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"THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER"

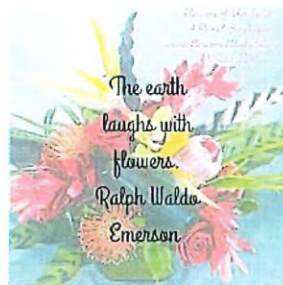
Bonnie Myers, President

Spring in my garden can be a challenging time. After my husband and I have completed the task of raking the yard and flower beds the April rains start. This provides another large number of leaves, and we are back to picking up leaves for a while. Luckily our lawn service can provide some help in April with weekly mowing's. Dividing perennials and checking for any issues is generally next on my spring to-do list along with pruning dead branches on any shrubs.

Besides plants in my garden, I also have several orchids which require the same regiment of checking for any issues on my plants. Repotting early is the best time to inspect a plant getting rid of problems before they can get worse: Spraying plants for pests, cutting back dead or tired areas and fertilizing for new growth. If an orchid can be divided that's also the time to do it.

On April 29th and 30th, before we know it will be our annual plant sale. Any plants you can contribute or donate along with time to help pot, please do. I will be getting into my garden and getting some plants together to donate as well.

***APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!
HAPPY GARDENING EVERYONE!***



CIRCLE NEWS

CHERKEE ROSE— Cherokee Rose went on a Dolphin Cruise in lieu of a meeting in March. The weather was perfect and we did see some dolphins. We cruised along the inside sandy shores, looking at all the very, very nice homes. The second part was the coastal side of St. Augustine downtown and marinas, plus the Fort. We got a lot of history of the area. It was a very good day. [Marian Swain](#)

DOGWOOD - Dogwood's March meeting was well-attended by its members as well as several visitors. Our program knocked it out of the park! Brandi & Jen Burnham (Magnolia circle members) and owners of a local business that has become a favorite of many plant enthusiasts brought to us a program that was described as Ornamental Gingers but it covered nearly every aspect of gardening and plants! We have already asked for an encore from them. Our next meeting will be April 19th and our program is being presented by Master Gardener, Beth Marlow, who manages the UF/IFAS Duval County Urban

Gardening Program at the Superior Street Demonstration Garden in Jacksonville. This is a program not to be missed – and, unfortunately it will be our last program for our current year. Also, we will again have our buffet/luncheon. Reminder: It is time to collect dues for the coming year. You will receive a copy of the Membership Form via E-mail and they will be available at our meeting [Laura Miller/Suzanne Harper](#)

MAGNOLIA

Magnolia's March meeting was Eat your Landscape or Garden to Table...our speaker was Master Gardener... Nancy Traver...one of Nancy's tips is how important plant placement is to growing a productive garden...at Magnolia's April meeting we will be deciding what topics and/or field trips we want to take next year...it is our Dump Salad Planning Meeting...salad greens will be provided...just bring a salad topping and your creative ideas for next year's meeting. It is also the time to be potting plants for MGC's April 29th and 30th Plant Sale...Linda Carvalho (Fund Raiser Chair) has suggested that she will need some flowering annuals for color...enjoy this nice weather. [Stacia Snuggs](#)

LIVE OAK Circle Meeting—April 28



Sympathy cards were sent to:

Sue Fisher
Rick Ruble for his wife Vicky

Get well were sent to:

- ◆ Marian Swain
- ◆ Joe Varner
- Eunice Priester
- Aloma Noble

[Judy Strassenberg, Corresponding Secretary](#)

MASTER GARDENER LIAISON:

During March the garden teams worked on the gardens by completing winter cutbacks, spring weeding, preparation for mulching, relocating of a Myer Lemon tree, pressure washing of the butterfly bed edging and the planting of a found wheel barrow by a member. All this spring work showed well at the Orchid Show that took place in March and many of the visitors at this event were seen visiting the gardens. The gardens will be in grand bloom for the upcoming plant sale of the Mandarin Garden Club on April 29th and 30th.

Thanks to the work of all of the Master Gardeners and club members who give their gardening time each week. The gardens are an excellent way for our plant sale shoppers to see what the plants look like in the gardens. The Mandarin Demo Garden and Weeding Wednesday workday list of garden needs and responsibilities continues. Join us any Wednesday from 8am-noon and any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Happy Gardening.

