

MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

AUGUST 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to one and all! It seems like it has been much longer than it really is since we have been able to spend time together. Hopefully, the news reports that research is moving along quickly and we will soon be able get that anticipated vaccine and put these weeks which have turned into months behind us before they become years. The gardeners have been busy keeping up with all the weeds and watering despite the heat. Crafty Ladies have been working at home, as well as a few at the Clubhouse, on their projects, some of which were started before the pandemic. The Plant Exchange, which usually draws a huge crowd, had a smaller gathering this time but still as much fun and was enjoyed by all who participated and those (like me) who just attend to get a few good laughs.



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Our building needs a new roof - the Board is working on getting that taken care of. Hopefully, the hurricane season will be a light one and we will have time to select a roofer and have the work done. Rentals have been going well despite the pandemic. Most of the events are smaller groups and they all seem to be abiding by the recommendations of the CDC.

The Board voted to add a fourth non-profit group to hold its meetings at our Clubhouse. The Jacksonville Orchid Society will be having their monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each

month, except for May and December. And, we are really delighted to be the venue for their annual show to be held March of 2021. They join the Jacksonville Rose Society, Jacksonville Herb Society, and the North Florida Bonsai Club, as part of our Club family.

A couple of the Circles are working on having their monthly meetings begin come September. Be sure to check your E-mails regularly so you do not miss out on anything – we will all be abiding by the CDC regulations and taking all steps to keep everyone safe and healthy. Keep each other in your prayers and we will all be looking forward to getting back to our happier days soon.

Laura Miller, President

CARES/CONCERNS/THANK YOU

Judy Zambroski-Surgery

Sandra Varner-Surgery

Carmen Tedrahan-Sympathy

Bestey Wiggins-Thank You

Betty Waldrep-Thank You



PLANT EXCHANGE

Twenty-two members spent a fun morning at the Plant Exchange on Saturday, July 25th. The attendance was down this year because of the virus, but the ones who did attend had a great time together. This is a fun event held at the club each Summer.

Thanks to Stacia Snuggs for arranging the Plant Exchange and to all who helped her set up and clean up. Sandra Varner was the "bell ringer" and a big thank you to her, as well.

SEPTEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Each Circle Leader will notify their members of plans for September Circle Meetings. Please check your email often.

TRASH BIN



After years of struggling to take trash cans to the street and bring them back in, Will Miller, Laura's husband, has built a trash bin midway between the building and the street. The bin will be used by the renters and members. Our renters will no longer have to remove their trash from our property. Those of us who have made that trip well understand how difficult it can be. We owe Will a big "thank you" and are happy to have him as one of our Honorary Members. The bin will be used for years to come.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU
AND MANY, MANY MORE TO COME
WE ALL LOVE YOU**

CLOTHING SALE

The Mandarin Garden Club will have its \$1 Clothing & Annual Jewelry Event on August 28th and 29th from 9 am to 1 pm. We are working hard to make this a safe event for our members and community.

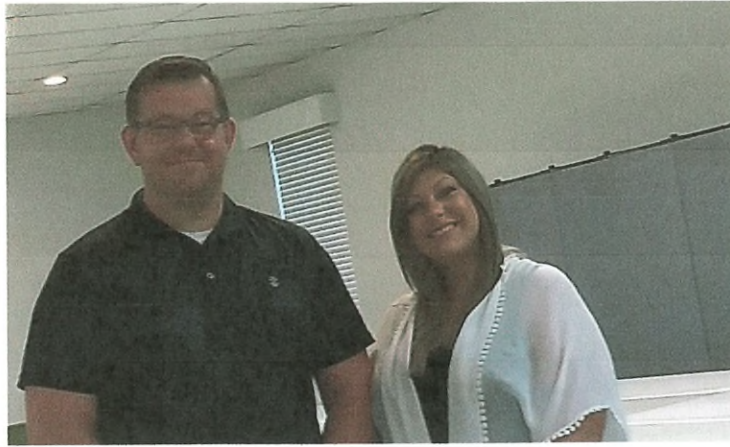
Here are some things you need to know when you arrive. First, at the Greeting Tent your temperature will be checked, and you will be offered hand sanitizer to use. Second, do not forget your mask because it is required inside the building. If you do forget your mask, we have a supply of disposable ones on hand. Be prepared for possible delay as only 25 people will be allowed inside the building at a time. This will be maintained throughout the day.

Weather permitting, we plan to have some items outside for sale. Inside the building, the aisles will be marked at 6' intervals and signs will remind everyone to honor that distance.

Our merchandise will be less this year but it will be the best selections. By reducing inventory, it will allow more spacing and customers will be able to cover the entire room quicker. Of course, the fabulous Boutique department will be offering name brands at bargain prices. No dressing room trying-on will be available.

We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to shop for the entire family at the lowest prices possible. Remember, you, as a member have the special privilege of paying in cash, signing the IOU Book, or writing a check! We appreciate everyone's and welcome any help you can give.

MEET OUR NEW CLEANING CREW



Cleaning Specialties of North Florida, LLC, having met all standards and background checks by Home Advisor, John Stoker and Julie Cole come to us with several years of experience behind them. They will supply all labor, cleaning supplies and equipment necessary to perform the cleaning services to our Club on an "as needed" basis. They will be responsible for delivering to our renters a venue that has been competently cleaned and of which we may all be proud. If you happen to run into them at the Club be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them.

NEW KITCHEN STOVE

One of our stoves has seen its better days - the oven stopped working! Given its age, it was decided to replace it with a new one. Dogwood donated from its Circle funds \$200.00 toward the purchase and Betty Waldrep (DW) made a personal contribution to help defray the cost, as did Patsy Wiggins (LO). Thank you to both ladies for their generosity. If anyone else would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to Mandarin Garden Club and send it to our Treasurer, Jeanne Hendricks (CR) or the next time you are at the Clubhouse you can put it in her "pocket" in the office. The total cost of the stove was \$449.00

STAY SAFE AND ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER!