



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

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JAN 2021

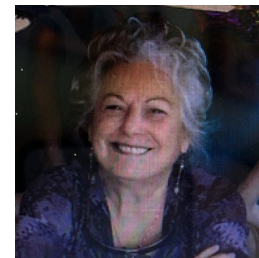
Member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (www.ffgc.org) and National Garden Club (www.gardenclub.org)

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

This year has brought many challenges for all of us, both emotionally and physically, but we're making it through. We still get to weed and plant in our gardens. Our crafters are carving, modeling, sculpting, painting garden gnomes and beading. We're a creative group!

We lost one of our treasured members to Covid. Teri Jablow will never be forgotten. Her family has asked that her friends and family members send donations in her name to our club. The money will be going towards a scholarship in her name and for planting trees. Teri leaves behind three children, their spouses and seven grandchildren. Rest In Peace, our sweet Teri.



Our December meeting, which was recorded and was available on Facebook, is now off line. If you wish to see it, please message me. We had a wonderful presentation about Sea Turtles. We are recording our meetings so if you don't want to be recorded, please do not mark "share your video" while on Zoom.

Thank you, Mary Anne and team, for organizing our auction. It was a great success!

We have started two additional programs this month. The first one is the "Golden Bee Award". This award is for members who go above and beyond our yearly Bee duties. Any member is eligible and all members can nominate. Please send your nominations to me, along with a short paragraph explaining your reasons for nomination. The winning member will be announced in our Newsletter and on our Facebook page. They will receive a hand carved wooden bee, a handmade honey milk bee soap and a certificate of recognition. Luanne Betz is the inaugural winner! Thank you for all you do for our Garden Club, Luanne!

Our second project is to certify the butterfly gardens of our members with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. It's easy. Just send me two or three pictures of your garden, along with a list of plants and I'll fill out the paperwork. You will be sent a certificate and your garden will be on Facebook. We have 7 members who have already been certified! Congratulations to Sipora, June, Jeri, Luanne, Debbie, Lynn and Marcy. Can't wait to see everyone's pictures.

Welcome to our new members Rita Gershberg, Elaine Goldman, Miriam Liebman and a big welcome back to Marietta Brown! Since we have some newbies, this month we are focusing on basics. We will be providing info on our social media and a bit about our history, The great feature providing gardening tips by our member Donna Benckenstein, will be great for novices and a refresher for others.

Wishing everyone a healthy happy New Year.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

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

MAR 11, 21 - TBD

FEB 11, 21 - Lynn Rochelle demonstrates Wood Art

APR 9, 21 - 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.

How We Started!

On September 29, 1999, in a beautiful garden at the home of Rae Soder, four ladies discussed how different it was gardening in South Florida and what they were learning through trial and error. Rae, Dottie Reynolds, Kit Schulman and Marcy DiMare conceived the idea of a garden club to be named "The Garden Club of Coral Springs" to share this knowledge.

The next step was to "spread the word" about the new club to interested gardeners and future gardeners. The first meeting was held at the home of Marcy on October 7, 1999. Thirteen ladies were in attendance: Teresa Costanzo, Marcy DiMare, Kay Grace, Karen Hersch, Joan Kohl, Linda Laquer, Lorene Perry, Dorothy Reynolds, Kit Schulman, Rae Soder, Roberta Lewis Solar, Barbara Warsetsky and Debbie Weatherly.

The Board of Directors was elected from the newly formed membership. Dues were determined and it was agreed that meetings would be held on the second Thursday of the month from October through May. The Garden Club applied to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and upon acceptance, applied for Federal and State non-profit status. We were approved and incorporated on November 3, 1999!

Thank you, Marcy, for designing and purchasing our beautiful new patches! Most of us are of different body shapes and clothing style preferences. We thought that instead of having Club shirts, we would have a Club

Our New Patches!



Logo that you can iron on to a pink blouse, tee, hoodie or garment of your choice. Depending on your level of giving, you may be entitled to one for free. However, they are only \$5 each so it may be fun to get more than one for style flexibility! Please contact Luanne to purchase/pick up.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page where we all post photos of our events and garden! [The Garden Club of Coral Springs.](#)

Gardening Hacks and Tips

Since we are spending more time at home and the weather is cooling off, time to work on our garden. We know gardening can be a great stress reliever and these gardening secrets can make it even more enjoyable to pass the time.

If you are interested in maintaining an organic garden, use vinegar instead of chemical pesticides and fertilizer. Vinegar is a natural way to kill weeds, and can benefit your plants, fruits and vegetables. Both apple cider and white vinegar can be used in the following ways:

Fertilizer - Diluted apple cider vinegar works great for plants that like an acidic soil such as potatoes, peppers, ixora, gardenias and hibiscus.

Weeds - Use undiluted apple cider vinegar to eliminate many weeds, especially the smaller ones.

