

MANDARIN
GARDEN
CLUB





Nov
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George Winterling
Guest Speaker
Jan
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Mandarin Garden Club Ar-
bor Day Program, 10 a.m.,
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Lore-
to Road Guest speaker will be
George Winterling, Chief Meteor-
ologist and gardener from WJXT
TV4. The public is invited. For in-
formation, call 168-4579



Memorial
For
Faye
Hall



WJXT Channel 4's Chief Meteorologist George Winterling was the featured speaker at the Mandarin Garden Club's last meeting. He spoke about the weather and gave some gardening tips. After the meeting the Club dedicated a memorial for Mandarin Garden Club Past President Faye Hall who died last year. (from left) Vice President Martha Dysart, George Winterling, Joseph Hall and Chrissy Hall. Photo submitted

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Loreto School
Shirley Ward
Jr Gardening
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Board meeting
May 1999





photo by Katrina Parker

Audrey Vann of Mandarin rounds up a handful of flowers at a daylily sale last Friday at the Mandarin Garden Club.

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Mandarin Garden Club
 2892 Loretto Road, has monthly morning meetings September through May. Programs and projects on gardening and environmental issues are offered. For information, call 268-1192.

Saturday, Feb. 5

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Mandarin Garden Club Garage Sale will be held at the clubhouse, 2892 Loretto Road from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 268-6118.

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The Mandarin Garden Club will present **Decorating for the Holidays** with flower designs by Le Mee Florist and lunch by Truffles at 11:30 a.m. at the club, 2892 Loretto Road. \$15 per person, reservations required by Nov. 7. Call 268-5212.

■ The Camellia Society of North Florida's annual flower show will be Saturday at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road. The free show is open from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Mandarin Garden club has mysterious wood chip donor

To the editor:

Mandarin Garden Club has a mystery it would like to solve. Someone, we don't know who, had brought us two huge loads of chipped wood that can be used for mulch. This has happened in the past few months — the most recent load appeared just a couple of weeks ago. The first load we had spread around our grounds, but it cost the club \$250 to have that done. The most recent load, members have been taking home.

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 Although we appreciate the thought behind this gesture, we ask that this practice be stopped. We would like to encourage a phone call to the club — 268-1192 — to ask if we are in need of another load and also to get permission before dumping on our grounds. Mandarin Garden Club strives to be a good neighbor to the community, please be a good neighbor to us!

**Joan E. Horn, President
 Mandarin Garden Club**

Annual Meeting
1999
May







May
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Vegetable garden seminars on Sept. 24

FROM STAFF

The Mandarin Garden Club on Loretto Rd. will be offering a series of seminars on Fall gardening

James Stephens, author of *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*, will show gardeners how to start transplants for a vegetable garden. There will also be programs on how to grow herbs, and citrus.

The program will be held Sept. 24 from 9-15 a.m. until 1-15 p.m. and is scheduled for Friday

There is a \$5.00 registration fee. Checks can be mailed to Fall Gardening, 1010 N McDuff Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32254. Make your check payable to DCOHAC. For more information call Sandy at 387-8850.

Luncheon
Oct
1999



Darlene Parker shows off a holiday wreath at the Mandarin Garden Club's Holiday Design Luncheon.

Photo by Beverly Fleming

niques at a Mandarin Garden Club luncheon recently.

Parker said her mother al-

"I didn't have time to go to school to learn this," she said. "I was too busy working." She be-

flat on the table, She then added four colorful flowers on top of the fern and a flower in the center, making a beautiful arrangement for a round table centerpiece. For a long table, she demonstrated how to add two more pieces of fern under the four in a lineal direction compatible with the table.

Franckoski and Parker worked on two container arrangements as they talked. Parker demonstrated a holiday arrangement in a round bowl as Franckoski filled a cornucopia with beautiful fall colors, including leatherleaf fern, yellow and bronze garden mums, mini carnations and yellow alstromeria.

According to the duo, making arrangements can be simple and easy if you follow some basic steps.

First, cut florist foam to fit whatever container you have on hand. It may be round, square, shallow or any other shape. Then, make a grid over the top of the foam with florist tape or even cellophane tape. Next, cover the grid with see **Decorating, B-2**



Chris Fronckoski (left) and Darlene Parker demonstrate simple holiday decorating techniques.

