

# MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

2020



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello to all, again. Even though we are still under "stay home" orders many are wandering out and about. I just hope you are all following the recommended guidelines. Right now, it is exceedingly difficult to say exactly when we will be having regular meetings again, but we still need to plan as if all will return to normal (whatever that is) sooner than later. The Board did meet at the clubhouse on May 12th and we had a good showing – sitting at least 6 feet apart and all dressed up with our face masks. One of the items discussed was how we conduct our Board meetings much like the Circle meetings, that is having a brunch/lunch buffet and small decorations. Given that the Circles are not necessarily evenly represented on the Board we voted to do away with decorations and food. So, those of you who will be serving on the Board need to take note of this change. We did talk about the Plant Sale and you will be getting a report on that from the Chair for the event. Sale and you will be getting a full report on that from the Chair for the event. I can tell you, it went very well.

At this time, the Club is going on its summer hiatus so the only meeting scheduled at this time is our June 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at which time the newly elected Executive Committee will be installed.

Those members who are working on items like the Yearbook, upcoming Clothing Fund Raisers, planning for our Anniversary celebration and Christmas party, etc., will be busy over the summer working on the details of each. There will not be a Newsletter for July and August, but you will receive notices of any issues that may arise, the major one being the fact we are going into Hurricane Season. We do have our Hurricane Preparedness document and that will be forwarded to everyone shortly. You should try to check your E-mails at least weekly just to see what is going on in this regard.

Members start preparing weeks ahead for this sale. Master Gardeners, ground workers, all circles are represented by working in the nursery or donating plants to the sale. This is what we do best-work together. Thank you everyone.

Linda Carvalho, Plant Sale Chair

### **"MISS AGGIE AWARD"**



The Mandarin Museum & Historical Society has awarded our very own Wanda Bosworth as one of the recipients of the "Miss Aggie Award" for 2020. Wanda is in Cherokee Rose Circle and is a former Circle Leader of Cherokee Rose.

The "Miss Aggie Award" is given annually to a female who has contributed to the Mandarin Community in areas of business, education, or charitable accomplishments. Wanda has served her community in charitable accomplishments since she was a young woman and continues to serve until the present time.

Wanda has served through her involvement, leadership, and support in the Mandarin Community since 1986. She has been continually active in volunteering not only at the Mandarin Community Club, but the Mandarin Garden Club, Mandarin Museum and Historical Society, Mandarin Middle School and High School, as well as, Christ Church Academy where her granddaughter goes to school. She has served as President of Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs. These are just a few of the organizations Wanda has served in over the years. She is a genuinely great woman and so deserving of the "Miss Aggie Award".

The ceremony to present the award to Wanda at the Mandarin Post Office has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. A message will be sent out when it is rescheduled. We hope all of you will attend the ceremony honoring the recipients and help us congratulate Wanda.



## GROUNDS REPORT

The irrigation system has been completed and has been a lifesaver to our gardens. The month of May we have had little rain to speak of. The irrigation system kept our grounds looking colorful and in bloom with little effort dragging hoses around.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, we will be having some tree work completed. The contract was awarded to Mitch Drake and Sons. There were three contractors contacted. Only two responded. Both contractors were in the same price range. The reason Mitch Drake and Sons were awarded the contract was they had a better insurance policy plus workers compensation insurance. In addition, this contractor will provide us the wood chips that we can use to fill in the back of the property. The wood chips will be used instead of purchasing topsoil. The back of the property has gone through a major transformation. We plan to plant the citrus that we got from the Flying Dragon. We are now able to plant more things now that we have irrigation and hose bibbs located in that area.

The Nursery is now in the process of being relocated to the back of the property. We will continue to keep the old Nursery location as a drop off location only. In the past we have made this location an amazingly easy access for people to go shopping in our Nursery and take what they wanted.

Master Gardeners have now been given permission to return to the Demonstration Gardens and for their CE hours. We welcome them back with open arms. We will need more help now that the heat outside has turned back on.

A suggestion was made to have our Gardens photographed professionally. This suggestion was brought to the Board. The Board agreed. We decided to contact the Jacksonville Camera Club. Many of their members already come to MGC on a regular basis to take photographs. Laura Miller made the call.

During our Plant Sale on Saturday, I walked with Linda McQueen, previewing our gardens. Her husband is the President of the JCC. Linda told me a message went out on Thursday evening to JCC members to request volunteers. When we spoke later, she told me they already have over ten members who wish to help us out. We will use the photos to help advertise our grounds to help with sales and to promote more exposure to our location. When the photo is used, we will give both the Photographer and the Jacksonville Camera Club recognition. Big THANK YOU to all who have made This possible.

Joyce Buscaglia, Grounds

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY YOU VIRGO BABIES



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### **CONCERNS (Be Better Soon)**

Jeanne Hendricks  
Nancy Crowley

There will not be a formal newsletter until the September Edition