

Mandarin Garden Club



Dogwood 3

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MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB
BOOK 3 (DOGWOOD)

ANTIQUE ROSES

by

Susan Westerman



FIELD TRIP TO THE CUMMER MUSEUM

The Cummer Oak

This majestic giant has a canopy of more than 150 feet, with an estimated age of 175 to 200 years. The gallery built nearest to the tree rests on pilings to protect its roots.

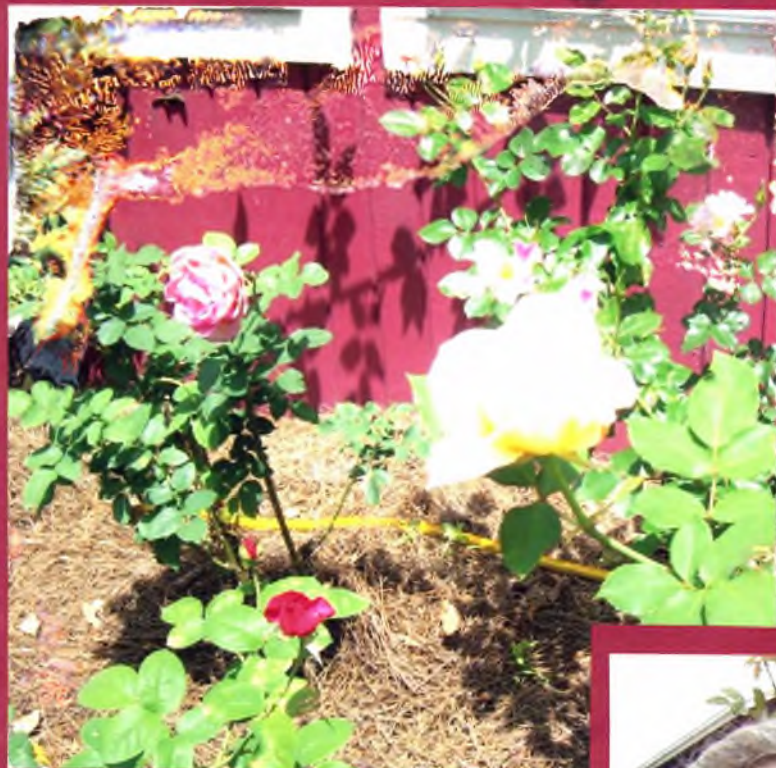


FIELD TRIP

Lois Vassilion's ROSE GARDEN







Thank you. Lois

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Mandarin Garden Club honors Marjorie and Sam Folds

By Contributing Writer Darlene Gantt, Mandarin Garden Club

Marjorie and Sam Folds were married for over 50 years. Throughout those years, they teamed up to serve the Mandarin community in a variety of ways.

Marjorie Folds recently passed away, but the Mandarin Garden Club has found a way to remember and honor all that she and Sam Folds have done for the club with a memorial plaque and a beautifully ornate garden bench placed in the butterfly garden at the garden club's demonstration garden.

On November 5, the bench was dedicated to the Foldses at a special ceremony attended by the Folds family and many of their



Jim Folds, Sam Folds, Karen Folds and Melissa Folds enjoy the bench dedicated in Marjorie Folds' memory

pointed out Sam Folds' leadership in maintenance of the club house and in various club activities.

Sam Folds shared fond memories of his wife and the things they did together. He said he looks forward to coming back to the garden to sit on the bench and remember all the good times.

Sam Folds, his brother Jim Folds and his two daughters in law, Melissa Folds and Karen Folds, were all in attendance at the ceremony. They renewed old friendships and shared memories over refreshments served in the garden.

garden club friends. Becky Ba-then, the garden club's programs chairperson, provided a touching overview of Marjorie Folds' service as club president and her major role in various club events. She also



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The Dogwood Circle enjoyed a wonderful time touring the gardens of the Mandarin Garden Club on November 17. The tour was guided by Martha Dysart and Mary Howe. Both are Master Gardeners and Dysart is the garden club grounds chairperson who, along with other Master Gardeners, oversees the care of these gardens.

Homegrown Fun

There's no place like home. Members of the Mandarin Garden Club were reminded of that when the Dogwood Circle toured the club's grounds in late November. Longtime Master Gardeners Martha Dysart and Mary Howe guided the outside exploration. Both garden club members, Dysart and Howe work with other Master Gardeners to take care of the experimental gardens.



Provided by Diane Frisco

The Dogwood Circle discovered there's no place like home while touring the Mandarin Garden Club's grounds and gardens.

