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## **Punta Gorda Garden Club Garden Tales**

*A garden is like a friendship, ever growing, ever changing, needing love and attention, providing one with joy and happiness.*

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### Club News

- PGGC selected 4 Scholarship winners from a pool of local qualified candidates. Each winner will receive \$3000.
- PGGC members reviewed and approved changes to the Bylaws at our April Annual Meeting. Refer to page 4 for a summary of the changes.
- The Hostess signup for the 2022 - 23 program year is underway. Please contact Julie O'Brien to fill in the open slots for chairs and hosts.

PGGC is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc, Deep South Region National Garden Clubs, Inc., Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., and FFGC District IX.

### President's Message

Dear Members,

What a busy month April has been. We had our wonderful Standard Flower Show and I want to thank all of you who entered the competitions and who provided the horticulture entries. The quality of designs and plants was spectacular. You made the club so proud, and can you believe that we had 74 members and guests for lunch? It was truly a great event, and we will most definitely do it again.

We had three members as delegates at the FFGC convention in Kissimmee, of which I was one in addition to Joyce Stanley and Claudia Chopp. It was so well organized, and they had some great programs. We all came away with some exciting ideas for the next fiscal year. In addition to all of that, we got to see the National Major Flower Show. It was of such a high standard, and we were all so pleased to have the opportunity to enjoy it. The food at the hotel was really good and everyone enjoyed it.

We are pleased to announce that we have four homes for the "Holly Days Home Tour" planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022. We have our Chairs and Co-Chairs. The Home Tour Chairs, Mary Yeomans and Julie O'Brien will meet with all of the chairs this month to decide on the theme. They will keep us all updated.

If you are available to attend the Tree Dedication for Anne Simpson on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am please join us. Anne was such a lovely lady and a club member for many years. We are all going to try and wear a hat to the event in her honor, Anne loved her hats.

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### Save the Date!

**PGGC Spring Luncheon**  
**Isles Yacht Club**  
May 5  
11am Fellowship  
12pm Luncheon

**National Garden Week**  
June 5 - 11

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We also have our District IX meeting being held at the Botanical Gardens in Naples this month. We have four delegates attending, myself, Peggy Stanfield, Vinita Jones, and Marilyn Pachota. It is one day meeting so we are driving there early in the morning, and we will be back in late afternoon. I cannot wait to tell our other district members about all of the wonderful things that our club has done in this fiscal year. I am so pleased that I have a lot to relay to them. In addition, our Newsletter Chair was invaluable to us in attaining the award, Newsletter/Magazine/Bulletin FFGC State Award, can you believe it, well done Mary Hanrahan. The award will be presented at the District IX meeting and I will be so pleased to let you all see it at our Spring Luncheon on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Isles Yacht Club.

Looking forward to having some well-deserved fun at our Spring Luncheon, “much diversión loca.”

*Carol Houston, Co-President*

### *May 5 Cinco de Mayo Spring Luncheon*

Our last meeting for the 2021 - 2022 PGGC program year is our May "Cinco de Mayo" Luncheon at the Isles Yacht Club. Vinita Jones is our Luncheon Hostess.

All should wear something colorful and have a flower in your hair. Please bring Mexican food items which will be donated to the food pantry.



### *April 28 Memorial Tree Planting*

PGGC dedicated a tree planting in memory of our beloved Anne Simpson. Anne was a PGCC member since 1968 and served as President in 1981-83 and 1991-93. Anne passed away on October 18, 2021. The tree planting took place at South County Regional Park.



Left to right - Gail Edgren, Marion Wester, and Randy Simpson.

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### April 9 - 10 Home and Garden Show

Our Punta Gorda Garden Club participated in another successful Home and Garden Show at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. We generated interest in our club and made \$172 to go towards our scholarship fund. There is one more event scheduled for 2022. It will be October 22 and 23. We are running low on craft inventory to sell. If anyone has any crafts that they would like to donate to sell, please contact me. Keep in mind, I do not have storage space for large items.

I would like to thank Betty Moschetti, Susan Miller, and Terry Tunkavige for helping to make the event successful.

*Cindy Dorety, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*



### April 25 New Member Workshop

Debbie Engel led an orientation and workshop for our newer members.



