

MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB

September 2017



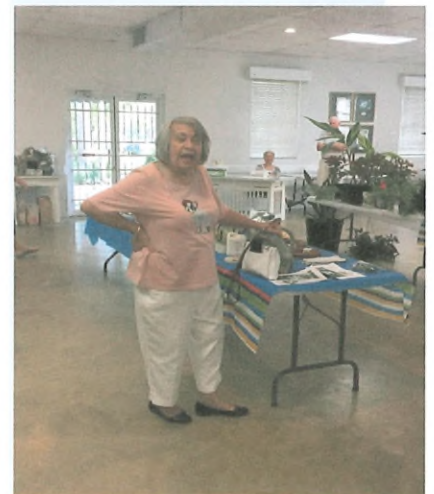
To study, to conserve, to cultivate and to enjoy Nature's bounty.

Plant Exchange



Saturday, July 29th was Mandarin Garden Club's annual Plant Exchange...if you've never participated...you're missing my favorite Garden Club event... it's a time when you can let your hair down...enjoy talking and learning about different plants and maybe adding a new exotic plant to your garden...and of course participate in a friendly competition ...there were 10 rounds... you can participate in as many rounds as you bring plants or garden equipment...it started at 10:00 am... however... the seasoned professionals get there around 9:30 am...that's so they can stake out the plant/garden

item they want the most...you will need to not only stake it out but stand and guard the item for the first round...if it's something someone else really wants they could try to lure you away and stake it out for themselves...it's a lot of fun... a chance to socialize and get some different kinds of plants...garden tools... books...magazines... yard art and other garden supplies...we want to say a big THANK YOU to Mary Forester and Nancy Taylor for all of their hard work in organizing and making this fun event possible...if you didn't attend this year...you should mark your calendar for next year !!!



Cherokee Rose Happenings

Cherokee Rose has enjoyed a busy summer visiting the Mandarin Food Bank in June, shopping at the local Thrift Stores benefiting a cause in July which included a warm welcome and tour at Betty Griffin House. We were impressed with the many people they benefit, and the store's Angel Volunteers who work tirelessly setting up the store.

In August, we shopped at our local Sugar Bears Antique who carries a wide variety of vintage items, clothing, jewelry, furniture, toys, and collectible items. We learned about the store's many vendors and unique one of a kind

items only found at Sugar Bears. Cherokee Rose members shared the do's and don'ts of antiquing finding many items we could not leave without.

Cherokee Rose Lunch Bunch has had a busy enjoyable summer meeting after our many activities and gathering for good food and conversation with friends at the various local restaurants.

Next Cherokee Rose Meeting: Cherokee Rose will meet September 21 for an enjoyable presentation on African Violets. Linda McQueen will be our guest speaker, award winning best of show winner.



Ice Cream Social



Sixty two members gathered at the club on August 15 for an old fashioned "Ice Cream Social." What a fun time we all had!!

The serving tables were covered with purple tablecloths and lots and lots of vanilla ice cream, cookies, brownies, cobblers, cakes, sprinkles, chocolate syrup, and fresh fruit.

Stacia Snuggs, our President, welcomed everyone and made a few announcements. Then everyone lined up to create their ice cream dishes.

Laughter and smiles were on everyone's faces as the "yummy ice cream" was enjoyed on a hot August afternoon. After the ice cream, it was time for picture taking in the photo booth. Over and over, you heard people saying, "what a great way this was to end the summer and prepare for Fall circle meetings." The friendship and love was very evident in the room!





Dogwood News

Dogwood is looking forward to a new year filled with great friendships, fun get-togethers and inspiring and informative programs. It has been a long, hot summer and we are also looking forward to fall which will also bring our first program of the season. On September 19th, we will have the anticipated program about how bats affect our lives. It should be very interesting and visitors are welcome to join us. Our Yearbook inserts will be available in early September and we remind everyone that they will only be available from your Circle Leaders or Circle Membership Chair – do not request a copy from anyone else. Also, you will be asked to initial by your name on our check sheet for your Yearbook. If you are asked to pick up an insert for another member, you will be asked to initial by their name. It is very confusing if members get inserts from others as we have problems with keeping track of who does or does not have their insert.

