



Happy Mother's Day!

May 2021

Bloom & Grow
GARDEN SOCIETY

CELEBRATING MORE THAN 20 YEARS

CLIPPINGS

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President's Corner

I am so excited that we are finally getting together for an event after a long year apart! Information about the officer installation and brunch is on the next page. Also, our annual work day at Tucker Ranch is April 30.

If you ordered a waystation garden, be sure to check out the pickup information.

We have several new members that have joined us. If you see a new face, please welcome them to the club!

In September, we plan on resuming our luncheon meetings at the West Orange Country Club. Remember our luncheon meetings are the second Friday of each month. Since we have not met in over a year, we will most likely redo our permanent reservation list. Look for an email this summer, since this is the last newsletter until the fall.



Happy Summer!

Jeanne





Bloom & Grow
Brunch, Officer Installation
& Exclusive Shopping Event
Dillard's at the Florida Mall

8001 S Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL

Friday, June 4

9:00 am: Doors open for shopping.
10:00 am: Brunch and Program, 2nd floor
Officer Installation and Fashion Show
Shop before or after the event.

MENU

French Tartelette (Spinach and Cheese Quiche)

Variety of pastries Fresh Fruit

Coffee Tea Mimosas

\$25 per person, guests welcome

Basket Raffle provided by Dillard's at the event:
\$10 per chance or 6/\$50 (checks or cash only)

Doors open at 9 am for shopping. We will have the entire store to ourselves until 11 am when the store opens. A portion of all sales go to Bloom & Grow when you check out at designated registers. Masks required except when eating or drinking.

RSVP by May 19

Make check payable to Bloom & Grow Garden Society and mail check to:

Lill Gividen, 10225 Birch Tree Lane, Windermere, FL 34786

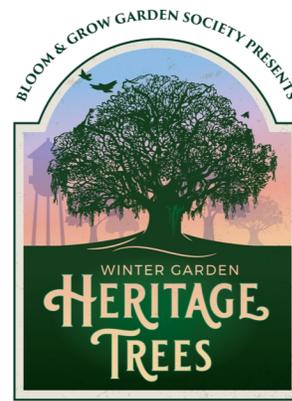
Tables of 4, seats are first come, first served. No table reservations.



1000 Trees for 1000 Years Anniversary Work Day

We will be celebrating National Arbor Day at Tucker Ranch with an anniversary work day for “1000 Trees for 1000 Years.” Fifty volunteers are gathering from 8:30-11:30am on Friday April 30 to give a little TLC to the 1000 bald cypress trees we planted last year. We will count how many trees are still alive and how many have died. We will weed around the trees to give them a boost for a long life. And then we will plant a ceremonial Bald Cypress for our past president Brenda Knowles. We have some special volunteers joining us again this year. Some of our leaders from last year are returning – Billy Butterfield of Ameriscapes, Robert Bowden of Harry P. Leu Gardens, Van Donnan, Cindy Christmas and Wes Parrish of the FNGLA, and our own B&G member Vickie Parrish. Landscape architect Meg Whitmer is coming again all the way from Tampa. In addition, we have some additional horticultural professionals who have offered to join us: Linda Adams of FNGLA, Mark Russell of Cherrylake, and Mike Agate from SiteOne with some of his staff. John Roberts, Orange County Extension Agent, will also be joining us. He is a two-time recipient of our Bloom and Grow scholarships.

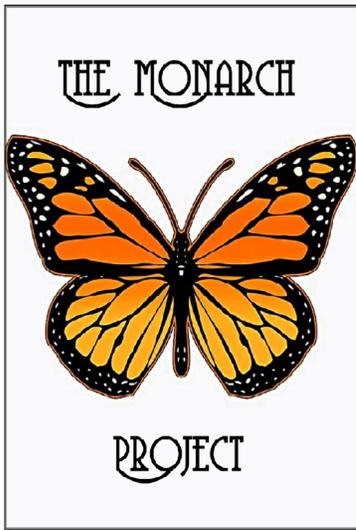
If you can't make it at 8:30am, please feel free to come at 11am for the ceremonial planting. You can visit with your B & G friends and meet our amazing volunteers! Happy Arbor Day!



