

Mandarin Garden Club

**Newsletters, photos, & Articles
June 2020 – May 2021**

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Mandarin Garden Club eyes re-opening

By Diana Openbrier
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As with many organizations recently, the Mandarin Garden Club has been mostly shut down. The Extension Office Master Gardeners were told to stop all activities due to the pandemic; however, the gardens have needed to be tended, so member volunteers have stepped up and worked in isolation to weed, water, replant and organize the gardens. The property has been kept in good shape by these volunteer member gardeners. Master Gardeners have just been released to return and will be welcomed.

The board recently met for planning. Distancing, masks, gels, and handwashing are recommended and symptomatic people are to stay home. Some club meetings are being held outside with masks and social distancing.

While the only answer for avoiding Covid-19 is a vaccine, club members are trying to move forward in our new world and hope that someday we can resume normal associations. Until then we are using CDC guidelines. To date we have no known cases and hope this continues.



Photos courtesy Diana Openbrier

The Mandarin Garden Club's recent plant sale looked a little different than normal, due to the coronavirus.



Mandarin Garden Club volunteers helped out at the plant sale.



Mandarin Garden Club members are following CDC guidelines.

On May 23 a plant sale was held differently than usual, where members crowd inside the building to share plants. This time plants were grouped outside and people purchased plants with reasonably limited contact, following CDC guidelines. A wide variety of plants came from garden plantings and club members. The community stepped up and bought most of the plants and greatly helped the club's budget. People loved the inexpensive plants and the expert advice for their gardens.

Building rentals normally provide funds for maintaining the building and grounds and these were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The good

turnout and sales at the plant sale were welcome. Gardens are open daily, dawn to dusk, except when the facility is rented.

The Mandarin Garden Club is planning its famous \$1 Clothing Sale (a few boutique specials cost a bit more) on Aug. 28 - 29. While we do not know what will happen day to day, we are moving forward and will do all we can to stay safe and keep our community safe and beautiful.

The Mandarin Garden Club has been an important member of the Mandarin community. Since 1945, members have worked to beautify the Mandarin area. The club's building is a popular and economic community activity venue.

Demonstration gardens, open to the public, show off many native and beautiful plants. Educational labels for plants teach about plants for the community and schools. Visit mandaringardenclub.org for more information.

Mandarin says an unexpected "farewell" to a Patriarch Oak

By Susie Scott
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As most residents of Mandarin know, they have the good fortune to live in an exceptional area of Jacksonville that has its identity deep in the roots of the trees and the lush natural beauty that is Mandarin. In fact, Mandarin Road is the only designated Scenic and Historic Corridor in all of Jacksonville and is protected by city ordinance. That ordinance stands between reckless tree trimming and removal, which could forever change the historic landscape — including the majestic oaks that



Tree replacement

canopy the roadway. We have two former City Council members, Mary Anne Southwell and Sharon Copeland to thank for that unique honor.

Recently, Mandarin lost one of the giants that has graced the neighborhood for centuries. One of the Patriarch



Photos courtesy Susie Scott
Patriarch Oak stump

Oaks dropped two large branches and the city made the decision to remove the entire tree. The city arborist inspected and determined that the old giant had severe enough decay to warrant removal. We will never know if the tree might yet have survived or for how many years. Removal should always be a last resort.

But, we can be thankful that the city has committed to planting a live oak in that immediate area and a request has been made for an oak of significant size that holds a promise for the future. While we will not live to see it reach the majestic size of its forefather, we will know that through its successor the canopy along Mandarin Road will thrive.

AUGUST 2020

North Florida Bonsai Club to host beginners workshop

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The North Florida Bonsai Club announces a three-day class on introductory bonsai, to be held on Aug. 3, Aug. 10, and Aug. 17, from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road.

Each day will focus on a different skill set that will ensure by the end of the class, each participant has a fair understanding of how to maintain, train and grow his or her own bonsai tree. Each workshop seat includes the three day course, bonsai tree and a pot. Particip-

pants will leave with a styled and potted bonsai tree.

Workshop participant seats are \$30 and limited to 15 for this event due to time constraints and limited supply of trees. To register, email North Florida Bonsai Club at Yodasworkshop@aol.com.

For questions or additional information on future events, check North Florida Bonsai Club's website, <http://northfloridabonsai.com/> or contact the club on Facebook: North Florida Bonsai.

News from the Mandarin Garden Club

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Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, will hold its semi-annual \$1 Clothing Sale on Friday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day. The proceeds made from this sale help to support the club's local charities and to care for the garden club grounds and building that is enjoyed by the community.

The sale will contain many tables of gently used clothing for men, women and children and a large area will be covered with beautiful clothing items and scarves, purses and other items for \$1. Jewelry is offered separately at bargain prices. There will be a small boutique area with name brand new and high end quality clothing; these items will be priced only a few dollars more. Good gardening gloves are also for sale.

Attending the sale is also a great opportunity to walk the beautiful gardens of the garden club and meet people from your community. CDC guidelines will be followed.

The garden club is available for rent for parties, weddings, reunions, and all kinds of special occasions. In trying to be of help to our community, the prices for renting the club are lower than many venues in the area.

Visit www.mandaringardenclub.org for more information about the club and the different subgroups called circles that meet at various times, including evenings.

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Plant Exchange





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The 84-year-old died March 26 from COVID-19. At that time, there were four known residents at Camillia's assisted living center who also had tested positive, the medical examiner's report said.



