



October 2020

Bloom & Grow CLIPPINGS

GARDEN SOCIETY

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President's Corner

I'm happy that so many of you were able to join us for our September Zoom meeting. I enjoyed seeing your faces again! For those of you that couldn't join us, we hope to see you next time! We have a special guest speaker for the October Zoom meeting, so I hope you can make it.

There is also another Spring Fever meeting in October. New members are invited to attend.

We hope to have a socially-distanced outside activity planned for October and November as well.

The online auction went well. We made approximately \$3000. Thank you to all that participated!

Enjoy the cooler weather! I know that I am looking forward to it. Happy Fall!

Jeanne Wazinski





**Bloom and Grow Monthly Meeting
October 9, 11:00 am
Via Zoom**

**11:00 Business Meeting
11:30 Speaker**

A link will be emailed to you a few days before the meeting.

If you did not join us last month, and wish to do so, please download the Zoom app to your computer or phone before the meeting.

Then, simply click on the link in the email 5-10 minutes before the meeting begins.

Hope to see you then!



October Speaker of the Month

Our October Speaker will be arborist Andrew F. Kittsley. He is currently head arborist for the city of Orlando. Andrew holds degrees in Forestry and English Literature, with a Master of Science in Plant Biology. He has spent 43 years as an arborist, 33 years as an urban forester in Orlando, 5 years as lead arborist at Walt Disney World, and is a US Army veteran.

On **October 12**, (morning TBD) we will have a meet-up at Loch Haven Park for all interested members to see one of Orlando's magnificent oak trees, The Mayor. There are other oak trees on the Orlando Tree Tour, that members can go and see. The link with this information will be emailed to you soon.



Spring Fever 2021

April 10-11, 2021

The Committee Meeting was held September 17th via Zoom. Twenty members participated.

The next meeting is **Thursday, October 15, 2020** at 10am via Zoom. I hope we will have even more attendees. All new members are encouraged to attend and get involved. The link will be sent out a few days before the meeting. Give me a call if you had trouble signing in.

The Kick-off Committee will be combined with the Appreciation Breakfast. We will be celebrating our Sponsors and Winter Garden City Staff at a sit-down event at Tanner Hall after the event in late April. More info to follow.

Spring Fever Help Needed



We do have a few Committee positions that need to be filled. If you are interested please give me a call at 321-276-4287.

The following areas need help:

Entertainment- Chair needed

Merchant Walk- See Donna Tapp, New Chair - Committee members needed.

Volunteers are always needed in **Kidzone, Bloom and Grow Booth Set Up**, and the **Volunteer Committee** on the days of the event.

Linda Bouton

Spring Fever in the Garden Chair





An Exciting New Project for Bloom and Grow Members

As announced last Spring, Bloom & Grow has decided to participate in America in Bloom's Growing Vibrant Communities program. The result is an exciting new project that is jointly sponsored by our annual Tree Fund and the GVC committee, entitled **The Winter Garden Heritage Tree Program**. We think this is an ideal project for the 'virtual climate' we will be working with this year.

The purpose of the project is for Bloom and Grow members to identify and collect information on trees of significance in Winter Garden, in both public and private spaces. These 'Heritage' trees fall into two categories: 1) *Historic Trees* are ones with a trunk diameter of 30" or more and, 2) *Specimen Trees* are smaller mature trees that take on the quintessential character of their species.

The goal is to select examples of such trees, which will then be entered into a database of the City of Winter Garden. Our intention is that these trees will become the foundation of a 'Tour of Heritage Trees' for the City of Winter Garden. It is our hope that Bloom and Grow members will become more knowledgeable and appreciative of the trees in our City and that together we can help our residents know, love and protect their trees.

Our new member Vickie Parrish, who has operated a plant nursery with her husband Wes in South Florida for many years, has agreed to coordinate the information members collect and enter it into the database. Mary Zahl is the leader of the GVC committee and Katy Moss Warner is the Board representative for the Tree Fund.

More information will be presented at the October meeting when our speaker will be Andy Kittsley, Head Arborist for the City of Orlando, who supervises a program similar to the one we are proposing.



Fall is Here!

October



Birthdays Wishes

Loraine Burch	1
Vada Vines	3
Frances Grubbs	4
Donna Tapp	4
Ann Wincey	10
Pat Dault	11
Susan Smith	11
Linda Dowling	14
Rochelle Rupp	15
Sue Shuman	18
Jerri Studsill	18
Barbara Nelson	27
Linda O'Brien	31



Bloom & Grow Website

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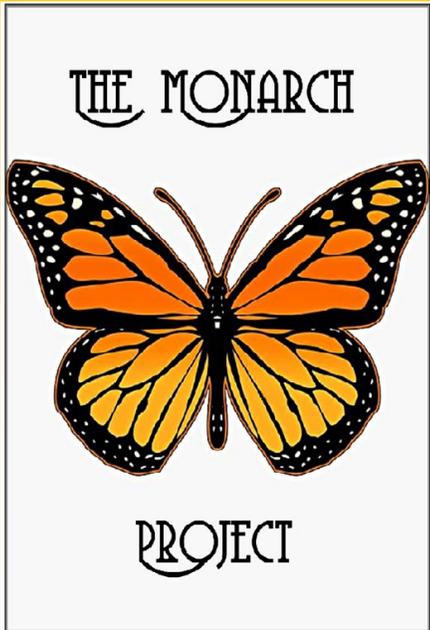
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Our new website looks fantastic! If you haven't checked it out yet, be sure to do so! A special thank you to Joyce Carcara and Julie Teal, as well as Chris Chan from Minion Media Group who designed the website.



at long last
THE NEW WEBSITE
 IS HERE! YIPPEE!