You will receive an E-mail when they are ready. Please work with us on this. Also at our September meeting, we will have a sign up sheet for our field trip to Alpine Groves Park – there will be space for you who are willing to assist with transportation to sign up as well. Hopefully, we will have plenty of driver/volunteers to take care of those who are unable to drive. See you all soon!

Cares & Concerns

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Bernadette Hashtak
Sandra Varner
Deb Campbell
Michele Manor
Carol Walker
Winnie Bushouer
Gail Cook (sister)
Harolyn Deck (daughter)
Karen Wilkinson
Nancy Crowley
Joy Brietung
Judy Strassenberg
Rosemary Williams
Diane Frisco





Raise the Roof!!!!

Summer will soon be only a memory and Fall brings our 2017-18 Year of programs and activities with fun, learning, socializing, and eating to the Mandarin Garden Club. This year we will have the opportunity to enjoy a great morning of entertainment laced with ideas, recipes, and delish food straight from our celebrity chef and educator, Tamer Britton. Not only will it be an event you will not want to miss, it will also raise funds to help replace the roof of the clubhouse. Tamer will present "Fun & Easy Culinary Delights for the Holidays". She will demo preparations, provide recipes, and give us samples of appetizers, salads, main courses, sides, and desserts. Since we want to give all of our members the opportunity to enjoy this memorable experience before opening it to the public, we will be making reservations at the September Circle Meetings and collecting \$20 from each person planning to attend. Be sure to invite friends to attend. It will begin at 10 AM on Nov. 7, 2017, and you won't want to miss helping the garden club and having a great time.

You may send checks payable to Mandarin Garden Club to Donna Crosby

Martha's Blog

Is Your Plant Invasive or Aggressive?

You hear people talk about some non-native plants being "invasive", but you will hear the same people talk about some native plants being "aggressive". What's the difference? In my mind, there is none. True, there may be some degree of difference, but when you are trying to contain your "aggressive" Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), you will find your brain shouting "invasive" !! If you have planted your native plants in an area in which they are well suited, they may spread quickly – either by runners or by annually re-seeding. For instance, Florida Betony (*Stachys floridana*) -widely regarded as a weed - is a native wildflower, as is Spanish Needles (*Bidens alba*) which will reseed and spread ALL over your yard. I don't mean to discourage you from planting native flowers, but I do mean to say that you should be aware that not all native plants will be well-behaved. And (as an aside) don't close your mind to planting non-native flowers – there are a great many beautiful and well-behaved non-native plants in our nurseries – they will enhance your garden greatly. Both types have places in our landscapes – just do a little research on how they grow and multiply.



Clothing Sale

The 2017 August Clothing Sale is in the history books! It was a very successful sale for the garden club. The money from the sale is used to support the upkeep of our grounds and building. Nancy Taylor is in charge of grounds (anything involved with dirt) and Debbie Campbell is the Maintenance/Grounds Coordinator for repairs, maintenance, and appointments. These ladies will be happy to share with you the items they spend money on.

Preparing for the Clothing Sale was a very special event. There was lots of laughter as the volunteers worked together, ate together, and visited. Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered. The volunteers make everything that happens at the club possible.



Don't forget to say a big thank you to Mary Forester, our leader for sales. Deb Campbell, our Treasurer, also puts in extra time on the day of the sale. Thanks ladies!!!!!! The circles and members who provided food for the volunteers are very special people. The volunteers love having good food provided after a morning of hard work. Thanks!!!!

Now on to the Trash to Treasure Sale in October!!!!



Mom's Club Tour

On July 26, the Mandarin Garden Club hosted Jax Mom's Group for a tour of the gardens. The guests included mothers, children, and three of your youngest garden enthusiasts in strollers.