Photo by Beverly Fleming





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Saturday, Feb. 5
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Children
of Loretto
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Garden Club seminars to be held May 6

FROM STAFF

The Mandarin Garden Club and the Duval Master Gardeners will be selling Daylilies Sat. May 6 starting at 9 a.m. at the club, 2892 Loretto Road.

In addition to the sale the group will have two seminars about daylilies.

Growing Tips For Daylilies will be presented at 10 a.m. Garden Designing Techniques will be at 11 a.m. call 268-1192.

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Daylily seminar

Mandarin Garden Club will sponsor two free seminars May 6 at the club's demonstration gardens, 2892 Loretto Road. "Growing Tips for Daylilies" will be at 10 a.m. and "Garden Designing Techniques," at 11 a.m. Starting at 9 a.m., there will be a daylily sale. Prices start at \$1

— Compiled by P...

FREE DEMO

The master gardeners of Duval County have maintained a demonstration garden on the property of the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, for more than 10 years. There is a butterfly gardening patch, a daylily demonstration area, a wet swath area, a native plants garden, an annual garden and a perennial garden.

The demonstration garden is open to the public all the time. Its purpose is trial and error work. Master gardeners plant numerous varieties and keep records of which species thrive with minimal care. They share the information with the public through workshops and lectures and call-in hotlines at the county extension office.

PLA. TIMES UNION



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MANDARIN NEWS
2-17-2000

Multiple colors of daylilies will be available for purchase at Mandarin Garden Club on May 6. There will also be two gardening seminars on that morning.

photo submitted



Daily
Sale
May 2000







Annual Meeting 2008





Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, will hold its annual garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Articles for sale include six 6-ft. folding tables, plus a bake sale and free coffee.



Around the bend

Tree ID nature walk from 10 a.m. to noon **Friday** at Mandarin Park, 14780 Mandarin Road. The walk is free to the public, but advance registration is requested by calling 573-2498.

- The Mandarin Garden Club hosts its annual garage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday** at its clubhouse at 2892 Loretto Road.
- Congregation Ahaveth Chesed's Outreach Committee hosts a special Shabbat service at 10:30 a.m.



ORCHIDS

Presented by **MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB**

FEATURING A LOCAL EXPERT IN ORCHID CULTURE

7 30 p.m., Thursday, September 28
2892 Loretto Road

Open to the Public
Refreshments will be served

for additional information call 268-1192



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Recently
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Christmas
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Spring
Luncheon
2001









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The Mandarin Garden Club,
2892 Loretto Road, will hold a
Spring Luncheon at 10 a.m.,
lunch by Winterbourne. For in-
formation, call 268-1192.
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Spring
Luncheon
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Game Day 2001






Garage
Sale
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BOARD
MEETINGS





Geraldine "Jerry" Knight, 78, passed away on Sunday morning, Dec. 9, 2001. A beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. Knight had retired from Bell-South after 40 years of service. She also volunteered at Baptist Medical Center and was a

member of the Mandarin Garden Club and

St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Family members include her daughter Julie K. Walker and her husband, Douglas; grandson, Nels Walker and his wife, Carol; great-granddaughters, Erica and Cortney Walker.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Greenlawn Cemetery with The Rev. Bernie Ahern officiating Arrangements under the direction of Hardage-Giddens Mandarin Chapel, 11801 San Jose Blvd.

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PONDER - Elnita F. Ponder, Memorial services for Elnita F. Ponder, 81, wife of the late James Guy Ponder will be held on Saturday, June 17th at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Ortega Methodist Church. Elnita was born in Blountstown, Florida and graduated from Andrew Jackson High School. She was a resident of Jacksonville for over 65 years and was a member of St. Johns Presbyterian Church and the Mandarin Garden Club. She is survived by her brother, James W. Fields of Jacksonville and half sister Catherine Lane White of Blountstown, their spouses and their respective families. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the LifePath Hospice of Tampa (1-800-209-2200).

PETERSON - Marion L. Peterson, 69, of Jacksonville, passed away Friday in Baptist Hospital. A native of Chicago, IL, she came here 11 years ago from Huntington, W.VA. She was a Lutheran by faith and a member of the Mandarin Garden Club. Survivors include her husband, Wendell Peterson; 2 sons, Gary Peterson of Richmond Hill, GA, Michael Peterson of Ona, W.VA; 2 brothers, Gordon Wesel of Fort Myers, FL, Robert Wesel of Woodland Hills, CA and 3 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Monday at 1 PM in the Mandarin Chapel of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 11801 San Jose Blvd. with Pastor George Johnson, officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Michigan.



Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, will offer a free seminar by Susie McMullen of Lily Pads Aquatic Garden Nursery. The seminar is open to the public and will begin at 10 a.m.

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Also the Mandarin Garden Club Daylily Sale originally scheduled for May 5 has been changed to Saturday May 19 at 9 a.m. The garden club is located on Loretto Rd. just west of San Jose Blvd. Come early for the plants will go quickly. Cost per fan is \$1. Call me if I can be of help at 363-9872.

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— Photos by John Pemberton/staff

Space Coast Carnival

HITTING HOME

If you want to buy daylilies and learn about planting and caring for them, you have two opportunities today:

- The North Florida Daylily Society's annual show will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the courtyard outside JCPenney in the Orange Park Mall. Prices for the flowers range from \$3 to \$50.
- Mandarin Garden Club members and Duval County master gardeners are having a daylily sale and gardening seminars from 9 a.m. to noon. Daylily prices start at \$1, and lectures include "Adding Color to a Summer Garden." Lectures are free. The clubhouse is at 2892 Loretto Road.



The
first
yard of
the month
in 2002
now.



Pat Hoffman
&
Carol
Walker

The second yard
of the month
2002 Dec.
Lucinda
Helena
Carol Walker



COLORFUL CAMELLIAS WILL SHINE AT SHOWS

Camellias are known as the queen of the winter garden because they bloom when almost everything else is dormant. Popular varieties that thrive in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia include Debutante (medium, pale pink), Mathotiana Rubra (large red), Pink Perfection (small, pale pink), Ville de Nantes (medium to large red blotched with white) and Alba Plena (medium white).

To see some exceptional blooms and learn about growing camellias, attend **The Camellia Society of North Florida's annual show from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road.** Non-members may enter blooms.

Entry time is 7 to 10:30 a.m. the day of the show. The event is free, and members expect about 800 blooms to be on display.

Another free show sponsored by **The Beaches Camellia Society will be from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Dec. 8 and noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 9 at The Jacksonville Beaches Woman's Club, 1315 Second Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach.** Non-members may enter blooms. Entry time is 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 8. Participating exhibitors are from Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

Visitors to both shows can win camellia plants as door prizes.



Ki Ku Toji camellia

— Crista Jeremiason/file

The Thirty-Ninth Annual

CAMELLIA SHOW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2001

1:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA



PRESENTED BY

**THE CAMELLIA SOCIETY
OF NORTH FLORIDA**

Show Location

The Mandarin Garden Club
2892 Loretto Road
Jacksonville, Florida

**OFFICERS
CAMELLIA SOCIETY
OF NORTH FLORIDA**


President Glynn Oglesby
First Vice President Bob Reese
Second Vice President Neil Nevin
Secretary Jeanne Frier
Treasurer Irma Amlung

2001 SHOW OFFICIALS

Bob Reese, Show Chairman

Committee Chairmen

Publicity Nan Ann Lee
 Judges Delores Edwards
 Judges Clerks Frankie Stevens
 Hospitality Betty Chorneyei
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 Placement Gail Reese
 Trophies Gail & Bob Reese
 Properties Bob Reese
 ACS Display Rita Chmielarski
 Recording Betty & Joseph Chorneyei



The American Camellia Society
 100 Masee Lane
 Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Yearly Membership includes 18 page booklet, "Camellia Culture for Beginners", Quarterly issues of "The Camellia Journal", bound copy of "The American Camellia Yearbook", free admission to "Masee Lane Gardens", Home of The American Camellia Society, Fort Valley, Georgia.

Dues are \$25.00 Single / \$27.50 Joint

For more information call:
 912-967-2358 or 912-967-2722

Dogwood

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NORTH FLORIDA**

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 Glynn & Pat Oglesby
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 Carl Rosebrough
 Leroy & Frankie Stevens
 Hazel Sulzbacher
 Betty Armstrong Taylor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Camellia Society of North Florida wishes to extend sincere appreciation to the firms and individuals who have contributed so much to put on this show.

Our very special thanks to The Mandarin Garden Club in Jacksonville whose cooperation and generosity have made this show possible.

