

The Boynton Bloomers

Boynton Beach Garden Club
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PRESIDENTS' REPORT: **Toni Cvetko** and **Lori Wolff**

Hello to all Boynton Beach Garden Club members!

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Our club year continues with many informative and fun activities now that we are slowly and prudently emerging from Covid.

On November 2nd, members of the Community Garden committee worked to build a succulent garden area with donated paver bricks.

Our first Sip and Stroll took place on November 3rd at Wakodahatchee Wetlands. What an amazing sight it was to see hundreds of birds flying in to roost for the night! Those who participated are looking forward to our next "stroll".

Linda Schrader conducted a Decoupage Flowerpot workshop on November 5th. Linda guided us to express our creative abilities to make beautiful flowerpots. Such fun!

Members met at the Blue Star Marker on November 11th for our annual ceremony to honor veterans. As we approach Thanksgiving, we realize that we have much to be grateful for. Let us count our blessings.

Please notify Linda Christianson (Linda_L_Christianson@comcast.net) if you are bringing a guest to meetings. There is no limit to the number of guests each member can bring.

PROGRAMS: **Carol Stender**

Program / Meeting Tuesday, November 16, 1:00

High Point West Clubhouse and Zoom

John Speziale of Petals on the Sand will present "Flower Arranging for the Holidays". John's gorgeous arrangements will be raffled off after his presentation, and for this raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each.

There will be a Horticulture Committee presentation by Jane Gavlick on the subject of Gaillardia, an "almost native". She and the other Horticulture Committee members will also introduce details about the Holiday Party meeting.

PLEASE LOOK FOR THE SIGNUP SHEETS AT THE MEETING FOR FOOD DONATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE JANUARY 11 AUCTION. All members should assist in this FUN FUNdraiser.

We will collect for Penny Pines.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an abbreviated edition of the newsletter.

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16**

Colors for the Holidays



John Speziale from Petals on the Sand LLC demonstrates the building of Thanksgiving and Christmas centerpieces. In addition to his background in floral design, John has a Masters in Interior Design and a Bachelor's in Landscape Architecture/Horticulture. He owned two floral shops in his native state New Jersey before moving to South Florida in 2005.

We are fortunate that John, who has been in the Floral Industry for almost 48 years, will share some of his formidable design skills as we all prepare for the upcoming holidays.

John Speziale presently owns and operates three businesses in southeast Florida:

- 1) Petals on the Sand LLC, his floral business which specializes in Weddings and Event Florals and Planning
- 2) Enhance your Habitat, which focuses on Interior Design, Landscape Design, painting and tiling
- 3) Tis the Season LLC, a residential and commercial Holiday Lighting and Decor business.



Arrangements will be raffled off after the demonstration

**ALSO IMPORTANT: Alerts, Committee & member notes, etc.
CHECK YOUR YEARBOOK
FOR A DETAILED LIST OF PROGRAMS!**

NOTE: RUSTIC RETREAT, 1120 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach: Friday, November 26, 10:00 a.m.: Meet in the parking lot to help distribute donuts and our traditional start-of-the-holiday-season gifts of poinsettias to the residents, mostly male veterans, though there are women now. Early risers will go to Home Depot at 6:00 A.M. to buy the plants, \$1.00 each.

We will also deliver your donations of books, magazines, or puzzles, games, etc. Bring these items to our meeting on the 16th or on the 26th. We may or may not be able to stay to visit with residents, depending on COVID-19 policies.

Rustic Retreat residents and staff appreciate our support. Evelyn Maciag is coordinating this event.

NOTE: HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP: Wednesday, December 8, 1:00 - 3:00 at the High Point Clubhouse.

Make one for our Holiday Luncheon and one to take home!! Create a lovely holiday centerpiece using natural items from a variety of plants in our neighborhood! You will be surprised how simple and beautiful this craft is. This Workshop is FREE to BBGC members.

NOTE: DECEMBER MEETING / HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Tuesday, December 14, 12:30: The Horticulture Committee is planning a special activity! Each member will bring a "Teacup Floral Arrangement" to be admired and given in the spirit of the holidays to another member (Members will receive a number when they arrive, and then as numbers are called the holder of that number will choose a teacup gift.)

