



April 2022

Bloom & Grow
GARDEN SOCIETY
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

CLIPPINGS

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www.springfeverinthegarden.org



President's Corner

I am SO excited that our 20th Spring Fever in the Garden is just around the corner! The festival will be bigger and better than ever! There is still time to volunteer, so please do so by contacting Julie Teal at jteal003@icloud.com or (407) 579-3733. It is the best way to get to know other members and have fun!

Don't forget about the workday at Tucker Ranch on April 29. We hope that you will join us!

See you at Spring Fever!

Jeanne



Spring Fever IN THE Garden

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS



April 2: 9 am - 5 pm
April 3: 11 am - 4 pm

Zone Leaders Meeting on Saturday, March 26, 10 am
At Jessie Brock Community Center

Come and Join the Fun!
Thank you for volunteering for Spring Fever 2022

Thank you to all that have volunteered to help at the festival! If you have not volunteered for Spring Fever, or you have volunteered and are not sure where to go, please stop by the Volunteer Booth at the corner of Lakeview and Plant Street and see Julie to sign up for Saturday or Sunday. Or, contact her at: jteal003@icloud.com or (407) 579-3733.

There will be parking for Bloom and Grow members that are working the festival at Jessie Brock, with golf carts to bring you to the festival. More information to follow.

Please watch your email for more information. Some information may be coming last minute and we will send out a group email if we get any more details about the festival.



Evaluation meeting at Jessie Brock
Thursday, April 21st, 2022
For all Spring Fever Committee Chairs





April 8 Luncheon and Business Meeting

**April 8, 11:00 am
West Orange Country Club**

To make a luncheon reservation, click on the following link to pay with a credit card:

[CLICK HERE FOR PAYMENT](#)

Or mail a check for \$27.00 payable to **Bloom and Grow Garden Society** to:

Jennie Reagan, 1000 W. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787

Reservations must be received by **April 1. (PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS BEFORE SPRING FEVER)**

Please be aware that the mail is taking longer than usual for first class postage.

Menu: Chicken Piccata, Rice, and Vegetables

Dessert, coffee, and tea

Cost \$27.00

Social /check-in is from 11:00 to 11:30 and the meeting officially starts at 11:30.

All reservations must be pre-pay only.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Note: There is always a vegetarian option. Pay online or send in your check to make your reservation. Then, please call or email Jennie to let her know you choose the vegetarian option.

Jennie Reagan grandmaskids06@icloud.com or 407-383-6424



National Arbor Day Celebration



We are celebrating our 2nd anniversary of **1000 Trees for 1000 Years** on Arbor Day, April 29, 2022.

It's time to check on the 1000 Trees that were planted in February 2020 at Tucker Ranch and making sure they have what they need to grow. We are looking for 50 volunteers to join us for a workday on Friday, April 29, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Our tasks will be counting the trees, checking on their growth and weeding a bit around the base. Also, we will take photos of a few key trees that we will monitor through the years.

You will want to wear comfortable clothes and waterproof shoes or boots as some of the zones may be wet and muddy. Also bring your work gloves and clippers or trimmers for weeding. Show your "TREE" spirit and wear your *1000 Trees for 1000 Years* T-shirt from last year. We will have water and snacks for you to enjoy.

This year we will have a special presentation by Laura Coar, Director of Parks and Recreation, on the exciting plans for the new Health and Wellness Park at Tucker Ranch.

Also, there will be naturalists working with us this year to document the native species at Tucker Ranch that are important for pollinators. This will allow Tucker Ranch to be recognized as a pollinator habitat.

At the end of our workday, we will be planting a bald cypress tree to honor Jeanne Yazinski, President of the Bloom and Grow Garden Society, in recognition of her exceptional years of service. Cherrylake is supporting us again by donating this tree. Let's all join in on this celebration!

Please join us on Friday, April 29th and let us know you are coming. We are looking forward to another great morning at Tucker Ranch.

To volunteer, please let Ann Blastic know you would like to volunteer. Invite your family and friends to join you!