Winter Garden Heritage Tree Project

Our Winter Garden Heritage Tree Project is really moving along. Thank you so much to each of you who have nominated trees. We currently have nearly 60 trees measured and documented thanks to YOU and the amazing work being done by Wes and Vickie Parrish. We are still hoping for 40 more trees before the end of May so please look around for a tree you cherish, whether it be your own or one you see around Winter Garden. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE TREE! All we really need is the address but if you know the name of the tree all the better. And we would love to have you share a story – about the tree, the history of that area, the story of some person associated with that tree. Over 50 trees have now been entered into the national database called www.PlantsMap.com. If you go to the site and then look for Bloom and Grow, you can see all our trees. We have collected some incredible stories. We find that we can tell the history of Winter Garden and its cherished residents through the trees. It's inspiring!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE TREE either by going to the Bloom and Grow website or by making contact with Katy Moss Warner. katymosswarner@aol.com. 407-234-0348.



Waystation Garden Pick Up and Sale

Friday, May 7

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

238 W Smith St.
(Behind the Crooked Can Marketplace)

Pre-ordered waystation garden pick-up

(10 plants, 2 of each) \$60 + tax

You may pay with a credit card or check at pick up.

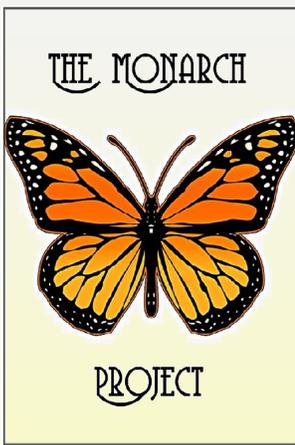
If you did not already pre-order, we are completely sold out of the waystation gardens however, we have extra Tropical Milkweed and Coreopsis available on May 7 for purchase.



Tropical Milkweed
1 gallon pots, \$8 + tax

Coreopsis
1 gallon pots, \$8 + tax

If you would like to pre-order Tropical Milkweed or Coreopsis,
Email Gretchen: gretchenboyd@aol.com
Or Linda lindacb47@gmail.com



MONARCH PROJECT UPDATE



The movie screenings for Flight of the Butterflies at the Garden Theatre on April 10, 2021 were successful with 100 tickets sold for the 3 pm show and 106 tickets sold for the 5 pm show. We had many positive comments about the documentary on the migration of the monarchs. We appreciate the support of our sponsor, CEMEX, for covering our expenses. Our total revenue allowing was \$3,090. The Garden Theatre staff was very supportive, and would like to partner with us again to screen another film next year!

Our Monarch Waystations have SOLD OUT! Our pickup date is Friday, May 7. We still have extra milkweed and extra coreopsis, our state wildflower a nectar plant. Milkweed and coreopsis are \$8 each for a 1-gallon pot. The hungry “cats” need lots of milkweed and you can still pre-order. Email Gretchen or Linda. Our sponsor, CEMEX, has also funded our Waystations.

Remember to stop by Crooked Can Brewery or Urban Flats to get a Monarch beer available the entire month of April. We will make \$1 from each beer sold. We have one more Monarch Monday, April 26, come out between 4-6 pm and bring friends!

The dedication of our magnificent, monarch sculpture has been delayed until late August or early September. We met with the owner of The Hangry Bison which is the restaurant located in the Exchange Building facing the new park. The Hangry Bison will not be able to get their certificate of occupancy until mid-August. They have many exciting details . . . the outdoor patio will face the park and wrap around the south side facing Tremaine Street. You can google their menu and dine at their Winter Park location. We will partner with them for a cocktail reception for our dedication. More details coming mid-summer.

Gretchen





NEW MEMBERS

We are happy that we have so many new members! We will feature our other new members in the fall editions of *Clippings*.

Katie Colletta

Deborah Conrad

Julie Dohse

Pam Thomas

Ellen Shapiro

Lexie White



Welcome to our new member, Pam Thomas. Born in Arkansas, she left for Colorado in 1983, then to Arizona in 1989, but found her happy place here in Florida in 1989. Pam's grandmother was a gardener, involved in garden clubs and all sorts of interesting plant things while living on a farm. Her great love was Queen Anne's Lace, and always got excited when it started to bloom! She planted in Pam her love for conservation and propagation. Pam now has mostly house plants, but has plenty of room and the perfect spot for a monarch waystation garden! Her daughter "went to the dogs" (family joke), loving both dogs and cats. She, too, is redoing her backyard into gardens. Pam's husband is retired now from his career as a CPA. Pam stays very busy with her restaurant, Pammie's Sammies in downtown Winter Garden. When I asked how she and hubby Thorp met, she said in a rock band.

