

Pioneer Garden Club continues to grow – we have added 10 new members in the last year. Circles meet monthly from September til May in homes, parks or gardens.

Community Partnerships – 2022-2023

1. Silver Springs State Park
 - a. Seasonal decorations at the Park Entrance – the Silver Springs Committee has been asked to decorate the fountain area at the entrance to the park for the holiday season. The Committee is working with the Park Rangers to plan and implement themed decorations for the Christmas holidays. All 4 circles will participate in the decorating – each circle has an assigned area to complete. Poinsettias purchased from PGC by the concessionaire and the circles will be used to decorate the fountain along with hanging baskets of poinsettias throughout the park. This is a great support of the PGC Poinsettia Fundraiser and allows the members to support our partnership with Silver Springs State Park.
 - b. Florida Springs Festival – March, 2023 – PGC will have an educational booth with all 4 circles participating. A hands-on activity will be available for children and information about PGC and FFGC will be available to festival visitors.
 - c. Work Days – circle members will assist with weeding, watering and maintaining our gardens
2. Marion County Headquarters Library
 - a. Quarterly Horticultural Displays – the library was not available to us this past year to continue the displays. We hope to resume them in this fall.
 - b. Spring Event for youth – if this event is held in the spring of 2023, PGC will participate.
3. Tusawilla Art Park, Ocala
 - a. PGC is working with the City of Ocala to add signage to the Pioneer Garden Club Garden at the Art Park
 - b. PGC is planning to contribute to purchasing an art bench for the Art Park from fundraising events, President's projects and donations
 - c. Daylily Planting in the Pioneer Garden – PGC is working closely with the City of Ocala to maintain and improve the plantings. A fall 2022 planting is being planned.
 - d. Florida Arbor Day Celebration – we will hold a Florida Arbor Day Celebration January 20, 2023
4. Articles are appearing in the Ocala Gazette regularly. Each circle is providing a gardening focused article assigned seasonally. The PGC President provided the September article as an introduction to PGC and our community involvement.

Member Activities – 2022-2023

Our priority since last spring has been planning the Fall 2022 District V Meeting – under the leadership of 2nd VP Jacqua Ballas, we have had a Planning Committee with each Circle taking on a major role to make the meeting a success.

1. Circle Activities – each circle plans a year of activities for their members – these include programs, field trips, guest speakers.

2. Fundraiser – for several years, PGC has sold poinsettia plants in early December. The 2021 sale was again very successful. The profit is shared between PGC and the Circles and is used to fund college and camp scholarships and civic beautification in our community.
3. Website and Facebook page – PGC has a website – www.pioneergardenclub.org and a Facebook page – Pioneer Garden Club.
4. Scholarships – PGC established the Pioneer Garden Club Marge Hendon Scholarship Trust with the College of Central Florida. This scholarship will be funded by PGC with Daffodil Circle contributing each year also.
5. FFGC Convention (April 18-20, 2023) – PGC members will participate and assist in making this a great convention to honor our own FFGC President Marge Hendon.
6. District V Spring Meeting – members will be notified and invited to attend
7. May End of Year Luncheon – members will celebrate the year's successes and install new officers for the next biennium.