HOMOSASSA RIVER GARDEN CLUB JoAnn Grant, President October 2022 District meeting

HRGC has an exciting year planned, beginning with the first meeting of the fall on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Club members are encouraged to share floral designs, plants, and fauna at this Show and Tell event. The highlights of the meetings include speakers on the following topics: November 21, "Membership Benefits of NGC and FFGC; Jan 16, "Native & Pollinator Plants", February 20, National Garden Clubs Flower Show in a Box, and March 15, "Bees and Florida Honey".

Projects this year include the annual HRGC tree giveaway on Florida's Arbor Day and the installation of a granite memorial bench in Stage Stand Cemetery to honor longtime member and extremely generous benefactor, Mim Brock. The club also does two road-side clean-ups, Stage Stand cemetery grounds-keeping, and two library clean-ups. Hopes are high that the club's Habitat for Humanity committee will have a large number of homes to landscape.

Planned fundraisers include a bus trip to St. Augustine on Dec 2 to see Christmas lights and decorations and to visit the lighthouse. Additionally, the club is excited about our Comedy Club night that is tentatively scheduled for March, which will feature 3 professional comedians that promise a fun night of PG-rated comedy. These fund raisers will help defray the cost of supporting Wekiva and SEEK programs and two academic scholarships and also the cost of two delegates to attend the FFGC convention.