Text: 407-539-4693 email: Annblastic@msn.com



**Birthday
Wishes**

Annette Spigener	2
Erin Matherne	5
Karen Jones	8
Sharon Forney	10
Rosemary Gates	12
Sue Chicone	14
Ellen Shapiro	17
Nancy Sines	17
Elise Bradford	18
Connie King	18
Josee Foglia	19
Linda Fewell	22
Diana Bontempo	25





MAY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

Dillard's at the Florida Mall, 2nd floor
801 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, 32809

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022

Registration: 11:00 am

Installation: 11:30

Lunch and Fashion Show: 12:00

Menu:

Spring Mix, Romaine, Pasta Salad, Chicken & Tuna Salad
Rolls, Iced Tea, Assorted Desserts
Wine

FASHIONS BY DILLARD'S / RAFFLE BASKET BY DILLARD'S

Store opens at 10:00 am. Shop before or after the luncheon!

Check out at select registers throughout the store.

Dillard's will donate 10% of all sales to Bloom and Grow.

We are looking for models for the show.

Please contact Jeanne Yazinski if you are interested.

yazinskijm@gmail.com

Pre-payment required, \$25 per person, guests welcome

[CLICK HERE TO PAY](#)

Or, make check **payable to Bloom and Grow** and pay at April luncheon,

Or, mail to:

Lill Gividen, 10225 Birchtree Lane

Windermere, FL 34786

RSVP BY April 30

Bloom and Grow Garden Society: Celebrating 25 Years

Bloom and Grow is celebrating it's 25th year anniversary, from May 2022—May 2023 with a year's worth of activities and celebrations! Here is a summary of items that we are planning. With the luncheons, we will have more than 25 events throughout the year! Please look for details as we move though the year!

2022:

May 6: **Dillard's Fashion Show, Luncheon, Shopping and Officer Installation.** Taking reservations now. See information in this newsletter on page 5.

May: **Trees for Schools** planting

June: **Private Garden Tour:** (TBA)

Note: The Philadelphia Flower Show trip has been postponed until 2023 due to the time needed to plan such a trip.

July 13: **Live Trends Warehouse Tour:** (Apopka). Lunch on your own. (20 person max)

August: **Terrarium Making** at Live Trends (TBA)

Happy Hour in downtown Winter Garden (TBA)

September 28: **Bok Towers Private Tour and Lunch** - \$40 pp. Group walk/ tour by David Price. (20 person max) Details next month.

October: **Path of Life Event**
Waystation Sale

November: **Denim and Diamonds**

December: **Christmas Flower Arranging Class** at Betty J's
Poinsettia Sale



Celebrating 25 Years

2023:

January 20: **Florida Arbor Day Walking Tour**; Ceremonial Tree Planting;
Plant It Pink Tree Giveaway; Ceremonial Tree Planting

February 23: **25th Anniversary Dinner at Leu Gardens with Dubsdread Catering**: We have already reserved the date. The venue is gorgeous and it will be a great celebration!

March: **Orange County Extension Garden Tour and Lunch**
Philadelphia Flower Show/Longwood Gardens Trip

April: **Spring Fever in the Garden**

April 28: **Arbor Day Event at Tucker Ranch**



Queen's Wreath

THANK YOU to all that purchased a Queen's Wreath at our sale on Tuesday, and a big THANK YOU to all that came out to work the booth! We SOLD OUT of 150 plants! We originally planned on selling the extras at Spring Fever, but there are no extras. Way to go, ladies!



Path of Life

Thank you to those who came out to the recent Path of Life workday. Katy Moss Warner stopped by with her friend Van Donnan for a quick visit. They are in the photo with Donna Tapp, Cheryl Race, Jackie Brown Colberg and Pam Sprier. Heather Peery also stopped by with many agapanthus donated by the Tuscan Development. Also, Van Donnan has offered to supply us with many new varieties for the garden. His business, Micro Plantas, imports many varieties of plants from Coast Rico.



Membership Renewal: Final Reminder



Bloom & Grow Membership Dues of \$35 are due by April 1, 2022.

Pay online in the “Members Only” section at

www.BloomandGrow.club

Password: bandg1997

OR

Mail check of \$35.00 payable to the order of “Bloom and Grow” to:

Jan Penrose, PO Box 947, Oakland, FL 34760

Your dues are required in order to submit payment to Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) before the upcoming deadline. We appreciate your support.

Thank you!

