



LEAF NEWSLETTER

Apollo Beach Garden Club, Inc 2017

October 2024 - Edition #58 revised

"Just Keep on Planting"



President's Message

Paula Olesen

Welcome to Fall & the wrath of Mother Nature. She's not done with us & has certainly made a royal mess of our Community Forest Garden. With that said & taking into consideration the flooding in our area, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the Fall Plant Sale to November 02th from 8a-12p.

You will see in the membership minutes that I have the pleasure of remaining your President. I, however, must have a Secretary. It's not appropriate to have positions unfilled.

Can you image not having a Treasurer? Thank you to Ev, for continuing to keep us financially stable. Welcome to Raleigh as a Director, who will manage the Scholarship & work with the other chairs of committees. Thank you to Annie, continuing as the Community Forest Garden Coordinator.

Jeanette will continue the great work of the Newsletter & Christine will continue to work on Programs as Chairs.

It is said it takes a village; in our case it takes all to be involved.

Tammy, thank you for so much hard work in the Garden as Coordinator & Director. You kept us focused as we all worked & learned together.

Sam has gotten the Website functioning efficiently & items posted in a timely manner. Thank you for your diligence, I know it wasn't always easy.

I would like recognize Jill, our Club & garden leasee, and county staff member, Angela. Together they developed, led & grew the Tiny Tots Program held on Fridays in the Garden. Parents & the tots came to visit their garden plots and participated in many inspiring activities. Thank you.



White Twine Vine

I go to the garden to ease my mind & cleanse my soul. Always end up with dirt under my nails.

Paula



APOLO BEACH GARDEN CLUB, INC.

September 17, 2024

Annual Membership Minutes

Meeting: 6:30 PM

Object and Mission of the
Apollo Beach Garden Club, Inc.:

The Object of the corporation is to enrich outdoor garden experiences through education programs, public awareness, and oversight of the Apollo Beach Community Forest Garden.

The Mission is for residents of Apollo Beach and the South Shore community to learn about various common edible and Florida-friendly plants., and to also understand the significance of local environmental issues, opportunities and regenerative efforts.

09/20/2022

Paula Olesen called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with 12 Club members present and 7 guests present.

Secretary's Report –

Motion by Ev Barnes to accept Minutes of 6/18/2024 which were published in the July 2024 Newsletter. Second by Teresa Hall. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

Ev Barnes reported a previous balance of \$1293.93. Expenses for materials for erecting the Bat House, HC Vendor fee, irrigation materials. Dues income of \$15, FFGC, Vendor fee for ending balance of \$935.75. Motion to accept treasurer's

report by Tammy Kennedy, second by Annie Jimenez. Passed unanimously.

Community Forest Garden Coordinator: – Annie Jimenez reported that all dues and bed renewals are due at this September meeting. Several beds are not being renewed. The Gate lock code will change.

Plan is to have the Bat House erected before the October 5th Plant Sale. There will be a presentation about the Bat House at 10AM at the Plant Sale.

Volunteer days will work on getting the garden looking its best. Assistance is appreciated.

Plan is to move the Pineapples to the row boat. A row of 4 beds will be planted as community/garden members plots to be shared by all & possibly a Food Pantry.

November 16, 2024 at 10AM Kaleena Davis, of UF/IFAS will present on Composting in the Garden.

Row Boat has been the Tiny Tots growing area. Angela Mortenson and Jill Conson can no longer run the program. It has been a wonderful learning experience for the tots. Angela & Jill's time, work and devotion has been appreciated.

Events & Marketing Chair-

Teresa Hall reported on the upcoming Plant Sale- **October 5 – 8AM -12PM.**

Have 4 confirmed vendors. Materials (litter containers, blinds) that can be used to make plant labels were shared.

There were sign up lists for members to take a task.

Teresa challenged members to out due her number of starts to be donated.

Keep It Green will be donating a number of ornamentals, vehicles to help transport will be needed.

Plants can be brought, labeled, 9/28, Oct 1 & 4th

Programs:

Christine Deno -October 15, 2024 Ashley Waite November 19th Mark Robinson, *Edible Landscaping*.

Newsletter Editor:

Jeanette Doyle requested **Early edition items due by 9/27/24 to get the Newsletter out before the Plant Sale.**

Website – Sam Goodwin

Annie Jimenez reported the 2024 Revised By-Laws, Lease Agreement, Chair Descriptions were added to the website.

