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November 2016 MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB

Less than two weeks after Hurricane Matthew, another force of nature visited the grounds of the Mandarin Garden Club, this time in the form of a hundred or so members and guests of the club eagerly gathering to catch up with one another after the summer, to



Thank you, Joe, for a great talk, and Kelley Swain, program chair, for organizing it.



enjoy a lavish potluck brunch, and to listen to and learn from Joe Anderson, Forester/Utility Specialist from JEA.



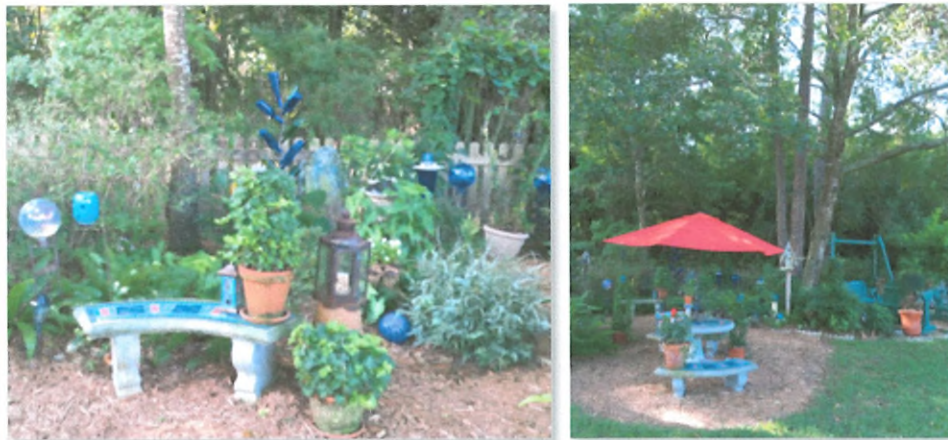
President Betty Waldrep welcomed everyone to the General Meeting and conducted a short business meeting. Visitors and our special Master Gardener guests were introduced, in particular Mary Howe, a Master Gardener since 1985 who started the demo gardens here on the MGC grounds. All the Master Gardeners are special and work so hard to create and maintain the beautiful gardens here.

Mary Forester has led the gardeners at the MGC since 2014, and those three years she noted, have shown great progress. More than just weeding goes on--there has been redesign of the gardens, and good work done with fertilizing, cutting back, revamping and remodeling. The gardens here showcase what homeowners can do with their own yards. Thanks to those present: Russ Snyder, Mary Howe, Joy Breitung, Jan Duncan, Lora Lewis, Joe Stumpf, Brenda Miller, Barbara Carter, Jan Holder, Ali Register, and Mary Forester--and to all the gardeners!



The MGC Executive Board for 2016-17 enjoyed the General Meeting: President Betty Waldrep, 1st VP Stacia Snuggs, 2nd VP Mary Forester, Treasurer Deb Campbell, and Recording Secretary Laura Miller.

The Crafty Ladies' Craft Fair is just about here! Join the Ladies Saturday, November 5th from 9 am to 4 pm at the Mandarin Garden clubhouse and grounds for their 7th Annual Fair. It's their primary fundraiser and helps make all their lovely projects and good works possible, as well as adding to our general fund. Bring some goodies for the Garden Café bake sale on Friday, then come and do some early holiday shopping on Saturday.



The Crafty Ladies took a break from helping set up the Trash to Treasures sale on Sept. 29th to take a tour of Donna Crosby's fantastic yard. As Chair of the Education and Community Committee, Donna is generally the one handing out Yard of the Month awards--and now we know why she is such a good judge. Her yard won in years past, and it's even more elaborate and inviting now.



Thank You

--to Judy Winckler for her service as club Parliamentarian
 --and to Carolyn Miller for stepping up as our new club Parliamentarian
 --to Nancy Taylor for getting the grounds secured before the hurricane, and for working endlessly to clean up afterward
 --to ALL who helped in the aftermath of the storm
 --to Judy Strassenberg, Suzanne Harper, Betty Waldrep for getting all the multiple rental forms consolidated and in order

It was a lovely day at the home of Sandra Varner where the Circle Leaders and Executive Board gathered to meet new members of the club at a New Member Tea. The hostess were Sandra Varner, Stacia Snuggs, Diane Frisco, and Judy Strassenberg. Thanks to Sandra for opening her home for the Tea and to the hostesses for the good food.

--Betty Waldrep



Thanks to Magnolia Circle and their glove sales for funding the purchase of a new stove for the Clubhouse kitchen.

Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving--it's that holiday time of year, with the big one fast approaching. Two Christmastime announcements to note:

The Mandarin Garden Club's Christmas Party for all Circles will be Tuesday, December 6, at 10 am. Everyone is requested to bring a dish, and come celebrate!



The Walter Jones Historical Park on Mandarin Road will hold its annual Mandarin Winter Celebration on Saturday, December 3rd, from 11 am to 5 pm. The Mandarin Garden Club will have an information table to tell about our club (and sell cookbooks), and volunteers are needed to help man the table. Please contact Donna Crosby at [redacted] if you can help for a bit. Also, Betty Waldrep, Pat Sams, and Gail Cook are decorating the farmhouse on Friday, December 2nd. Decorations are welcome--it will be done in a late 1800s to early 1900s style, to match the history of the house. Think greens, berries, nuts, pinecones ...



A New Member Tea was hosted October 4 by Sandra Varner, Stacia Snuggs, Diane Frisco, and Judy Strassenberg. It was attended by 10 of our new members, and was a fun time of interacting with new folks, Circle leaders and Executive Board members. We had many positive remarks and involvement already from the new people.

Welcome new members--we are so happy to have you join us!

--Sandra Varner



And we continue to gain new folks--a warm welcome to the new new MGC members as well! --ed.

Mulching, trimming shrubs, and pulling weeds throughout the summer heat brought "Ramsgate Yard of the Month" for September for Eunice Priester. It was her 4th time being chosen. She received a \$25 gift certificate to the Beach Diner.



Well done, Eunice!



Horticulture Tips and Q & A by Martha Dysart

Beware of parking (or walking) under trees, even after the storms have passed. Limbs continue to fall and whole trees to topple for days.

Do you have a gardening question that's been plaguing you? Martha Dysart, our Horticulture Chairperson, has volunteered to accept questions from members and to answer them (at her discretion) in this newsletter. Please send Martha your questions via email to [redacted]