Jan Penrose

1st VP—Membership



Voting for Officers will be held at our April 8 meeting.
Installation of Officers will be held at the May 6 luncheon at Dillard’s

The following slate of officers was presented at the March meeting:

- President - Brenda Knowles
- 1st Vice-President - Jan Penrose
- 2nd Vice-President - Becki Lynch
- Recording Secretary— Carole Engle
- Corresponding Secretary- Kim Evans
- Treasurer— Laura Radius



BECKI'S BLOG



What's the Buzz by Dr. Becki Lynch

Building a Pollinator Paradise = Wind, Temperature, and Light

Now that we've covered the basics of feeding, nesting and protection, how can a **Pollinator Paradise** be created? A paradise means your pollinators will love it so much, they will never leave – can you take the next step?

Control the amount of wind in your yard by adding wind breaks. Do you have places where the wind gushes through? Why?

*Bees generally stop flying/foraging when the wind reaches 12-15 mph, but beyond 5 mph, the energy needed to forage weakens their system.

*Different butterflies can handle different wind rates based upon how fast they can fly. Generally, the smaller the butterfly, the less wind it will tolerate, but anything above 8 mph will take additional energy to forage.

What to do? Find those windy spots and plant protective shrubs, place a slatted windbreak with a vine, or add some fencing. As long as the pollinators have a corner/wall as a safe space with plants, they will flourish.

Be aware of the effect of temperature both internally and externally for pollinators.

Butterflies can't fly if their body temperature is less than 86 degrees Fahrenheit! They are cold blooded and have no means for regulating their body temperatures. They practice thermoregulation by basking on warm surfaces to raise their internal temperature.

A bee's minimum operating temperature is 85 degrees. It can raise its thoracic temperature roughly 30°F above the ambient temperature while it is flying. That means if the outside temperature is less than 55, it will not be able to forage.

What to do? Provide wide flat stones in the sun for basking, as well as bare ground in full sun for butterflies. For bees, by having nectar and pollen closely available, when the temperature rises, they will not need to forage far to garner strength/energy. Your garden will be quiet in the morning until the temperatures rise to at least 70 – 75 degrees.



3. **Night light** – In the past 20 years, there has been a 70% increase in the use of night artificial lighting. Especially in an urban/suburban setting, it is difficult to avoid.

* The latest research data shows that 300 pollinator species visited the flowers of around 60 plant species on rural meadows without any artificial light sources in the vicinity. On meadows with experimentally set up street lights, the nocturnal pollination visits were 62% lower. Why? Are they confused?

* This is a relatively new area of concern, and the ecological impact of light pollution needs to be more researched more thoroughly to avert adverse effects on the environment.

What to do? While protective night lighting is essential for our homes, we can minimize the effect by installing motion lights. Another general technique is to place decorative lighting (spotlights) in the front yard and leave the back yard as dark as possible with only motion lights.

Try to give your pollinators a space at least 10 ft x 10 ft that is as dark as you can make it.

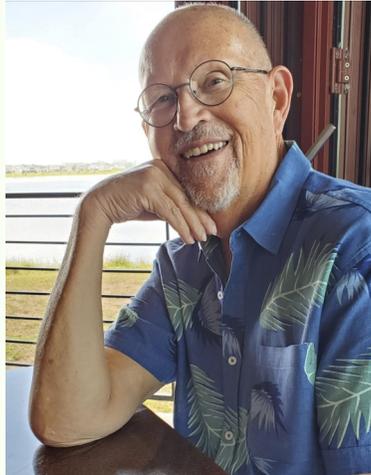


So there you have it – as far as the habitat, you now have all the elements of a Pollinator Paradise. Next month we will begin to dig deep into PLANTS!!

Becki

In the Spotlight

by Kay VanderLey



Donna Horsley and Kent Horsley

Yes, you read that right! We have our first married couple members! As neighbors of our President, Jeanne, they became interested in our efforts in the community. They had an interest in pollinators, especially butterflies, so joining us was a natural decision. Kent, retired and working at Ace Hardware in the garden center, began his own butterfly garden, which continues to expand gaining beauty and interest. Donna is a full partner 'in the dirt', too. A client recently offered information about Amaryllis and they are being added to the mixture of vegetables and flowers

at the Horsley house. Donna says she enjoys the tomatoes, but "does better with flowers."

