



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

NOVEMBER 2023

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 SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY FROM 11:30AM TO 1:30PM - ALSO SOME SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE OUR WORKING MEMBERS - MEETINGS ARE HELD AT NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY 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

Where did this month go? Halloween has passed and now it's time to give thanks.

I'm so thankful for our membership - from our overachieving board to every member who donates their time, money and ideas to make this the best garden club.

It would take many pages to thank the over 45 active members who work behind the scenes to keep us going. We have planners, organizers, writers, publishers, artists, crafters, weeders, callers, and typists.

Thank you one and all!

INAUGURAL SECRET GARDEN TOUR

Devised and organized by Grace Boston, our first Secret Garden Tour took place on October 14th! Light refreshments were served at each of the three locations.

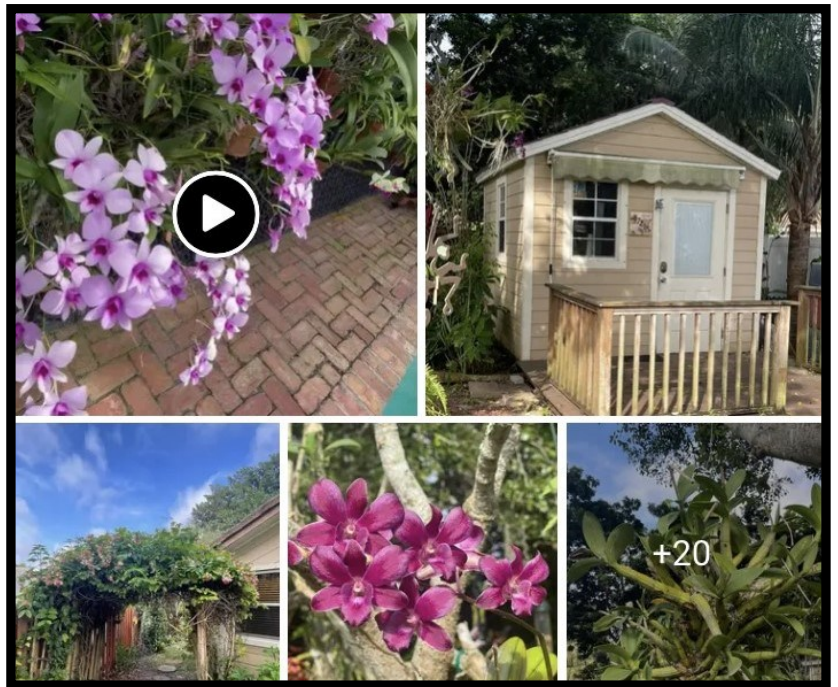
The tour was free and open to all members. Up to 19 members visited the various locations.

Members Luanne Betz, Pilar Londono and Nancy DaSilva opened their gardens to us and we are grateful to them and to Grace. Each garden was different from the others.

Please see the pictures on the following page.

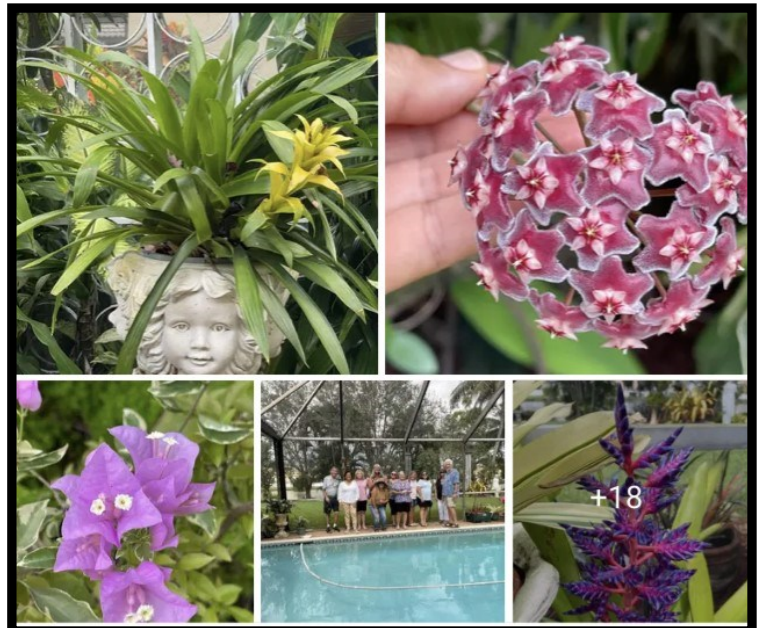
VISIT OUR WEBSITE - www.coralspringsgardenclub.org **OUR ADDRESS:** PO Box 773334, Coral Springs, FL 33077
What would you like to see in our newsletter? Please email suggestions to dmolski@bellsouth.net.
Membership in the Garden Club is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

Stop #1 - **Luanne Betz'** garden featured edible crops in raised beds, many orchid varieties and unique ways of displaying them.



Stop #2 - **Pilar Londono** featured a sustainable garden of Florida friendly native plants and wildlife friendly habitats.

Stop #3 - **Nancy DaSilva's** garden contained many unique plants and incorporated unique finds and repurposed treasures in the landscape.



FLORIDA'S WINTER BIRDS

By Lynn Rochelle

Here in Florida, we're lucky enough to have a wide range of birds visiting us in every season. Some stay all year round, but others can only be spotted at a certain time of year.

Here are six of our favorite birds that you can spot from your own backyard during the winter in Florida.

PALM WARBLER

Palm warblers are a very common sight in Florida during the winter. They flit in trees and shrubs or hop along the ground, wagging their tails furiously.



This tail-wagging habit can be a great way to identify them as, like many other birds, their winter plumage tends to be a drab brown, making it hard to be sure what bird you're looking at. You may also notice a rusty brown patch on top of the head or a flash of yellow under the tail, which is especially obvious when they take flight.

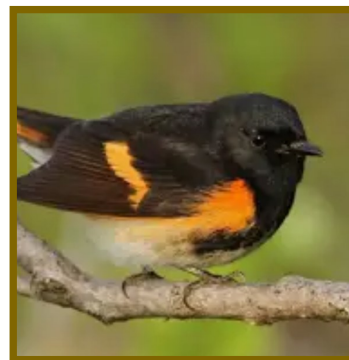
We are lucky to have many species of warbler here in Florida.

AMERICAN REDSTART

With its striking orange patches nestled in a background of black feathers, the American redstart is a treat to spot in the trees.

Some redstarts winter in South Florida; others stop by in fall or spring as they migrate to or from their breeding grounds. The redstart's winter habitat is open woodland but, when migrating, they can be found almost anywhere with trees, so you may be lucky enough to spot one in your own yard.

As they mostly feed on insects, redstarts do not often come to backyard feeders, but they may be attracted by the water if you put out a birdbath.



CEDAR WAXWING



The cedar waxwing, with its tufty crest and the stark black mask across its eyes, is one of the most distinctive birds you might spot in your yard this winter. They tend to be in Florida December through March, especially in the northern parts of the state.

Cedar waxwings migrate in huge flocks, and they tend to stay together in their winter habitat too. This means you're unlikely to see just one. If you spot a cedar waxwing, you're likely to see dozens of them!

They love to eat fruit, so plants that grow berries are a great way to attract these cool-looking birds. Dogwood, cedar, juniper and hawthorn are all great choices.

GRAY CATBIRD

Gray catbirds can be hard to spot because, as the name suggests, they are mostly gray in color. They also like to sit in the midst of a dense tangle of shrub, so it's not always easy to see them.

However, this is one bird that you will be able to recognize even without seeing it, as it has a very distinctive call.

Its mewling cry really does sound very much like a cat. Follow this link to listen! Catbirds are related to mockingbirds and will mimic a wide range of other sounds too.

Like cedar waxwings, catbirds are fruit-lovers, so those native plants with berries will also attract catbirds.



SANDHILL CRANE



OK, so it's unlikely that you'll see a sandhill crane actually in your backyard. However, at this time of year, as they gather to prepare for migration back north, you're very likely to notice them from your backyard as they fly overhead.

If you do get a close-up view of one of these magnificent birds, you'll notice the large grey body and the long neck. When they are still, in the distance, they do look a bit like a rock or a small pile of sand. However, as soon as they lift their heads, you'll notice a surprising patch of bright red feathers on top.

Sandhill cranes are extremely loud. They make a hoarse, trumpeting, honking noise and also vocalize with a strange rattling call. As with the catbird, the sound is how you're most likely to know that these huge birds are nearby. Don't be surprised at this time of year to hear this unusual sound from in your backyard, and look up to see a flock of sandhill cranes.

