



CLIPPINGS

November 2021

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President's Corner

I hope you enjoyed our program last month! We thank Becki Lynch for giving us such an informative presentation on trees. We have many more wonderful programs and events coming up soon including the WG Heritage and Music Festival on November 6, and, a poinsettia sale and floral arranging class in December. I hope to see you at these events!

I wish each and every one of you a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

Jeanne Nazinski





**Bloom and Grow Luncheon/Business Meeting
November 12, 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 **November 5.**

Please be aware that the mail is taking longer than it used to take for first class postage.

Menu:

Blackened Chicken (mild), chef potatoes, roasted 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.

At this time, we do not have a permanent reservation list.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

November Speaker of the Month



Bird Watching with Vikki Bartholomae, Bloom and Grow member and owner of the store Wild Birds Unlimited. <https://orlando.wbu.com>

This particular talk is designed to inspire members to participate in the North Shore Birding Festival on Lake Apopka on December 3 to 6. <http://www.orangeaudubonfl.org/festival/> The Lake Apopka North Shore is a National Audubon Society State Important Bird Area. This area is also on **eBird**, the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's online program in which birders record their sightings. The Lake Apopka North Shore is now the **top** eBird hotspot in Florida - and it is right in our "front" yard. Registration for this event is here: <http://www.orangeaudubonfl.org/festival/registration.html>

Vikki owns Wild Birds Unlimited on Turkey Lake Road and will also speak about the Save the Song-birds mission.

Annual Poinsettia Sale



Bloom & Grow Garden Society

Pre-Order your choice of Red or
Ice Crystal Poinsettias
6.5" pots with a foil covers
Limited number of large red in 8.5" pots
Perfect for decorating or gift
giving!

To Pre-order, email:

springfeverinthegarden@gmail.com

1. Your name
2. phone number
3. number and type of poinsettia that you would like to order

*You will receive an email back with your total amount due for prepayment.

Pick up on Wednesday, December 8
11:00 am—6:00 pm



Red



Ice Crystal

6.5" pot \$12 + tax (\$12.78)
Large 8.5" pot \$18 + tx (\$19.17)

6.5" pot \$14 + tax (\$14.91)





Please join in welcoming our new club members!

Janice Close

Louise Clayton (returning member)

Janice Crawford

Sharon Ielfield (Martin)

Susan Pierce

Cheryl Race

Bari Zepernick



Each month, we will introduce a few of our new members.

By Kay VanderLey

Gloria Cox



Gloria was born and raised in Hazelhurst, Georgia. She moved to the Orlando area in 1967. She had an interesting work life here as a claims adjuster for Prudential Insurance until her retirement. She is the youngest of six siblings from a close family. When I tried to reach her, she was unavailable since she was with her daughter who preparing for the birth of her third child, a baby girl on the 26th of October . . . this will be Gloria's third grandchild. This young family is close for Gloria to visit since both families have their homes in Oakland Park.

Gloria doesn't really call herself a gardener, but loves houseplants. Her great joy is quilting in the company of a weekly quilting group. Her friend Lill invited her to attend Bloom and Grow for lunch and it sparked a desire to join us. She has been volunteering at the Path of Life under Jackie's direction, and enjoying the time there. She sings Jackie's praises, calling her "amazing." I'm sure we all agree.

Asked for an interesting story, Gloria immediately responded with a darling story. "I've been married twice, but never divorced!" (I tell you, I love hearing these amazing stories from our new members!) In 1981, interest rates on new homes were sky high (16%) and Gloria and her fiancée, had their property to build on, but needed a construction loan for their home. Bond money became available for first time home buyers, but you had to be single. This was a problem since the young couple was set to be married the next week. Determined, Gloria and her soon to be mother-in-law struggled through long lines and finally ended up at the bank. Thinking she was out of luck. . . but no . . . if she was single she could have a loan at 11%. So, the much planned for wedding occurred the next week, but the wedding certificate was not signed. The official wedding took place on Valentine's Day the following year! So, twice married to the same man, never divorced! What fun!

