



# The Garden Club of Coral Springs

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MAY 2024

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 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

Dear Garden Club Members,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the President of our wonderful Garden Club for the past four years. It has been an incredible honor and privilege to lead such a dedicated and passionate group of individuals who all share a love for gardening and the natural world.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering support, hard work, and commitment over the years. Your enthusiasm, creativity and willingness to collaborate have truly made our club a thriving and vibrant community that I am proud to be a part of.

Together, we have accomplished so much - from organizing successful events and workshops to beautifying our local community with your horticultural talents. Your dedication to promoting gardening as a fulfilling and rewarding activity has not only enriched our own lives, but has also inspired others to appreciate the beauty of nature.

As my term as President comes to an end, I am filled with gratitude for the memories we have shared, the friendships we have forged, and the achievements we have celebrated together. Your support and encouragement have meant the world to me, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served as your President.

I have no doubt that our Garden Club will continue to flourish under Luanne's leadership, and I am excited to see the amazing things that you will accomplish in the years to come. Thank you once again for allowing me to be a part of this incredible journey—we have truly cultivated something special together.

With heartfelt thanks and warm regards,

Jeri

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**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.

## Using Technology to Identify Plants and Animals

By Nancy Varillas

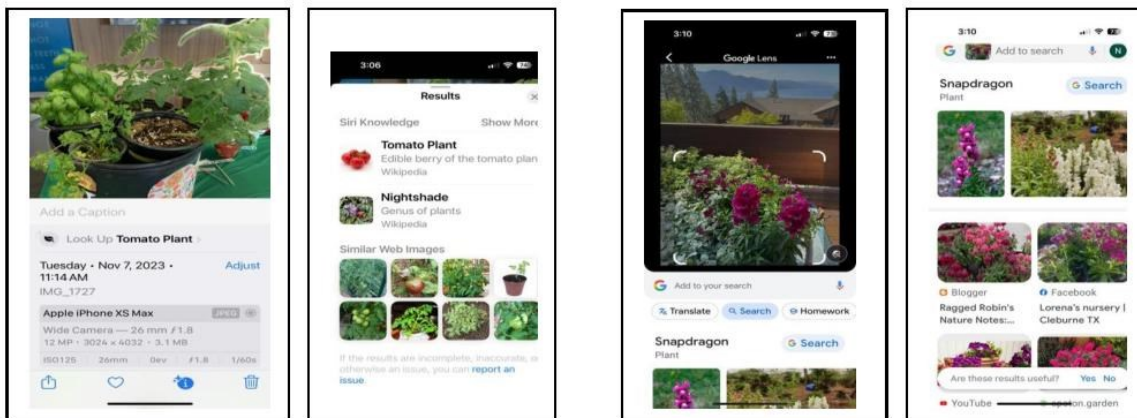
You may have mixed feelings about technology; however, one positive aspect about using the internet or phone applications is the ability to rapidly identify what we see before us. The focus of this article is about identification through applications and technology within our cell phones.

I'll start with the basics. If you own an iPhone or iPad, you can take a picture then open it up to view. On the bottom of your screen is an info button (an i with a circle around it) to the left of the trash can. Hit that button and another screen pops with the words "Add a Caption" at the top. Just below that you will find a symbol (i.e. leaf if it's a plant) with the words "Look Up" next to it. Tap on the symbol. If the plant or animal can be identified, it may give you more than one possibility on the results page. Scroll down on the same page and see if there are any other pictures that look similar to what you are trying to identify on the internet. If something looks similar, click on it to try to confirm the identification. To return to the original picture, simply tap the info icon again. Introduced along with the iOS 15 upgrade, you can also open the picture then simply swipe upwards on the photo to pull up the Look Up screen.



If you have an Android, open the Google app. If not already installed on your device, download it from Google Play. Tap on the camera icon to the right side of your search bar. The Google Lens will open. You must allow access to either your camera if taking a picture or your photos if you have already taken the picture. If selecting a photo, simply tap on it to begin the ID process. Similar to the iPhone, photos and IDs will appear below.

Here are some examples of how the look-ups appear:



In addition to these free and simple methods, there are numerous phone applications you may download which vary from free to monthly fees and even annual subscriptions depending on your expected usage. Below I will list some of the top Plant ID applications:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PlantNet</li><li>• iNaturalist</li><li>• PlantSnap</li><li>• LeafSnap</li><li>• PictureThis</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blossom</li><li>• NatureID</li><li>• Flora Incognita</li><li>• iplant</li><li>• What's that flower?</li></ul> |
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Please feel free to check out all these apps and see which one fits your needs best. If you want a good overview without having to review each app, you can go to [www.beebom.com/best-plant-identifier-apps/](http://www.beebom.com/best-plant-identifier-apps/). This site gives a great synopsis of each application, lists pros and cons and shows some pictures. Ignore the fact that this was compiled for 2022 for my research shows it hasn't significantly changed for 2023.

