

# MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB

October 2017



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

## Message from our President

Hope you survived Hurricane Irma with little damage to your home and garden...the Garden Club lost power and had a tree fall in the back that damaged our irrigation/water...with the hard work of our team we were able to get everything working so that schedules were met...our annual Trash to Treasure sale is October 7th from 8 to 2...please bring the items you wish to donate October 2nd - 6th ... 10 to 2...your help for setting up is always very much appreciated...don't forget you can shop early all week...also Friday, October 6th is when baked goods for the café should be delivered...bagged or unbagged...our General Meeting is October 19th ...everyone please bring a covered dish...the speaker will be Rene Stambaugh speaking on Native Gardening...CR setup...DW serve... MG/LO clean up...check the Schedule of Events page 6-8 in your year-book for all the interesting activities you can enjoy at the Garden Club this year...looking forward to learning more about gardening and making new friends at Mandarin Garden Club!!!



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## Cherokee Rose Happenings

Our prayers are with every member who is still dealing with or was affected by the record flooding hurricane Irma and it's whipping wind damage.

New flood records in northeastern Florida according to the National Weather Service. Floods reached 5.03 feet (60.4 inches) in Jacksonville, Florida surpassing the previous record set by hurricane Dora, which left 4.1 feet (49 inches of water in the city in 1964. (Did you notice the circular motion of the rain coming from the east)? By the time the storm arrived, we were already with high rain levels, and then more rain and whipping wind.

In my lifetime living in Jacksonville, I've never seen a military tank driving through the neighborhoods looking for white flags and neighbors in need as with Irma. Many churches and groups came to the aide for those affected all over our city offering food, cleaning supplies, and help in the clean-up. The Mandarin Community Club fed those who were working hard to restore our power, many from out of town. Wanda Bosworth has put all of the websites you would need if another hurricane occurs on the MGC blog.

Special Thanks To Our Speaker In September: Cherokee Rose members thank Diana Openbrier who presented live saving information regarding CPR, AEDs and what to do in a heart attack situation.

She recommends everyone view [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)



and watch a basic life support video which shows how to perform CPR on adult/child/infant and the proper hand placement, compression ratio, and safety measures.

Herbs for the Heart & How to Prepare for Cardiac Emergencies hand-out was sent by email through the MGC Newsletter .

### CHEROKEE ROSE GARDEN TOUR/PLANT SALE

At the home of Jim & Karen Love's - October 9  
More information, contact Wanda [REDACTED]

### Cherokee Rose Tea With Tim Armstrong / October 27 \$10 (8220 Moncrief Rd W, 32219)

Tim will be proving sample teas for us to taste which will include tea sandwiches and cookies.

#### Reservations Required:

This trip will be a great opportunity to learn about easy to grow and easy to brew herbal teas.





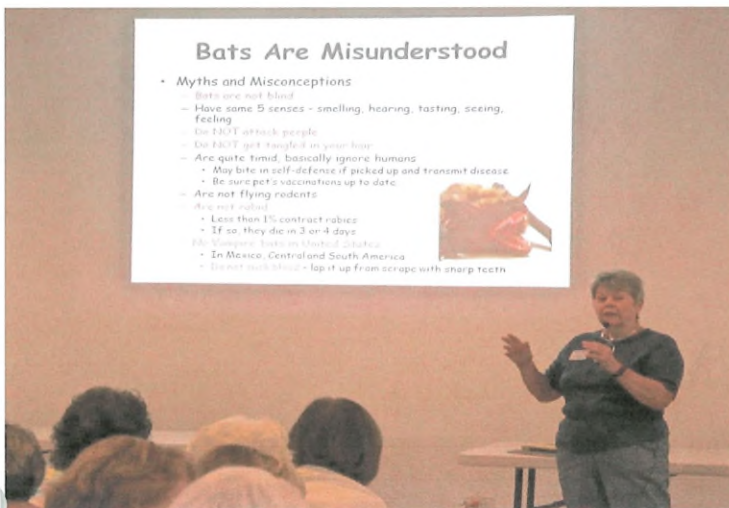
## Dogwood News



Dogwood started its new year off with an energetic and arousing meeting topped off with it's program on BATS! Evie Pankok from the Duval Extension Service has us all wanting to have a bat for a pet! Maybe not all, but maybe some. We learned that so many myths we have heard about bats are just that, MYTHS. In October we will have our one and only field trip going to Alpine Pines Park. Anyone who wants to go and/or wants to help with transportation should

