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APRIL 2023

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MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND THURSDAY DURING THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER THROUGH MAY FROM 10 AM TO NOON - ALSO SOME SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE OUR WORKING MEMBERS - MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS ARE HELD AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT JERI DECKER

Hello!

Kudos to everyone who helped make our GardenFest a success! We signed up 33 new members with two renewals. Way to go!

Thank you to Dave and Paul for making the baskets and to all our members who helped with storage, set up and clean up. I can't forget everyone that helped to man the booth. Thank you Nancy V for organizing our teenagers. Luanne has been an amazing co-pilot this year and we couldn't be a success without all of your help. Our teamwork is what keeps us so productive. We made enough money to cover our scholarships and operating expenses for next year!

I know we're all exhausted! But..., it's time to get ready planning for next year. Please email me your suggestions if you know of a great guest speaker and/or have field trip ideas that are local and inexpensive. It doesn't just have to be gardens. (The Living Earth, Land, Water and Air Issues).

Sixteen members attended our Constitution Park tour. It was amazing how many plants were in bloom.

Our Saturday meeting was very successful as we had 25 members and 2 guests, one of whom became a new member. Mallory spoke on our Environment and what we can do to help. Thank you to those members who brought refreshments.

Our April 13th meeting at Mullins Hall is a Make and Take. Rhoda Mann will be instructing us on how to make wreaths. Check my previous email for materials needed and also the enclosed flyer.

April 22nd is Earthfest at Sawgrass Nature Center from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for setting up, manning the booth, and closing.

Jeri

SANDY RIDGE A VERY SPECIAL SANCTUARY By Caroline Steffen

Some lucky members of the Garden Club of Coral Springs were treated to an amazing tour on Saturday, February 25th. We were greeted by Roy Gold, the former Mayor of Coral Springs. He initiated the concept and creation of a 1994 ESL (Environmentally Sensitive Lands) Bond Issue to help save forested land in Coral Springs.

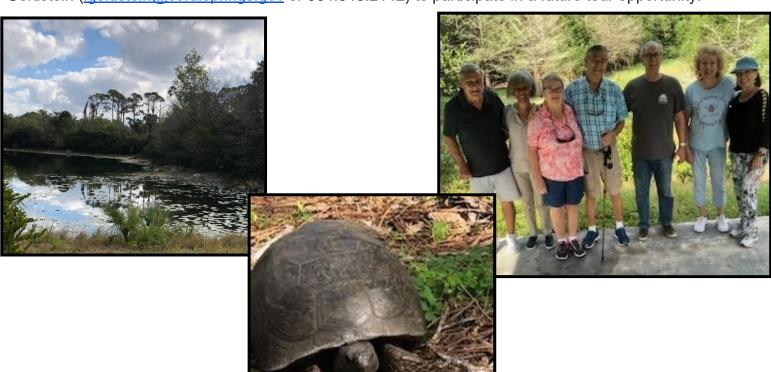
Sandy Ridge, one of four sites preserved in the 1990's, was originally planned for two hundred condominiums on the 40 acres of land. After the land was purchased, this area became a state registered natural wildlife tortoise habitat. He had a vision for what would be important for future generations, a true conservationist at heart.

As a group we were enveloped in this peaceful retreat absorbing information on plants, trees, and animals. A tranquil environment has been created with a person-made natural lake and meadow bog. It is truly a safe refuge for all kinds of wildlife.

The gopher tortoise, a keystone species, is an endangered species that survives in this habitat. We were lucky to see two tortoises, who were not fearful, and sauntered slowly to their burrows. The tortoise's natural habitats have been decimated by development in South Florida. They make their burrows in sandy dry areas, as they do not swim. They can live up to 40 to 60 years and grow up to 11-15 inches in length. Tortoises are herbivores and plants within their grazing area make up their diet.

April 10th was officially adopted by the Gopher Tortoise Council as Gopher Tortoise Day! In Florida, gopher tortoises are found in parts of all 67 counties and are frequently encountered in neighborhoods, along roadways, and in many of Florida's public parks and forests. The goal of Gopher Tortoise Day is to increase awareness and appreciation for these long lived, gentle reptiles.