*SHOW DEDICATED
TO THE MEMORY OF
MARION EDWARDS*

Camellia Wish List

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 Jacksonville, Florida

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF NORTH FLORIDA

The Camellia Society of North Florida was established in 1962. The purpose of the society is to stimulate the appreciation of camellias, disseminate information on culture, and interchange of experience and fellowship at regular monthly meetings. Our meetings are held at the Orange Park Library, 2054 Plainfield Ave., on the fourth Sunday (2:30pm), September through March, except December (Camellia Show month). Membership dues are \$10.00 single or \$18.00 couple. All meetings include an informative program with a qualified speaker.

Visitors Are Always Welcome

For Information Please Call:

Jacksonville, Bob Reese
(904) 731-0689

Orange Park, Glynn Oglesby
(904) 264-4388

Yulee/Fernandina, Neil Nevin
(904) 277-3576

East Palatka, James Brogden
(386) 325-1682

SHOW CONTACT

For Show Schedule, Entry Tags or more information, write to Show Chairman, Bob Reese, 9711 Beauclerc Terrace, Jacksonville, Florida 32257 or phone (904) 731-0689.

EXHIBITION RULES

- The rules of the American Camellia Society for the judging of horticultural exhibits will govern the competitive divisions of the show. The management may establish such further rules as may be deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the show.
- Competition in Division XI (Novice) is restricted to exhibitors who have never won an A.C.S. award (Sweepstakes, or Best Bloom) in any American Camellia Society Cooperative Show.
- Blooms for competition shall be entered on the first day of the show from 7:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
- All blooms entered must be from plants owned by the exhibitor for at least thirty days.
- Each entry must have only one bloom per stem and at least one leaf but no more than two leaves. The stem should be approximately 2 inches long. Wiring of bloom to stem is permitted.
- Each bloom must be tagged by the exhibitor with the division and class in which entered, the varietal name, and the exhibitor's name and address and whether treated or untreated, grown protected or unprotected.
- Placement of all blooms must be done by, or under the direction of the Placement Committee.
- Unprotected: Blooms in natural surroundings or in a slat house with or without top or side coverings of a porous or ventilated material which provides shade but does not provide protection from the elements of nature such as temperature, precipitation or wind.
- Mutant: A Mutant bloom is defined as one possessing a distinct break in color or form, from the normally accepted parent bloom. Variegation attributed to virus is not recognized as a Mutation.
- To be eligible for an A.C.S. Certificate or Award (except for Seedlings and Mutants) the variety must be listed in the latest issue of The Camellia Nomenclature or registered in subsequent issues of the A.C.S. Camellia Journal and American Camellia Society Yearbook.
- Disposal of all blooms will be at the discretion of the show officials.

SCHEDULE OF AWARDS

Unprotected

Division I, Chemically Treated	White Card
Japonica, Large (lg. & vlg.)	Trophy*
Japonica, Medium (med. & med.-lg)	Trophy*
Japonica, Small (Small, sm.-med. & min.-sm.)	Trophy*
Division II, Untreated	Buff Card
Japonica, Large (lg. & vlg.)	Trophy*
Japonica, Medium (med. & med.-lg)	Trophy*
Japonica, Small (Sm. sm.-med. & min.-sm.)	Trophy*
Division III	Yellow Card
Reticulata and Reticulata Hybrids	Trophy*
Division IV	Blue Card
Hybrids with other than Reticulata Parentage	Trophy*
Sweepstakes Winner	Trophy*
Sweepstakes Runner-Up	Trophy*

Protected

Division VI	Green Card
Japonica, Large (lg. & vlg.)	Trophy*
Japonica, Medium (med. & med.-lg)	Trophy*
Japonica, Small (Small, sm.-med. & min.-sm.)	Trophy*
Division VII	Yellow Card
Reticulata and Reticulata Hybrids	Trophy*
Division VIII	Blue Card
Hybrids with other than Reticulata Parentage	Trophy*
Sweepstakes Winner	Trophy*
Sweepstakes Runner-Up	Trophy*

Protected or Unprotected

Division X	White or Green Card
Miniatures (miniature only, <u>No</u> min.-sm.)	Trophy*
Division XI	White or Green Card
Novice, any species, treated or untreated	Trophy*
Division XII	Blue Card
Sasanquas and other species	Trophy*
Division XIII	Pink Card
Seedling	Trophy
Division XIV	Red Card
Mutant	Trophy
Best White Bloom	Trophy*

BEST LOCAL BLOOM

Any Species, Large - Very Large	Trophy
Any Species, Miniature - Medium	Trophy

BEST LOCAL BLOOM RULES:

Local applies to any member of the Camellia Society of North Florida, or any nonmember living in Duval or adjacent counties.

