



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

February 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

During January's meeting, Dr. Kimberly Moore spoke to us on "Sustainability". Did you know?

- A hot water faucet that leaks one drop per second can add up to 165 gallons a month!
- Running tap water for two minutes is equal to 3-5 gallons of water!
- A heavy coat of dust on a light bulb can block up to half of the light!

Let's do our part and recycle, reuse and reduce.

Volunteers went to Aston Gardens. We made terrariums with a few of their residents who loved it. They asked if we could return in February, so keep an eye on your email!

Caryn and I went to Sawgrass Nature Center to present to a youth group. Unfortunately, no one showed. We will be working with the City on a joint project to incorporate youth and senior citizens. Hopefully this will become a success.

We have a large group of members who will be working on fundraising baskets and centerpieces for the April 21st District Meeting at the Marriott Heron Bay. Please send all donations to me.

Some of our members took a tour of the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Memorial Garden. We are looking for volunteers to spearhead working with staff and students to keep this garden going.

Thank you to members who continue to work with Sawgrass Nature Center, Veterans Garden, Community Garden and Orchid Park. If anyone else would like to help maintain these areas, weekends included, let us know.

At our February 10th meeting, members will be making a pot-de-fleur. Please RSVP since we have to get enough supplies for everyone attending. Please bring your own 10 W x10 D x 2.5 H shallow planter bowl.

We still need volunteers for our Beautification Awards Committee. This group can meet at nights and weekends. It's also an outdoor event. Please help us out.

Well, you can't tell me we're not an active club. We have something for everyone. Please let me know on any suggestions for improvements, trips or programs. **Jeri**

2021-2022 GARDEN CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 10, 2022 - Regular meeting held at 520 Ramblewood Dr - Make & Take for Valentine's Day

MARCH 10, 2022 - Regular Meeting held at Orchid Park 1300 Coral Springs Dr - Garden Fest Planning and Guest Taryn Palo speaks on Bromeliads and Tillandsias, and brings plants to sell

APRIL 14, 2022 - Regular Meeting location TBD - Guest Speaker Rose Butman from Naturescape Broward

APRIL 21, 2022—Spring District Meeting - Marriott Heron Bay - Speaker Arely B Lozano Cantu

MAY 12, 2022—Scholarship Luncheon

Members Who Lunch in June, July and August—additional details to follow

THE FIELD TRIP TO FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDENS HAS BEEN POSTPONED

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - www.coral Springsgardenclub.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.

PLANTS IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY

Greek goddess of the rainbow, Iris

Iris translates to "Eye of Heaven". The goddess of the Rainbow, Fertility, Colors, Oaths. This goddess was said to carry Zeus, and goddess Hera.



flower is named after the Greek the Sea, Heraldry, the Sky, Truth, and messages between Earth and the god

Iris was thought to have used the rainbow as a bridge between heaven and earth. Some say the ancient Greeks believed the rainbow was the many-colored robe of Iris. Others believed the multi-colored iris flowers were part of her robe or the flowing veil from her dress.

The most common colors for the iris are purple or blue, although they are found in yellow, pink and red. The ancient Greeks planted purple iris flowers on the graves of women, believing they would entice the Goddess Iris to lead their loved ones in their journey to heaven.

The rose, the flower of passion and love

The rose is associated with Aphrodite, the goddess of love. When her tears fell to the ground, while weeping over the mortally wounded Adonis, they became the superb flower which today we call the rose.



According to the poet, Anacreon, white roses appeared from the sea foam which fell from Aphrodite's body as she arose from the sea. The white color symbolized her innocence and purity. Later in her life, Aphrodite bled on a white rose while trying to heal the wounded Adonis, thus resulting in the red roses becoming a symbol of passion and desire.

The Lotus

In Homer's the Odyssey, Odysseus and his men, escaped from the island of the witch, Circe. Afterwards, they took refuge on the island of the Lotus Eaters, whose inhabitants existed exclusively on a diet of lotus flowers (thought to be the Egyptian Blue Water Lily.)

Odysseus, once they had dropped anchor, had sent some of his men to look for supplies. The locals, being of a generous and easy-going nature, offered the sailors lotus flowers to eat, which they happily accepted. Ten minutes later, the men had not a care in the world.