Source: lawnmoregainesville.com

HUMMINGBIRDS

Black-chinned and rufous hummingbirds occasionally can be seen during the winter. The ruby-throated hummingbird is the most common in the state, according to UF. Although some birds may stay in South Florida throughout the year, most winter in Mexico and South America. Males arrive in Florida in March. Females arrive about a week after the males.



Source: tcpalm.com>state>fl

**Meet the Member
Sherry Swerdlow
By Jill Kareff**

Sherry states "my love of nature started early, as I'm from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan". Her hometown of Escanaba is a beautiful farming community right on Lake Michigan. The town, called "Esky" by some, is rich in lumber and farmlands where she helped her family plant and care for their gardens. The winters there are bitter with lake effect snowstorms, so Sherry made her way to South Florida about 40 years ago.

In high school, she joined Junior Achievement Youth Group and was the only female member of the Youth Conservation Corps who work with the US Forest Service and US Fish and Wildlife. They would work in the forest building fire breaks, clearing brush and building dams.

Sherry moved from North Miami Beach to Coral Springs about two years ago and has since joined the Women's Club and the Garden Club. She found the tropical plants and flowers that grow here so much different from the Michigan flora. Her absolute favorites are our wonderful orchids. When Sherry is not in her garden, she can be found in her kitchen. She loves to cook!

Recently, Sherry's deep affection for animals has brought her to volunteer with The Everglades Angels Dog Rescue. Their mission is to "end the suffering of thousands of abandoned pets, feral and breeding packs of dogs, by physical rescue from rural areas and remote areas of Florida." So, if you are looking for a dog, please don't shop.... Adopt!

Welcome, Sherry Swerdlow, we are glad to know you!



Please consider helping others, including Mother Earth,
by recycling the following products.
Collection Chair is Mary Anne McKay unless otherwise noted.

COLLECTION ITEMS

Towels for the horses: Bit by Bit/Horses for heroes

Tabs from soda cans, pet food cans, vegetable cans, etc. Money earned is used to buy bullet proof vests for police dogs & to train seeing-eye dogs in Florida.

Prescription Bottles with Caps and labels removed - They go to the country of Columbia . The doctors have the medicine, but need containers to put them in.

American Flags in poor condition - The American Legion accepts them and they are burned.

Corks - Chaired by Jeri - These are donated to Whole Foods who will recycle them into clothes and other useful items.

Pennies for Penny Pines - Chaired by Sherry Swerdlow - Our pennies go towards reforestation.

Eyeglasses are donated to be retrofitted for those in need.

The Garden Club of Coral Springs Schedule of Events 2023-2024

(Events and Speakers subject to change.)

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
|-------------------------|---|
| November 4 (Saturday) | Field Trip to Anne Kolb Nature Center |
| November 7(Tuesday) | 11:30 AM Humana Senior Center "Pizza Garden" |
| November 9 (Thursday) | Meeting - 3 Park Naturalists speak about "Wildlife in the Park" |
| November 11 (Saturday) | Veterans' Day Memorial Program at Veterans' Park, Coral Springs |
| November 14 (Tuesday) | Forest Glen Middle Youth Group "Good Bad Ugly Bugs in our Garden:3:30 to 5:30 PM |
| December 2 (Saturday) | 11:30AM to 2:30PM Holiday Luncheon at BJ Restaurant |
| December 14 (Thursday) | Claudia Alzate, Environmental Program Manager, speaks to "Composting and Recycling" |
| January 11 (Thursday) | Field Trip to Shark Valley for Tram Tour |
| January 13 (Saturday) | Meeting - Master Gardener speaks to Flowering Plants for Shaded Areas and Patios plus seed and pot exchange |
| January 19 (Friday) | Arbor Day Plant a Cypress Tree at 11 AM at Sawgrass Nature Center |
| February 8 (Thursday) | Meeting - Dr Bennett speaks to Edible and Medicinal Plants also Trash to Treasures |
| February 10 (Saturday) | Field Trip to Wakodahatchee Wetlands guided tour by Kristen Hoss of YEA |
| February 14 (Wednesday) | CS Fireman/Police Appreciation |
| March 14 (Thursday) | Meeting - "Fun with Flowers" presented by Designer Frank DiGiovanni from Hearts and Flowers |
| March 16-17 (Sat& Sun) | 10 AM - 5PM GardenFest |
| April 11 (Thursday) | Meeting - Presentation on Sea Turtles and Seed Exchange |
| April 27 (Saturday) | 9 AM - 12PM Earth Day at Sawgrass Nature Center |
| May 9 (Thursday) | 11AM - 3PM Scholarship Luncheon |
| June 15 (Saturday) | Lunch |
| July 11 (Thursday) | Lunch |
| August 17 (Saturday) | Lunch |



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Golden Bee Award

Nominated by members.

