



The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc.

PO Box 684, Stuart FL 34995-0684

Executive Board Meeting – December 1, 2025 Membership Report

REVISED ATTENDANCE AT THE NOVEMBER 10, 2025 GENERAL MEETING

78 Active (includes 3 new members: Lynne Cavanaugh, Edwina Dunworth, Vanessa Somoano),
1 Honorary, 11 Guests = 90 Total

MEMBERSHIP COUNT AS OF LAST MONTH

119 Active, 10 Honorary

NEW MEMBERS TO BE INTRODUCED THIS MONTH

MARY TAYLOR: Mary is joining our club to learn when to plant and prune different Florida plants. She loves gardening and is looking forward to meeting new ladies. Her application indicated she's also interested in floral design and event planning. She plans to join Satin Leaf Circle where her next-door neighbor, Lina Novak, is a member.

PAM MCGRAW: Pam and her husband moved to Stuart in November to be near family for holidays, and to enjoy some of our winter months. They live in Sunapee NH where she's a member of the Sunapee Gardeners, her hometown garden club of almost 50 members. She googled our club, attended the November meeting, and says she was welcomed by many friendly women. Pam is looking forward to participating in events, perhaps joining a Circle, and getting to know more lovely ladies.

LINDA KUHN: Linda is a retired registered nurse with a lifelong dedication to healthcare and community service. After a rewarding 35-year career working in a dental office, she continued to give back by volunteering at Martin Memorial Hospital for 5-1/2 years. As an active member of Women in Philanthropy, she enjoys contributing to initiatives that support and uplift others. By joining the Garden Club, she hopes to learn more about Florida's native plants, and gardening tips that suit our climate. She currently has xeriscaping in her backyard with a variety of drought and sun tolerant plants, and hopes to expand her knowledge to improve her garden's sustainability. Linda is sponsored by Katharina Stejskal and plans to join Satin Leaf Circle.

CAROL ANN MAYER: Carol Ann relocated from the Northeast to Martin County in 2001. Her nursing career spanned 30+ years before retiring in 2024. If not out fishing or enjoying the water, she's tending to her tropical gardens. She has participated in algae bloom research studies and hopes to continue advocating for our waterways, the environment and our community. She has been aware of our club for the past 7-8 years by attending Secret Garden Tours and is now, with retirement, ready to finally become a member. She has even enrolled in the January master gardener class. Sponsored by Mary Claire Anderson, Carol Ann is planning to join a Circle.

VALERIE PASQUALE: Valerie learned about our club through Facebook. Currently working at Keyes Real Estate, she still finds time to enjoy gardening. She loves reading, meeting new people, and sharing ideas and friendship. She wants to start out as a Member at Large and decide later if any particular Circle is a good fit for her.

LINDA KLIMOWICZ: Linda enjoys gardening up north in Wisconsin, and in Florida where she resides for 5 months in the winter. She's really into roses right now in both locations, and wants to learn more about horticulture in general. She's looking forward to all our club activities...to learn and to contribute. She has been involved in many organizations and clubs in the past such as the Coast Guard, Junior League, boating, golf, music and art. She's also a member of the Kettle Moraine Garden Club in Wisconsin. Linda is sponsored by Linda Sarubbi and Rana Holbrook.

TRISH CAPRA: Trish is excited to become a new member and share her love of nature, creativity, and community with fellow gardeners. She and her husband, Joe, co-own Captec Engineering, a company they've proudly operated together for 30+ years. Married for 40 years, their 3 children and 3 grandchildren bring them endless joy. Trish loves spending time outdoors biking, paddle boarding, boating and fishing. Arts and crafts are another favorite pastime. She believes in giving back to her community as an active, involved citizen, and is looking forward to learning, growing and blooming alongside her new friends here. Sponsored by Ruth Ann Decker, Trish indicated she may join a Circle.

MAR LOU JENNINGS: Mar Lou would love to learn more about gardening in South Florida even though she has lived in Port St. Lucie for over 30 years. She acknowledges there's always something new to discover... from new information on composting, to planting schedules, to species selection. She's interested in the following club activities...working in our civic gardens, environmental projects, publicity and event planning, and perhaps joining a Circle. She attended the November 8th Sip & Shop in Sewall's Point where she enjoyed lunch and the fashion show with several garden club members.

RHEA DUNN: Rhea is passionate about gardening, rooted in 20+ years living in Hawaii where her love for tropical nature grew. She has a Master's Degree in Education and spent 10 years teaching there before moving to Florida. She now serves the community as a realtor, and is also an officer of the Philippine-American Association of the Treasure Coast. She's grateful to her mentor, Jan Stoorza, who inspired her to join our club, and is considering joining Jacaranda Circle. Rhea looks forward to learning, contributing and growing alongside fellow plant enthusiasts.

BARBARA MAINE: Barbara moved from Hollywood FL to PSL in 1989, was a stay-at-home mom raising 2 children and volunteering in the school system. She now volunteers at the PSL Botanical Gardens, helping with events for kids. As a member of Rio Lindo Garden Club, she also decided to join GCS because she felt the clubs are so different. Crafting, boating and gardening keep her busy, but she's also looking forward to getting to know our members, having fun, and learning all she can about plants and flowers.

RESIGNATIONS

CATHI STUBBS submitted her resignation in writing for both GCS and Periwinkle Circle, therefore, she resigns in good standing.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

LESLIE PERNA has joined Satin Leaf Circle.

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Susan Licari

Second Vice President, Membership Chairman