WELL, I had to know more! He was the drummer to the "girl singer" Pam in the band known as "Bad Necks." She explained it means "an amazing guitar rip." If you want proof, she has photos taken in 1979. She started traveling with the band when she was in nursing school, and her parents were "cool" and accepting. Once when performing, they invited the audience to throw coconuts! They had to stop them because "it hurt when they hit." Now you ask, when did this change? Well, as Pam and Thorp became serious, he had to chose, and like a good guy, he chose a career as a CPA ! She's fun and full of energy and you will enjoy her as I did. Welcome, Pam Thomas!



When I asked my usual question, "Where were you born, or are you a Florida native, Deborah Conrad replied "Yes." Although born in Ft. Lauderdale, she has been in Winter Garden for a very long time seeing lots and lots of changes to the area. Deborah walks every day and gardens at her son's home which keeps her very fit and healthy. Husband, Kirk, is now retired after a thirty year career at Lockheed Martin.

Her father owned a nursery where he propagated orchids and lots of other wonderful things, and was a landscape designer, so her love of all things growing comes naturally! She is most interested in vegetable gardening, and for two years worked as a volunteer at Tildenville school to educate children on where their food comes from. The students planted and harvested carrots, celery and

lots of food stuffs, and also had a butterfly garden with milkweed abounding.

Deborah enjoyed her career as a drafter at Disney World, doing portraits on Main Street, returning to school to expand her skills. She loved her work. She is also very proud of her work on Tokyo Disney! But her gift to humanity came when she commenced work as a Hospice Volunteer. She worked specifically with the "actively dying," and remembers all patients, but especially one homeless man who had no one except her in his last days. She also made visits to those who were not in end days, but needing the gift of her "Lavender Touch."

We're so very pleased to say WELCOME to our new member, Deborah Conrad!



Ellen Shapiro

Ellen is our second Florida native to join us this month.

Ellen and husband, Alan, were traveling first New York, then Washington DC when we commenced talking about her life and adventures. She painted a picture of Spring in the capital with tulips, daffodils, cherry & apple trees all in bloom!

Born in Miami, her and her husband met while attending University of Florida, and married. They loved the trees in Gainesville, and decided to stay, and stay they did

for fifty years. They had a 100 acre wholesale nursery and shipped countless perennials to seven states, later adding a retail garden center which Ellen oversaw, and after that, adding a florist. It sounds like a place I wish I had visited!

After their two daughters married, one moving to New York and one to Winter Garden the two grandchildren drew them to settle in Oakland Park.

At Alan's prompting in the background (thanks Alan), Ellen told of an amazing 7 day trip on the Amazon searching out a "Victorian Lily" dwarf thought to be extinct, accompanied by an expert from Longwood Gardens, an expert lily grower and a wildlife illustrator. Alan also prompted tidbits like, "honeymoon in Israel" and "Ellen the birdwatcher." Personally, I can't wait to meet Alan, he gives a great interview!

Ellen told me of her pride in accomplishments in her former garden club landscaping 13 Habitat homes and lots more. She was nominated *Volunteer of the Year*, well deserved I'd say. All in all, I'm happy to say, "Welcome Ellen Shapiro!"

Kay's Korner by Kay VanderLey

Miss Kay's Garden

Hi! Gosh, what a long time since we've been together for a nice chat. I've missed you! Shall we wander back into my garden as we catch up?

How have you been during these "quarantine" times? It's been challenging, hasn't it? As you can see, I've been busy with the Spring chores, mostly cutting back overgrown bushes, moving and removing plantings, fertilizing, spraying. (I found a new spray that is bee, bird and animal friendly!!) I think it's been one of the most beautiful Springs I can remember, don't you? On the sad side, I lost my two sweeties, both 13 years of age, Lily the Lab, and Ryder the chihuahua. What an empty house and garden it was, UNTIL, my sweet son found me a rescue Lab mix, young and full of energy! Well, my life is quite lively now!

Come over here by this overgrown rose bush, I want to show you something! See tucked back among the leaves and branches? The bird nest, and sitting in it a little female Cardinal warming her one egg. I discovered her and she has grown quite comfortable with me talking to her! She has taught me quite a bit, patience for one. She just continues her job rain or shine, wind or puppies! Rediscovering the beauty for one another. She is so lovely in her muted brown dress, and red lipstick beak! This too shall pass, we will soon return to our too-busy lives, and the sadness and discomfort will lessen. What I hope we can remember is how we have rediscovered the really important things during this long season.