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: Any person having had a best in show bloom in any Camellia show in the past two years may not compete in the BEST LOCAL BLOOM category, except for those whose winning bloom fell under the Novice division, or Best Local Bloom Division.

MARK ENTRY CARD: Make out entry card as you would any other card for our show. After having folded up the bottom stub, then plainly write on the back of the stub in the top right corner of the stub, a capital (L).

NOTE

Items marked with * above will also be awarded appropriate A.C.S. Certificates.

In addition, no more than twenty (20) A.C.S. Certificates will be awarded to other blooms remaining on Court of Honor.

Seals will be awarded in each competitive Division where bloom quality warrants. Blue for First Place, Red for Second Place and Yellow for Third Place.

A bloom can win a Trophy in only one category.

Camellia
show
Dec. 200,
at Jordan's
club







2001



Masmoia Christmas party at Katia's home



photo's by Cathy Carnes

2001



Hogwood Christmas Party at Jean Jervey's Home





*Wogwood
circle
meeting
at
Martha
Dejeant's
home
2001*







Thank
You

December 14, 2001

Please contact Special Collections Department, Thomas G. Carpenter Library regarding the information on the redacted page.



*Waggoner
circle
Christmas
Party*



Dogwood
country
Duck Rd
Mandarin
Road



Sharon Weed and Ann Key enjoy making fall wreaths at the Thursday morning Garden Club meeting.



The Mandarin Garden Club elected new officers at their last meeting—Gerry Knight, treasurer, Shirley McCall, secretary, Carol Walker, president, Betty Riley, vice president, Karen Wilkerson, second vice president, Marge Bisbee, corresponding secretary. Monthly meetings are held September through May. The Mandarin Garden Club is located at 2892 Loretto Road. For information, call 288-0957

GARDEN OF THE MONTH



Mandarin Garden club has presented its December Yard of Month designation to Lucinda Halsema of 12738 Longview Drive East. Her yard has plants, paths, water features and no grass to mow. Anyone wishing to nominate a yard may send a note to Mandarin Garden Club, PO Box 23193, Jacksonville, FL 32241, by the 15th of each month. For information contact Fredi Olson 886-1921.



Mandarin Garden Club "Yard of the Month" winners for November are Jack and Pat Hoffman. The Hoffmans reside at 3311 Bowers Lane, which is located in Old Pick-wick off Beauclerc Road. Carol Walker, president of the garden club, presented Pat with a certificate and a six month membership in the club. Anyone interested in having their yard considered, or anyone who would like to nominate a "Yard of the Month," can send a note to Walker at 11226 Bentley Trace Lane East, Jacksonville, FL 32257. Entries must be received by the 15th of the month.

Garden Club helps keep the community looking good

FROM STAFF

If you discover some especially beautiful areas around town, chances are the Mandarin Garden Club had something to do with it. That's because members of the club's three circles - Cherokee Rose, Dogwood, and Magnolia - all have the same goals in mind.

They study, conserve, cultivate, and invite individuals of all ages to enjoy nature's bounty. To catch a glimpse of these talented horticulturalists' passion, stop by the grounds of their club house, located at 2892 Loretto. Visitors are instantly enticed by the variety of native plants and calming collection of walkways and specialty garden areas.

"We have a ginger garden, butterfly garden, and a demonstration garden on the property," explained Education/Community chairperson, Betty Harrison. "We like to plant things out back and see how they do during different seasons. We even have a garden where we grow the flowers for our annual spring daylily sale."

In addition to learning from speakers who teach on such subjects as xeroscaping, landscaping design, wild flower cultivation, and basic holiday flower arranging, club members enjoy learning a variety of crafts involving use of nature's bounty. The circle groups also take educational field trips.

The Mandarin Garden Club was organized on November 8,

1945. Still the same friendly group they've always been, visitors to any of the circles - which meet at different times so anyone wanting to participate can do so - will quickly feel welcomed.

"Being part of the Garden Club is a good way to get to know the community," explained Fredi Olson.

"Being with these people is always fun and informative," Judy Stroud added. "They're a pretty special group."

