

New Smyrna Beach Garden Club

April 2025 Newsletter



Next Meeting

Date: April 2, 2025

Social: 9:30-10:30am

Program: 10:30am

Program: High School Scholarships
Job Fair for various committee's

President's Message

Yes, we are celebrating another very successful Rummage Sale. Thank you, *Tara* and *Michele* – organizers and socializers making all the hard work fun

Thank you, department heads and worker bees, for organizing, displaying, and selling our wonderful, gently used items.

Thank you, *Suzanne* and *Rose*, who keep us caffeinated, hydrated, and fed. Thank you, *PJ*, for getting the luncheon donations and thanks to all the shoppers who made a great purchase at our Rummage Sale. Now that the Rummage Sale is over, Smyrna Beach Garden Club has only two meetings before our summer break.

The **April meeting** will begin with our high school scholarship awards and a few words from the students themselves. The remainder of this meeting will be the second Job Fair, where committee chairs will describe their duties and recruit new committee chairs if needed.

The **May meeting** is the Formal Installation of the Garden Club's new officers for the 2025-2027 term. The installation ceremony is the only item on the agenda and will take the entire meeting for May.

These two meetings are administrative and do not have an outside speaker. We have decided not to allow guests to these last two meetings. Guests will be allowed again starting in October.

-Marty

Meeting Reservations

Please Note:

This is an administrative meeting so there will be no guests

Reservations are required of everyone attending the meeting so that the hostess committee can decorate and provide enough tables for everyone.

A light breakfast of snacks and drinks will be served.

(Thank you for the large number of RSVPs last month!!)

RSVP by email to riverspeggy@gmail.com or call/text 407-797-0141 by the deadline of **Sunday March 30th at 5:00 PM.**

-Submitted by Peggy Rivers



March Hospital Floral Design-March

"Spring is in Bloom"



Created including Stargazer Lily's, Hydrangeas, and Zinnias.

-Submitted by Noreen Brownson

Imaginative Gardens

Our Spring gardens are bursting with bright colors and interesting textures. We happily anticipate viewing the palettes of color and thoughtful landscapes that will be showcased in our upcoming April Garden Tour.

Our inspired **hostesses** will share their inviting tablescapes with you at the April 2nd Members meeting. Please thank our creative April **hostesses**:

Maribeth Alte, Claire Augusto, Nancy Baker/Marilyn Barry/Nancy Homan, Sandra Capuano, Jana Caswell/Pam Ison, Robert Fechtenburg, Nancy Grummer, Tracy Husbands, Julie Kirton, Joan Lasek, Judy Quattrochi, Nancy Shea and Elsa Wittbold.



Our generous **breakfast bakers and cooks** are going to spoil you with their enticing breakfast goodies. And spoil you, they do but kindly remember to take a small sample of their treats so that there is enough for everyone to enjoy. Please thank our talented April **breakfast bakers and cooks**:



Diane Barber, Paula Blakeslee, Nancy Crawford, Lola Duckworth, Kathie Eichinger, Troy Gallagher, Linda Gray, Nancy Grummer, Tracy Husbands, Rose Holly, Kris Jorolemon, Terri Kranz, Laura Gilkes, Nancy Nuner, Kristi Rohan, Suzanne Smith, Kathy Standing, Karen Vose and Elsa Wittbold.

Lastly, during our fantastic Rummage Sale in March, local businesses and many members provided food and drinks for all who volunteered to help. Please thank the following local businesses who donated food for our luncheon enjoyment by patronizing them: *Chik-Fil-A* and *Pizza Hut* in Edgewater and *McKenna's* and *Publix* in New Smyrna Beach.

Also please thank the members who brought food, water and wine to power us through the week of the Rummage Sale:

P.J. Arvidson, Kevin and Michele Boyer, Noreen Brownson, Sandra Capuano, Tara Cox, Lola Duckworth, Kathie Eichinger, Carol Gaines, Laura Gilkes, Marie Hill, Rose Holly, Nancy Joseph's, Joan Lasek, Linda Peterson, Kristi Rohan, Patti Shawen, Phyllis Skiffington, Sookie Smith, Suzanne Smith, Kathy Smullen, Mimi Weerts and the many anonymous members who donated water, wine and snacks.

-Submitted by Pam Bloom, Linda Gray, Suzanne Smith and Linda Vanis

Upcoming Garden Club Interest Groups Interest Group

What: We will visit and observe hives from a distance, Dr. George Rahaim's honey house and how he processes honey.