Old Business:

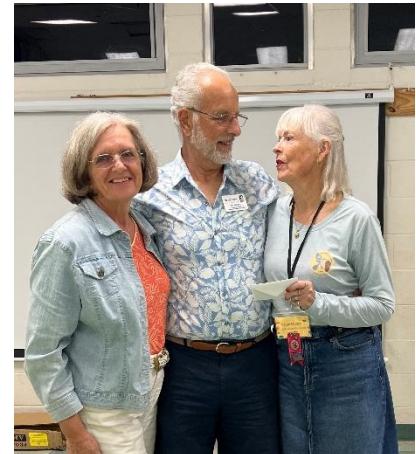
The By Laws were sent to every paid member 30 days in advance of this meeting for review & comment. Explained major change in Board structure, specific Chairs of Committees. Also noted was if the Club

should ever dissolve and monies after all bills were paid will go to the Coalition of Community Gardens. Approval of Revised By-Laws published to your email on August 17, 2014. All members paid, motion by Ev Barnes; second Teresa Hall, passed unanimously.

New Business:

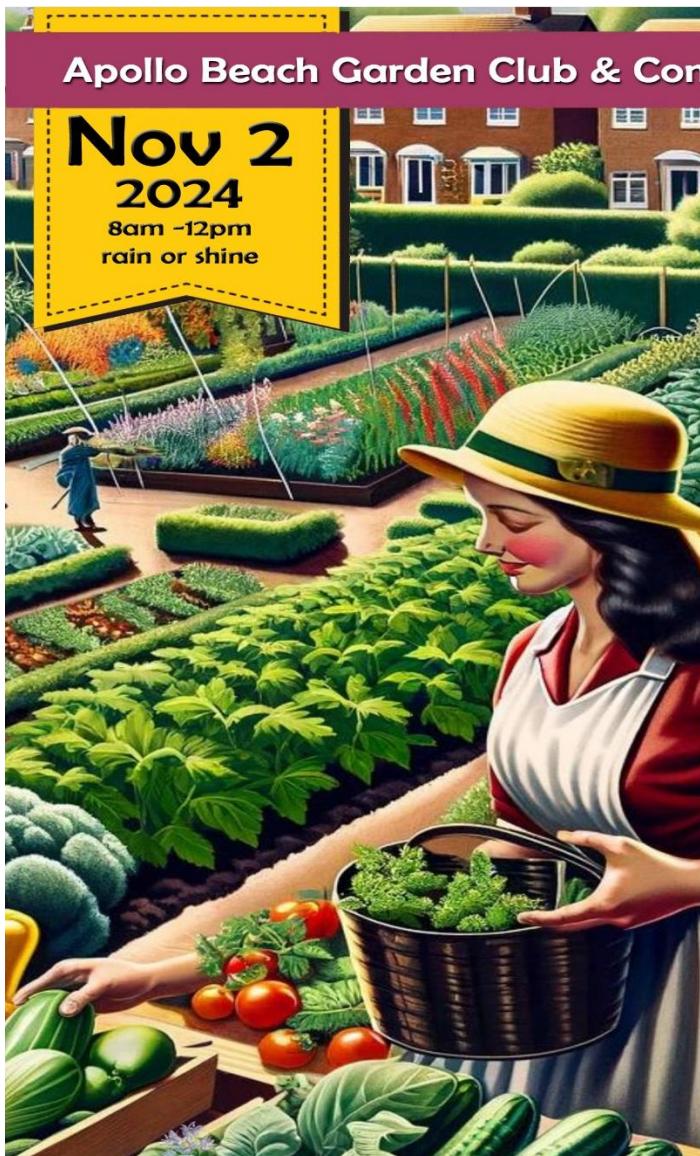
Election of Board of Directors: Paula Olesen noted there were no candidates for the position of President & Secretary. Write in for President & Secretary to fill so the Club can continue to function. Results were Paula Olesen to remain President, no Secretary, Treasurer - Ev Barnes, Community Forest Garden Coordinator - Annie Jimenez, Director of Chairs-Raleigh Barnes. The oath of office will be done at the beginning of the October 15th meeting.

Paula Olesen, President
introduced Phil Sollicito, Master Gardner speaking on “Vegetable Gardening 2: Garden Pests: How to Recognize & Defeat Them.”



Fall Plant Sale date changed.....

