

President's Interim Report
Board Meeting
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May-June

Two membership applications were approved. Kat Moseley and Martha Stephens. Both were approved by email balloting.

May 26

The Corporate renewal was amended to accurately show the newly elected board of directors. Corporate renewals & amendments require a \$65 fee. Moving forward the renewal will not be filed until the new officers are selected. The renewal deadline is May 1, just prior to installation of officers. However, the new board is known by then, most likely avoiding the expense of an amended form.

June

There was email communication regarding comped memberships. There were mixed opinions. Sandy Rosch and Donna Ferchen comped Trudy Ricketts membership.

June

There was extensive discussion regarding the pros and cons of the current Xcell accounting program used to track the clubs financial condition. Most felt that Quickbooks would be more of a user friendly program. The final decision was that temporarily the Xcell program will be used and Donna, our current treasurer will learn Quickbooks throughout the upcoming year. Doris will teach her as time allows.

Summer events

June 11- Rock Painting and Nature Walk at Scrub State Park
Nature guide: Iran Maxwell.

The event was attended by It was a fun event. Several people expressed interest in having another similar event.

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Donna Ferchen, primary treasurer was having printer problems with the club owned printer . It ultimately failed and was discarded. Purchase of a new printer was

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authorized, however Donna purchased a printer and opted not to submit for reimbursement. The printer will be personally owned.

July 10

Jennifer Marsh conducted a Caladium Design Workshop at the Masonic Lodge. The Workshop was well attended.

July 24-25

Caladium Design Floral Contest – Held at the Lake Placid Caladium Co-op, in conjunction with the Caladium Festival. There were 12 entries.

Winners: 1st place, Chris Marsh, 2nd place, Donna Ferchen, 3rd place, Robin Sear, Best in show, Gayle Wilkins

July – August

During the summer Doris has worked on the creation of a Bloomin Vault. This Vault is in password protected electronic copy and submitted to Stephanie Moreo and Monica Griffith. It contains all access codes and contact information to everything pertaining to the club. A hard copy binder is created and will be passed on from President to President, as well as to the 1st Vice President electronically. All codes will be updated as the club's leadership changes. The Vault is currently receiving new information as it is obtained.

July

A publication called "Garden Gazette, Committee Edition" has been created. Committee chairs received a rough draft and asked to either accept, alter, reject, or rewrite the committee descriptions and duties. Most chairs responded, however it continues to be updated as new information is obtained. The 1st Vice Presidents have a copy of this document. It is also posted on the club website as updates are made. The document is not locked.

July

A publication called "Garden Gazette, Officer Edition" has been created in draft form. It is currently being updated as time allows. The document has been sent to the 1st Vice President's. It is not a locked document. As of this date it has not been posted on the website.

July

Donations were received for a used laptop computer (Donna Ferchen), used projector and portable screen (Doris Rohner). The purpose is to have powerpoint presentations at membership meeting. Stephanie Moreo has familiarized herself with using this equipment. She will do the presentations at the meetings.

June – August

Bylaws review. Doris Rohner and Janet Earnshaw have reviewed and updated the

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bylaws and standing rules with proposals for change. This document will be sent to the board of directors people to the September board meeting. At this time it will be discussed, adopted, changed, or postponed for further review. Once the board adopts the proposed changes it will be sent to the membership for review and adoption at the next membership meeting, providing a 30 notice is given.

August 14

HHGT Craft Day – At Placid Lakes Community Center. Hosted by Pat Reiser and Jennifer Marsh.

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Lunch Committee – Working lunch at American Legion, Post 25. To become familiarized with setup and planning.

August 21

District President's meeting in Bartow, FL

August 22 – Planting Kindness, Harvesting Success. The summer event is a social event at Tropical Winery in support of the club committee Youth Gardening. Attendees brought school supplies and together created a presentation basket to be given to the 5th grade teacher Miss ????

August 27

Youth Gardening Committee meeting . Held at Carol Lambert's home. Planning for the upcoming school year. Date changed from the 20th.

Summer long

Throughout the summer season Sue Rood completed the new yearbook.

Stephanie Moreo secured program speakers for member meetings.

Members volunteered for horticulture programs at member meetings.

Youth Gardening monthly programs for the school year at committee meetings and/or email communication.

Plant studies have been established throughout the year.

The website and newsletters have been updated.

Bills continued to arrive and Donna continued to keep our finances in order.

Submitted,

Doris Rohner
President
August 16, 2025