



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

OCTOBER 2025

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 10:30AM TO 12:30PM - ALSO SOME SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE OUR WORKING MEMBERS - MEETINGS ARE HELD AT NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY (3151 N UNIVERSITY DR, CORAL SPRINGS) AND FIELD TRIPS ARE HELD AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE. OUR GENERAL MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS ARE OPEN TO FUTURE MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

VICE - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club Members,

Let me start by saying that I hope your October is happy and healthy.

I joined The Garden Club of Coral Springs while I was at the Art Festival and Garden Fest in 2023. I had no idea I would even join a garden club, but I love gardening. It has been one of my stress relief outlets for many years. I have to say, the people at the booth at the time I showed up were so full of energy about the club, I just had to join. I am grateful for all the new friends I have made in the last two years, and all the wonderful things this club does.

I think this year's field trip schedule is a good one.

On October 9th we will be going to The Marine Environmental Education Center in Davie.

On November 13th we are headed to The Solid Waste Authority Recycling plant, off of Bee Line Hwy in Palm Beach.

On December 13th we will host our annual Holiday Lunch at Galuppi's. It's always a fun event.

Then on February 7th we will go to Paradise Palms Botanical and Sculpture Gardens in Delray.

Next up is the April 9th trip to Jesse Durko's Nursery in Davie.

Then on May 9th we are scheduled to have a tour of Old Pompano with a possible trip to Wahoo Bay.

Then, to end the season sometime in May, we will have our annual Scholarship Luncheon.

Thank you for the opportunity to take an active role in the Garden Club. I have found the more I do, the more friends I make and the more enjoyment I feel. We have lots of diverse activities in which one can participate and should you help, I promise you will benefit as I have.

Editor's Note: Thank you to VP Debbie Strong for filling in while our Pres is away.

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.

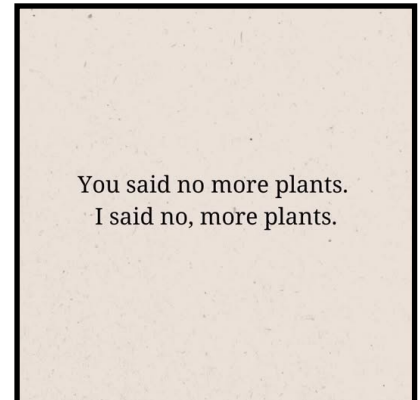
Membership in the Garden Club is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

FROM MEMBERS AND PROJECTS

Michelle Smith shared the many shells of turtles.



A funny shared by Lori Levy



Martha Eisenberg Speaks on Growing Tomatoes

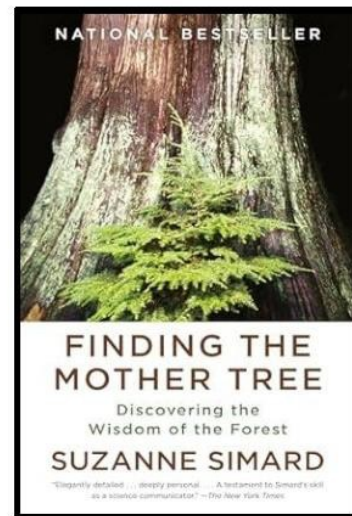


Dave Thompson shared pictures of an Atalla Butterfly and Caterpillar on his Coontie plants



If you have a cute joke or an interesting picture to share, please send it to me at dmolski@bellsouth.net.

**A BOOK REPORT SUBMITTED BY
JILL KAREFF**



This book, published in 2021 is a fascinating look into what some people call the “wood-wide web”. Suzanne Simard is a Professor of Forest Ecology at the University of British Columbia. She grew up in a logging family in Western Canada, who understood that clear cutting would negatively impact their precious land. Her first job with the Canadian Forest Service was as a field researcher focusing on how to get the most value out of the land for the logging industry. They prescribed using herbicides as well as clearing away as much vegetation as possible, and more importantly establishing a monoculture of the lumber companies’ most profitable trees. All are horrible ideas and very destructive in many ways.