(because of Helena flood damage to the community garden)



Seeking both Vendors and Sponsors
Please contact Teresa

text / call: 813-310-3204
info@djteresa.net

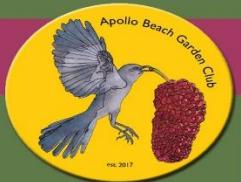
www.apollobeachgardenclub.com
Facebook Group: tinyurl.com/5n7fbary

664 Golf and Sea Blvd

Apollo Beach, FL 33572



Teresa Hall, Marketing & Event Coordinator,
call/text (813) 310-3204

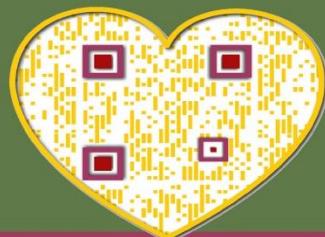


Fall Plant Sale

Stop by and stock up on a bounty of winter vegetable and fruit starts, annual and perennial herbs, succulents, fruit tree starts and bulbs to get a jump on your spring garden.

We have garden club members on hand to help answer questions, assist you in finding what you need and show you around our community garden and food forest.

All proceeds directly benefit the Apollo Beach Garden Club, a 501(c)(3) organization created to benefit our community.



point your camera here to visit the Facebook event page

3rd Annual Apollo Beach Garden Club

Fall Plant Sale -a Bat-tacular celebration and educational event "Let's Talk About Bats" with speaker Annie Jimenez

November 2, 2024 - 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
664 Golf and Sea Boulevard, Apollo Beach FL 33572
<https://apollobeachgardenclub.com/>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Apollo Beach FL, Sept 29, 2024 – Apollo Beach Garden Club and Community Forest Garden has postponed its 3rd annual Fall Plant Sale until Saturday, November 2, 2024 due to the damages sustained from Hurricane Helene. More than three feet of storm surge inundated the entire garden, leaving a water line half way up the shed and submerging everything in its path. Battery powered blowers, trimmers and other power tools stored in the shed were submerged in salt water and needed to be removed/replaced.

Bees from the hive drowned, but enough made it through to hopefully rebuild the hive at an off-site bee hospital that gives them the time and space to recover.

Millions, if not possibly billions, of worms and other organisms in the fertile ground of the food forest and garden bed areas drowned and are piled on the soil surface. Entire families of rats drowned. One was found, but the smell of the un-found keeps wafting through the air on the breeze from different directions and needs to either be removed if it can be located or allowed to run its course for 4 weeks to decompose and produce nutrients for the food forest in the process.

Even hurricanes serve a purpose in nature beyond moving heat around the globe. Huge amounts of green foliage and other decompost thrown to the ground create a nitrogen rich breakdown for 2 or more years to come and spur regrowth at an accelerated rate. Getting through the stink phase of that is uncomfortable for most.

On Saturday, September 28, 2024, volunteers from the garden club and the community came out to help with assessment and recovery efforts. Thanks to all those amazing helping hands, critical areas were restored to some sense of order. This included the garden bed aisles so that members can access their beds, the main walk ways and the patio area which is often a main work or staging area during projects. The garden club needs more time to get things back in order so it can proudly welcome the community to come learn about the importance of bats in our local ecosystem while stocking up on new plants for fall garden projects on November 2, 2024. The garden is open to the public every Tuesday and Saturday from 9am until noon until then. Any volunteers who would like to help the recovery efforts are greatly appreciated during those hours as there are many projects to complete in the next month before the sale.

For the November sale, there is an already robust selection of plants that were started by its members to donate that are being stored off site and will be available. Tomato, Basil, Swiss Chard, Cabbage, Kale, Rosemary, Cilantro, Papaya, and more. **Keep It Green Nursery** on US 41 has offered to donate an amazing number of plants that requires a truck to deliver a few times. The plant sale directly benefits the garden club and its ongoing recovery projects. Garden Club members will be on hand to answer questions and help find exactly what someone needs. Prior to the sale, the Garden Club is hosting its 3rd Tuesday of the month membership meeting with a guest speaker on October 15th after 6pm at 664 Golf and Sea Blvd, Apollo Beach FL. Any plants already started that can't wait until November 2nd to find a home, will be available for sale at a discount to attendees during the open meeting and speaker event.