For the Birds

The Bumblebees made gifts for the birds. That was just part

of what the children's circle of Mandarin Garden Club did at their December meeting. With

help from the Crafty Ladies, children made several holiday gifts like peanut butter-covered pine cones slathered with birdseed to ensure that outside friends get through the winter.

The Bumblebees will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the 2892 Loretto Road clubhouse to get a lesson from Wild Birds Unlimited about bluebirds. For more information, call 880-7838.

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Garden club takes a field trip

Thirty-five ladies in the Dogwood Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club waited almost six months to make a trip to Holly's Nursery in St. Augustine in early September. It was the circle's kickoff event after a long summer break.

In addition to enjoying perfect weather, shopping from a wide variety of plants, and catching up on news, the women enjoyed lunch in the outdoor kitchen. Prepared by Chef Andrea from A-Chef's Cooking Studio, the meal featured chicken and shrimp kabobs with roasted summer vegetables and grilled fruit.

"We had a great time," said club member Diane Frisco. "Everyone really enjoyed themselves."

The circle is already planning another trip to the nursery in the spring. For more information about the Mandarin Garden Club, call 262-7078.



Provided by Diane Frisco

Diane Frisco (left), Sharon Wagand, Pat Sams, Barbara Price, Stella Christian Mary Howe and Martha Dysart were part of a Mandarin Garden Club group that enjoyed a field trip to Holly's Nursery in St. Augustine earlier this month. The group had such a good time, they've already got another trip to the nursery in the works for the spring.



HOLLY'S NURSERY



TOUR of the Mandarin Garden Club's Garden



MASTER GARDENERS:
MARTHA DYSART
MARY HOWE



Dogwood members donate food
for the Mandarin Food Bank







George Winterling



George Winterling from WJXT TV-4 spoke Oct. 15 about gardening and weather at the Mandarin Garden Club's joint fall meeting.

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Gardening guru speaks

One of the most listened to men in Jacksonville spoke to the Mandarin Garden Club at its joint fall meeting Oct. 15.

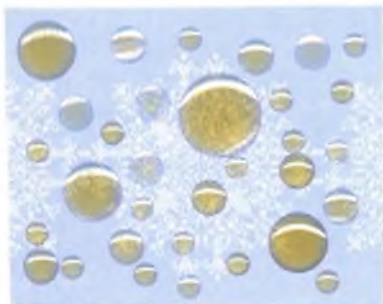
George Winterling from WJXT TV-4 kept more than 100 women mesmerized as he told stories of learning to deal with North Florida's sandy soil, gardening pests and changing weather.

"A lot of what I've learned has come through the school of hard knocks," Winterling said as he recalled finding out how using boxes and trash cans to cover things in cold spells saved a lot of his prized plants.

"Everything in North Florida can be bothered by worms," Winterling said. "And slugs, they can be a real problem. If you bait them with beer, though, at least they die a happy death."

Winterling got lots of laughs when he told of an April Fool's trick he did on air.

"I buried some bananas and dug them up to show viewers how to harvest the fruit," Winterling said. "It was great."





