

Buds and Banter



GTGC

Upcoming Meetings/Programs

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Flowers, Flowers and more Flowers

Spring will be filled with flowers, fun and education. We are all in ...GTGC's March member's meeting will be held in conjunction with the District One Flower Show "Southern Charm". We will car pool for a day trip to Navarre to experience the show and creations submitted by GTGC members and other garden clubs. So mark your calendars, enter your floral designs and have fun! [See page 3](#)

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

A walking tour of Topsail State Park with Bill Kuenstler. A great outdoor event.

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

GTGC has the honor to host the FFGC District 1 Meeting right in our own back yard. The spring meeting will be held at the Resurrection Church on Miramar Beach. Please attend for the opportunity to learn more about FFGC and District 1 and the support we experience with our affiliation for the Florida Federal of Garden Clubs and the National Garden Clubs.

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A Message from Lisa Ermini, President

Connecting and participating!

Happy Spring! And, oh so happy Daylight Saving time on March 13, 2022 will soon be here.

Our next meeting and luncheon is scheduled for:

Wednesday, March 23, 2022
St. Sylvester's Catholic Church
6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway (near Navarre)
Gulf Breeze, FL.
10:00a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Enjoy the FFGC District 1 "Southern Charm" flower show and learn more about flowers and what it entails to judge a flower show. Many of our members are participating in the event. We would love to have a great club turnout and so plan to come to the meeting to see their works of art 🍷. Mark your calendars and plan to carpool!

I am also pleased to announce that our newsletter Buds and Banter will be evolving to a more concise version. This change will reduce time, redundancy while delivering your garden club news to you quickly. Buds and Banter Newsletter will contain links directing you to state and national garden club information found on the GTGC website or on their respective club website. Green Thumb Garden Club information including meetings and chairperson updates will continue to be distributed via B&B. This change insures garden club information is readily available on-line on any of your devices whether it be a cell phone, desktop computer or iPad. Go to our website for all members contact information.

Please log into the GTGC website. Once you do you will experience the ease of use and quick reference to all your garden club information.

It's just a click away!

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Southern Charm
AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

It's a Road Trip!

The **GTGC March monthly meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 23**. Our meeting will be in conjunction with the **District I Flower Show, "Southern Charm"**. Our meeting and ladies luncheon will be at:

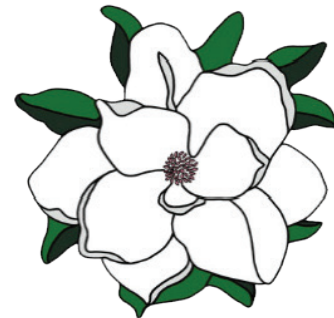
St. Sylvester Catholic Church
6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway (near Navarre)
Gulf Breeze, FL
Fee \$25 per member/guest
10:00am - 12:30pm

Our program speaker is none other than Jenny Weber who will tell us about the show and set the stage for an exciting personal tour of the "Southern Charm" Flower Show.

Jenny is extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic as you can see from her credentials:

Jenny is the Director of the District I Judges Council (a separate organization from District I)
Assistant Director of FFGC District I
A National Flower Show Judge
Past President of Milton Garden Club
Host of our June 2021 President's Training
Co-Host of this Flower Show

FLORIDA FEDERATION
of GARDEN CLUBS, INC., DISTRICT I
and
FLORIDA FLOWER SHOW JUDGES, DISTRICT I
Present



Southern Charm
AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

TUESDAY · MARCH 22, 2022
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY · MARCH 23, 2022
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saint Sylvester Catholic Church
6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway
Gulf Breeze, FL · 850.939.3020

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



Scan for Southern Charm
Flower Show Schedule

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Attention All GTGC members:

It's time to RENEW your 2022-2023 club membership. Follow the steps below to guide you through the process. Remember using the GTGC website provides a wealth of club knowledge, access to member's contact information and provides a quick and easy way to pay your annual membership dues and contribute to your favorite charities.

Step A

1. Enter the Green Thumb Garden Club website into your browser: www.greenthumbgardenclubinc.org
2. In the upper right hand green bar, choose MEMBER LOGIN
3. You will be prompted to enter your email.

For the initial password (DO NOT check Request a Password), type in **gtgc1234** (the letters are all lower case)

You will be prompted to choose your unique password.
PLEASE write it down.

4. Once you choose your unique password, you will be taken to your membership information which you can update at any time and you can now access **all on-line, member-only information as well as renew your GTGC membership via the website.**

STEP B

1. Go to www.greenthumbgardenclubinc.org.

Note: In order to renew your membership on-line, you must have already logged in and chose your unique password.

