are *Begonia semperflorens* varieties, also called wax, annual, or bedding begonias. These shade-loving plants bring mounds of color when planted under trees or tucked in planters, hanging baskets, or window boxes. Wax begonias are typically grown as annuals, reaching 6 to 12 inches tall and wide.

Tuberous begonias

Another popular type, tuberous begonias have spectacular colorful flowers, and are particularly showy in hanging baskets or containers. They also have a larger growth habit than wax begonias, growing 12 to 18 inches tall as houseplants and up to 3 feet or more in outdoor containers.

Cane begonias

With an upright growth habit and segmented stems, cane types have beautiful foliage and bloom in a wide array of colors. Angel wing begonias, named for their wing-shaped leaves, also belong to this group. They are popular and well-suited as houseplants, but can also be grown outside. Their size varies with growing conditions, from 6- to 12-inch houseplants to bushy plants up to 5 feet.

Rhizomatous begonia

The largest class, rhizomatous begonias are distinguished by relatively thick stems, or rhizomes, that grow horizontally near the soil surface and sprout new roots and leaves. They also have some of the most interesting leaves and stems and are often grown as houseplants. Sizes vary from just a few inches to large plants up to 3 feet tall and wide.

Rex begonias

A subgroup of rhizomatous, Rex begonias (*Begonia rex*), are widely available, sold by florists and garden centers year-round, and generally reach 12 to 18 inches tall and wide. Their distinct foliage makes them a popular houseplant, but they can be finicky. They're wonderful in summer flower beds or containers, especially when combined with ferns and other semi-shade companions.



Wax - Begonia x
Semperflorens-
cultorum



Tuberous



Cane - Begonia
Aconitifolia



Rhizomatous -
Amelia's
Kaleidoscope



Rex - Begonia Red
Kiss

PLANTING BEGONIAS

(includes instructions for colder areas also)

When to plant

Transplant after all threat of frost has passed, as they are extremely frost tender and even temperatures below 50 degrees can cause damage.

Where to plant

Select a location that gets partial shade or filtered sunlight; with morning sun and afternoon shade being the best, especially where it is exceptionally hot. For sunnier locations, try a dark-leaved variety or one that specifies improved sun tolerance, like Surefire Rose. Plant in a location where they will have good air circulation to prevent powdery mildew.

How to plant

Plant wax begonia transplants 6 to 8 inches apart and others according to their mature size. Tubers can be started indoors by placing the tubers, hollow side up, 1 inch apart in a shallow tray with moist potting mix. Place the tray in a dark room and water just enough to keep the potting mix moist, but not soggy. Tubers should sprout in about 4 weeks and be moved to an area with bright light once the sprouts are about an inch tall. Only plant outdoors when there is no longer a threat of frost.

BEGONIA CARE

Tuberous begonias will naturally die back each year. Start decreasing water in late summer to early fall and trim back foliage when it starts to yellow. Dig up the tubers at the first threat of frost. Clean any remaining dirt from the tubers and dry them on newspaper in a sunny location for about a week. To prevent powdery mildew, lightly dust them with sulfur powder and store individually in paper bags or wrapped in newspaper.

Rhizomatous and wax types don't die back and are usually pinched or lightly pruned each year to keep them healthy and encourage full, but compact growth. In warmer climates, this is best done in spring. In cooler climates, you can do this in fall as a clean-up before bringing them inside for the winter. In addition to cutting them back, check for signs of pests or disease before moving them indoors. Slowly acclimate them to their new inside location by first placing in a bright window and gradually decreasing the amount of light. This will help prevent stress, which causes the leaves to drop.

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

(Events and Speakers subject to change.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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
December 20 (Tues)	Field Trip to Morikami Museum
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 Northwest 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'ts"
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 - Mallorie Harbour presents "Ecology - Exploring Environmental Challenges and Opportunities & Human Population and Its Impact on the Environment".
March 18-19 (Sat & Sun)	GardenFest 9 AM to 5:30 PM
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
April 23 (Sun)	MSD Gardening and Mentoring 9 to 10:30 AM
May 11 (Thurs)	Youth Gardeners Sawgrass Nature Center at 4 PM
May 11 (Thurs)	Scholarship Luncheon "Incontro Italian Cuisine Steakhouse" Coral Springs
May 28 (Sun)	MSD Gardening and Mentoring 9 to 10:30 AM
June, July & August	Summer Luncheons and Native Orchid Planting

Bad Garden Jokes

I started growing fungi in my garden, but it failed miserably.
I guess there is mushroom for improvement!

How did the millionaire gardener get rich so quick?
He was running a huge pansy scheme.

Golden Bee Award

Nominated by members.

Awarded to a member who goes above and beyond.