Betty Harrelson, 84, died of COVID-19 on March 26, 2020. [FLORIDA TIMES-UNION]

Smith said her mother had been telling her for days that she was not feeling well and was lying in bed at night shivering. When it was confirmed she had a fever, Mrs. Harrelson was transported to Baptist Medical Center South on March 17, the report said. As her condition declined, she chose not to go on a ventilator, Smith said.

"I'd like to think that if she hadn't already been feeling peaked, she might have had the strength to fight it," her daughter said.

But Smith said her mother was ready to go.

"I just hated that she went through the pain she went through," Smith said. "She was really really struggling to breathe and after a week of that, one of the last things she said was a wish that God would take her and stop her suffering."

Smith and her sister, Sandy Rea, regret, however, that they didn't get to see her again when she was in the hospital. Another regret is that Mrs. Harrelson didn't get to see her new great-granddaughter. The infant, Rea's granddaughter, was born only six days prior to her passing.

She married Fred Harrelson Jr., a certified public accountant and city treasurer under Mayor Hans Tanzler, in 1980. He died in 2005.

In Mandarin, Mrs. Harrelson served as first vice president of the garden club and president of the club's Dogwood Circle, participating in charity clothing drives and bake sales.

Shared from the 8/10/2020 The Florida Times-Union eEdition

BETTY PARKER HARRELSON 1935-2020

The deadly cost of COVID-19

Betty Harrelson was active in Mandarin Garden Club; Joseph Collins loved his Raines Vikings

By Sandy Strickland and John Reid Jacksonville Florida Times-Union USA TODAY NETWORK

Editor's note: The costs of

COVID-19 are many — lost wages, lost opportunities, lost relationships — but thousands of Floridians have paid the ultimate price, their lives. The Times-Union will be profiling some of those from our area who were infected with the virus at the time of their deaths.

Before her health declined, Betty Parker Harrelson's opinions on subjects ranging from National Security Agency surveillance to changing the name of the Washington Redskins often appeared in the Times-Union.

Mrs. Harrelson answered questions as part of the newspaper's email interactive group from 2013 to early 2017.

Her community involvement took other forms as well. She held leadership positions with the Mandarin Garden Club and the Mandarin Women's Club.

As she aged, her energy level decreased, and she no longer wanted the responsibility of cooking, cleaning and housework, said her daughter, Sharon Smith. So she sold her house several years ago and moved to an independent living facility.

When her chronic obstructive pulmonary disease worsened, Mrs. Harrelson briefly went to one assisted living center and then to Camillia at Deerwood Assisted Living Center, where she lived in a studio apartment.

Betty was a Mandarin Garden Club past-president and a member of Dogwood.

SEPTEMBER 2020

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.



Mandarin Garden Club well positioned for "new normal"

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So far, we have all looked at the pandemic as a short term problem and have secluded and waited this out. Now we do not know how long our lives will be changed. What are we to do? Gardeners are believers in the future and will find a way to plan for the future and grow our gardens. Keeping with the spirit of tomorrow, the Mandarin Garden Club has a busy schedule planned for its new year which officially begins Sept. 1, 2020.

The Mandarin Garden Club is well positioned to meet the new requirements to stay safe in the face of pandemics. The club property has a large garden

area divided into many individual gardens: native plants, succulents, butterfly, repurposing garden, and ginger, among others. Members volunteer time to work in the gardens and under the direction of Joyce Buscalia and master gardeners they have the grounds in beautiful condition. Visits to the club by members and people in the community provide calming and beautiful walks that help people center on what needs to be done in these times. The clubhouse is also large enough to allow for social distancing. Following CDC guidelines is the new normal.

The club's facilities are a great place to meet, not only for Mandarin Garden Club members but also other gardening groups and artists, photographers and walkers. Meetings of the Jacksonville Herb Society, North Florida Bonsai Club, and board of the Rose Society are held at the Mandarin Garden Club. Just this month the Mandarin Garden Club has welcomed the Jacksonville Orchid Society to hold its monthly meetings at the club. The club encourages interaction with these groups and there is no charge for the use of facilities by these clubs; it is part of Mandarin Garden Club's support and commitment to the community and has been since 1950.

A video of the club and grounds is available on the Mandarin Garden Club website, www.mandaringardenclub.org.

THE LORETTO ELEMENTARY GARDEN CLUB WAS ONE OF OUR CHARITIES FOR 2020-2021.

PICTURED BELOW ARE THEIR MEMBERS. SEE REVERSE FOR THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED FROM THE GROUP FOR OUR DONATION.

Spring has sprung at Loretto Elementary



Photo courtesy Barbara Sims

Students in the Loretto Garden Club have started their spring vegetable garden. The club, run by teachers Angie Khakpour and Alex Hills, is planting purple string beans, broccoli, asparagus, tomatoes, cucumbers and more. The Garden Club is for fifth graders and has 26 members. The Garden Club is advised by Master Gardeners from the UF Extension office.

To The Mandarin Garden Club:

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the redacted page.



OCTOBER 2020

Mandarin Garden Club members active in the Women's Vote Centennial

By NewsLine Staff
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During Early Voting time for the Primary Election in August, Mandarin Garden Club members participated in activities associated with the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment with the League of Women Voters. Club members celebrated the women who made it all possible.

Diana Openbrier and Joyce Biscaglia participated in the League of Women Voters' dinner and heard several speakers active in the women's movement. Cecile



Photo courtesy Diana Openbrier

Wanda Bosworth dressed as Susan B. Anthony for Early Voting in Mandarin.