I suggest this tour as a great way to see what Coral Springs looked like long before the city was incorporated. Tours are usually done on the first Saturday of the month at 9 AM. Please contact Louis Goldstein@coralsprings.gov or 954.345.2112) to participate in a future tour opportunity.



A LITTLE INSERT LITERALLY

By Carol Johnson

SMALL WONDERS - The National Academy of Sciences estimates 20 quadrillion ants roam the earth at any given time. There are 12 megatons of dry carbon in that many ant bodies and a biomass weighing more than all wild birds and mammals combined.

Ants are critical to the health of almost every ecosystem. They aerate soil with their tunnels, disperse native plant seeds, and even accelerate decomposition of organic waste and other dead animals. Ants, like birds and animals face threats from habitat fragmentation, because they need intact pieces of land to find food, water or new nesting sites. Next time you see an ant, think about that.

Additional Information from Dotty

Red Fire Ants are not native to Florida, but came here from South America. Stings are painful and burning and can result in pustules and intense itching for up to 10 days. Not only do they sting humans, but they will also sting pets, livestock and wildlife. They are considered invasive and you can destroy them by broadcast bait applications, individual mound treatments, barrier and spot treatments.



Their native predator Pseudacteon has recently been introduced as a biological control.

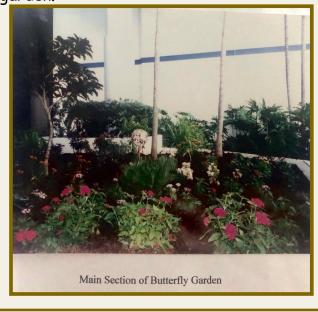
DID YOU KNOW?

By Jeri Decker

In November, 2005 our Garden Club installed a butterfly garden at Coral Springs Medical Center-Women's Diagnostic Center. The hospital is currently known as Broward Health, Coral Springs.

It was located at the entrance to the Women's Diagnostic Center on the lower part of the outside wall seating area. Patients waiting for their appointments or to be picked up and also staff from the hospital could be found there resting and enjoying the butterflies.

One of our in-house artists Lynne Kroll, designed a beautiful cut glass garden ball for the garden.





Meet the Member By Jill Kareff

How many people can say that their best friend is their twin sister? What a wonderful way to grow up! Introducing our Newsletter Editor, Dotty Molski. Dotty and twin sister Beth were born in Kansas. Their father was moving up the corporate ladder and transferred many times. They lived in Salt Lake City, several places in New Jersey and New York, never staying in one place more than five years. Dotty and her husband finally moved to Florida after 12 married years in New Jersey. Although Dotty loved the winters, a big draw was the ability to play outdoor tennis and golf 365 days of the year, and the fact that most of her family had made the big move.

As a child Dotty enjoyed lots of sports including horseback riding, skiing, skating, golf, and tennis. She also was a twirler and a field hockey star! She still enjoys watching sports and hiking. When she has time, she likes going to the theater, hanging out with friends and family, and working on home projects with her husband.

Dotty joined the Garden Club about three years ago and feels that we are the "perfect combination of sociability and community involvement". She has down scaled her other club memberships, finding it difficult to balance too many activities while being a snowbird. She is learning so much from our members and mentions that Luanne helped her when her orchids got scale. Pilar has advised her how to plant her yard with native plants, and she is learning many organic solutions to garden problems, including taking care of her favorite orchids. She has started to replace the established plants in her yard with South Florida natives.

When asked "What would you like our members to know about you?" Dotty stole a line from her husband's friend "The enemy of good is perfect." They try to live by this motto and often reminisce that their lives may not have been perfect, but it has been pretty darn good. Having gratitude makes one very happy.

We are very happy that Dotty has joined our Garden Club Family. She has been a real asset and brings her editing skills to our monthly Newsletter. Thank you, Dotty Molski!



The Garden Club of Coral Springs Schedule of Events 2022-2023 (Events and Speakers subject to change.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
April 11, 2023 (Tues)	Membership Drive, Library 5:30 to 6:30
April 13 (Thurs)	Member Meeting 10 AM at Mullins Hall - Make and Take
April 22 (Sat)	EarthFest at Sawgrass Nature Center - 8 AM Set up
April 23 (Sun)	MSD Gardening and Mentoring 9 to 10:30 AM
May 11 (Thurs)	Scholarship Luncheon - Location to be determined
May 28 (Sun)	MSD Gardening and Mentoring 9 to 10:30 AM
June, July & August	Summer Luncheons and Native Orchid Planting



Make and Take Wreath

Presented by: Rhoda Mann

Please purchase the following materials and bring to meeting if you wish to participate.