For information on any of the garden club circles, or to find out more about the clubhouse garden areas and their "Florida Yard," which is maintained by local master gardeners, call (904) 268-1192.



ANNIVERSARY



Gerald and Shirley Ward

Shirley and Gerald Ward recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends. They were married April 19, 1952 in Chicago, Illinois. She is the former

Shirley Weiner. The Wards have one son, Kenneth and one grandson, Kenneth. They will celebrate their anniversary with a trip to Alaska in their motorhome.

















Cherokee
Rose at
Lucinda Halsens
GARDEN
2002





Washington
STATE PARK
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Comelia for
Gerry Knight
Cherokee Rose



uses variety of gardens



Photo by Beverly Fleming

Kitty McCaffery (left) receives the Mandarin Garden Club Yard of the Month award from club president, Carol Walker.

In another area she started a butterfly garden. Lantana, milkweed, buddleia, coreopsis, daisies, dianthus, day lilies, blue daze, marigolds and red salvia share space there.

"Last year, we had so many butterflies the neighbor children had to shoo them away from a peanut butter jar we were using to make bird feeders to decorate a tree for wildlife," McCaffery said.

She expects to have more butterflies as she adds more plants to the garden.

McCaffery credits a great deal of her rapid success in gardening to the compost she creates. Before, the soil was so dusty her sons bought her a mask to wear while she was gardening. She would move three wheelbar-

rows of soil per day, every day. She has since purchased a composting bin which creates 35 pounds of compost every 13 days. This she adds to her planting areas.

"For special occasions, my children treat me to a shopping binge at a local garden center," McCaffery said.

"A perfect morning for me is to garden from seven 'til 11. Then I stroll through the garden shop at Lowes and talk with Tim and Carmen who always have a pleasant encouragement for me. Then I'll pick up a hotdog at the concession stand in front of the store," she said.

"If I ever get discouraged or grouchy, my wonderful neighbors, Nellie and Greg Avilles say, 'Kitty, you need your trip to

Lowes'," McCaffery said. "When I'm celebrating a minor success, I treat myself to a trip to Geckos, around the corner on Phillips highway. I believe that Heaven must be an enlarged Geckos."

As for successes to celebrate, she has many. She has developed many new friendships through joining the garden club, she recently learned that one of her written pieces had been selected and published in Guidepost magazine, and her gardens are a huge success.

"In the evening, just before dark, I say to my little Lhasa Apso, Samantha, 'Sammy, let's go view our estate,' and we walk together through the gardens. It's very calming and satisfying," McCaffery said.

Katie Gellerstedt, center, participates in the annual Patrol

laugh."

Safety patrols from all over the



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Shirley WARD'S
Dogs





Dobwood





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LAST GAMEDAY - MAY 28, 2002



May 30, 2002

May 30, 2002

Garden

It's a wonder we hear

by RHONDA
STAFF WRITER

When the Mandarin Garden Club met last Thursday morning they took care of some official business matters. Then they took care of some matters of the heart. Following reports given by several committees, the new garden club officers were installed. Among that group were President, Joyce Connors; Vice President, Katia Gloger-Bowles; 2nd Vice President, Helen O'Quinn; Recording Secretary, Jane Lammerring; Correspondence Secretary, Marge Bisbee and Treasurer, Shirley McCall.

From the installation service, club members moved outside the organization's building and stood near a semicircle pool of shade provided by towering pines and other trees and flowers planted in the club's memory garden area.

As the group of women stood close, a newly planted camellia was dedicated to Gerry Knight, a loved member of the garden club who passed on last December. Julia Walker, Knight's daughter, attended the special memorial dedication and thanked the ladies for their gesture of love. While standing between Marjorie Folds and Letha Hovey, two of Knight's close friends, Walker teared up.

"This is very special," she said. "Thank you so much. My mother loved the Mandarin Garden Club and all of its members. Serving as your treasurer was one of the things that kept her going."

Ladies in the crowds gave affirming nods before describing Knight as a loving, caring, selfless person who loved people, plants and creatures. All



Photo by Rhonda Reese

Marjorie Folds (left) and Letha Hovey stand with Julia Walker (center) after the garden club dedicated a tree in honor of Walker's mother, Gerry Knight.

creatures except, her daughter noted, lizards and earthworms.

"My grandmother loved gardening," Walker reported. "My mom kind of had to take over those duties when her mother became too ill to continue doing them. Actually my mother was fine and liked being outside in the yard, but

a lizard or an earthworm would send her inside in a hurry."