CRAFTY LADIES
CHRISTMAS
PARTY





1st Prize – Barbara Price



3rd Prize – Elly Willis



2nd Prize – Celia Rehm





Judy Till



Karen Wilkinson



Ginny Brunzel



Mary Forester



Mary Howe



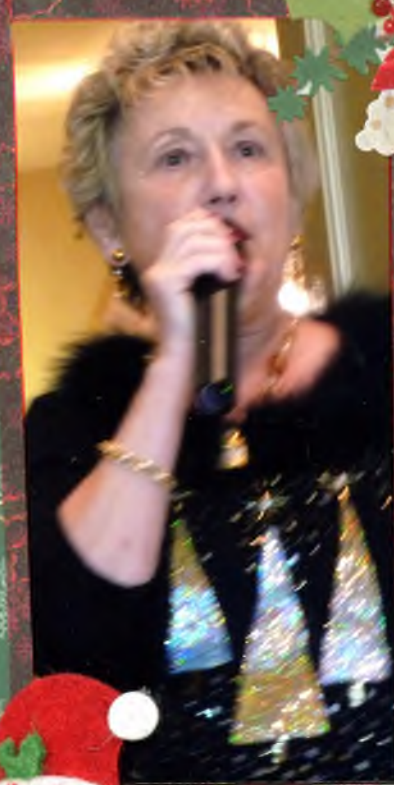
Suzanne Harper

Sonia Jacobson

DOGWOOD CHRISTMAS PARTY

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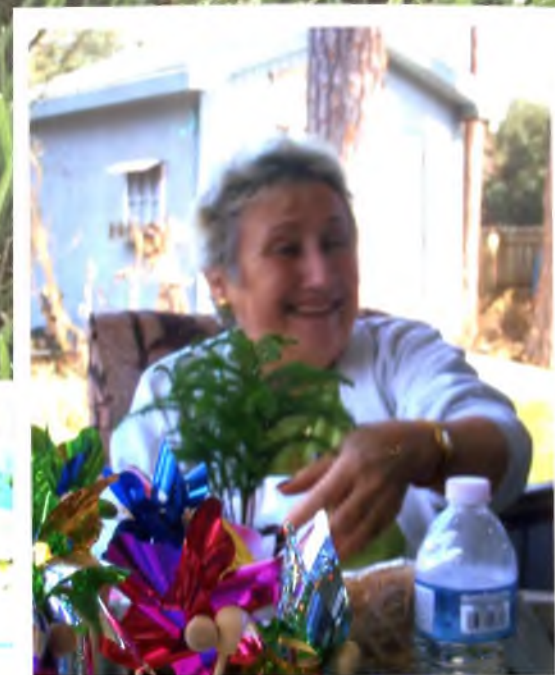
Provided by Diane Frisco
If there was ever a question about the Mandarin Garden Club having fun, one glance at Paula Fay playing Queen Karnac the Great (a takeoff from the old Johnny Carson character on "The Tonight Show") during a party would clear up any doubt. For information about the club, call 262-7078.

**CRAFTY LADIES MAKE
VALENTINE DECORATIONS FOR
“MEALS ON WHEELS”**





**ASSEMBLING TABLE DECORATIONS
FOR THE GENERAL MEETING**



GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2010

CAROLE ADAMS, PRES.
DUVAL AUDUBON SOCIETY



Mandarin Garden Club celebrates Arbor Day

The Mandarin Garden Club at 2892 Loretto Road held a general meeting of all its circles Jan. 21. After catching up on the activities of each group and learning that the Crafty Ladies had completed and donated 30 Project Linus blankets during the past year, club members enjoyed a special Arbor Day program with Carole Adams, president of the Duval Audubon Society, speaking on migratory birds in the Jacksonville area.

In addition to enjoying the day, club members brought gently used coats for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The collected coats are being donated to students who don't have enough warm clothes.

For more information about the Mandarin Garden Club, which currently has 184 members, call 268-1192.

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CLOTHING SALE

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Mandarin Garden Club events benefit community

It's bargain time from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, March 5, and Saturday, March 6, at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road. Back by popular demand, the club will again hold its \$1 clothing sale.

This spring shopping fling will include name-brand dress, casual and athletic clothing for men, women and children. Coats, sweaters, purses, belts, scarves and jewelry will also be available. Any items left after the sale will be donated to the Mandarin Food Bank clothing closet and the Betty Griffin Thrift Center.

The club is also supporting the community by collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Mandarin Food Bank, cell phones for the Duval County 4-H and eye-glasses for the Lions Club. In addition, the club welcomes used ink cartridges that they use to purchase office supplies.



Evie Pankok

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CRAFTY LADIES for Meals on Wheels



The Crafty Ladies decorated and filled bags with candies to be given to the "Meals on Wheels" program for Easter.





Egg shells were colored and glued to little baking muffin cups. Little plants were then placed within the egg shells. These little plant offerings will be placed on the trays for "Meals on Wheels" recipients.



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COOKBOOK Mandarin Garden Club ladies know about good food, too

Garden Club publishes cookbook of 'pleasures'

By **SANDY STRICKLAND**

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They may be adept in the garden, but they also know their way around a kitchen.

So much so that Mandarin Garden Club members have contributed 500 recipes to a 65th anniversary cookbook aptly called "Pleasures from the Good Earth."

And all have been tasted.

"All these ladies are great cooks, and these are all fabulous recipes," said member Becky Bathen during a "crafty ladies" meeting, which featured a long table laden with culinary goodies.

The cookbook ties into the 160-member club's anniversary, which will be formally celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 7, at the clubhouse, 2892 Loretto Road, with a "walk down memory lane" theme. Some of the menu items will come from the cookbook, said Judy Till, who headed the cookbook committee.

Last September, the club

started collecting recipes, with many members contributing multiple favorites. For example, club president McGlade Holloway submitted 70.

"I always wanted the opportunity to have my favorite recipes in one location," said Holloway, adding that all had passed the taste test.

As befitting green-thumbers, some members have used bounty from their own gardens. Holloway, for example, grows fruits and vegetables, such as tomatoes, which she can use in her tomato-and-herb-topped fish fillet dish. Master gardeners Becky Bathen and Susan Westerman grow their own herbs.

The recipes include appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts and cookies and candy.