Materials and Supplies

- Scissors
- Wire Cutters
- Ruler
- 1 Pkg 12" long tinsel pipe cleaners
- 1 roll of mesh one or two colors
- 1 pkg wire rings (dollar tree)
- · Decorative pieces for wreath

Golden Bee Award

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



This month's winner is **PAUL CULVER!**

Paul has volunteered several times over his membership. He recently helped to assemble 57 baskets to be sold at GardenFest. He also helped with the set-up of our tent and the selling of our wares.

We are happy he has joined our team.

Thank you and congratulations, Paul.



Annuals/Bedding plants: Plant heat-tolerant annuals, such as coleus, vinca, and portulaca. See Annuals: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Cannas thrive in the heat of summer. New varieties have colorful leaves as well as flowers. **See** *Bulbs* for Florida: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic bulbous flowers

Herbs: Some to start now include basil, coriander, cumin, and mint. **See** *Herbs*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic herbs

Vegetables: Beans, Chinese cabbage, Southern peas, and sweet potatoes can still be planted. Mulch beds well and monitor irrigation if the weather is dry. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic vegetable_gardening

WHAT TO DO

Plant for Butterflies: Plant flowers of different colors, shapes, sizes, and blooming seasons to provide nectar for adult butterflies and provide host plants for their caterpillars. **See** *Butterfly Gardening*: <a href="https://example.com/http

Pests: Monitor insect activity and learn which bugs damage plants and which do not. **See** Landscape Pest Management: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic landscape pests

Beneficials: Identify and conserve beneficial insects. Some insects should be encouraged in your yard! **See** *Beneficial Insects*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_beneficial_insects

Tomatoes: Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on developing tomato plants. **See** *Home Tomato Gardening*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tomato_gardening

Palms: Identify and treat environmental and nutritional disorders in palm trees. See Palm Care: <a href="https://en.org/https:

Oleanders: Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander caterpillars at work. See Oleander Pest Management: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_oleander_ipm

Fruits: Propagate fruit crops by air layering and grafting. **See** *Propagating Fruits in Florida*: http://www.solutionsforyourlife.com/hot topics/lawn and garden/propagating fruits.shtml

Perennials and bulbs: Divide clumps of bulbs, ornamental grasses, or herbaceous perennials to expand or rejuvenate garden beds or to pass along to friends. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers and *Perennial Landscape Plants*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_perennials

Shrubs: Choose from a wide variety of shrubs to add to the landscape now. Remember Right Plant/Right Place and match the mature size with the location. See *The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection & Landscape Design*: https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_2015.pdf and *Shrubs*: https://ent.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_2015.pdf and *Shrubs*: <a href="https://ent.edu/pdf/ent.edu/p



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Edna Holton	4-03	Mary Fellows	4-17
Paula Barberan	4-03	Miriam Liebman	4-21
Maria Castillo	4-6	Roma Caraher	4-25
Karoll Zajac	4-07	Nancy daSilva	4-26
Zac Zajac	4-07	Ginger Richardsen	4-27
Donna Benckenstein	4-12	Nancy Varillas	4-30

PLANT OF THE MONTH

ROUGE PLANT

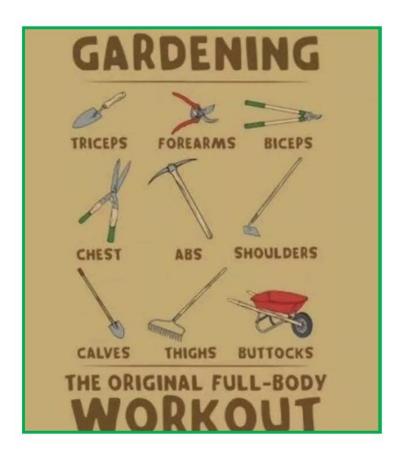


The **Rouge Plant** loves shade and is long lived. It grows naturally in the dappled shade under trees, in low light areas grass often refuses to grow. All year long it produces delicate white flowers visited by pollinators and clusters of bright red berries relished by birds. It is fashionable with evergreen leaves, but also resilient in surviving freezes and droughts.