Jane Gavlick will distribute a block of WetFoM and instructions at the November meeting. Please find a teacup to use... your own or from a thrift store, for example. (HINT: LOOK FOR BASKETS FOR THE JANUARY ACUTION AT THE SAME TIME!) MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

NOTE: AUCTION FUNDRAISER: REMINDER: All members are asked to save items for our upcoming fundraiser, our auction on January 11th. We need new or gently used items to be auctioned and to fill baskets that will be raffled. (We need the baskets, too. Check out Goodwill or thrift stores, etc.) Everyone's help is needed to make our fundraiser a success.

NOTE: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: The annual ceremony will take place on December 18, 12:00, at the South Florida National Cemetery on SR 7. Parking is difficult, because thousands of people attend. We support this project by donating wreaths; individuals may also donate, and specify a name in honor of, not necessarily someone buried at this location. <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

NOTE: The Horticulture Committee will sponsor a PLANT SALE at the February 22nd meeting. Members are asked to donate plants, and please identify them, give care instructions, etc. START PLANNING NOW.... PROPAGATE, POT, YOUR FAVORITES TO SHARE (SELL) TO OTHERS.

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Potluck Luncheon, Auction, etc.
Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 12:00 Noon

We hope you continue saving new and gently used items for the auction and baskets. Not only do we need baskets to make up for the sale, but we need them for selling tickets, 4 of them. We can return those to you after the event if you are using them yourself.

We will be sending around the sign-up sheets again this month and again in December. We need all our members to participate, especially providing dishes for the luncheon and the jobs needed on the sign-up sheet. If you can't make it to a meeting, email Mary with what dish you will bring and also what you can help with. Please remember you all need to sign up with Kathy, even if you've signed up on the two sheets, we need a more exact head count. Also, remember you can invite friends; Kathy needs that information, too.

A reminder, we will be meeting on the 10th at 11:30 to set up and need you to bring your saved items, and, if you can, supply us with grasses, clear wrapping paper, etc. for making up the baskets. More information as we get closer. Mary & Pat

ART IN BLOOM

>----- W A N T E D ----->

15 Volunteers

What for: To interpret children's artwork into floral designs.

Art in Bloom is a fun flower show where our members use fresh flowers and textures to interpret colorful art of the students. The children's artwork will be distributed at the January General Meeting. Designers will have over a month for their creative ideas to come to fruition. This is your opportunity to show off your floral design creativity.

Date of event: March 4 & 5, 2022

Location: Schoolhouse Children's Museum, Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach



**BOYNTON BEACH GARDEN CLUB
IS PLANNING A BUS TRIP TO
MCKEE AND HEATHCOTE BOTANICAL GARDENS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

The McKee Botanical Garden is a non-profit, subtropical garden in Vero Beach. It was founded in 1929, when Waldo Sexton and Arthur McKee purchased an 80-acre tropical hammock along the Indian River. With a renewed focus on native horticulture, the Garden remains true to its jungle heritage, featuring 10,000 native and tropical plants as well as one of the area's largest collections of water lilies.

The Garden has garnered a national reputation for excellence and is known for its award-winning exhibitions, including the current Stickwork exhibit. Internationally acclaimed artist, Patrick Dougherty, returned to McKee for his second Stickwork installation. Patrick, his son Sam, and a group of dedicated McKee volunteers worked tirelessly for three weeks climbing on scaffolding, weaving, bending, trimming and shaping willow saplings into a one-of-a-kind sculpture made exclusively for McKee. Dougherty's nature-based sculptures are intended to interact with their surroundings, adding elements of whimsy and visual energy to familiar settings. No tree saplings are killed outright in creating one of his sculptures.



Heathcote Botanical Gardens is a five-acre subtropical botanical garden located in Fort Pierce. Heathcote is a non-profit, 501 (c)3 educational foundation that bills itself as the "Green Heart of the Treasure Coast."

Heathcote consists of an assortment of specialty gardens including a Japanese, Reflection, Herb, Rainforest, Native Plants and a Palm & Cycad Walk. Gracing the areas in between these specialty gardens are borders of flowering shrubs, bulbs,

trees, vines and other assorted herbaceous plants. The James Smith Bonsai Gallery features 100 bonsai trees on permanent display.