Scoon, a civil rights lawyer, retired Air Force JAG Officer, first vice president of the League of Women Voters of Florida, and chair of the Florida League efforts on the Restoration of Voting Rights and Health Care, spoke of the long history of fighting for the voting rights of all citizens and the difficulties of African American voters.

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"It is 100 years since the 19th Amendment was certified and women are not equal in our society," Openbrier said. "We do not have equal pay in the workplace and we are not equally represented in government. But in the next century, we can change that with our voices and our votes. As women, we know we've achieved a lot in the past century, but we still have a long way to go to achieve true equality."

The Mandarin Garden Club and the League of Women Voters encourage everyone to vote, as there are many issues of interest to women this year.



Trash To Treasure Sale

October 2nd - 9:00 am to 1:00pm

October 3rd - 9:00 am to 1:00pm

Household, glassware, lamps, pictures,
small appliances, toys, crafts, small tools

Mandarin Garden Club
2892 Loretto Road, 32223

Happy Halloween!



FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN

Bob Marley
Goldie Hawn
Tom Selleck
Eric Clapton
Rod Stewart
Steve Nouri

U.S. POPULATION

139.9 MILLION

WHAT THINGS COST

A first class stamp: \$0.03
A gallon of gas: \$0.21
A loaf of bread: \$0.09
A movie ticket: \$0.35
A new house: \$4,600.00

FAMOUS SONGS

Run & Come
The Answer Sisters
Someday Primary
Let's Go
The Eyes of a Tiger
Pony Car

SPORTS

World Series Champions: Detroit Tigers
NFL Champions: Cleveland Browns

POPULAR MOVIES

The Pallace
The Last Weekend
Anchors Aweigh
Spartan
Dance

US PRESIDENT

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Harry S. Truman

HISTORICAL EVENTS

- Franklin D. Roosevelt is sworn in for an unprecedented 4th term as U.S. President.
- Vice President Harry S. Truman assumes the presidency and role as Commander in Chief of World War II.
- World War II ends on September 2nd with the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

75TH

1945



Meat-On-Wheels

CRAFTY LADIES

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11th Annual Craft Fair
Saturday
November 1, 2008
9:00am - 4:00pm
Pamela Baker Smith
2008 President of the
Handcrafted Quilters of America



*Pesto & Sun Dried
 Tomatoes Pinwheel
 Chicken Wonton Wrapper
 &
 Dipping Sauce
 Vegetable Pizza
 Turkey & Cranberry
 Roll Ups*



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1956

Officers Who Were Installed By Mandarin Garden Club

At the annual meeting of Federated Circles of the Mandarin Garden Club yesterday in Grace Chapel Community Center, newly-elected officers were installed. From left to right: Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Smith.



PLAN JACKSONVILLE GARDEN CENTER—The location for the proposed Jacksonville Garden Center, as determined by the Federation of Garden Clubs on the recently purchased property.

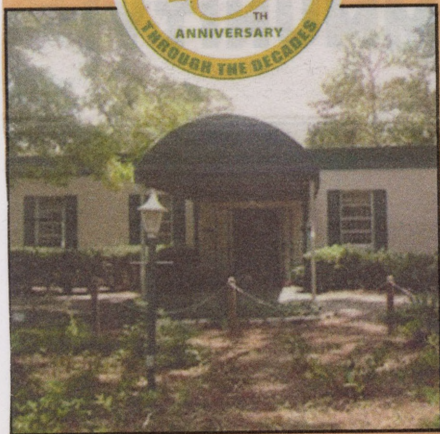


Mandarin Garden Club celebrates 75th Anniversary "Through the Decades"

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The Mandarin Garden Club will observe its 75th anniversary on the actual day of the 75th anniversary: Nov. 8, 2020. The club plans to celebrate history in Mandarin "Through the Decades" from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the club building, 2892 Loretto Road.

On Nov. 8, 1945, 30 local members of the Mandarin Garden Circle joined together. This group wanted to be a non-profit that would beautify Man- area. organization help to the darin They



Photos courtesy Diana Openbrier

The Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road.

chose to help save and plant more live oaks along the Mandarin Road and for years they cleaned areas, had bake sales and hosted bazaars. They helped to pay for the community's fire truck and learned to fight fires; they also used the truck to water the live oaks.

Mandarin Garden Club cont. on pg. 9

Club members participated in flower shows and citrus festivals. In 1957 there were 62 days of cold with frosts and freezes. Citrus and flowers were damaged and there were no shows that year.

According to club historian Freidi Olsen, meetings were at the Mandarin Community Club basement, the building donated by Harriet Beecher Stowe. In 1959, the basement flooded and was not usable. Members then met in private homes discussing gardening problems while having tea and cookies.

The current Mandarin Garden Club property was purchased in May 1963 for \$5,500. The mortgage was \$10,595 with payments of \$500 per year. Louise Hill and Bess Perimeter signed for the mortgage without the knowledge or approval



Historical photo of Mandarin Garden Club members planting trees outside the Mandarin Community Club.

of their husbands. Plants were donated and master gardeners made demonstration gardens. Festivals were successful as was selling baked goods. Many remarkable women and a few men have made the Mandarin Garden Club what it is today. Work was done to make walkways, expand gardens, fund raising, social events, writing their cookbook and many other jobs.

The building, designated a historical landmark, has been a popular venue for weddings and events. The Garden Club's four Circles meet monthly along with several other non-profit organizations providing activities and lectures of interest to gardeners.

On Nov. 7, 2020, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. the Mandarin Garden Club will host a Craft Fair free and open to the community. Visit the club's website, mandaringardenclub.org for more information, including rental information.