This great little Florida native grows quickly to 3-4 feet tall. Ater a few years if it gets too leggy, simply cut it back in late winter. In a couple of months, it will return to its old self, full-leaved and flowering once again.

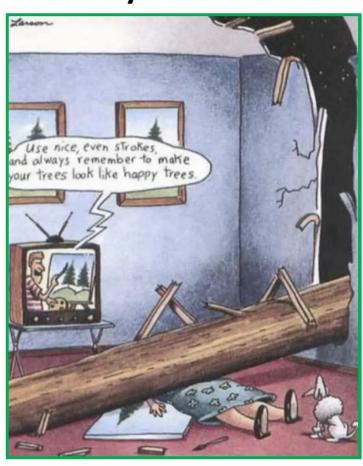
Rouge plants are hardy, evergreen, shade-loving, drought-lerant, low-maintenance and attractive to birds and bees. That, my friend, is Florida Friendly!

This was an article written by the Volusia County Master Gardener Leslie Nixon.





In Mary Anne's absence, I thought these funny.





THE GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS YARD OF THE MONTH BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT



Please help us acknowledge the beautiful yards and gardens in our community of Coral Springs and surrounding areas. We are fortunate to be able to garden year-round due to our semi-tropical climate.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be nominated for our Yard of the Month Award

contact

gardenclubs2020@yahoo.com
with name and address of property to be nominated

HAPPY GARDENING!!

This tropical garden belonging to Brian and Alicia Hall of Parkland. Congratulations for winning our Garden of the Month Award!



We had the best time touring the most whimsical garden of all!!! Thank you Pat Abbe and Christine Brocks of Coral Springs You won our Garden of the Month Award for March.



YARD OF THE MONTH GUIDELINES

Yard of the Month guidelines were determined by Ken, Mary Anne, Carol J, Nancy D, Casey and Jeri

Nominations for Yard of the Month are for the front and back yards.

Areas covered are Coral Springs, Parkland, Tamarac, Coconut Creek, and Margate.

Anyone can nominate a yard to the club, even yourself. This nomination is sent to gardenclubs2020@yahoo.com.

No patios or condos are considered.

Pictures of said nominations are sent for approval and a google earth search is completed by Jeri.

Jeri will send photos of the nominations to the committee, but everyone wins unless the yard is not suitable.

After the nominations are approved, Ken or Jeri will call and set up an appointment around the 15th of every month.

Emails are then sent to the committee for presentation of the sign with a date, time and addresses of the winners. The garden is then visited by the committee and/or other club members and the sign is presented along with a laminated certificate.

Mary Anne makes up the certificate and there are 4 signs.

Nancy photographs the yard during the visit and then a collage is made and put on Facebook. Photos from Facebook are then sent to Mary Anne and Dotty to be added to the newsletter. Yard of the Month winners will also be uploaded to the club's web site.

Thirty days after placing the sign in the yards, they are picked up and taken to the next winners by various committee members.

Any exceptions to the above guidelines are to be determined by the committee.





PATRON DONOR INCENTIVES

-		GCCS*	FFGC*	PATCH	BADGE	MSHIPS ,EVENTS
ORCHID	\$1000	Χ	Χ	2		3 (M/E) for 2 people
ROSE	\$ 500	X	Χ	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

*MEMBERSHIPS	American Orchid Society	\$ 81 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

We need volunteers to help with our booth. If you can't help, please come and get a free tree if you live in Coral Springs. The more trees, the better.