Suzanne’s years of living, working and observing the forests around her brought her many discoveries. The Wood-wide web is a metaphor that explains the idea that trees communicate and exchange not only information, but nutrients such as carbon, via an underground network of fungi! “Plants are attuned to one another’s strengths and weaknesses, elegantly giving and taking to attain exquisite balance”, page 655. Her research has brought attention to the interplay of the many species of plants and animals that inhabit a landscape. “Ecosystems are so similar to human societies- they are built on relationships”, page 691. She also has observed that “all the plants in this forest belonged to one another”, page 615. The interconnectedness flows all the way deep into the soil and a very interesting phenomenon called mycorrhizal linkages. You will need to read the book to understand the depth and function of these tiny networks essential to life in the forests as well as in your backyard.

So, back to the Mother Tree, which is obviously a term for the old growth trees which support and nourish the “children” that surround and interact with their elders in the forest. Suzanne is a mother, herself and much of the book discusses her relationships with her immediate and extended families. The book is memoir as well as a lesson in biology and a overview of life itself. There are TED talks and interviews that will give you a view to Suzanne’s research. There is also a movie in the works developed by Amy Adams and Jake Gyllenhaal. Stay tuned and find the book in our Boward library. It is also available via Libby.



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

UPCOMING TRAVEL



Ask about our
payment plans

Philadelphia Flower Show March 1 - 6, 2026

The Philadelphia Flower Show is the nation's largest and longest-running horticultural event and fundraiser featuring stunning displays by the world's premier floral, garden, and landscape designers.



Deep South Garden Clubs Cruise March 16 - 21, 2026

Join us for the 2026 Deep South Garden Clubs Cruise! Enjoy a cruise to Perfect Day at CocoCay and Labadee, along with workshops on Awards, Membership, Island Horticulture, Flower Show schedules, parliamentary procedures, napkin folding, and hands-on floral crafts.



Washington Tulip Festival

Tulip Festival in Washington State April 12-17, 2026

The vibrant Tulip Festival showcases millions of blooming tulips. While there, explore charming Friday Harbor, stunning Butchart Gardens, and picturesque Victoria.



WAFA in Sydney, Australia March 17 - 23, 2027

Join us for the World Association of Floral Artists International Show and Australia/New Zealand trip. Interested? Sign up for our "Keep Me Informed" list to stay informed.



Visit our website to learn more about these upcoming trips

<https://www.funseas.com/ffgc>

Contact Shelley Atkinson
your Garden Club Travel Advisor

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MARIGOLDS

SUBMITTED BY CAROL JOHNSON

The marigold - is worth it's weight in gold. This vibrant, fast growing annual blooms from early summer through the first frost (we don't have frost here).

There are more than 50 species of marigolds but 3 popular ones are African or Mexican, French and signet marigolds. They have round flower heads with carnation like petals in rich shades of yellow, orange, or red. This plant loves full sun, at least six hours a day,

A loved feature of the marigold is it's ability to repel pests with its fragrance and attract pollinators with its color.

Even though they are annuals, marigolds are prolific re-seeders and may come back next year with little effort. If you want to give them a boost, deadhead the blooms, rub between your fingers and drop and spread. Let them fall into the garden or bring them to a garden club meeting and share with other members.



French Marigold



African Marigold



Signet Marigold



DO BE A DO BEE
DON'T BE A DON'T BEE
BECOME A QUEEN BEE

Become an active member and help our
CLUB



the BUZZ around town
How to earn pins?



WORKER BEE PINS:



Complete 2 of the 4 or 1 **1**

Attend 5 out of 8 meetings or events

Bring new member our guest

Share a gardening tip at meeting, in newsletter or : Facebook

QUEEN BEE PIN



Must receive 1 WORKER BEE PIN and complete 3 from

Attend an additional meeting or event

Volunteer at Gardenfest for at least 2 hours

Volunteer at Earthfest Booth at least 1 hour

Help Youth Groups assembly of kits or presentation

Work on a committee

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IMPORTANT

If you wear your name tag to meetings and events, you'll have the chance to enter a drawing to win a beautiful handmade fused glass pendant. It's a simple way to show your participation and engagement, and who knows—you might be the lucky winner of this unique and stunning piece of jewelry. Don't forget to wear your name tag for your chance to win!

Order a Garden Club Tee Shirt. \$15.00.



Polo shirts white for men , pink for ladies. \$25.00

One tee shirt is given to new members who work the garden fest. Anyone who previously received a shirt will need to purchase if they want an additional tee shirt.