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Gift & Christmas Bazaar

Mandarin Garden Club will present its annual gift and Christmas Bazaar at the Club House located at 2892 Loretto Road on Friday, November 16, from 6:00-8:30 P.M. and on Saturday, November 17, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The public is invited.

The Bazaar will feature a Country Shop filled with stuffed animals, silk and dry flower arrangements, pillows, live plants and other gift selections. In the Christmas Shop will be wreaths, trees filled with hand made ornaments, centerpieces and table decorations.

In the bake shop will be home-made cakes, pies, jellies, mixes, breads and cookies. The snack bar will serve lunch for the shoppers on Saturday.

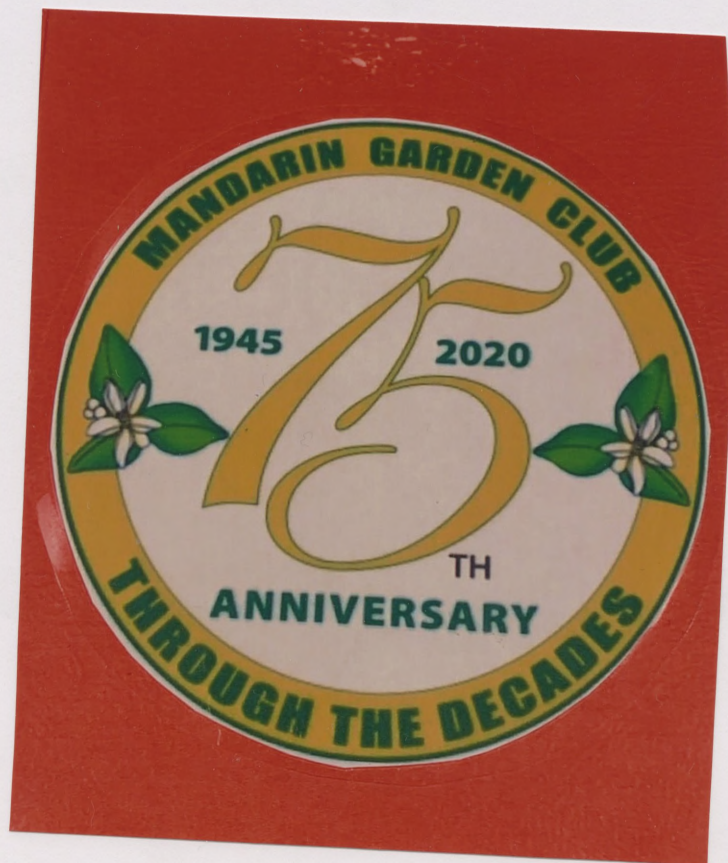
Proceeds from the sale help send children to camp. For eight years, the Mandarin Garden Club has donated camp scholarships. Thirty-six elementary children from selected area schools have been given a camp experience. Camp Wekiva, located near Apopka, is a nature camp sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. In addition to sending the children to camp, the Mandarin Garden Club has made a donation to Camp Wekiva for its swimming pool construction.


Enthusiastic garden clubbers begin workshops for the Christmas Bazaar the first Wednesday after July 4. A variety of projects are underway every Wednesday from then till the last Wednesday before the sale date. Two generations of Garden Clubbers is not uncommon. This summer three generations were busy exchanging ideas and helping one another. The youngest is an unofficial teddy bear tester, and the older ones have grown up with the members. One young fellow is an excellent gopher.

Each year people discover the Garden Club for the first time. It is easy to locate: drive South on State Road 13 and turn right on Loretto Road. For the unusual gift, people find the Mandarin Garden Club Bazaar an anticipated treasure hunting event.









PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The Mandarin Garden Club was incorporated 75 years ago on November 8, 1945; and

WHEREAS: The original 30 members held their meetings in the basement of the Mandarin Community Club until the meeting room flooded. Thereafter, land was purchased, and the building that is still used today was completed in 1963; and

WHEREAS: Mandarin Garden Club hosts demonstrations such as butterfly gardens, ginger displays, and herb gardens. The gardens are designed and maintained by some of the Master Gardeners of Duval County; and

WHEREAS: Not only does the garden club host beautiful presentations and events, it plays huge role in community involvement. The Mandarin Garden Club has benefitted 4-H Foundation, The Lions Club, Mandarin Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, Mandarin Community Club, City Rescue Mission, Greenscape of Jacksonville, Human Society, K-9 for Warriors, and many other philanthropic groups; and

WHEREAS: Mandarin Garden Club is open to all and since its inception, the club has grown into an integral part of Jacksonville with its mission: educating residents toward caring for and beautifying our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize the

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to visit the gardens, join the garden club, or host an event at an organization that helps beautify our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this *21st* day of *October*
in the year Two Thousand *Twenty*

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA





NOVEMBER 2020

Mandarin Garden Club
2892 Loretto Road, 32223

11th Annual Fall Craft Fair

BBQ Lunch, Bake Sale, Local Crafters
All vendors outside following CDC guidelines.

Saturday, November 7th 9:00 am-4:00 pm





CHUBBY BOYS ROASTERS

MENU

All Beef Hot Dogs	\$2
All Beef Slaw Dog	\$3
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich	\$5
Gourmet Grilled Cheese Sandwich	\$5
Pimento Cheese (Can be grilled)	\$5
Homemade Cole Slaw	\$2
BBQ Baked Beans	\$2

Today's Special

**BBQ Pork Sandwich Plate
with Beans and Slaw \$8**

Strawberry Lemonade	\$3
Bottled Water	\$1
Diet Coke	\$1
Pepsi	\$1

DECEMBER 2020

Mandarin Garden Club to celebrate diamond jubilee

On Nov. 8, 1945, the Mandarin Garden Circle was formed with 30 local members as a nonprofit organization aimed at beautifying the Mandarin area. They worked to help save and plant more live oaks along Mandarin Road, while also maintaining and cleaning various public areas. Numerous bake sales and bazaars helped to pay for a fire truck, and they learned to fight fires along the way.

