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## *President's Message*



Dear FFGC Members:

I have just returned from the NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, Inc. Convention held in Philadelphia in May. It was a GREAT experience! Thanks to ALL of you who applied for and won NGC AWARDS; I was so proud to accept them on FFGC Clubs' behalf. We didn't beat Georgia (they have winning NGC Awards down to a science!), but we did very well. Please thank Jennifer Condo, Valerie Seinfeld and Barbara May for their help, encouragement and advice; due to YOUR efforts and their knowledge and expertise, FFGC shone in the light of the Awards night.

Your Officers are anxious to meet and greet so many of you when we tour the state - visiting all 12 districts during the month of October. It is our hope you will attend these district meetings so that we may get to know you - what your clubs are doing - and to be available to answer any and all questions you might have about FFGC and NGC. As members of FFGC, you are a member of a dynamic organization, dedicated to educating our members and those in our communities, (3 Short Courses per year, Landscape Design - Gardening Studies and Environmental Studies - Flower Show Schools - Symposiums - Fun with Flowers and Digging It) teaching our young citizens about the fragile and unique ecosystems (Junior Gardeners - Camp Wekiva and SEEK), improving and beautifying our communities (landscaping and building Habitat for Humanity Homes, planting parks, community gardens and helping to renew and restore storm damaged botanical gardens all over the state); honoring our Veterans with BLUE STAR MARKERS all over Florida and in ALL 9 of our National Cemeteries; and providing care and friendship for those no longer able to work in their own gardens. If you enjoyed driving on Florida's highways this spring and summer due to the gorgeous displays of wildflowers - take pride that FFGC was a major part of getting that started as "Paths of Sunshine" in Florida 30 plus years ago!

You are in an organization which has as a goal to COLOR OUR CANOPY - plant flowering and colorful trees in all growing zones of Florida. This organization is offering a total of \$1,000 in awards to clubs in each size category for clubs who will plant the MOST FLOWERING TREES in the 2017-2019 garden club years. The goal is to make *'the land of flowers'* truly the *'land of flowers'* again.

What we do, and how we do it says so much about all of our members, individually and collectively. I hope each of you takes pride in what we do; you are a part of all that we do, and your contributions will be a lasting legacy for generations to come. Thanks for believing in what we do and helping us achieve so many noble goals in Florida. It is an honor to be a part of this organization.

Fondly,  
*Claudia*



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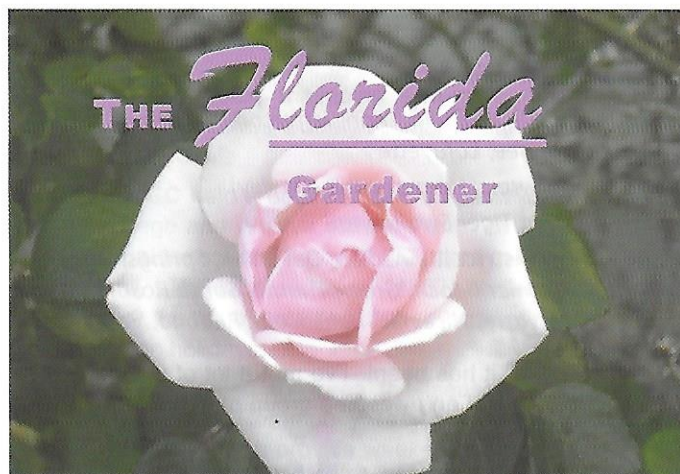
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## DISTRICT III NEWS

nda Johnson, Director

Counties: Franklin, Wakulla, Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette

Flower & Wildflower: *Hemerocallis* (Daylily)

Butterfly: *Eastern Tiger Swallowtail*

Garden Clubs in District III: *Azalea, DeFuniak, Springs, Dogwood, Crestview, Garnier Beach, Green Thumb, Santa Rosa, Milton, Sneysuckle, Navarre, Niceville, Pensacola, Redbud, Valparaiso*

OW! What a year it has been! I've met a lot of wonderful people and found out just what an awesome group of gardeners we have in District III.

