



Bloom & Grow

GARDEN SOCIETY

CELEBRATING MORE THAN 20 YEARS

February 2022
CLIPPINGS



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President's Corner



If you did not attend the last Zoom meeting, we had a few very important announcements.

April 2-3 will be our 20th Spring Fever in the Garden. We are very excited to have TWO Spring Fever tee shirt designs. The butterfly that most of you already have, and a beautiful teal colored one. Look for the design later in the newsletter.

May 2022 will begin our 25th year of Bloom and Grow Garden Society. At the last meeting we announced that it will be the year of the pollinator! We have placed a goal to plant 2500 acres of pollinator gardens in West Orange County! By planting, advising and assisting schools, businesses, homeowners and government agencies we will be helping pollinators and of course, monarchs. If you want to be a part of this wonderful project, look for the meeting announcement on page 3 of the newsletter.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Jeanne

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Valentine's Day!*



February Luncheon/Business Meeting

**Bloom and Grow Luncheon/Business Meeting
February 11, 11:00 am
West Orange Country Club**

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you already paid for the January luncheon which was cancelled, your payment will automatically go toward the February luncheon unless you contact Laura Radius for a refund by February 4. We are sorry for the inconvenience.
laura.radius@gmail.com

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 February 4.

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

**Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta, Side Salad
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



We are forming a new committee to celebrate Bloom and Grow turning 25!

We hope to plan many events for the next year! Some events that we are considering are a formal dinner celebration, a field trip, and bringing back Denim and Diamonds! If you have ideas and want to help please look for a committee organizational meeting sometime at the end of February.

If you would like to be a part of the 25th Year Committee, please contact Jeanne at yazinskijm@gmail.com



SOCIAL COMMITTEE: If you are interested in helping with the Social Committee to plan events for the 25th year club celebration, please contact Lill Gividen at : mypapamimi@yahoo.com

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE: If you are interested helping plan a field trip or two for the 25th anniversary year of the club, please contact: Julie Dohse at : julieadohse@gmail.com

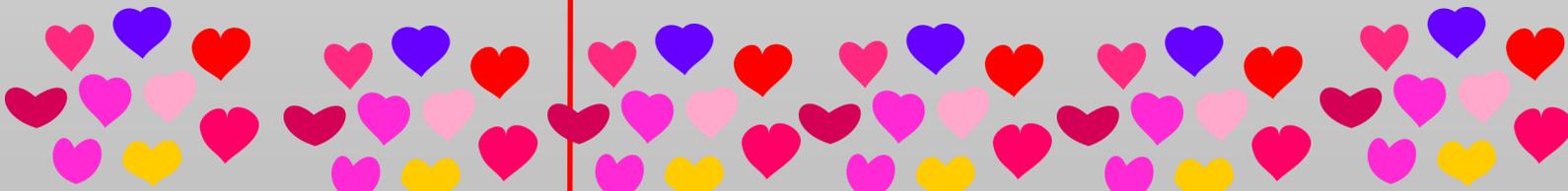
Soup Cans Needed

We are planning a project for children at Kid Zone at the Spring Fever festival in April. The children will be making Mason Bee houses. Please save your soup and vegetable cans, any size, with the tops removed. Do not remove the bottoms. Please rinse and remove the label and bring them to any of our luncheons or Spring Fever meetings. Thank You!



Pollinator Power Organizational Meeting

Our 25th anniversary year of Bloom and Grow will be called *The Year of the Pollinator*. Our goal is to plant 2,500 acres of pollinator gardens in West Orange County over the next 5 years. If you would like to be a part of this exciting new project, we will meet at the Heritage Foundation on Tuesday, February 15 at 10 am. Even if your don't garden, we will find something for you to do. Hope to see you there!



Bloom and Grow Website



Because we are accepting new members at any time during the year, the directory can't be reformatted each time a new member is added. Therefore, new members who have been added since September will be in an appendix.

