



# The Garden Club of Coral Springs

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APRIL 2026

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 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

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Cultivating Our Future: Leadership and the Upcoming Election Slate**

The strength of any organization lies in its leadership and in its ability to inspire the next generation to step forward. As we look ahead, The Garden Club of Coral Springs is proud to present this year's slate of nominated officers, thoughtfully prepared by the Nominating Committee: Jeri Decker, Luanne Betz, and Debbie Strong.

The proposed board for the upcoming term is as follows:

President: Jeri Decker

Vice-President (Programs): Lori Levy

Treasurer: Maria DePasque

Recording Secretary: Carol Johnson

Corresponding Secretary: Terry Conowal

Past President: Luanne Betz

We are grateful to these dedicated members who have agreed to serve and continue guiding our club with passion and purpose. Thank you to Mary Anne McKay and Debbie Strong who will continue their involvement by contributing to the club in different roles but served on the executive board for many years.

It is important to reflect on the broader landscape facing community organizations today. Many once-thriving groups have struggled or even ceased operations (including Festival of the Arts, Coral Springs Orchid Society and Friends of Music), due to a lack of volunteers and emerging leaders. Their challenges serve as a reminder of how vital member involvement truly is.

The Garden Club of Coral Springs has grown into something truly special. Our programs, projects, and friendships reflect the commitment and enthusiasm of our members. But to ensure that this legacy continues, we must actively cultivate future leaders and encourage wider participation.

While some members have already stepped forward to take on leadership roles, there is still a need to engage new voices and perspectives, especially from younger members who will help carry the club into the future. Leadership doesn't always mean taking on a board position; even volunteering for one or two projects throughout the year makes a meaningful and lasting impact.

Together, we can preserve the camaraderie, creativity, and community spirit that define our club. By investing in our future leaders today, we ensure that The Garden Club of Coral Springs continues to flourish for years to come.

Sincerely,

Luanne Betz

President

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE** - [www.coral Springsgardenclub.org](http://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](mailto:dmolski@bellsouth.net).**  
Membership in the Garden Club is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

# PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS FOR WILDLIFE

By Lynn Rochelle

According to the Tropical Audubon Society, a few native plants for attracting birds are:

**Firebush** is a top choice for songbirds and hummingbirds because it provides berries and seeds. They attract mockingbirds, thrashers, and chickadees, among others.

**Wild Coffee** has berries that attract cardinals, mockingbirds and migratory songbirds.

**Wax Myrtle** produces dense cover and small waxy berries.

**Simpson's Stopper** has fragrant flowers, berries, and leaves. Bluejays, cardinals and catbirds feed on the berries.

**American Beautyberry** which is famous for its stunning clusters of berries in the fall and winter.

**Sea Grape**, a coastal plant providing fruit for birds.

**Coral Honeysuckle** is a source of nectar for hummingbirds.

**Corkystem Passion Vine** provides food for insects that birds feed on. It also is a host plant for Florida's native Zebra Longwing butterfly.

**Coontie** produces seeds for birds and provides a fundamental ground cover. It is also a crucial host plant for the endangered Atala butterfly.

More information can be found on the Florida Wildflower Foundation website and UF/FAS Gardening Solutions.

Information for this article was gathered from Google and the Audubon plants database.

[American Beautyberry](#)



[Coral Honeysuckle](#)



## PLANT GIVE AWAY

April 11th 10 AM - 4 PM

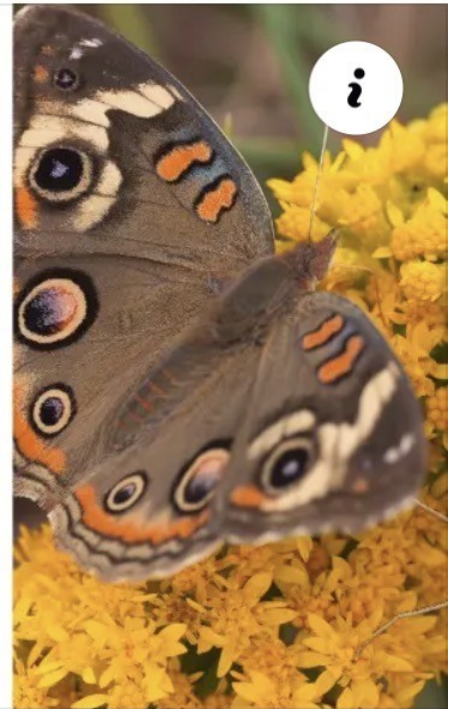
Florida Nursey Mart, 10900 Griffin Rd, Davie, FL 33328

The Florida Wildflower Foundation is celebrating 25 years of promoting native wildflowers. They are teaming up with **Florida Nursery Mart** for a native plant giveaway.