Lastly, if you have any questions, please ask for child or in my case grandchild for help. They often know all the technology ins and outs better than we do!

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

(Events and Speakers subject to change.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
May 9 (Thursday)	Scholarship Luncheon 11 to 3 Woodmont Country Club
June 1 (Saturday)	10:30 - 3:30 Presentation on "Sunflowers"
June 7 (Friday)	8 AM Planting of Pollinator Garden at Whispering Woods Park
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"
August 17 (Saturday)	Lunch

We have a joint project with the City making our City a Monarch City.

We have a program with first and second grade students on "Parts of Plants We Eat" and making their own terrarium.

We will also have Garden Therapy presentations at Coral Springs Wellness Center with senior citizens and a Horticultural Series at Northwest Regional Library.

We participate at Northwest Regional Library three times a year doing "Make and Takes" with children and offer instructional programs and membership drives.



# MAY



## WHAT TO PLANT

**Annuals/Bedding Plants:** Plants that can take summer heat include salvia, angelonia, wax begonia, and ornamental pepper. **See *Annuals*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_annual\\_landscape\\_plants](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants)

**Bulbs:** Planting early-, mid-, and late-blooming varieties of daylily ensures months of color from these low-maintenance plants. **See *Daylilies*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_daylilies](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_daylilies) and ***Bulbs for Florida*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_bulbous\\_flowers](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers)

**Herbs:** Continue to plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, oregano, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. **See *Herbs*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_herbs](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs)

**Vegetables:** Swiss chard will take the heat as well as okra, southern pea, and sweet potato. **See *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_vegetable\\_gardening](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening)

## WHAT TO DO

**Pests:** Insects become more active in warm weather. Watch for thrips, scales, and mites on ornamental plants. **See *Landscape Pest Management*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_landscape\\_pests](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests)

**Gardenias:** Yellowing of older leaves is usually normal; yellowing of new growth usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency. **See *Gardenias at a Glance*:** <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep338>

**Oleanders:** Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander caterpillars at work. **See *Oleander Pest Management*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_oleander\\_ipm](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_oleander_ipm)

**Lawn insects:** Watch for damage from chinch bugs in St. Augustinegrass and begin scouting for newly hatched mole crickets in bahiagrass lawns. **See *Turfgrass Pest Insects*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_turf\\_pest\\_insects](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_pest_insects)

**Tomatoes:** Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on tomato plants. **See *Home Tomato Gardening*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_tomato\\_gardening](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tomato_gardening)

**New plants:** Produce more plants by air layering, grafting, division, or cuttings. **See *Seeds and Propagation (Lawn and Garden)*:** [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_garden\\_propagation](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_garden_propagation)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LORI LEVY 05/07

FELICE STRACHMAN 05/07

RITA GERSHBERG 05/09

## PLANT OF THE MONTH

### Maypop Passion Flower (*Passiflora incarnata*)



Beautiful flowers, fragrance and succulent fruit are characteristic of this **native** North American passion flower. *Passiflora incarnata* emerges in late spring, but this fast-growing perennial vine can reach more than 20' in a single season. Multiple stems arise from the roots creating a nice, full specimen. Mid-summer to fall, dozens of 3" wide flowers with creamy pinkish-lavender petals and fully banded corollas appear daily, and they have a sweet fragrance. This is the hardiest of the passion flowers since it grows as far north as New England. 'Maypop' must be cross pollinated with another hardy passion flower to produce fruit. Passion flower tincture or tea is used in herbal medicine to help relieve anxiety and promote sleep.

Just for you...  
Happy  
Mother's Day!



MAY 12, 2024



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> kickoff**

Blanket flower seed giveaway  
& information about planting



**June 15<sup>th</sup> teacup succulents**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> propagation of plants**



**Aug 17<sup>th</sup> DIY terrariums**

**COME GROW WITH US!**

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  
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

