



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

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APRIL 2024

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

Hello Members,

Spring has sprung and we're in full bloom. Thank you to all our members posting the photos of their lovely plants and visitors on our facebook page!

Thank you to everyone who has made our GardenFest such a huge success! All the vendors raved on how it's the best one around and so organized. They're already signing up for next year.

Election for the new board will be at the April meeting. Please attend and let your voice be heard. Our guest speaker will be discussing Sea Turtles.

Please share with a Board Member if you have any new ideas for speakers or field trips. If you have any suggestions for the Newsletter, please let Dotty know.

Please sign up for our End of Year Scholarship luncheon and the installation of new officers. See the following flyer for details.

Jeri



VISIT OUR WEBSITE - www.coral Springsgardenclub.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.

END OF YEAR SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

WOODMONT COUNTRY CLUB, INC.

7801 NW 80TH AVENUE

TAMARAC, FL 33321

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

11:30 AM—2:30 PM

\$40 per person*

PLATED LUNCH

GARDEN SALAD & ROLLS

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

CHICKEN FRANCESE:

Egg batter & Sauteed Lemon Veloute

MAHI-MAHI:

**Simply grilled with Red Roasted Pepper Coulis
Blended Wild Rice & Vegetable Medley included**

With Chicken or Fish Entrée

PASTA PRIMAVERA:

**Roasted Garlic, Basil, Broccoli Florets, Tomatoes
In a White Wine Butter Sauce**

DESSERT

CHEESECAKE OR FRESH FRUIT

BEVERAGES

Iced Tea & Coffee Station

Cash Bar for Any Other Type of Beverage

***Payment Due No Later Than April 25, 2024**

Thank you to Casey Lee, the City Arborist of Coral Springs, for this article on the proper pruning and planting of trees. She is also a member of our Club!



Proper tree pruning is essential for the longevity of mature trees

Tree pruning, often referred to as “trimming” is the removal of dead, diseased, weak, or objectionable branches. Homeowners should have their trees properly pruned by a Tree Care Professional. The City of Coral Springs requires either a “Certified Arborist” or a “Broward County Licensed Tree Trimmer” to do the work. Be sure to ask the Tree Professional to show you their license and insurance before performing any work or paying them.

The City has ordinances in place to protect trees and palms, so be sure that your trees are pruned properly and NOT “Hatracked”, “Topped”, or “Lion Tailed”. Improper pruning will lead to a Code Compliance violation to the homeowner. If a tree needs to be removed, a “Tree Removal Permit” is required and can be found on the City of Coral Springs website, along with other landscape and tree maintenance guidelines at coralsprings.gov/trees.

“The best way to protect your landscape and home from hurricane damage is to select trees carefully at the time of installation, select native species of trees with strong root systems, trunks, and branches they will be more wind resistant. Additionally, mature trees should be properly pruned approximately every two years. Only remove dead fronds or fruit from palms, never remove green fronds as they are the food and energy source for the palm.

With either properly pruning or tree removal, be sure to have your tree professional include the price of tree debris removal as part of their service. You will need to arrange a special pick-up from Waste Pro for the removal of yard waste. City residents may bring excess yard waste to the Waste Transfer Station at the west end of Wiles Road on select weekend days.

Proper planting of new tree

The City of Coral Springs landscape ordinances state that all newly planted trees and palms must be Florida #1 quality at time of planting. It is always recommended to plant either native species or species that can tolerate south Florida weather conditions. Trees should never be planted deep; in fact, they should be planted about 10% above the grade. Never make the planting hole deeper than the size of the root ball and the width should be 2 to 3 times the size of the root ball. Backfill the planting hole with some existing soil and imported soil. Trees and palms should be staked at time of planting to secure they grow straight and do not snap. Most stakes should never be left on for more than 6 months unless otherwise instructed. Water a newly installed plant for the first 30 days in the dry season and then monitor as needed. Mulch around the tree well about 12” wide and 3” deep, keep mulch off the trunk about 3” to prevent trunk rot.