contact McGlade Holloway or Karen Stanley, our Circle Leaders. At check-in, members were able to get their updated yearbook inserts. The inserts will be available at our October 17th field trip and on October 19th before our General Meeting. We also had a full house with visitors from Magnolia Circle visiting and our Club President, Stacia Snuggs, also in attendance along with a few other visitors. One of those visitors is no longer a visitor but a member. We welcome Corinne Schecter and look forward to her knowledge brought to us from her former membership in her home town garden club. As usual we had a feast of fine vittals and wonderful friendships. Another celebrity visiting us was Mary Forester, our Second Vice President, and vendor of all things of value to enhance our Club's coffers thru the year. It is time to get the Trash to Treasure sale items together and brought to the Club. You will hear more from Mary on this. A big thank-you to Mary for the beautiful job done on the yearbook again this year. Speaking of yearbooks, a few corrections need to be made. Before publishing them all we are asking that those of you who already have theirs to review their information and let us know ASAP of any corrections. We have found that there are some that have apparently been carried over year after year. Please send these corrections to [REDACTED] - this is for Dogwood

members only. In the event our Newsletter Editor is running out of space this note will be ended with more to come later.





## 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, [REDACTED]

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## Martha's Blog

### About Shovels

I know this is an odd subject, but having barely escaped having some roots severed myself, I thought you might like to think about this . . . the most common shovel has a pointed tip, and is at an angle to the handle. The tip is pointed so as to go through roots or compacted soil more easily. The handle is located at an angle so that the person doing the digging will most probably aim and push the shovel tip at a 45° angle (or thereabouts). If the person continues at this angle, the chances of separating the roots from the rest of the plant is quite high !! For this reason, there is something called a "transplant spade" which is straight from handle tip to bottom edge of the spade; it usually has a long narrow blade. It is easy for the digging person to push this spade all the way, straight down into the soil. Only then, when the whole spade is down into the soil should there be any leverage applied to lift the plant (hopefully with the roots intact). If there is any doubt that the plant roots may be deeper into the soil than the length of the spade, carefully dig around more deeply and find out what you are digging up before you literally dig yourself into a hole you may regret !!!

As an aside . . . you might want to dig down with a trowel or other small tool to find out the depth of roots before you start the whole transplant process . . . also, if you have only the pointy-shovel, then be sure and point the blade straight down, not the handle. This makes the handle go in an awkward angle, but I'm sure you can cope.

*May your gardening results be as fulfilling as your gardening diligence?*



## Magnolia Musings

Magnolia Circle was scheduled for a meeting on September 14, however; due to hurricane Irma passing by our way, we had to cancel our meeting. The weather left messy conditions , downed trees in the area , loss of power all around our area ...

We felt it would be in everyone's best interest to cancel our first meeting. The topic of our meeting was to be Feng Shui in the garden...And this topic has been moved to April 2018.

\*\*\*Directories \*\*\*

Since we canceled the first meeting, we will pass out Yearbook Directory inserts for 2017-2018 at our next meeting on October 12. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting. The topic of our October 12 meeting will be "Gardening with soul, not soil " ..& our speaker will be ~ Becky Bathen . Becky is a wonderful speaker and always brings informative suggestions and hints for you to enjoy your garden area. You will not want to miss this program, and may even want to bring a friend.

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[An expression of Gratitude ]

I would like to Thank all of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls , food & visits after my recent back surgery. It was more involved than was expected, and I am really thankful for a good surgeon, and also so thankful for each of you for your support and concern... I appreciate you all so much .. I know the recovery will be long, but so far I'm doing well. Thank you again, my dear Magnolia ladies ... see you at our October 12meeting .

