



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

MAR 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 - MEETING LOCATIONS ARE ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. AFTER COVID, WE WILL MEET AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

A Message from your President: Jeri Decker

The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.—Voltaire

Erin go Bragh! I wish everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day

Congratulations to Lynn Rochelle for being selected as our Golden Bee winner! She has gone above and beyond: keeping our Veterans Memorial in top condition, working on the newsletter, helping with writing grants, carving bees for winners of the Golden Bee Award, and her positive energy.

This month's meeting will contain a presentation by Mounts Botanical on "Succulents". We have to pay per person for this presentation, so please RSVP to the Evite. The link to our monthly meetings doesn't change. If you don't have the link, just enter the meeting ID and password. Meeting ID: 283-108-2444 Password: Friends. You will automatically be connected.

It's time to award our scholarships. If you want to help Luanne please contact her.

I've received 13 responses about interest in a May Luncheon. The committee needs to know if you plan on attending by March 5th. Please respond quickly. I have 9 members interested. We need at least 25 members agreeing before we go forward.

EarthFest is scheduled for April 24th and as of yet, the City hasn't cancelled the event. Marcy will keep us posted.

Welcome to our new member Caryn Desinor who has already volunteered to help with the One Million Orchid Project, scholarships and social media.

I wish to thank everyone who helped make my job easier this year, from the donation of money and items or with your time. Without your support we couldn't have been as successful with all the programs and projects that we've accomplished so far. Marching onward to continued success!

GARDEN CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

MAR 11, 21 - Mounts Botanical Gardens speaks of succulents

APR 8, 21 - TBD

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.

REMOVING INVASIVE PLANTS

Invasive plants are as much a threat to our ecosystem and economy as are invasive animals. Many invasive species begin as landscape favorites. A wonderful filler shrub may grow inch by inch in your garden, and then suddenly it is in your neighbors yard also and crowding out native species. This deprives native birds, bees, and butterflies of food and shelter.

In the last 100 years, over 50,000 non-native plant and animal species have been brought to the U.S. About one in seven becomes invasive.

Before you remove, share or buy a plant, always do your research. Check the plant's invasive status. The University of Florida IFAS Assessment of Non-Native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas (<https://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu/>) is a good reference. Don't be responsible for planting the next hydrilla or Brazilian pepper-tree.

If an existing plant is identified as a problem species first try mechanical methods to remove it such as pulling out the plant. For larger areas in the hot months, you might use soil solarization. Cover the area with clear plastic, bury the edges and let the sun kill them (6 weeks +/-). Chemicals should be your last resort. Be sure to follow instructions. Also, be sure to bag all plant debris and put them in the regular trash. Do not compost. This will prevent them from establishing elsewhere.

What to plant to replace the invasive? Alternatives to Invasive Plants Commonly Found in Florida Landscapes (<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep483>) suggests dozens of replacements that deliver similar aesthetics to common invasive plants.

Commonly Found Invasives

Australian umbrella tree, octopus tree, Queensland umbrella tree	Elephant ear, wild taro	Mimosa, Silk tree
Beach naupaka, half-flower, scaevola	Gold coast jasmine	Mountain ebony, orchid tree
Camphor tree	Jambolan, Java plum	Nandina, heavenly bamboo
Chinese privet	Japanese bishopwood	Sea hibiscus
Chinese tallow tree, popcorn tree	Japanese honeysuckle	Strawberry guava
Chinese wisteria	Lantana, shrub verbena	Surinam cherry
Christmas senna, Christmas cassia, climbing cassia	Melaleuca, paper bark, punk tree	Wedelia
Coral ardisia	Mexican petunia	

HISTORY OF the GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS

In January of 2003 and 2004, the Garden Club hosted a very special event — Secret Door and Gardens of Heron Bay. Committee Members included Arlene Becken, Terry Boccard, Liza Cameron, Deborah Catallo, Marcy DiMare, Maritza Graff, Karen Hersh, Kimberly Knox, Rhoda Mann, Rebecca Petracca, Kat Rogoff, Liz Smith, Julia Woodward, Molly Butler Whitney, Roberta Lewis Solar, Mary Soufleris, Debbie Weatherly and Julia Woodward.

Guests from the community boarded three trolleys to embark on a tour of the homes and gardens. Each trolley got a flower name so attendees would know to which trolley they should return. In each year, they visited six elegant homes. Some homes were quite large and some smaller which gave all attendees innovative ideas to incorporate into their own gardens. Following the tour, lunch was served at the Heron Bay Club.

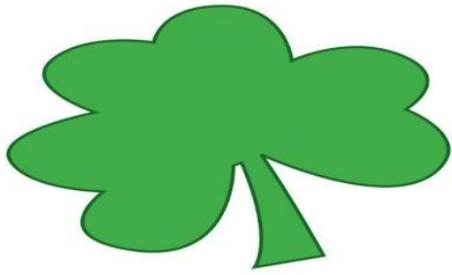
The gardens had many influences: Italian Renaissance, Asian, tropical including waterfalls, French Provincial, small space/patio, Feng Shui, statuaries and orchids. The homes, too, featured many styles: Mediterranean Revival, French Provincial, Grand Bay and Spanish Revival.

One touching story was related to me by two separate individuals. I do not have the full information. A gentleman who was hosting was dying of cancer. The Garden Club offered to remove his home from the tour so as not to disturb him. He would not entertain the idea as he was so looking forward to the event. He died a day or two before the event. When the group got to his garden, his partner had made a little memorial to him. He had placed his gardening boots and gloves on a table with a poem.

