



Sweetwater Oaks
Garden Club

May 2023

***SWEETWATER OAKS GARDEN CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON
AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS***

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*Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club
Spring Luncheon and
Installation of Officers*

*Monday, May 8, 2023
Luncheon and Meeting
Begin at 11:00 AM
FFGC Headquarters
1400 S. Denning Dr.
Winter Park, FL 32789*



*Please Send Lunch Selection
and Check for \$35.00 (includes
tax and gratuity) to Lynn Griffis
by May 2, 2023.*

*More Details on Page 4
of this Newsletter.*

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MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>BD - Sandra Ward</i> BOARD MEETING Sweetwater Oaks Community Center 810 Fox Valley Dr. Longwood	2	3 <i>BD - Bruce Nelson</i>	4	5	6
	NGC Annual Convention, White Sulphur Springs, WV					
7 <i>BD - Dorothy Petticrew</i>	8 <i>BD - Rae Martin</i> Spring Luncheon & Installation of Officers at FFGC Headquarters Winter Park	9 Youth Gardeners: Flower Arrangements 	10	11 <i>BD - Mary Devaney</i> Hospice 	12	13
14 <i>BD - Norma Riccard</i> 	15	16	17	18 <i>BD - Debbie Allison and Stefanie Hanagud</i>	19	20 
21	22	23	24 <i>BD - Gay Momberger</i>	25 Hospice 	26	27 <i>BD - Linda Schnaufer</i>
28	29 	30	31			



A Word From Our President

Our final Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club meeting for this fiscal year is Monday, May 8. It is our time to celebrate with a luncheon and to welcome new officers as they are installed for the coming year. Charlotte White, District VII Director, will be present to lead in the installation.

At the April meeting, the nominating committee presented to the members the following names for 2023-2024 officers. They were then approved and elected.

President:	??
VP for Programming:	Pam Frisbey
VP for Membership:	Marjorie Abbas, Jacque Body
VP for Hospitality:	Nancy Kelley, Laurie Kennedy Janet McIntyre
Treasurer:	Pat Neff
Recording Secretary:	Claire (Lynn) Griffis
Corresponding Secretary:	Linda Richcreek



You will notice that for the second year in a row, no one is willing to serve as president! Pam Frisbey, while representing the nominating committee, shared with us a common response they would get when inviting members to accept a position as one of the officers, it was something like this: "I don't want to be in charge of anything for the garden club. I just want to come and enjoy the meetings." The comment gave me reason to reflect.

We are happy to hear that our monthly meetings are interesting and enjoyable but the meetings do not just happen! They are the inspiration and organization of a select few who are willing to give of themselves so the majority of members can benefit. If everyone wanted to "just enjoy" and not contribute, there would be no meetings!

Rudyard Kipling, the English novelist and poet, compared that concept to gardening in his book, *The Glory of the Garden*. He said, "Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade."

Think about it. We all have unique talents that often are not utilized or recognized because we refuse to use them. Since we need a president, perhaps this is a good time to dust off those hidden gifts and use them for the benefit of SWOGC.

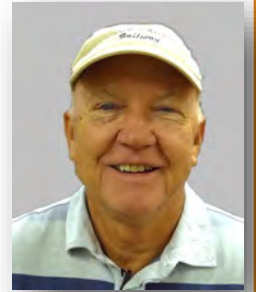


*Bernadine Delafield, President
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club, Inc.*

PROGRAMS - MAY LUNCHEON 2023



It is that time of the year again to introduce our new officers for next year. With luck and help, we were able to hold the cost to the same price as last year, \$35. Below is the information you will need to sign up. Lynn Griffis will be receiving your payment for the meal. Lynn has all of the information to answer any last-minute questions. Location: FFGC Headquarters, 1400 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789.



Menu:

* Pan seared salmon with herb butter sauce

* Vegetarian Offering-Falafel with Tzatziki sauce. (Write on your check or put a note in with your check, if you prefer the vegetarian serving of protein.)

Sides

* Organic mixed greens salad with fresh pear, gorgonzola and candied pecans & fresh pear dressing.

* Roasted asparagus

Dessert

* 7-UP pound cake with fresh berries and whipped cream

Drinks

* Water, Iced Tea and Coffee

Time

* Starting at 11:00 AM

Remember to mail or give Lynn your payments for your place at our last gathering of the year. We need to give the caterer a count on how many will be attending by May 2nd. If you are mailing your check to Lynn and you are not sure it will get to her in time, please let her know you plan to attend. Lynn Griffis, 106 Knollcrest Drive, Longwood, FL 32779.

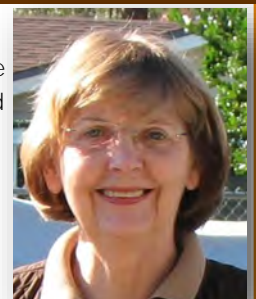
*Arthur Allison
Debbie Allison
1st Vice President - Programs*

MEMBERSHIP



DUES ARE DUE!

