



**The love of gardening is a seed once sown  
that never dies. *Gertrude Jekyll***



## **2022-2023 Yearbook**

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Organized 1950

Federated 1951

Charter Granted 1956

Incorporated 1956

Clearwater, Florida

**Member of**

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Deep South Region

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District VIII - Membership: 64

Annual Dues \$35/Individual, \$40/Couple

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## Mission Statement

The Clearwater Garden Club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The mission is to educate our members and the public in the fields of:

- gardening
- horticulture
- botany
- landscape design
- artistic design
- conservation of natural resources
- civic beautification
- garden therapy environmental and nature studies
- to encourage the erection of memorials to Veterans of the United States Armed Forces, and
- to do and to perform all acts necessary to carry out the purposes of this corporation.

**A message from current CGC President Paul Keleti:** The Clearwater Garden Club began almost 72 years ago. It is a tribute to the wonderful membership over the past seventy-two years that our garden club has thrived and evolved within the City of Clearwater. I was elected in April 2022 and our board and members have embraced starting this new year with hosting the FFGC District VIII Fall Meeting. Members worked hard to enhance the existing landscaping and add more plant materials. The property was divided into 8 gardens and members stepped up to champion each of these areas. I thank our wonderful members and Executive Board for working endlessly to make our club property and building shine. I look forward to the upcoming year as we follow our mission, meet our goals and enjoy gardening together.

This yearbook is dedicated to Clearwater Garden Club  
Members Bobby Jarvis and George Wich.



**Bobby Jarvis**, 92, passed away on June 12, 2022. He spent his childhood in Wortham, Missouri. After graduation, he proudly served his country in the Air Force as a Radar Specialist. The skills he acquired enabled him to work at McDonnell Douglas where he was a mechanic on the Phantom F-4, F-15 and Apollo space program. Bobby loved to fix things, build things for his family, to sing and passed down his love of music to his kids and grandchildren. Bobby sang in the choir at Berkeley Baptist church where he also served as a deacon. He helped build churches with the Southern Baptist Association.

Bobby married Alice, the love of his life, in 1956. They enjoyed nearly 67 years of married life. In his retirement, he enjoyed staying active at the pool at Lake Seminole Resort, working in the Clearwater Community Gardens and helping Alice with her many projects at the Clearwater Garden Club. Bobby was always ready to lend a hand wherever he could. He will be remembered for being a caring, sweet gentleman who loved his family and his Peanut Butter cookies.



**George Wich**, 92, passed away on September 2, 2022. He was born in Brooklyn, New York and enjoyed playing football, going to the beach with his family and playing handball which is where he met Arlene. They married in 1950 and enjoyed 66 years together. The beach remained a favorite place for him, Arlene and their children. George was a foreman for Champion Windows. He was a handyman around the house and was known for a good joke or prank. He helped his children with their schoolwork, taught them to read maps, how to help others and have a good sense of humor. In Florida, he enjoyed playing softball on a senior men's league in Clearwater, participating in senior racewalking events and creating stained glass items.

George was a great supporter of the Clearwater Garden Club. He was a handyman for the garden club and helped where needed. His workshops on making mosaic flowerpots and glass totems were very well attended. After Arlene passed, George continued to help the Garden Club with repairs and attended garden club programs, especially when food was being served. He will be remembered for his kindness, humor, loyalty and always being there to give a hand.



**Clearwater Garden Club Board of Directors 2022-2023**

**Elected Officers - Executive Board**

President.....Paul Keleti  
First Vice President.....Laura Daniel  
Second Vice President.....Maggie Custer  
Recording Secretary.....Mike Flanery  
Corresponding Secretary.....Peggy Page  
Treasurer.....Jennifer Clarke  
Asst Treasurer.....Alice Jarvis

**Board of Directors - Executive Board**

1st year.....vacant  
2nd year.....Anne Fogarty France  
3rd year.....Sue Witwer

**Appointed Officers – Non-Members of Executive Board**

Chaplain.....Gladys Seney  
Historian.....Mary Ann Schneider  
Parliamentarian.....Marion Crane