Awarded to a member who goes above and beyond.



This month's winner is **DONNA BENCKENSTEIN!**

Donna is an 18-year member who has been a busy bee throughout her membership. She has offered her house for holiday parties and committee meetings more times than I know.

Donna has worked several times on party committees, made centerpieces and has also helped out with setting up the parties. She has made and served snacks both at her home and at our meetings. She has brought guests to meetings.

Donna has also participated in the editing and consulting on bylaws. She is also donating the plants for the fireman and police departments.

Thank you, Donna, for your continuous support. It is greatly appreciated!



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:** https://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:** https://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:** https://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:** https://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):** https://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:** https://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:** https://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:** https://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:** https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_poinsettia



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CAROLINE STEFFEN 11/04

PILAR LONDONO 11/20

LES CORBIN 11/29



PLANT OF THE MONTH

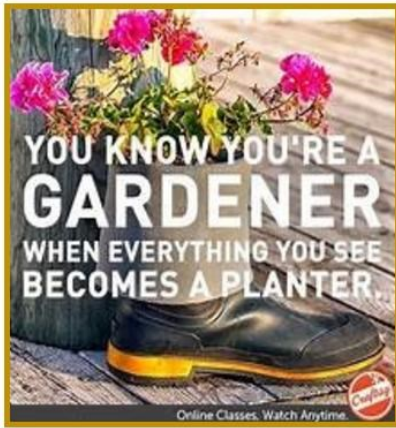
Spider Lily



The **spider lily** is a **Florida Native** with attractive foliage and fragrant white blooms.

This clumping perennial has long, dark green leaves that grow directly from an underground bulb and reach a height of two to three feet. In summer and fall, the **spider lily** produces many gorgeous white flowers that are fragrant, long-lasting, and delicate.

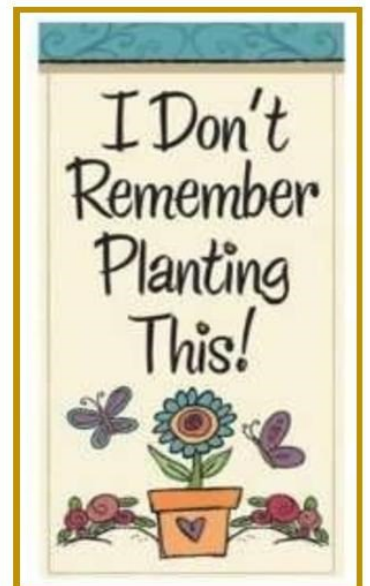
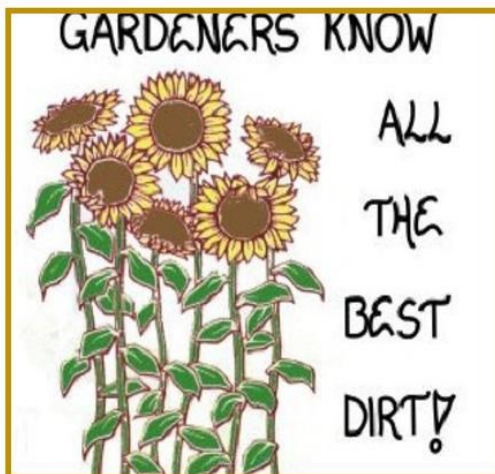
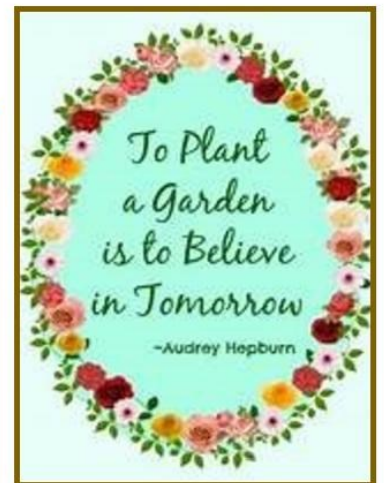
It works well as a fast-growing ground cover, or can also be used in borders or as a specimen plant. Plant your **spider lily in full sun or part shade** in well-drained soil. This plant is very tolerant of drought, wet conditions, and even salt spray but it can't take cold temperatures, so it's ideal for the coastal South Florida landscape.