The women also used the fire truck to water the live oaks.

Meetings were held at the Mandarin Community Club basement, in the building donated by Harriet Beecher Stowe as a school in the late 19th century. In 1959, after the basement flooded and became unusable, members then met in private homes to discuss gardening problems while having tea and cookies. They also participated in flower shows and citrus festivals. In 1957 there were 62 days of cold with many hard frosts and freezes. The citrus fruit and flowers were severely damaged, so there were no shows that year.

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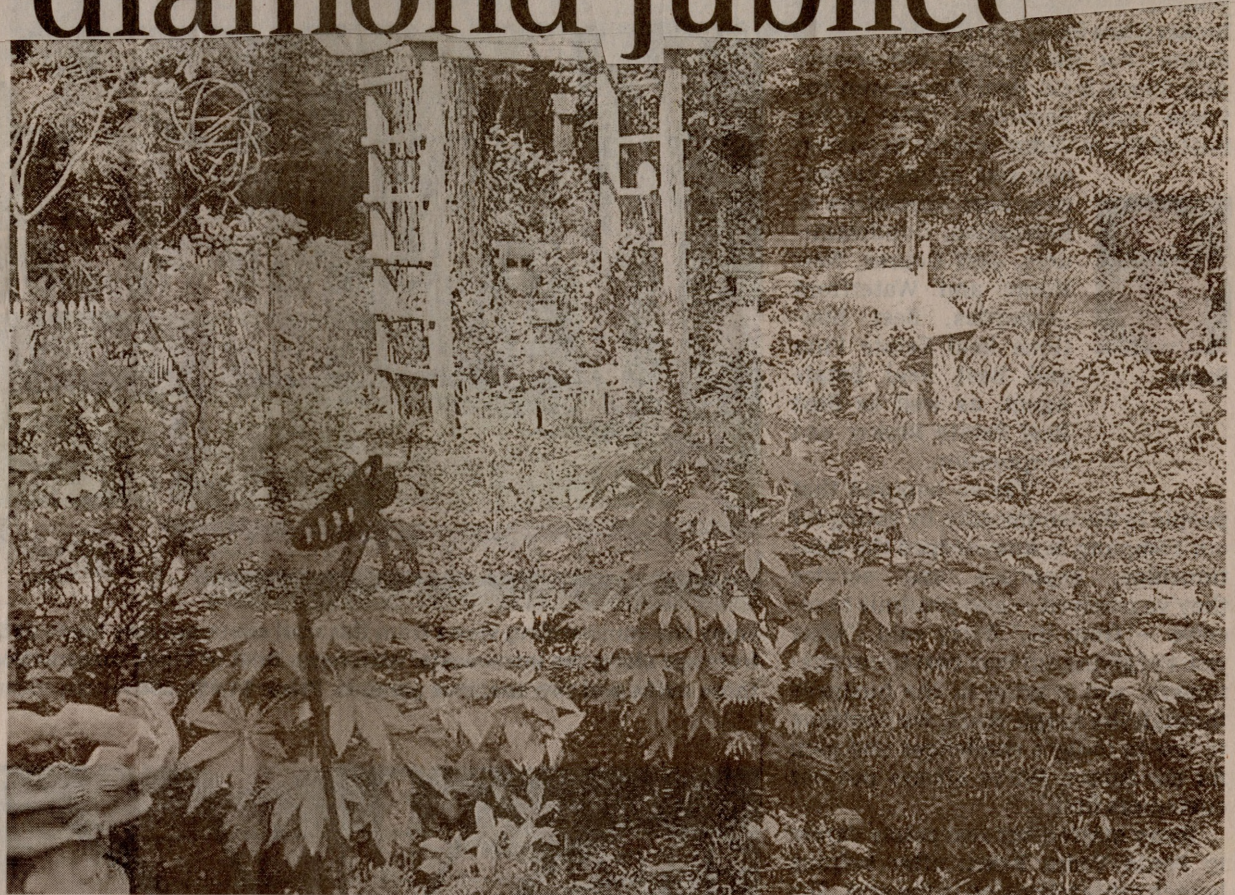
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Officers Who Were Installed By Mandarin Garden Club

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This photo marking the installation of new officers at the Mandarin Garden Club appeared in the Jacksonville Journal circa 1956. The club celebrates its 75th anniversary on Nov. 7-8. MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB



Located on Loretto Road, the Mandarin Garden Club features many specialty gardens and demonstration areas. MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB

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interest to gardeners.

The 11th annual Mandarin Garden Club Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free and open to the community, the event features a variety of vendors offering candles, wreaths, yard art, wood carving, Christmas ornaments, paintings, jewelry, photography, plants and many other unique items. Barbecue and baked goods will also be available.

In addition, a presentation and reception celebrating the Mandarin Garden Club, "Through the Decades," will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The club is located at 2892 Loretto Road in Jacksonville. For more information, visit MandarinGardenClub.org.