### Standing Committee Chairs – Clearwater Garden Club 2022-2023

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Awards                               |                     |
| *Wekiva Camp                         |                     |
| Exhibits                             | Sue Witwer          |
| *Birds, Butterflies and Conservation |                     |
| *Blue Star Marker                    |                     |
| *Penny Pines                         | Sheryl Polese       |
| **Horticulture                       | Debra LaHaie        |
| Budget                               | Jennifer Clarke     |
| Bylaws                               |                     |
| Ways and Means                       |                     |
| *Plant Sale                          | Paul Keleti         |
| Hospitality                          |                     |
| Landscape/Great 8 Gardens            | Mike Flanery        |
| *Building & Grounds                  |                     |
| *Rose Garden                         | Sue Witwer          |
| *Butterfly Garden                    | Christie Lopez      |
| *Shady Pond Garden                   | Sharan Haner        |
| *Mystery Garden                      |                     |
| *Bromeliad Garden                    |                     |
| *Tropical Garden                     |                     |
| *Entry Garden                        |                     |
| *Desert Succulent Garden             |                     |
| Library                              |                     |
| Membership                           | Maggie Custer       |
| Programs                             | Laura Daniel        |
| Publicity                            |                     |
| *Sign                                |                     |
| *Website                             |                     |
| *Social Media                        |                     |
| Yearbook                             | Anne Fogarty France |
| Youth Gardening                      |                     |

\* - Subcommittee

\*\* - Formerly Grow & Share

We'd love your participation on a committee of your choosing. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the committees above, please contact our president, Paul Keleti, [clearwatergardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:clearwatergardenclub@gmail.com)

### STANDING COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS:

1. The **Awards Committee** has charge of all details regarding applications for any available awards to benefit the CGC and shall provide Flower Show ribbons and awards. They shall seek out potential grants and awards and convey information to appropriate Chairs.
2. The **Exhibits Committee** has charge of matters involving education and interest in flower arrangement. It shall plan, with the Program Chair, exhibitors to make presentations to the CGC. It shall plan and implement all flower shows.
3. The **Birds, Butterflies and Conservation Committee** shall use all appropriate means to educate CGC members and the general public on conservation matters. It shall stay informed of current conservation issues both local and national, pass this knowledge on to the membership and schedule events accordingly.
4. The **Budget and Finance Committee** shall consist of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Ways and Means Chair and two members-at-large appointed by the President after consultation with the Treasurer. It is their duty to prepare the annual budget, to be presented to the Board and general membership at the October meeting. No committee chair may exceed their budget without permission of both Budget and Finance Committee and Executive Committee.
5. The **Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee** shall prepare and present any amendment to the Bylaws in writing to the Executive Board to be discussed, then presented and voted upon by the general membership after the membership has sufficient time to study the proposed change(s). The Executive Committee shall review the Bylaws every three years.
6. The **Ways and Means** is the fund-raising committee. Fundraising is very important to the Clearwater Garden Club and we encourage all members to participate.
7. The **Hospitality Committee** shall provide Hostesses at all regular and special meetings and refreshments when required. They are responsible for setting up and cleaning up, for decorations and for maintaining the kitchen equipment. They shall report to the Executive Board any needs for supplies and maintenance above the line item in the budget.
8. The **Landscape Committee** shall be responsible for the continued planning, planting and general care of the grounds of the CGC.
9. The **Library Committee** shall be responsible for all CGC literature, subscriptions to garden magazines and book acquisition.
10. The **Membership Committee's** Chair shall maintain a current roster, known as "the official list of the Clearwater Garden Club", and provide this list to the members and to the Recording Secretary. They shall distribute the Bylaws, direct new members' orientation and maintain an attendance book.
11. The **Program Committee** shall with their Chair, the First Vice President, to arrange all details for programs at the general meetings. Programs should carry out the objectives and goals of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., and the National Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.
12. The **Publicity Committee** shall furnish information to the media regarding Club activities. They shall maintain a current list of media outlets and contact persons, along with copies of articles, news clips and other documentation of Club activities.
13. The **Yearbook Committee** Chair shall compile, edit, print and distribute the annual Yearbook to the members.
14. The **Youth Gardening Committee** shall arrange meetings and programs for education of young persons in any and all matters listed in Article I.





## National Garden Clubs

### National Garden Clubs, Inc.

History and Mission of National Garden Clubs: National Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization that aims to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility and we help coordinate the interests and activities of state and local garden clubs in the U.S. and abroad. The theme for the 2021-2023 administration is Plant America- Play Outdoors. President Mary Warshauer's two-year administration project focuses on the Plant America Community Grants.