Welcome, Gloria

Helen Gossett



A Florida native, Helen's great-grandfather founded Dania, Florida, and Helen grew up in her beloved town. She first saw Winter Garden while rollerblading on the trail with her daughter who lives in Ocoee. It was love at first sight! She said it reminded her of her little home town in the 1950's, and people were very welcoming. She even loved the town barbecue and thinks of it fifteen years later. She now rides 3-wheel recumbent bikes with a group on Tuesday and Thursday. Her granddaughter is the family member who loves growing things. She's interested on hydroponics and is a student at West Orange High. Her career was spent working in her husband's law offices.

Helen's interesting story could be the stuff of a TV mystery! She was selected to serve on a Federal Grand jury, attending one day a week (no excuses accepted!) for eighteen months. Drug kingpin, D. Escobar, had infiltrated and compromised six U.S. Customs pilots to provide information where to make "drops" in the Arcadia area safely. The pilots were all caught and prosecuted in a Miami trial in spite of their efforts to hide money, land and assets. Helen commented, "I loved it, and couldn't wait until Wednesdays." Thanks for the exciting story!

Welcome, Helen!



In August, the Bloom and Grow Garden Society awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to students from the University of Florida and Valencia College. These scholarships will be used to further the education of students from Winter Garden and the surrounding areas who are focusing on degrees in horticulture, landscape, forestry or the sustainability of native botanical habitats. Stay tuned for presentations on the educational projects from some of these students at our February meeting.

Bloom and Grow Garden Society continues to make a difference in the West Orange community in which we live by supporting our mission statement through financial awards. Through our fundraising efforts, this year we have awarded the following organizations for their indicated projects. Updates on these projects will be reported in six months and we will be able to watch how our support further stimulates gardening and horticulture in Winter Garden.

Grow Orlando - creating micro farms in east Winter Garden that will impact low-income minorities and communities

Ocoee High School Horticulture program - creation of a beekeeping program and general garden renovation

Nehrling Gardens - development of self-guided tour signage, printed tour materials and mobile app using QR codes

Oakland Nature Preserve - restoration of native habitat

Habitat for Humanity - landscaping for 4 new homes

Tildenville Elementary School - garden seeds and garden equipment

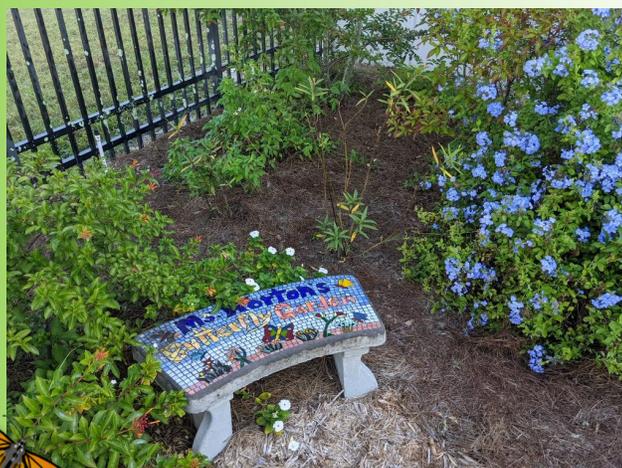
Winter Garden Heritage Foundation - general support for ongoing education regarding the agricultural history of Winter Garden





PLANTING POLLINATOR GARDENS

Here are a few pictures taken last week of Health Central, Windermere Elementary, Health Central Park, Horizons West, Oakland Preserve (new plants have been added), and before pictures for WO Country Club. Submitted by B. Lynch.





Kay's Korner
by Kay VanderLey
In the Garden



I've been gardening for birds and butterflies for some time now, and love the results . . . until now. Well, I can't say I dislike the results. . . let's just say some are surprising.