2. Click on **Join Us**
3. You will be taken to *Renew Membership* and prompted to enter your email and your password.
4. At the bottom of the renewal page:
IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION, YOU MUST CLICK ON SAVE & CONTINUE.
IF NO CHANGES, CLICK *Renew, Upgrade or Update Billing.*
5. On the next screen, click on your membership choice (individual or family) and enter your credit card information. If you wish to make an additional donation, please choose the amount.
YOU MUST CLICK ON SAVE & CONTINUE. When the transaction is complete you will receive a Thank You response.

Any questions or need for assistance, please call Kathy Edge at 209-605-4146.

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February Member's Meeting in Review

On February 16, 2022, fifty-one GTGC members gathered together for our monthly meeting and luncheon at the Venue located at Surfside Resort.

We had a packed agenda with updates from our committee chairs updating everyone on the activities underway at the John Horton Senior Center, the GTGC Scholarship progress, Jr. Gardeners at Butler School, communications and website usage, Flower Show status and displays, American Pride Landscape status and plan, and Nomination Committee update.



Our own GTGC member and floral designer, **Ellen Tabor** really pulled all the plugs out and instructed the group on the principles of container design. She shared with us her tips and tricks to keeping the florals fresh, shiny and happy.



TIPS:

- Use Flex Seal to prevent any unexpected leaks in your container.
- U Leaf Shine makes your the greenery glisten.

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Chairperson Update Corner

A message from Jane Hinte, Chairperson

A cleanup day was held on Saturday, February 26 at the John Horton Senior Center. Everything our club planted last year really took off and was in need of a good trimming. We also blew plenty of leaves, raked, weeded and prepared the vegetable/herb beds for planting. Joining me in this effort was Cindy Breedlove, Bonnie Fox, Cyndi Hyatt, Debbie Michel and Betty White. Shari Roberts, on site manager of the center, also helped us out. In March, a planting day and final spruce up of the grounds will be scheduled in time for the center's reopening in April.

Special thanks to all the ladies who came out to work! It always feels good helping to improve our community especially for those less fortunate.

Butler School Jr Gardeners' Club Agenda Friday, March 11, 2022

AGENDA FOR THE JUNIOR GARDENER CLUB MEETING FOR MARCH 11TH

1. ROLL CALL BY THE ELEMENTARY TEACHER,
 2. PASS OUT EACH CHILD'S FOLDER, AND GLOVES,
- FIRST FIFTEEN MINUTES-DISCUSSION OF VEGETABLE PLANTING
1. INQUIRE ABOUT HOW THEIR TERRARIUMS ARE DOING AND IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
 2. PASS OUT INFORMATION ON VEGETABLE PLANTING AND TALK ABOUT WHEN TO PLANT.
 3. DIVIDE THE GROUP INTO TWO GROUPS; ONE FOR VEGETABLES AND ONE FOR HERBS.
- SECOND FIFTEEN MINUTES-PLANTING OF VEGETABLES AND HERBS
1. REMOVE COVERS OFF THE TWO BEDS THAT WILL BE USED TO PLANT VEGETABLES AND HERBS.
 2. PERFORM SOME MAINTENANCE TO REMOVE WEEDS THAT HAVE GROWN SINCE THE FEBRUARY MEETING.
 3. PLANT THE VEGETABLES AND HERBS.
 4. PASS OUT PLANT MARKERS TO IDENTIFY THEIR VEGETABLE/HERB
- LAST HALF AN HOUR -MATCHING VEGETABLE PICTURES TO PLANTING INFORMATION
1. EXPLAIN THAT THEY ARE GOING TO TRY AND MATCH PICTURES OF VEGETABLES TO THEIR PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS.
 2. ONCE MATCHED THEY WILL GLUE THE PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BACK OF THE VEGETABLE PICTURE
 3. EXPLAIN THAT THIS WILL HELP THEM AS A REFERENCE WHEN THEY PLANT VEGETABLES IN THEIR OWN YARD.
 4. PUT ALL THEIR EFFORTS INTO THEIR FOLDERS AND COLLECT THE GLOVES AND FOLDERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

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Call for Entries and Volunteers

**Where: St. Sylvester's Catholic Church (Highway 98 near Navarre)
6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, Florida**

Set up: 7am - til done - March 21, 2022

Entries: Monday - 2-6pm - March 21, 2022

Show: Tuesday - 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. - March 22, 2022

Wednesday - 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. - March 23, 2022

Tear Down: 4pm- til done -March 23, 2022

From: Publicity Chair Jill Cleaver, jill.cleaver@earthlink.net , 850-375-6618

The *Southern Charm*, Flower Show is fast approaching. A tremendous effort by a dedicated team of garden clubbers is working hard. I am summarizing in this shout out the openings for entries that require registration and where we need volunteers. **Please call the contact and tell us how you can support this effort.** We need horticulture, design, botanical arts, and education entries. We are requesting **volunteers to set up tear down, classification, clerks, tabulation, placement, greeters, membership table, tea room, baking, food donations, etc.** This is a great public outreach for ALL CLUBS. Please read thoroughly and determine where you can assist...and forward to your members!