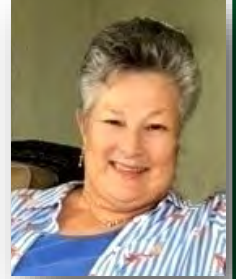
Please mail your dues for the next club year 2023-2024 with the registration form attached to this May 2023 newsletter email. Please send ASAP to Marjorie Abbas, 569 Village Place, Longwood, FL 32779.



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

HORTICULTURE

May is usually hot and dry, being stressful especially for new plantings and they will need supplemental watering. Watch the leaves and color for any wilting. Read your labels on the plants for their care. Slow-release fertilizer is a good idea. Check irrigation for coverage and any missing parts.



I recently took out ornamental winter kale plants and replaced them with pentas and begonias for my front pots. Rainy season is around the corner and our spotty showers now are few and far between. I must say, our members and plants were well **watered at our plant sale... was that a microburst that went over us?** Anything newly planted will need extra watering until the rain becomes regular. Water every two days for two weeks and then let the irrigation take care of it.

Chewing insects are busy now, especially the lubber grasshoppers. They love the many types of lilies that grow in zone 9B. Caterpillars are busy eating milkweed, but the leaves will grow back quickly. Lady beetles will take care of the aphids but watch out for white mealybugs. I use Neem Oil. Please follow directions for the best results and add a drop of Dawn dishwashing liquid to your sprayer so the product will stick to your plant.



Whitefly is a different story. Whitefly comes from the ground. Whatever bush is having an issue with whitefly, you need to treat the ground. You may see dropped leaves on the ground. The backs of the leaves on the bush will be white. (See the picture for what it looks like.) Granular Thuricide should be applied to the ground under the affected bush. Read the label as you may need to apply again. Walk around your house every day and check for ants and their mounds. I sprinkle Orthene product on the mound. It may take several applications to rid the ants.

Speaking of critters, if you don't have a service, it's time to spray around your house, inside and out, for regular bugs. There are lots of sprays to use. I change the brand each time I use one, as the critters get used to one type and they become "resistant" to that product. I watched the TV program: "Garden Plot" on the PBS channel and they had a whole program on this subject.

Happy Gardening!

*Louise Gould
Horticulture Chairperson*

April Plant Sale



Our SWOGC Ways and Means Committee gives a **HUGE thanks to all the garden club's dedicated** plant propagators for the lovely plants brought to our Spring Plant Sale. We broke \$1,000 thanks to all of you.

The second HUGE thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped set up, sell, answer questions, and clean up especially those who came 2 days in a row. We had some weather challenges, got wet and laughed. Shirley is a pretty good tent catcher! Peter Schwenderman raced back to help us after the storm stirred things up. Thank you, Peter.

We had many repeat customers which is very gratifying. And, lastly, a special thank you to my granddaughter, Clara who came from Oviedo to help set up, put out the signs then did some early plant shopping.

*Lynn Griffis
Shirley Hungerford
Cheryl Nordstedt
Ways and Means Committee*

FFGC Horticulture Short Course June 6-8, in Gainesville

Our club members love horticulture and we also have many Master Gardeners who might like to attend the FFGC Short Course June educational experience FFGC sponsors every year. The 2 day course is June 6-8. This very fun course is only \$85.00 and hotel rooms with two queen beds are only \$135.00 per night. So find a friend or bring your spouse and take advantage of this opportunity. They also have a one day registration so you could drive up for one day, as it is only two hours away from our area. It is also a great way to meet people from around the state and make new friends.



More information and registration form is available on the FFGC website. Or if you have any questions about this event, please let me know. I will be attending.

*Margaret Kirkpatrick
407-399-8230*

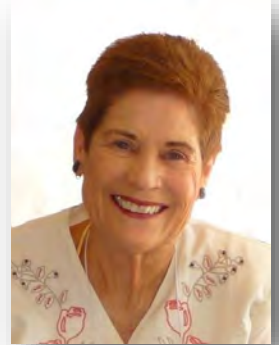
YOUTH GARDENERS

In April's meeting of Youth Gardeners, we discussed our State Flag and Seal and some of the 21 State symbols. There is always a puzzle and prize to end the lesson.

The Youth Gardeners will be creating Succulent Gardens for a **Mother's Day gift**. The succulents are leftovers from the Children's Tent at our Garden Fair.

We will be using clean nut containers (Costco), succulent soil, succulents and some tiny colored rocks to finish off the garden. Members assisting the Third Graders with this project are Ann Todd, Louise Gould, Pam Frisbey, Linda Richter and Lynn Griffis.

We love our Youth Gardeners at Starchild Academy!