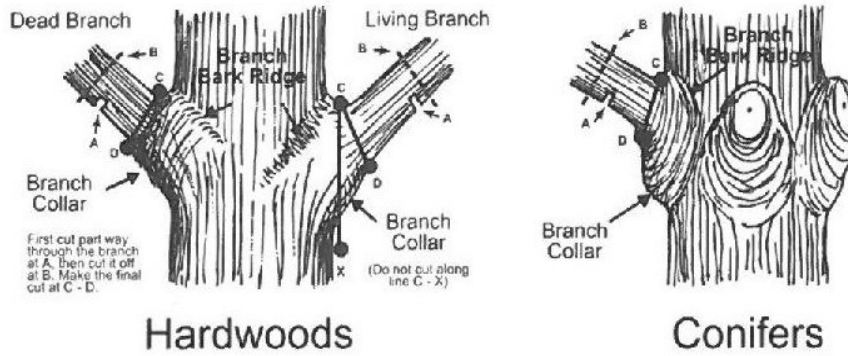
Tree Removal Process

Residents of Coral Springs as well as all of Broward County must obtain a tree removal permit to remove any species of protected tree or palms. Residents can find the residential tree removal permit

application on the City of Coral Springs website or in person at the City Building Department. When applying for the permit, residents must submit the filled-out permit application, include a survey or sketch showing the location of the tree/palm on the yard, HOA approval, a picture of the tree, and any other valuable information that maybe helpful in explaining the reason for removal. Once the City has received the information, a site visit will be performed by the City Arborist to assure that the removal is the only possible way to solve the concerns. If the request does not warrant the approval of removal the City Arborist will advise of other methods to solve the residents' concerns.

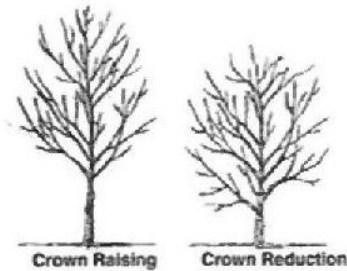
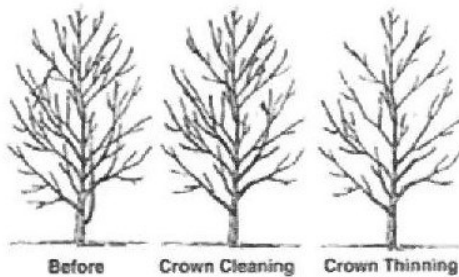
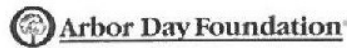
For additional questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Casey Lee, City Arborist for the City of Coral Springs at clee@coralsprings.gov or 954-344-1117.

Proper Pruning Principles



Hardwoods

Conifers



Defined terms~

- **Crown cleaning** — The selective removal of one or more of the following items: dead, dying or diseased branches, weak branches and watersprouts
- **Crown thinning** — The selective removal of branches to increase light penetration, air movement and to reduce weight
- **Crown raising** — The removal of the lower branches to provide clearance
- **Crown reduction or shaping** — Decrease the height and/or spread of a tree. Consideration should be given to the ability of the species to sustain this type of pruning
- **Vista pruning** — The selective thinning of framework limbs or specific areas of the crown to allow a view of an object from a predetermined spot
- **Crown restoration** — Should improve the structure, form and appearance of trees which have been severely headed, vandalized or storm damaged.

Golden Bee Award

Nominated by members.

Awarded to a member who goes above and beyond.



This month's winner is:

Molly St. Cavish

Molly has volunteered several times since she joined our club. She came to the planting of the trees on Arbor Day.

She has helped with senior citizens' activities at Humana Senior Center. She methodically welcomes members and guests at our meetings, while keeping track of attendance.

Molly has donated to Penny Pines and has helped at our meetings by bringing refreshments and cleaning-up.

Thank you, Molly for your dedication.



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

Presents

Summer Program

for

Senior Citizens

Gardening Therapy

Northwest Regional Library

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

June 1st kickoff

Blanket flower seed giveaway
& information about planting



June 15th teacup succulents

July 13th propagation of plants



Aug 17th DIY terrariums

COME GROW WITH US!

MEET THE MEMBER

by Jill Kareff

CAROL JOHNSON

The old saying, “If you need something done, give it to a busy woman” always makes me think of Carol Johnson. Since retiring from a “Secretarial” position, she has joined almost everything! She is now a member of General Federated Women’s Club, Coral Springs Woman’s Club, The Coral Springs Orchid Society, The Veterans Coalition of Coral Springs, The Friends of the Library and The Newcomers Club. She also considers herself “the head weed eater” at the Sawgrass Nature Center.

I have no idea when she finds the time to read, but Carol absolutely loves to read. Her favorite genre is FBI stories with some romance. She loves Lee Child, Harlan Coban, Alex Kava, William Hart and Greg Hurwitz. She often spends her Sundays volunteering at the bookroom at the Northwest Regional Library, where books can be purchased for a dollar or two.

Carol is a native Floridian, born in Jackson Memorial Hospital. Her late mother got her interested in plants and Carol claims that she could grow anything from a cutting. Carol laments that she tends to allow her plants to dry out so that only the strong survive! Her favorite plants are orchids, ponytail palms and ferns, especially the rabbit foot ferns.