Donna is a Florida native, and has lived here all her life. Still working as a hairdresser after fifty years, she is devoted to her longtime clients. When the wife of a former Orlando commissioner passed away recently, Donna was off to Winter Park to do her hair and makeup, "have to take care of my sweetheart." About twenty years ago, Donna contracted with Becky Johnson to build the house they still enjoy and a 'wedding present' showed up on their door, a kitty needing a home! Kitty is now joined by a Labradoodle who is "spoiled rotten, but what fun!" As work on her home progressed, she advised Ms. Johnson not to landscape the yard, Donna wanted to do it herself. Kent hails from the West, having lived in Idaho & Utah, and has four children all but one live in the West. After divorce he relocated here from California. Time passed, and looking forward he found he "needed to make up his mind what he wanted to do with his life," so he asked his neighbor, "Do you know someone?" Donna tells me when they met it was love at first sight, and they will celebrate twenty years marriage in May! What a nice addition to our club. Welcome, Donna and Kent!

Julie Clyatt



Julie was born in South Bend, Indiana but the family soon moved to the small town of Edwardsburg, Michigan, where she spent the early years of high school. There was a prolonged cold winter which was true to Michigan winters, including a blizzard, followed by the "energy crisis." "Dad" had enough! Venice, Florida and the grandparents who lived there beckoned. Her dad purchased a business and along with her uncle, the family bid farewell to Michigan. Julie met her husband through their employer, Advent Health, and has worked for them 30 years. She works at the Winter Garden hospital as Director of Clinical Outcomes, and hubby, Louie, in the business end of surgical systems.

The empty nesters were happily settled in Oviedo and had no plans to move until Julie “walked down Plant Street five years ago on December 9th,” and, on December 24, they moved into their happy home in Oakland Park! Julie loves an active lifestyle biking the trail, walking and enjoying nature. She also loves to read and is currently enjoying “A Land Remembered” with her book club friends. She gardens 2 plots in the community garden growing vegetables. They love to travel with plans to spend time in Spain in May, and August in Croatia, but her prayers right now are with Ukraine since she tutored a native whose family is still there.

She is rightfully proud of her work with the community of Eatonville teaching and presenting cooking classes for healthy diets, focusing on diabetes and cardiovascular disease. After five years the program was turned over to the community to continue. For this work, the town earned the Robert Wood Award in 2018. I would say she is a community blessing!

Welcome, Julie!



Monica Lepp

Monica was destined to be a B&G member when she moved into the neighborhood with our great President Jeanne! Born and raised in Long Island, New York, her dream job was to create wonderful pastries. About 12 years ago she had the opportunity to attend pastry school in Florida and at graduation, she received the opportunity to make wedding cakes in Disney World at the Grand Floridian. She met husband, Matt, online. He is a native Australian, communicated well online, but when he called by phone, she couldn't understand a word he said! She left work four years ago to care for her two little girls, ages 8 and 4. After the family suffered COVID, (“That was no fun, you know moms don't get sick days!”), she

joined her sister working as investigators for law firms providing due diligence. Both of her parents were avid gardeners, in fact the family home was fondly called, “McEvoy Farm,” with her grandparents caring for it. Mom was always in garden clubs, but Monica was the only one to catch ‘the bug.’ In fact, a friend gave her a milkweed plant from which 27 butterflies emerged in four days! You can find her most days tending her garden of raised beds and trellises, growing tomatoes, bell peppers, zucchini and something I've never heard of, ‘Rosella Hibiscus,’ from which she makes a jam, or dries for tea leaves.

Monica's mom hailed from Liverpool, England which gave her the idea to host a high tea party in the Spring. Ladies dress up and the best china comes out for the festivities. Guests are especially fortunate when Monica brings out one of her wonderful cakes! She still bakes occasionally for special occasions when friends and family ask. Perhaps one day she will treat us! Welcome, Monica!



