



## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

September 2023

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**You and Your Guests  
Are Cordially Invited to Join Us  
At Our September General Meeting!**

**Our Program Will Be  
DESIGNING YOUR DREAM LANDSCAPE  
Presented by Teresa Watkins**

*landscape designer, horticulturist, radio personality,  
and author*

**Come Join Us at 9:30 AM For Social Time,  
10:00 AM For Meeting  
Monday, September 11, 2023  
At Village On The Green  
500 Village Place  
Longwood, Florida 32779**

**Note: Please car pool to avoid  
parking problems.**

### Executive Board

**President**

Lynn Griffis

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Pam Frisbey

**2nd Vice President/Membership**

Marjorie Abbas

Jacque Body

**3rd Vice President/Hospitality**

Nancy Kelly

Laurie Kennedy

Janet McIntyre

**Recording Secretary**

Cheryl Nordstedt

**Corresponding Secretary**

Linda Richcreek

**Treasurer**

Pat Neff





**Parliamentarian**

Joyce Anderson

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# September

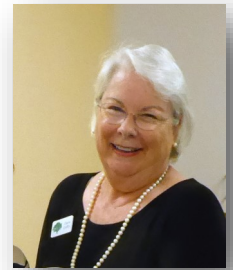
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17 BD Gwen Allen	18	19 BD Nancy McDonald	20	21  Hospice flowers 	22	23 BD Sabine Seifert
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Hello,  
September!



## **A Word From Our President**

Welcome back, Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club members! Wasn't our Welcome Back Coffee fun? Thank you Nancy Kelly, Linda McIntyre, Laurie Kennedy, Margaret Kirkpatrick and everyone who helped with the set up and clean up. Also a big thank you to Gwen Carter, our District VII Director for taking the time to come and install Cheryl Nordstedt and me. Now we can start off on the right foot.



Just a reminder that our first Board Meeting is Tuesday September 5th, 10 am at the Sweetwater Oaks Community Center. Please Plan to be there we have a lot to cover including our budget.

A fun thought from Henry David Thoreau, "Every oak tree started out as a couple of nuts who stood their ground." Regards from the garden.

*Claire Griffis  
President*

## **HOSPITALITY**

Hospitality means the friendly and generous reception of guests, members, and visitors. It means to make them feel well taken care of, whether that is a good cup of coffee, a sweet treat, a plant start from a club member, or even an entertaining and educational lecture. And isn't that just what our club is? Our hospitality committee is looking for members who are willing to do just that. Please call us or sign up to bring a small plant or flower arrangement to be raffled off at our monthly general meeting or to bring a plate of goodies (homemade or store bought, we love it all!!) Or if you don't want to bring something, sign up to be a welcoming greeter. What better way to catch up with your garden-loving friends or meet new folks who want to join us? Just contact Nancy Kelly, Janet McIntire, or Laurie Kennedy to volunteer. We can't wait to see you!!



P.S. Don't forget to bring your corks to be recycled.

The Welcome Back Coffee was a great way to start our new year. It was wonderful to touch base with so many of our members and to hear how they spent their summer, or what new nursery they checked out, or to enjoy the beautiful orchids that were raffled off. As always, Margaret Kirkpatrick and Arlene Polacheck came through with the most gorgeous flowers. All food was great and our volunteers were so generous as my waistline can attest to. Though we missed some of you, hopefully we'll see you at the September meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> as we start this 50<sup>th</sup> year!

*Nancy Kelly  
Laurie Kennedy  
Janet McIntyre  
3rd Vice President, Hospitality*



WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD

PRESIDENT Lynn Griffis



1ST VP-PROGRAMS  
Pam Frisbey



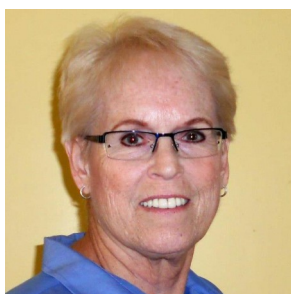
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Pat Neff