**Mary Warshauer, Rumson, NJ** [mwarshauer@gardenclub.org](mailto:mwarshauer@gardenclub.org), 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-3492, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

[www.facebook.com/ngcsocialmedia/](https://www.facebook.com/ngcsocialmedia/)



### Deep South Region

The Deep South Garden Clubs consist of the clubs from the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee and are members of the National Garden Clubs. Director Lena Bateman chose the theme "Get Back to Nature DSGC".  
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## **Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc.**

President: Marjorie H. Hendon

Theme: Worlds of Wonder

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FFGC Headquarters Office Manager & Membership Admin., Jenn Cowin,  
[ffgc@ffgcmail.com](mailto:ffgc@ffgcmail.com) (407) 647-7016, (407) 647-5479 (fax)



## **Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District VIII**

### **The Great Eight**

Kitty Wallace, District VIII Director

Theme 2021 - 2023 - There is something for everyone in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.!

[www.floridadistrictVIII.com](http://www.floridadistrictVIII.com) ,  
[kittwal@aol.com](mailto:kittwal@aol.com)



## Schedule of Programs

Every club member is encouraged to bring a friend to our monthly programs.

### October 2022 to January 2023

- October 1 thru 13: Francis Wilson Playhouse - The Drowsy Chaperone
- October 15: 9:30 am – Executive Board Meeting
- October 15: 11 am – Welcome Back Meeting. All hands-on deck for last minute District VIII meeting needs.
- October 24: 10 am – FFGC District 8 Fall Meeting at the Clearwater Garden Club. Registration required [www.floridadistrictVIII.com](http://www.floridadistrictVIII.com)
- October 28: District VIII Horticulture Extravaganza, Garden Club of St. Petersburg

### November 2022

- November 12: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Judy! Judy! Judy!
- November 19: 9:30 am – Executive Board Meeting in the Clubhouse
- November 19: 11 am – Flower Arranging Basics presentation from Susie Cochran

### December 2022

- December 17: 4 pm – Toasting the Sunset – a Holiday Gathering in the Garden
- December 17 & 18: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Cast Party Christmas
- December 1 thru 18: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Once Upon a Mattress

### January 2023

- January 12 thru 22: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
- January 17-18: NGC Environmental School, Course 1, Tampa Garden Club
- January 21: 9:30 am – Executive Board Meeting
- January 21: 11 am – Tour of DK Farms, Largo

## **Schedule of Programs – February to June 2023**

### **February 2023 - Appointment of Nominating Committee**

- February 4: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Best of Rodgers & Hammerstein
- February 18: 9:30 am – Executive Meeting, appointment of nominating committee
- February 18: 11 am – Creating Garden Whimsy for your Yard
- February 16 thru March 5: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Gypsy

### **March 2023 – Approve Nominations**

- March 11: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Turn of the Century
- March 18: 9:30 am – Executive Board Meeting, approve nominations
- March 18: 11 am – Visit to Moccasin Lake Park, Clearwater
- March 1 thru 13: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Cabaret
- March 30 thru April 9: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Private Lives

### **April 2023 – Please Renew Your Membership**

- April 1: 1 pm – “Dance into Spring”, a Small Standard Flower Show
- April 11 – 12: NGC Environmental School, Course 2, Tampa Garden Club (Course 3 and 4 will be held next year.)
- April 15: 9:30 am – Executive Board Meeting
- April 15: 11 am – Elections and Officer Installation with Potluck Luncheon
- April 18-20: FFGC Convention, Lake Buena Vista

### **May 2023 – First Meeting of New Executive Board**

- May 2 – 5: NGC Convention, White Sulphur Springs, WV
- May 3 to 6: Drop off Plants for Mother’s Day Plant Sale at the Clubhouse
- May 4 thru 21: Francis Wilson Playhouse – Beauty and the Beast
- May 6: 9 am – **HUGE** Annual Mother’s Day Plant Sale. More than 800 plants will be available for sale with some grown by members and others from seed by the Clearwater Community Gardens. Most priced at \$5 or under. Plants include vegetables, herbs, flowers, succulents and cacti. Plan to arrive early for the best selection.
- May 10: Spring FFGC District VIII Meeting, Lakewood Ranch
- May 20: 9:30 am – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the New Executive Board
- May 20: 11 am – General Membership Meeting and Presentation TBA

### **June 2023 - Send Annual Dues to FFGC**

- June 4 thru 10: National Garden Week.