Cynthia Johnson Guarino

Cynthia lived in Southern New Jersey and moved to Dr. Phillips twenty-six years ago. She had struggled with low energy levels in the grey and dark days but and she discovered she suffered from S.A.D. (seasonal affected disorder) She pondered, “Where do they have the most sun?” Fortunately, she found she could transfer within her Philadelphia company five years ago, and found relief in Atlanta and Orlando. Her job was in sales operations for a Michigan company, Herman Miller, Inc. She enjoys her two children, aged 26 and 32, but especially fun is that first grandchild who was born on

New Year's Eve. She says there will always be a big celebration on birthdays. Cynthia shares, “He got us through the pandemic!”

She loved traveling for work, loves books and is now enjoying, “The Gilded Age,” partially due to the costumes, adding that she had a fashion business on the side.

The shade of a large Pin Oak tree led to disagreement with their HOA . . . The couple wanted a lawn of jasmine as grass was out of the question. Finally, they prevailed since the issue was not mentioned in the bylaws, (that oversight was immediately corrected after the jasmine was installed!) She has volunteered at the Path of Life, and was in attendance last year when Jackie hosted us for a tour there.

Cynthia is an early riser so she will be working to set up for Spring Fever at 5:00 AM this year! Her husband is math teacher at Dr. Philips and has two years until retirement . . . perhaps our second male member?? In any case, we welcome you, Cynthia!

Sandy Armbruster



Well reader, can I share my surprise when I discovered Sandy? I walk my dog by her house every day, just a block away, we shared sympathy when I was searching for my granddaughter's lost cat, she and hubby have "walked my garden" at my invitation in my absence, and wave each other most days! I have warm thoughts of her but didn't know she was Sandy, Mike's wife and yet to be a new garden club friend! Born and raised right here in West Orange County, she and Mike both attended West Orange High School graduating in 1979. Sandy gained her degree from UCF, and taught in Orange County schools for 35 years. Her field was in business education and as a career specialist at West Orange for the last five years. Daughter Jennifer also graduated from West Orange, attended

Georgia Tech, and now, (alas) lives 'up north' working for Mars Candy Company. Mike was the beloved principal at West Orange for several years. She loves gardening but says, "It's like raising kids" - you can't neglect the plants! Years of teaching, and, more recently, Mike's battle with Leukemia took center stage in her life. Following the wonderful care at Moffat Cancer Center and a bone marrow transplant a year and half ago, doctors are cautiously allowing a more normal life for them.

Their darling home on Boyd Street was built in 1926 and has been the object of their attention lately. Friend Kay Cappleman has been advising her on what to plant and where, and Sandy calls herself an "enthusiastic beginning gardener." They are proud that they have a tree on 'the tour,' the tall pine in the corner of the front yard. She tends 4 raised beds, 2 vegetable, 2 full of flower bulbs. She loves her relationship with the 'HOWGS'!! (Housewives of Winter Garden.) As the kids have grown the HOWGS have provided flowers from their gardens for showers, weddings and birthdays. Sandy loves to read, she bikes the trail, and the couple have recently been considering a little travel. Mike hails from England, and a visit there could be soon. But she really want to take a river boat cruise. Let's hope so!

After 35 years of teaching she has noticed you "can't always see the changes, and how you have helped people along the way". With education you "never know what's going to happen when someone shows interest." So true . . .Welcome, Sandy!



Danita Dunn

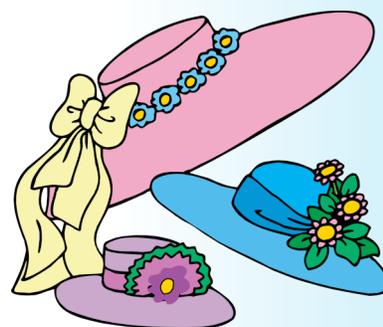
Danita was born in Illinois, but raised in Huntsville, Alabama. She moved to Florida twice! The first time was in 1991 as a result of her employment with Lockheed Martin Company. Her work as a Senior Program Manager for the company took her to England, Washington, DC, New Jersey and finally back to Ocala, Florida. She worked on the logistic side supporting Navy War Fighters, and truly enjoyed her important work. While at work, she had the good fortune to meet another Lockheed employee, Joe Dunn. After a nine year courtship, she and Joe tied the knot, and that knot is still

tightly tied as they enjoy working for, and in, their beloved West Orange Community. She says, "Joe is invested in this community, believes in this community." (For those of you who did not make the connection, Danita's husband Joe is the president of Friends of Lake Apopka.)