Time passed, and Odysseus became increasingly worried about his men and dispatched another group of men to see what had befallen the first group. The second group did not return, so Odysseus went to investigate. He found them all in a lethargic state. Odysseus realized what had happened, and refusing the natives offer of these magical, intoxicating lotus flowers, rounded up his men, and herded them back to the ship.

Once aboard ship, the men began to regain their senses and remembering the friendly island people and the dream like effects of the lotus, longed to head back. Odysseus, who by now, had had enough, tied up his men and set sail immediately, never to return.

Orchid

The name Orchid comes from the Ancient Greek "orchis," meaning testicle. Orchis, a demi-god, was the son of a nymph and a satyr. During wild celebrations, he committed the unspeakable act of attempting to rape a priestess. His punishment was to be ripped limb from limb by wild beasts.

Where his body parts fell, an extraordinary fleshy plant took root. The flowers portrayed Orchis' beauty.

The rounded two tubers, which looked similar to human testes, gave rise to the accepted belief that orchids were an aphrodisiac. Therefore, Greek women used the Orchid roots to determine the sex of their babies. It was an accepted belief that if the father ate large, new tubers, the child would be male, but if the mother ate small tubers, the child would be female.



UF/IFAS EXTENSION, BROWARD COUNTY IN COLLABORATION WITH
FORT LAUDERDALE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

JOIN US FOR THE 2022 MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER LECTURE SERIES

A monthly lecture series covering various horticultural and environmental topics as they relate to South Florida

FIRST **TUESDAY** OF THE
MONTH, VIA ZOOM
6:30PM - 7:30PM

Calendar of Events

- FEB 1** DR. SCHIAVON – TURF GRASS- DORMANCY ISSUES
- MAR 1** DR. CHOUVENC – TERMITE SWARMING SEASON
- APR 5** DR. MCMILLAN- PALMS – GENERAL OVERVIEW
- MAY 3** DR. GETTYS – INVASIVES
- JUN 7** DR. MOORE-FERTILIZER BLACKOUTS/WATER QUALITY- FFL
- JUL** NONE - BREAK
- AUG 2** DR. LAUGHINGHOUSE-ALGAL BLOOMS/NITROGEN IN WATERWAYS
- SEP 6** DR. DHILLON-PALM PATHOLOGY AND DISEASES
- OCT 4** DR. QIU- FOOD SYSTEMS
- NOV 1** DR. KERN - POISONOUS CREATURES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[HTTP://SFYL.IFAS.UFL.EDU/BROWARD/URBAN-HORTICULTURE](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/broward/urban-horticulture)





Saving Forests \$68 At A Time

NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

Our Garden Club can continue to participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, pine trees and other trees are replaced. We may designate a specific state you wish to have benefit from this contribution.

Thank you to all who helped. Please keep helping so we can reach our goal of \$62.00.
Coins will be collected at each meeting by me, Carol Hirshman.

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

www.ffl.ifad.ufl.edu
Florida Friendly Landscaping

www.dsgardenclub.com
Deep South Garden Clubs

www.FDACS.gov
Florida Department of Agriculture

www.coralspringsgardenclub.org
The Garden Club of Coral Springs

www.gardenclub.org
National Garden Clubs

www.gardenfestcoralsprings.org
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Golden Bee Award

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



This month's winner is CAROL JOHNSON.

Carol Johnson helps with the work at Sawgrass Nature Center and Veterans Garden. She helped putting terrarium kits together and worked with the seniors at Aston Gardens. She's on the Basket and Centerpiece committee and is soliciting donations for the baskets and writing the ad for the Newsletter. She is also coming up with a theme for the District Meeting. She joined our tour of MSD and the committee. She always helps wherever she is needed.

Thank you and congratulations, Carol!

THE CORNER FUNNIES

I stood in my garden early yesterday morning wondering where the sun had gone....
Then it dawned on me.

I used to make loads of money clearing leaves from gardens....
I was raking it in.

GardenFest 2022

An update on GardenFest is full of good news! More vendors and sponsors are on board!

The following is our current list of vendors. They support us. Please support them.

