



LAKE PLACID GARDEN CLUB, INC.

Organized 1952, Federated 1953

501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Organization

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.-District IX, Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, and Keep Lake Placid Beautiful

www.lakeplacidgardenclub.org

Philanthropic Programs & Projects

MONTHLY MEMBER MEETINGS with Programs and Speakers (September thru May)

- Speakers to encourage, stimulate, and educate members to promote the love of gardening and the environment.
- Discussion of plant studies and trips with recap reports from all committees.
- Members encouraged to bring plant specimens to meetings for “Fuss and Brag”.
- Support objectives of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Deep South Region and National Garden Clubs

MONTHLY LOCAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: (September thru May)

Acorn Project – Benefitting the Environment

- Initiated in 2015 in conjunction with volunteer Ridge Rangers committed to restoring native Scrub Oaks of the 2500-acre Florida Fish and Wildlife conservation land at Royce Unit near Lake Placid.
- Members gather the 3rd Thursday of each month to assist in phases of planting acorns and native flowers, repotting, and weeding.

Garden Therapy – Program for Senior Residents

- Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Lake Placid Health & Rehabilitation Center.
- Project benefits the residents of the Lake Placid Health Care Center by creating a unique garden-related craft which residents may keep for their room to enjoy.
- Activities are designed to encourage the residents to enjoy gardening as a means of mental and physical therapy.

Youth Gardeners – Program for Young Students

- Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month at Crane Brook Academics working with approximately 17 students (grades 4-6) and their young impressionable minds.
- Garden projects for youth, sharing their love for gardening and nature.
- Goal is to provide hands on, small groups, instruction that encourages the students to connect with nature, investigate, experiment and care for the environment.

SCHOLARSHIPS/CAMPERSHIPS: (Annually)

Scholarships High School – Local Graduating Students

- Scholarships awarded to deserving High School graduates in accordance with F.F.G.C. guidelines.
- Special consideration given to students who plan concentration in fields of horticulture, botany, agriculture, or environmental studies.
- Up to \$10,000 in High School Scholarships awarded to local youths interested in continuing their education in Florida with a College, Occupational, Vocational or Technical Career.

Scholarships Continuing- Encouragement to Continue Education

- Continuing education scholarship(s) are given to a deserving previous scholarship winner(s) who meet the criteria with grades and goals.

Camperships – 4-H CLOVERLEAF, ARCHBOLD BIOLOGICAL STATION, S.E.E.K., CAMP WEKIVA

- **4-H Cloverleaf Summer Camp** Sponsorship and support for their mission to develop life skills in youth through experiential education in the camp environment.
- **Archbold Biological Station** matching gift program. Camperships awarded to deserving Juniors, Intermediate and High School, Gardener Sponsorships are given to students who wish to study animals and native plants in a special settings.
- **S.E.E.K.** support for **Save the Earth’s Environment through Knowledge** program. Camperships offered to students going into the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades interested in attending environmental conferences.
- **Wekiva Youth Camp** camperships for students 3-8, or for counselor-in-training students and Camp Wekiva operational support with “Coins for Camp” collection project. *Only summer camp for children in the country supported by Garden Clubs.*

YEARLY ON-GOING PROJECTS:

Caladium Festival Contest

- Support and promote the Lake Placid Caladium Festival
- Provide and coordinate a caladium floral design competition sponsored by the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce.

Civic Beautification

- Projects in cooperation with Town Council and Chamber of Commerce
- Support for the Keep Lake Placid Beautiful program
- Maintenance of the American Legion Blue Star Memorial Garden, the Lake Placid Main Street Garden, the Masonic Lodge Garden and partnership with the Lake Placid Historical Society gardening effort.

Fundraisers – Benefiting LOCAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS, CAMPERSHIPS & PROGRAMS

- **HOLIDAY HOME & GARDEN TOUR** - Annual **MAIN EVENT FUNDRAISER**, attendance of 300+ with Florida residents and out-of-state holiday visitors. Also offering a Christmas Boutique including “Giving Trees” delivered to several needy families.
- **ANNUAL PLANT SALE** – A March event offering bargain prices on a variety of plants seeded, potted, and grown by our own members.

Library Plants

- Provide a live plant display at the Lake Placid Memorial Library with information regarding each plant and the LPGC

Manna Ministries

- Collection of non-perishables items averaging 400 pounds of food for each collection in addition to monetary contributions to purchase items for the needy.
- Annual Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas collections

Monthly Newsletter & WEBSITE

- Published to members with current events and a WEBSITE with updated pertinent information both for members and public viewing.

LAKE PLACID GARDEN CLUB
FOUNDED 1952

A YEAR FULL OF ACTIVITY

100+ Members

Garden Therapy

Lake Placid Garden Club
Youth Gardenders

FFGC
ARBOR DAY EVENT
Memorial Planting
of
Florida Native Trees

Sunshine News

Holiday Home & Garden Tour

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Caladium Floral Arrangement Contest

MANNA MINISTRIES OF LAKE PLACID

The ACORN PROJECT