



RING IN THE NEW YEAR

January 2024

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Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Game Day

Monday, January 15, 2024 — 10:00 am—2:00 pm



Wekiwa Springs State Park
Wekiwa Youth Camp Dining Room



Tickets \$27

Create your table of 4 or more and play your game of choice.

Select a "Table CAPTAIN" and memo the name

Event includes:

**BREAKFAST, LUNCH, RAFFLE ITEMS, MONEY TREE,
SILENT AUCTION**

Reservation Deadline is January 8, 2024

Make checks payable to: **SWOGC**

Send checks to : Min Schwenderman

Wekiwa Springs State Park
entrance is off Wekiwa Springs
Rd.

No Park fees will be charged.

Tell Ranger you are attending the
Youth Camp Event.

Follow signs to the Youth Camp.

Thanks for supporting your club

*We are always in our garden... even if it's just
in our mind*

Executive Board

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January

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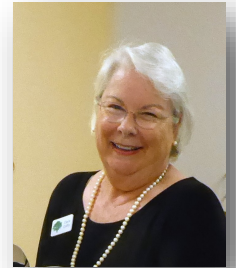
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7	8 General Meeting	9 Youth Gardeners 	10	11	12	13
14	15 GAME DAY Wekiva Youth Camp Martin Luther King Day 	16	17	18 District VII Meeting 2 P.M. ZOOM	19 10:30 A.M. Arbor Day 	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



January 1 Doris Lenz
 January 6 Sue Skambix
 January 12 Patty Scott
 January 13 Pam Frisbey
 January 19 Cynthia Nelson
 January 26 Judith Shaw

A Word From Our President

Happy New Year Everyone! January starts us off on a very busy 50th year. I hope everyone has bought their tickets for Game Day. It's a fun day; and, for those of you who have never been to our game day, its a chance to check out Camp Wekiva. We also have our tree planting on the 19th at the lake on Riverbend in Sweetwater Oaks.



Plans for the Garden Fair are firming up. Please check with Margaret Kirkpatrick or Pat Neff for a list of committees. Your helping hands are needed to make this event run smoothly. Also it's a great way to find new and unusual plants.

Here is a thought I really like: "To plant a garden is to dream of tomorrow." *Audrey Hepburn*

My wish for all of you is Peace and Wellness in the new year.

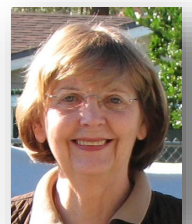
*Lynn Griffis
President*

MEMBERSHIP



A very Happy New Year from your membership co-chairs. We welcomed thirty-three members to the Christmas Luncheon at Village on the Green.

In this New Year we will be working on increasing our membership count that is presently fifty-nine members. We hope to encourage those members who are not active to find a place in the club where they want to help and be involved. If you are able, we need your participation in this regard.



*Marjorie Abbas
Jacque Body
Membership Chairs*

JANUARY PROGRAM

Monday, January 8, 2024

9:30 Social

10:00 Program

Village on the Green

SEMINOLE COUNTY NATURAL LANDS PROGRAM

Speaker: Allegra Buyer
Natural Resources Program Coordinator

Allegra Buyer is the Natural Resources Program Coordinator for the Seminole County Natural Lands Program. After graduating from New College of Florida with a degree in biology, she started her career working with exotics at Ravine Gardens State Park. From there she worked seasonal jobs in Alaska and Texas and then came back to Florida to be a biologist for the Florida Park Service in Apopka. She completed her MS in Ecological Restoration through the University of Florida and now conducts resource management on 6,600 acres of county owned lands, which includes invasive plant removal, restoration, prescribed fire and listed species management

PROGRAMS

February 12 THE WILD WORLD OF WOODPECKERS
Speaker: Jason Peliwo, Co-owner of Wild Birds Unltd.

March 11 ORCHIDS
Speaker: Teri Scott, Member of Central Florida Orchid Society

April 8 INSPECTS AND CONTROL
Speaker: Kaydie McCormick
Residential Horticulture Agent & Master Gardener
Coordinator for UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County

May 13 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & SPRING LUNCHEON



*Programs Chair
Pam Frisbey*

YOUTH GARDENERS



We did terrariums in December! They will be submitted for judging in the Orange County Fair in February. Ann Todd is taking care of the terrariums until then. Pam Frisbey, Linda Richter and Lynn Griffis assisted the students.



The next class will be held the Tuesday after the General Meeting.

Our January topic will be on Florida Birds led by Pam Frisbey.

*Ann Todd
Chairman, Youth Gardeners*

ARBOR DAY 2024

Florida Arbor Day
January 19, 2024
10:30 am



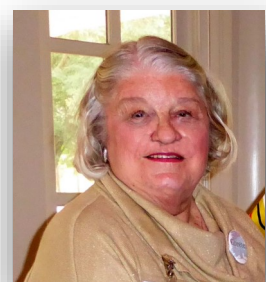
Circle your calendar date for a memorable 100th birthday celebration of the FFGC. We will be joining the whole world of Garden Clubs by planting a tree in commemoration that morning.

We will also be honoring our community of Sweetwater Oaks (our name sake) and planting an *Acer rubrum* (red maple) at the park on Riverbend Blvd. (off Wekiva Springs Rd. at the double lights).

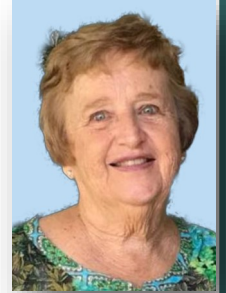
GOODIES---GIFTS-- FREE RAFFLE AND SOCIAL WILL BE ENJOYED!

Bring a chair and/or umbrella for your comfort.

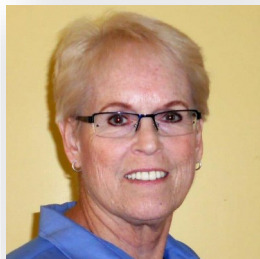
Min Schwenderman
Lynn Griffis
Rae Martin



WAYS AND MEANS



Happy New year to everyone!
Spring Plant Sale
March 22 and 23



Ways & Means Committee Co Chairmen
Lynn Griffis
Shirley Hungerford
Cheryl Nordstedt

HOSPITALITY

Janet, Laurie and I hope you all had a good holiday season. My snug waistline is telling me I had a very sweet month!!

We are looking forward to celebrating Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club's 50th year, and counting on each and everyone of you to come to our January meeting to join in. We will have lots of goodies to munch on while we enjoy an interesting talk.

Greeters: Viviana Rey & Karen Kichthorn

Dessert/Snack: Carmen Levine, Mary DeVaney, Janet McIntyre, Linda Willis

Small Plant/raffle: Min Schwenderman, Judy Shaw, Cheryl Nordstedt



3rd Vice President, Hospitality

Nancy Kelly

Laurie Kennedy

Janet McIntyre



GARDEN FAIR

Happy New Year! Now that the holidays are past, it is time to focus our attention to the Garden Fair only 2 months away – March 2nd- 3rd. This is a scary thought with so much to get done by then. We need all of our members support to assure success! Committee chairmen will be telephoning members and passing around sign-up sheets at the meeting asking for helpers in different areas. Everyone can help in some small way from help in acquiring sponsors and vendors (these are the backbone of our success), making telephone calls, helping with setup and take down, vendor helpers, and working our information booth. Or by simply spreading the word about our fair to all your friends and neighbors. You can also help by becoming "A SWOGC Friend" and contributing as little as \$100.00 to support our scholarships.



Our Garden Fair has grown into an event that reaches beyond our local community. We can be very proud of how far we have grown since a tiny seed was planted for the first Garden Fair in 2005. As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a member of the Florida Federation of Gardens Clubs, Inc., let's all do our part in helping make this year's fair the best ever!

Margaret Kirkpatrick

Garden Fair Chair

ORLANDO GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

Love Our Green Florida
A Flower Show Presented by the Orlando Garden Club

710 E. Rollins St., Orlando 32893

January 19 & 20, 2024

The Orlando Garden Club has given their club members a chance to sign up to display their horticulture and designs – and now they’re opening their show to everyone else. It’s your chance to show off your plants or stretch the limits of your creativity by entering a design class.

To enter your show-worthy plants in the Horticulture Division, you’ll need to pre-register by January 10 by contacting Horticulture Entries Chair Octive Healey at 407-415-3177. Any amateur gardener is welcome to enter. Do you (or a friend) have any:

Fresh cut branches – there are classes for foliage, flowering, or fruited/berried branches.

Container-grown plants – you’ll find classes for flowering and foliage plants.

Combination plantings – do you have a planter, dish garden, terrarium, or other combination planting?

To enter a design class, contact Design Chair Judy Gore at 239-313-0297 by January 15th. Design classes can be entered by members of NGC-affiliated garden clubs. It’s especially important to fill all design classes because a class cannot be judged unless it contains at least 4 exhibits. There are six design classes:

Three classes are staged on pedestals and permit a wide range of choice of design types, using both fresh and dried materials.

A class for a tea tray, which is eligible for an award honoring the design making the most creative use of native plant materials.

Two classes of petite designs – one no larger than 5 inches and the other no larger than 3 inches – are eligible for the most creative design in a petite class.

To help you do well in a flower show, be sure to read the general and division rules in the schedule. Many of the rules, along with information about design types and horticulture, can be found in the Handbook for Flower Shows on the NGC website at <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2022-01/ngc-handbook-for-flower-shows-january-2022-revision.pdf>

Hurry and register – and best of luck winning a ribbon!

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P.O. Box 915233

Longwood, Florida 32791

Club Flower—Rose

Club Bird—Cardinal

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Deep South Region

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District VII

Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole & Sumter Counties

Organized—January 9, 1974

Federated—January 27, 1975

Incorporated—September 14, 1992

We're on the web!

www.swogc.org



If you know of a member who could use an extra kind thought, please contact me. I would prefer receiving the information by email, but please call me if you don't have email access.

Linda Richcreek

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The purpose of Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club is the education of its members and the community in their relationship to horticulture, conservation and environmental needs, as well as the art of floral design.

Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club, Inc. Meeting Schedule

BOARD MEETINGS

First Monday of the Month September-May at 10:00 AM
810 Fox Valley Drive, Longwood, Florida or Zoom

GENERAL MEETINGS

Second Monday of the Month
September 2023-May 2024, 9:30 AM Social, 10:00 AM Meeting
Village on the Green, 500 Village Place, Longwood
Off Sabal Palm Drive South in the "Longwood Meeting Room"

HORTICULTURE GROUP MEETINGS

Throughout the Year - See the Calendar of Events for Dates, Times and Locations

JUNIOR GARDENERS

Second Tuesday of the Month at 9:00 AM

FLORAL DESIGN

Every Other Thursday at Hospice of the Comforter 1:30-3:00 PM



**DECEMBER
LUNCHEON
PHOTOS**

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