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CIRCLE & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

BOARD MEETING
Sept. 4th - 10:00
DW Hosts

CHEROKEE ROSE
Sept. 18th - 10:00
am

DOGWOOD
Sept. 16th - 10:00
am

LIVE OAK
Sept. 25th - 10:00
am

MAGNOLIA
Sept. 11 - 10:00 am

CRAFTY LADIES
Every Thursday
12:30 pm - 2:30
pm

GAME DAY
Sept. - 23rd -
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MGC Upcoming Sales
October 4, 2014- Trash to Treasure 8a - 2p. Garden Club Café available.
November 8, 2014- Craft Fair 9a-4p. Garden Club Café available.

Message From 2nd Vice President

HORTICULTURE:
Looking forward to our Plant Exchange Extravaganza on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at 10:00am with doors opening at 9:00am to setup your space. This is our 4th year of this event and we hope you can join us, enjoy the company of fellow gardeners, and take a tour of our club gardens. An invitation and explanation to this event should have been sent to

you by your respective circle leader.

Mary Forester, Horticulture Chairperson

2VP Message

Our Trash to Treasure sale will be on Saturday, October 4. You can start bringing your items you have been saving at home on Monday, September 29th. Thank you for your continuous support in all our events. You make the garden club a happy

place for members and non-members. A working schedule will be coming from your circle leaders later in the month.

Happy gardening,
Mary Forester



MASTER GARDENER LIAISONS

Save the date!! On September 6, 2014 we will have our Plant Extravaganza! Our annual plant swap is going to be more fun than ever! Don't miss the opportunity to get really wonderful garden items (plants, tools, stuff) for FREE!!!!!! A time to chat, munch, get free stuff, have fun...Priceless! More info to come!



Becky Bathen and Mary Forester
Mandarin Demonstration Garden Liaisons

Our August Clothing Sale

Our two day clothing sale was a great success thanks to your generous donations. There were a few adjustments we had to make with the two day sale but we managed. Our customers were happy and your donations just keep on giving since our leftovers were donated to benefit the Wounded Warrior program. I know our closets and drawers are lighter. Thank you one and all for your help for the success.

Mary Forester

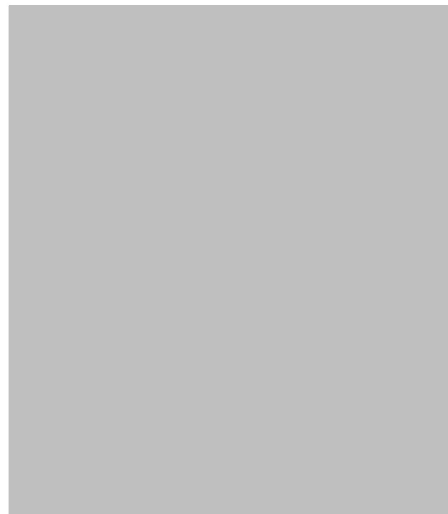




We are keeping the following people in our prayers:

- ♦ Betty Waldrep's Grandson, Taylor.
- ♦ Mary Ann Williams, I would like to request prayers for my niece who was diagnosed with cancer last March. I thought I had mentioned it at a meeting last spring but maybe not. Please keep her in your prayers. Her name is Alyce and she's 40 yrs. old. Cancer was found in her breast, spine and brain. She is undergoing intensive chemo right now and is a very sick girl. Thank you all.
- ♦ Deloris Hoffman - Recovering from a broken hip.
- ♦ Jean Jeevy - Going through cancer treatment
- ♦ Tess Ross - Hart - husband
- ♦ Gail Cook - Sister is going through cancer treatment
- ♦ Mary Howe - Husband

September



Note: Happy Belated Birthday - 

Planting Fall Annuals Tips From Martha Dysart

- ♦ All of the "Big Box" stores now have gorgeous displays of Fall annuals - Don't fall for it (pun intended). It's way too hot to plant Marigolds, Chrysanthemums, etc. These past few summers have had extended hot weather, so the "traditional" planting times in September are better put off until October. Of course, we do have the occasional early frost in November, but it's usually not so severe that the October transplants won't survive even though they may get a little burnt around the edges. When you do start to plant, pay particular attention to the new varieties of chrysanthemums - all colors and shapes, big ones and small - you may not even recognize them for the plants they are, but they will perform spectacularly !!



Mandarin Garden Club's Long Term Member

Eloise Willis (Elly) - A member of the Dogwood circle.



Elly has been in Jacksonville since 2004 after moving here from Long Island, New York. Her deceased husband and Elly taught SCUBA diving for over 20 years and spent every weekend from April through November diving off the shores of Long Island and the Caribbean. Their four children were "water rats" who also became divers. For her 80th birthday the original movie star mermaid Esther Williams sent Elly a personal birthday greeting. Elly was a Girl Scout leader who led Senior Troop #17 in Hicksville in its diving and backpacking activities.

Elly has been a member of the Mandarin Garden Club for 9 years and enjoys participating in the various events offered by the club. She served as historian for 9 years cataloging games, picnics and parties creating the albums presented to the club presidents throughout the years.

Loving style, Elly started making her own jewelry and her business "Elegance by Eloise" has been quite popular. Her designs are unique and can be personalized by commission. Designs have included beads, stones and other materials that appeal to all ages. Even teenagers have embraced her styles! Many community members eagerly anticipate her holiday earrings and necklaces.

