



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

January 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 - MEETINGS ARE HELD IN MULLINS PARK, 10150 NW 29th St, CORAL SPRINGS - LOCATIONS OF FIELD TRIPS VARY.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT JERI DECKER

Happy New Year! I wish everyone a healthy and fruitful year ahead. We ended the year with a fabulous Holiday Party at Coopers Hawk. We collected many toys which were donated to Broward Health Coral Springs.

Members gave their time putting kits together for terrariums, including making frogs and turtles to place inside. Others weeded Veterans Park and volunteered at Sawgrass Nature Center. Some participate on the Neighborhood and Environment Committee and at the Back To Nature Program, both with the City.

On January 12th, we will be doing our first garden therapy with Aston Gardens making terrariums. Thank you to everyone who assisted with making this program a success: Sara, Elaine, Rita, Marietta, Carol, Mary Anne, Jeri, Ken, Terry, Ronnie, and Miriam.

Due to Covid, we have postponed the Field Trip to Fairchild Tropical Gardens. We will be hosting our regular meeting on January 13th on Zoom. You should have gotten your invitation. Please RSVP.

On January 22nd, along with the City and Sawgrass Nature Center, Caryn and Akeem will be overseeing our first Youth Environmental Garden Therapy Group at Sawgrass Nature Center.

I would also like to thank our Garden Fest Committee: Marcy (Chairman), June, Debbie, Jeri, and Luanne for working diligently getting sponsors and vendors.

We do more than just have monthly meetings with guest speakers and have fun and informative field trips, so please sign up to volunteer! And if you know someone who might like to join, forward this to them so they can see what we do!

Jeri

2021-2022 GARDEN CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 13, 2022—Regular Meeting to be held on Zoom—Guest Speaker Kimbely Moore speaks on Sustainability

FEBRUARY 10, 2022—Regular meeting—Make & Take for Valentine's Day

MARCH 10, 2022—Regular Meeting—Garden Fest Planning—Guest Speaker Taryn Palo speaks on Bromeliads and Tillandsias, and brings plants to sell

APRIL 14, 2022— Regular Meeting—Guest Speaker Rose Butman from Naturescape Broward

APRIL 21, 2022—Spring District Meeting—venue and speaker TBD

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

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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.

INDIGENOUS GENIUS by Lynn Rochelle The Amazing Yucca

The Yucca plant was a staple in the lives of Native Americans. Its leaves, after having been processed by stripping and peeling, provided fibers for baskets, shoes, paintbrushes and twine. Woven with turkey feathers, yucca fibers were made into warm blankets.

The sharp tips also served a much needed purpose. Carefully removing the tip and peeling the fibers, leaving them attached to the point tip, produced a ready to use sewing needle.

The roots were ground into a sudsy pulp which, mixed with water, became soap and shampoo. Even today, some hair products contain yucca. It's believed that yucca strengthens the hair and prevents baldness.

The fruits of most yucca plants are edible. Be sure and do research before eating.



Adam's Needle - 4 to 8 ft tall



Spanish Dagger—up to 8 ft tall



Spanish Bayonet - Up to 15 ft tall

There are three native yucca plants in Florida. Yuccas prefer well drained soil and full sun. They are long lived, drought, heat and humidity tolerant. You can buy them in most nurseries, but often have sharply pointed leave so be sure to plant them in the right place.

The Medicinal Agave

The roots, sap and juice of agave are used to make medicine. Agave has been taken by mouth for constipation, indigestion, flatulence, jaundice, cancer, and diarrhea; to promote labor; and to promote urine production. Agave has also been applied to the skin to treat bruises and to promote hair growth.

There are two native agaves in Florida - False Sisal and Wild Century Plant. Growing in both tropical and desert areas, they have thick, fleshy leaves with sharp points.

Agaves grow slowly and after flowering once will die. It can be propagated from plantlets located at the base of the stem.

Agave can cause skin irritation so wear gloves. It is drought and salt - tolerant.

False Sisal



Wild Century Plant



Projects for which we are seeking Volunteers and whom you should contact should you wish to volunteer.

Veterans' Garden/ Blue Star Memorial - Weeding and trimming - Lynn or Debbie W

Sawgrass Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital - Helping with programs - Caryn or Ahkeem Weeding and trimming - Lynn or Debbie W

Community Garden - Weeding and trimming - Lynn or Debbie W

Back to Nature Program - Manning a table such as registration - Jeri

Youth Environmental Gardening Therapy - Various assignments - Jeri

Pre-school Terrariums - Putting together materials or helping with the program - Jeri

Million Orchid Program - Installing orchids at City sights - Luanne

GardenFest - Set up, working stations and break down—Marcy

Garden Therapy Aston Gardens - Putting together materials or helping with the program - Jeri

EarthFest - Set up, working stations and break down - Caryn

Waterway Clean Up - Various assignments - TBD

Walk for Cancer - Solicit supporters and walk - TBD

Floral Design Classes - Various assignments - Jeri

If anyone needs a membership list for phone numbers, please contact Luanne.



Order a Garden Club Tee Shirt. \$15.00.



