

# Garcilaso de la Vega, Lake Worth NSDAR

## Project Community

Reaching out to the community is one of the missions of the NSDAR. The Lake Worth Chapter takes this very seriously. Alisha Darcy, Regent and Junior Member of Garcilaso de la Vega, NSDAR, opened the April 21 meeting with reports on community projects.

Helen Vogt Greene, Chaplain, is Garcilaso's representative to the Lake Worth's Air Force Junior ROTC, Unit FL-824. Greene working with Col.

Jose Martinez, reported that Garcilaso de la Vega presented three \$750 scholarships.

As the Executive Board had directed, one scholarship was given in honor and memory of member Bette Kinne (Mrs. Lewis), who passed away. Cadet Michelle Benitez-Marquez received the scholarship, which included monies, medal and a certificate. This is a living memorial given from the 98 year-old and her family. Benitez-

Marquez was also awarded the Youth Award for citizenship and leadership.

Karen Christie, Registrar, and Don Lanman, former President of the Sons of the American Revolution of Palm Beaches, represented both Chapters at the "No Veteran Left Behind" ceremonies held at the South Florida National Cemetery on April 14.

The No Veteran Left Behind is part of the Mission in America Project (MIA). The MIA was founded in 2006. The mission of the MIA is "identify and inter, with full military honors the unclaimed cremated remains." At this event, the urns used were designed and made especially for the MIA by the South Florida Woodworking Guild and Gold Coast Woodturners

Those taking part in the Patriot Guard Riders Honor Guards were: Lake Worth's JROTC Sabre Team, Seminole Ridge Sabre Team, Young Marines, and the Navel Sea Cadets. David Knapp, US Army Vietnam veteran and American Legion past Florida Southern Area Commander served as Master of Ceremonies.

Interred with full military honors were 11 Veterans (two spouses) of the United States Army, three Veterans from the United

States Marines, 10 (one spouse) of the United States Navy, and one Veteran of the United States Air Force.

A bell was rung as the names of each veterans name was read by Walter Wyckoff, US Navy Veteran and Funeral Director of Haisley's Funeral Home. A gun salute, the playing of taps, the folding of the ceremonial flag and the Benediction ended the moving ceremony.

Sue Bosky reminded the members that next month was the last month of the 2017-2018 year to bring donations for the veterans. This is a project that each member is encouraged to take part in. No matter how small the donation, giving back to those that have given so much is one of our objective for Garcilaso de la Vega.

Michelle Robertson, Vice Regent, introduced the guest speaker, Kris Pardue VanNedern. Kris, as she prefers being called, is serving as the Chair of the Florida Junior Membership Committee and Children of the American Revolution. Kris was Florida State Society DAR Outstanding Junior in 2016. She is the Regent for the new 2017 Fort Christmas Chapter near Orlando. Kris is a speaker that loves to talk



**Kris Pardue VanNederyn, Florida Junior Membership Chair and the Regent for the Fort Christmas Chapter, was the guest speaker for Garcilaso de la Vega, NSDAR. Kris is helping the Lake Worth Chapter find ways to interest young ladies 18-35 to join the Daughters of the American Revolution.**

about her Juniors and their many services to FSDAR.

With a power-point presentation Kris explores creative ways to attract those very special members, the Juniors. These are young women, with an age of 18-35, who fulfill the same ancestry requirement and pay the same dues. They are very much in demand

The Kris Message is

how to find a Junior, how to get a Junior to join, and most importantly, how to keep a Junior. All NSDAR chapters realize that young members are the life-blood and the future of DAR.

Alisha Darcy, Regent, thanked all members for taking the time to share their talents with the communities in which they live. We have a lot to offer. Don't be afraid to give back.



**Karen Christie, Treasurer of the DAR Garcilaso de la Vega Lake Worth Chapter, and Don Lanman, Past President of the SAR of the Palm Beaches, represented their chapters at the No Vet Left Behind ceremony held at the South Florida National Cemetery.**

**Sooo, What did you think?!** This past weekend was full of excitement. The Lake Worth Earth Day Festival was a success. The Lake Worth Kiwanis Club has produced the event for 18 years (with a couple of missed years). According to Ted Brownstein, each year the event has its own character. This year it was geared more towards kids and younger adults. The music consisted of more school bands, choruses, drum teams and dance groups.