The directory is found on the Bloom and Grow website in the "Member" section at www.bloomandgrow.club

The member's only password is bandg1997 (no spaces, no caps)

Please send any updates: address, email, phone or other changes to

Julie Teal at jteal003@icloud.com or Jeanne Yazinski at yazinskijm@gmail.com



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- ✦ Click "Get started"
- ✦ Find Bloom and Grow Garden Society, Inc.

EVERY time you shop, must go to smile.amazon.com so Amazon donates a portion of your sale to the club.

February Luncheon Program

On February 11 we will welcome our student scholarship recipients to our luncheon.



BIRTHDAY Wishes

Carole Engle 14
Bobbi Mottin 16
Karen Myers 18
Debbie Erickson 24





20th Anniversary SPRING FEVER IN THE GARDEN
Saturday April 2nd - Sunday April 3rd

Committee meetings at Jessie Brock:
Thursday, February 17th at 10 am
Thursday, March 10 at 10am
Thursday, March 24th at 10am

Zone Leaders Meeting
Saturday, March 26th at 10am
at Jessie Brock Senior Lounge

Appreciation Brunch
April 13th at Tanner Hall - time TBA

Evaluation Meeting
April 21st at 10 am at Jessie Brock

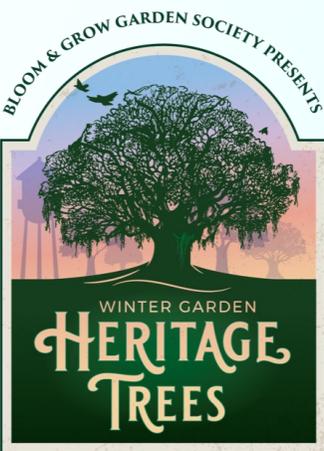
Thank you for supporting and volunteering to work at Spring Fever.

We are excited that we have chosen a second tee shirt design for Spring Fever! (on left) It has a beautiful teal background. We will be selling this tee shirt at the February and March meetings to members (price TBA.) We accept cash, check or credit card. Please

remember that this limited edition tee shirt is a surprise for the 20th Spring Fever and we ask that you do not wear it until the event!

Linda Bouton

Chair, Spring Fever in the Garden 2022



Florida Arbor Day
Heritage Tree Walk



In the Spotlight

Each month we will highlight a few of our new members.



Pam Schrimsher

Born in Maine, Pam grew up in Naples, Florida, and attended Georgia Tech graduating with a business degree. After owning several businesses while living in Ft. Lauderdale, she is now retired and an empty nester. She moved here last May to be closer to her daughter and granddaughter. Pam was an enthusiastic member of the 'Flower & Fern Society' garden club in Ft. Lauderdale, so when Nancy Connors invited her to our meeting last year, she was happy for the opportunity. Her last garden club focused on shade plants, and she found it educational when members brought their plants to meetings. She is enjoying online classes with the extension service focusing on native garden plants and landscape design using vegetables and native flowers like beautyberry, witch hazel, and she has a love for grasses. It's no surprise that she is also a member of the Native Plant Society in Clermont. Pam is on a learning curve while gardening in our 'milder' climate, and the absence of a nearby ocean!

Pam shared with me that ten years ago, she rode a bicycle from Key West to Washington, DC! I asked her how that had come about, and she replied, "It seemed like a good idea at the time!" A friend asked her to join in the adventure, so she went with him, when I asked how it went she warned, "be careful who you partner with . . . with some people it's the end, and some people it's the journey." Clearly, with Pam, it's the journey! The trip took about six weeks, and they arrived in DC on Memorial Day weekend in time to see the motorcycle group, Rolling Thunder. What a fun time! Welcome, Pam!

Bari Zepernick

When we talked, Bari was recovering from knee replacement and walking with a cane. She was born in Long Island and attended school and college there. Her goal of being a nurse was interrupted by falling in love and marrying a man whose goal was to farm in West Virginia! They will celebrate their golden anniversary in three years. To grow their own food and farm livestock was the couple's goal. However, when she discovered her second pregnancy in 1976, they returned to New York. In 2016, they moved to Winter Garden where their son lives, and now enjoy their six-year-old grandchild. Bari enjoys quilting, knitting, sewing and lots of handiwork. Semi-retired now, her husband is helping their 6 ft. 11 in. tall son to get a pressure washing business off the ground.

