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MANDARIN GARDEN CLUB

*Rejoice -- Remember -- Renew*

We've just celebrated Easter; April opens with the Mandarin Garden Club's 70th Anniversary Open House; and in a few weeks we have Earth Day! The gardens are springing to life, and calling us to enjoy and revel in the re-greening of the world in this season. See how the MGC participates in this "green" effort not just through the care of the gardens, but in any number of earth-friendly projects.

Spring Celebration--Open House--Saturday afternoon, April 2, 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00. Please bring your friends and neighbors to see the clubhouse decorated in beautiful spring flowers and visit displays featuring the Circles, Crafty Ladies, Game Day, and other MGC activities. Take a tour of the gardens led by Master Gardeners. Nibble on a cookie and sip some punch while learning the history of the club. The activities go on and on. At 3:00 there will be the dedication of the bridge in memory of Jane Lammerding, Dogwood. There will be door prizes awarded throughout the afternoon. You must be present to win, but you will want to be there to celebrate anyway!

As we are marking the 70 years since the formation of the MGC in 1945, you are welcome to dress for that era in pearls, hats, and gloves. And encouraged to at least wear pearls!

The Repurpose Garden--The Master Gardeners have been working on this reuse-recycle project, with ordinary and found objects being repurposed into garden embellishments.



Visit the Demo Gardens to see this green creativity in action.



### Dogwood Goes Green

The members of Dogwood Circle were wearing the green for St. Patrick's Day at their March meeting, and feeling ecologically green as well, as they learned about green roofs and a bit of urban farming.

Genora Crain-Orth spoke on the components of vegetated roofs--a thin layer of soil over a waterproof membrane--and their benefits. They moderate indoor temperature and lower energy costs, mitigate urban heat island effects, and contain, filter and slow storm water runoff. They are excellent places to grow native plants, and provide a habitat for our native green anoles.

Genora was instrumental in getting the ordinance passed in Jacksonville that allows the keeping of up to 5 hens under certain conditions. She brought along the perfectly-behaved Roxy to demonstrate how lovely and quiet chickens can be! More information can be found on the Facebook page for River City Chicks, and on [backyardchickens.com](http://backyardchickens.com). Google "Henderson's Handy Dandy Chicken Chart" to see more than 60 of kinds of chickens! Visit the blog at [breakinggroundgreenroof.com](http://breakinggroundgreenroof.com) for stories and information on a large, ongoing green-roof project in Jacksonville.

Thank you Judy Till, for photos



**Remember, as a MGC member, you are welcome to attend any or all circle meetings**

These planters were placed at the front door of the club. Mary Clark, Mary Forester, and Candace Barone planted them. Thanks for the beauty.  
--Betty Waldrep



Cherokee Rose Circle enjoys lunch during a great outing to Avonlea Antiques.  
--Clara McGehee

### MASTER GARDENER LIAISON:

Our Master Gardeners have worked every Wednesday in the months of February and March and their efforts really have made a difference in our gardens. Please take time to stop and visit the grounds in your visits to the club to see the results. The purpose of the demo gardens is to share with the public what will grow in our region of Zone 9. Hope you enjoy.

--Mary Forester, Master Gardener Liaison

### 2VP MESSAGE

Didn't sell out at the clothing sale but good results once again thanks to your donations. Our leftovers went to the Phoenix Thrift Store and the Hubbard House. Our next fundraiser and final one for this fiscal year is our Plant Sale on Saturday, April 30, 2016. There will be vendors, Mason's BBQ and some kids' activities by these volunteers. Please make sure your plants are well rooted, and all type of garden related items are welcome.

--Mary Forester, Second Vice President

### MGC Upcoming Sales

April 30, 2016 - Plant Sale 8 am - 2 pm. Garden Club Café available.

August 5 & 6, 2016 - \$1.00 Clothing Sale. No Café.

October 1, 2016 - Trash to Treasure 8 am - 2 pm. Garden Club Café available.

November 5, 2016 - Craft Fair 9 am - 4 pm. Garden Club Café available.

### Garden Related Events Around Town In The Coming Months:

Apr. 1-2 African Violet Show - San Jose Church of Christ

Apr. 2 **Mandarin Garden Club Open House 1 - 4 pm**

Apr. 2-3 Orchid Show - Jacksonville Garden Club in Riverside

Apr. 2-3 Linda Cunningham's Herb Festival - 2440 Lofberg Drive

Apr. 5 Spring Extension Program - Mandarin Garden Club

Apr. 16 Native Society Native Plant Sale - Native Park 3312 Park Street

Apr. 16 Blooms Galore - Jacksonville Garden Club in Riverside

Apr. 16-17 EPIC Celebration of Spring Annual Flower and Garden Expo - St Johns AG Center

Apr. 30 **Mandarin Garden Club Plant Sale - 2892 Loretto Road**

April 30 Jacksonville Rose Society Show and Sale, St. Mark's Episcopal Day School, 4114 Oxford Ave.

Oct. 13 Fall Extension Program - MGC

### Collections -

Ink cartridges for club office supplies

Box tops for Education

Eyeglasses for the Lion's Club

Cell phones for the Duval County 4-H

Pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House

Mandarin Food Bank donations

Flags for Mandarin Community Club

**Cookbooks for Sale** -- Our cookbooks can be purchased for \$5.00 at Hoby's

Honey & General Store at 11473 San Jose Blvd and at the garden club during your meetings or at the Crafty Ladies. They make great holiday and hostess gifts.



### Cares and Concerns

Sara Chesnutt, knee injury  
Karen Wilkinson, recent hospitalization  
Diane Frisco, shoulder surgery  
Judy Winckler, brother in hospice care  
Joy Breitung, husband, lung cancer  
Gin Gin Booth, loss of father

If you know of a Garden Club member in need of our thoughts and prayers, please let Eunice Priester know.

### April Birthdays

