

MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our "New Year" is here and as usual there is work to be done. All members are invited to participate in whatever area of need there is, i.e., work on fund-raising, serving on the Board, assisting Standing Committee Chairs, taking on Circle leadership, working in the gardens, serving on or chairing ad hoc committees, or any other matters which may arise. Many of us have limited physical abilities but we all have brain power and we need all of that we can garner. So, you are invited to participate in whatever area of assistance you can offer. We have not received any outlandish advice yet, so keep the ideas coming. You do not have to be a Board Member to participate. In addition to a feeling of accomplishment, you get to know members in circles other than your own.

This past year has been extremely difficult for all, but we have faith in tomorrow (that is why we garden!) and we are, hopefully, getting closer to returning to some form of life as usual. The issue regarding replacement of the roof is still being worked on and it is hoped that by the time you get this Newsletter we will have definitive information for you.

Some of you already have the new Yearbook, and it is something special thanks to our Yearbook Chair, Mary Kay Weis. Please look through the book and maybe highlight any items that refer to what is expected of you. There are some date changes, especially regarding Board meetings which have mostly been on the first Thursday of the month. Due to changes in our fund-raising weekends (which were changed to take better advantage of advertising deadlines) some Board meetings will be on another day

of the week. It was easier to move the Board meetings rather than any of the Circle meetings.

Circle Leaders are asked to send to the Newsletter Editor the names and contact information of any of their members who are not listed in the book – also, any corrections to those listed. The Club does not send birthday cards to members as that is the responsibility of the individual Circles to handle. The Club does send get well, thinking of you, and any other type of note to members, so if you know of someone who should get a card/note from the Club, please send to Judy Strassenberg, our Corresponding Secretary, along with the name and address.

Everyone can communicate to the Board either directly or through their Circle Leader and you are invited to do so. We are looking forward to a productive and happy year – just stay safe and well and keep your sense of humor.

Sincerely, Laura Miller

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

Please contact Special Collections
Department, Thomas G. Carpenter
Library regarding the information
on the redacted page.



MASTER GARDENERS

As fall 2020 begins, the garden club continues the 32-year joint venture established in 1988 by Mary Howe and the Duval County Extension Office of the Mandarin Demonstration Gardens. The original demo garden began where the current perennial bed resides. Hopefully upon your return you will look around and take the time to notice the gardens at your garden club.

The Master Gardener Volunteers and the garden club member teams have continued to work this summer to demonstrate plantings of one basic principle – right plant, right place.

Mary Forester, Master Gardener Liaison

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

September Board Meeting-Magnolia Circle-Set Up

October General Meeting-Cherokee Rose and Live Oak Circles-Set Up, Dogwood-Drawings, Magnolia-Clean Up

(a decision will be made later if this meeting will happen-everyone will be notified)

Yearbooks will be given out at September Circle Meetings. Please contact your circle leaders if you are not at the meetings to receive your yearbook.

Please donate to the "Roof Fund" if you can. Make checks out to Mandarin Garden Club and mark the check "Roof Fund". Mail checks to the garden club or drop off in the club's mailbox. The mailbox is locked and secured.

The Discount List was sent out electronically. Please see your circle leader if you did not receive it.

"Weeding Wednesdays" would welcome members to join them on Wednesday mornings to work in the beds at the club. Please contact Joyce Buscaglia, Grounds Chair, for further information.

THANK YOU

A goal of \$10,000 has been set to raise for the new roof. Donations are already coming in and all contributions are so appreciated. Please help us get to our goal!

The following donations have been received:

Wanda Bosworth, Mary Kay Weis, Gail Cook, Fredi Olson, Sandra Resnikoff, Judy Strassenberg, Carol Walker, Annette Studebaker, Suzanne Harper, Diana Openbrier, Ann Hall, Elizabeth Hogan, and Crafty Ladies.



AUGUST CLOTHING & JEWELRY SALE

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members: -Cherokee Rose

Chris McLester-Dogwood

Raven Phillips-Dogwood

Melody Mallet-Live Oak

Naomi Lumley-Magnolia

Jennifer Wilkins-Magnolia



We look forward to getting to know you!

not be serving food...water will be available ...we will practice social distancing and wear our masks...it has been a long summer...cannot wait to see everyone.

ROOF DONATIONS

Mandarin Garden Club has the best members! Anytime our club has a big expense, our members always step up to help. Donations, to help with the expense of a new roof for our beloved club, are already coming in. Thank you to all of those who have already given. Anyone who wishes to donate to the Roof Fund please do so. Any amount helps-just contribute as you can! Checks may be mailed to the clubhouse, 2892 Loretto Road, 32223 or dropped off at the mailbox at the street. It is locked and very secure. Please make checks out to Mandarin Garden Club and mark the check for the "Roof Fund."

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE

Well it is that time again. The Mandarin Garden Club Trash to Treasure Event is October 2nd & 3rd. This is my favorite fundraiser because the treasures of others can gain new life. I love all the wonderful glassware, pictures, and special pieces of décor that are donated by so many. I know your closets are clean from the clothing sale and I thank you so much for your participation in that event. So, let us go through the kitchen, the den, the family room and look for items you no longer want or need. Donate them to this worthy cause. Help us make more money for the club during this difficult year. Items requested are household, glassware, kitchen items, lamps, knickknacks, pictures, small appliances, workout gear, toys, crafts, small tools and more. Please make sure all electrical items are in working condition. Weather allowing, we will have some items outside.

absolutely love the camaraderie of the joys of gardening and being with each other. This group has pulled together for a common goal for the results that are enjoyed by all who come and walk the grounds. I am so proud to be a part of such a loving caring group from such different backgrounds, but we all blend and share our strengths. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DEDICATION!

Joyce Buscaglia, Grounds Chair

GAME DAY

There will not be "Game Day" during the month of September due to the virus. The leaders of Game Day will monitor the situation and decide about October. They will let you know when they think it is safe to get back to this fun time together.

CRAFTY LADIES

This fun group meets on Thursday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:30 and will start the new year with their "Famous Auction" on September 3rd. The members who attend this event all come bearing items they no longer want at their house and have so much fun watching the items being bid on by their friends. Sometimes there will even be a bidding war for certain items! There will not be a "Dump Salad Luncheon" in the month of September before the auction.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

MGC's 75th Anniversary Reception/Open House

COVID and conditions permitting, the MGC's 75th Anniversary Reception/Open House will be Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, from 2 to 4