

BLOOMING TALES

from Terrific Ten

August 2023



Direct from the Director: Maria Wolfe

District X is here for you! It will be my sincere effort to provide guidance, insights, and help to all twelve of the Garden Clubs from Vero Beach to Boca Raton.

It was a joy for me to attend the Boca Raton Garden Club installation luncheon. I would love to get to know the Officers and Members of your Club/Circle. This Director is looking forward to being invited to all of the clubs/circles during her term as Director.

I loved seeing all the pictures of the creative and various ways all the Clubs/Circles celebrated National Garden Week. The communities in our four counties were so fortunate to reap the rewards of your efforts. Congratulations on a job well done.



Camp Wekiva was well attended and a successful time was had by all. Congratulations to all District X Clubs who sent campers and volunteers. This Director volunteered in Critter Camp where we studied insects. I brought a butterfly cage with a native milkweed, *Aesclepias incarnata* filled with larvae and one chrysalis. The youngsters (and older campers) were fascinated.

Congratulations to Daphna Goldberg, District X Corresponding Secretary and Boca Raton Garden Club member. She successfully completed the Flower Show Judge requirements and is now a certified Flower Show Judge.

All Club/Circle officers and District X Chairman are invited to attend District X Meeting of

the Minds (fka Lunch & Learn), Monday, September 18, 10:30AM - 12:30PM, at the Robert Morgade Library, 5851 SE Community Drive, Stuart, Fl. 34997 Bring a bag lunch and drink. Many ideas on speakers, fundraising, and gaining new members will be shared. This will be after the state board meeting in September so I will pass on that information as well. Each club is requested to have at least one member present.

Our newly installed Florida Federation of Garden Club officers are looking forward to meeting our "Terrific Ten" district members at the fall meeting "Cheers to 100 Years" hosted by the Garden Club of Stuart, on Friday, October 20 at the Monarch Country Club, Palm City. The registration form is located at www.DistrictX.org under "Upcoming Events" tab.

The Jacaranda Circle of Stuart GC stayed busy over the summer

by *Mary Claire Anderson*

The Jacaranda year-book was published and distributed, with completed officers and plans for the upcoming year. We also had lunch at the Berry Fresh Restaurant in Stuart and the Dolphin Bar as well.

Summer Lunch, June 15, 2023, Dolphin Restaurant
Liz, Lisa, Mary Claire, Jane, Jan, Louise



The GC of Indian River County, Rose Circle donates free Little Libraries to community

by Bonnie Myers, President of Rose Circle

The Garden Club of Indian River County, Rose Circle had an informative, fun time from March through May, 2023.

Our programs: In March a very informative speaker from a local garden shop presented bromeliad varieties, demonstrated transplanting and gave detailed care instructions. In April, a very interesting program was presented by a representative from FAU Harbor Branch where studies are being performed to determine the nutritional and market value of sea vegetables grown for human consumption.

Our projects included preparing Easter baskets, including gift certificates to McDonalds for children 3 to 16 in Hibiscus Children's Center in Vero Beach. The mission of this nonprofit organization



is to maintain a safe shelter for children who are abused, abandoned, and neglected by providing prevention, early intervention and advocacy in quality residential assessment and recovery programs.

Another project was purchasing and placing Free Little Libraries

at the local Audubon Society and the Garden Club of Indian River County gardens. This project was in memory of one of Rose Circle's founding members who passed away in 2022. She had requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Rose Circle, so the donations were used for the Free Little Libraries' project.



We also got involved in repainting at the Laura Riding Jackson historical house on the grounds of the Indian River Community College.

Don't miss Boca Raton GC's annual holiday fundraiser!

Mark your calendars....

Boca Raton Garden Club will be having their annual Holiday House Craft, Plant, Jewelry and Bake Sale on Thursday, Nov 2 to Sunday Nov 5, 2023. Hours are 9am - 2pm daily. Bring your friends and shop early for the holidays as well as for everyday items. Our clubhouse is located at 4281 NW 3rd Ave Boca Raton, Fl 33431.

West Palm Beach Garden Club gets back to normal after pandemic

by Lynn Jones, President

West Palm Beach Garden Club remained active during the pandemic thanks to our resourceful Program Chairman, Carol Carnevale. We met using Zoom and the great outdoors. We are now 3 years older and are adjusting our activities a "little" bit! Unfortunately, we have lost wonderful, lifelong members along the way: Kay Jackson, Marge Putt, Sue Jackson, Charlotte Keshian, Jackie Winchester, and Susan Storms.