### Welcome New Member!

Please update this information in your yearbook:

Judy McQueen  
26193 Feathersound Dr  
Punta Gorda, FL 33955  
(941) 696-031  
judymac8@aol.com

### Final Reminder - Membership Dues

Your \$25 dues for June '22 to May '23 are due no later than May 15. Please mail a check for your payment to PGGC PO Box 511167, Punta Gorda, FL 33951-1167.



Please continue to keep Sandy Bruglio and her husband in your thoughts and prayers. Bob Bruglio is recovering from recent surgery and begins cancer treatments starting Apr 27.

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### PGGC Bylaws Changes

Every year the April meeting of the PGGC is the “Annual Meeting,” which means much business takes place. Elections, approval of the budget, and up until this year, adoption of new bylaws have been part of that business. At the April 2022 meeting a number of changes to our bylaws were adopted and are described below.

- Term limits were removed, so officers may continue in a position after a two-year stint. Treasurers have been permitted to serve for five two-year terms, but other officers could not serve more than one. Elections will be held every two years as happens now, so anyone who desires can run for an office.
- Amendments to the Bylaws can be adopted at any meeting. This allows proposals to be considered at any time as long as members have at least a two-week notice.
- Vice Presidents will not automatically move up according to rank if the Presidency is vacated. They will be offered the position but do not have to take it. Vacant positions can be filled by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.
- The Directors’ positions were added and clarified. This position was missing in several places in the Bylaws.
- Ad Hoc Committees were added. These were missing but were created in the past to handle projects such as Blue Star Markers and our 501(c)3 filing.

Suggestions for changes are always welcome for consideration by the Bylaws Committee. Contact me if you have any ideas.

*Mary Yeomans, Director and Bylaws Chair*

### April 6 Great American Cleanup by the Numbers

Thanks to all our volunteers that turned out! The stats for the cleanup include:

14 Members and 2 Guests, 4 Large Bags of Trash, 1000’s of bits of plastic, paper, and cigarette butts that didn’t end up in our Peace River!

*Susan Miller, Environmental Chair*



Left to right - Cindy Dorety, Betty Moschetti, Mary Curby, Maggie Rogers, Carol Moore, Laura Flannelly, Sue Campbell, and Peggy



Left to right - Susan Miller, Laura Flannelly, Mary Yeomans and granddaughter Mary, and Dorrit Tompkins

Missing from photos - Joyce Stanley, Judy Oswald, and Terry Tunkavige along with Pat

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### Plant Profile: Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

Need to jazz up a fence or trellis? Our native coral honeysuckle features scarlet flowers that bloom for months. And Florida's wildlife loves it, too!

Coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) grows all over Florida, USDA Hardiness Zones 4 to 10. In Southwest Florida, the leaves are evergreen. Also called trumpet honeysuckle, this vine is best known for its bright red, tubular flowers. Clusters of blooms emerge on new growth in spring and summer. The flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies for months before maturing into berries. These fruits draw songbirds in late summer and fall.



In some cultivars of *L. sempervirens* the new growth is a soft pink. Improved cultivars are available in some nurseries. 'Sulphurea' produces bright yellow flowers. 'Superba' has broadly oval leaves. 'Magnifica' is late flowering and produces large, bright red blooms.

Coral honeysuckle is a Florida-Friendly alternative to Japanese honeysuckle (*L. japonica*). Japanese honeysuckle is invasive and typically has white or yellow flowers.

Coral honeysuckle tolerates most soil types and conditions. It does best in slightly acidic soil but does not tolerate dry sands. It will grow in partial shade, but blooms best in full sun. Coral honeysuckle is generally a low-maintenance plant once it's established. It is drought tolerant and does not attract any particular pests. You can propagate new plants from cuttings.

*Jane Hayse, Horticulture Chair*

Source: [Coral Honeysuckle - University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences \(ufl.edu\)](http://ufl.edu)

### PGGC Holly Day Home Tour on Dec 2 - 3 2022

Several decisions were made at a recent meeting of the Home Tour Co-Chairs and House Chairs, including the following:

- The theme will be "Christmas Carols," with each house choosing a different holiday tune as its theme.
- The cost of a ticket will be \$20, the same as for the Garden Tour this year.
- Each member will receive an envelope of tickets to sell at the October meeting as was done in the past.
- No cookies will be served as the Board had discussed. Water will be available, but how has not been decided. (We'd like to avoid all of those plastic bottles.)
- Poinsettias will be sold at two of the houses. Crafts will be sold at the other two.
- Credit cards will be accepted using a Square at each house.
- Teams will be formed and shared after June 1st when the official roster is finalized.

