

**Mandarin Garden Club
Newsletters, Photos, & Articles
January 2019 – May 2019**

Mandarin Garden Club

March clothing sale

Joyce Datz, who is a member of Live Oak, a Crafty Ladies Leader, and who received the President's Award in 2016-2017, is to be commended for her continued good work at the garden club.

During the March Clothing Sale, Joyce noticed the Boutique had an abundance of formal evening wear dresses. When the dresses didn't sell during the Clothing Sale, Joyce gathered the dresses up and went on a mission to donate the dresses to young ladies who might need them for their Prom.

Joyce donated 23 dresses, skirts, slacks, and tops from our sale to Prom Project 8 at Sandalwood High School.

This community Service event was started in 2011. It was created to assist high school teen girls who were unable to financially afford the perfect attire for their high school prom. Though Project 8 gently worn dresses, shoes and accessories are donated and distributed to young ladies in need.



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Thanks so much to Joyce and the ladies who donated the dresses to the Clothing Sale. What a great feeling to know Mandarin Garden Club and its members have helped make Prom Night a special event for some young ladies in our community!



Mandarin Garden Club announces spring events

By NewsLine Staff
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The gardens at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, will be open for public viewing from dawn to dusk on Feb. 22 – 24. Attendees will be able to view winter flowers and color in the gardens. There are no planned activities for these days; however, this will be the perfect time to enjoy the property and see what grows best in the area in winter. Picnic tables and sitting areas are available. Attendees are encouraged to keep the area clean and only service animals are permitted.

The Mandarin Garden Club will be at the Mandarin Community Club's Tree Give Away on Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. with an information table. Club



Photo courtesy Betty Waldrep

Ann Dumire and Sandie Ingram and a recent Mandarin Garden Club Clothing Sale.

volunteers will be available to answer questions about the Mandarin Garden Club.

Finally, the Mandarin Garden Club is happy to announce its annual \$1 Clothing Sale on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2. The sale will start at 9 a.m. on both days and close at 2 p.m.

The sale is free and open to the public.

The sale will feature clothing for the whole family. Most items are a \$1 except in the Boutique area, where items are sold for \$3 to \$10. Some designer clothing may be priced higher. There will be jewelry, shoes, hats, purses, scarves, belts, and other items available.

Proceeds are used by the garden club for community projects. Any leftover clothing or accessories are donated to local charities.

Visit www.mandaringardenclub.org or call (904) 268-1192 for more information.

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Presents

Public Garden Days

Mandarin Garden Club's gardens will be open to the public on February 22-24 from dawn to dusk for viewing. This is an opportunity for the community to visit the property at their leisure. Please come by to enjoy winter blooms, to see what grows well in our Winter months, enjoy the wildlife, and sit for a while and enjoy the beauty of the Demonstration Gardens. Service animals are welcome. Please be so kind as to clean up behind your animal and all trash. Plan accordingly because there will be no bathrooms or water available. Hope you stop by and enjoy our gardens!



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Mandarin Garden Club to hold plant sale

Mandarin Garden Club, located at 2892 Loretto Road, will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Members of the club grow the plants for sale, including trees, annuals, perennials, herbs, roses and succulents. Also available for sale are gardening tools, books, baskets, yard art, and other gardening items. The Garden Café will be open with home-made baked goods for sale and free coffee and water. Master Gardeners will also be on site to answer questions or help identify plants.

Mandarin Garden Club Member Survey Results

May 2019

Not all those responding answered every question. Italicized text indicate comments.

1. What do you value about your membership?	1	2	3	4	5	1 - Lowest 5- Highest
Gardening Information	2	3	9	18	39	1 2 3 4 5
Programs/Presentations	0	1	3	16	47	1 2 3 4 5
Circle Meetings	2	1	6	18	47	1 2 3 4 5
General Meetings	5	6	14	19	25	1 2 3 4 5
Social Interactions	3	4	9	9	41	1 2 3 4 5
Community Involvement	3	5	16	12	29	1 2 3 4 5
2. Approximately how many meetings have you attended this year?						
Circle (CR, DW, M, LO)						299
General (0 – 3)						126
Christmas						37
Crafty Ladies						208
Other: <i>clean up activities, committee mtngs, garden day, game day</i>						54
3. Check club activities you were involved in this year						(Check Here)
Clothing Sale <i>donated</i>						26
Trash to Treasure Sale						53
Plant Sale <i>plant exchange, donated plants</i>						50
Public Garden Days						30
Meeting Set Up						23
Working in Garden (weeding, feeding workers, watering, etc.)						27
Other: (list here) <i>new member tea, herb society, extension office programs, clean up activities, glove sales</i>						
4. Would you support increasing club dues \$5-10 to cover rising expenses and improvements to building? <i>Need more information,</i>						Yes 57
<i>why increase dues if we are meeting budget, definitely,</i>						No 11
<i>maybe</i>						
5. What topics would you like more information about? (check all that apply)						
Financial						26
Board Meeting Minutes						25
Property Improvements						44
Future Plans for club						53
<i>Florida native plants, do CPR program again, fairy garden program</i>						
6 .Will you be joining next year? If not, why? <i>One 'no' response</i>						Yes No
7. Additional Comments: see separate report.						