If you love chili, you can find several versions, including one from meteorologist George Winterling using dried navy beans and a Wendy's recipe with kidney and red

pinto beans.

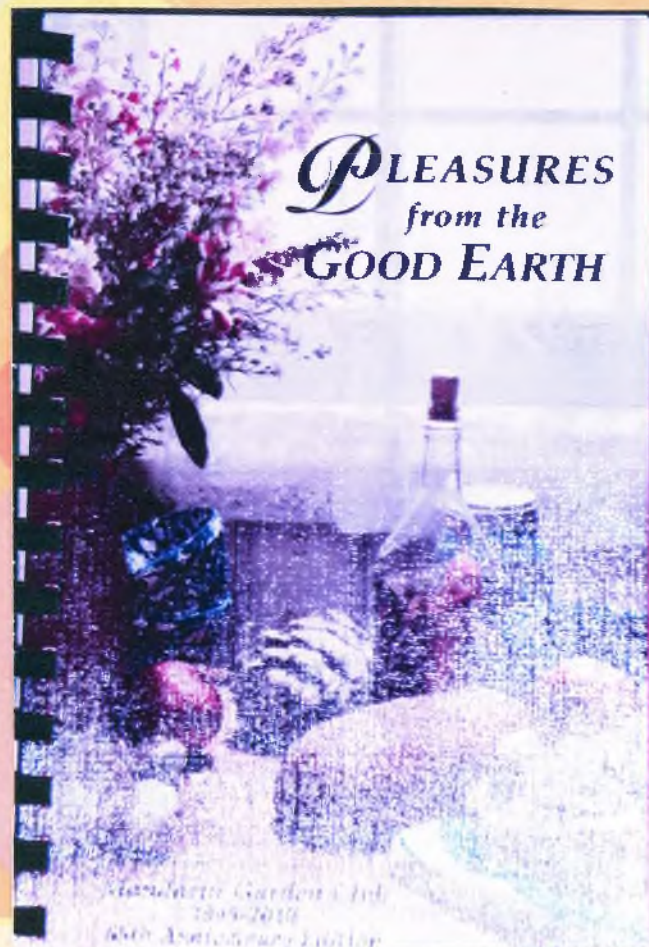
The cookbook also offers an early history of the garden club, napkin-folding hints, pantry basics, a list of herbs and spices, cooking terms, a calorie counter, cooking tips, measurements and substitutions, quick fixes and time, temperature and equivalency charts.

There's even a "This & That" section featuring bath salts, gardening with Epsom salt and a recipe for tired feet, all submitted by Wanda Bosworth of the Cherokee Rose Circle. Yvonne Corbett of the Live Oak Circle offers a homemade playdough and peanut butter dog treat.

The cookbook was printed by a Nebraska company that specializes in the genre.

Members had the option of submitting their recipes online, with a committee available to help those unfamiliar with the technique, Till said. Everyone met their submission deadline, proofed their recipes and the books arrived seven weeks earlier than anticipated, she said.

Five years ago, the club put together a smaller cookbook for



Dangerous Chocolate Cake-In-A-Mug

1 mug
1/2 cups plain flour,
4 tablespoons self-rising
2 tablespoons sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons cocoa

3 tablespoons milk
3 tablespoons oil
Splash of vanilla
3 tablespoons chocolate
chips, optional

Spray Pam in the mug so it won't stick. Add dry ingredients to mug, mix well with a fork. Add egg, mix thoroughly. Pour in milk, oil and vanilla, mix well. Add chips if desired. Put mug in microwave and cook for three minutes on 1000 watts. Cake will rise over top of mug but don't be alarmed. Allow to cool a little; tip onto a plate if desired. Or you can mix the ingredients in a bowl and pour in the mug. And why is this the most dangerous cake recipe in the world? Because you're only five minutes away from chocolate cake any time of the day or night. Donna Nasir, Magnolia Circle

its 60th anniversary filled with about 300 recipes. The current cookbooks sell for \$12 and can be purchased from any member or at special events. For information, call at 268-1192.

Proceeds will go toward operating funds and special projects. At least 1,000 cookbooks have been printed. Other members of the cookbook committee are: Barbara Price, Dian Williamson, Gretchen Mitchell, Janet Leech, Laurie Prescott, Paula Fay, Rita Dower and Suzanne Harper.



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BUMBLEBEES



JOE FRISCO
DOGWOOD'S MASTER GARDENER

Kids learn to grow their own veggies



Photos provided by Jim Patterson
Master gardener Joe Frisco helps a young member of the Bumblebees Garden Circle hone his green thumb skills.