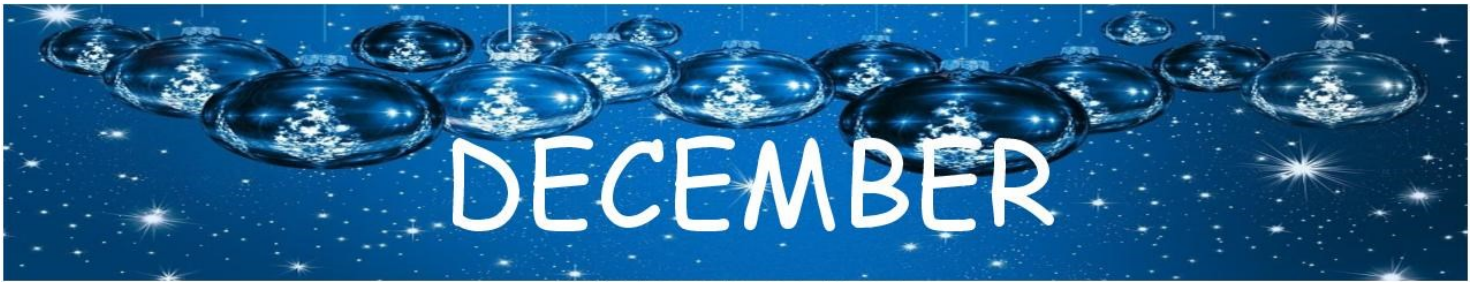
This month's winner is:

Ahkeem Desinor

Despite being a full time worker and dad, Ahkeem still has found time to help out The Garden Club. As tree chairman, he keeps count of all the trees we plant and sends in a report to FFGC. He ordered, picked up and delivered the three trees that we donated to the city and hospital. He even planted the tree at the hospital. He also agreed to chair EarthFest this year in Caryn's place!

Thank you for going above and beyond.

Congratulations, Ahkeem !



WHAT TO PLANT

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

WHAT TO DO

Poinsettias: Enjoy one of the most popular holiday plants. Protect it from cold until spring, and then plant it in the garden for next year. **See Poinsettias:** https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_poinsettia

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

Holiday trees: Consider enjoying a live southern red cedar and then plant it in the landscape when the holidays are over. **See Christmas Tree Selection and Care:** http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/giam/potpourri/holiday/xmastree_care.html

Protect: Protect tender orchid, impatiens, and tomato from falling temperatures. **See Cold Protection and Chilling Damage of Landscape Plants:** https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscapes_and_cold

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Sherry Swerdlow

12-07

Lynne Kroll

12-18

Sara Rivera

12-27

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Hairgrass, Muhly Grass

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT



Full Sun

Hedge, specimen plant, mass planting

Once the pink flower/seed heads are at their peak, the tiny seeds can be collected using a comb. It readily self seeds, with seeds that fall into cracks and crevices in rocks or pavement tending to do well. Seeds are available through the Florida Wildflowers Growers Cooperative.

FNPS plant sales, Quality nurseries, Seed

Small birds eat the seeds.

IN THIS SEASON OF GIVING
LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER TO BE KIND



“She asks me to kill the spider

Instead, I get the most
peaceful weapons I can find

I take a cup and a napkin

I catch the spider, put it out-
side and allow it to walk away

If I am ever caught in the
wrong place at the wrong time,

Just being alive and not
bothering anyone,

I hope I am greeted
With the same kind of mercy”

Rudy Francisco, Helium

Photo © Javier Rupérez. Jumping spider Macro shot

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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YARD OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER WINNERS



Congratulations goes to **John Luffred** and **Mark Maciuba** of Coral Springs for being our Yard of the Month winners for November.

Photos by Nancy Disilva



Congratulations goes out to **Leon and Annette Lipworth** for winning our Yard of the Month award in November. It was our pleasure to tour their whimsical and charming gardens in Tamarac. We didn't want to leave.

Photos by Nancy Dasilva

ORCHID LEVEL

**The Country Club
of Coral Springs**

ROSE LEVEL

**Jeri Decker
Coral Springs
Festival of the
Arts**

AZALEA LEVEL

Donna Benckenstein

BEGONIA LEVEL

Deb Weatherly

DAISY LEVEL



BOUQUET OF GIVING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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

PATRON DONOR INCENTIVES

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

*GCCS: THE GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS

*FFGC: FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

<u>*MEMBERSHIPS</u>	American Orchid Society	\$ 81 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

<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

Our GardenFest vendor spots are sold out! Thank you Jeri, Luanne & June!
Please support these vendors who supports us
as you do your winter garden refreshing and holiday purchasing!

**CORAL SPRINGS GARDENFEST
AND FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

at

"The Walk" of Coral Springs

2600 -2920 N. University Drive

Coral Springs, FL 33065

Dates: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Times: 10 am to 5 pm each day

GARDENFEST VENDORS

Authentic Hemp Company

Backyard Blooms

Bamboo Management

**Chimney Cake/Cinnamon
Horn Rolls**

Crushable Hats Inc

Elena's Air Plants

**Orchid Arrangements by
Maria**

Florida Orchid House

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Soc.

Garden a la Carte

Green Lush Design

Greenhouse Orchids

Happy Dog Bakery Inc.

Hiko Bonsai

Honey Smak Attack



Jesse Durko

Jim-N-I Orchids

Kazumi Gardens

Kreative Gardens Inc.

Nikki's Marinades

Pops Hoyas

Rainmaker Nurseries

Sara's Vines & Vintage

**Sierra Madre Orchids and
Bromeliads**

**Smitty Unique Plant Design
and Creations**

Succulent Life

Unique Airplants

The Owl's Nest

Verdant Lyfe LLC

Yellow Green Exotic Garden

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS
gardenfestcoralsprings.org**

PICTURES OF OUR VOLUNTEERS LAST MONTH MAKING THINGS HAPPEN!

Nancy V this months Golden Bee Award Winner



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 HUMMINGBIRDS & 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