

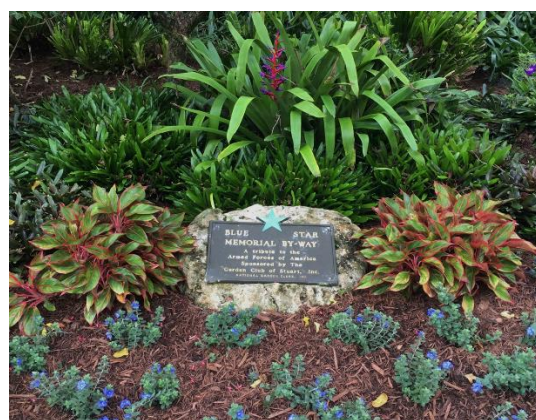
Blue Star Memorial Program

At its general meeting on November 8th the Garden Club of Stuart Rosita Aristoff, 1st Vice President, presented a brief history of the National Garden Clubs (NGC) Blue Star Memorial program.

For 75 years garden clubs affiliated with the NGC have been creating living memorial gardens honoring military veterans along highways and byways across America. Blue Star Memorial markers at these gardens pay tribute to those who have served, are serving or will serve in our nation's Armed Forces.

The Garden Club of Stuart dedicated a Blue Star Memorial By-Way marker surrounded by over 180 new plantings at Stuart's Memorial Park in January, 2012. Since then the garden club has been continuously maintaining and updating the planting material around the marker. This year the National Garden Clubs designated the Garden Club of Stuart as the Overall Winner of the award for the best landscaping maintenance project associated with a Blue Star Memorial By-Way marker.

Since the Blue Star Memorial program began, over 3,300 markers with their living memorial gardens have been dedicated across the country, including at all nine of Florida's national cemeteries.



For more information about this and other garden club programs please go to gardenclubofstuart.org or find us on Facebook.



Co-Chairs of the GCS Blue Star Memorial

Donna Rae Pearlman, Margaret Pisciotta, Rosita Aristoff and Karen Bonney – President of GCS