Madison GC will be partnering with the Department of Agriculture to bring a program into the schools about fruit trees that students might not be familiar with. They'll learn by actually planting and caring for the trees. Also, the club will focus on plants that their vintage members can grow and tend to in the home, so that they can still enjoy gardening, even though they may not be able to work in the yard. Field trips are planned that include a visit to olive groves, a cut flower grower's operation and an organic farm that uses permaculture growing methods. A Christmas Luncheon fundraiser is on tap and the clubs' halls will be decked out for the holidays to get the attendees ready for the holidays.

Live Oak GC ended its 2018 program year on a high note. Some of the club's notable projects and programs included making and decorating gourd baskets, learning about fire-wise landscaping from the local forester and hosting the annual Valentine Tea for seniors. In May, they concluded their programs by honoring three "golden" members by bestowing honorary membership status to Maxine Gray, Irene McCall and Elizabeth McMullen. The 2019 program year promises even more interesting and exciting opportunities for the members. Right now, gardens in Live Oak are awash with colorful caladiums which were sold during late winter, early spring. The club plans to continue this effort, as well as honoring residential and business gardens with the "Garden of Note" awards. In keeping with Ponce de Leon's naming our state "la Florida", resources will be directed toward advancing awareness in our community of the value of adding color and beauty to our surroundings by encouraging the planting of flowering trees and shrubs. To kick-off the year there will be steaming plates of pancakes and sausages at the Fall Festival, that, in addition to breakfast, includes an opportunity for the public to purchase member-grown, master gardener, and vendor plants at below-market value. Proceeds from this event will help provide funds for the beautification projects. Some of this year's programs include learning how to design miniature container gardens, a thought provoking talk about carbon footprints, a Florida Arbor Day celebration, and how to keep orchids blooming. An aggressive new member outreach is planned with new brochures and a broader publicity campaign. Members will visit the Stephen Foster State Park during their azalea festival and, along with the Master Gardeners and Artist Guild, will create colorful, eye-catching garden art to grace some of the gardens at the jewel of Live Oak: Heritage House and Gardens. This is a 70+ acre park, which includes a classic two-story brick home, built in the 1960s. The park is conveniently located near the center of downtown Live Oak.

Wakulla GC started the year learning about seed collecting and how to start plants from seeds or cuttings. They will have a presentation on winter gardens in October, Fun-with-Flowers in November, and grapevine wreaths decorated for the holidays in December. They have about 900 trees ready to give out at the Arbor Day festival in January; in February members will learn about good and bad bugs in the garden. In March, there will be presentation about invasive plants and how to control them. In April they'll learn about growing and using herbs. The May meeting will include a luncheon and members will all wear hats in honor of our first president, Kate Brimberry. Field trips to local nurseries and Maclay Gardens are also planned. Other outside activities planned include how to make and use rain barrels, making hypertufa planters and learning how to propagate camellias and other woody perennials by air-layering. Advice for new members who are new to gardening in Florida's sandy soil is always available. Wakulla GC looks forward to having a very enjoyable year learning about gardening.

Monticello GC's main activity is preparing for the District III meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Showcasing Monticello". Monticello GC is pleased to welcome the state officers and looks forward hearing their reports. They also look forward to a good turnout and the chance to visit with friends and club members, again. They are planning a Flower Show later in the year, as well as a plant sale. Each year they decorate trees for Christmas at the Opera House and at the Wirick Simmons House. A program on flower arrangements from the garden is planned. Field trips planned include visiting a satsuma farm and juice plant in Monticello, a visit to a rose garden in Thomasville, visiting the greenhouse and flower fields of a commercial flower grower in Monticello, and attending a Camellia Show in Quitman.