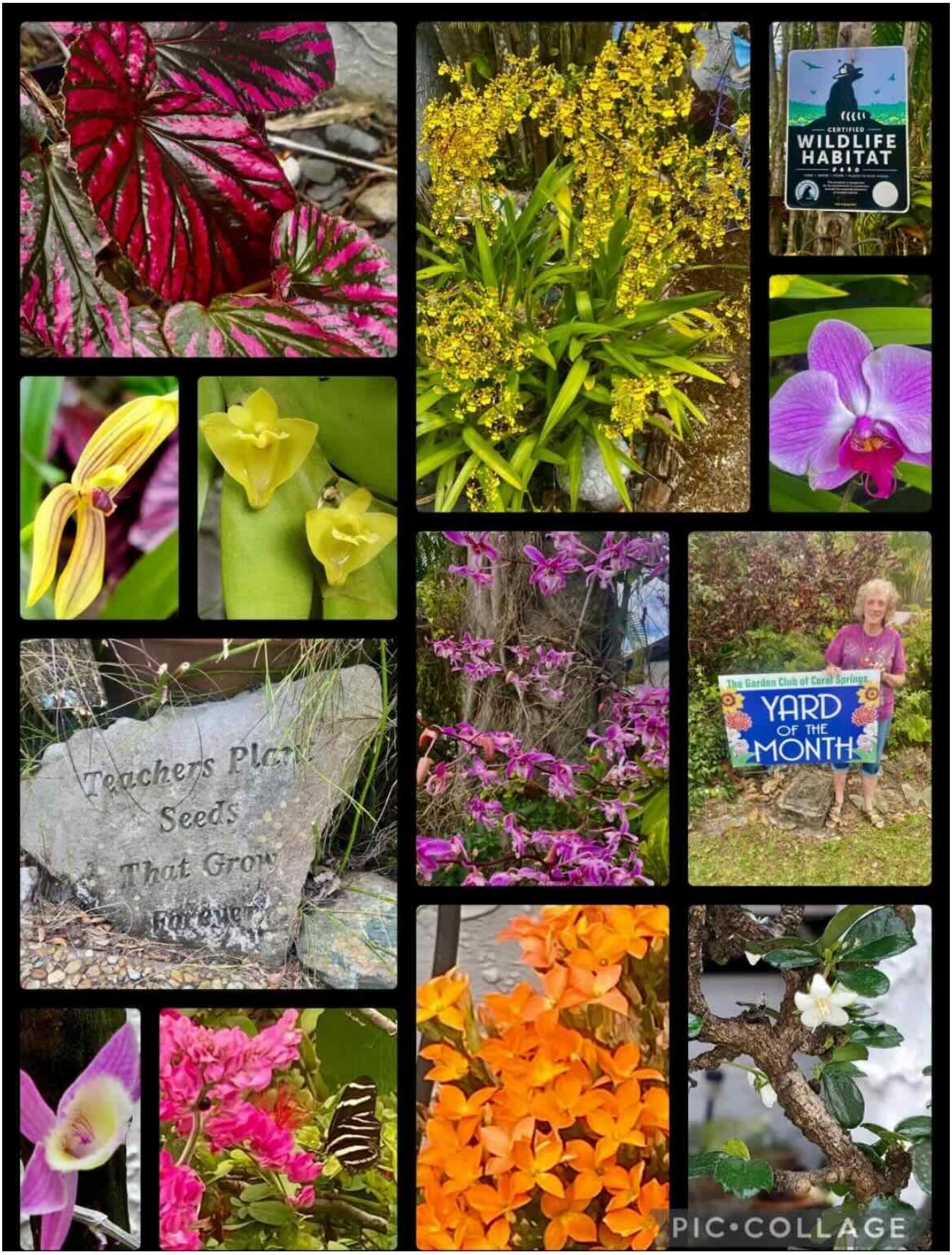
contact

[gardenclubs2020@yahoo.com](mailto:gardenclubs2020@yahoo.com)

with name and address of property to be nominated

HAPPY GARDENING!!

Congratulations to Lynn Rochelle for winning our Yard of the Month... See more



# Congratulations Nelly Oliveri, for winning the Yard of the Month Award fo... See more



## 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

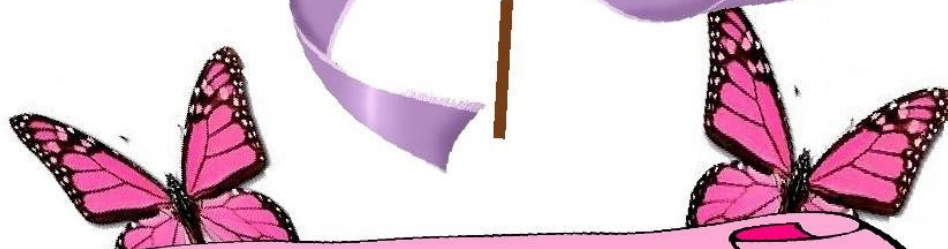
Dotty Molski

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>
<b>ORCHID</b>	\$1000	X	X	2		3 (M/E) for 2 people
<b>ROSE</b>	\$ 500	X	X	1		2 (M/E) for 1 person-
<b>AZALEA</b>	\$ 250	X	X	1	1	1 (M/E) for 1 person
<b>BEGONIA</b>	\$ 100				1	1 (E ) for 1 person
<b>DAISY</b>	\$ 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](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](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://www.floridata.com)

<http://flawildflowers.org>

### SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT:

[www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)

### PUBLISHERS:

<http://upf.com>

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

<http://www.pineapplepress.com/>

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### 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](http://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](http://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