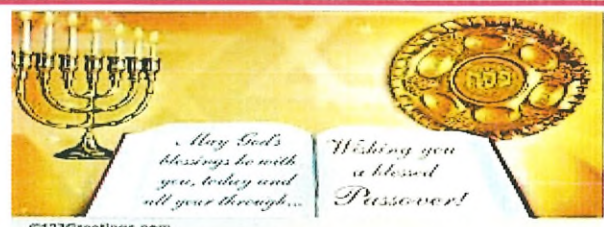
Mary Forester, Master Gardener Liaison

COLLECTION STATION:



Please continue your donations to benefit your garden club needs and to support your community. All collection donation items can be brought to any meetings. Thank you.

- Cell Phone - since 2009 - Old cell phones are donated the Duval County 4-H program.
- Glasses - since 2009 - Old eyeglasses and cases are donated to the Lions Club.
- Ink cartridge recycling - since 2009 - Used ink cartridges recycled at Staples for club supplies.
- Mandarin Food Bank - since 2008 - Non-perishable items and hygiene products are collected.
- Pop Tops - since 2011 - The pop tops from any can items are donated to the Ronald McDonald House.
- Retired Flags - since 2015 - Retired flags are presented to the Mandarin Community Club annual flag ceremony for proper disposal.



FUNDRAISING

Linda Carvalho, Fundraiser Chair



Fundraising

In case you missed the results of the Clothing, Jewelry & Pop up Plant Sale on March 4th & 5th, we made over \$7,000. Congratulations everyone. Thank you for volunteering, donating clothes, jewelry, plants, and getting the word out to friends and neighbors for the sale. Good job.

Welcome April, we have been waiting for you and our last fundraiser for the year. The Annual Plant Sale is April 29th & 30th from 9 am to 2 pm. It's only four weeks away. This year the plant sale is a two day event so we need more plants. A survey at the last pop up plant sale indicates shoppers are looking for gardenias, hydrangeas, begonias, succulents, indoor plants, palms, ivy and herbs. Please make sure your donated plants are fully rooted and properly labeled.

Diana Openbrier, CR Circle, makes homemade jellies for the sale and needs small mason jars if you have any to spare. Other items needed are decorative pots, yard art, outdoor plant stands and gently used garden tools. Drop these items off at the old nursery or contact me if you have any questions or need help.

The Bonsai Club, Herb & Rose Societies will show and sell their plants. Crafty Ladies will have a Booth with unique handcrafted gift ideas. The Masons' will have BBQ and we will have Café with homemade baked goods. Members are encouraged to donate homemade goodies for the sale. Please double your recipe for the two day event. A guideline for Café donations is included in this Newsletter. Thanks again for all that you do for the club. ***We achieve when we work together.***

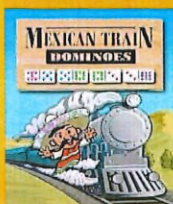


CAFÉ GUIDELINES

Drop off homemade items by Noon, Thursday, April 28th, 2022

Homemade Items Include: Cookies of all kinds, (3 or 4 to a bag depending on size), Muffins, Sconces, Brownies, Fruit Bars, Pound Cake, Fudge, Homemade Trail Mix. Nothing with frosting, please.

Label and wrap all items in baggies. Do not price items. Mark all items containing Nuts. No store bought items, please.



GAME DAY

The next Mandarin Garden Club GAME DAY is Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 12:30pm. It's early this month because of the plant sale.

If you do not know how to play, we are happy to help you learn, with no pressure. We are a friendly, easy going, fun-loving bunch.

It takes about 3 - 3 1/2 hours to play. However, because we play with quarters, you can come in late, and you can leave earlier when you need to. Players start playing about 12:30. Usually 5-6 players to a table.

Bring your quarters to play. It will only cost you \$3.25 for all the games, that is if you don't win a round or two. We play 13 rounds at 25 cents a game. Win a round and you could take in \$1.25 & put your quarter back in for the next game.

Mingle and play with different players than your usual friends. Move around, socialize and play with and get to know other members. Welcome new members and make them feel at home. Come and meet new members from other circles. It's great social therapy, a way to keep your mind sharp, network with Club members, develop new friendships, or just a monthly outing to look forward to. Wear your mask and social distance as you see fit. We are ready to share in all the good food that you bring. Fix a dish to share, and be sure to bring your drink. Come Join us!!! **Suzanne Harper & Pat Sams**



Sam Folds, a long time friend and MGC supporter, is requesting some assistance in the beautification of the grounds of the historic Mandarin Cemetery. His wife, Marjorie, was a member of our Garden Club and served as President from 1985-1986 and 1986-1987. He is asking for volunteers to help part time.

Andrea Trzcinski is a member of Magnolia. Her husband, David, is coordinating volunteering at the cemetery. They need volunteers to help with raking and bagging of leaves.