Walker said she is the third generation to live in the family's Mandarin Road home. The two acre flower and tree covered ground was part of the Schaffer Land Grant. Courtney, Walkers' green-thumbed, 11-year-old grand-

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YARD OF THE MONTH



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Mandarin Garden Club presented its June Yard of the Month designation to William and Darlene Pair (pictured with club president Carol Walker, left) of 10138 Oakisle Road West. Their front yard features a bougainvillea trained by Mr. Pair into a wreath nearly as tall as the house and shrubbery trimmed in the same shape as the roof. Mrs. Pair has an orchid greenhouse, built by her husband, off the deck filled with orchids in bloom. Anyone wishing to nominate a yard may send a note to Mandarin Garden Club, PO Box 23193, Jacksonville, FL 32241

River Bend Review, Saturday, June 29, 2002

Yard of the Month



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The Mandarin Garden Club's June Yard of the Month designation goes to William and Darlene Pair's home at 10138 Oakisle Road W. The yard features a bougainvillea trained by the couple into the shape of a wreath almost as tall as their home, as well as shrubbery trimmed the same shape as their roof. Those who want to nominate a future Yard of the Month can contact the Mandarin Garden Club at P.O. Box 23193, Jacksonville, FL 32241



YARD OF THE MONTH



Mandarin Garden Club president, Carol Walker, presents the July Yard of the Month award to Michael and Holly Jefferson of 12420 Hatton Chase Lane East. The Jeffersons are new at gardening and are learning as they go. Their results so far are to be commended. Anyone wishing to nominate a yard may send a note to Mandarin Garden Club, PO Box 23193, Jacksonville, 32241.

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River Bend Review, Wednesday, July 31, 2002



Jeffersons win award

The Mandarin Garden Club recently presented its July Yard of the Month award to Michael and Holly Jefferson of Hatton Chase Lane East. Their front yard features palm trees, greenery and a manicured lawn. The back yard has been planned and planted with curved beds along the back fence featuring flowering shrubs and plants with a birdbath and bird feeders. To nominate a yard, send a note to Mandarin Garden Club, P.O. Box 23193, Jacksonville, FL 32241.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

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Chuck and Helen Gibson of Waverly Dock Road accept the Mandarin Garden Club's award for August Yard of the Month from club president, Carol Walker (left). Residents of Jacksonville for 20 years, both are real estate agents at Watson Realty's Mandarin South office. Their garden includes bougainvilleas, palms, banana trees and butterfly plants.

Saturday, August 31, 2002

Secret garden' a highlight

River Bend Review

The Mandarin Garden Club's Yard of the Month award for August goes to Chuck and Helen Gibson of Waverly Dock Road.

Though the couple have lived in Mandarin 20 years as real estate agents, their time to complete their landscaping plans has been very limited, Helen Gibson said.

Over the years, they first concentrated on their back yard, which overlooks a 39-acre, spring-fed lake. Because the proximity to water seems to moderate temperatures in winter and summer, they have been able to create a lovely tropical garden with bougainvilleas, palms, banana trees and butterfly plants.

In recent years, the Gibsons' main project has been Helen Gibson's "secret garden" in the front yard. The original devel-



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The Mandarin Garden Club's Yard of the Month award for August goes to Chuck and Helen Gibson of Waverly Dock Road. One project is a secret garden.

oper left a large circle of native plants — palmetto, wax myrtle, etc. — anchored by a huge pine tree (now covered with jasmine) and a smaller oak tree. For years, the couple just planted around this circle. Then Helen Gibson

began to dream of clearing out the center for a secret garden, and that is now her favorite place.

As for Chuck Gibson, he said he moves plants and shrubs around like other husbands move furniture.

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Yard of the month



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The Mandarin Garden Club has given its September Yard of the Month designation to Anne Ferguson of Deeder Lane. The club commended Ferguson for the seven years of work it took to create her garden's look.

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Thursday, October 17

Watson Realty's Mandarin South Office, 12710 San Jose Blvd., is continuing its Serendipity series, 7 p.m., with its popular "Decorating for the Holidays" seminar. The Seminar will feature proprietors Gloria Parsons and Heather Lynn of The Olde Green Cupboard in Mandarin. Seminar is free and refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be awarded. For reservations, call Marge or Carolyn at 268-3300.

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