Please join us on this trip. Bring your spouse and friends, too. We will meet in the center of the parking lot where Barnes & Noble is located at Congress, between Old Boynton Beach and Boynton Beach Blvd. The bus will leave promptly at 8:00 a.m. and we will return around 5:00 p.m. The cost of this trip is \$75.00. This covers the entire day's expenses – the bus, admissions to both gardens, lunch, tips, etc. To sign up for this trip, please call or email Mary Scheitler at 561-491-8033 or mfs33436@gmail.com. Payment is due no later than January 20th.

Lunch will be at McKee, a box lunch. Choose from either Sandwiches & Wraps: Roast Turkey Club on Ciabatta, Chicken Salad or White Albacore Tuna Salad on Seed Bread, Veggie Wrap in a Spinach Wrap or Egg Salad in a Spinach Wrap. Or Salads: Chicken Caesar Salad with Caesar Dressing or Chef Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing. Also, choose your beverage: Unsweetened Iced Tea, Perrier, bottled Water or Coke, Sprite or diet Coke. Dessert: choose from a Raspberry Jam Bar, Sugar Cookies, Chocolate Chip Cookies or Brownie. **Give Mary your choices when you sign-up.**

January 19 - 20, 2022

65th Annual Tropical Short Course & Tri-Refresher
(Flyer)

(Interactive Registration Form) *(Hotel Directions)*

(Schedule of Speakers)

(NGC Guidelines for Refreshing Consultant)

"Gardening For Life"

Greenacres Community Center
501 Swain Boulevard

Greenacres, FL 33463

Sponsored by FFGC District X

Chairperson: Michelle Maguire, email: mouthmom@yahoo.com

Registrar: Donna Berger, 772-214-8629, email: bergerdx2015@gmail.com

2-day Cost: \$70 for TSC

Late Registration - Postmarked after Jan. 10, 2022 (\$10 Fee)

FFGC 95th Annual Convention

Embassy Suites by Hilton
4955 Kyngs Heath Road

Kissimmee, FL 34746

Co-Chairmen: Mary Whisler, 352-212-6661, email: mary.whisler66@gmail.com

Carol Wood, 813-235-3917, email: carolwood@outlook.com

Registrar: Skip Lamoureux, 772-916-7547, email: ffgc2022conv@gmail.com

Register for convention on-line: <https://bit.ly/3iG5Ztb>

Book Hotel: 407-597-4000 Group Code: **FFG**, \$148 double occupancy

REGISTRATION: Please book on-line @<https://bit.ly/3iG5Ztb>

QUESTIONS: 727-916-7547 or ffgc2022conv@gmail.com

If you don't use a credit card on-line, MAIL CHECK payable to FFGC 2022 CONVENTION to the following: Skip Lamoureux, Registrar, 9439 Preston Rd., Brooksville, FL 34601, DEADLINE Monday, MARCH 21, 2022, NO refunds after April 5th. Registration Fee is non-refundable.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Dietary restrictions are available for extreme cases. NO shellfish/fish will be served. Health issues MUST accompany registration. You must be registered to attend ANY programs, meals, workshops, no walk-ins. Every effort will be made to comply with your needs.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Embassy Suites-Lake Buena Vista, 4955 Kyngs Heath Rd. Kissimmee, FL 34746, deadline March 21, 2022

Reservations MUST be made directly with the Hotel by calling 407-597-4000 OR ONLINE. The group code is FFG. Room rates start at \$148.00 Double Occupancy. The booking website is <https://book.passkey.com/e/50193549>

February 21, 2022 (Mon. - 4 – 7 pm)

**"Sounds of Spring" Outdoor Concert (Flyer)
Featured Performer - Mace Graham
(Gourmet Hors d'oeuvres, Wine, Silent Auction, 50/50
Raffle)**

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

**Parish Hall & Courtyard
211 Trinity Place**

West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (Downtown off of Flagler Drive)

Hosted by Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches

For more info, contact: Pat Welch, 561-271-0709

Cost: \$35, Reservations needed by 2/7/2022

SEE INTERACTIVE INFORMATION AT DistricX.org.

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PROGRAMS!**

NOTE: TREASURER: Bonnie Paton reports that the balance as of 11/4/2021 was \$ 3,715.51.

NOTE: YOUTH GARDEN: Nancy Lemcke reports that she met with the morning gardening group at Freedom Shores Elementary School, and was able to bring caterpillars in various stages of development. The students, sponsor, and Nancy had a wonderful time outdoors learning about plants and butterflies.

NOTE: MEMORIAL GARDEN: Christine Johnson reports that garden is looking beautiful, and the flowers in the garden can be seen from the street.