Bari is coaxing a garden out of the ground but also joined Bloom & Grow because she really needs adult company . . . female when possible. Commenting on retirement, Bari loves her husband, but said, "a little gardening and girl talk is so welcome!" She and a granddaughter so very much enjoy the Path of Life, and the nearby playground. She was interested to hear some of the history of the wonderful garden.

Bari has enjoyed sewing group membership as they sewed and provided needed items for patients and young girls across the country. The group was called "Sew Powerful," and patterns were provided which were "quite beautiful." She is also interested in helping member Becki in providing pollinator gardens. We wish speedy recovery to Bari, and look forward to some "girl talk" with her soon! Welcome, Bari!





Jan Close

Jan grew up in northern New Jersey, 20 minutes from the George Washington bridge. She attended the University of Maryland to become a teacher and taught in New Jersey for a year. An invitation to Winter Park for a 4th of July barbecue brought her to Central Florida for the first time. She and a friend made the trip with expectations of a fun time, and the promise to meet new men friends. Well, she “married that man, and moved to Florida!” And now, fifty-three years later, she recently lost “that man,” the love of her life, to COVID. She continued her teaching career serving at Palm Lake Elementary, Rolling Hills and Dr. Phillips and many other schools for 23 years. She enjoyed teaching with Bloom & Grow member Carolyn Karraker during her teaching career. Jan’s husband Jim owned a contracting business that built custom homes. In fact, Jim designed and built their home of thirty- three years in Bay Hills. Later, as empty nesters, they sold the family home and moved to her home in the West Orange Country Club neighborhood. She enjoys the view from her window on the number one hole, and along with member Becki Lynch, planned and planted a pollinator garden on the fourteenth hole, topped off with a large painted butterfly on a pole. The garden is designated as a memorial for golfers who had enjoyed many happy hours on the course. Her neighbor Brenda Knowles was such a helper in her loss of Jim and invited her to join Bloom & Grow.

Jan is proud of her two daughters, one a director at Pfizer living in New York, and the other has a veterinary practice in Ocoee who lives with her mom, Jan. Jan tries to brighten the surroundings at her daughter’s practice by planting and caring for a small flower garden there. As we talked and Jan reminisced, she recalled a friend offering two tickets to a concert for a brand new band called the Beatles, who were making their American debut at Shay Stadium! She became life-long fan. . . as many of us did as well.

We’re so happy to welcome you, Jan!



Christine Martindale

Christine was born in Wisconsin, but after high school graduation moved to the Orlando area when her father’s employment at AT&T moved him here. She chuckles that she has lived in Winter Garden twice, once in the eighties, and now in Oakland Park for the past four years. Her life’s passion has been for her family, three daughters and one son. When we talked, she shared that her daughter’s wedding is taking up much of her time now, and another daughter is also in the early planning stages for a wedding! Thankfully, her son has no such immediate plans! Christine is proud for her son’s time spent as a Marine, now in civilian life. Christine worked in the field of medicine, but now her days are filled with family and gardening. On her small lot she plants “flowers on every square inch,” and she finds it a great stress reliever. Christine buys “whatever appeals to her,” and “if it wants to live with her, she makes it part of her garden.” She also is passionate about art and volunteers at SOBO Art Gallery.

Although Christine and her husband have traveled to Europe, their interests are now turning toward destinations closer to home. They will travel to Montana in May to see Glacier National Park, (my all-time favorite), and later travel to Nova Scotia, Quebec and surrounding parts on a Holland America cruise. Christine said her personal goal is “to make life better for everybody around her. She remembers being at a nail salon while the lady next to her seemed to “slump.” Christine asked the attendant about the lady’s well-being, just as she “melted into the floor.” Our heroine directed the attendant to call 911, while she took the pulse and soon the patient was on her way to the hospital. Christine wishes she knew the outcome for the woman, but was happy to have had a clear mind that day! I’m sure you agree, we enthusiastically welcome Christine!