Presenter. George Rahaim, President of Volusia County Beekeepers

When: Friday, April 4th (NEW DATE) 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Where: 615 Art Center Ave. New Smyrna Beach

Limited to 25 people. Bring a folding chair. We will meet at the Garden Club parking lot at 9:30 AM then carpool to Dr. Rahaim's due to limited parking.

RSVP by email to riverspeggy@gmail.com or call/text 407-797-0141 by the deadline of **Friday March 28th at 5:00 PM.**

ATTENTION - The visit to Knight's Landscaping in May has been cancelled.

-Submitted by Peggy Rivers

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Last Field Trip this Season

What: will be the. We are heading to the bird-filled **Orlando Wetlands** near Titusville for a docent-led tram tour. The tour will last about 90 minutes, and we usually see at least forty species of birds and enough gators to increase your heart rate.



When: Wednesday, April 9th

Cost: No charge, but donation for the trams is appreciated.

Following the tour, we will have lunch at Pier 220.

After lunch we will go to the **American Space Museum** for a docent tour of many artifacts from NASA and the space industry.

Cost \$8.00

We have a maximum of 24 with a few spots still open.

Please email Kathy Smullen ksmirish@gmail.com

-Submitted by Kathy Smullen

New Smyrna Beach Garden Club

2025 GARDEN Tour

CALLING ALL GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS TO A SELF GUIDED TOUR OF
7 BEAUTIFUL COASTAL HOME GARDENS
 IN THE BETHUNE BEACH AREA

**WEDNESDAY
 APRIL 23RD, 9AM - 4PM**

\$30 TICKET PER PERSON
 AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT
NEWSMYRNABeachGARDENCLUB.ORG
 OR
LINDLEY'S GARDEN CENTER
 1232 CANAL STREET, NEW SMYRNA BEACH




ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES



The Garden Tour needs 6 smaller size POP UP Tents for April 22 - April 24.

Good size tents would be 5' x 5" or 4' x 6".

Please contact JoAnne Anderson 631-827-9975 if you can provide a tent for the garden tour.

-Submitted by JoAnne Anderson



The New Smyrna Beach Garden Club presents its *Annual Garden Tour*

April 23, 2025, 9AM-4PM

Rain or Shine

Take a self-guided tour of 7 beautiful coastal home gardens in the Bethune Beach area. A day for gardening inspiration and fun.

The ticket price is \$30.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at:

- Garden Club website
- Lindley's Garden Center
- Pink Flamingo at Petals

\$10.00 per **raffle ticket** or 3 **raffle tickets** for \$20.00

4 exciting raffles

- Outdoor Standing Sculpture- "Continuity" by Fred Goldstein valued at \$1200
- Garden Club Building Rental- valued at \$800
- Ocean Rock and Shell Bird Bath- valued at \$500
- Teak Carved Alligator Bench- valued at \$500

A bag lunch will be available for purchase- \$12.00 – provided by

PACOSUBMARINE

-Submitted by JoAnne Anderson



The Butterfly Sanctuary Garden Committee

What Can I Do?

Can you remember a time when you watched a butterfly as it flew from flower to flower? Perhaps you were a young person sitting outside, observing the world around you or perhaps you still find yourself fascinated, watching butterflies in your local landscape. Do you wonder about these lovely creatures? Do you feel curiosity and want to know more? Or do you find yourself lost in wonderment and awe at the amazing creatures around you?

Many of us have fond memories of seeing butterflies. Surely, watching a butterfly is an experience we want our children and grandchildren to enjoy. Yet recent headlines about the diminishing numbers of butterflies in the United States can give us concern about the future of these lovely creatures. Will generations in the years ahead have the opportunity to see butterflies and experience their beauty? How can we ensure the continuation of these creatures that have enriched our lives with beauty and wonder? What can we do? As an individual, can I make a difference?

"You and I are Nature's Best Hope. Our actions count and they add up to counteract a fragmented landscape and other challenges to the survival of so many critically important native creatures and the greater environment we all share."

Quoted from Doug Tallamy

Author, "Bringing Nature Home"

You can make a difference for the butterflies you love! Here are some ways to begin:

1. Create habitat for monarchs, other butterflies and pollinators.
2. Use plants that are native to your local environment. Many of you purchased native milkweed plants at our recent sale and have planted them benefiting our local Monarch butterfly population. The butterflies thank you.
3. Create a butterfly garden and have it certified as a Butterfly Sanctuary Garden. For more information, talk to any member of the Butterfly Gardening Committee. We are thrilled that so many NSB Garden Club Members have taken this step to create more habitats in support of our butterfly population.

You can make a difference!! Take action to support the diversity of plant and animal life in your ecosystem. Small actions by many people can regenerate natural habitats and support the butterflies and pollinators we love!