This is a summary to all garden club members and other interested parties:

Horticulture Entries

Deanna Gordon, dkwgordon@gmail.com, 850-293-1540

Horticulture Classes Requiring Pre-registration: Deadline is **March 1**

Section J, Combination plantings

- Class 1. Dish gardens--4 openings
- Class 2. Hanging baskets--4 openings
- Class 3. Planters--4 openings
- Class 4. Terrariums--4 openings

Section K, Collections

- Class 1. Cacti--6 openings
- Class 2. Camellias--6 openings
- Class 3. Orchids--6 openings
- Class 4. Succulents--6 openings

Section I, Displays (Club Competition)

- Class 1. Succulents--5 openings

Note: You can purchase/borrow these plants from a garden center!

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Continued ...

Design Entries

Preregister with Linda Henderson by **March 1**, henderson9364@outlook.com , (850) 910-2432.

Design Division:

Section B. "Southern Sights"

Class 1. "Falling Waters State Park" – A Cascade Design = **1 opening**

Class 2. "St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum" – A Creative Design = **3 openings**

Class 3. "Vulcan Park and Museum" – A Design = **2 openings**

Section C. "Southern Lagniappe" – **Novice Class (Never entered or never won a blue ribbon)**

Class 1. "Go the Extra Mile" – American Traditional Line Design = **3 openings**

Class 2. "Hugs and Kisses" – American Traditional Mass Design = **1 opening**

Class 3. "A Warm Welcome" – American Traditional Line Design = **2 openings** (Crescent Pattern)

Education Entry

Charlotte Croft, charecroft1@gmail.com , [336-416-4871](tel:336-416-4871)

Individual or club can enter - The remaining entry available is: Entry 1. "Southern Charm in the Spring". **A display to feature plants that bloom at the time of the flower show in planting zones, 8-9.**

Botanical Arts

Carole Martin, jhmcwm@cox.net , [\(850\) 803-1184](tel:850-803-1184)

Section B.

Class 1. "Natural Charm" A Plaque - 2 openings

Class 2. "Greeting with Charm" A Wreath - 1 opening

Class 3. "Charmed Imagination" An Exploration Freedom of Style Design - 2 openings

Section C.

Class 2. "Flirtatious Charm" A hat (stand provided) - 1 opening

Clerking Volunteers

Nancy Huhn, NancyHuhn@bellsouth.net, [850-221-0714](tel:850-221-0714)

I will need approximately fifteen (15) clerks and have already had a few people express an interest in helping. The clerks will need to be at the show around 9:45 am the day of the show. I will have a meeting to review their duties and will assign them to a panel of judges. Then they will be served brunch before the judging procedure begins. Please send me their name, telephone number, and email address by **March 1**. I'll contact each of the clerks prior to the show as a reminder and share any other details they will need to know. Thanks so much for your help in this!

More Volunteers

Contact Betty White, BETTYW74@YAHOO.COM, [850-496-0962](tel:850-496-0962)

Want to help out even for an hour Betty will find a task for you! She is the master tasker and volunteer coordinator. Sampling of assigned work - room staging set up, filling bottles, placing specimens, tabulation , greeters, manning membership table, runners, assist with award package entry, and I'm sure more.

Thank you for support!

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Pensacola's Original Tour of Tables presented by



Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs



"Southern Celebrations" Tour of Tables is almost here!

Tuesday, March 15th from 5 to 7 pm at the Garden Center
1850 N 9th Avenue

The general public is invited to enjoy imaginative and stunning tablescapes designed by talented garden club members to fit a variety of themes and occasions during the Wine and Appetizer Preview Night. Attendees can purchase a glass of wine to sip while nibbling complimentary appetizers and browse the tables in a relaxed atmosphere as well as vote for the People's Choice winner, purchase plants, and raffle basket tickets.

Admission is \$10 at the door; wine is \$5.