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FEBRUARY

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Mandarin Garden Club announces \$1 Clothing Sale, spring events

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The Mandarin Garden Club's famous \$1 Clothing and Jewelry Sale will be held March 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at the club, located at 2892 Loretto Road. Gently used clothing for men, women and children will be on sale. Items from the Boutique and Jewelry section will be priced separately and the event will also feature a pop-up plant sale in the gardens. All CDC guidelines will be followed for the event.

The public is also invited to the garden club on March 20 and March 21 at 10 a.m., when the Jacksonville Orchid Society will host its annual "A Walk In The Orchids" show and sale. Attendees



are invited to view beautiful orchids and enjoy a walk through the club's gardens at the same time.

Finally, mark your calendar for the

Mandarin Garden Club Annual Plant Sale on May 1. This event features a huge selection of healthy plants at amazingly low prices.

"The grounds have survived the winter and we are working hard to revive all the wonderful features of the gardens," said club member Diana Openbrier. "The gardens are open for the public to enjoy and learn about the beauty of nature from dawn to dusk, except during special rental dates."

Visit www.mandaringardenclub.org for more information about the Mandarin Garden Club, including special occasion rental.



One Dollar Clothing & Jewelry Sale

**March 5th & 6th,
9am - 1pm**
2892 Loretto Road 32223

**PLUS A
POP-UP
PLANT SALE**

**Cash
Only**

Mandarin Garden Club

MARCH

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Jacksonville Orchid Society announces show

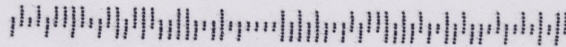
The Jacksonville Orchid Society will host "A Walk in the Orchids" show and sale on March 20 - 21. The show will be held at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road. Show hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday. Visit www.jaxorchidsociety.org for more information.

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Jacksonville, FL
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Mandarin Garden Club

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 1st - 9 am - 2 pm

Come visit our lovely gardens and shop for beautiful plants. A huge selection of healthy plants at low prices will be on sale. Our Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions and help you with plant selections.

Plus, this year the following organizations will join us!



Bonsai Society



Herb Club



Orchid Society



Rose Society

Our Crafty Ladies Club will have some special gifts for Mother's Day and more.

For the kids, a planting table will be set up and they will receive a free plant.

And BBQ lunch prepared by the Masons and homemade baked goods by our talented MGC Ladies will be on sale.

2892 Loretto Rd (Parking next door at the Masonic Lodge)

CDC Guidelines Apply - Cash Only Sale



Mandarin Garden Club's annual Plant Sale scheduled

The Mandarin Garden Club will host its annual Plant Sale on May 1, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the club grounds, 2892 Loretto Road. This annual sale offers low cost, high quality, lovely plants to the community. This year the Jacksonville Herb Society, the Rose Society, the Orchid Society and the Bonsai Club will be invited for sales and public education. The Masons will be cooking their famous BBQ lunch/sandwiches/pulled pork. The cafe will be open with freshly homemade baked specialties from our member cooks. The children will have a Kids' Planting Booth where they will learn planting principles, and every child gets a free plant. Crafty Ladies will also have a booth with gift items available for purchase.

The event is free and open to the public. The club's gardens may be viewed to foster ideas for unique landscaping and planting ideas. Club members and Master Gardeners will be available to help with plant and landscaping selections.

The sale will include a variety of flowers, shrubs, trees, and ground covers, all well adapted to the area. Plants will be well established and information for their care given by the experts. Cash only is accepted. CDC guidelines will be followed and masks are required. There will be free parking next door, courtesy of the Masonic Lodge.

The Mandarin Garden Club is a non-profit organization established in 1945. From its beginning the club has been instrumental in the beautification of the Mandarin area; club members planted the live oaks along the Mandarin Road so iconic to the area. The club has demonstration gardens and plant related educational programs open to the public, as well as outreach to the community.

Visit www.mandaringardenclub.org or call (904) 268-1192 for more information, including rental of the club venue for social events.