Submitted by

Hope Jenkins and Mary Heasley.

ATTENTION: Members of the Butterfly Gardening Committee

April 2, 2025

Please mark your calendars.

There will be a short meeting of our committee following the April Garden Club General Meeting to update you on current activities.

-Submitted by Hope Jenkins

Know Your Local Butterflies



White Peacock

Host Plant: water hyssop fogfruit

Gulf Fritillary

Host Plant: passionvine



Zebra Longwing

Host Plant: passionvine



-Submitted by Hope Jenkins

Recycle

Oh, glorious Spring! Some good news to report after last month's revelations about the sham happening within the recycling industry in Florida, here is positivity to spur our Garden Club's recycling efforts forward. Even though our part in this effort may be miniscule in changing the degradation and pollution of Mother Earth, every bit will help.

If compostable plastic bags sound like a great idea, here is a source for you to review. Visit this website to see what they offer. Cleanomicesstentials.com

Coca Cola Company, Keurig, Dr. Pepper and Pepsi Company are designing fully recyclable plastic bottles. More than 100% recyclable by allowing old bottles to be made into new ones, so that they stay out of landfills and our environment.

There is now a certain bacterium that can eat non-biodegradable plastic and turn it into PHA, an eco-friendly biodegradable plastic! These tiny microbes and their plastic-munching abilities could help alleviate our fight against plastic pollution.

Recycling Technologies is a company attempting to turn plastic back into its original form - oil. The process is known as depolymerization.

Keep using plastic cups, not paper cups when you can. Remember everything must be wiped clean as possible - no grease or gunk on paper plates, plastic cutlery, etc. Here is the last of the recycling center's rules - no 50/50 tickets in with paper. There is a "green transitioning" going on right now on earth. Green technology will supply many new jobs for our children and grandchildren in years to come. Let's do our part now. Thanks to everyone for all you do to support recycling at NSBGC.



-Submitted by Donna Johnson "DJ Recycling Committee

Yearbook

THIS IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Member Verification Required:

All members, at the next general meeting, before you enter the clubhouse, please visit the tables outside to verify your membership contact information for the 2025-2026 Yearbook.



-Submitted by Juliette Schaefer

Yearbook Corrections

Corrections to the yearbook inserts:

✚ Debbie DeVenoge -email is ddevenoge@gmail

✚ Rice Wagner phone number is:(386)527-5392

-Submitted by Mimi Weerts

Keep Watering Yourself With:

- Good thoughts
- Good people
- Patience
- Empathy
- Healing
- Hope
- Open mind
- Kind words
- Self-belief
- Acceptance
- Love



Rummage- Clothing recap

This is the first year that we have five new hanging racks. Thank you, *Michele*! What a difference that made. *Troy Gallager* made it look like a high-end shop since she arranged the hanging garments not only by size but also by color. The racks stayed organized thanks to the help of the clothing team.

The men's area has never looked so good and was so organized, thanks to the talents of both *Nancy Littlefield* and *Hope Jenkins*!



The accessories area which included, purses of all kinds, hats, scarfs, belts, wallets and anything else where there was nowhere to put it was organized beyond anything we have ever seen and made it look fabulous by the talent of *Diedra Clayton* with help from *Diane Barber*.

Linda Gray did a great job in organizing the never-ending boxes, bags and containers of shoes/sneakers by arranging them on risers to not only save space by made for a very nice display.

The clothing team's tireless energy for sorting, folding, refolding hanging and rehangng was priceless.

None of the above could have happened without the help of opening and sorting every box and bag, keeping items in order through the sale days and collecting the money. A big thank you goes to others on the team,

Marlene Mercurio, Donna Lawrence, Donna McCarthy, Donna Brenner, Belinda McCarthy, Sue Schwulst, Cindy Walker, Jana Caswell and Terri Kranz.

Thank you clothing team!

-Submitted by Pam Bloom and Sue Cardoza



Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

Newsletter Month

May 2025

Deadline

April 16, 2025

- Please note that the FIRM deadline for submissions for each newsletter is at noon of the deadline date.
- Any submissions after the deadline date will be published in next month's newsletter.
- **Submissions will only be accepted by email not by text.**
- If you have your submission ready, please send it to me sooner rather than later.
- **PLEASE make sure that your article is no longer than one full page including photos.**
- PLEASE do not send your article in PDF format.
- If your article includes photos, The photos must be sent separately in jpeg format.
- DO NOT embed photos as part of a word document.
- **Please send no more than three of your best photos**, this will help keep the size of the newsletter manageable.

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