My family knows me to be awake and out of bed by 7ish, but the brain really doesn't actually go into first gear until 10ish. But, hey! We work with what we've got, right? The other day Sally Mae, my young dog coaxed me awake early, and we went immediately into the backyard. As she scoped out squirrels and new smells, I turned my attention to the pool to add a little water. But, what's this? Swimming around and around is a young opossum. Side to side, to the steps, to the deep end, to the edges, around and around. Now as I said, I'm slow in the mornings, but even I could see this young critter could not manage to get out, and I'm trying to crank up my brain to seek a solution! In the meantime, he/she swam to the edge I stood at, looked up at me clearly pleading for assistance! Did you know how cute opossums are? Two or three shades of fur, a pretty face and pleading round eyes I will never forget.

A few weeks prior, I caught a raccoon swimming in this same pool, but he/she was full grown and knew the way out by heart! Did you know how cute raccoons are? But I digress! My neighbor was surprised by my early call, and sent her husband over who suggested the pool net, and one big swoop later, little Hilda (I've named her by now) was lying in the grass. After an hour of "playing possum" she sat up, and wandered off.

So, it seems I'm not only gardening for birds, bees and butterflies, but some larger beings are enjoying my little "Walden" . . . and that's okay by me. Now, if I could only work on being a morning person!

Happy Gardening! (or whatever you do in your "Walden")

Kay



20th Spring Fever in the Garden

April 2-3, 2022

There will be no committee meetings in November and December.
I hope you all enjoy the holidays.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 20th, 2022 at 10:00 am

Jessie Brock Community Center



Linda Bouton
Spring Fever in the Garden Chair



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Member area password:

bandg1997

(No caps, no spaces)

Website

November Birthday

Wishes



Kim Evans	3
Bobbie Moore	4
Cheryl Race	6
Jean Gunkel	12
Marianne Reeves	12
Brenda Knowles	17
Jennie Reagan	18
Linda Hufty	19
Beverly Ericksen	20
Lil Gviden	23
Barbara Dunaway	25
Audra Overkleeft	25
Nancy Connors	26



Christmas Centerpiece Making

Make a Christmas centerpiece for your table or for a gift! You will learn and make your own to take home and have fun while you are making it! Light refreshments served.

Thursday, December 16, 6:30 pm

Betty J's Florist, 403 S Dillard St, Winter Garden

\$65 per person includes all flowers and supplies

Mail check, payable to "Bloom and Grow Garden Society"

by December 2 to:

Julie Dohse, 631 Oxford Chase Drive, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Text or email questions to Julie at: 847-951-6595 julieadohse@gmail.com

Space is limited. RSVP as soon as possible to secure your reservation!



September Treasurer's Report

Bloom and Grow Garden Society Statement of Activity As of Sept. 30, 2021

	Sep-21 Actual	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD over/(Under) Annual Budget
Revenue:				
Contributions/Sponsorships	1,095	1,115		1,115
Fundraising		3,137	4,000	(863)
Grants		-	3,000	(3,000)
Meetings	1,134	1,890		1,890
Membership	175	350	4,200	(3,850)
Program Revenue	910	1,630	2,200	(570)
Monarch Project	14,190	15,597	24,500	(8,903)
Spring Fever		-	84,000	(84,000)
Total Revenue	\$ 17,504	\$ 23,719	\$ 121,900	\$ (98,181)
Expenditures:				
Awards		-	30,000	(30,000)
Sponsorships		-	4,000	(4,000)
Scholarships		16,000	16,000	-
Program Exp.	2,402	5,750	17,770	(12,020)
Monarch Project	24,896	25,033	36,500	(11,467)
Spring Fever		-	37,000	(37,000)
Fundraising		1,013	1,250	(237)
Meeting	1,375	1,380	900	480
		-		-
Operating Expenditures:	751	4,107	8,395	(4,288)
Total Expenditures	\$ 29,424	\$ 53,283	\$ 151,815	(98,532)
Net Revenue:	\$ (11,920)	\$(29,564)	\$ (29,915)	\$ 351

Cash Balances:

Beginning Balance 5/31/2021			
Checking Account		75,325	
Money Market		6,076	
Total			\$ 81,401
Ending Balance 9/30/2021			
Checking Account		47,147	
Money Market		6,076	
Total			\$ 53,223
			(236)
Total Available Funds 8/31/2021			\$ 52,987





NOVEMBER



BLOOM AND GROW MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING: OCTOBER 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 on October 15, 2021, by President Jeanne Yazinski.