After following the work of Bloom & Grow, Danita “finally just did it!” and joined. She “believes in everything they do.” She looks forward to working with us. I asked if the career she had enjoyed was the one she had planned as a young person and she replied, “It was only by the grace of God,” her good fortune she says was a “really good ride.”

In her home she has a container gardener, but her real efforts are conservation gardening on the lake as they are designated a Wildlife Sanctuary, incorporating plants to support pollinators. I met her one day as we were both walking. Danita also golfs, bikes the trail, and gardening fills the rest of her days.

I loved her stories of trips to Sweden in the Arctic circle to see the northern lights, sleeping bags rated warm to -50 degrees. Her trip to Africa was a grand highlight, but the best was a week rafting down the Grand Canyon -187 miles down the Colorado River. Then she took 28 of her best friends and family and repeated that magical experience! She says, “It changes your soul!” She loved it so much she did it twice! When you see her, be sure to ask about it.....Welcome, Danita!



Carole Engle passed on this great information to get free milkweed seeds:
You need to send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

LIVE MONARCH FOUNDATION
PO BOX 1339
BLAIRSVILLE GA 30514

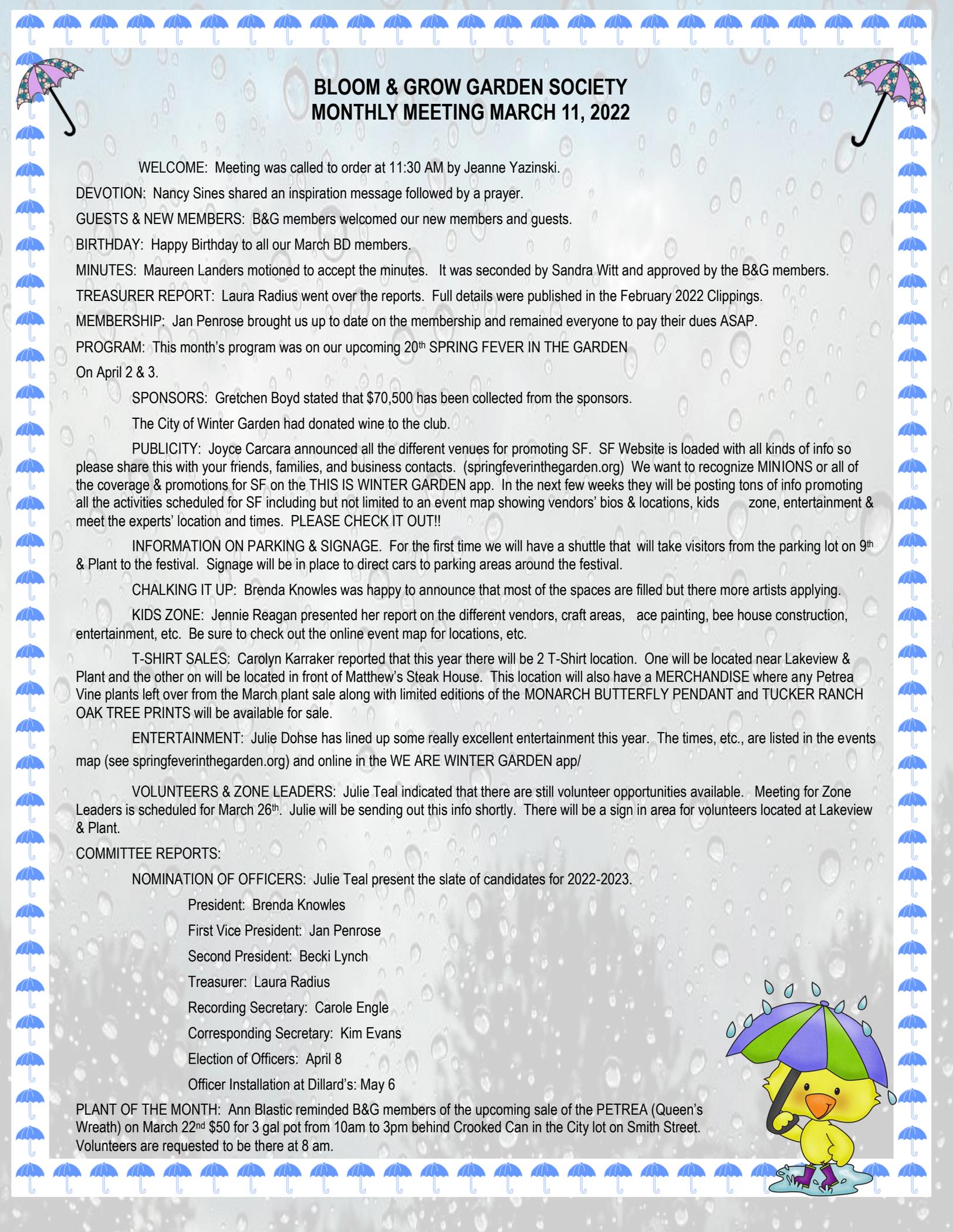
You can purchase additional seed packets for a \$1.00 each.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bloom and Grow Garden Society
Statement of Activity
As of Feb 28, 2022

