

# Gardeners Out East Newsletter

Welcome to the official Gardeners Out East Newsletter! We will bring you timely information about everything GOE.



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### **Carolyn's Corner**

Carolyn is all about Recycling this month. See her column about her renewed interest on the importance of recycling.

### **This month's picture**

Just because it is April, and my Oncidium hybrid orchid (yellow kiss) is blooming, I thought I would share it. Enjoy.

### **Year End Finale!**

Your evite for the Year End Finale will be coming soon! Please respond so we can plan. They are always special for everyone. Also, please remember it is time to send in your dues to Ginny. The dues are \$35.00.

## GOE News

Editor: Nancy Schneider

We hope you enjoyed April's meeting. Our speakers, Tammy Parrott and Tiffany Mautino were very informative. So, it seems like the year went flying by. This is the first year for our newsletter and we hope you enjoyed receiving them. If you have comments or want additional information, please let me know. Just a reminder, we are collecting dues for next year by the end of May. Please send your dues (cash or check) to Ginny Kepp at 4919 Benito Court, Lakewood Ranch, Fl. 34211. You can mail it or drop it by her home. You can also bring it with you to the Finale that will be at her home.

## Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn Lowry-Nation

I have just returned from Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee, FL, where the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. held their annual convention. The Theme was, "Worlds of Wonder! Recycled" WOW. I came home feeling very energized about what I could do to help the environment by recycling. So many great ideas were shared – some FL clubs are doing amazing things to better the environment.

"Here's What Those Plastic Recycling Numbers Mean" and "How Long Does It Take to Decompose". Seeing these facts makes you truly consider your everyday use of products.

Recycling numbers: Think all of the following numbers are inside triangles: 1 (polyethylene), 2 (High density polyethylene), 3 PVC (polyvinyl chloride), 4 (low density polyethylene), 5 (polypropylene), 6 (polystyrene), 7 miscellaneous (polycarbonate and more)

How long does it take to decompose?

Paper towels 2-4 weeks, Banana peel 3-4 weeks, Paper bag 1 month, Newspapers 1.5 months, Apple Core 2 months, Cardboard 2 months, Cotton Glove 3 months, Orange Peels 6 months, Plywood 1-3 years, Wool Sock 1-5 years, Milk Carton 5 years, Cigarette butts 10-12 years, Leather shoes 25-40 years, Tin Steel can 50 years, Foamed plastic cups 50 years, Rubber boot sole 50-80 years, plastic containers 50-80 years, Aluminum cans 200-500 years, Plastic bottles 450 years, Disposable diapers 550 years, Monofilament Fishing line 600 years, Plastic Bags 200-1000 years

Doesn't this just give you pause for a moment to take it in???

## Announcements

### Birthdays:

Francesca Tulski: May 3

Pat Morris: May 8

Joann Gracefello: May 11

Jamie Reagan: May 28

Karen Eckert: April 26

Welcome our new members: Kathy Chengery and Sharon Fee

**Name Tags:** GOE name tags are available for purchase. Contact Venwood Awards at [sales@venwoodawards.com](mailto:sales@venwoodawards.com). They are \$8.00 plus shipping and tax. Their phone number is 931-473-0708.

**Tee Shirts:** Either Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve Tee Shirts are available from Salty Printing. They require a minimum of 6 to print. The price will be \$19 for short sleeves and \$22 for long sleeves. 2XL and 3XL will have an additional cost. Contact Maddie Daraio at [mjdarao@gmail.com](mailto:mjdarao@gmail.com).

**Next Year's programs!** If you have ideas or thoughts about next years' programs, please contact Joann Gracefello at [jograceffo@gmail.com](mailto:jograceffo@gmail.com). She is looking for programs of interest to everyone for her annual planning.

### Events:

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** District VIII will hold their semi-annual meeting at the Dell Webb Center. Carolyn sent out an announcement as well a form in her email.

**April 24 2024:** Florida Federation of Garden Clubs will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Stay tuned to more information about the celebration.

### GOE Website

Please visit our website [www.gardenersouteast.com](http://www.gardenersouteast.com) for lots more information about GOE. If you never signed on, the password is "Butterfly" and then change to your own

## 2022- 2023 Meeting Calendar

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Year End Finale** to be held at Ginny Kepp's home 4919 Benito Court in Esplanade at Lakewood Ranch. You will be receiving an Evite from Sandra Lewis by the week of May 1st. **Please respond as soon as you get it as they are using it for planning purposes.**

All meetings will be held at:  
The Celebration of Life Center  
4310 Solutions Lane  
Lakewood Ranch, Florida unless stated otherwise.

**New Board Members:** Please welcome the new board members: **Patricia Morris** who will be taking the Treasurer position from Ginny Kepp starting in July and **Gwyneth Paget** who will be taking over the Secretarial position from Lyn Simensen. Thank you, Ginny and Lyn, for all of your work on behalf of Gardeners Out East.

**Items of interest: If you are interested in joining a committee, here is a list of opportunities and contacts:**

**Gold Star:** Melodie Friedebach

Melodie is looking for help for her Gold Star event at the new Lakewood Ranch Library. It will take place in early November but there is lots of work that needs to be done ahead of the event.

**Hospitality:** Sandra Lewis

**Membership:** Maddie Daraio

**Program:** Joann Graceffo

**Publicity:** Nancy Schneider

**Sunshine:** Sandra Lewis (Please let Sandra know if any of our members are in the hospital or infirm at home or have deaths in the family so we can send our condolences.

**The American horticultural Society provides another opportunity to enjoy gardening.** For \$35, you receive the American Gardener and a Reciprocal Admissions Program to over 345 public gardens across the US and Canada. In Florida, some gardens include: Marie Selby Gardens: Downtown and Historic Spanish Point as well as Bok Tower, St. Petersburg Sunken Gardens, and so many more. Contact: [www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org) for more information.

April 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting: New Library and Wooden Flag Builder