The children were delighted to discover pineapple, bananas, and a variety of green vegetables growing in the garden. An abundant number of bees, butterflies, and lizards also attended the tour. The morning was sultry but the summer flowers made a spectacle of themselves to make up for the heat.

The young gardeners enjoyed cooling watermelon, grapes, and butterfly-themed treats. After being suitably refreshed, the children channeled their energy into creating fairy gardens. The results were magical.

Thank you to Master Gardener Mary Forester for her expertise in Fairydom.



Announcements & Reminders

Collections – We are in great need of ink cartridges. We are not able to meet the allotted number to maximize our efforts. The Crafty Ladies and the club utilize them to purchase printer ink, paper, tape, markers, scissors, glue, staples, etc. at our local Staples store. They have saved the garden club a lot of money for the past six years. A friendly reminder – we collect ink cartridges, eyeglasses, cell phones, retired flags, pop tops, box tops for education, and donations for the Mandarin Food Bank. Please bring whenever you come to the club. We no longer collect medicine bottles.



Master Gardener Plant Sales—Clay County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be Saturday, September 9th from 8:30 AM—2:00 PM at the Clay County Extension Office at 2463 State Road 16W in Green Cove Springs. Nassau County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM at the Yulee Government Complex 96135 Nassau Place in Yulee, FL.

Mandarin Food Bank—Besides non-perishable food items, The Mandarin Food Bank also accepts egg cartons, brown paper bags, plastic bags, and hygiene products as well as sample toothpaste/dental floss/toothbrushes from the dentist and small bars of soap to name a few.

Live Oak Circle – next meeting is Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Speaker will be Martha Dysart doing a presentation on soil. All are welcome.

Upcoming sales:

November 4, 2017

Craft Fair with café

Mexican Train Day: Mark your calendars. The next Mexican Train Day is September 26!

Yearbook—Your new yearbook will be available at your first September circle meeting. See your circle leadership for your copy. A lot of interesting speakers, topics, and events this coming year. Remember you can attend other meetings of interest in other circles and an opportunity to meet with other garden club members.

Master Gardener Notes—There will be a Fall Duval County Extension Program held at the Mandarin Garden Club on Thursday, September 28th from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM for a fee of \$10.00. To attend, please call 255-7450 to register.

Jacksonville Men's Garden Club Annual Plant Sale: You may recall Jim Love is a member of the Men's Garden Club of Jacksonville and houses some of the plants that are used at the annual plant sale located at the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair in November. **SAVE THE DATE:** This year's Jacksonville Men's Garden Club Plant Sale begins at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1 through Sunday, November 12, 2017. Exotic plants at huge discounts for your homes and yards. Large hanging baskets, African Violets and shrubs are some of the most popular items available.

Trash to Treasure

Trash to Treasure Sale – mark your calendars. The next sale is October 7th.. There will be a café. We can use your help and contributions. Here is the schedule for the week of the sale.

October 2 – Monday	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Setup/drop off
October 3 – Tuesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Setup/drop off
October 4 – Wednesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Setup/drop off
October 5 – Thursday	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Setup/drop off
October 6 – Friday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Setup/drop off
October 7 – Saturday	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Sale/café
October 7 – Saturday	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Cleanup



Guidelines for the sale:

There is no storage for textiles, clothing, shoes, unframed mirrors, large exercise equipment or furniture.

Samples of items welcomed—knick knacks, household, kitchen, pictures, picture frames, toys, crafts, holiday, tools, garden, puzzles, books, magazines, small appliances, lamps, and decorative embellishments.

Café donations can be dropped off Friday in order for staff to have ready for sale on Saturday.

Some pictures from last year's sale to get you motivated for this year.



Birthdays — September 2017

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In Memoriam

Dolores Hoffman, a long time member of Magnolia fell on Saturday and passed away on Sunday. Dolores loved the Garden Club...gardening and her chickens. She was a lovely petite lady and Magnolia Circle and her other garden club friends will miss her.