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Rare Fruit & Vegetable Council of Broward County

Other Rare Plants in Limited Quantities:

AVOCADO (25 cultivars) BANANAS (7 cv) **BARBADOS CHERRY** BAYRUM BILIMBI BLACK PEPPER CANISTEL (eggfruit) CARAMBOLA (star fruit-4cv) CUSTARD APPLE CASHEW NUT (caju) COFFEE ARABICA FIGS (13 cv) **GOGIBERRY GRUMICHAMA** GUAVA (guayaba-9 cv)

JABOTICABA JUNE PLUM (dwf & giant) LEMON GRASS LOQUAT (6 cv) LONGAN (4 cv) LYCHEE (5 cv) MACADAMIA NUT MALABAR CHESTNUT

JACKFRUIT (12 cv)

MAMEY SAPOTE MANGO (55 cv) MIRACLE FRUIT **MORINGA**

MULBERRY (3 cv) PITAYA (dragon fruit)

PASSION FRUIT PITANGATUBA POMEGRANATE

SAPODILLA (naseberry-7cv) SOURSOP (guanabana)

SUGAR APPLE (sweetsop) TAMARIND (sweet & tart) WAX JAMBU (black & pink) ABIU **KEY LIME** ACHACHA MICHELIA Alba AKEE MICHELIA Champaca

ARACA-BOI NONI **BAYLEAF OLIVE**

BLACK SAPOTE OTAHEITE GOOSEBERRY

CACAO **PANDAN CURRY LEAF** PAPAYA

PINEAPPLE (3 cv) FINGER LIME (green)

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WEB SITES FOR MORE INFORMATION:

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA:

http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/ Native aquatic and wetland plants in Florida

http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Pattern Book: http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FFL_Book_Zone_10_08161 0.pdf

Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Plant Selection Guide: http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide _v090110.pdf

NATIVES FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD-SOUTH FLORIDA

http://regionalconservation.org/beta/nfyn

Find out how to turn simple gardening into habitat restoration by using plants native to your specific area

http://www.plantfinder.com

http://www.floridanativenurseries.org

http://www.fngla.org/

www.floridata.com

http://flawildflowers.org

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT:

www.sfwmd.gov

PUBLISHERS:

http://upf.com

(the scholarly publishing arm of the State University System of Florida)

http://www.pineapplepress.com/

NATIVE PLANT & OTHER BOOKS:

NATIVE FLORIDA PLANTS, Revised Edition

Robert G. Haehle & Joan Brookwell (Amazon.com, Borders, Barnes & Noble carry this)

A GARDENER'S GUIDE TO FLORIDA'S NATIVE PLANTS Rufino Osorio, University Press of Florida

FLORIDA'S BEST NATIVE LANDSCAPE PLANTS

Gil Nelson, University Press of Florida

THE GUIDE TO FLORIDA WILDFLOWERS

Walter Kingsley Taylor/ the book is color coded—very useful (Amazon and possible Barnes & Noble)

FLORIDA WILDFLOWERS: A Comprehensive Guide This is the 2013 update from Walter Kingsley Taylor and

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EVERGLADES WILDFLOWERS

Color coded. A great field guide Roger L. Hammer, The Globe Pequot Press

FLORIDA KEYS WILDFLOWERS

Color coded—companion to **Everglades Wildflowers** Roger L. Hammer, The Globe Pequot Press

ATTRACTING HUMMINBIRDS & BUTTERFLIES IN TROPICAL FLORIDA

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NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPING FOR FLORIDA WILDLIFE

Very well written and informative, Craig N. Huegel, University Press of Florida

NATIVE FLORIDA PLANTS FOR SHADY LANDSCAPES

Craig N. Huegel, University Press of Florida

BRINGING NATURE HOME

How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife In Our Gardens Douglas Tallamy: Timber Press

FLORIDA GARDENER'S GUIDE (REVISED EDITION)

Tom MacCubbin & Georgia Tasker

Cool Springs Press/ http://coolspringspress.com

NATIVE BROMELIADS OF FLORIDA

Harry E. Luther & David H. Benzing, Pineapple Press, Inc.

WILD ORCHIDS OF FLORIDA

Paul Martin Brown/A more compact update & field guide of the work of Carlyle A. Luer , University Press of Florida

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Jessica Walliser: Timber Press

ATTRACTING NATIVE POLLINATORS

Protecting North America's Bees & Butterflies The Xerces Society: Storey Publishing

ATTRACTING BIRDS TO SOUTH FLORIDA GARDENS

James A. Kushlan & Kirsten Hines www.kirstenNatureTravel/publications

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http://pamela-crawford.com/pamela-crawfordsbooks/

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THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA NEW ENCYLOPEDIA OF HERBS & THEIR USES

The Definitive Guide to the Identification, Cultivation and uses of Herbs Deni Bown: Dorling Kindersley Publishing Staff