Polo shirts white for men , pink for ladies. \$25.00

One tee shirt is given to new members who work the garden fest. Anyone who previously received a shirt will need to purchase if they want an additional tee shirt.

Contact Ken 954-913-1617

**A suggestion from Marietta was that we include a joke each month.
Great suggestion and thank you, Marietta! Here's our first!**

My gardener talked to me about edible herbs I can grow. It was sage advice!

Golden Bee Award

Membership nominates a member for the Golden Bee Award. The award is given to a member who goes above and beyond.



This month's winner is:

Marietta Brown.

Marietta helps with the weeding of Veterans Garden. She helped putting terrarium kits together, is hand glazing over 30 small turtles and frogs for our terrariums and is using her own kiln. She has also made handmade Bee gifts for winners. She has recently sent in a suggestion for an article for our newsletter.

Thank you and Congratulations Marietta!

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
Happy Dog Bakery Inc
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Kreative AnGardens, Inc
Larry Smith
Magic Nursery
Sabrina Sparkman
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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, but please remember . . . we are ALL on this important committee.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2022

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:** https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscaping_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:** https://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:** https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

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

WHAT TO DO

Landscaping: It is a good time to plant woody shrubs. Remember Right Plant/Right Place and match the mature size with the location. Water frequently to get new plantings off to a good start. **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 **Shrubs:** https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_shrubs

Trees: Prepare for hurricane season now by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist. See International Society of Arboriculture: <http://isa-arbor.com/> and **Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs:** https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning

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

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

Arbor Day: Celebrate Florida Arbor Day (the third Friday of January) by planting a tree in your yard or community. **See Arbor Day in Florida:** https://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:** https://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:** https://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 mangoes after bloom. **See Landscape Pest Management:** https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscaping_pests

THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW



HAPPY "JANUARY" BIRTHDAY

Mary Anne McKay 01/13

Clara Barker 01/14

Farah Baptiste 01/23

PLANT OF THE MONTH



Grow **Texas sage** (*Leucophyllum frutescens*) in your yard for lots of easy-care beauty. This North American **native** shrub (it hails from areas in Texas and Mexico) features gorgeous silvery foliage and attractive lavender-purple flowers on and off from spring, through the summer, and into autumn. The flowers attract bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. It grows well in containers, as well as garden beds and borders, so there are a number of ways to use Texas sage (also called Texas ranger) to add beauty to your outdoor spaces. You can often find this plant sold as a bushy shrub or pruned in standard form to look like a miniature tree. It typically grows about 8 feet tall and 6 feet wide as a landscape shrub where it's hardy.

Try **Texas sage** in container gardens on a hot, sunny deck or patio. The silvery foliage makes an elegant backdrop for just about any plant, including other heat-loving blooming tropicals, such as bougainvillea or mandevilla. In **Zones 8-10** where it's hardy, plant it as an attractive shrub. Its fine-textured foliage makes Texas sage a good hedge, accent plant, or foundation planting. It takes pruning well, if you wish, so you can also grow it in shrub borders or even with perennials and annuals. Because of its drought tolerance, Texas sage is often used in xeriscaping.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Fiskars 91095935J Traditional Bypass Pruner, Black



- Ideal for cutting stems and light branches
- Fully hardened, precision-ground steel blade stays sharp, even through heavy use
- Low-friction coating helps blade glide through wood, prevents the blades from gumming up with sap and debris and helps the blades resist rust
- Self-cleaning sap groove keeps the blade from sticking for easy operation
- Steel construction provides lasting durability
- Easy-open lock protects the blade during transport and storage
- Maximum cutting capacity: 5/8" dia.
- Lifetime warranty

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Honey Encourages Cuttings to Thrive



Believe it or not, honey is an excellent strategy to aid in the growth of your cuttings because it includes growth enzymes that aid in forming new roots.

As a bonus, it possesses antibacterial characteristics, which may help to keep your plants healthy and disease-free.

Cinnamon is a Disease Killer in the Soil

Cinnamon contains natural antifungal effects, in case you didn't know. As a result, it's an excellent solution for keeping your plants safe and healthy. Simply sprinkle it throughout your garden. You'll love the cinnamon smell on your soil.

As an alternative to willow-derived rooting powder or hormone-derived rooting powder, cinnamon is just as effective as an agent for rooting. All varieties of plants respond well to a single application of rooting hormone to the stem when planting or cutting.



Baking Soda Makes Tomatoes Sweeter



If you prefer your tomatoes on the sweet side, try this gardening hack! Circle your tomato plants with baking soda. When you surround the base of your tomato plants with baking soda the plant will absorb it through the roots and make your tomatoes taste sweeter when they're ready to be picked.

Just make sure *not* to pour the baking soda on the leaves of the plant, keep it in the soil around the base.

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AZALEA	\$ 250	X	X	1	1 (M/E) for 1 person
BEGONIA	\$ 100				1 (E) for 1 person
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*GCCS: THE GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS

*FFGC: FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

*MEMBERSHIPS	American Orchid Society	\$ 79 each
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	National Wildlife Federation	\$ 75 Garden Tools
	Sawgrass Nature Center	\$ 30 each 4/\$ 50

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