**CGC supports the following programs:**

- Blue Star Marker.....clearwatergardenclub.com
- Penny Pines .....clearwatergardenclub.com
- Florida Wildflower Foundation .....flawildflowers.org
- Camp Wekiva.....wekivayouthcamp.org
- Native Plant Society.....pinellas.fnpschapters.org
- Francis Wilson Playhouse.....franciswilsonplayhouse.org
- Florida Botanical Gardens.....flbgfoundation.org

**CGC Member Recognition 2022-2023:**

- Accredited Flower Show Judges: Marion Crane
- Landscape Design: Maggie Custer
- National Garden Club Life Members: Alice Jarvis
- Florida Federated Garden Club Life Members: Alice Jarvis
- Deep South Life Members: Alice Jarvis

**CGC Honorary Members:**

Mr. Carl Rosati

**CGC Members Emeriti:**

Mrs. Sylvia Bullaudy (deceased)    Mrs. Arlene Wich (deceased)  
Mrs. Cheryl Drew (deceased)    Mrs. Helen Hoskins (deceased)  
Mrs. Elizabeth France (on leave)    Mrs. Griselda Nunez (moved)  
Mr. Bobby Jarvis (deceased)    Mr. George Wich (deceased)  
Mrs. Hilda Sinnett (moved)

## CGC Ongoing Projects 2022 – 2023

**Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker** – Chair: Alice Jarvis (100% Participation) This program originated with a garden club in New Jersey in 1944. NGC adopted the program and FFGC endorsed it in 1945. Since Dec. 15, 1959, CGC has been proud to sponsor the marker on the Memorial Causeway. In 2018, CGC raised money to refurbish the marker, and it was re-dedicated. We are now continuing to raise funds necessary to maintain the marker as a tribute to the military heroes of our community.

**Penny Pines** – Chair: Sheryl Polese (100% Participation) A reforestation program benefitting the National Forest Service, "Penny Pines" began in 1941 when seedlings could be produced for about one cent each. Approximately 680 seedlings were used to plant a typical acre. For \$68.00, seedlings for ten acres could be purchased. Our goal is to make at least two \$68.00 donations each year.

**Wekiva Youth Camp** - Our goal is to send at least one young person to camp each summer to study horticulture, botany, landscape, artistic design and conservation. We have fundraisers throughout the year to build up this fund.

**FFGC amazon.com** – Chair: Alice Jarvis (20% Participation) – Members are asked to use the Amazon Smile link at [smile.amazon.com/ch/59-6164874](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-6164874), and a portion of your purchase price is provided to The Clearwater Garden Club at no cost to club members.

**Horticulture (Formerly Grow & Share)** – Chair: Debra LaHaie – Members and guests are asked to bring plants or cuttings to the monthly meeting. Drop off plant and/or cuttings at the horticulture table upon arrival and take a plant and/or cuttings before you leave and share the beauty of gardening.

## Education, Government and Other Resources

**Pinellas County Government:** [pinellascounty.org](http://pinellascounty.org)

**City of Clearwater Municipal:** [myclearwater.com](http://myclearwater.com)

**City of Clearwater Office of Sustainability:** Clearwater Greenprint 2.0 is the city's sustainability plan and vision to make the city of Clearwater a vibrant, healthy and environmentally positive city for generations to come.

[myclearwater.com/government/city-departments/sustainability-resiliency](http://myclearwater.com/government/city-departments/sustainability-resiliency)

**University of Florida IFAS Extension:** Extension is a partnership between state, federal, and county governments to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public. The University of Florida (UF), together with Florida A&M University (FAMU), administers the Florida Cooperative Extension Service. **ifas.ufl.edu** and **Extension: sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/**

**University of Florida Gardening Solutions:** Gardening Solutions brings Florida homeowners and gardeners the best information about Florida-Friendly plants, sustainable landscape practices, and ways to beautify your yard and garden.

[gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu](http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu)

### Other Helpful Links

**Downtown Clearwater:** [downtownclearwater.com](http://downtownclearwater.com)

**Clearwater Chamber of Commerce:** [amplifyclearwater.com](http://amplifyclearwater.com)

**Clearwater Beach Information:** [clearwaterbeach.com](http://clearwaterbeach.com)

**City of Dunedin:** [dunedingov.com](http://dunedingov.com)

**Tampa Bay:** [visittampabay.com](http://visittampabay.com)



## **Clearwater Garden Club - Monthly Meeting Agenda**

CGC Monthly Program & General Meeting, Third Saturday of the Month

- Social Time: 10:45 am
- Call to Order: 11 am
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes – Read
- Treasurer’s Report – File for Audit
- Program / Speaker
- Officer Reports
- Standing Committee Reports
- Special Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Grow & Share Table
- Raffle
- Adjournment



**Current CGC Members 2022 – 2023 (includes year joined)**

**Cheryl & Kevin Acton**, Since 2021

**Lorraine Bansavage**, Since 2021

**Barbara “Barb” Boone**, Since 2022

**Marsha Clark**, Since 2005

**Jennifer Clarke**, Since 2018

**Jose (Ricky) Colon**

**Marion Crane**, Since 1979

**Maggie Custer**, Since 2012

**Laura Daniel**, Since 1997

**Mike Flanery**, Since 2018

**Gabrielle Fontaine**, Since 2020

**Anne & Danny France**, Since 2006

**Michelle Fry**, Since 2022

**Sharon Genter**, Since 2022

**Susan and John Grant**, Since 2021

**Kathleen (Carol) & Evan Hamilton**, Since 2021

**Sharan Haner**, Since 2021

**Ralph Hodge**, Since 2021, 2454 Nash Street

**Alice Jarvis**, Since 2005

**William Jonson**, Since 2016

**Louise Karim**, Since 2019

**Caroline Kaufmann**, Since 2018

**Paul Keleti & Christie Lopez**, Since 2016

**Debra LaHaie**, Since 2002

**Current CGC Members 2022 – 2023 Continued (includes year joined)**

**Dona J. Leach**, Since 2005

**Laurie MacAdams**, Since 2010

**Jane MacCaffrey**

**Dorothy Martin**, Since 2017

**Bonnie Miller**, Since 2022

**Gro Miller**, Since 2021

**James Miller**, Since 2022

**Hans Muehlen**, Since 2020

**Linda Myers**, Since 2019

**Pat & Ray Page**, Since 2022

**Peggy Page**, Since 2020

**Donna Pelescak**, Since 2022

**Linda Pointer**, Since 2007

**Sheryl Polese**, Since 2006

**Eddie Rivera**, Since 2021

**Corinne Rungo**, Since 2011

**Milady Santana**, Since 2022

**MaryAnn & Joseph Schneider**, Since 2006

**Gladys Seney**, Since 2002

**Anne Shumate**, Since 2021

**Vivian Smith**, Since 2020

**Karen & David St. Martin**, Since 2017

**Peggy Tomlinson**, Since 2022

**Current CGC Members 2022 – 2023 Continued (includes year joined)**

**Janine Tschupp**, Since 2021

**Karen & Jim Urek**, Since 2022

**Gale & Howard Warshauer**, Since 2014

**Sue & Carl Witwer**, Since 2010

**Sue Woolsey**, Since 2020



## Past Presidents

Clearwater Garden Club members thank our past presidents for a job well done. We recognize the many hours of hard work, diligent planning, gentle encouragement, and unwavering commitment to making the world a better place, and leaders who do it with a heart full of delight and joy are inspiring to us all. You have our gratitude and respect:

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Marion Crane        | 2001-2003 |
| Laura Daniel        | 2003-2006 |
| Hilda Sinnett       | 2006-2008 |
| Jean Columbo        | 2009-2010 |
| Caroline Kaufmann   | 2010-2012 |
| Cathy Foley         | 2012-2013 |
| Alice Jarvis        | 2013-2016 |
| Maggie Custer       | 2016-2017 |
| Robyn Rinberger     | 2017-2018 |
| Anne Fogarty France | 2018-2020 |
| Howard Warshauer    | 2020-2022 |

Copies of report provided to: State President, District President and Awards Chairperson

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