Despite the storm recovery efforts, the Garden Club is still acutely focused on installing a Bat House to help support the local bat population. The bat house and its residents will help educate the community on why bats are so crucial to our local environment. At 10:00 AM, Community Garden Coordinator, Annie Jimenez, will speak on why bats are a benefit in any

garden, large or small. She will discuss why bats are so indispensable to our environment and our gardens, how we can create a habitat for them, why we should protect them and answer questions. Since its inception, **The Apollo Beach Community Forest Garden** has always strived to be different than the average Community Garden with just beds for rent. The goal has been to create something that lives on beyond managing community garden beds and brings the community together to help educate and inspire new gardeners. The Garden Club and members are the stewards of the Food Forest and champions of sharing knowledge for generations to come.



Sam Goodwin, Beekeeper

Webmaster:

<https://apollobeachgardenclub.com>

Bee a Bee-Keeper, not a Bee-Haver

Storm Updates from our beekeeper:

Bees are cautious in the garden. The bees are still calming down. I stayed until most of them went back inside.

I inspected the hive and it is still viable, but under stress. All the brood drowned (this equates to an entire generation), the bees have started opening some cells and removing the dead. The adult bees were able to go up high enough in the hive to get out of the water. The queen is doubtful, but that is fixable.

I double strapped the hive for movement and fed them. I'll need help by another beekeeper to load the hive. I couldn't finish everything I needed to do in the garden. People too close and one guy walked right in and told me he had mental problems, but was smart enough to realize how important bees are to the environment. He was harmless but I had to walk him away twice.

As soon as I get help, I'll be removing the hive to the farm where I can check it daily, re-queen if necessary and replace remaining contaminated comb. Sam

Nature has its own unique ways of recovering, especially when loving stewards help in the process.

Apollo Beach Garden Club member have a way you can help the process. Volunteer on open days, donate plants, donate time, come to meetings, rent a garden bed. **The Apollo Beach Garden Food Forest** is a place of love, a place of learning. Come find out for yourself.

Press / Event Contact:

Teresa Hall, Marketing & Event Coordinator
call/text: (813) 310 - 3204 info@djteresa.net



Pictures of the dead brood being removed from the hive by the adult bees on the landing ledge and on the ground in front of the hive. Some dead adults too, but mostly brood. Bees are clean



Membership - Annie Jimenez, apollobeachgardenclub@gmail.com

Apollo Beach Garden Club Membership Form



- Annual Garden Club dues are due in SEPTEMBER.
- Community Forest Garden raised bed rentals run from SEPTEMBER or the date of lease start until the following 31st of AUGUST, regardless if they start mid season.
- Leasing a raised garden bed at the Apollo Beach Community Forest Garden is an ad-on to being a member of the Apollo Beach Garden Club. It is required that you join the Apollo Beach Garden Club and pay the dues stated below to opt in to renting a raised garden bed. Before an available raised bed is assigned to you we ask that you donate 10 hours of your time by actively participating at volunteer days (Tuesdays and Saturday mornings from 9am-12:00pm); and are familiar with the *Raised Bed Lease Agreement* posted online at <https://apollobeachgardenclub.com/member-information/>. The *Raised Bed Lease Agreement* document acts as a binding contract which you will have to sign for below when renting a raised bed from the Apollo Beach Garden Club.

Please mark the boxes () with an X where it applies.

OPTION 1 - ABGC Dues

Apollo Beach Garden Club Dues: \$15.00 single, \$25 couple

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs: \$12.00 per household (Joining the federation is optional)

Name: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Membership total \$ _____ paid on ____/____/____, by CASH or CHECK #_____

Member's signature _____

OPTION 2 - ABGC Dues + Raised bed rental

Apollo Beach Garden Club Dues: \$15.00 single, \$25 couple

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs: \$12.00 per household (Joining the federation is optional)

Yearly Raised Bed Rental: \$50

Name: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Leasing raised bed: # _____ (to be assigned by ABGC board member)

Membership total \$ _____ paid on ____/____/____, by CASH or CHECK #_____

Member's signature _____

By signing here you agree to comply with the Rules and Regulations Stated in the Document "Raised Bed Lease Agreement" made available to you online at <https://apollobeachgardenclub.com/member-information/>. Failure to abide by these rules can result in early termination of your lease.

To pay and finalize, fill out this form and bring it to the next Garden Club meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month at the Recreation Center, 664 Golf and Sea Blvd, Apollo Beach, FL 33572), payments will not be accepted outside this time.