What's the **BUZZ ?** The first in a series of blogs by member Dr. Becki Lynch



Building a Pollinator Habitat = Water

Pollinators require food, nesting sites, and water to survive and thrive. Let's start with information on their need for water. Would seem to be a simple answer, but --

Water/moisture is required, yes, for all pollinators to be healthy – why?

- Pollinators need water just like we do, to keep their bodies functioning healthily. In particular it aids with processes such as digestion.
- On hot days honey bees use water to cool down the temperature of their hive via evaporation.
- Honey bees use water when making honey. They use the water to dilute it and prevent the honey from crystallising.
- Butterflies take up important minerals via drinking water – this is why they can often be found drinking from “dirty” puddles.
- Most moisture needs for bees and butterflies are supplied by the nectar/food present in the flower, and by dew caught on leaves and in plant crevices overnight.
- Having additional water easily available, however, DOES effect the distance they have to travel whilst foraging. Particularly in Florida, with our sun and heat, it breaks up their journey and prevents exhaustion.
- Provide a water station through plants or shallow basking spots.
- Plants that hold water/dew are most natural for bees/moths – Check out various urn plants –
- Fountains, pools, ponds and streams are options.
- Fill a bird bath, install a water garden or set out a container of water.

IMPORTANT: Make sure your water sources have a **shallow or sloping** side. This is so the pollinators can easily approach the water and not drown.

Here are directions for a simple, yet effective water station:

You will need:

- A shallow dish – I use the large bottom clay plate used for clay pots. Natural materials are preferred by pollinators over metals or plastics.
- Gravel, Pebbles of a variety of sizes – large flat pebbles are preferred by butterflies.
- Water

How:

- Place the pebbles on the bottom – try to have varying heights for various sizes of bees.
- Fill the dish with water to about 2/3 of the way, making sure the tops of the pebbles are above the water. The pebbles provide a place for the pollinators to stand whilst drinking as they cannot swim.
- Place in the garden close to/in the middle of plants – try one on the ground and one about 2-3 ft. high (birdbath).
- Place where it is protected from the wind (many forget this – pollinators expend too much energy trying to stay still at the water stand when it's windy – can't relax!)
- Replace the water regularly or replenish when empty
- There is no need to add any sugar or honey to the water station. Bees and butterflies get a much more nutritious food supply from the nectar and pollen in flowers as opposed to an artificial sugar syrup.

So there you go – hope you can add a water station or two to your property in the next month before we head on to – Nesting/Protection!!

The Garden Club of Indian River County is also celebrating their 20th garden festival. If you are at the beach when they do, you may want to check it out!

Quality Vendors!

- ✦ Plants
- ✦ Flowers
- ✦ Orchids
- ✦ Trees
- ✦ Pottery
- ✦ Furniture
- ✦ Native Plants
- ✦ Garden Art



“Ask The Experts”

both days

Great Raffle Prizes!

...no need to be present to win!

Great food!
&
Youth
Activities



**Riverside Park
Vero Beach**

3260 Riverside Park Drive...
Off Rt. 60 beachside


Free
Admission
&
Parking

Saturday, Feb. 5, 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, Feb. 6, 9 am - 4 pm



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Bloom and Grow Garden Society
 Statement of Activity
 As of DEC. 31, 2021