Contact Ken 954-913-1617

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!!

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.



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What to Plant

Annuals/Perennials/Wildflowers: Even though temperatures are still warm, begin planting for the cooler months ahead. Impatiens, alyssum, and dianthus are good choices for the fall/winter garden.

Ask IFAS: *Annuals:* <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/annuals>

Ask IFAS: *Perennials:* <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/perennials>

Florida Wildflower Foundation: <https://www.flawildflowers.org/>

Herbs: A wide range of herbs can be planted from seed or transplants this month. Some to try include dill, fennel, parsley, and cilantro.

Ask IFAS: *Herbs:* <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/herbs>

Vegetables: Easy crops that can be grown now include beans, broccoli, carrots, collards, lettuce, green onions, peppers, radishes, spinach, and tomatoes.

Ask IFAS: *Vegetable Gardening in Florida:* https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/vegetable_gardening

What to Do

Frangipani/Plumeria Rust: This disease causes yellow spots and premature leaf drop but does not affect the long-term health of the plant. Removing, raking, and disposing of infected leaves may slow the infection.

Lawns: Control winter weeds in lawns before they appear. Preemergence herbicides must be applied at the right time to be effective. Apply when nighttime temperatures are 55°F–60°F for 4–5 days. Mow lawngrass at the recommended height ; mowing too short encourages weeds and stresses the turf.

Ask IFAS: *Lawn and Garden Care: Weed Management:* <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/lawn-garden-weed-management>;

Ornamental trees and shrubs: Under-performing plants might need fertilizer. This is the last month of the year to fertilize shrubs and trees. Controlled-release fertilizer provides nutrients over a longer period.

Strawberries: Prepare beds and set strawberry plants this month. Strawberries also make a colorful and tasty container planting. Either way, water daily until plants are established.

Palms: Palms have unique nutritional needs. Select a fertilizer that contains controlled-release nitrogen, potassium, and magnesium.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

DEB WEATHERLY	10/01
TERRY CONOWAL	10/15
WILLIAM HOLTON	10/16
LYNN ROCHELLE	10/17
ARIE SPIRGEL	10/19
SHERRY MATHIEU	10/23

PLANT OF THE MONTH

STRAWBERRIES

Since **strawberries** can't survive the summer heat in Fort Lauderdale, we have to [grow](#) them as annuals rather than perennials. Transplant the strawberries you picked up from a garden center from October to December. The berries will be ready to harvest in 90 to 110 days after planting them in your garden.

When growing **strawberries** in hanging baskets or other containers, you can put about three plants in each one. If planting in a garden bed, space **strawberry plants** 10 to 18 inches apart. For each plant, dig a hole deep and wide enough so that the roots aren't squished. The crown—where the stems and roots meet—should be right at the soil surface. Once you've filled in the gaps with soil, water well.

If you find that birds, rabbits, and other critters are troublesome in your garden, you can protect your **strawberries** by covering the plants with netting.

Raised beds are suitable for **strawberries** since this ensures the soil is well-draining, so the roots will get plenty of oxygen. Spread some mulch like straw or shredded bark on the surface. This creates a dry barrier between the berries and the soil, so they don't get mushy, plus it retains

Strawberries also grow well in containers, even in hanging baskets, which are perfect if you're tight on space. Plus, if in hanging baskets, the plants are well off the ground, making it more difficult for garden pests to get at them.

Water your strawberry plants often, regularly use a well-balanced fertilizer, and keep up on weeding to make sure your **strawberries** get all the nutrients they need.

When about three-quarters of the surface of a **strawberry** has turned red, it's time to pick it! Leaving part of the green stem attached will help the berries last longer. **Strawberries** stay fresh for only a few days after harvesting, so eat them soon or add to your favorite recipes. If you don't think you'll get through all your delicious strawberries within a few days after harvest, you can freeze them to use at a later time.



Living Color Garden Center

3691 Griffin Rd

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312



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

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<http://www.plantfinder.com>

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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:

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THE GUIDE TO FLORIDA WILDFLOWERS

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

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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

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ATTRACTING BIRDS TO SOUTH FLORIDA GARDENS

James A. Kushlan & Kirsten Hines

www.kirstenNatureTravel/publications

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