AG Clean Therapy
Anna and Laszlo Boros
Bamboo Management
Biscotti Girl
Cielos Abiertos Landscaping
Crushable Hats, Inc
Elena Metzkes
Gelato Gourmet
Greenhouse Orchids
Happy Dog Bakery Inc
Honey Smack Attack
Kreative AnGardens, Inc
Larry Smith
Magic Nursery
Sabrina Sparkman
Smart Girl, LLC
Taryn Palo

Sponsors are donating funds enabling us to offer scholarships to deserving high school students.

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If anyone knows someone who can be a sponsor, please send them the information from our GardenFest website. Thank you to Marcy, Jeri, Luanne and June for Chairing this event,

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WHAT TO PLANT

Annuals/Bedding plants: Good performers in south Florida's mild winter include verbena, dianthus, strawflower, and lobelia. See *Annuals*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Many bulbs can be planted now. Divide large, crowded clumps. Provide adequate water for establishment. Some examples include Amazon lily, crinum, and agapanthus. See *Bulbs for Florida*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Groundcovers: Consider replacing areas of grass with drought-tolerant, low-maintenance groundcovers. See *The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design*: https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_2015.pdf and *Ground Covers*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_ground_covers

Vegetables: Winter vegetable gardening is in full swing. Last month to plant cantaloupes, cucumbers, eggplant, lettuce, peppers, spinach, and tomatoes for a late spring harvest. Protect crops in the unlikely event of a frost or freeze. See *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

WHAT TO DO

Lawns: Fertilize lawn grasses to improve color or coverage. Choose a fertilizer (not a "weed and feed") with 0% or very little phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need for it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen provides longer-lasting results. See *Lawn Fertilizer*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_fertilization

Roses: Prune roses this month to remove damaged canes and improve the overall form. After pruning, fertilize and apply a fresh layer of mulch. Blooming will begin 8–9 weeks after pruning. See *Roses*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_rose

Shrubs and palms: Fertilize shrubs and palms by spreading fertilizer evenly over the soil surface and watering it in. Follow with a fresh layer of mulch to conserve moisture and reduce weeds. Delay pruning any cold-damaged branches until new growth starts. See *Palm Nutrition and Fertilization*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_nutrition and *Landscape Fertilization*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_fertilization

Lawns: Apply a preemergence weed killer (not a "weed and feed") to lawns late this month to prevent germination of warm-season weed seeds. Apply when temperatures rise to 65°F for 4–5 days. Timing is important for good control. See *Lawn Weeds*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_weeds

Avocados and mangoes: Disease-susceptible varieties of avocado and mango may require applications of copper fungicide. See *Avocado*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_avocado and *Mango*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_mango

Citrus: Fertilize now if not done in January. Frequency and amount of fertilization depend on the age of the tree. See *Home Citrus Culture*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_citrus_home_citrus_culture

Trees: Don't wait until hurricane season to check your trees. Hire an ISA-certified arborist to do an inspection. See International Society of Arboriculture: <http://isa-arbor.com/> and *Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning

THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW



Ginny Lee 02/09

Jeri Decker 02/15

Susan Baer 02/16

PLANT OF THE MONTH

EPISCIA PLANT

EPISCIA CUPRIATA



FLAME VIOLET PLANT

Episcias are lovely trailing plants native to Central and South America, Brazil, and the West Indies. An Episcia plant is grown for its colorful textured leaves and small but pretty flowers. The most popular variety of the Episcia plant is the Flame Violet which has silver veined leaves and bears tubular bright pink or orange-red flowers about 3/4" in size. The Episcia has never become as popular as its close relative the African Violet because they require more care. Episcias grow in a very unique manner. Each plant sends out runners called stolons which trail over the edge of the container or across the soil in the pot. New plants are propagated from these runners. This is a beautiful unique houseplant, but not a good plant for beginners.

Episcia Plants require bright light but no direct sun. If the light is too bright, the color in the leaves fades.

The soil of an Episcia plant should be moist but not soggy at all times. If the soil is too dry, the leaves develop brown edges.

Moderate to high humidity is essential for an Episcia plant to flower.

