

McIntosh Seedlings Garden Club 2022-2023.

We typically meet the 1st Thursday of the Month.

We began our year early on **August 4^t** with a full English Tea. Focus was on Committees (what they do and joining one) and approving our annual budget.

September 1st we had an evening meeting at 7pm. This is a part of our community outreach. It was well advertised and attended. Local Professional Photographer, **Sean Dowie**, gave a great presentation on **Flower/Nature Photography on your Cell Phone**

October 6th Local Artist and Crafter, **Sheryl Sinclair**, gave a talk, demonstration and hands-on class on **How to Decorate Gourds and Pumpkins**

November 3rd. We are only 8 miles from Paynes Prairie State Park, an award winning park in Florida. Park Rangers will give a talk on the Flora and Fauna of the Park and will adjourn to the Park afterward for a tour.

November 4th & 5th will be setup and booth for the McIntosh **1890's Festival** (one of our 2 major fund raising events). Set-up on the 4th. **Festival Booth on the 5th**.

November 29th – Decoration of the Community Center (in preparation of the annual McIntosh Christmas festivities)

December 1st will be our annual Christmas Luncheon

December 10th 5 p.m. Van Ness Park - Hostess cookies and drinks for **Light Up McIntosh** in conjunction with The Friends of McIntosh. Annual Christmas celebration with Santa Claus.

January 5th Presentation on **Vegetable Gardening** by member and local nursery owner **James Van Horn**

February 2nd Gardening for Pollinators

March 2nd Program – Native Plants by local Florida Native Plant Officer Claudia Larson. Our Youth Education Committee is coordinating a program with local schools with Claudia (who is updating the Florida curriculum on Native Plants for 4th and 5th grades).

March 31st Set up our tent/booth and get the site ready for the plant sale.

April 1st at 9 am – 3 pm

Annual Garden Show and Plant Sale Work Day – major fund raising event in the year
Members work times/tasks as volunteered.

April 6th Landscaping – Robert Ritter Ivy League Landscaping

May 4th Spring Luncheon

Install New Officers for 2023-2025

Trips this year include:

November 11th **Chinsegut Plantation** and nearby garden, Brooksville December 1st

January Visit **Camp Wekiva** to familiarize new members with the camp

April. **Camelia Gardens**, local expert. Citra

Vero Beach, late April, overnight with visits to McKee Botanical Gardens local gardens and museums