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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**SWEETWATER OAKS
GARDEN CLUB
JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Monday, January 9, 2023

Time: 9:30 A.M. Social
10:00 A.M. Meeting

Location: Village On The Green
500 Village Place
Longwood, Florida 32779




Program: "Garden Myths and Garden Friendly
Pesticides" with Presenter
Bob Howard, Master Gardener

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Caution: If at any time you find yourself closer than 6 ft. to people around you, we encourage the use of a face mask.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BD - Doris Lenz <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 New Year's National Legal Holiday Observed	3 BOARD MEETING Sweetwater Oaks Community Center 810 Fox Valley Dr. Longwood <u>NOTE: Day of Week Change for January</u>	4	5 Hospice 	6	7
8	9 GENERAL MEETING Village on the Green Meeting Room 9:30 AM Social 10:00 AM Meeting	10 Youth Gardeners - Topic: Terrariums for County Fair Judging 	11	12 BD - Patty Scott	13 BD - Pam Frisbey	14
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17	18	19 BD - Cynthia Nelson Hospice 	20 Florida Arbor Day (no activity)	21
22	23	24	25	26 BD - Judith Shaw	27	28
29	30	31 SWOGC Game Day At Wekiva Camp Dining Hall				



A Word From Our President

New Year's Greetings!



My husband Trevor received a book of Norman Rockwell magazine covers as a Christmas gift. I noticed one in particular which captures how many of us may be feeling. It seems the flu is going around rapidly, but fortunately it doesn't stay long. Our family has felt its impact. So my New Year's wish for you is to have a happy and healthy year in 2023.



Now that the busy Christmas weekend is behind us, I thought about garden club and what is coming up. The calendar tells me that our board meeting is on Tuesday, January 3rd instead of **Monday due to the New Year's holiday! That is quick after the holidays** but probably a good thing that we meet to make final decisions regarding the Garden Fair. So even though you may be experiencing holiday exhaustion and may be fighting off a cold or flu, I must remind us all of Tuesday, January 3rd at 10:00 am. Hope to see as many of you who are able to attend.

Our biggest and very important January event is Game Day! Min Schwenderman is working on it and hoping that everyone gets behind this fundraiser. Invite your friends who enjoy playing card games to our Game Day. It will be a fun activity to start of the new year.

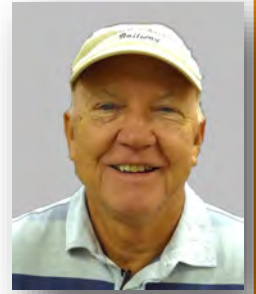


*Bernadine Delafield, President
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club, Inc.*

PROGRAMS - JANUARY 2023



Our January 2023 General Meeting speaker is Bob Howard who is an avid, life-long gardener. He has volunteered as a Master Gardener with the Seminole County Extension for several years and particularly enjoys serving on the Help Desk and Mobile Plant Clinics, as well as presenting classes on a wide range of gardening topics.



Among others, Bob holds degrees in Wildlife Ecology and Secondary Education, working as a high school biology teacher after retiring from the US Army. He and his wife have resided in Oviedo since 2005 and he is still trying to learn more about Florida horticulture.

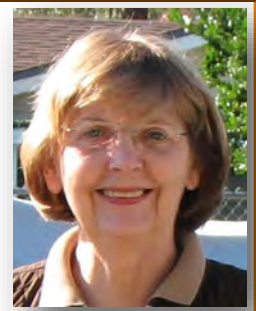


*Arthur Allison
Debbie Allison
1st Vice President - Programs*

MEMBERSHIP



The Holiday Luncheon was held on December 12th at Village on the Green. Forty members and two guests attended. Arthur and Debbie Allison brought holiday spirit and fun to this festive occasion.



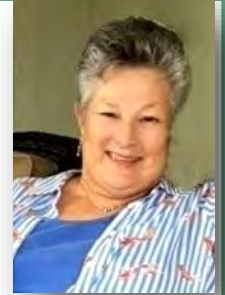
We were happy to see several members who have given many years of active service to the club. Ann Todd, still active with thirty-eight years of service is to be commended. Sharon-Lane Crouch, Marilyn Fender, Carole Baird, Joan Lasek, and Margaret Wyatt, all followed closely behind. We sincerely thank these and many others for their years of devoted service to SWOGC.



*Marjorie Abbas
Diane Hennessey
2nd Vice President - Membership*

HORTICULTURE

This is the time of the year to prepare for very cold weather. Breaking temperature records will be hitting us during Christmas and beyond. We have had Florida winters in December through March with freezing cold temperatures that harm our plants. Anything 32 degrees or lower for more than four hours is a killing frost. The plants need a jacket! There will be very cold temps coming our way.