Wish you didn't have to go so soon but I understand. How about a hug, and a "see you soon" before you leave! Bye!



Kay

Kay is a past president of Bloom and Grow with some of the most beautiful gardens in Winter Garden. If you drive on Lakeview in Winter Garden, you will surely notice her gardens. We were lucky enough to see Kay out gardening and stopped to talk and admire her work! She always welcomes friends from Bloom and Grow to come and enjoy!





Betty Kushmer 2
Debbie Bruce 11
Kay VanderLey 13
Nancy Barber 17
Nancy Fullerton 17
Gloria Quesinberry 31
Virginia Robinson 31



Summer Birthdays!

June

Mary Zahl 2
Ginnie Stanford 5
Joyce Carcara 18
Joan Birdsall 18
Fran Mansour 19
Mary Beth Asma 23
Carolyn Greer 30

July

Ann Blakeslee 9
Sandra Rieke 11
Katy Moss Warner 11
Carolyn Karraker 12
Vickie Parrish 14
Cherry Winters 14
Nancy Pavey 19
Carol Seda 21
Cynthia Kohn 22
Linda Bouton 23
Terri LaPenta 23
Patti Williams 30
Monica Pounds 31

August

Robin Sanchez 14
Toni Stephens 17
Andy Davis 18
Lynn LaBerge 19
Kathy Moore 19
Judy Britt 20
Bonnie Callahan 20
Anita Elliott 21
Marian Wagster 22
Maureen Landers 23
Ann Walker 25
Monique Bollhoefer 27
Phyllis Hickman 27
Tina Aldrich 28
Annette Metzger 29
Agnes Foote 30
Greta Shores 30





**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**



20th Annual



**Spring Fever
April 2-3, 2022**



**First Spring Fever Committee Meetings
September 16th, 2021, 10:00 am at
Jesse Brock Community Center**

All new members are welcome. We especially encourage new members who joined in 2020 and 2021 to attend and participate in a committee, since you joined during a time when there were no meetings. Finally, we should be able to meet in person! A great way to get involved and get to know other garden club members!

Linda Bouton
Spring Fever Chair



Bloom 'N Grow Garden Society
Treasurer's Report
June 2020 - March 2021

			Annual
	3/1/21- 3/31/21	6/1/20- 3/31/21	Budget
Revenue			
Grants			3,000
May Luncheon			6,000
Contributions	35	3,659	
1,000 Trees Sponsorship	2	2	
Total Contributions	\$ 37	\$ 3,661	\$ -
Membership Dues	2,380	3,325	4,200
Miscellaneous Income			
Interest Income	0	0	0
Total Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Online Auction		3,146	1,000
Online Auction Expense		(205)	
Total Online Auction	\$ -	\$ 2,941	\$ 1,000
Path of Life	150	1,250	1,200
Plant of the Month			
Plant of the Month Revenue		5,314	500
POM Expense		(2,802)	0
Total Plant of the Month	\$ -	\$ 2,512	\$ 500
Special Projects Income		495	0
Monarch Sculpture Project			
Monarch Sculpture Donations		13,000	31,700
Monarch Sculpture Project General Exp		(750)	(30,000)
Total Monarch Sculpture Donations	\$ -	\$ 12,250	\$ 1,700
Monarch Sculpture Fundraising Sales			
Butterfly Garden Plants Sale			
Cost of Butterfly Garden Plants		(600)	0
Total Butterfly Garden Plants Sale	\$ -	\$ (600)	\$ -
Monarch Pendant Sales	225	2,775	0
Cost of Monarch Pendants		(1,900)	0
Total Monarch Pendant Sales	\$ 225	\$ 875	\$ -
Total Monarch Sculpture Fundraising Sales	\$ 225	\$ 275	\$ -
Total Monarch Sculpture Project	\$ 225	\$ 12,524	\$ 1,700
Total Special Projects Income	\$ 225	\$ 13,019	\$ 31,700
Spring Fever			
Spring Fever Income			
Sponsorships	7,500	7,500	30,000
Spring Fever Vendor Registrations		(4,500)	0
Total Spring Fever Income	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 30,000
xSpring Fever Expense		(7,685)	(45,200)
Total Spring Fever	\$ 7,500	\$ (4,685)	\$ (15,200)
Steppin Out			\$ 2,500
Total Revenue	\$ 10,292	\$ 22,024	\$ 4,900