Parents are always admonishing their kids to eat their veggies. But the Bumblebees of the Mandarin Garden Club are even learning to grow them. At their



Frisco

October meeting, titled "Fall Vegetable Planting," members of the children's circle honed their green thumbs with the help of master

gardener Joe Frisco.

They planted cabbage and broccoli.

The group, which has about 20 members, is open to kids ages 5-18 accompanied by an adult, said Sonia Jacobson, who co-chairs the circle with Sandy Lehman.

"We hope to introduce children to gardening and nature," Jacobson said.

The circle, which meets monthly from September to May, began its sixth year with an introduction and tour of the garden, Jacobson said. Kids also decorated their gardening journals.



At the Bumblebees Circle meeting, master gardener Joe Frisco shows how to plant cabbage and broccoli.

The circle's next meeting will be 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the clubhouse, 2892 Loretto Road. The subject will be "Bugs."

Jacobson said she hopes it will encourage children to begin what will become a lifetime hobby.

She said parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to attend. In addition, the club has adult circles.

For more information, e-mail Jacobson at jacobsonsoniam@yahoo.com.

Sandy Strickland



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Provided by Rhonda Reese

New officers for the Mandarin Garden Club were installed at their May 27 meeting. They are McGlade Holloway (from left), president; Betty Harrelson, first vice president; Mary Forester, second vice president; Sharon Wagan, recording secretary; and Betty Cassidy, treasurer.



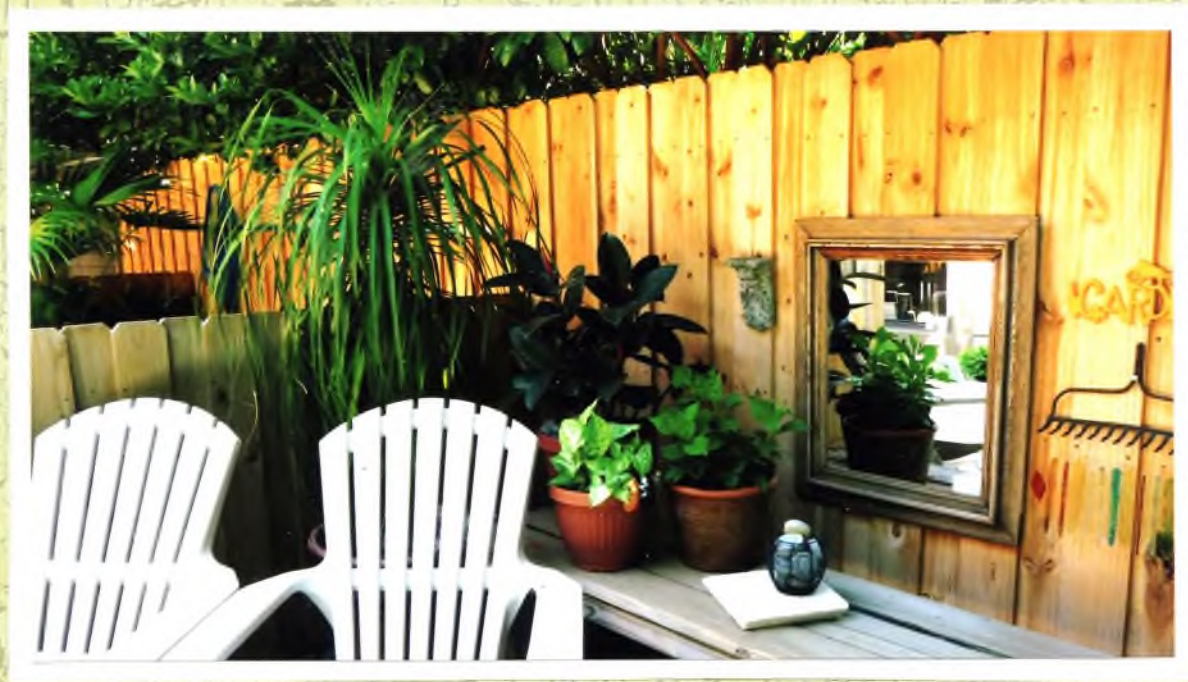


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And Cleome

Tess Hart-Ross' FLOWER GARDEN



Queen Elizabeth Roses and
Peruvian Lily



Hydrangeas



Knockout Roses and
Impatiens



Dwarf Mondo Grass



Four o'Clocks



Flowering Maple





Peruvian Lily



Oriental Lily & Daylily



Cleome Spider Flower



Hostas, Impatiens & Crotons



Staghorn Fern

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GARDEN WITH
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Bottle Tree



Red Velvet Plant



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Flax Lily, Easter Lily, Hostas
and White Cleome

Tess Hart-Ross



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Dogwood Circle update

By Contributing Writer Tess Hart-Ross

Talk about a love/hate relationship with Mother Nature! The Dogwood Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club was scheduled to meet at the home of Tess Hart-Ross for a chapter meeting, luncheon and garden tour on Tuesday, May 18.