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Mandarin Garden Club

Annual Plant Sale

Baked Goods and BBQ

All types of plants, herbs, baskets & garden art

May 1, 2021 – 9am-2pm

2892 Loretto Road, 32223











CHILDREN HAD FUN PLANTING ONE TO TAKE HOME





CRAFTY LADIES ALWAYS SURPRISE US







THE MASONS SOLD PULLED PORK SANDWICHES



Baked goodies go fast



EVERYONE NEEDS GARDEN GLOVES



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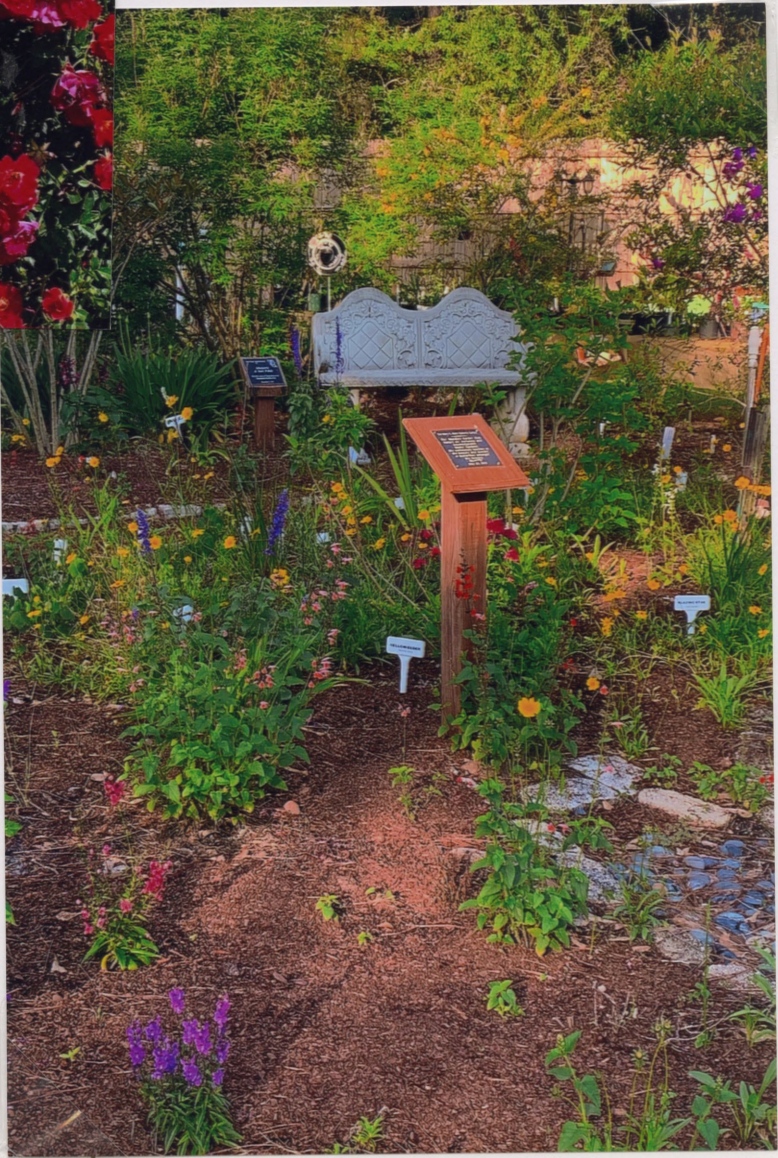
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OUR GARDENS ARE BEAUTIFUL





INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS – 2021-22

Fredi Olsen did an excellent job in installing our officers at our May 2021 general meeting for the coming year. Here is her presentation:

Our installation today is entitled "Rainbow of Colors." We are all familiar with expressions of call to the colors, color guard, showing one's colors, with flying colors. Today we are especially interested in Rainbow Color characteristics pertaining to our elected officials.

Jeanne Hendricks, as Treasurer, you will collect dues, disburse funds according to the budget, and keep an accurate account of financial records. Since green supplies as a background for all growing things, I hope your treasury will grow. Accept this symbol, please, and so accept these very important responsibilities, and I further hope that your club funds will set off many colorful activities. Jeanne accepted these responsibilities. Fredi presented Jeanne with a pair of "green" garden gloves.

Betty Waldrep, as Recording Secretary, your rainbow color is orange. This color is important in any color scheme of fine artists. You will now create a great deal of attention as you carry out the quiet duties of Recording Secretary, but remember you help make the picture accurate and complete for your club's history. Betty accepted these responsibilities. Fredi presented Betty with a pair of "orange" garden gloves.

Linda Carvalho, as Second Vice President, your rainbow color is blue. A blue flame is the flame of intense heat. Your enthusiasm will be the blue flame keeping your club burning with interest and zeal for the projects and purposes of making monies. Linda accepted these responsibilities. Fredi presented Linda with a pair of "blue" garden gloves.

Sandra Varner, as First Vice President, your rainbow color is red. This color in our modern world usually means "STOP." Stop is a good thing for you to do. Stop and realize your great responsibility as second in command. You must be ready to preside in the President's absence. You must be familiar with all of the club's business, activities, and plans. You will be responsible for procuring interesting, informant, and varied programs. Since red is an exciting color and indicates exciting activities, this symbolizes the ones we hope you will plan for the coming year. Sandra accepted these responsibilities. Fredi presented Sandra with a pair of "red" garden gloves.

Bonnie Myers, as President, your color is purple, which is associated with leadership and royalty. You are the one who will guide with wisdom, who will encourage officers, chairmen, and members to use their great store of talent, knowledge, and imagination, and you will be just the stimulation they need to accomplish great things next year. For these reasons, purple is the color for you since we know that your work as President will be outstanding. Fredi presented Bonnie with a pair of "purple" garden gloves.

Green, orange, blue, red, and purple are such lovely colors blending together. They will serve you well. The new slate of officers agreed to carry out their responsibilities and keep their colors bright.

Fredi asked the members if they were willing to support their new officers. Response was unanimous.

To the new officers, Fredi declared they were duly installed and congratulated each of them. Bonnie thanked everyone for their support and hopes to help make this garden club one of the best in the Jacksonville area. She asked members to help out where they can, volunteer for open positions.



Fredi Olsen installing officers for 2021-22 year. From left to right: Fredi Olsen; Jeanne Hendricks, Treasurer; Betty Waldrep, Recording Secretary; Sandra Varner, 1st Vice President; Bonnie Myers, President; Linda Varvalho, 2nd Vice President



**Mary Forester giving a memorial
to Martha Dysart**

**Gift presented to Laura Miller,
Outgoing President 2020-21**





Wanda Bosworth honoring Community Hospice & Palliative Care facility with the Annual Beautification Award – Left to right, Wanda Bosworth, Janet Reagor, Assistant Executive Director at Community Hospice & Palliative Care Facility, Karen Bridgham, and Regina Allen



Outgoing President Laura Miller and incoming President Bonnie Myers



Marian Swain recognizing Cherokee Rose's Lifetime Members – Marlys Golatz and Regina Allen

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE FACILITY RECIPIENTS OF THE 2021 MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB'S "EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD"

Each year Mandarin Garden Club presents annually to a local business or organization the "Mandarin Garden Club Beautification Award" which reflects an effort to maintain the natural beauty of Mandarin.

