

The Blooming Bulletin

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A monthly publication of the Plantation Garden Club

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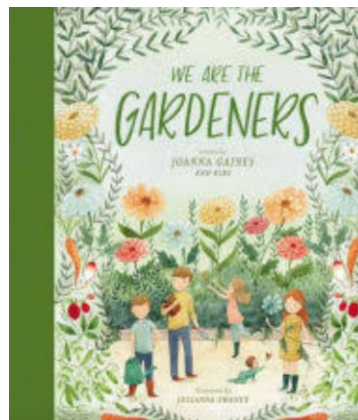


Growing Strong
Since 1963



For this month of April and the spring season, let's focus on what we can do for our younger folks to keep them interested in and loving gardening.

One of our members, Betty Klavins, just sent this to me:

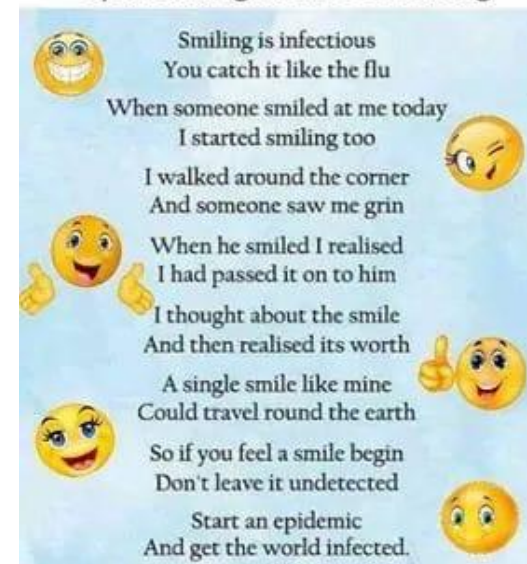


Our club does a great job of outreach already but there is always room for improvement. I am proposing that each of us storm our own brain and propose one new project for this year.

Bring your ideas to the Board or General meeting or email them. We will prepare a list for the New Board in June and who knows-the winning idea might be yours!

If so, I owe you a special prize 😊

What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling



Thanks to **Lorraine Timmes** for the above poem. 😊

If you have any comments about this newsletter, please contact Liane at: 33violet@comcast.net. Be sure to put "Newsletter" in the subject line.

SPRING

Plantation Garden Club News

Gardening Wisdom from Roxie Pelliccia

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Hello Spring!

Spring is short lived for us in Florida. We need to plant now and your garden will be looking great for Easter. What I did in my garden each year was grow a "Bunny Garden". I did this for three reasons: 1) I had a huge Mahogany tree in my front yard. It needed something pretty there. 2) I collected rabbits and needed to put them somewhere. 3) I wanted a butterfly garden too. I'm putting a lot of emphasis on assorted pentas, marigolds, daisies, lantana, petunias, begonias. Mix up the colors, this will provide lots of nectar for bees and butterflies.

This garden turned out so beautiful for all three reasons. I planted all colors of flowers and placed my rabbits around them. The best part was taking pictures of all my kids and their friends at Easter. So many plants are available now everywhere.

The tree I'm recommending this month is Texas Flowering Senna.

Plant of the Month

Texas Flowering Senna (*Senna Corymbosa*)



This is a nectar and larva tree for Sulfur Butterflies, bees, birds. It grows 6-8', it is drought tolerant and the flowers bloom on and off all year long. Put in full sun. It's hardy in zones 8-11.

After blooming, lots of seeds will appear, grow them. You will want more of these trees.

Enjoy your garden! Maybe a bunny will come visit you! 😊

Roxie

Write and ask your House Rep to pass HB 145!

FL Senate Passed Bill to House To Allow Front Yard Veggie Gardens!

Vegans, vegetarians, families who strive to eat healthy and those who can no longer afford the ever-increasing store prices appreciate your passing SB 82 last Thursday.

It prevents local governments (in Florida) from banning or regulating front yard veg gardens! It states, "Vegetable Gardens; Prohibits local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise provided by law; specifies that such local regulations are void & unenforceable."

The bill now heads to the House, where companion legislation was introduced by DeLand Rep Elizabeth Fetterhoff.

If the House adopts amendments, the house must concur, and the bill will move to the Governor who signs the bill into law or vetoes it. Write and ask your House Rep to pass HB 145!

This effort started in 2013 when a couple in Miami Shores, FL who had grown vegetables for 17 years started being charged \$50 daily for their garden.



Plantation Garden Club and Other News

Thanks so much to **Marcie Chacon** for teaching her class on flower arranging at the last meeting. Everyone had a great time creating their own arrangements. ☺



2018/19 Monthly Schedule

WELCOME

All regular meetings are on the **third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon** at the **El Dorado clubhouse**, 1 El Dorado Clubhouse Parkway (1 SW 75th Ave.), Plantation, FL 33317 (954) 583-0940.

Meeting schedule is as follows:

APRIL 17, 2019- "Plastic, Paper or the Planet" presented by Kristen Hoss, a Florida master naturalist.



Happy Birthday!



Sharon Hall 9th
 Flossie Fisher 14th
 Kimberly Fried 24th
 Cece Ramirez 28th
 Carol Goodman 29th



BONNET HOUSE
 MUSEUM & GARDENS

International Orchid & Garden Festival

Saturday & Sunday
APRIL 6 & 7
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



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Orchids • Exotics • Butterfly Garden Plants • Orchid Supplies
 Orchid & Plant Care Lectures • Garden Art • Book Signing
 Plant Societies Membership Tables • Food Vendors
 Live Music • Wine, Beer, Mimosa & Bloody Mary
 Much More!

Admission: \$10

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Orchid & Plant FESTIVAL!

Saturday & Sunday April 6th & 7th, 2019 • 9:30 to 4:30

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- Food & Beverages • Birds of Prey • Furry Friends
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DIRECTIONS:

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