Keeping busy, Elly also enjoys card making. Her personalized cards include various embellishments which artistically represent her relationship with the recipients. Her liberal use of one element has earned her the nickname of "The Glitter Queen." A handmade card from Elly is certainly a special gift.

Now in her 87th year Elly doesn't seem to be slowing down. She continues to participate in the Mandarin Women's Club and the Mandarin Garden Club.
Way to go Elly!

(A special thanks to her daughter Patty McQueen for this article. I actually found, when talking to Patty, that we have known each other for many years.)



MASTER GARDENERS

The Demo Gardens, though hot, are still a playground for the butterflies, humming birds, birds...What a treat to just sit with a cool drink and enjoy! A perfect photo opt for all our photography buffs! Speaking of photo opts, The Florida Times Union sent out a photographer and writer to get the latest news from the Demo gardens. Our Master Gardeners are doing a great job keeping things neat and tidy. So, come on out to the garden and sit a spell on one of the beautiful benches and enjoy the wonders right here in our own back yard!

Becky Bathen
MG Liason



Thanks to Helen Lovell

She is one of our dedicated Master Gardeners . She works with Martha Dysart in the Native Garden each time. She comes over from Ortega, on the Westside, to work in our gardens on our workdays.

We appreciate all that you do for our gardens!



One of our dedicated master gardeners at work.



The Mandarin Garden Club Newsletter

In case you missed it, there was a wonderful 1 1/2 page article in the Florida Times Union on Wednesday, August 27.

By Sandy Strickland

The article begins by describing the relationship between the Master Gardeners and the MGC.

Thanks to Betty Waldrep (Publicity Chairperson) for the many venues that she uses to let the community know what is going on in our Garden

“There is a unique relationship between the Duval County Extension Service master gardener program and the Mandarin Garden Club. The master gardeners have extensive demonstration gardens in the back of the club in Jacksonville, FL. There are perennials, bromeliads, ornamental grass, vegetables, ginger, a potager garden, etc. There's also a special shed that was constructed for the supplies.”

To see part of the article, just copy the following link in your browser.

<http://jacksonville.com/current/mandarin-st-johns/2014-08-25/story/mandarin-garden-club-growing-showcase-areas-master>

(The Florida Times-Union, Bob Mack Photos)

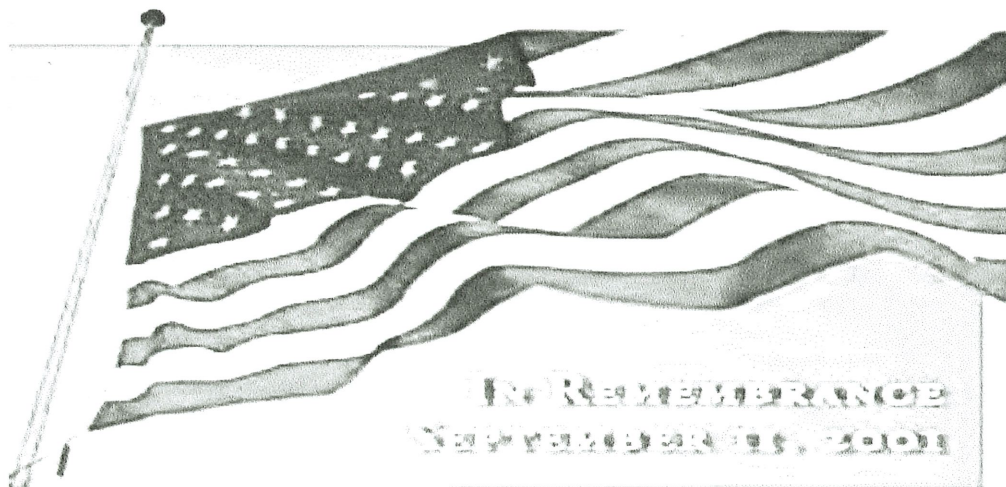




- 1 cup Coca Cola (real thing, not die)
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 stick butter
- 3 Tablespoon cocoa
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Frosting:
- 1 stick butter
- 3 Tablespoon cocoa
- 6 Tablespoon of cream or milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 3/4 cups confectioner's sugar

In a saucepan, mix Coca Cola, oil, butter and cocoa and bring to a boil. In another bowl, combine the sugar, flour and salt. Pour the boiling Cola mixture over the flour mixture and beat well. Add the eggs, buttermilk, soda and vanilla and beat well. Pour mixture into a greased and floured 13 x 9 inch baking pan and bake at 350 degrees or 20 to 25 minutes. Remove pan. Cool for about 10 minutes before frosting.

Frosting: In a saucepan, combine the butter, cocoa, and milk. Heat until the butter melts. Beat in the remaining ingredients and spread on the cake while it's still warm. Enjoy!





Greetings from our president

Welcome, to our new year! Hope all of you had a wonderful summer break and full of pep and energy for working to make this the best year ever!

Our first fund raiser topped our record sales. The two-day event worked very well and my thanks go to Mary Forester and the many volunteers who helped make it successful!

This year, of necessity, our focus needs to be directed on our building issues. The roof and other updates where time has taken its toll. I have no doubt that by working together and the ideas that our capable members come up with, we can certainly handle this project.

I look forward to working with each of you and thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me your President.

“Kind word can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless”Mother Teresa quote



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