On May 17, the gardens reflected weeks of work revitalizing them after one of our worst winters. The alstromeria, cleome, roses, flowering maple shrubs, lorepetalum, salvias, jacobinia, impatiens, daylilies, amaryllis, Easter, oriental, kaffir and gloriosa lilies as well as scores of other blooming flowers were all standing tall and ready for inspection. The cordyline, variegated hydrangeas, caladiums, gingers, crotons and coleus were all showing their bright colors. The variety of shrubs and trees covering the third of an acre site were all filled out in their fresh spring foliage.

Twenty four hours before

the arrival time, tables and chairs were set up on the patio, food and drinks were prepared and ready for the crowd. And then the rains came! After weeks of near-drought conditions, the clouds opened up. The rain gauge had to be emptied twice and by nightfall, a total of 10.5 inches had fallen.

Water was ankle deep in the backyard, flowers were lying on their faces, leaves were drooping, the pool was overflowing and the next day's festivities appeared to be a washed-out affair. Will Mother Nature ever learn to ration?

To the surprise of the hostess, the morning of May 18 dawned bright and clear. The gardens had recuperated and looked splendid. The standing water had soaked in, the pool level had been lowered and the tables and chairs towed off. Bring on the crowd!

It was hot and humid and all the ladies were certainly "dewy"



but the day was a total success. The bottle tree, the talking parrot in the aviary, the garden "art," the unique color-themed gardens, the "croc" plant and the desserts were a hit with everyone. The Dogwood Circle members left with some fresh ideas for their own gardens and a whole summer to put them into practice.

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Island background influences Mandarin artist's work today



Owen Martin has the first two paintings he ever did on the top row of a wall in his Mandarin home.

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Rhonda Reese



Eighty-three-year-old Owen Martin has made it a daily practice to capture colorful beauty.

Born in the West Indies, Martin grew up surrounded by bright blue oceans, lush greens, vibrant reds, regal purples and the sunny yellows of tropical foliage. The soft tones of sun-baked skin and the deep hues of year-round fruit also were part of his palette.

"I liked art. I paid attention to it, but I didn't see the work of any masters until

I joined the service," the Mandarin resident said.

During his stint with the Royal Air Force, Martin, who believes that life is what you make it, perused art museums at every opportunity.

"Ooh," he said with awe, "that's where you see the really great stuff."

Though Martin didn't start painting until he retired, this talented grandfather won numerous awards for his work as a network specialist in Hartford, Conn., where he lived and

worked as a media engineer before coming south to Florida.

"We did a lot of film and video editing," Martin said of his work that was cutting edge when he began.

Martin might still be in the snowy north if not for a romantic rendezvous.

"My wife, Deta, and I came to Jacksonville for a wedding, and we ended up falling in love with the city," Martin said. "People here were so warm and friendly."

Once the Martins were settled in their Mandarin Place neighborhood, this people-enjoyer found a unique way to return individuals' friendliness. He invited them to art shows in his then lightly foliaged yard.

"You see where all those plants are now," Martin said while pointing to a lushly landscaped lawn. "There wasn't much there when we moved in, so I'd hang my work on the fence."

People would mill around admiring Martin's work and often purchase this budding painter's pictures. Martin's art shows also led to other exciting adventures. One of the most memorable occurred when an educator happened by the retiree's display. A teacher at Susie E. Tolbert Elementary, she asked Martin if he'd consider letting a group of students come see his work. What followed was a fun field trip filled with opportunity.

Martin distributed art supplies to the bused-in students and gave them a painting lesson. The smiles and thank you's he received made the day's effort worth the work.

Martin said he's taken many painting workshops over the past few years and is now a member of the Orange Park Art Guild, a group that he highly esteems.

Described as a gentle, humble man by his friends and neighbors, Martin said he gets great pleasure from seeing others enjoy his work.

"We're really here such a short time on earth," Martin said. "Why not try to bring joy to others?"



Provided by Rhonda Reese

Owen Martin is a happy man surrounded by his work. The Mandarin resident has transformed one of his home's bedrooms into an art studio.



Dogwood's Deta Martin's Husband

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CLOTHING SALE



Provided by Mary Howe

Hundreds of items found new owners at the Mandarin Garden Club's recent \$1 clothing sale.

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Shoppers of all ages had fun checking out the items at the Mandarin Garden Club's sale.