	Feb-22 Actual	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD over/(Under) Annual Budget
Revenue:				
Contributions/Sponsorships	1,990	5,509		5,509
Fundraising		3,137	4,000	(863)
Grants		-	3,000	(3,000)
Meetings	1,296	8,802		8,802
Membership	2,555	3,255	4,200	(945)
Program Revenue (Path of Life, Tree prints, Plant of Mnth)	2,077	12,290	2,200	10,090
Monarch Project	102	25,670	24,500	1,170
Spring Fever	4,828	32,917	84,000	(51,083)
Total Revenue	\$ 12,848	\$ 91,580	\$ 121,900	\$ (30,320)
Expenditures:				
Awards		16,200	30,000	(13,800)
Sponsorships	1,000	1,000	4,000	(3,000)
Charitable Con/Comm Outreach	66	2,194		
Scholarships		16,000	16,000	-
Program Exp.	5,663	21,290	17,770	3,520
Monarch Project		34,584	36,500	(1,916)
Spring Fever	7,173	7,634	37,000	(29,366)
Fundraising		1,013	1,250	(237)
Meeting	1,494	7,477	900	6,577
Operating Expenditures:	2,316	9,589	8,395	1,194
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,712	\$ 116,981	\$ 151,815	(34,835)
Net Revenue:	\$ (4,864)	\$ (25,401)	\$ (29,915)	\$ 4,515
Cash Balances:				
Beginning Balance 5/31/2021				
	Checking Account	75,325		
	Money Market	6,076		
	Total		\$ 81,401	
Ending Balance 2/28/2022				
	Checking Account	51,404		
	Money Market	6,077		
	Total		\$ 57,481	
Total Restricted Funds				
	Sales Tax Payable	330		
	Sponsorship 2022/2023	7,500		
Total Available Funds 2/28/2022			\$ 49,651	





BLOOM & GROW GARDEN SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 11, 2022

WELCOME: Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Jeanne Yazinski.

DEVOTION: Nancy Sines shared an inspiration message followed by a prayer.

GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS: B&G members welcomed our new members and guests.

BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to all our March BD members.

MINUTES: Maureen Landers motioned to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Sandra Witt and approved by the B&G members.

TREASURER REPORT: Laura Radius went over the reports. Full details were published in the February 2022 Clippings.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan Penrose brought us up to date on the membership and remained everyone to pay their dues ASAP.

PROGRAM: This month's program was on our upcoming 20th SPRING FEVER IN THE GARDEN

On April 2 & 3.

SPONSORS: Gretchen Boyd stated that \$70,500 has been collected from the sponsors.

The City of Winter Garden had donated wine to the club.

PUBLICITY: Joyce Carcara announced all the different venues for promoting SF. SF Website is loaded with all kinds of info so please share this with your friends, families, and business contacts. (springfeverinthegarden.org) We want to recognize MINIONS or all of the coverage & promotions for SF on the THIS IS WINTER GARDEN app. In the next few weeks they will be posting tons of info promoting all the activities scheduled for SF including but not limited to an event map showing vendors' bios & locations, kids zone, entertainment & meet the experts' location and times. PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!!