| | Dec-21 Actual | YTD Actual | Annual Budget | YTD over/(Under) Annual Budget |
|---|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Revenue: | | | | |
| Contributions/Sponsorships | 123 | 3,519 | | 3,519 |
| Fundraising | | 3,137 | 4,000 | (863) |
| Grants | | - | 3,000 | (3,000) |
| Meetings | 1,242 | 6,858 | | 6,858 |
| Membership | 105 | 630 | 4,200 | (3,570) |
| Program Revenue (Path of Life, Tree prints, Plant of Mnth) | 4,299 | 10,108 | 2,200 | 7,908 |
| Monarch Project | 375 | 18,581 | 24,500 | (5,919) |
| Spring Fever | 422 | 10,791 | 84,000 | (73,209) |
| Total Revenue | \$ 6,566 | \$ 53,624 | \$ 121,900 | \$ (68,276) |
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| Awards | | 16,200 | 30,000 | (13,800) |
| Sponsorships | | - | 4,000 | (4,000) |
| Charitable Con/Comm Outreach | | 2,128 | | |
| Scholarships | | 16,000 | 16,000 | - |
| Program Exp. | 1,400 | 11,463 | 17,770 | (6,307) |
| Monarch Project | | 34,584 | 36,500 | (1,916) |
| Spring Fever | 365 | 365 | 37,000 | (36,635) |
| Fundraising | | 1,013 | 1,250 | (237) |
| Meeting | 1,930 | 5,984 | 900 | 5,084 |
| | | - | | - |
| Operating Expenditures: | 698 | 6,799 | 8,395 | (1,596) |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 4,393 | \$ 94,536 | \$ 151,815 | (57,279) |
| Net Revenue: | \$ 2,173 | \$ (40,912) | \$ (29,915) | \$ (10,997) |

Cash Balances:

Beginning Balance 5/31/2021

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|------------------|--------|------------------|
| Checking Account | 75,325 | |
| Money Market | 6,076 | |
| Total | | \$ 81,401 |

Ending Balance 12/31/2021

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|------------------|--------|------------------|
| Checking Account | 36,291 | |
| Money Market | 6,077 | |
| Total | | \$ 42,368 |

Total Restricted Funds

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|-----------------------|-------|
| Sales Tax Payable | 728 |
| Sponsorship 2022/2023 | 7,500 |

Total Available Funds 12/31/2021

\$ 34,140





BLOOM & GROW GARDEN SOCIETY, JANUARY 14, 2022,
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Meeting Minutes

WELCOME: Jeanne Yazinski, called the Zoom Meeting to order.

DEVOTION: Nancy Sines delivered an inspirational message and then led us in prayer.

We were not able to do the Pledge To The Flag because of the meeting being on Zoom.

We did not have any Guests or New Members on the call.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to all of our January B&G members.

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: Julie Dohse introduced Dana Sussmann, Senior Forester, Florida Forest Services as our speaker.

MINUTES: The December monthly minutes were in the Clippings. Linda Bouton motioned that we accept the minutes and Anne Wiedenbeck seconded the motion. B&G members accepted and approved the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laura Radio presented the Treasurer Report. As of 12/31/2021 B&G has \$36,291 in checking and \$6007 in money market.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLLINATOR POWER is a newly formed committee with Becki Lynch and Gretchen Boyd. The Pollinator Power Committee will be a continuation of the Monarch Project. Pollinator Power will form Pollinator Partnerships with Individuals, HOA's, Schools, Businesses and Government. Purpose is to increase the pollinator habitat in West Orange County by 2500 acres over the next five years through education and partnerships. Also, to serve as advocates for pollinators through information and advising. Meeting Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 10:00 am at The Winter Garden Heritage Foundation.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: Ann Blastic met with Laura Coar at the City of Winter Garden regarding 150 Petrea Vines that should be ready in early March for delivery. The date will be advised later.

HERITAGE TREE WALK: Katy Moss Warner discussed our tree walk on Arbor Day, January 21, 2022 at 8:30 am beginning at City Hall and ending at The Winter Garden Heritage Foundation.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Lill Gividen discussed the Social Committee and the 25th Celebration Committee would be working together for our 25th Year Celebration with many events.

SPRING FEVER IN THE GARDEN: Linda Bouton introduced the limited edition for a second t-shirt for our 20th Anniversary Spring Fever in the Garden. It will be a beautiful teal shirt with the caption "With brave wings she flies" Spring Fever in the Garden, April 2-3, 2022. Purchased 500 to sell to B&G members first and then to the public.

25th CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: Jeanne Yazinski will be chairing and needs members to get involved in celebrating our 25th Year. Plans for Field Trips, Dinner, Demin & Diamonds, Path of Life event and much more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jeanne Yazinski announced our next business meeting should be at the club in person on Friday, February 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Knowles
for Carole Engle, Recording Secretary