Our Gray Mockingbird Garden team was out in the back answering people's questions and signing them up for future projects. Sue and Sherry sold a plethora of plants as well. Events like the Earth Day allows us to get some feedback from the community. Feedback for the Native Plants/Trees which were being adopted out by Audubon Everglades was that folks were more interested in the smaller Firebush type of shrubs as compared to the small shade trees like the Calhoon Holly. What any of us think what people want, doesn't matter. When we listen to people and find out what they want, we then flourish. Thank you to all of you folks that attended. We hope to see you back next year!

**Winding up for the season.** I've noticed a couple of the other community gardens in the county are either winding down or have already covered their beds for the simmering summer hibernation. There are a couple of the gardens, including Gray Mockingbird that are now working on future programs for the community. If any of you noticed, we had an organization out here during the festival that worked with S.T.E.M. programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). We are working together to bring these activities out to the Center. Sue is in constant communication with excited groups who are willing to participate in the garden on projects as well. Past and present teachers came out and are interested in facilitating the hydroponic and aeroponic growing systems. Each season is bringing us closer together and creating a more robust garden community. We didn't grow anything in the main section of the garden this year, but Thank you

all for this season as we prepare for our best season yet!

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Jackpots are **\$200 for Cover-All** within designated calls (this week 61) AND **Progressive Lucky Ball** is at **\$50**

**There are winners every week! SUE WON THE \$200 COVER-ALL JACKPOT! DAVE WON \$50 ON THE PROGRESSIVE LUCKY BALL! JIM WON THE 2 BUTTERFLY GARDEN PASSES!**

We are open most days at the garden. 9am-1pm \* call to confirm: 561.246.0148

Stay up to date on our website: [www.GrayMockingbird.org](http://www.GrayMockingbird.org) and our fanpage: [www.facebook.com/GrayMockingbird](http://www.facebook.com/GrayMockingbird). Special thanks to the Scottish Rite. Thanks to Sue and Lou Greer, our garden leaders! Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated!

Plants are our other children, treat them kindly so that when they grow up, they'll take care of you!



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**Our children are the future.**

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## Plan Now for Lake Worth Amnesty Vegetation Days

The City of Lake Worth's Refuse Division will be having Residential Vegetation (Only) Amnesty Pick Up Service beginning May 15.

Vegetation amnesty week is designed to allow residents to dispose of large amounts of vegetation prior to the commencement of hurricane season (not to exceed 12 cubic yards per residential property). All vegetation should be placed curbside on a resident's regular scheduled pick-up day and the City of Lake Worth's Refuse Division will remove it at no charge.

Vegetation will be picked up on the following days:

Zone 1 Monday May 21,  
Zone 2 Thursday May 17,  
Zone 3 Friday May 18,  
Zone 4 Tuesday May 15.

Definitions of Vegetation items are as follows:

- Tree branches less than two (2) inches in diameter

- Branches and palm fronds less than four (4) feet in length

- Stumps less than fifteen (15) inches in diam-

eter and or less than fifty (50) pounds

Do NOT use vegetation bin - place ALL vegetation at the curb

For more information call City of Lake Worth Public Services Refuse Department at 561-533-7344.

Definition of Topping of Trees is as follows:

Topping of trees is considered tree abuse and is not allowed in the City of Lake Worth.

Topping is the indiscriminate cutting of tree branches to stubs. Other names for topping include heading, tipping, hat-racking and rounding over.

"Hurricane pruning" of palm trees is also considered tree abuse and is not allowed in the City of Lake Worth. Only dead fronds should be removed. Leaving the green fronds actually helps protect the tree.

For more information on topping of trees contact David McGrew, City Horticulturist at 561-586-1677 or online at [dmcgrew@lakeworth.org](mailto:dmcgrew@lakeworth.org).