Treasurer's Report (continued)

Expenditures			
Accounting & Legal Expenses	130	2,010	2,000
Awards			15,000
City of Winter Garden			3,000
Dues and Subscriptions		449	400
FFGC Dues		1,500	1,500
Garden Books			2,000
Garden Therapy		80	500
Insurance		875	875
May Luncheon			750
Meeting Expenses			100
Miscellaneous		60	
Office Supplies	82	231	400
Path of Life expenses	177	1,793	2,770
Postage & Printing Expense	17	206	400
President's Gift		40	100
Publicity	750	4,790	6,000
Scholarships			15,000
Socials		(4)	500
Speakers for Meetings			300
Special Projects Misc Expense		90	
Square Fees	46	258	
Storage Unit		1,608	1,620
Summer Luncheon			500
Tree Funds	79	379	1,000
Vibrant Communities			500
Website		5,142	5,500
Winter Garden Rotary			1,000
Total Expenses	\$ 1,281	\$ 19,507	\$ 61,715
Net Revenue	\$ 9,011	\$ 2,517	\$ (56,815)
Beginning Cash Balance			
Checking Account	53,305		
Money Market Account	6,076		
Total Beginning Balance	59,381	59,381	
Net Revenue(Expense)	9,011		
Sales Tax Collected Less Sales Tax Paid	15		
Net Change in Fund Balances		9,026	
Ending Cash Balance			
Checking Account	62,331		
Money Market Account	6,076		
Total Ending Cash Balance		68,407	
Restricted Funds			
Monarch Sculpture Final Payment	23,500		
Total Restricted Funds		(23,500)	
Total Available Funds			44,907

Minutes from the April 9, 2021 Meeting of the Bloom and Grow Garden Society

The meeting was called to order by President Jeanne Yazinski at 11:02 am. Jeanne welcomed all in attendance by zoom with a special welcome to new members. We have 6 new members: Teresa, Pam, Deb, Julie, Ellen and Lexie. Some are in attendance today. Two guests were introduced. Hopefully this will be the last zoom meeting. The photos on the slide show today were taken at the Path of Life.

The devotion was given by Nancy Sines. It was a lesson from a butterfly. Struggles help us grow and develop. April birthdays were announced.

The March minutes were approved. The motion for approval was made by Joyce Carcara and seconded by Lil Gviden.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account \$62,333 and Money Market Account \$6,078

Julie Teal presented the slate of officers for the next year.

President	Jeanne Yazinski
1 st Vice President	Jan Penrose
2 nd Vice President	Rochelle Rupp
Treasurer	Laura Radius
Recording Secretary	Carole Engle
Corresponding Secretary	Brenda Knowles

No additional nominations were made. A motion to approve and elect the slate was made by Carolyn Karraker and was seconded by Gretchen Boyd. All in attendance by zoom approved. They will be installed in June.

Dues Lorraine Burch

Please send in dues immediately if you forgot. They were due by April 1st. Send \$35 to Lorraine Burch. The quickest way to pay is on line on the Bloom and Grow website. Most have paid and calls are being made to those who have forgotten to pay.

Monarch Project: Gretchen Boyd

The Flight of the Butterflies will be held at the Garden Theatre on Saturday, April 10, 2021. Waystation Gardens - We have a few left. Please email Gretchen or Linda to order. Crooked Can is having a Monarch beer for the month of April. Bloom and Grow gets a part of the proceeds. If you want to join us, Mondays from 4-6 pm, each Monday in April at the Crooked Can for a Bloom and Grow happy hour.

Volunteer Day at Tucker Ranch Katy Moss Warner

Volunteers are needed. If you want to help that day please contact Ann Blastic. Ann Blastic showed the t-shirt that members who volunteer will receive. We are getting a donation from Healthy West Orange for this event. Every Arbor Day we plan to have a work day to care for the trees planted at Tucker Ranch last year. A ceremonial tree will be added each year.