FUN GARDENING FACTS



Common sense is a flower that does not grow in everyone's garden!



Thank you to Jeri for submitting this craft from The Crazy Craft Lady for inclusion in our Newsletter. For more information or other ideas, see

<https://thecrazycraftlady.com/slinky-pumpkins/>

These Slinky Pumpkins are the perfect style for your Autumn home décor or fall tiered tray.

If you're looking for autumn decor that doesn't take up much space, these slinky pumpkins are just the thing you need. I absolutely love unique craft projects, especially when they cost little to make. Making these slinky pumpkins only calls for a couple of Dollar Store toys, spray paint, and other supplies you probably already have on hand.

Supplies Needed:

- * Plastic Wooden Spring Party Toy
- * Spray Paint
(White primer, bright orange, burnt orange)
- * Black Gingham Ribbon
- * Hot Glue
- * Twig from your yard
- * Plastic Wooden Spring Party Toys
- * Scissors
- * Ruler
- * Wire cutters
- * 4 Wooden Clothes Pins
- * Cardboard or Drop Cloth



To Make:

1. Apply a thin line of hot glue along the end of the plastic coil, match up the opposite end and secure with a clothes pin until the glue cools. Repeat with the remaining magic springs.
2. In a well-ventilated area, or outside, spray the magic spring pumpkins to ensure that all sides of the spring get painted. Lay down cardboard or a drop cloth to protect your surface. Set aside to dry.
3. Top coat the magic spring pumpkins with bright orange and burnt orange spray paint in light coats. Set side to dry and apply a second light coat, if necessary. Rotate the pumpkins to ensure that all sides of the spring get painted.
4. Measure a twig from the yard into 4" sections and cut with a pair of wire cutters. Don't worry if the twig doesn't cut perfectly straight, because that will give the stem a bit of extra character. Attached the twig stems into the top center hole in the pumpkins with a glue gun and glue sticks.
5. Measure and cut 10" lengths of gingham plaid ribbon with scissors. Tie the ribbons in bows and then trim any long ends with scissors. Attach the bows to the stems with hot glue.

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!!

Our Yard of the Month Award for October goes to Frank and Lisette Siple of Coral Springs. Their butterfly gardens are wonderful!



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YARD OF THE MONTH GUIDELINES

Nominations are made by members. PLEASE review the following rules and keep this in mind as you drive around our area.

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.



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

ORCHID LEVEL

ROSE LEVEL

Jeri & Ken Decker

AZALEA LEVEL

BEGONIA LEVEL

Les Corbin

Mary Wells

Carol Johnson

Mary Anne McKay

DAISY LEVEL

Dotty Molski

Debbie Strong

Luanne Betz



BOUQUET OF GIVING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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

PATRON DONOR INCENTIVES

| | | <u>GCCS*</u> | <u>FFGC*</u> | <u>PATCH</u> | <u>BADGE</u> | <u>MSHIPS ,EVENTS</u> |
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| 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 | |

*GCCS: THE GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS

*FFGC: FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

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| <u>*MEMBERSHIPS</u> | 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 |

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| <u>*EVENT</u> | <u>MAY LUNCHEON</u> |
| | <u>HOLIDAY PARTY</u> |

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

Patrons names will be acknowledged on Website, Facebook and Newsletter

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_081610.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.fnqla.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 includes the newest scientific information about Florida's wildflowers. (Amazon and possible Barnes & Noble)

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 HUMMINGBIRDS & BUTTERFLIES IN TROPICAL FLORIDA

Roger L. Hammer, University Press of Florida

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

FLORIDA'S FABULOUS BUTTERFLIES

Includes special chapter on moths &

FLORIDA'S FABULOUS INSECTS

2 separate oversize publications in the FLORIDA FABULOUS series. WORLD PUBLICATIONS/ www.allfloridabooks.com

FLORIDA BUTTERFLY GARDENING

Marc C. Minno & Maria Minno
University Press of Florida

ATTRACTING BENEFICIAL BUGS TO YOUR GARDEN

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

THE BOOKS OF PAMELA CRAWFORD:

<http://pamela-crawford.com/pamela-crawfords-books/>

A Garden Diary:

A Guide to Gardening in South Florida ©

by Robert G. Haehle and M.E. DePalma
De Palma Enterprises

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

The Definitive Guide to the Identification, Cultivation and uses of Herbs

Deni Bown: Dorling Kindersley Publishing Staff