



# The Garden Club of Coral Springs

**COME GROW WITH US!**

NOV 2020

Member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs ([www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org)) and National Garden Club ([www.gardenclub.org](http://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

On November 11th, the Garden Club of Coral Springs will be honoring our Veterans with a Blue Star Memorial Marker and Florida Native Garden at Coral Springs Veterans Park. The men and women of our club have planted over 100 native plants for a wildlife garden, the centerpiece of which will be the Marker.

Members have worked diligently potting plants and raising funds to purchase the Marker and additional planting supplies for this project. It has given us hope, that even through these difficult times, we still have a purpose.

The members were busy planting on October 27th in preparation for Veterans Day. Thank you Ken, Mary Anne, Debbie, Luanne, Marcy, Teri, Dave and Lynn, along with Coral Springs city workers. Thank you also to Orlando for the brick work.

On Veterans Day there will be a virtual ceremony with a few of our Members and the City. CSGC will stream it on Zoom. The City will be televising the ceremony and showing it at **approximately** 11 AM. You can watch it on Channel 99 on AT & T or on the following Blue Stream: 25 Standard Definition; 25.7 HD Digital Tuner and 725 HD Blue Steam Cable Box.

The Blue Star Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now NGC, Inc.) adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed along the way. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war, as well as in churches and businesses.

Thank you to our members Debbie and Lynn who continue to be involved with other city projects. These energetic ladies help to groom the Sawgrass Nature Center and weed the Community Garden. Dotty participates in "Working for Coral Springs - A Volunteer Experience" ridding our environmentally sensitive parks of invasives. If any of you wish to help, feel free to contact any of the ladies. Our members have also been taking part in National Garden Club's campaign "Planting Trees". You have planted trees throughout the city, at your homes and in neighborhoods.

Thank you June, Susan, and Sandy for heading up our Awards Committee. We are going to try to win a Blue Star Award and also for our Newsletter. Thank you Mary Anne for investigating requirement for the County NatureScape Emerald Award.

Please be sure to check out our auction items on the last page! Thank you to all the donors and to Mary Anne for organizing this fundraiser.

We have an amazing membership and couldn't do it without everyone's support. Thank you, all!

## GARDEN CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

NOV 11, 20 - Blue Star Memorial Dedication Veterans Park    FEB 11, 21 - Lynn Rochelle demonstrates Wood Art

DEC 17, 20 - Holiday Celebration

MAR 11, 21 - Video tour of Nancy DaSilva's Garden

JAN 14, 21 - Fairchild Tropical Garden

APR 9, 21 - Butterfly Garden Tour of Amy's Garden

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE** - [www.coralsspringsgardenclub.org](http://www.coralsspringsgardenclub.org)

What would you like to see in our newsletter? Please email suggestions to [dmolski@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmolski@bellsouth.net).

Membership in the Garden Club is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

## MONARCH BUTTERFLIES ARE IN TROUBLE AND WE CAN HELP!



Habitat loss, wide use of herbicides, genetically modified crops and frequent roadside mowing have decreased the occurrence of milkweeds throughout Florida and the U.S. Monarch butterflies depend on native milkweed and this has contributed to their steep decline. You can help by planting any of the 21 Florida native milkweeds. Because they are a larval food source, butterfly larvae may devour the milkweed foliage before the plants can be brought to market. Since pesticides can harm Monarch caterpillars that feed on the leaves, make sure the plants you purchase have not been treated with systemic insecticides. An added plus...many other butterflies, native bees, moths and other insect pollinators utilize the milkweed flowers. Visit [www.PlantRealFlorida.org](http://www.PlantRealFlorida.org) to locate a native nursery near you or you might order on line. Following are the three most commonly available.

**Butterflyweed** (*Asclepias tuberosa*) is the most widely recognized native milkweed. Growing 12 to 15 inches in height, it has showy clusters of bright reddish-orange flowers that bloom from late spring through fall. It grows naturally in sandy habitats, thus adapting well to dry landscapes.



**Pink swamp milkweed** (*Asclepias incarnate*) grows two to four feet tall and is found in moderate to moist sunny habitats. It blooms in summer with very showy light pink to rose colored clusters of flowers. Its fleshy linear leaves grow up to 6 inches.

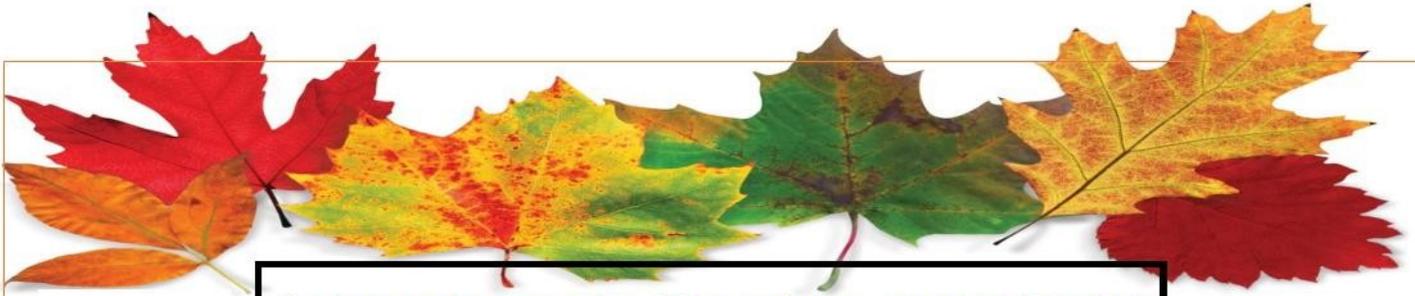
**White swamp milkweed** (*Asclepias perennis*) is a shorter bushy plant that grows to about 2 feet. Blooming in the summer, flowerheads are small with white to light pink flowers. It prefers moist to wet soil conditions and can adapt to shady locations.