INITIAL REMARKS: The meeting began with a welcome and a few brief remarks about the dedication of our Monarch sculpture.

DEVOTION: A devotion was given by NANCY SINES which as always was inspiring and true to the spirit of the month.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: There were several guests in attendance and a warm welcome was given to them.

PROGRAM: We were fortunate to have one of our own members as our Speaker this month. BECKI deNEUI LYNCH. Becki is a person of many talents and this month she shared with us her knowledge of BEES and the importance of pollination. Also, gave us a description of the different bees and their importance to the world of pollination. An interesting fact was that the Honey Bee was brought to America by the Europeans in the 1600's. The Bumble Bee is the pollinator of the Milkweed that is so important to the Monarch Butterfly. Becki also recommended several books that are very informative to the survival of the endangered bees. Jeanne Yazinski will send out an email with that list. At the conclusion of her program, Becki opened up the floor for questions and answers. Becki also stated that she was available for B&G members to call her and she would be happy to come to your home for a consultation.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

APPROVAL OF BLOOM AND GROW MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING: Joyce Carcara motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Karraker. The group voted to APPROVED the minutes.

TREASURER REPORT: See the August report in the last newsletter.

Ending balance as of 9/30/2021: Checking Account: \$47,147, Money Market: 6,076, Total: **\$53,223**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws CAROLYN KARRAKER presented the changes to the Evaluation Scholarship and Awards Committee as follows:

Section H: Evaluation Scholarship and Awards Committee – The duties will be to evaluate and to review requests for donations and scholarships and document that those donations and scholarships given by the club are used for the intended purpose in compliance with the mission statement of the organization. The committee will upon review of request and availability of support funds, present recommendations to board for approval. The treasurer shall be an automatic member.

A motion was made by KIM EVANS to approve the changes. JIMMIE ATWILL seconded the motion. The Club voted to APPROVE the changes as presented. CAROLYN also stated that the update to our MISSION STATEMENTS had been completed.

THE MONARCH PROJECT COMMITTEE :JEANNE Y. gave a wonderful slide presentation of our dedication ceremony of FLORA our Monarch Butterfly Sculpture to the City of Winter Garden. She also presented a shout out to our own member BECKI deNEUI LYNCH for her work on restoring the Butterfly/Pollinator Garden on the West Orange Trail. Jeanne also encouraged all members to stop by the Winter Garden Monarch Butterfly Garden on Plant Street. A lot of the Monarch Butterflies that were released at the dedication are still hanging around. FYI Bloom and Grow Garden Society/The Monarch Project sold 95 Monarch Way Stations with 18 going to our local schools.

WG HERITAGE TREE PROJECT Katy Moss Warner brought us up to date on this project in particular the plans for online access in the future to everything and anything you might want to know about the project. In addition she share how the TUCKER RANCH TREE RANCH DRAWING came to be and the fund raising project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – October 18th, 10:00 am – Heritage Center

SPRING FEVER COMMITTEE will be on October 21, 2021, at 10AM at Jesse Brock Community Center. SPRING FEVER IN THE GARDEN is scheduled for April 2-3, 2022.

WINTER GARDEN HERITAGE TREES WALKING TOUR is scheduled for October 22, 2021, at 8:30AM starting at the Winter Garden City Hall (please consult your October Clippings for details).

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON – November 12, 11:00 am

1st ANNUAL HEALTHY WEST ORANGE and WINTER GARDEN HERITAGE FESTIVAL schedule for November 6, 2021.

SAVE THE DATE: POINSETTA SALES December 8, 2021, at The Crooked Can.

POINSETTA BEER at the Crooked Can – month of December
CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECE CLASS @ BETTY J'S – December 16

20th SPRING FEVER IN THE GARDEN April 2-3, 2022

Respectfully submitted, Carole Engle Recording Secretary