If you don't already have frost cloths, they have them at the big box stores. If not, shower cloth curtains, blankets or old sheets covering the plants will help you. Be prepared that some plants will not make it. Also put spring clothes pins on them to hold them in place as the wind may blow them off. You can't get upset with the weather. If a plant doesn't make it consider it an annual and choose something new for that space in the spring.

Hope we and our gardens will be okay for this cold weather season. Hope you have had a very Happy Holiday Season.



Louise Gould
Chairperson - Horticulture



Garden Fair
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club

Sweetwater Oaks Garden Fair

Saturday, March 4 and Sunday March 5, 2023



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday with your family. Now that the holidays are past it is time to focus our attention to the Garden Fair. Our fair is only 2 months away – Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5, 2023. This is a scary thought with so much to get done by then.

The Garden Fair committee is working hard to make this year's event the best, but we need all our garden club members help in order to succeed. Our club is known for its "can do and will do attitude" and this year will not be different, I am sure. All members can help in some small way with acquiring sponsors and vendors (the backbone of our success), making telephone calls, helping with setup and take down, vendor helpers, and working our information booth. Or you can help by simply spreading the word about our fair to all your friends and neighbors. You will be hearing from our committee chairmen and a sign-up sheet will be available at the meetings.

You can also help by becoming "A Friend" and donate toward our scholarship fund, Carol Baird will be happy to accept all donations.

Our Garden Fair has grown into an event that reaches beyond our local community. The fair location at Protegrity Plaza has given us greater exposure and a big increase in attendance. Visitors to our fair come from around the Orlando area. We can be very proud of how much we **have grown since the tiny seed was planted for the first Garden Fair 17 years ago. Let's all do our part in helping make this year's fair the best!**

Please feel free to contact myself, Margaret Kirkpatrick, or Joyce Anderson or Carole Baird at if you would be willing to help in any way.

Happy gardening.

Margaret Kirkpatrick
Chairperson - Garden Fair

GAME DAY

GAME DAY
"UNDER THE PINES"

Wekiwa State Park, Youth Camp
January 31, 2023 - 10:00am-2:00pm



ATTENTION GALS AND GUYS!!

At our next Garden Club meeting, on January 9, 2023, please bring your piggy banks, money socks and checkbooks, to contribute to our Game Day fundraiser. We will be selling tickets at the meeting for your convenience.

Invite your neighbors, relatives, or a stranger (ha) for only \$27.00 pp (CHECKS made out to SWOGC). At this writing, we have 15 lucky people signed up for a day of fun and fellowship. REMEMBER that even if you are not attending, a donation that you contribute is tax deductible and funds our sponsorships and scholarships. These are activities that make us a GREAT Club and you can feel great too.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for two ladies that can help run the basket raffle by selling tickets and arranging the baskets on the display tables. Also, we need someone to man the Silent Auction table to arrange the items and collect the item auction cards for collating the winner. All members may participate in helping with the clean up. We truly appreciate you.

THANK YOU, my friends. This day is for you and we are looking forward to seeing you all.

For questions please call me. **I love to talk...**



Min Schwenderman, Game Day Chairperson



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Club Bird—Cardinal

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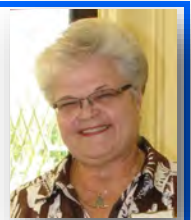
We're on the web!

www.swogc.org



If you know of a member who could use an extra kind thought, please contact me. I would prefer receiving the information by email, but please call me if you don't have email access.

Linda Richcreek



The purpose of Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club is the education of its members and the community in their relationship to horticulture, conservation and environmental needs, as well as the art of floral design.

Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club, Inc. Meeting Schedule

BOARD MEETINGS

First Monday of the Month September-May at 10:00 AM
810 Fox Valley Drive, Longwood, Florida or Zoom

GENERAL MEETINGS

Second Monday of the Month, October 2021-May 2022
9:30 AM Social, 10:00 AM Meeting
Village on the Green, 500 Village Place, Longwood, off Sabal Palm drive South.
Meeting is in the "Longwood Meeting Room."

HORTICULTURE GROUP MEETINGS

Throughout the Year - See the Calendar of Events for Dates, Times and Location.

YOUTH GARDENERS

Second Tuesday of the Month at 9:00 AM

FLORAL DESIGN

Every Other Thursday at Hospice of the Comforter 12:30-3:00 PM



**Carnation,
January
Flower of
the Month**

DECEMBER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GAY MOMBERGER—MORE ON SHUTTERFLY