Heritage Tree Project Mary Zahl

Please take this opportunity to sponsor a tree. On October 22 a Walking Tree Tour will be launched. It will start at Winter Garden City Hall and go towards Lake Apopka and then back to the Heritage Museum. If you have any questions, contact Katy Moss Warner or Mary Zahl. You can call them to sponsor a tree. More stories are needed. Vicky and Wes Parrish are doing a great job recording and helping with this project. Eric Schmidt and Robert Bowden (from Leu Gardens) will help Vicky and Wes with identification of these trees. 25 different species have been identified so far.

Officer Installation Jeanne Yazinski

The installation will be different this year. Dillard's proposed a breakfast instead of a lunch. The store will open at 9 am for Bloom and Grow members only to shop, eat and view the fashion show and including the officer installation. The store will open to others at 11 am. This will be on June 4th. We need 8 members to model for the fashion show. The club will get a percentage of the purchases made by members that day. Dillard's will provide a basket of items to be auctioned off.

Chalkin It Up Brenda Knowles

On Saturday April 17th we will be sponsoring Chalkin It Up in downtown Winter Garden. We were asked by the city to do this as part of the city's Arts in April program. It will operate just like it does during Spring Fever. We have 42 participants. Rudy will do a 3-D display that can be used for the public to photograph themselves. The art work will be judged at 4 pm. Come out and see this and vote for your favorite. One more judge is needed for this event. Wear your light blue t-shirt if you come to see this.

Our guest speaker today is Erin Matherne. She is a recent new member of our club and has done much research about monarch butterflies. She moved to our area from New Orleans in 2006.

Monarchs are amazing. Their numbers are declining. Females lay about 500 eggs. In the larva stage all they do eat and all they eat is milkweed. They molt about 5 times before they become a chrysalis. They are in the chrysalis stage from 7 days to 2 weeks depending on the weather. The chrysalis becomes transparent before the butterfly comes out. There is a population of Monarchs in Florida that do not migrate. The eastern population of monarchs in North America migrate. Typically it takes 5 generations to complete the annual migration. The problems are: dwindling of the monarch population and the dwindling sup-

Typically it takes 5 generations to complete the annual migration. The problems are: dwindling of the monarch population and the dwindling supply of milkweed. The population of monarchs has decreased by 80% in the last two decades. A loss of habitat is occurring due to urban development. Increased use of insecticides, genetically modified crops, illegal logging in wintering grounds, contribute to the monarch population decline. Climate change and severe weather also affects them. To help stop this decline we can plant milkweed. There are 20 different kinds of native milkweed. A variety is helpful. They love color and height. They really like tropical milkweed. Native landscapes improve pollinator population, lessens the need for pesticides and reduces maintenance costs. The basic guidelines to creating a monarch way station are size (100 square feet is ideal), exposure (6 hours of sun is best), soil, shelter, milkweed, nectar, maintenance. If you create a Way Station you can register at monarchwatch.org. You can apply on line or print the application and mail it in. You can purchase a Way Station for \$60 from Bloom and Grow. You need to pre-order by April 17th. It includes 2 each of 5 kinds of milkweed. You can pick up your station on May 7th 10 am to 2 pm behind the Crooked Can brewery, 238 Smith Street, Winter Garden. More information can be had from Fla.wildflowers.org. You can purchase a Florida Wildflowers License Plate. Schools can plant a Way Station. Plant your milkweed close together. Collect the seeds and plant them to get more plants. The seed pod splits and then take the seeds. Store the seeds in the refrigerator and plant them later. Lucas Nursery has a good butterfly garden. Butterflies really like bright color.

Flight of the Butterflies Movie

April 10th 3 pm and 5pm at the Winter Garden Theatre. Tickets are \$16.

Announcements

April 1—30 Monarch Beer will be sold at Crooked Can Brewery and Urban Flats. On Mondays from 4 to 6 Bloom and Grow Happy Hour at Crooked Can.

April 10 Flight of the Butterflies Movie

April 17 Winter Garden Art Fest City Hall Chalking It Up

April 30 Volunteer Day at Tucker Ranch 8:30 am to 11:30 am on National Arbor Day

May 7th Way Station Pickup 238 Smith Street Winter Garden, behind Crooked Can Brewery

June 4th Officer Installation and Fashion Show at Dillard's in Florida Mall 9 am includes shopping

September 16th Spring Fever 20th Anniversary Committee Meeting



Officers for the 2021-2022 Club Year:

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Second Vice President: Rochelle Rupp

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Treasurer: Laura Radius

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve!