Plant species available:

- Swamp milkweed
- Starry rosinweed
- Goldenrod
- Climbing aster
- Coral honeysuckle
- Woolly Teabush
- Buttonbush

They also have a raffle, For more information and to enter the raffle, go to [www.flawildflowers.org](http://www.flawildflowers.org).



## COMMON GARDENING GAFFES

By Jill Kareff

We have all made mistakes in gardening adventures through the years. Some are small and insignificant, and some are major and have a large impact through the years. Here are some of the most common:

**\*NOT FOLLOWING THE RULE OF RIGHT PLANT RIGHT PLACE!** I bet we are all guilty of this one at least one time. A stunning bougainvillea planted beside your very shady front door, may not get enough sunshine, and may pose a hazard to unsuspecting visitors unfamiliar with their nasty thorns. Do your research, this is a critical element of a successful garden. Also, do not underestimate the size of the tree or shrubs when mature. When placing young flowering plants, use the recommended spacing to get the best effect for a nice, full looking garden. In addition, be sure to plant trees and shrubs a proper distance from the house. It should be more than half of the mature width of the plant so that it does not overhang the roof or crowd the foliage.

**\*IMPROPER WATERING!** Do a bit of research about the plants before you place them in your yard. Some plants like to stay moist all the time, and some need to dry out between watering. Not all plants have similar requirements, so you need to group them according to their needs, not yours. Also, be cognizant of when and where your sprinklers deliver water.

**\*IGNORING SOIL HEALTH!** Some of us are diligent composters, and some are not. Either way, our soil needs help to support healthy plants. Lovely cow manure, coffee grounds and banana peels are all easy ways to amend your soil. At least once a year, add organic material to improve your soil, help retain moisture, improve drainage and help fight pests naturally.

**\*NOT MULCHING** Apply organic mulch to a depth of 2-4 inches and reapply yearly, or as needed. Mulch helps suppress weeds, retains moisture, keeps roots cool and should add to the general appearance of your yard. Never use the volcano approach to mulching around trees, it should be 1-2 inches away from the trunk and never piled up in a mound.

A few other common mistakes:

Careless use of pesticides, be aware of when and where you apply. We don't need to kill everything!

Untimely pruning, do your due diligence for when and how to trim, especially after a cold snap.

Do not assume a plant is native just because it thrives! Kudzu is a perfect example!

Buying inferior plants or plants out of season. Just because some big box stores sell tomato plants in June, does not mean that they will grow through the hot summer. Look for nurseries who can advise you on what to purchase, where to plant and proper care. You are also supporting the locals!

As long as we learn from our mistakes, we can refer to them as "lessons". Gardening in South Florida is different from the rest of the country as we are learning. Gardening Zones have changed, and we need to adjust with the changes. There are plenty of websites and professionals who can advise us all. So go out there and get dirty!

# CONGRATULATIONS!

A number of our members are the recipients of the Silver Pollinator Certificate bestowed by The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. The certificates distributed were issued to participants who demonstrated knowledge and commitment to creating pollinator-friendly habitats and practices that support native pollinators and their ecosystems.

Recipients completed the required criteria, including:

Habitat enhancement practices (e.g., native plantings, nectar sources, and shade provision).

Reduction of pesticide usage and adoption of pollinator-safe alternatives.

Ongoing stewardship commitments to monitor and maintain pollinator habitats.

Congratulations to **Luanne Betz and Dave Thompson, Grace Boston, Ken Decker, Gail Gauthier, Jill Kareff, Taryn Palo, Shannon Schnuerer, Lisette Siple, Debbie Strong and Debbie Weatherly**. The Club also received the certificate for our gardens in Veterans Park and Whispering Woods. Congratulations to all our members who helped to create these gardens and to **Les Corbin, Gail and Ken Gauthier, Lynn Rochelle, Dave Thompson and Debbie Weatherly** who work so hard maintaining them.



# Membership ~ Come Join Us And Bring a Friend!

*Come Grow With Us As We Beautify Our Community!*

Though our headquarters is in the beautiful city for which we are named, our membership is opened to the surrounding communities of Broward County for ladies and gents. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and on select Saturdays from September through May. All meetings will be held at Northwest Regional Library. We have featured speakers, programs, demonstrations, films and videos on horticulture and the environment from varied locations.

## Benefits of Membership

Your membership card will entitle you to:

- 10% discount at The Tropic Plants 7910 N. University Drive ~ Tamarac, 33321 (excluding sale items)
- 10% discount NuTurf Garden Center on Dixie Highway in Pompano (just north of Copans Rd and south of Sample)
- Workshops, Lectures and Classes
- Discounted admissions to select gardens and much more.
- Membership in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Garden Club.
- Newsletters

You will gain a wealth of gardening knowledge, become addicted to your garden, enjoy new friendships and feel good about your community!

## JOIN or REJOIN THE GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS TODAY!

**We offer two categories of Membership:**

**Individual:** Dues are \$52 for new members and \$40 for renewals .

**DUAL:** Two person dues are \$64 for new members and \$50 for renewals.

ONLINE REGISTRATION - <https://coralspringsgardenclub.org/membership/>

# End of Year Luncheon

May 14<sup>th</sup> 2026

11:30 - 2:30

\$40.00 members

\$45.00 nonmembers

payment due by: May 4th

**Livello's Resturant**  
**Coral Palm Plaza**  
**2047 N University Dr,**  
**Coral Springs, FL 33071**

Pay on website

or

Mail check to:

**The Garden Club of Coral Springs**

**P.O.Box 773334**

**Coral Springs, FL 33077**



## Family Style Service



### Appetizers

**Stuffed Fiochi pasta** with roasted pears, walnuts in formage blanc sauce with micro herbs

**Wagyu beef meatballs** baked in San Marzano tomato sauce, Parmesan fondue, baby arugula salad and herb ricotta

**Toasted ciabatta crostini** with house made burrata, oven roasted heirloom tomatoes, Genovese pesto, prosciutto di Parma and aged balsamic

### Salad

**Romaine lettuce** tossed with our house made Caesar dressing, garlic focaccia croutons and shaved Grana Padano

### Entrees

#### Tagliatelle alla primavera

Hand cut tagliatelle pasta with oven roasted vegetables, roasted garlic, extra virgin olive oil and herbs

#### Pollo Al limone

Egg batter pan sautéed all natural chicken breast with wild mushrooms, cherry heirloom tomatoes, fiore di latte mozzarella in a Pinot Grigio pan sauce

#### Faroe islands salmon Positano

Wood roasted Faroe Islands salmon with capers and cherry tomatoes in a Pinot Grigio lemon butter sauce. Served with baby spinach

### Dessert Sampler

Cookies

Cannoli

Tiramisu

Chocolate mousse



## The Call

### District XI SPRING MEETING "Spring is in the AIR"

Wednesday, April 29th 2026

10:00 am to 2:00pm

Emma Lou Olson Civic

1801 Ne 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Pompano Beach, Fl 33060

To: All District XI Garden Club Members, Club and Circle Presidents, MAL Liaison, State and District Officers, State and District Chairmen, Former FFGC Presidents and Directors. Guests are always welcome.

From: Taryn Palo, Director of District XI,

Host: The Pompano Beach Garden Club

Cost: \$35 Registration Checks: Please make payable to Pompano Beach Garden Club. Cost:

**RSVP by April 22, 2026**

Doors open at 9:30 for coffee and mingling. Meeting starts at 10:00

Mail To: Registrar: Cindy DeBlasio-1619 SE 8th Ave. Deerfield Beach 33441

Phone: 954-253-9938 [cindydaisy@me.com](mailto:cindydaisy@me.com)

#### **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST MENU—9:30 am –10:30 am**

*Fruit , Assorted pastries, coffee, tea*

#### **LUNCHEON MENU**

There will be a box lunch with Turkey, Ham, Tuna or Chicken.

There will be a box to check on registration form.

Dessert

An exciting program is being put together.

Registration and program details will be sent out Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>  
2026

# OUR MEMBERS

Thank you, Steven, for the bee education and the cuke serving suggestion!



Thank you, Luanne and Grace, for sharing your trip to the Philadelphia Flower show with us. More photos can be found on Facebook.



Thank you, Debbie Weatherly, for updating us on the Plant Exchange.

How to plant a DIY garden in a small space.

Plant enthusiasts love to exchange and receive plants. At the Coral Springs Garden Club Plant Exchange, it's very important to remember what valuable resources non-invasive plants are. We want to promote the best possible habitats for our native wildlife. Invasive plants are not approved and will be thrown away. We encourage healthy plants. Everyone is welcome to participate. LR



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A Gardening Tip from Jeri.



## Golden Bee Award (Begonia)

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

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Winner

**Jill Kareff**

April 2026

**It is my great pleasure to present the Golden Bee Begonia Award to Jill Kareff.**

Jill is someone you can always count on to step up and help. She consistently goes above and beyond, filling in wherever needed while staying fully committed to her regular volunteer work with our club. From taking photos at events and managing Facebook posts to making sure our hospitality table is always stocked with treats; Jill helps keep everything running smoothly.

This year, she even led our “make and take” meeting, teaching us how to create beautiful vases from old books a true highlight! She’s also jumped in to support the seed library and actively contributes to both the scholarship and holiday party committees. She also serves on the newsletter committee, frequently contributing thoughtful and engaging articles. And that’s likely not even the full list, because Jill is always pitching in wherever she’s needed.

Beyond the club, Jill is a master gardener who volunteers with animal rescues and the craft guild. She is a retired nurse and enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Thank you, Jill, for everything you do, we truly appreciate you!



# WHAT SHRUBS SHOULD YOU PLANT IN SOUTH FLORIDA

By: Jeri Decker with help from AI

Great question! South Florida has a warm, humid climate and you need a distinctly Florida-friendly landscape approach. Here are flowering shrubs that perform well in South Florida, with quick notes on why they're a good fit and basic care tips.

## 1. Firebush (*Hamelia patens*)

Color and blooms: Bright red/orange tubular flowers that attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

Sun/Shade: Thrives in full sun to light shade.

Size & shape: Upright, mounding habit; several cultivars available.

Care tips: Moderate water once established; tolerance to heat and drought once rooted.



Blooming season: Year-round in warm climates.

## 2. Bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea* spp.)

Color and blooms: Vivid bracts in pink, purple, red, orange, or white; long-lasting display.

Sun/Shade: Full sun required for best flowering

Size & shape: Vines or sprawling shrubs; can be trained as a hedge.

Care tips: Drought-tolerant; avoid overwatering; prefers well-drained soil.

Blooming season: Generally year-round in South Florida with peak in dry season.



## 3. Ixora (*Ixora coccinea*)

Color and blooms: Dense clusters of small florets in red, orange, pink, or yellow.

Sun/Shade: Full sun to partial shade; bright flowers with more sun.

Size & shape: Compact shrub, 3-6 ft typical.

Care tips: Regular watering while establishing; responds to regular feeding with a balanced fertilizer.

Blooming season: Most of the year in warm winters.



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#### 4. Hibiscus (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*)

Color and blooms: Large, showy flowers in a wide range of colors.

Sun/Shade: Full sun; tolerates heat well.

Size & shape: Multi-stemmed shrub or small tree, depending on cultivar.

Care tips: Consistent moisture; heavy feeders appreciate regular fertilizer; remove spent blooms to encourage more.

Blooming season: Year-round in South Florida.



#### 5. Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)

Color and blooms: Classic pink, red, white, or bicolor blooms.

Sun/Shade: Full sun; very heat tolerant.

Size & shape: Upright shrub, 6-20 ft depending on pruning.

Care tips: Drought-tolerant once established; be mindful of toxicity to pets; avoid heavy pruning in hot spells.

Blooming season: Most of the year in warm climates.



#### 6. Mexican Orange Blossom (*Choisya ternata*)

Color and blooms: Fragrant white flowers; glossy green leaves.

Sun/Shade: Full sun to partial shade.

Size & shape: Low to mid-height, evergreen shrub.

Care tips: Regular irrigation until established; tolerates heat but appreciates some afternoon shade in hottest areas.

Blooming season: Spring to early summer.



#### 7. Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)

Color and blooms: Attractive purple berries in fall; delicate pinkish-lavender flowers.

Sun/Shade: Full sun to partial shade.

Size & shape: Upright, spreading shrub; 3-6 ft tall.

Care tips: Moderate water; berries persist into winter in milder years.

Blooming season: Spring for flowers; berries appear in fall/wall.



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## 8. Jasmine shrubs (Trachelospermum jasminoides, Gardenia family considerations)

Color and blooms: Fragrant white flowers (Gardenia-like scent varies by species).

Sun/Shade: Partial to full sun; some varieties handle heat better than others.

Size & shape: Vining or shrub forms depending on cultivar.

Care tips: Well-drained soil; regular moisture; some cultivars are heavy feeders.



Blooming season: Spring to early summer; some varieties repeat bloom.

### Tips for choosing and planting in South Florida

Soil and drainage: Florida soils can be sandy and low in nutrients. Amend with compost or use raised beds; ensure good drainage to prevent root rot.

Salt tolerance: If planting near the coast, select salt-tolerant varieties (e.g., Oleander, Hibiscus, Bougainvillea).

Native and Florida-friendly options: Consider native shrubs like Simpson's Stopper (not a flowering shrub focus here) and other natives for low-maintenance, drought tolerance, and beneficial wildlife.

Pest and disease: Watch for spider mites, aphids, whiteflies, and scale. Regular monitoring and appropriate miticides or soap sprays help.

Watering: Soak deeply but infrequently after establishment; avoid constant wet feet. Tune irrigation for the rainy season to prevent overwatering.

Steven Braska also showed us a novel way to present our cukes and tomatoes on a veggie platter.



# Environmental

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| Awareness      | Pollution    | Habitat      |       |
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# The FFGC Registration for the Convention is now open.

Check out the fun Workshops! [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org)

Register online today in 5 minutes and get free self parking once you register.

**FFGC CONVENTION**  
**Registration**  
**is now open!**



**APRIL 14-17, 2026**

**Embassy Suites Orlando by Hilton**

**Lake Buena Vista South, Fl.**

**State Flower Show - "Once Upon a Time"**



As part of the City's ongoing commitment to expanding and strengthening the urban tree canopy, the Residential Tree Subsidy Program helps eligible single-family homeowners plant new street trees at a reduced cost.

Residents may receive a \$250 rebate for planting an approved Florida Grade #1 street tree, measuring over 10 feet in height, on their property. Rebates are issued after the tree has been inspected, properly established, and confirmed to be thriving.

**For additional information go to [Street Tree Program - City of Coral Springs](#) or contact our member Casey Lee, City Forester, at [clee@coralsprings.gov](mailto:clee@coralsprings.gov) or by phone at 954-344-1117.**

## IMPORTANT

If you wear your name tag to meetings and events, you'll have the chance to enter a drawing to win a beautiful prize. It's a simple way to show your participation and engagement, and who knows—you might be the lucky winner! 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



We still have patches available for purchase that you can sew or iron onto a **pink** blouse, tee, hoodie, hat or garment of your choice.

Depending on your level of giving, you may be entitled to one for free. However, they are only \$5 each so it may be fun to get more than one for style flexibility! Please contact Mary Anne at [mimi0113@gmail.com](mailto:mimi0113@gmail.com) to purchase/pick up.

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!!

## 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*



## Garden Club of Coral Springs



Nancy Simons McElroy Da... · 2m · 🌐

Congratulations to Bill Mennitt and Michael Nagel for winning our Yard of the Month award for March. Mike designed stepping stones that lead you through vignettes of Talavera pottery, orchids, agaves, succulents and bromeliads. He also constructed a large koi pond with moss and ferns growing around the edges. Sixty-three large koi meander through fountains and plants Absolutely ethereal.



The Garden Club of Coral Springs Schedule of Events 2025-2026  
Meetings are held at Northwest Regional Library in Coral Springs  
(Events and Speakers are subject to change.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
April 9 (Thursday)	10 AM to 12 PM - Field trip to Jesse Durko Nursery
April 18 (Saturday)	10:30 AM to 12:30 PM - Meeting with a presentation by Ashley Cocherham - Stream to Sea
April 25 (Saturday)	9 AM to 12 PM - EarthFest at Sawgrass Nature Center
April 29 (Wednesday)	District Meeting
May 9 (Saturday)	Field Trip to Wahoo Bay & Tour Old Pompano
May 14 (Thursday)	11:30 AM to 2:30 PM - Scholarship Luncheon - to be held at Livellos, 2047 N University Drive, Coral Springs

If you have a wonderful place to recommend for a field trip or a guest speaker you think we would all enjoy and learn from, please feel free to contact Debbie Strong with your suggestion at [deb.bob@outlook.com](mailto:deb.bob@outlook.com).

We plant and maintain a vegetable garden at Sawgrass Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital to help feed the animals.

We planted and maintain a native garden at Whispering Woods Park.

We planted and maintain a Florida friendly garden at Veteran's Park in Coral Springs.

We will be hosting a series at Northwest Regional Library "Color Your World with Plants".

We have a plot in the Community Garden of Coral Springs to grow vegetables and flowers.

PLEASE CONTACT [LUANNEBETZ@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LUANNEBETZ@GMAIL.COM)  
TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE.



## What to Plant

**Annuals/Perennials/Wildflowers:** Liven up plant beds with heat-tolerant bloomers such as **cannas, coleus, vinca, and portulaca.**

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/annuals>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/perennials>

<https://www.flawildflowers.org/>

**Herbs:** Some herbs to plant now include **basil and mint.**

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/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.

[https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/vegetable\\_gardening](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/vegetable_gardening)



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# 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.

[https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/butterfly\\_pollinator\\_gardening](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/butterfly_pollinator_gardening)

**Pests:** Monitor insect activity and learn which bugs damage plants and which do not.

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/lawn-garden-pest-management>

**Beneficial insects:** Identify and conserve the good guys! Some insects play a key role in pest management and should be encouraged in your yard!

[https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/beneficial\\_insects](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/beneficial_insects)

**Tomatoes:** Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on developing tomato plants.

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/tomato-gardening>

**Palms:** Identify and treat environmental and nutritional disorders in palm trees.

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/palm-care>

**Oleanders:** Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander caterpillars at work.

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/oleander-pest-management>

**Fruits:** Propagate fruit crops by air layering and grafting.

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/HS1349>

**Divide:** Clumps of bulbs, ornamental grasses, or herbaceous perennials can be divided now to expand or rejuvenate garden beds or to pass along to friends.

Ask IFAS: *Bulbs for Florida:* [https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/bulbous\\_flowers](https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/bulbous_flowers)

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

*The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design:* [https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/fflifasufledu/docs/FFL-Plant-Guide\\_v030624\\_web.pdf](https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/fflifasufledu/docs/FFL-Plant-Guide_v030624_web.pdf)

Ask IFAS: *Shrubs:* <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/shrubs>

**Frangipani/Plumeria Rust:** This common fungus disease is active during warm months and first appears as orange-yellow pustules on the backsides of leaves. Remove and dispose of all infected leaves and any on the ground. Rust will not kill the plant but can defoliate it.



## PLANT OF THE MONTH



Moss rose plants (*Portulaca grandiflora*) are hardy flowering annual succulents, known for their vibrant blooms and cactus-like nature. Native to South America, these plants grow up to 9 inches tall and spread to form a thick ground cover, making them ideal for gardens and landscapes. Their flowers, often resembling miniature roses, come in various bright colors with ruffled petals. It's important to plant moss rose carefully as it's toxic to pets and will only bloom fully in sunny conditions. Moss rose plants are a popular choice for growing in [container gardens](#), along the front edge of garden bed borders, as edging along paved walkways, on top of stone walls, and in rock gardens. In addition, the trailing habit of moss rose works well in [hanging baskets](#). These plants will flourish in poor, dry soils where many other plants might struggle. Soil that's too wet can kill them. Moss roses typically bloom from summer to the first frost of the fall without any deadheading required.

As annuals, the plants will die at the end of the growing season, but they do produce seeds that can potentially germinate and sprout the following year.

ZONE 2—11

The Spruce



# Did you know??

The smell of soil increases serotonin

Dirt under your finger nails improves gut health

Gardening reduces symptoms of ADHD

Spending time in a garden  
decreases anxiety and depression

Growing plants increases self-esteem

Gardening promotes happiness  
and increases quality of life



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**DO BE A DO BEE**

**DON'T BE A DON'T BEE**

**BECOME A QUEEN BEE**

Become an active member and help our  
CLUB BUZZ around town.

How to earn pins?

**WORKER BEE PINS:**



Complete 2 of the 3 items below:

Attend 5 out of 8 meetings or events;

Bring a new member or guest;.

Share a gardening tip at a meeting, in the newsletter or on Facebook.

**QUEEN BEE PIN**

Must receive 1 WORKER BEE PIN and complete 3 items from below:

Attend an additional meeting or event;

Volunteer at least 1 hour at the EarthFest Booth;

Help Youth Groups assemble kits or presentation;

Help with gardens at Veterans, Community, Sawgrass Nature

Center or Whispering Pines;

Help with Library Presentations

over the Summer.





Please consider helping others, including Mother Earth,  
by recycling the following products.

Collection Chair is Mary Anne McKay unless otherwise  
noted.

## COLLECTION ITEMS

Towels, sheets and small rugs - chaired by Jill - for the  
animals at Tri-County Animal Shelter.

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

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

Corks - Chaired by Jeri - These are donated to Total  
Wine.

Plant a Tree - Chaired by Shannon Schnuerer - Our  
pennies go towards reforestation.

## 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  
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