Episcia plants like a rich, airy potting medium. These plants are relatives of African Violets, so special African Violet plant soil is a good choice. Trim the stolons (runners) to keep the plant full and bushy.

#NationalTriviaDay

1. What is the world's tallest tree?

- A** Mountain Ash (*Eucalyptus regnans*)
- B** Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)
- C** Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*)
- D** Noble Fir (*Abies procera*)



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2. What is the fastest growing plant?

- A** Bamboo (*Bambusoideae*)
- B** Duckweed (*Lemnoideae*)
- C** Hybrid Poplar (*Populus deltoids*)
- D** Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)



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3. Which country has the most plant species?

- A** Australia
- B** Brazil
- C** Indonesia
- D** India



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4. What is the largest flower garden in the world?

- A** The Dubai Miracle Garden - Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- B** Keukenhof - Lisse, Netherlands
- C** Royal Botanic Gardens - Kew, England
- D** Butchart Gardens - British Columbia, Canada

JUST FOR FUN



Dandelion Facts:

Dandelions belong to the same family of plants as asters and sunflowers.

1 cup of dandelion greens contains more than the recommended daily intake of Vitamins A & K.

Dandelions are an early spring food source for bees.



Every part of a dandelion can be eaten, including flowers and roots.

One study determined that a dandelion seed can travel 100 miles and even make it all the way across the sea.

Incredible topiary made completely with succulents.
Montreal Botanical Garden.



Jardin des Plantes, one of the ten main parks, is located in Nantes, France. It's a seven-hectare (17 acres) botanical garden with approximately 10,000 different species and 5,000 different flowers. Besides enormous greenhouses and amazing statues, the park also attracts a lot of visitors by holding several exhibits each year to highlight the work of great local artists. One of the famous works of art is the fanciful topiary sculpture of sleeping baby birds.

Poussin Endormi, which translates to "sleepy chick," displays a giant baby bird snoozing peacefully in the heart of the beautiful garden. The sculpture, designed by Claude Ponti – a French children's book author and artist, was part of the garden's 2014 display. The adorable baby bird was completed with cute bamboo legs and a brilliant yellow beak.

Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival

30 million blooms blanket
the park throughout the festival

To Weed or Not to Weed...

By Jennifer Tonge-Martin, Master Gardener Volunteer

...Is that a question? All gardeners must weed, that is, remove the plants that pop up spontaneously between, under or in their desired plantings. When and how to weed are the more common questions. We must decide to pull them up, mow them down, poison them, burn them and kill them any way possible!

Except many “weeds” are quite useful in the environment. Some, like purslane and dollar weed are edible. Some are important for butterflies and other pollinators, some make wonderful groundcovers, and many constitute the greater part of a “Freedom Lawn”. Let’s stop judging weeds as “bad”, and consider their usefulness. Ask “is this plant Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*) useful to my yard in this particular place?” If “yes”, then it stays. If “no”, then it gets moved either to another spot in the garden or to the compost pile.

Keeping planting beds and lawns edged, ground cover plantings dense and mulched as deep as is healthy for plants will minimize the number of decisions necessary. Pull weeds as soon as you see them; killing weeds before they set seeds will result in fewer weeds in the future.

Weeds also give indications of the health of the garden. For instance, sedge and dollar weed thrive in compacted, over-watered areas: exactly what lawn grasses hate!

These weeds in the lawn show the problem is too much irrigation or not enough organic mulch in the soil. Treat the problem rather than just poisoning the weeds.

Herbicides must be approached cautiously. More is NOT better, and always follow the label instructions exactly. Pre-emergent herbicides will keep ALL seeds from germinating, not just weed seeds. They can be put down preventatively, but not indiscriminately. Organic or “natural” herbicides like soap or vinegar, can still be dangerous if not used as directed.

These weeding strategies will increase the effectiveness of your solutions, and decrease your workload in your yard.

Consult <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/EP141> for weed management in turfgrass and <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/entity/topic/weeds> for broader topics about weeds.

PATRON DONOR INCENTIVES

		<u>GCCS*</u>	<u>FFGC*</u>	<u>PATCH</u>	<u>BADGE</u>	<u>MEMBER-</u>
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>	<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

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DAISY LEVEL

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Rosemary Perrotta



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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