### Caution

**Tropical milkweed** (*Asclepias curassavica*) is native to Mexico and Central America. It is widely available in Florida mainstream nurseries and big box stores since it is easy to grow. Its use can potentially harm Monarchs. They are often treated with systemic chemicals that can be toxic to larvae. It is also linked to the transmission of *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* (OE), a protozoan parasite. When OE spores infect milkweed, adult butterflies, eggs and larvae can all be affected. It is also believed that the use of non - native Tropical milkweed encourages Monarchs to overwinter in Florida instead of migrating, making them more susceptible to OE. By staying in Florida and continuously breeding, Monarchs are subject to death from food shortage and freezing temperatures.

Thank you to the Florida Wildflower Foundation for this information.



# NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN



## WHAT TO PLANT

**Annuals/Bedding plants:** Create a display of fall colors with cool-season plants. Some examples include impatiens, strawflower, cape daisy, and pansy. **See *Annuals*:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_annual\\_landscape\\_plants](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants)

**Bulbs:** Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and the many varieties of elephant's ear. **See *Bulbs for Florida*:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_bulbous\\_flowers](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers)

**Herbs:** Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs like cooler, dryer weather, including cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley, sage, and thyme. **See *Herbs*:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_herbs](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs)

**Vegetables:** Lots of choices exist for November including beans, broccoli, kale, snow/English peas, and strawberries. **See *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_vegetable\\_gardening](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening)

## WHAT TO DO

**Perennials:** Divide and replant overgrown perennials and bulbs now so that they establish before the coolest weather arrives. **See *Seeds and Propagation (Lawn and Garden)*:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_garden\\_propagation](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_garden_propagation)

**Lawns:** Watch for brown patch and large patch until May. These fungal diseases cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key. **See *Turf Diseases*:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_turf\\_diseases](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_diseases)

**Scale insects:** Take advantage of lower temperatures to apply horticultural oil sprays to control scale insects. **See *Landscape Pest Management*:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_landscape\\_pests](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests)

**Irrigation:** Turn off systems and water only if needed. Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. **See *Landscape Irrigation*:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_landscape\\_irrigation](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_irrigation)

**Poinsettias:** Watch for hornworms on poinsettias planted in the landscape. This pest can quickly defoliate a plant. Handpick or treat only the infested area. **See *Poinsettias*:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_poinsettia](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_poinsettia)



# THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Dorinski

Nancy Denburg



## PLANT OF THE MONTH

At a compact size of 3' tall and 3.5' wide and an ability to tolerate full sun to part shade, the dwarf **Autumn Embers Encore Azalea** is extremely versatile! You can enjoy fall color in a semi-double flower for 3 seasons! The blooms are large at 2.5 inches across. The evergreen foliage is green and lush. The natural habit of this azalea is mounded, it's easy to grow and low maintenance.

Zones 6-10

## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



You can pay a lot for a high-quality pruner, but for most everyday trimming chores, get a \$1 pair of kitchen shears at the dollar store. That way, if you lose them or leave them out in the rain, you won't be kicking yourself.

THIS PRODUCT WAS RECOMMENDED BY SEVERAL CORAL SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS!

## FALL CENTERPIECE

A simple & quick project perfect for your Thanksgiving table: a glass vase, pine cones, twine & faux fall flowers. Real flowers could be used if you add a piece of oasis to the middle of the pine cones. ENJOY!!



GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT ITEMS

# AUCTION

SUPPORT GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS

Hand Carved Wooden Owl

Plaque by: Lynn Rochelle



\$45.00 value

\$25.00 value

Matted 12X24



Wishing by:

Award Winning Artist Lynn Kroll

Opportunity  
Drawing

Woman's Folding Rain Boots



Size 8

\$120.00 value



\$45.00 value

Sunflowers by: JB Decker-  
Matted 11x14 Watercolor



\$140.00 value

LLADRO- Aggressive Goose

\$350.00 value

36x45 limited edition



Plumeria Hawaiian Flower Watercolor



\$25.00 value

Dragonfly Jeweled Picture Frame

OUR INITIAL FUNDRAISER, THE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING, IS NOW AN AUCTION. THE SAME ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE.

PLEASE SEND YOUR BIDS TO: [mimi0113@gmail.com](mailto:mimi0113@gmail.com) ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS