

The Blooming Bulletin

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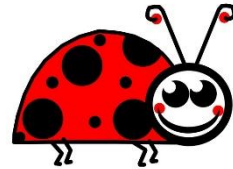
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I want to thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for all the help and support you have provided during the past two years. As we close out this year and plan for the next two years, I have several personal goals for the club but these can only be accomplished with your help.

1. Implement at least one new service project for the Club for the coming two years.
2. Increase the amount and scope of the Scholarship Program and Environmental Awards Project.
3. Reach out to others who need a "garden home" or a place to come and enjoy the greatest group of people in Plantation.
4. Keep the Plantation Garden Club as cohesive, vibrant, and fun as it is now!

Again, thank you for expressing the confidence in me to lead you on for the next two years. Who knows where any of us individually or as a club will be going but I know this-"Together We Can"- meet the daily challenges and reap the daily rewards whatever they are. If you have not already signed up for the journey by committing to attend every meeting, bring in new members, do whatever you can to be actively involved and keep your eye on the goal, do so now by calling me or one of our Board members or Chairs and saying, "I can and I will help with _____ (you fill in that part!) As I have said so many times, I love this Club and each of you individually like a family and I will give 110% as long as I am able.

Fondly,
Peggy



If you have any comments about this newsletter, please contact Liane at: plantationgardenclubfl@gmail.com. Be sure to put "Newsletter" in the subject line.

Plantation Garden Club News

Gardening Wisdom from Roxie Pelliccia

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(Reprinted from the PGC Newsletter May 2016)

Let's get ready for Spring, the garden is waiting for you! First, trim off any damaged foliage on your trees and bushes. Next, weed all your beds. Now, fertilize all bushes, palms, citrus trees, and tropical fruit trees with a good palm fertilizer.

If you have a well-established vegetable garden, you should be feeding it often. I recommend a product called Tomato Maker. It's good for all vegetables and it's organic. Vegetables to plant now include tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, okra, sweet potato, summer squash, and radish.

Good strong flowers to plant would be salvia vinca, begonias, torenia zinnia.

I will leave you with a good garden quote:

"More than anything, I must have flowers, always, always."—Claude Monet

Happy Gardening,

Roxie

TREASURES IN THE PARK SALE – APRIL 27, 2019

Thanks so much to everyone whose hard work helped our Treasures in the Park sale to be so successful! We raised over \$1,000 for the scholarships!



Plantation Garden Club News - Environmental Awards

Ms. Gener's class would like to thank you for your support. This is the second year that we participated in the Tomatosphere Project. With the monies we received we were able to buy the necessary equipment to start our tomato garden. We participated in a program called Tomatosphere. They sent us seeds that had been on a space station for six weeks and seeds that had never left earth. We did not know which seeds had been in space, so we conducted a blind test. The experimental purpose was to see if space has an effect on the number of seeds that are able to germinate. The study was conducted to gather information for long term space travel. Your grant help provided us with most of our supplies such as: dirt, grow bags, fertilizer, hoses, water wands, and garden tools, we could not have done this experiment without your contribution. We had a successful harvest and enjoyed our fresh tomatoes. We also shared them with other classes. Our teacher is planning on doing this again next year. Here are some pictures that we took of our project. Thank you so much and we look forward to eating a lot of tomatoes this month.

Ms. Gener's 5th grade students



Central Park Kindergarteners just want to let you know
How much the garden grant helped us to grow
We planted, watered, and gave love and care
Thank you for giving us this amazing experience we all could share!

Marci Kirsch, Kindergarten Teacher Central Park Elementary



The students at Tropical Elementary and I want to thank the Plantation Garden Club for granting us an Environmental Award. The students created planter cups in the style of Pablo Picasso and planted chia seeds for the hair. This took place on "Arty Van Gogh," the mobile art studio.

The students enjoyed the project and the outcome of producing something edible. Please share the pictures with your members. Thank you!

Libby Hodges, Art Specialist Tropical Elementary



Plantation Garden Club News - Environmental Awards

Hi! Attached are the pictures of my school's butterfly garden. We had an existing garden that had many dead plants and empty space. We used the grant money to purchase new plants such as milkweed, butterfly bushes, etc., new soil, a border fence, mulch, and some tools.

Although it's not 100% done, all of the plants have been planted and we've started putting the border fence around the garden. Tomorrow we will mulch and finish the fence.

All 25 of my students had the opportunity to help in the garden and are excited for the many caterpillars that have already appeared! Thank you for the opportunity to create a beautiful space for the students and the butterflies!

Kindergarten will be releasing their butterflies in our garden in the next few weeks as well!

Kathryn Ross, NBCT
Plantation Park Elementary



Thank you for your generous garden grant. We were able to purchase all of our materials to make a real productive worm farm. We had our volunteer Samuel Chillaron who is a Master Gardener help us by building it, and our students painted and decorated the outside of it. The students love gathering up the leftover vegetables and fruits from the lunchroom for them. They so enjoy feeding the red wigglers and watching how fast they have been multiplying. We used the worm castings for our sunflowers and as you can see they are huge. Every year our MLE garden is growing larger thanks to your support. Please feel free to let me know when you would like to visit our school garden and our worm farm. Next year we are planning on trying to get Mason jar bees to become part of our garden. Thank you for your financial support without you we would not be as successful as we are.

Ms. Sonia Marro
The Garden keeper of MLE (Mirror Lake Elementary)



Plantation Garden Club News

Our new Program Chair, Kimberly Fried, has been working overtime and has made a list of possible programs for next year, She has asked that I indicate which ones so she does not repeat, but I don't see any repeats so decided to put these out and let everyone have input.

Please read the list below and if you are interested in having input let me or Kimberly know by the New Board meeting on June 12.

You may also print the list and bring it to the lunch on May 17. We will probably not have a Board meeting on May 10 but the High Tea Committee may want to meet that day as opposed to the lunch day, that is up to Judith.

Send to : Peggy Tingle (movinon2014@icloud.com) or Kimberly Fried (kimberlyfried@gmail.com)

Here are her suggestions:

- ___ **“Taming The Early Season Bloomers”** by Jen Kettell assess and complete any pruning before next year's flower buds develop
- ___ **“A is for Amaryllis B is for Begonia”** presented by Gene Cain & Beth Waldrop
- ___ **“New and Winning Plants”** presented by Jesse Durko, Plant Expert and Owner of Jesse Durko Nursery Website: <http://www.jessedurko.com/>
- ___ **“Special Designs in Everyday Containers”** presented by Cindy Rieger
- ___ **Noel Ramos: The Great Fruit + Plant Hunters:** Explore the legacies of Dr. David Fairchild, Wilson Popenoe, Bill Whitman and other notable explorers.
- ___ Demonstrate how to create a vertical garden in a shadow box using succulents - in preparation for the February Thrall Bowl competition.
- ___ **“Getting to Know Our Fungi”** presented by Scott Bryan, Park Aide at Secret Woods Nature Center
- ___ Beekeeper John Caldwell: **Backyard Micro-Apiary Program**
- ___ **Home Irrigation And Ways To Conserve Water** Dr Kimberly Anne Moore klock@ufl.edu
- ___ **Healthy Living – Veganism** – Hippocrates Institute aclement@hippocratesinst.org Anna Maria Clement
- ___ **YOU FARM – Organic Herbs & Microgreens** Stefan Horbonis stefan@youfarmfresh.com or Herbalist Dr. Steele Or Juliane Miklos, Herbalist. Topic: Ginger and Turmeric
- ___ **Creating Natural Habitats For Butterflies And Birds** C.J. McCartney cjmpbc@gmail.com
- ___ Chris Wensel of Truly Tropical Topic: **Mangos for South Florida Backyards**
- ___ **100 varieties of Heirloom Tomatoes**, will demonstrate how to control nematodes and other diseases, grow the most interesting and delicious Heirloom
- ___ Participants will learn to prepare tasty and nutritious dishes featuring locally grown, seasonal vegetables. Taught by Margaret Basile.

WELCOME

2018/19 Monthly Schedule

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:

MAY 15, 2019 - End of the Year Luncheon"/Installation of Officers: 11:30am at the **Plantation Preserve**, 7050 W. Broward Blvd. Plantation.



Happy Birthday!

Sarah Tingle 20th
Kay Anderson 23rd
Diane Little 26th
Paula McDonnell 31st

The **Woman of the Year Luncheon** honoring **Mimi Sakal** was very special! The lovely photo below is of Mimi and her niece.



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