The Community Hospice Palliative Care facility is located at 4266 Sunbeam Road (Mandarin) providing an especially important place in our community where patients receive compassionate support during a phase of life which focuses on comfort, better quality of life, and goals which enable them to have a pain-free life and live each day as fully as possible.

Two thousand employees and volunteers work daily in our community helping patients and families to be informed about life-changing decisions.

The property was cleared and designed in 1979 preserving the historic oaks trees throughout the property, however eleven years ago, the "Charles Neviasser Educational Institute" broke ground and developed a \$1.5 million-dollar 10,000 SF

freestanding building which serves as an extension to the Community Hospice Campus which included a Memorial/Memory Garden located in the front section of the property.

This serene and natural garden welcomes you with a sign highlighting the generous contribution and love of Joan & Larry Whelans. The front parking was designed with free-flowing historic oaks, native plants, flowering scrubs, ever-greens, perennials, and annuals all leading you through multiple paths lined with winding cement walkways, memory pavers, eye-catching garden art, statues, and many different types of benches tucked away for a quiet place to reflect and enjoy nature.

Wanda Bosworth, Regina Allen, Karen Bridgham



2020 - 2021 IN REVIEW

JUNE - Pandemic was getting serious so it was fortunate that the Club was on its Summer Hiatus - spent the month meeting w/YB Chair, filing 990 w/State, reviewing contracts with various organizations; driveway checked and advised resealing not needed at this time – give it another year.

JULY - was the time for the Plant Exchange which is a fun event for members only. Plans get underway for the first fundraiser and the end of the month preparations for next Clothing Sale which was a first time for our newly minted Chair, Linda Carvalho.

AUGUST - Clothing sale, Yearbook to printer, financial review; was the time when many finally enjoyed a little time off with the exception of the gardeners who worked through one of the hottest summers on record keeping our gardens in beautiful shape.

SEPTEMBER - Yearbook distribution, RE Tax notice from County (we do not pay as non-profit), Lawn Service contract carried over. We formally began our new year and our hopes were quashed by the pandemic which had taken over the entire world. Our meetings were conducted under strict regulations of the CDC which made it very difficult to do what we called "normal". Our wonderful buffets fell by the wayside and creativity came into play. Cherokee Rose started having their meetings outside, Dogwood had a very laid-back meeting with a splendid program presented by Marilyn Golatz, Magnolia had a presentation by Fredi Olson on our history, Live Oak started serving its "signature popcorn".

OCTOBER - Trash to Treasure fundraiser, Fire Marshall inspection (we passed) this is the month we have our first General Meeting and under normal circumstances welcome and thank our Master Gardeners. Due to the necessary lockdown of large gatherings, we were not able to do that this year. We did have a program that was informative and enjoyable all be it a little long from Mandarin's Don the Frogman.

NOVEMBER - Storm Water fee (ad valorem (yes, we pay that tax), we were able to have our Craft Fair and learned that people just wanted something to get out and do and being this was outside it was a success. On November 8th we celebrated our 75th Anniversary with those same strict guidelines in place. We welcomed our City Council Representative who presented a Proclamation from Duval County. Dogwood Circle celebrated its 65th Anniversary with a slimmed down party.

DECEMBER - 2020 - our big Holiday Party had to be cancelled as it was not feasible to have food in any form. As this is the time, we usually treat a local group or family to a special Christmas it was decided instead to have a drive-thru food drive for our food pantry here in Mandarin - Cherokee Rose selected a family to treat as well some of their members participating in our drive thru as well.

WELCOME 2021!

JANUARY - 2021 - 1099s and 1096 (IRS) filed -By this time the pandemic had become more serious so for the first time in the memory of our members we cancelled our January General Meeting. We were all awaiting to learn when we could get vaccinated - we had been through a very difficult presidential election - our Country was in great confusion all around.

FEBRUARY - 2021 - During the pandemic a group of members, some with their spouses, started having a "pizza nite" at the clubhouse. That became an additional Club Event as did our Weeding Wednesday group. Both are now official.

MARCH - Nominating Committee appointed. The wall on the east side of our building was repaired as it was falling down. It was favorable at this time to do some cleanup of our building so Karen Stanley, our Rental Representative, and Will Miller, an Honorary Member, completely stripped our front doors, removed the grill work, cleaned things up and re-painted inside and out and put it all back together. In the meantime, Karen cleaned and painted the baseboards, the chair rails that Will had installed earlier and touched up all of the inside doors.

It was announced that we had received \$9,305.25 in donations toward paying off our interest free loan from an unknown donor so we returned the \$10,000.00, Charitable donations awards reminder; job descriptions due; Yearbook info due; Timeline review, all insurance policies to be renewed and we now own an arch!

APRIL

By Laws being reviewed,

Septic tank cleaned

Next big item to be looked at – the A/Cs

During all the hoopla Crafty Ladies continued on with their work and from their sales, drawings and booth money they were able to donate \$3,530.00 to the Club. Also, in addition they made donations to the Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Knitted hats & baby blankets were donated to various charitable groups. Their members participate in all fund-raising activities of the Club.

I think the only Circle which ignored the pandemic and had something going every month with the exception of January when we didn't have our scheduled January General meeting, was Magnolia/

Our Membership Chair was busy updating our membership form and also did a re-design of our membership cards which you will see in September when you get your Yearbooks - which she also took care of.

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Slate for next year's Executive Committee announced

And here we are today!

Laura Miller
Retiring President