We are looking forward to a great event and appreciate the support of all club members!

*Julie O'Brien and Mary Yeomans, Home Tour Co-Chairs*

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Anne Elferdink</b>	<b>Janice Chupak</b>	<b>Gian Gunderson</b>	<b>Kathy Sutton</b>
<b>Address</b>	716 Palm Ave	401 Retta Esplanade	413 Retta Esplanade	212 Durrance St
<b>Chair</b>	Cindy Dorety	Claudia Chopp	Vinita Jones	Gail Edgren
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Betty Mosketti	Marianne Bjorkman	Molly Reifeis	Kathy Sutton
	Crafts	Poinsettias	Crafts	Poinsettias

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### PGGC Partnership with Team Punta Gorda

PGGC partnered with TEAM PG to landscape houses for low-income families and veterans. A Marine veteran, Derek Doherty, was enthusiastic to have his home, rented through the PG Housing Authority, landscaped. Since the tenant pays for upkeep of the landscaping, we used plants not requiring a lot of maintenance. On Good Friday, Susan Miller, Peggy Stanfield, Phil Jones, Carol Moore, and I installed bromeliads and a hibiscus. The bromeliads were donated by Carol Moore and the hibiscus was donated by Powell's Nursery. The project was funded by TEAM PG. As we left, Derek expressed his joy in his new landscaping. And I drove off with a wonderful feeling of giving back and making someone, who has served our country, very happy. What an Easter time gift, to everyone involved.

The Garden Club also assisted with landscaping at the Bayfront Center in Gilchrist Park. Carol Moore and I trimmed and weeded the gardens then planted a few bromeliads and a sunset hibiscus. Stop by and take a look as you take pride in our Garden Club as we make our city beautiful. *Elaine LaWell, Civic Chair*



### April 11 Blanchard House Garden Restoration

Ten PGGC members provided a facelift to the Blanchard House Museum gardens on Martin Luther King Boulevard. Originally designed and planted by PGGC, the gardens were “refreshed” once and it was time for another visit. Bromeliads were thinned, trash collected, dead vegetation removed, bushes pruned, many weeds pulled, and a soaker hose and timer were installed. Mulch was added where needed too. Stop by and check out our work.

*Dorrit Tompkins and Hal Sterwerf, Public Gardens Chairs*



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### A Blast from the Past – March 2022 Field Trip

The Peace River Botanical Garden field trip had a big turnout with members enjoying the garden tour of the Zim Sculpture.



### FFGC Convention "Sounds of Music" Flower Show

Here are several winners from the Convention's Flower Show that may start you thinking about our next Flower Show.



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## May Birthdays Wishes

Barbara Drake 5/3  
Margaret Rowlett 5/3  
Jan Brady 5/9  
Monica Lucey 5/9  
Dianne Felstein 5/12

## June Birthdays Wishes

Janice Williams 6/1  
Anita Frumson 6/2  
Susan Miller 6/2  
Nan Lee 6/13  
Robin Gardynik 6/14  
Martha Cloran 6/16  
Bev Babcock 6/18  
Agnes West 6/20  
Carol Knutson 6/22  
Carol Broad 6/28

And many happy wishes!

## May Gardening Tip

**Annuals:** Plants that can take summer heat include coleus, salvia, torenia, wax begonia, and ornamental pepper. See Annuals:

[http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_annual\\_landscape\\_plants](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants)



"Is that the bill for my credit card?"



## Calendar of Events

**Apr 29-30, May 1 Hibiscus Festival** Gilchrist Park  
**May 16-19 NGC Convention** Registration \$75 (late fee \$50 after Apr 25); Orlando; Refer to <https://gardenclub.org/2022-ngc-convention-details>  
**May 21** Peace River Botanical Gardens Plant Sale; 9 am -1 pm  
**July 29-31** Caladium Festival; Lake Placid

## Garden Workdays



For new volunteers, please contact Dorrit Tompkins to confirm schedule. Volunteers should arrive by 8 am. Bring gloves, pruning shears, and bottled water. Usually finished in less than 2 hours!

May 2 - History Park  
May 16 - PR Botanical Garden  
May 23 - Woman's Club

The Summer Newsletter deadline is June 30. Submit items and/or photos to Mary Hanrahan [mahamherst@gmail.com](mailto:mahamherst@gmail.com).)