NOTE: The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the Club, the immediate past president, and the chairmen of the standing committees. The Board of Directors shall have general control of the affairs of the Club. These members should attend board meetings.

NOTE: FFGC 95th Annual Convention: To ALL FFGC Members - On-Line Registration is now open for the 95th Annual Convention - April 12-14, 2022. See page 6 for details.

NOTE: At October's BBGC General Meeting, Ryan Leavengood gave a wonderful presentation, "Plant This, Not That", which was the first of a several "Go Wild, Go Native" Programs. The presentation was filled with suggestions, ideas and best practices for including native plantings in our gardens. Since the presentation contained so much information on alternatives for exotic plants and much more, Ryan gave his permission to share the presentation. If you want to change plantings in your garden and are considering native versus exotic or if you just want to read a really good presentation, please click on the link below:

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AlhsJIbBBC5jgxGyXF9TSe32oLEz>

MEMBER MEMOS:

Members please note: Sunshine Committee Chairperson Florence Adamsky sends cards, and member notices appear in the newsletter ONLY if we know about them. If you know about something that should be shared with fellow members, PLEASE LET US KNOW.



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: : **Carol Stender** 11/6, **Suzette Gebhardt** 11/10

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: **Kay Baker** 12/4, **Pat Waldron** 12/17, **Lori Wolff** 12/21, **Tina Chuhay** 12/29

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SADLY MANY OF OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES ARE NOT WELL. SOME OF THEM HAVE SHARED DETAILS, BUT OTHERS NOT. TO ALL OF THEM, WE SINCERELY WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

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MOVING AWAY: Long time member Kay Baker is moving to New York. She has been a loyal supporter of the BBGC. Kay has served as president, won awards for our club as chair of the Awards Committee, acted as liaison with the city of Boynton Beach, and helped in innumerable other ways. Best wishes, Kay, for health and happiness.

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Mary Scheitler has informed us of the passing of our dear member Carolyn Schoch. Carolyn was always willing to help with club projects. She served as Chaplain.

Mary says, "It's with sadness that I let you know that Carolyn Schoch passed away Friday. Her daughter Kelli left me a message yesterday and I called Morgan, her husband, this morning. Carolyn was a friend to everyone she met, so kind and caring, we will all miss her. She will be buried in Tennessee ... with a small service."

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If you would like to send a card to Mo and Kelli, his address is:

Morgan Schoch
270 Sunny Brook Terrace
Newnan, GA 30265

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11	E	
12	M	Linda Schrader

CALENDAR:

Please check your yearbook for more events! Your yearbook has information too! Descriptions of activities have been excerpted from the sources, and more information is available throughout the year.

NOTE: BBGC meetings are held in the High Point West clubhouse and virtually via ZOOM until further notice.

The Boynton Beach Garden Club is a supporting member of Mounts Botanical Garden. Because we contribute each year to the Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden, we are given two Garden Steward cards to allow for free admission. Mounts is open from Tuesday through Sunday from 9AM through 2:30 PM (closed Monday). Groups are limited to 5 people; facemasks are required in indoor locations. Call Joan Grace if you would like to use these cards for your next trip to this beautiful "oasis in the middle of Palm Beach County." The nursery is open Thursday and Saturday, 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. During the pandemic call ahead (561) 233-1757.

NOVEMBER

11/16	1:00	Meeting / Program
11/26	TBA	Visit with the residents of Rustic Retreat

DECEMBER

12/1	4:00	"Sip and Stroll" at the Boynton Beach Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Boulevard
12/7	9:30	Board Meeting
12/8	1:00	Holiday Centerpiece Workshop at the High Point Clubhouse
12/14	12:30	Holiday Luncheon and Teacup Floral / Garden exchange

MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BUSY:

On Tuesday, October 19, members attended the District X meeting at Trails Country Club, Pt. St. Lucie.



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OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR / MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HORTICULTURE: Gaillardia: Jane Gavlick

After the presentation by Ryan Leavengood about “Plant This, Not That” I decided to look up Gaillardia, the Blanket Flower, which is an “almost” native. The divide between native and introduced is whether the plant was here when the first Europeans touched North American shores.

I know the best planting time would be spring, because it blooms May through September, so keep it in mind for next year.

Gaillardia

Also known as blanket flower, *Gaillardia pulchella* is a sturdy perennial with bright flowers that bloom throughout the summer and into the fall.

A recent discovery suggests that *Gaillardia pulchella* is not actually native to Florida ([Weakley 2020*](#)), as previously thought. It's native to the southwestern United States, and was likely introduced to the eastern states sometime in the last few centuries.

Still, blanket flower is an excellent nectar and pollen resource. It also remains on our list of Florida-Friendly plants. But for gardeners who prefer native wildflowers, consider lanceleaf blanketflower (*Gaillardia aestivalis*). This wildflower has much of the charm of *G. pulchella* and is native to North and Central Florida.

The flowers are single, semi-double, double, and even tubular, and grow on long stems above the long, soft, hairy leaves. Difference in colors and variations in petal shapes are a result of natural hybridization. They are usually reddish purple or orange-red with yellow tips, but can also be solid yellow, orange, or red, and make excellent, long-lasting cut flowers that attract butterflies. Gaillardia re-seeds itself, so don't be surprised if you see it year after year.

Use gaillardia in the landscape as a groundcover, or plant it in containers. It can also be used as an accent or in mass plantings. Gaillardia can be planted anywhere in the state and will tolerate extreme heat, sun, sandy soils, and even salt, making it a great choice for the coastal landscape.



Excerpted from University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture, [Gardening Solutions](#), 2021 “Gaillardia”
Additional information below is from www.wildsouthflorida.com.

Indian Blanket is an annual, although some say it is biennial; the average lifespan is 2 years, though it self seeds freely. The plant grows to about 12 to 24 inches tall. It does best in a hot climate in full sun, tolerating heat and dry conditions. It likes sandy soil and needs good drainage; rich soil will produce large floppy plants with few flowers.

The flowers attract butterflies, which, of course, attract butterfly gardeners.

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MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BUSY:

Thank you Jane Gavlick for organizing this event and Keegan Gabriel and Ginny Rush for the photos.

On Thursday, November 11, members gathered at the Blue Star Memorial for a ceremony in honor of Veteran's Day.



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Happy Thanksgiving

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Thank you Toni Cvetko

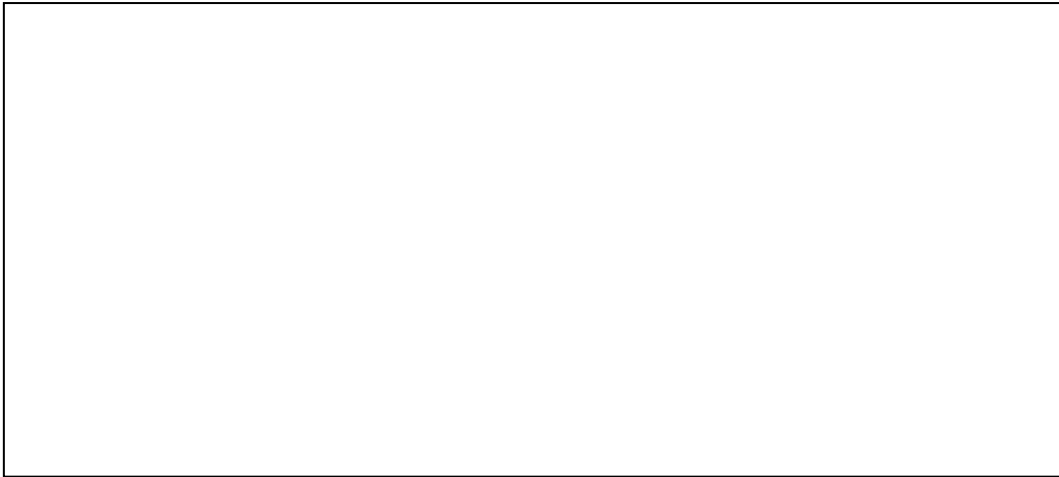




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TO THINK ABOUT: Thank you Lori

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Boynton Beach Meals on Wheels program sponsored by The Soup Kitchen is in desperate need of volunteers, especially subs for regular drivers.

This program delivers nutritious meals that have been prepared and packaged at The Soup Kitchen to homebound residents of our community.

If you have time, approximately two hours on a weekday morning, to commit to this worthwhile program, this could be your opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

For further details, please contact Program Director Sunny Hedrick at 561-806-8636. Her email address is: tskmow@gmail.com.