

The Garden Club of Crystal River
President, Nancy Schneider
October 2022 District V Meeting

We were excited to welcome a new member to our September meeting as well as a few members returning from the Covid closings. We look forward to a great new season.

After meeting last school year with two teachers from Crystal River Elementary School, several of our members are in the planning stages to start a Junior Garden Club. The students will be participating in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest and writing poems for the Poetry Contest. This will be the third year this school has participated in these awards, and we look forward to many more fun projects once we have established the Junior Garden Club.

The club continues to provide seasonal centerpieces to a nursing home in Crystal River, this year we will be providing them to Crystal River Health and Rehab Center for their dining tables. This has been an ongoing project for over 10 years, as well as the monthly clean-up of the historical Crystal River Cemetery. Christmas we will be "Ringing the Bell" for Salvation Army. Our club is working with the City of Crystal River on participating in the Centennial Celebration of Crystal River. We are excited that the city has invited us and look forward to working with their committee.

The club is planning a Horticulture Flower Show in October of 2023. Our horticulture chairman has us identifying plants in our gardens this fall that will show quality for the October 2023 flower show. We will be asking members to make short presentations each month so we can learn about plants in their gardens.

Our speakers lined up for this year will cover different subjects from Camellias to what happens to all that trash we put out each week "Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose" with a speaker from the Citrus County Landfill. Fun with Flowers will have our member, Elaine Parisi giving us a brief lesson on creating flower designs. In the spring we will have a speaker from the Citrus Extension Office speaking on the "9 Principles of Florida Garden Friendly Landscapes".

Our annual yard/plant sale will be held in March 2023 at which time we hope to raise enough funds to give a \$1000.00 scholarship to a high school senior living in Crystal River and provide a scholarship to Critter Camp.

Taking over for our President Nancy Powers who has moved back to West Virginia, I am looking forward to working with our members over this garden club season.

Submitted by: Nancy Schneider/Garden Club of Crystal River President