

It takes one to grow one

Hundreds of plants on offer at Sou'Wester Garden Club plant sale

SEASIDE — Celebrating their 72nd anniversary as a community organization, the Seaside Sou'Wester Garden Club will once again hold its annual plant sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 26, at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center.

Credit/debit cards will be accepted.

Hundreds of reasonably priced plants grown by club members are for sale at the

once-a-year event. Unique planters and gifts are available, as are locally produced baked items, preserves and other from-the-garden treats. Club members are on hand to identify plants and give advice on planting and growing selections.

For many years, the entire sale has sold out within the three hours, so buyers are encouraged to come early for the best selection.

Proceeds from the sale of all goods are used to support community initiatives in keeping with the mission of the nonprofit club. Financial and in-kind support is given to the annual Downtown

Seaside Hanging Flower Basket Project, the Seaside High School Garden, the Butterfield Cottage garden and grounds maintenance, and the "down to earth-hands on knees gardening" project.

The Garden Club Grant Project introduced a raffle and silent auction fund this year. Through an application process, grants of \$100 to \$500 are awarded to worthy projects that benefit our local community and support our educational mission to "become caretakers of our air, water, forests, land and wildlife."

Three grants have been

awarded this year. Camp Kiwanilong; Josh Saranpaa, executive director of the North Coast Wildlife Center; and Shiqi Dotson of Seaside Heights Elementary School have each received awards.

Applications are available from club members and there is no deadline for submission.

Three raffle items include "Life's a Garden ... Dig It," "Vintage Rust is a Must" and "Wave of Succulents" have been created as original artistic additions for gardens.

Tickets are available for \$1 each or six for \$5. The raffle drawing will be held at the end of the sale on Sat-



COURTESY SEASIDE SOU'WESTER GARDEN CLUB

'Waves of Succulents,' an artistic creation for a garden that will be raffled off at the Seaside Sou'Wester Garden Club's plant sale

urday, May 26, and you do not need to be present to win. The Sou'wester Garden Club meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at the

Bob Chisholm Community Center.

For more information, call 971-221-4680 or email gardenclub.sw@yahoo.com.

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