In looking through the program guide for information for this look back at our history, I could see just how hard the committee worked. Not only did they arrange for all the festivities, but they also solicited many, many sponsors and ads which led to the financial success of the events.



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



well hello, march

MARCH IN THE GARDEN

What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding Plants: Plant heat-tolerant annuals, such as **crossandra**, **gazania**, **melampodium**, and **zinnia** that will last into fall. **See Annuals:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Plant **gladiola** corms 6 inches apart and 4 inches deep; stake as they grow. Plant **caladium** for a showy tropical display all summer. **See Bulbs for Florida:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Herbs: In addition to their culinary value, many herbs are ornamental and attract butterflies to the garden. **See Herbs:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Vegetables: This is the last month to plant arugula, beans, cantaloupe, carrots, celery sweet corn, endive, okra, radish, squashes, Swiss chard, and watermelon. **See Vegetable Gardening in Florida:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening



What to Do



Shrubs and trees: Prune when new growth begins after the end of the dormant season. To guard next season's blooms, begin pruning after the last flowers fade but before the new buds set. **See Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning

Mulch: Add **mulch** to minimize weeds and conserve moisture during dry weather. **See Landscape Mulches:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_mulch

Lawns: Fertilize lawns this month if not done in February. **See Lawn Fertilizer:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_fertilization

Pests: Monitor landscape plants for insects, especially for the presence of aphids on tender new growth. Insects become more active during warm weather. **See Landscape Pest Management:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests

Fertilize: Fertilize palms and ornamental shrubs if not done last month. **See Palm Nutrition and Fertilization:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_nutrition and **Landscape Fertilization:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_fertilization

Lawns: Identify damaging insects and spot treat early to prevent widespread damage. **See Turfgrass Pest Insects:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_pest_insects

Tropical and subtropical fruits: Add variety and interest to the landscape and table with exotic fruits. **See Tropical Fruit for the Home Landscape:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_home_tropical_fruit

THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

David Thompson	3/09
Ken Decker	3/20
Kit Schulman	3/21
Luanne Betz	3/23
Marcy DiMare	3/24
Stella Hughes	3/25
June Bookal	3/30

PLANT OF THE MONTH

OXALIS



Commonly known as sorrels or shamrocks, more than 800 species of oxalis (*Oxalis* spp.) thrive as outdoor perennials in U.S. plant hardiness zones 3 - 11, depending on species. Shamrock plants grow from tiny bulbs that may be planted in fall or early spring. Most oxalis are at their best with at least six hours of daily sun, with afternoon shade where summers are very hot. One notable exception is purple shamrock (*Oxalis triangularis*), hardy in zones 6 - 10. Its pale pink flowers and 6 to 12 inch purple black foliage mounds add a cool focal point to lightly shaded garden corners.



PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



300 FEET x 1/2" 4mil Thick Stretch Non-Adhesive Tie **Tape Plant Garden Green**

- 1/2 inch x 300 feet Non-adhesive
- 4mil thick Strong, stretchy, long lasting
- Green ribbon stretches with plant growth used for training and staking plants.
- Made in USA

AmazonSmile Price: **\$6.90**

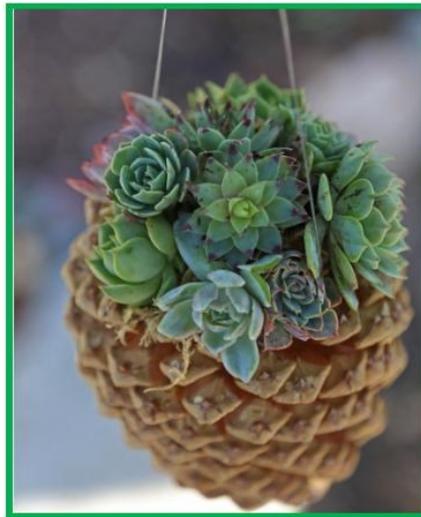
90 feet x 1/2" roll of **Garden Tape**

Dollar Tree: \$1.00



How to Make Hanging Pine Cone Succulent Planter

Hang & Enjoy



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Start with a pine cone that has a bit of a bowl shape to the top of it. This helps hold the moss. Spray the top of the pine cone with the adhesive and press in a wad of sphagnum moss. You're not trying to press the moss flat, rather you want a bit of a mound. The tangle of the moss is what will

About 1/4 of the way down the pine cone wrap one end of the fishing line or twine around the cone 2 times and pull so it's wrapped snugly around the core of the cone. Leave enough extra so you can pull the extra up the opposite side and tie it about 6-8" above the top of the cone. Make sure your knot is secure. Leave the extra line for hanging the finished planter. You want the two lines to be opposite one another when you pull them up so the cone hangs evenly when suspended. Check your work by holding up the pine cone. If the top *hangs* fairly level you're set. If not, work the line between the pine cone parts until you get it hanging fairly level.

Set it in a cup or in the lid of the spray adhesive so you can use both of your hands.

Remove any soil from the roots of the plants, or break off "pups" growing around mature plants being sure to leave 1/2 to 1 inch of stem.

Push the succulents into the moss stem first and arrange however it pleases you most! It's best to keep your plants within the diameter of the cone so they have support from the cone until their roots develop.

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

PATRON DONOR INCENTIVES

		CSGC*	FFGC*	PATCH	BADGE	MEMBERSHIPS ,EVENTS
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	

*CSGC: CORAL SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB

*FFGC: FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

*MEMBERSHIPS	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

*EVENT	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