INFORMATION ON PARKING & SIGNAGE. For the first time we will have a shuttle that will take visitors from the parking lot on 9th & Plant to the festival. Signage will be in place to direct cars to parking areas around the festival.

CHALKING IT UP: Brenda Knowles was happy to announce that most of the spaces are filled but there more artists applying.

KIDS ZONE: Jennie Reagan presented her report on the different vendors, craft areas, face painting, bee house construction, entertainment, etc. Be sure to check out the online event map for locations, etc.

T-SHIRT SALES: Carolyn Karraker reported that this year there will be 2 T-Shirt location. One will be located near Lakeview & Plant and the other one will be located in front of Matthew's Steak House. This location will also have a MERCHANDISE where any Petrea Vine plants left over from the March plant sale along with limited editions of the MONARCH BUTTERFLY PENDANT and TUCKER RANCH OAK TREE PRINTS will be available for sale.

ENTERTAINMENT: Julie Dohse has lined up some really excellent entertainment this year. The times, etc., are listed in the events map (see springfeverinthegarden.org) and online in the WE ARE WINTER GARDEN app/

VOLUNTEERS & ZONE LEADERS: Julie Teal indicated that there are still volunteer opportunities available. Meeting for Zone Leaders is scheduled for March 26th. Julie will be sending out this info shortly. There will be a sign in area for volunteers located at Lakeview & Plant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: Julie Teal present the slate of candidates for 2022-2023.

President: Brenda Knowles

First Vice President: Jan Penrose

Second President: Becki Lynch

Treasurer: Laura Radius

Recording Secretary: Carole Engle

Corresponding Secretary: Kim Evans

Election of Officers: April 8

Officer Installation at Dillard's: May 6

PLANT OF THE MONTH: Ann Blastic reminded B&G members of the upcoming sale of the PETREA (Queen's Wreath) on March 22nd \$50 for 3 gal pot from 10am to 3pm behind Crooked Can in the City lot on Smith Street. Volunteers are requested to be there at 8 am.



POLLINATOR POWER: Becki Lynch presented the outline of events & projects for our new venture into planting 2500 acres of pollinator plants and trees in the Orange County area. Keep checking B&G website, emails, messages for upcoming meetings and events.

TREE COMMITTEE: Katy Moss outlined the various upcoming events & opportunities. In celebration of B&G's 25th Anniversary to plant pink tabulia trees (PLANT IT PINK) around the City of Winter Garden. Katy encouraged members to come out on April 29 from 8:30 – 12 to TUCKER RANCH PARK for the annual celebration on Arbor days & 1000 trees for a 1000 years. We will inspect the trees and give whatever care is needed.

BLOOM AND GROW GARDEN SOCIETY 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Jeanne Yazinski showcased a preview of events for A YEAR OF CELEBRATION starting in 2022 and continuing into 2023:

A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS (2022)

- May: Trees for Schools Planting
- May 6: Dillard's luncheon and officer installation
- June 9-13: Philadelphia Flower Show and Longwood Gardens* tentative
- July 13: Live Trends Tour 10AM (Apopka)
- August: Terrarium Workshop – Live Trends
- September 23: Bok Towers – private tour & lunch - \$42 pp
- October: Path of Life – Potluck event; Waystation Plant Sale
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- January 20: FL Arbor Day Walking Tour; Ceremonial Tree Planting; Pink Tree Giveaway
- February 23: 25th Anniversary Dinner at Leu Gardens
- March: Tour Orange County Extension Gardens
- April: Spring Fever; Arbor Day Event at Tucker Ranch
- May: Dillard's Luncheon

B&G will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary with 25 events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- March 22: Queen's Wreath Sale Pickup
- March 24: Spring Fever Meeting 10 am Jesse Brock
- April 2 & 3: SPRING FEVER IN THE GARDENS
 - Sat, April 2nd, 9 am to 5 pm
 - Sun, April 3rd, 11 am to 4 pm
- April 8: Monthly Luncheon/Business Meeting, WOCC, 11:30 am
- April 29: Annual Arbor Day Celebration and Dedication at Tucker Ranch
- May 6: Dillard's luncheon & installation of officers

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:30 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUMMITTED by Carole Engle, Recording Secretary

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