Monarch Project Banner Hanging

The banners are hung at the construction site in downtown Winter Garden along Plant Street.



Did you know?

There are 3 other butterflies that look like monarchs: soldiers, queens, and viceroys.

Monarch travelers flap their wings up to 12 times per second.

Male and female monarchs look very similar except that males have 2 dark spots on their hindwings.



August Treasurer's Report—Previously mailed to you and approved at the September monthly meeting

Bloom and Grow Garden Society
Monthly Report - August 2020

	Aug '20	Jun - May '21	Annual Budget
Starting Balance:	\$61,381	\$64,420	\$ 64,420
Income:			
Grants			3000
May Luncheon			6000
Membership Dues		245	4200
Miscellaneous Income	5	5	
Online Auction			1000
Path of Life Income	150	150	1200
Plant of the Month			500
Special Project Income		495	31700
Spring Fever Income			30000
Steppin Out			2500
Total Income	\$ 155	\$ 895	\$ 80,100
Expense			
Accounting & Legal	70	210	2000
Awards			15000
City of Winter Garden			3000
Dues and Subscriptions		125	400
FFGC Dues		84	1500
Garden Books			2000
Garden Therapy	80	80	500
Insurance		400	875
May Luncheon			750
Meeting Expenses			100
Miscellaneous			
Office Supplies		65	400
Path of Life Expenses	100	300	2770
Postage & Printing	98	99	400
President's Gift	40	40	100
Publicity	750	750	6000
Scholarships			15000
Socials			500
Speakers for Meeting			300
Special Projects Expenses	96	150	30000
Spring Fever Expenses	2950	3016	45200
Storage Unit			1620
Summer Luncheon			500
Tree Funds - 1000 Trees			1000
Vibrant Communities			500
Website		2642	5500
Winter Garden Rotary			1000
Total Expense	\$ 4,184	\$ 7,961	\$ 136,915
Income less Expenses:	\$ (4,029)	\$ (7,066)	\$ (56,815)
Ending Cash Balance:	\$57,352		
Checking Account:	\$ 51,276		
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,076		



Bloom and Grow Garden Society: Minutes of the September 11, 2020 Meeting



The meeting was called to order by President Jeanne Yazinski at 11:02 am via Zoom.

New members Monique Bollhoefer, Cynthia Kohn, Vickie Parrish, and Julia Strimple were welcomed.

Brenda Knowles was thanked for her term as president and was given a gift from the club for her hard work. It was a butterfly necklace. Brenda thanked everyone for the gift and for all the help she was given while president.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved. Kim Evans made the motion to approve them and it was seconded by Jackie Brown Colberg. The treasurer's report and budget were presented by Kim Evans. She said the budget is typical, nothing unusual. A few extra expenses occurred due to Spring Fever not taking place. A move to accept the budget was made by Jennie Reagan and was seconded by Jimmie Atwill. All approved. The August treasurer's report showed we are doing well. We still have Spring Fever sponsor money which gives us extra cash for the time being. A motion to accept the August report was made by Jackie Brown Colberg and seconded by Lorraine Burch. All approved.

Monarch Project Gretchen Boyd

Lots of photos and a video have been made of the butterfly by Minion. Members can go by Metalcraft in Winter Garden on Dillard Street to view the butterfly until Monday, September 15, 8 to 5. Metalcraft will store it until it is installed in February or March. A lot has to be done before that can occur. A big shout out goes to Joyce Carcara for all her work in publishing this project. We will have a dedication and cocktail reception when the butterfly is installed. The reception will either be in the new park or at the pavilion. A display of Don Reynold's work will be shown at SOBO.

Queen's Wreath plants will be ordered for Spring Fever. Poinsettias may be sold to the public this year rather than just to members as in previous years.

Spring Fever Joyce Carcara

Spring Fever will be April 10th and 11th, 2021. We will use the 2020 SF t-shirts for 2021. Spring Fever meetings for September and October will be by Zoom. The September meeting will be on the 17th. October's meeting is on the 15th. Much of the work for Spring Fever has already been done. There won't be as much to do this year.

New Website Joyce Carcara

The website is under construction. The last additions and corrections have been given. It should be completed this weekend. The history and Path of Life sections are not completed. E-mail Joyce if you see anything in the website that needs to be added or amended.

On-Line Auction Jeanne Yazinski

The auction will run until tomorrow. Several items do not have bids.

Membership Lorraine Burch

We currently have 127 members.

Jimmie Atwill reported that the Oakland Nature Preserve will have a Pumpkin Glow Walk on October 24th. It will be from 6 to 9 pm. You can register now to attend. They need people to donate live or artificial Jack-o-lanterns.

Ann Blastic reported on a rock painting project for Orlando Health. Pairs of rocks are painted alike, one for a patient and one for a family. Since patients cannot have visitors the rock reminds them to remember the patient in some way. If you were chosen to paint rocks they can be turned in at the Marketplace by Crooked Can.

Jeanne relayed that the October 9th meeting will also be via Zoom. We will have a speaker, an arborist from the city of Orlando. The business meeting will be at 11:00am and the speaker will start at 11:30.

Dates to remember:

September 17th 10:00 am Spring Fever Committee Meeting via Zoom

October 9th 11:00 am Next meeting via Zoom

December 4th Dillard's Fashion Show, Christmas Shopping and Luncheon