Provided by Mary Howe

Clothing sale a success

The Mandarin Garden Club's \$1 clothing sale made customers smile as hundreds of items found new owners. Shoppers also had a chance to purchase the club's newly published cookbook.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the club will host another favorite event, the annual Trash to Treasure sale. Proceeds from each event are spent on projects to benefit Mandarin.



**Carole McBryde
on
AFRICAN VIOLETS**



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Trash to Treasure brings bargains, books and a plane ticket

Though they were hosting a noted trashy event, members of the Mandarin Garden Club donned donated pearls while working at its much anticipated treasure sale.



Rhonda Reese
Neighborhood Notes

Volunteers welcomed shoppers ranging in age from toddlers to senior citizens, who lined up at the clubhouse doors early on a recent Saturday morning for the annual Trash to Treasure event.

"I'm not a gardener. I buy my plants at Michaels, but I never miss one of the garden club's sales," said shopper Carol Daugherty. "They do things right and have the best bargains around."

Daugherty departed the clubhouse with a bag full of holiday bargains and a small stuffed Halloween toy for her



Provided by Mary Howe

Longtime volunteer and Mandarin Garden Club member Jane Lammerding sports her new hat and purse to celebrate turning 80.

coddled canine.

"I'm going to take the price off this so my dog won't know where I got it," she quipped.

Tristan Richardson found several books and games, as



Provided by Rhonda Reese

The Trash to Treasure sale at the Mandarin Garden Club was the place to be on a recent Saturday in October. Great deals and great food were the order of the day. All proceeds went toward the club's community projects.

well as a reindeer whose head moved. To top off a perfect purchase, the 6-year-old, who was visiting his grandfather, Charles Sufge, even found a small plastic shopping cart in which to haul away his loot.

Bargain hunters found knickknacks, books, tools, kitchenware, jewelry, linens and other items while the club members came up with the perfect pearls to wear, though one paired them with her overalls.

Sandy Fisher found herself with a plane ticket when she announced that she was headed south to come to the Trash to Treasure hoopla. Fisher's sister, Karen Wilkerson, is a club member, and had invited her sibling to come down for some serious shopping.

"When my daughter thought I was going to drive down here from north of Atlanta, she paid for me to fly," Fisher said. "We're having so much fun."

Women preparing for the club's sale also had fun. When they discovered that member Jane Lammerding was turning 80, they made and decorated a birthday hat for her.

"She's a treasure herself," member Barbara Price said. "She has done lots of volunteering for many groups over the years. Club vice president Mary For-

ester said that all sale proceeds will go back into the club for community projects. The Mandarin Garden club will be walking down memory lane on Sunday, Nov. 7, when the organization celebrates its 65th anniversary. On Saturday, Dec. 11, the club will host a crafts fair. For information about the club, call 268-1192.





Our loss in 2010 and 2011



Marge Bisbee
SEPTEMBER, 2010



Betty Cassady
JANUARY, 2011



OUR 65th ANNIVERSARY

CHEROKEE ROSE
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Looks like Mandarin in the fab '40s: Garden Club celebrates 65 years

McGlade Holloway wore a black suit her mother purchased for a Christmas party when the current president of the Mandarin Garden Club was a child.

Wanda Bosworth sported a two-piece navy blue wool outfit, complete with gloves, beaded purse, Weiss jewelry and hat.

Rhonda Reese
Neighborhood Notes

Several other individuals joined this fashionable duo decked out in 1940s attire to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Mandarin Garden Club. The club was established on Nov. 8, 1945, with 30 members.

In addition to reminiscing and devouring delicacies from long tables laden with goodies from the club's current anniversary cookbook, guests attending the celebration heard from several visitors who made the day special.

Karen Roumilatt, former executive director of the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society, talked about her "magical Mandarin childhood," growing up in the former Billard House that stood behind the Mandarin Community Club.

A lover of history, Roumilatt took guests back to June 5, 1936, when Mandarin got electricity and celebrated the day with a street carnival. She also recalled the Mandarin Orange Pickers baseball team and how they played home games at the field between the community club and the 1911 Mandarin Store and Post Office.

Four years before the garden club formed, Roumilatt recalled, the famous "Little Train



RHONDA REESE/For Mandarin Sun

Kaitlin Baltz (from left) Mercita Chernyshev, Stephanie Smith and Natalie Smith, students from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, entertain the crowd with swing-style music tunes.

No. 77" came to Mandarin, where hundreds of children rode it until the late 1960s.

"According to the 1945 census," Roumilatt said, "the township of Mandarin had 1,861 residents. Of that, 1,521 were white and 340 were African-American."

