

# SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Official Newsletter  
of  
Marathon Garden Club

  
**MARATHON GARDEN CLUB**  
Come grow with us...

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*SPECIAL EDITION*

## *Marathon Garden Club Awards \$6,500 to 2016 Scholarship Recipients*



Claire receives scholarship award from committee co-chair, Barbara Wright

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce that **Alaina Claire McCarthy** was awarded the Marathon Garden Club Scholarship for 2016. She is a recent graduate of Marathon High School and will attend Florida State University this fall. Her major interest lies in the field of environmental studies.

Claire was selected for many reasons in addition to her strong interest in the environment. She maintained a high grade point average while taking the most rigorous courses offered, including marine and environmental studies and other Advanced Placement classes.

Her extensive extracurricular activities include captain of the swim team, member of National Honor Society, and gifted performer in the drama program, as well as a member of the band. In addition, she accrued 547 hours of volunteer time, participating in a variety of events such as Relay for Life and Coastal Cleanup.

Claire's teacher states, "Claire is not only gifted academically, but is well-rounded and service minded. This scholarship would be an investment in a worthy student and will be well used. It will go a long way in helping Claire achieve her dreams."

Claire comes from a single parent household and has two brothers who are currently attending college. Scholarship money will be of great assistance to her. Our scholarship check in the amount of \$1500 will be awarded after the

## Scholarship Report continued

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, this scholarship may be renewed each year of undergraduate school upon the completion of coursework and the achievement of a 3.0 grade point average.

**Alaina Claire McCarthy**

Marathon Garden Club

2016 Scholarship Recipient



Past recipients of our scholarships who are eligible for the following awards for the coming academic year:

2015, Sophomore, Rosalia Parrado, Chemistry @ Florida Atlantic Univ., \$1,500

2014, Junior, Jonathan Rios, Botany @ Univ. of Florida, \$1,500

2013, Senior, Sean Roussin, Biology/Chemistry, Univ. of Central Fl., \$2,000

These three upper-class persons are eligible for scholarship renewal providing they meet these requirements.



Notes from the President

*Sande*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

In April, our members participated in a food drive to benefit Keys Area Interdenominational Resources (KAIR), our local food bank.

Sande presented the food to Marge Roberts, the director of KAIR. Also present in the photo below are volunteers Betty and Phyllis. Our donation was most appreciated, as are all items donated throughout the year. KAIR services our local families in crisis as well as our homeless population. Thank you all for your

June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17: 9 - noon, UF/IFAS Plant Clinic at Home Depot garden center by MGC Master Gardeners

June 25, Florida Keys Tropical Fruit Fiesta at Grimal Grove, 258 Cunningham Rd., Big Pine Key. See page 3.

Oct. 11, FFGC Fall District XII Meeting, Location to be announced

Oct. 12, MGC Board Meeting, 9 am

Oct. 15, Plant Clinic at Home Depot, 9 - noon

Oct. 21, MGC Meeting, 1 pm

Oct. 26 & 27 NGC Gardening Study School Course III, U. of FL, Davie



participation.

Club Theme:  
**“Inspire Community Awareness”**

Also, Vern Block was in Marathon this week and generously donated over a dozen orchids from his collection. Those of you who heard his talk and bought plants in February know of the extent of his knowledge. We are very happy that he has added some of his orchids to our gardens. We look forward to hearing him speak again in the coming year.



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*In Sympathy*

*We extend our condolences to Connie Miola on the loss of her husband, Pat. Pat was born April 11, 1927 and passed away May 19, 2016. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.*

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# Florida Keys Tropical Fruit Fiesta



**Saturday, June 25, 2016**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Free Event**  
 Rain or Shine, except if tropical storm approaches

**Grimal Grove Tent 1 - entrance**  
 Grimal Grove merchandise sales & memberships

Purchase Raffle tickets and water bottles

Grove Tours start @ Purple Tent  
**10 am, 11 am, and 12:00 pm**  
 Stephen Sullivan Volunteer Nursery Manager  
 Patrick Garvey, Director of Grimal Grove

**Fruit Tent**  
**9:00 am**

- Tropical Fruit Display
- Tropical Fruit Tasting
- Tropical Fruit Sales (while supplies last)
- Silent Auction

**12:30 Raffle & Silent Auction**  
 Drawings @ **Fruit Tent**  
**Must be present to win!!!**

**Speaker's Tent - Lectures**

**9:30 am "Vision for Grimal Grove"**  
 Patrick Garvey, Grimal Grove Director

**10:30 am**  
**"Why Won't my Fruit Tree Grow?"**  
 Jeff Wasieleski, UF/IFAS Miami-Dade Co. Extension Tropical Fruit Agent

**11:30 am**  
**"Tropical Fruit Trees of the Fla Keys"**  
 Richard Campbell  
 Fairchild Tropical Garden

**Youth Activities**  
**9:30 am**

- MCSO Animal Farm Petting Zoo
- Tropical Fruit Scavenger Hunt
- Plant a Piney

**Tropical Fruit Trees for Sale**

Pine Island Nursery selling container-grown fruit trees

Grimal Grove Nursery will be selling a wide variety of tropical fruit trees and bananas

**Plant Clinic**  
 University of Florida experts providing advice and tips on selecting fruit trees, growing your trees, and answers why they are not growing!!!

**Grimal Grove Community Composting Program**

Learn about the youth composting program and see the Green Mountain Earth Tub in action!




**Help Grimal Grove:**  
 Donate to "Grimal Grove Water Catchment Restoration Project"!

**Food and Relaxation Area**

**Food Vendors**

- Date & Thyme
- Deer Run B & B
- Irie Island Eats
- Cone Republic
- Cooking Demos with Christine Zapka

**Music**    Scott Marischen Band performs Tropical Jazz

**Trash Free Event**  
 Everyone can do their part.  
 Follow the four R's:  
**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot (compost)**

Bring your own reusable bags and water bottle or  
 Purchase a Grimal Grove water bottle to fill at watering stations throughout the Grove.

**Directions**

Grimal Grove is on Cunningham Lane at MM 30.5. Look for Big Pine Motel/Florida Keys Cafe

**Coming from the Key West:**  
 Cunningham Lane will be on your left

**Coming from Marathon:**  
 Cunningham Lane will be on your right

Parking Attendants will be at the corner of US 1 and Cunningham Ln. **Please see attendant before parking.**

Or take the Lower Keys Shuttle-get off @ Dion's or Lower Keys Chamber

**Please leave cat or dog @ home!!!**

*The above schedule was copied from the May issue of "Educating with Extension"*