**Forest Garden
Coordinator**
Annie Jimenez
apollobeachgardenclub@gmail.com

This month we have several important events:

- The bat house and new white board will be installed in the Garden before the date of our Plant Sale, which is on November 2th. This leads me to kindly remind you to come on out on Friday 11/01 to help prepare and on the day of the Sale 11/02 to help sell and guide patrons!
- **The October monthly meeting is your 2nd chance to renew your raised bed lease and your membership if you have not done so yet.**
- We have started transferring our pineapples from the Canoe to the Rowboat, the project is underway. The next step will be to clear the Canoe, move it forward and raise it a bit and plant more pineapples in it. We have received a generous donation of slips from Dottie Dickman Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Dottie has also donated slips for us to sell at the plant Sale!
- I am happy to share that Row "A" of our Community Garden plots will be for community planting. Our first crops will be: Carrots, Bok Choi, Onions and beans. We will be planting these during the upcoming Volunteer Work Days.

See you soon in the Garden



Apollo Beach Garden Club Calendar

Event	Date	Notes
Monthly meeting	October 15th, 6:30pm	Location: Apollo Beach Recreation Center, 664 Golf Sea Blvd
Board meeting	October 15th, 9:00am	Location: Apollo Beach Recreation Center
HCC Student Success Fest	October 15th, 11:00am-3:00pm	The Club will attend this event at HCC to offer information for students and the wider community on volunteer opportunities and Community Forest Garden related topics. If you would like to volunteer to represent the Club please let the Board know!
Volunteer work days at the Community Forest Garden	Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:00am-11:30am	
Fall Plant Sale	November 2nd, 8:00am-12:00pm	If you are a member and have not picked up a volunteer task, please do so! The sign up sheets are available on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Garden.
Composting Workshop with Kaleena Davis from Extension	November 16th, 10:00am	Kaleena will be teaching an introductory composting class which will enable attendees to apply the acquired knowledge to an array of composting systems. Free event open to the Public!





**Chris Deno,
Program Chair**

October 15th

Speaker: Ashley Waite, Director of Museum Experience at the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature. Her presentation is "Eco-Engineers, plants and animals that profoundly impact their ecosystem"

**All Membership Meetings are open
to the Public and free of Charge**

Next Membership Meetings:
November 19th
Speaker Mark Robinson December -
Holiday gathering TBA

Next Membership Meetings:

Phil Solicito, Master Gardner –
September Membership meeting
"Vegetable Gardening 2:
Garden Pests:
How to Recognize & Defeat Them."





Members in Our Garden

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies." -Gertrude Jekyll



FALL PLANT FESTIVAL

BOTANICAL GARDENS

Rake in autumn with the USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Festival! Celebrate the upcoming change in seasons with commercial growers, a variety of food vendor, and experts who are available to field all of your plant related questions. Mark your calendars!

Pine Dr Tampa, FL 33612

OCTOBER 12TH & 13TH | 9 AM -

Volunteer to help always needed!!



Garden Visitor Hours -

Open to the Public
Tuesday and Saturday from 9 to 11
Garden is closed on Holidays
To schedule a tour outside regular hours email
apollobeachgardenclub@gmail.com



Object and Mission of the Apollo Beach Garden Club, Inc.:

The Object of the corporation is to enrich outdoor garden experiences through **education** programs, public awareness, experts and a community garden.

The Mission is for residents of Apollo Beach and the South Shore community to learn how to grow various endemic, epiphytic, edible and Florida-friendly plants. In addition to understanding the significance of local environmental issues and regenerative efforts.





2024-2025 Elected Board

President: Paula Olesen

Secretary: *We are actively looking for a Secretary!!*

Treasurer: Ev Barnes

Community Forest Garden Coordinator: Annie Jiménez

Director of Committees: Raleigh Barnes

Past President: N/A

Committee Chairs

Program Chair: Chris Deno

Advertising Chair: *We are actively looking for an Advertising Chair!!*

ABGC Leaf Newsletter Editor Chair: Jeanette Doyle

Marketing and Plant Sale Event Chair: Teresa Hall

Webmaster Chair: Sam Goodwin

Membership Chair: Annie Jiménez

Nominating Chair: *We are actively looking for a Nominating Chair!!*

Scholarship Chair: Raleigh Barnes

All inquiries to be sent to: apollobeachgardenclub@gmail.com