If interested, they can contact David to coordinate, etc. He can meet them at the cemetery and provide the bags and rakes.

His contact information is: David Trzcinski [REDACTED]

APRIL RECIPE

St Paul's Rice
Submitted by Betty Waldrep

1 lb. hot bulk sausage (browned and drained)
Chop and sauté in 1/2 stick butter the next three items
3 blades celery
1 med. Onion
1 med. Bell pepper
1 pk. Lipton Chicken noodle soup (cook according the directions on the box)
1/2 C. Raw rice
Combine rice and soup mix and boil for another 7 minutes. Place all ingredients in 9 X 13 dish and bake 1 hour at 350. (Judy Strassenberg brought this recipe to Dogwood's meeting yesterday. It's a very good dish.)



Crafty Ladies have been busy working on items for the April 29th & 30th Plant Sale decorating containers using decoupage, making Macrame Hangers and Crayon Art, etc. We also worked on making up seed packages to give out to the customers. Future projects include decorating pot, bags for Meals-on-Wheel for Easter and other projects. We will need some Succulents, Air Plants, etc. to put in the cans and other containers

The next Dump Salad and Auction will be on April 7th, so start gathering extra treasurers that you are ready to have someone else enjoy them.

If you have any clay pots (4 to 6 inches if possible), we will need them for our next painting project, which will be on April 14th.

Continue to save corks and still looking for 5"x5" squares for making quilts. They can be knitted or crocheted or made on the loom. They can be any pattern or colors. This is a way to use up small amounts of yarn or if you need yarn, we have some at the club. If you are able to make any, please donate to Crafty Ladies. If you want to find out how to do them on the loom, we will be happy to show you.

The Mandarin Food bank always appreciates everything that we donate to them. Bring any non-perishable items for the food bank (Bars of Soap, canned soups, toilet paper, personal items, 12 count egg cartons & plastic bags), knitted hats, ink cartridges, glasses, cell phones and can tops. We turn in the empty ink cartridges to get supplies.

Take care, *Joyce, Annette, & Wanda*



This is just to give a "Shout out," and "Thanks!" to our wonderful CRAFTY LADIES group. They meet every week to support our Club and bring joy to the community through their fund raising and creative talent. Here are some examples.

CRAYON ART





Horticulture



REPORT BY JOY BREITUNG

GROWING FLOWERS 101:

When you start planning your garden, here are some things to consider:

- ♦ **Annuals or Perennials:** Annuals bloom for one season and are replaced the following season. Perennials come back year after year ...growing, spreading and creating a mature landscape.
- ♦ **Sun or Shade:** You can find plants that survive in both, but make sure one tall sun-loving plant won't grow to shade out a shorter one.
- ♦ **Size:** Large plants form a frame or backdrop for progressively shorter ones, ending with low borders that rise a few inches above the lawn.
- ♦ **Color:** How will the colors complement each other when they blossom?
- ♦ **Season:** Plan so that your garden will always be in bloom.
- ♦ **Foliage (textures and forms):** Understand how various forms of foliage and blossoms can be mixed together for drama.
- ♦ **Mass:** Don't be skimpy. Mass plantings not only add drama, they crowd out weeds.



(For a detailed report, see the attachment to this email—**HORTICULTURE REPORT.**)



A thank you to those members who recommended a yard for consideration. Unfortunately the two strongest candidates asked to be considered again at some point in the future as neither felt their yard was deserving of the honor of Yard of the Month at this time.

Elaine Milligan—Education and Community



2022



**APRIL'S
FLOWERS**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 	2
3	4	5	6 WEEDING WEDNESAY (8 AM—12 PM) FYI (6 PM)	7 BOARD MEETING 10 AM CRAFTY LADIES (12:30 PM)	8	9
10 	11	12 GAME DAY 12:30	13 WEEDING WEDNESAY (8 AM—12 PM) FYI (6 PM)	14 MAGNOLIA 10:00 AM CRAFTY LADIES (12:30 PM)	15  	16
17 	18	19 DOGWOOD 10:00	20 WEEDING WEDNESAY (8 AM—12 PM) FYI (6 PM)	21 CHEROKEE ROSE 10:00 CRAFTY LADIES (12:30 PM)	22 	23 
24	25	26	27 WEEDING WEDNESAY (8 AM—12 PM) FYI (6 PM)	28 LIVE OAK 7:00 PM CRAFTY LADIES (12:30 PM)	29 9:AM – 2:00PM 	30 SPRING PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

PLEASE NOTE