Sandra Varner

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This month we would like to begin a monthly feature to acknowledge members of our circle, and will entitle it :

"Getting to Know You "

If you would like to suggest one of our ladies to be featured .. please let me know .We have a lovely group of ladies and this month we would like to acknowledge:

~~Mary Kay Weis~~

I would love to thank Mary Kay Weis, for all her help in keeping our Magnolia ladies informed & organized, while I was recovering from back surgery this summer ..Mary Kay has many wonderful qualities that are very much appreciated by our Magnolia Circle & MGC...Mary Kay also helped edit & organize our part of the Yearbook Directory and made many calls to verify information ... which helped me in many ways. (During this time Mary Kay was also in the process of moving into a new home ).Mary Kay has become a valuable asset to our Magnolia Circle and to MGC. Mary Kay is from Cleveland and is a dedicated mother, has a daughter and son-in-law who live here with their children , her grandchildren. We appreciate the time that she gives to helping in Magnolia Circle. Mary Kay also works in our demo gardens and helps keep the area looking beautiful along with other volunteers and Master gardeners of MGC... thank you so much Mary Kay !!

\*\*\*If you would like to get involved in our cutting gardens and maintaining the garden areas, please let me know... it's very rewarding to work in the plants & to assist with the master gardeners, who always appreciate your help.

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## Cares & Concerns

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Tamer Britton

Sandra Varner

Mary Howe

Jeanne Mahaffey

Swan Openbrier

Judy Winckler

## 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**—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, October 26 2017 at 7:00 PM. Speaker will be JSO Personal Safety speaker. All are welcome.

### Upcoming sales:

November 4, 2017

Craft Fair with café

**Mexican Train Day:** Mark you calendars. The next Mexican Train Day is October 24! Please remember that there will be NO train days in November and December.

**Master Gardener Notes**—In the months of October and November, the Master Gardeners will be working every Wednesday to prepare the gardens for our Florida winter. We were blessed to have our Master Gardeners help in our preparedness for Irma. Work continues to cleanup from Irma.

**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

On Monday, October 2nd, we will get the ball rolling for our October 7th Trash to Treasure sale. It will be nice to clean out holding spaces in our homes some of us have been saving. The shed is full and we need a lot of help to get those items priced and displayed for the sale. Come on out and enjoy the fun along with the opportunity to meet your fellow garden club members. We have some very talented and interesting individuals in our club. We will be there all week working for a successful sale starting each morning at 10:00AM. I need all the help I can get. Remember all of our sales are fundraisers for your club's overhead cost and is your donation to keep our garden club in existence. Please do not short change your club by not paying a fair price for our donations just like the public we invite to our sales.



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/cafe
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.





## New Addition

Mac Holloway, Dogwood Circle Leader, has a big smile as she uses the new vacuum purchased for cleaning up after garden club events.

The vacuum is for garden club members to use instead of the old fashioned brooms. The vacuum is kept in the office and is cordless. It came with two chargeable batteries so members will always have power.

Here's hoping this makes cleaning up the floors easier for everyone!



## Message from our 2nd Vice President

Your garden club was in safe hands before and after Irma. Special shoutout to the following individuals who participated in the cleanup of the gardens and building after Irma—Nancy Taylor, Deb Campbell, Suzanne Harper, George DeMarino, Candace Barone, MaryKay Weiss, MaryKay's grandson Elliott, Kelley Swain and Mary Forester. Each individual worked diligently to clear and secure the grounds and building not only for the safety and security of our members, volunteers, and visitors, but for saving a bridal couple not having to cancel their wedding on Saturday. Thanks to Nancy Taylor's leadership, a plan of action to organize the cleanup before and after was established. Deb Campbell's ability to secure the building before Irma and to get the water restored afterwards and Suzanne Harper's ability to keep the rental informed, along with working on the grounds cleanup, these individuals kept the place going. Only the Magnolia and Crafty Ladies' meetings were canceled due to lack of water. A lot of lessons were learned and will be incorporated in the new Disaster Preparedness Plan just designed by Nancy Taylor along with some new processes for the future of our garden club.



## *Birthdays — October 2017*

**Sun**

**Mon**

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