Roumilatt ended her presentation recalling the talented residents that have called Mandarin their home. These individuals included Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mary Graff, Hans Barth, Charlie Brown, Memphis Wood, Lee Adams and Bruno Alberts.

"Mandarin has changed quite a bit since 1945," Roumilatt said.

One thing that hasn't changed is the residents' love of music. Natalie Smith, Stephanie Smith, Mercita Chernyshev and Kaitlin Baltz, students from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, had guests swaying and snapping their fingers as they sang 1940s tunes. Club members Becky Bathen and Grace Lindewirth even danced and twirled a few

steps when the music became irresistible.

Many club members brought treasured items to the celebration. Scrapbooks filled with details of club happenings, vintage clothing, pictures of activities through the years, and even the \$600 invoice for clearing the 2.44 acres where the club now resides was on display for guests to see.

Before they had the clubhouse, members met at the Mandarin Community Club. Club member Bert Foshee's contractor-husband told his wife that if she could locate a suitable piece of land, he would build a clubhouse. The building was completed in 1967. Without telling their husbands, Bess Permenter and Louise Hill signed the mortgage. After its satisfaction in 1987, the mortgage was burned.

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THE 1940's



Mandarin Garden Club celebrates anniversary

By Contributing Writer Yvonne Corbett, Mandarin Garden Club



Students from the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts performing songs from the 1940s.

On Sunday, November 7, 2010, members of the Mandarin Garden Club took a walk down memory lane to celebrate the club's 65th anniversary. The

Mandarin Museum, gave an informative history of old Mandarin as it was when the garden club started in 1945. Students from the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts performed several songs from the 1940s era.

Sweet and savory finger foods were part of the celebration. Many of the recipes for these wonderful dishes are in the Mandarin Garden Club's 65th Anniversary Cookbook, available for purchase for Christmas and

clubhouse was decorated in fall colors and many items of clothing and memorabilia from the 1940s were on display. Karen Roumillat, a representative from the

other gift giving occasions. Please call 268-1192 or e-mail mandaringardenclub@comcast.net for more information about the cookbooks and upcoming events at the club.



65th ANNIVERSARY



GENERAL MEETING

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Speaker from St. Johns River
Water Management District



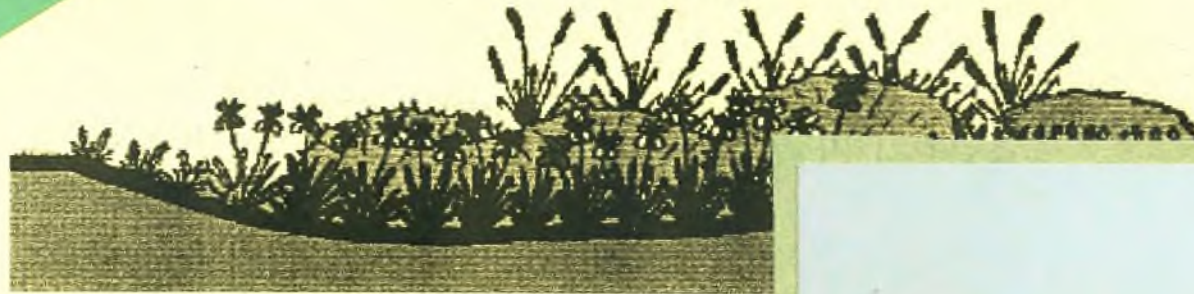
St. Johns River



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- Perform infiltration test
- Test area of interest for rain garden
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- If water stays longer than 12 hours, no

of rain garden

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Garden club hosts craft fair with food, treasures for sale

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Craft fair a place for giving
When the Crafty Ladies of the Mandarin Garden Club held their first Christmas craft fair, they knew they'd hit on something successful.

Dozens of vendors enjoyed an opportunity to display a wide variety of wares, and shoppers got a chance to snap up some unique gifts for friends and family members.

Behind the scenes, the Crafty Ladies were up to something else wonderful.

They spent two weeks wrapping "Shoeboxes of Love" filled with items needed by the homeless. The boxes were donated to the City Rescue Mission.

"Not only did the ladies work hard to fill the boxes, they gave almost \$400 to fill more," said a teary-eyed Crafty Lady leader Barbara Price. "It made me so proud to be a part of such a caring group."



Provided by Rhonda Reese

One of the top-selling items at the Mandarin Garden Club's Christmas Craft Fair was the quilted potato bags, which allow cooks to microwave corn or potatoes mess-free.









CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

At the San Jose Country Club

December 14, 2010



The temperature was 22° that morning which froze the water in the fountain.





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Elly Willis won a painting done by Grace Lindewirth and.....



and Grace received a bag of COAL for being a bad girl!