*Ann Todd
Youth Gardeners*

BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT VOTG



The concept of this community project began in 2020 and has taken almost three years to develop. The Sweetwater Garden Club with the help of UF Master Gardeners, and Seminole County Florida Friendly Landscape agent Tina McIntyre, developed an area that would be easily accessible to occupants of this Continued Care Residential Community (CCRC), named Village on the Green, (VOTG) located in Longwood, Florida.

A 15 x 15 ft. space was prepared initially. The grass was removed, the soil loosened and the area was covered with plastic sheet for several months. Later the VOTG decided to increase the size to 30 x 30 ft. The club was very cognizant of the cost so the minimum suggested for such a garden was prepared initially.

The garden is now planted thanks to the following members: Min Schwenderman, SWOGC President 2020-2022, Members: Marjorie Abbas, Coordinator; Arthur Allison, Claire Griffis, Nancy Perry, Peter Schwenderman, Sabine Seifert and Linda Richter. A group of volunteers continue to check the garden daily for plants needing supplemental water, or any problems that may occur. We will need more help to continue this through the summer. Please volunteer! Thank you, Marjorie Abbas, emabbas628@gmail.com.

*Marjorie Abbas
Butterfly Garden At VOTG Committee*

WEKIVA CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

From Charlotte White to all Clubs:

So far we are falling short with volunteers this year. Now is the time to bring in new members to see what a wonderful camp FFGC runs. Below is a breakdown of open areas:

Week 1 June 18-24:

- 1 Person for Crafts
- 2 People for Nature

Week 2: June 25 to July 1

- 3 for Crafts
- 1 for Nature

Week 3 - July 2-8

- 3 Crafts
- 3 Nature

Week 4 July 9-15

- 1 Crafts
- 2 Nature

Week 5 July 16-22

- 1 Office

Week 6 July 23-29

- 2 Crafts
- 2 Nature

What is expected to Volunteer for Crafts? There are 3 sessions lasting about 1-1/2 hrs. starting at 9 am. with the 3rd session after lunch. Craft Volunteers will help the Craft Coordinator to set up the room for camper sessions, clean up after each session and help with crafts during the session. The Craft Coordinator will meet with Craft Volunteers on arrival day of Sunday to go over the crafts. Most days you will be done by 3 pm. After the last session you are free to check out the park, swim in the pool or go to the springs, or leave the park and go shopping. The Craft Hall is air conditioned as well as your cabin. There is a full size refrigerator in each cabin to bring snacks. The cabin has 4 beds with one bathroom. You will find "What to Pack" on the Wekiva Website along with the Registration Form.

What is expected to Volunteer for Nature? There are 3 sessions lasting about 1 1/2 hrs. starting at 9 am. with the 3rd session after lunch. Nature Volunteers will help the Nature Coordinator set up the Nature porch for camper sessions, clean up after each session and help with nature studies during the session. The Nature Coordinator will meet with Nature Volunteers on arrival day of Sunday to go over the Nature Program. Most days you will be done by 3 pm. After the last session you are free to check out the park, swim in the pool or go to the springs, or leave the park and go shopping. The Nature Hut porch is not air conditioned. There will be Nature hikes at each session lasting around 1/2 hour. Your cabin is air-conditioned. There is a full size refrigerator in each cabin to bring snacks. The cabin has 4 beds with one bathroom. You will find "What to Pack" on the Wekiva Website along with the Registration Form. You should be someone who can tolerate hot weather, and be agreeable to hike trails with children. Everyone is expected to help with at least one hike per day.

You must fill out the forms that you can download when you register at Wekiva.com under Volunteer Registration. You will be sent forms for a FBI Level 2 background check before coming to camp. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mary at 352-212-6661.



Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 915233

Club Flower—Rose
Club Bird—Cardinal

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Deep South Region

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District VII

Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole & Sumter Counties

Organized—January 9, 1974

Federated—January 27, 1975

Incorporated—September 14, 1992

We're on the web!

www.swogc.org

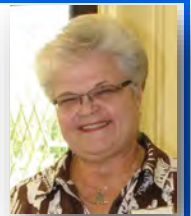


If you know of a member who could use an extra kind thought, please contact me. I would prefer receiving the information by email, but please call me if you don't have email access.

Linda Richcreek

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LinRob1574@yahoo.com



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, September 2022-May 2023
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



**Lily of the
Valley is the
May
Flower of
the Month**

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GAY MOMBERGER—MORE ON SHUTTERFLY



APRIL FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GAY MOMBERGER—MORE ON SHUTTERFLY



BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT VILLAGE ON THE GREEN



SPRING PLANT SALE

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GAY MOMBERGER—MORE ON SHUTTERFLY



APRIL HORTICULTURE MEETING

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GAY MOMBERGER—MORE ON SHUTTERFLY



AWESOME ARBOR DAY

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GAY MOMBERGER—MORE ON SHUTTERFLY