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National Garden Clubs, Inc. PLANT AMERICA MONTH Proclamation

Whereas, April 22, 2022 is the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day, which recognizes and celebrates the birth of the global environmental education and stewardship movement grown out of an awareness of our impacts on the local and worldwide communities;

Whereas, April 26, 2022, is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, renowned conservationist and landscape architect credited with having created public parks providing city dwellers "a sense of enlarged freedom," being restorative in nature and connecting communities;

Whereas, In April, the last Friday of the month, April 29, 2022, is the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, which recognizes and celebrates the critical role of trees in the earth's environment and in creating healthier, safer and more connected communities;

Whereas, The world has endured for the last two years, a pandemic where so many members of our communities have sought refuge and taken solace, hope and sustenance in their gardens;

Whereas, It is the Mission Statement of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to provide education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility and to share these resources within their communities;

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Whereas, The National Garden Clubs, Inc. instituted the Plant America program to provide resources and support for its local member clubs and the gardening projects they have undertaken in partnerships with their communities; and

Whereas, The Board of Directors of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. wishes to acknowledge and celebrate the import and confluence of these events of April 2022, now, therefore, be it Resolved, That National Garden Clubs, Inc. hereby declares April 2022 as PLANT AMERICA MONTH.

Mary Warshauer
NGC President 2021-2023



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Partners and Affiliates!!

Meet Our Partners

Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc. is so grateful for the strong support of our community!
Interested in Partnering with GTGC to promote your business AND benefit our community? [Get the details here.](#)

PREMIER PARTNER LISTINGS

	<p>Denise Greene, Realtor Scenic Sotheby's International Realty 4495 Furling Lane Suite 110 Destin, FL 32541 Cell: 850-502-7927 denise@scenicair.com denise.scenicair.com</p> <p>Denise became a Realtor in 2012 and has extensive knowledge of the Destin, Santa Rosa Beach and 30A real estate markets. As a Realtor, Denise enjoys working with people and getting to know them, while helping them find the home of their dreams.</p> <p>More about Denise.</p> <p>Special Offer I'd be happy to offer a Real Estate Review to each of the members of Green Thumb Garden Club. It would include info on their neighborhood and value of their home. Please contact me to get started.</p>
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Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. presents the the spring issue of the Florida Gardener Magazine is now available on the FFGC website (ffgc.org). There is a link close to the top of the Home page. Enjoy!

Reminder: Club members will not receive a printed or electronic copy.

~~Notice to all Members~~

All future FFGC and NGA garden club information can be found on the GTGC website:
greenthumbgardenclubinc.org

More great information from other local, state and national garden clubs. Sharing knowledge is important, keeping us active, and young in mind and soul.

Visit these websites for more information from national, state and local garden clubs.

www.FFGC.org
<https://gardenclub.org/>

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GTGC News from Our Members and Affiliations

The GTGC Members and Club Affiliations are key contributors to the Club's newsletter -- ***Buds and Banter***

Now you can find ***GTGC's Buds and Banter*** on our GTGC website:

greenthumbgardenclubinc.org

PARTICIPATION Requested!

Articles can be fun or educational and photos and other images and quotes would be a great feature. Articles are due by the 24th of the month for the next issue.

Join other members by submitting an article which supports the Club's mission statement:

The Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc.'s key mission is to stimulate interest in the beautification of Walton County, to further the education of its members and the public in fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, environmental awareness, conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and respect for the environment.

To submit articles or for more information contact:

Lisa Ermini, President

GTGClisaermini@gmail.com

Doris Brady Sunshine Report
January 28, 2022 - February 24, 2022

Wow! How beautiful the February weather has been: just perfect to get us all ready for Spring. We are ready to think about warmer weather and fun garden projects. Spring colors make our hearts sing!

I am pleased to tell you that we had another infusion of beautiful handmade cards by our wonderful sunbeam Brenda Haussman. Brenda's cards are works of art that truly bring sunshine and cheer to whomever receives one. Thank you, Brenda, for your generous, gracious gift.


Our weather may have been almost picture perfect, but the health gremlin has really been throwing us curve balls lately.

A Condolence card was sent to Wendy Davis. Our sympathies are with Wendy and her family.


Thinking of You cards were sent to Ed Nendick, Kathy Edge's husband Dennis Edge, Jane Nendick, Stephanie Phillips, Sue Surgala, and Peggy Reis. We hope that better days are ahead for each of you very soon.

Get Well cards were sent to Barbara Young and Gail Pizar. We sent best wishes for speedy recoveries to you both.

11 digital birthday cards were sent to our February Birthday Ladies. Happy birthday, Ladies! We hope your day was filled with joy.

A special thank you is sent to the sunbeams that let me know who needs a little sunshine or cheer. You are the heart  of our program. Keep on "beaming!"

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Collins 
Sunshine Lady

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