As a child Carol was a Girl Scout and a member of Future Homemakers of America in High School. She loves squirrels, sunflowers and bees!

We are fortunate to have her in our Garden Club for the past three years.

Glad to know you, Carol!

Editor’s Note: I was given three pictures of Carol. I chose this one as it really reflects Carol. She dresses for every holiday, event..... I admire that as I am lucky to put on makeup and grateful we have a Garden Club shirt so I don’t have to think!



We will be there and hope you are helping!
Please spread the word!



SATURDAY APRIL 27
9-12 p.m.
SAWGRASS NATURE CENTER
3000 Sportsplex Dr.



Nature Exhibits • Plant Giveaways*
Animal Encounters • Children's Activities
**Plant giveaway is for Coral Springs residents only. One plant per person*



INFORMATION ABOUT CITY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS:
Composting • Hazardous Waste Disposal
Single-Use Plastic Reduction & More!

MORE INFO!

For more information contact:
clee@coralsprings.gov • 954-344-1117

CORALSPRINGS.GOV/EVENTS



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 - also go to Food for the Poor.

Tabs from soda cans, pet food cans, vegetable cans, etc. Money earned is used to K-9 dogs for first responders and the military.

Prescription Bottles with Caps and labels removed or blacked out - They go to the country of Columbia and other countries in need.

American Flags in poor condition - The American Legion accepts them and they are properly disposed of.

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 the Lions Club for people 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>
April 11 (Thursday)	Meeting - Presentation on Sea Turtles by Nova SE University and Seed Exchange
April 27 (Saturday)	9 AM - 12PM Earth Day at Sawgrass Nature Center
May 9 (Thursday)	Scholarship Luncheon 11:30 to 2:30 Woodmont Country Club
June 1 (Saturday)	10:30 - 3:30 Presentation on "Sunflowers"
June 15 (Saturday)	Lunch
June 15 (Saturday)	10:00 AM Presentation "Succulent Gardens"
July 11 (Thursday)	Lunch
July 13 (Saturday)	10:00 AM Presentation "Propagation of Plants"
August 17 (Saturday)	10:00 AM Presentation "DIY Terrariums"



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sandy W - 2nd

Karen T - 4th

Steven - 10th

Mary - 17th

Miriam L - 21st

Ginger - 27th

Nancy V - 30th

You may wonder why we ask you sign in at meetings and when you are volunteering at or participating in events. Every May at our Luncheon, we award Queen Bee pins to recognize the participation of our members. Following are the qualifications. There is plenty of time to fulfill the requirements and be recognized by your peers!

Do be a Do Bee

Don't be a Don't Bee

Become A Queen Bee

Become an active member and
Help our club be the buzz!
Around town.

How to earn pins?

Worker Bee Pins:at meetings

Complete 2 out 4 for one pin

- Attend 6 out of 16 meetings or events.
- Bring a refreshment to meeting.
- Bring a new member or guest.
- Active on a committee

Queen Bee Pin:

Must receive Worker Bee criteria and complete.
4 from below

- Attend an additional meeting or event.
- Volunteer at Gardenfest for at least 2 hours
- Volunteer at Earthfest Booth at least 1 hour
- Help with school youth group
- Help with Community Projects

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!!

Leroy and June Bookal's garden is all abloom in Parkland. Just gorgeous! They have won our Yard the Month award for March. 🌸



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

Dave Thompson

BEGONIA LEVEL

Les Corbin

Mary Wells

Carol Johnson

Mary Anne McKay

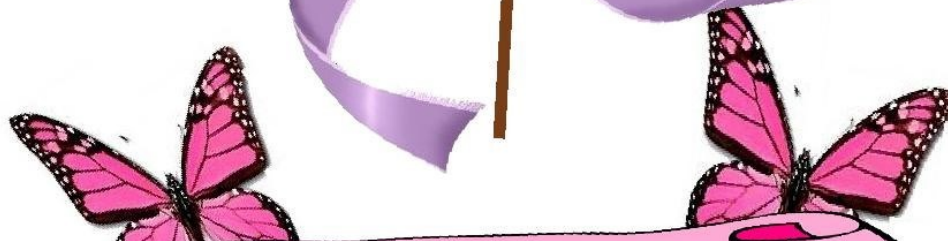
Dotty Molski

Luanne Betz

DAISY LEVEL

Debbie Strong

Donna Benckestein



BOUQUET OF GIVING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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>
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

<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

<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 HUMMINBIRDS & 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

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