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback.



Mandarin Garden Club Annual Meeting

Amid a tropical theme of paper pineapples, plants, and green and yellow decorations, welcoming the Summer break of the club, the Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

A short business meeting was first on the agenda followed by awards for the year and the election of officers.

Laura Miller from Dogwood will lead the club as President for 2019-2020. Sandra Varner, Magnolia Circle, will serve as First Vice President with Mary Forester, Live Oak Circle, as Second Vice President. Karen Rowe from Dogwood Circle was elected as Recording Secretary. Marian Swain, Cherokee Rose, will serve as Treasurer.

Life Member awards were given out by each circle's leader. Cherokee Rose presented awards to Diana Openbrier and Lisa Fisher. Magnolia Circle honored Mary Kay Weiss. Candace Barrone from Live Oak was honored, also. The Executive Committee gave Life Member awards to Ann Dumire and Janet Leech from Dogwood.

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Mary Forester, Second Vice President, gave a \$500 scholarship to Sarah Swain, daughter of Kelley Swain, Programs, and granddaughter of Marian Swain, Treasurer. Sara was honored for her work with the club since she was in Bumblebees (our children's group which no longer meets.) Sarah graduates from high school this year and is off to college.

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Sandie Ingram, President for 2018-2019, gave the President's Award to Deb Campbell. Deb is in Live Oak and is our Building and Property Coordinator. Deb has served as Treasure of the club, worked as the rental rep as a volunteer, and is a back up to our present rental rep. She is very active in our gardens, as a member of the club. She serves on the CPAC Committee representing the garden club. These are only a few of the things Deb does for the club.

The meeting ended with a potluck luncheon, basket drawings, food bank drawing, and door prizes.

A big thank you is in order to Crafty Ladies for the beautiful decorations and to Cherokee Rose for Set Up. Pat Sams and Gail Cook oversaw the Basket Drawing for Dogwood. Magnolia Circle and Live Oak were responsible for cleanup. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Annual Meeting.

Mandarin Garden Club welcomes summer with annual meeting

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Senior facility recognized by Mandarin Garden Club

On May 23, 2019, the Mandarin Garden Club formally acknowledged River Garden Senior Services with a Business Beautification Award, a special recognition given to a business for its attention to the care and



Photo courtesy Mandarin Garden Club

Mandarin Garden Club ambassador Wanda Bosworth with River Garden volunteer and member Nancy Dean and Kari Bell, communications and marketing director.

preservation of natural outdoor space. Paired with the business recognition, the garden club also presented a Volunteer Extraordinaire Award to Nancy Dean, member of The Coves at River Garden.

The 40-acre Mandarin campus of River Garden Senior Services has a lush landscape.

"River Garden's landscaped gardens, flowers and various trees are enhanced by a gazebo, a putting green, and a dock overlooking the water with turtles, ducks and other wildlife. This award-winning five-star facility offers beauty and enjoyment for all," said Wanda Bosworth, Mandarin Garden Club ambassador.

Cleaning up and beautifying the environment has always been a passion

for Dean. In addition to helping at The Coves, her other volunteering projects include "Jacksonville Beautiful" and Burnett Park clean-up efforts. Dean has also been an avid volunteer at Teachers Supply Depot, with her sister Chris Buckley.

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Take Five

Mandarin Garden club will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Deckle Taylor Native Garden on May 4th from 9:00 to 3:00.

There will be workshops on Native Plants, Monarch-Milkweed, and Nuisance Wildlife in the Garden. Garden tours will be held at 9:30 and 1:30. Workshops and tours are free. The Mason's will have BBQ lunch for sale or take it home by the pound. It will be a fun day at the club. The community is invited to join us for the celebration.



Native Azaleas Photo by Martha Dysart

Mandarin Garden Club Presents *Natives in the Garden*

25th Anniversary of the Dekle Taylor Native Garden

WORKSHOPS

8:15 - 10 AM
Monarch-Milkweed Initiative
Master Gardeners
Lorraine Barone & George DeMarino

10:15 - 11 AM
Native Plants
Master Gardener Martha Dysart

11:15 AM
Nuisance Wildlife in the Garden
Master Gardener Vic Groner

1:00 - 1:45 PM
Native Plants
Master Gardener Martha Dysart

2:00 - 2:45 PM
Monarch Milkweed Initiative
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May 4, 2019

9 AM - 3 PM

Duval County Master Gardeners on Site

BBQ by Masonic Lodge 343

Tours of the Gardens 9:45 & 1:30

Many Participating Organizations Including

Florida Native Plant Society

Jacksonville Herb Society

IFAS Florida Friendly Yards

Northeast Florida Bonsai Club

Men's Garden Club of Jacksonville



2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville

Free Parking * No Entrance Fee * No Pets



The Martha Dysart Master Gardener She

*For her wisdom and dedication
May 23, 2019*