Keep Flowers Fresh – Add a teaspoon of sugar and 2 tablespoons of white vinegar to a quart of water prior to adding flowers.

Remove Slugs and Snails - Spray the flowers with some undiluted vinegar to destroy slugs and snails.

Wash Garden Tools - To remove rust and clean garden tools, soak them in vinegar overnight.

Clean the Birdbath - Scrub the birdbath with a mixture of undiluted white vinegar and water and rinse with water.

More Gardening Ideas:

- Use cardboard egg cartons for seed starters.
- Recycle your used and cleaned Keurig pods for seedlings.
- Use citrus peels to start seeds. Fill them with soil, punch a tiny hole in the bottom and include the peel when you transplant. (As long as your plant likes acidic soil.)
- Use coffee filters to keep soil from seeping out of pots.
- Place kitchen sponges in the bottom of planters to keep the roots hydrated.
- Use a wine bottle to make a self-watering planter.
- Use the corks to make plant markers.
- A hanging shoe rack makes a great vertical herb garden.
- Use WD-40 to lube the hinges on your garden clippers and tools. A thin layer will prevent rust.
- Keep your garden tools in a pot of sand. Rub them with mineral oil and store in the bucket to help sharpen and polish them.
- The top of a gallon plastic milk jug makes a miniature greenhouse for young plants.
- Make an inexpensive water sprinkler by punching holes in the cap of a gallon milk jug. Cut the bottom off another one and use it as a large scoop for potting soil or fertilizer.





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JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

What to Plant



Annuals/Bedding plants: Plants that can be added to the garden during the coolest months include begonia, browallia, lobelia, dianthus, dusty miller, and nicotiana. **See *Annuals*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Winter is a great time to plant bulbs that will bloom in the spring. Some examples include Clivia lily, crinum, and agapanthus. **See *Bulbs for Florida*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Herbs: Many herbs will thrive now that temperatures are cooler, including tarragon, thyme, dill, fennel, and any of the mints. **See *Herbs*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Vegetables: Many vegetables can be planted this time of year. This the last month to plant Irish potatoes, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, mustard, and turnips. **See *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

What to Do

Landscape: It is a good time to plant woody shrubs. Water frequently to get new plantings off to a good start. **See *The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design*:** https://fl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_2015.pdf and ***Shrubs*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_shrubs

Irrigation: Water plants if temperatures remain higher than normal and rainfall is scarce. **See *Landscape Irrigation*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_irrigation

Shrubs and trees: Prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees this month to improve form. **See *Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning

Arbor Day: Celebrate Florida Arbor Day (the 3rd Friday of January) by planting a tree in your yard or community. **See *Arbor Day in Florida*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_arbor_day

Crapemyrtle: Remove seed pods, crossing branches, and small twiggy growth to improve the appearance and form of the plant, if desired. Hard pruning is not required. **See *Crapemyrtle*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_crapemyrtle

Cold protection: Bring sensitive plants like orchids inside if a frost or freeze is predicted. Thoroughly water and cover sensitive plants in the landscape 12–24 hours before a freeze. **See *Cold Protection and Chilling Damage of Landscape Plants*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscapes_and_cold

Pests: Apply horticultural oil to citrus, shrubs, and deciduous fruit trees while plants are dormant to control scale. Apply copper spray to mangos after bloom. **See *Landscape Pest Management*:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests

THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Claire Barker 1/14

Mary Anne McKay 1/13



PLANT OF THE MONTH



PRAYER PLANT

Calathea plant ((Prayer Plant) is easy to care for and purifies the air.

Can tolerate shade but grows best in indirect light.

Keep soil moist; do not over water.

To propagate: simply snip off a lower portion of the plant for easy rooting.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



Scissors 3 Pack, Garden Pruning Shears, Garden Shears - Straight Stainless Steel Blades - Sharp Gardening Hand Pruner for Garden Harvesting Fruits, Vegetables, Trimming Flowers & Plants (Light Green)

amazonsmile **\$7.41**

This product was recommended by several garden club members

PATRON DONORS



ORCHID LEVEL

Jeri Decker

Marcy DiMare

Deb Weatherly



ROSE LEVEL

Luanne Betz



AZALEA LEVEL

June Bookal

Mary Anne McKay

BEGONIA LEVEL

Dot Molski

Lynn Rochelle

Donna Benckenstein

Susan Baer

Suzanne Anzalotta



DAISY LEVEL

Barbara Dorinski



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

PATRON DONOR INCENTIVES

		CSGC*	FFGC*	PATCH	BADGE	MEMBERSHIPS ,EVENTS
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	

*CSGC: CORAL SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB

*FFGC: FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

<u>*MEMBERSHIPS</u>	American Orchid Society	\$ 79 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>	MAY LUNCHEON	
	HOLIDAY PARTY	

Top two levels, 50% of money will go to **Scholarship Fund

Patrons names will be acknowledged on **Website, Facebook and Newsletter**