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Arbor Day	Min Schwenderman, Lynn Griffis, Rae Martin
Awards	Margaret Kirkpatrick
Communication:	
E Mail	Gay Momberger
Newsletter	Gay Momberger
Photographers	Gay Momberger, Shirley Hungerford
Telephone	Doris Lenz, Ann Chisholm
Website & Facebook	Gail Arena
Floral Design	Margaret Kirkpatrick
Game Day Party	Min Schwenderman, Lynn Griffis
Garden Fair	Margaret Kirkpatrick
Horticulture	William Petrie
Hospice	Patty Scott
Hospice Garden	Pam Frisbey
Inspirations	Sharon Crouch
Property/Storage	Min Schwenderman, Lynn Griffis
Publicity	Carole Baird
Scholarship	Cynthia Nelson
Ways & Means	Lynn Griffis, Shirley Hungerford, Cheryl Nordstedt
Yearbook	Gail Arena
Youth Gardeners	Ann Todd, Pam Frisbey, Louise Gould, Linda Richter Lynn Griffis



## BUTTERFLY GARDEN

A small group of Garden Club Members, two Master Gardeners and two residents of VOTG have been managing the butterfly garden throughout the summer. The usual work day is Tuesday from 8 or 9 am for an hour or so. We are always looking for more help. Please volunteer!

Thank you,



*Marjorie Abbas*

## GAME DAY 2024

Location: Wekiwa Springs State Park

Wekiva Youth Camp Cafeteria

Date: Monday, January 15

Cost: TBD



Remember the wonderful time we had last year? Well we are lucky to be able to repeat and improve this year's Game Day at the Park.

You were all so generous last year donating to our Silent Auction, and they were so appreciated that we had very few items left to add to this year's stockpile. I am humbly asking you to scour your home for other items of good quality that we might include in this year's Silent auction. I will be coming back from the north country in Maine at the end of October to collect your wonderful items. In the meantime, Diane Hennessy is helping with our plans and would be glad to take anything that you may have until I get back.

Thank you for your consideration and there will be more news as we progress with our plans.

## YOUTH GARDENERS

Our Youth Gardener committee has met with Ann Todd to plan out our year. Our class at Starchild Academy will be 5th graders. Each month we discuss a different subject concerning our environment and how we can improve our footprint. This year we will discuss subjects such as planting a container garden, shells and beach conservation, Florida birds, fossils found in Florida and insects. We will also create terrariums for judging at the Orange County Fair (the winners get cash awards!), and we have invited Seminole County Natural Lands to present a program on Florida reptiles and mammals.



If any member is interested in joining this committee, please contact Pam Frisbey or Claire Griffis. We meet at the school at 9:30 the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

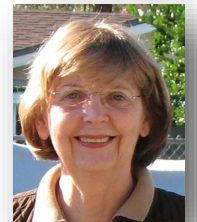


*Ann Todd  
Chairman, Youth Gardeners*

## MEMBERSHIP



We welcome fifty-eight garden club members back for another year. Three members joined at the end of the previous year so they are listed as new members. Please welcome them again: Susan Machalek, William Pitre, and Yvonne Wynter.



Thirty-three members and four guests attended the Welcome Back Coffee. Sue Skambis and Karen Fichthorn joined that day.



Karen Fichthorn



Sue Skambis

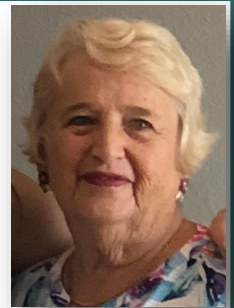
*Marjorie Abbas  
Jacque Body  
Membership Chair*

## WAYS AND MEANS - FALL PLANT SALE

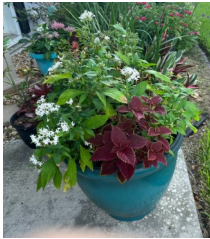


### Fall Plant Sale October 20-21, 2023

It looks as though we will survive this record-breaking summer, which means that the Fall Plant Sale is fast approaching. The plant sales are critically important sources of income which support scholarships to the University of Florida Department of Horticulture and underwrite tuition for young children attending Camp Wekiva.



Start now, if you haven't already done so, to prepare seedlings and get cuttings established. Ready-to-transplant veggies will help those who got a late start on their fall gardens. Blooming and ready-to-bloom plants always get snapped up quickly as do well established succulents.

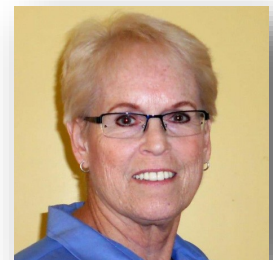


**A New & Creative Approach:** As many of you know, our friend, Min has spent the summer in Maine where she has been involved with their local garden club. She tells us that prepared "planters" featuring a variety of plants are very popular and a "boon" to the bottom line at the sales in Maine. Planters such as those in the photos are ready to place into your favorite pot, or into the ground..... or give as a gift.

As you think about what you will bring to the Plant Sale, think about making small or larger planters! Donations of individual plants as well as patio furniture, plant stands, garden tools, carts and anything garden related are all important contributions.

**Schedule:** Note the Plant Sale schedule below and plan your involvement now. Volunteers are needed and always appreciated!

Monday, 10/9 9:30 – 11:30 Volunteer Sign up at Oct. meeting  
Thursday, 10/19 9:30 -- 12:00 Set-up and receive/deliver plants  
Friday, 10/20 9:00 – 4:00 Plant Sale  
Saturday, 10/21 9:00 – 3:00 Plant Sale  
3:00 – 4:00 Tear Down



Ways & Means Committee





## FLORAL DESIGN

We are off to a great start this year with lots of fun floral design events for you to enjoy. We hope you will join us and learn more about the art of floral design for your home.

In November, the program for General Meeting will be "Holiday Designs" presented by our club's floral designers and will be auctioned off for you to take home for the holiday season.

Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Thanksgiving Floral Design workshop for you to create a design for your Thanksgiving table. Step by step instruction will be given; even if you have never done a floral design before you will be successful. Think how proud you will be to tell your family that you made it!

January 2024. District VII will hold floral design classes (dates to be determined) for all the clubs in District VII to attend.

March 29, 2024, will be our annual "Spring Fling" where you will again be able to create a Spring design for your holiday weekend.

All these dates are included on the calendar in your yearbook. If you have any questions, please let me know.



Happy designing!

*Margaret Kirkpatrick  
Floral Design Chairman*



## GARDEN FAIR

Get ready, set and go! We are looking forward to our Annual Garden Fair on March 2-3, 2024. Our Garden Fair will be held again at Progetrity Plaza, and plans are already underway for next year's event. The Garden Fair is our club's largest fund raiser to support our scholarships to UF students at the Mid-Florida Research Campus in Apopka and Wekiva Youth Camp camperships.

We experienced a rough few years of uncertainty due to the Covid epidemic and had to cancel our Fair for two years. In 2023, once again, the members of SWOGC pulled together and we were able to hold the Garden Fair. As a result, we made over \$10,000 and combined with our other fund-raising events we were able to donate \$12,000 to UF and sponsor campers to Wekiva Youth camp.

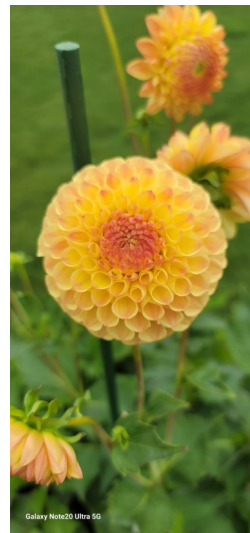
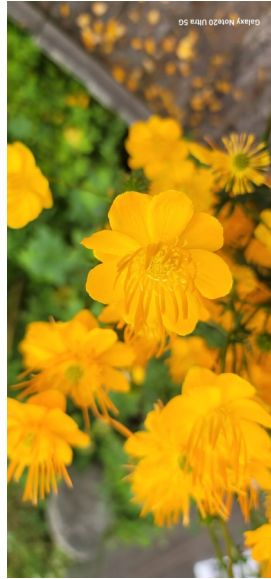


SWOGC club members are the finest, most "can do" people this chairman has ever had the pleasure of knowing. We will again need the participation, however large or small, by all our members to make our 2024 Garden Fair a success. Say "yes" when asked to help.

*Margaret Kirkpatrick  
Garden Fair Chairman*

PHOTOS FROM ALASKA

Arthur and Debbie Allison have shared some photos of the beautiful flowers in Alaska.





# Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club

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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

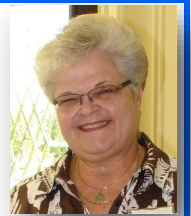
Incorporated—September 14, 1992

We're on the web!  
[www.swogc.org](http://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  
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 in the "Longwood Meeting Room"

### **HORTICULTURE GROUP MEETINGS**

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

### **JUNIOR GARDENERS**

Second Tuesday of the Month at 9:00 AM

### **FLORAL DESIGN**

Every Other Thursday at Hospice of the Comforter 1:30-3:00 PM



# WELCOME BACK COFFEE

*Photos courtesy of Gay Momberger  
More on Shutterfly*