Mounts Botanical Garden has been our Affiliate Member for several years and we have been very happy meeting at the Mounts Facility.



We've resumed our "Yard of the Month" program which we discontinued during the pandemic to recognize outstanding "non-landscaper-designed" front yards and get our name out into the public again. And yes, we have Facebook!

Little changes in our routines can help save an endangered species!

by Maria Wolfe

Thanks to incredible conservation work and legal protections like the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act, the Hawaiian monk seal population has risen above 1,600 individuals for the first time in two decades.

Unfortunately, these endangered marine mammals are one of the hundreds of marine species directly affected by plastic pollution, ingesting debris and becoming entangled in discarded fishing

gear. Disturbingly, scientists described the beaches where monk seals nurse their young pups as “a plastic soup” covered with bottle caps and other debris.

Simple changes in your routines can reduce the “plastic soup” closer to home. Do not use disposable plastic tablecloths at any functions (including Garden Club Meetings). Use reusable water bottles for drinking water. Try using Bamboo silverware instead of plastic forks, knives



and spoons.

Ocean Ridge Garden Club sponsors 9 Wekiva campers and 3 counselors

by Jackie Reed

Ocean Ridge Garden Club again sponsored 9 Wekiva campers this summer, covering fees, supplies and transportation to/from camp, and this year we topped it off by sending 3 volunteer counselors who assisted with

crafts and nature activities. These were ORGC members Lisa Ritota and Jackie Reed, along with Jackie’s sister Susan Edgar Lee, pictured left to right in front of their cabin. All three enjoyed the

experience and plan to go back next summer.

Fundraising for ORGC kicks off this summer with the unveiling of our second annual ornament. The 2023 ornament commemorates the great blue herons and their mangrove habitat along the western shore of the barrier island encompassing Ocean Ridge. See the Shop page at www.oceanridgegardenclub.org for more details.



Oleander Garden Club's summer stirrings

by *Reina Snyder*

Oleander is busy expanding our junior gardener program to include high school students along with k-5. We are initiating a green team of these older students to work on special environmental and garden-related projects. We are going to begin with just 5-6 high schoolers and grow the program from there. This will be initiated at the end of September! We are all very excited about bringing in this additional level of educational opportunities as well as the inter-generational learning



John Raidy with Greenacres youth getting worm composting started at the Greenacres Junior Garden.



Oleander Garden member Orlando Gomez working with Greenacre youth refreshing the garden beds



that it affords.

In addition, we have been very busy expanding and reorganizing our existing junior garden. We added more garden beds, made them higher and deeper and filled them all with fresh soil and compost. The beds also are more environmental as we used plastic composite materials.

The irrigation system is getting a complete refresh. We are adding a potting table to the garden, and we have painted the concrete block planter in the back with native pollinator plants that look beautiful. Our younger junior gardeners and our high school students will work together to design and paint a mural on this large planter!

Garden Club of Ft. Pierce is getting ready for another great MEGA Yard and Plant Sale

The Garden Club of Ft. Pierce will hold its annual Yard and Plant sale on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Glidden Park/Garden Club of Fort Pierce
911 Parkway Dr. (Georgia and 10th Street)
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Visitors will discover an indoor "Yard Sale" consisting of a wide variety of household treasures as well as a locally grown plant sale outdoors.

Profits fund community projects.



Holiday House Craft Bazaar 2023

Thursday	November 2nd	9:00-2:00
Friday	November 3rd	9:00-2:00
Saturday	November 4th	9:00-2:00
Sunday	November 5th	9:00-2:00



HANDCRAFTED HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Many made from native Florida materials such as palm fronds, pinecones, and seashells.

GIANT PLANT SALE

Herbs, shrubs, trees, etc., many propagated and grown
by our club members

HOME-MADE BAKED GOODIES

JEWELRY SALE

*Holiday
Raffles*

*Bring a friend and shop for
original gifts, unique plants
and home-baked goodies.*

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Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and District X present
67th Annual Tropical Short Course NCG Tri-Refresher

Groundbreakers.....Then & Now

**Thursday - Friday,
January 25-26, 2024**

**Wellington Community
Center
12150 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, Florida 33414**

**Speakers
Floral Design
Raffle Prizes**

Go to www.DistrictX.org

**For more information
and Registration Forms.**

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