Tallahassee GC has a monthly plant exchange and horticulture program open to the public. Plans for the year include a Christmas Tea open to the community, and fundraisers including a pecan sale, caladium bulb sale and fashion show. In the spring a Spring Flower Show and a Spring Plant Extravaganza are on the schedule. They will participate in Tim Tebow's "My Night to Shine" by making 300 corsages and 300 boutonnieres. Garden therapy programs at local nursing homes, assisted living, senior centers and retirement homes are also planned. Together with the elementary schools students, members will plant and maintain a vegetable garden in 6 area schools.

Steinhatchee GC is welcoming extension agents to speak on the Master Gardening program, winterizing your garden and eating from your yard. A program on satsuma orange trees and their fruit is planned. At Christmas they create flower arrangements in Christmas coffee cups for the local nursing home. Habitat for Humanity will be doing a presentation as a home is expected to be built in Steinhatchee during the coming year. The Wildflower Society will give a presentation on the beautiful wildflowers in the area. Field trips are planned to various gardens and also one to a satsuma plant and juice factory. January brings their 16<sup>th</sup> annual Spaghetti dinner fundraiser. They will be working with the newly formed local Native Plant Society on plantings at their community center. The Perry GC is working on their continuing projects with restoration of their clubhouse being their main concern. Several interesting, informative and educational programs are planned. At Christmas they plan to have local flower arrangers make flower arrangements and will auction them off on Facebook. This was a huge success at last year's Christmas Luncheon!

## DISTRICT V NEWS

**Mary Ann Whisler, Director**

**Counties:** *Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Bradford, Alachua, Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion*

**Flower:** *Daylily*

**Wildflower:** *Phlox drummondii (Phlox)*

**Butterfly:** *Eastern Tiger Swallow*

**Garden Clubs in District V:** *Brick City, Brooksville, Citrus, Crystal River, Floral City, Four Seasons, Gainesville, Homosassa River, Inverness, Lake City, Newberry, Pioneer, Riverhaven, Seedlings*

Together “**We Thrive in Five!**”! What a year this has been for District V! The District hosted the 2018 Convention with every club supporting the project. The District is honored to have two Executive Officers from our District, FFGC President Claudia Bates is a member of both Gainesville and Lake City Garden Clubs and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Marge Hendon is a member of Pioneer Garden Club. The District not only hosted the Convention but hosted another great UF Short Course with Assistant District Director Jeanice Gage as Chairman. UF Short Course treated members to a tour of the Schoellhorn garden and a wonderful evening with a fabulous design program from Margaret Chodosh, FFGC Historian and District V President of the Judges Council and winner of the Designer of the Year at the State Convention. Good food and wonderful flower designs! What more could a person ask? Youth Programs flourish in our District with our very own Devon Villareal-Dabbs from the Garden Club of Crystal River keeping us updated on the Wekiva Youth Camp news as well as planning the FFGC Wekiva “Leaders in Training” (LIT) program. The District had 10 members who were Volunteers working at Wekiva this summer. Devon reached out to past FFGC Wekiva attendees and created a wonderful Power Point presentation on “Where they are now”. To quote Devon “The presentation will become a living document aiming to follow the paths of our former campers to understand and share with FFGC the far-reaching value of our Wekiva Camp”. There is an informative article about S.E.E.K. our high school youth camp program, on page 9 of this issue of *The Florida Gardener*. Save Earth’s Environment through Knowledge (SEEK) is also hosted by District V. But those aren’t the only youth programs this District is involved with. The **Gainesville GC** with President Fran Maris, supported by Margaret Chodosh and Gail Cook gave out the first NGC Wildflower Girl Scout Badges. The Scouts were excited seeing their flowers grow from seeds and had the opportunity to learn and practice floral design. Watch out FFGC Flower Show Judges! We have some new recruits coming your way in a few years.

Our garden clubs are always busy. **Brick City** in Ocala starts their season off with plant exchanges. Their numerous community projects provide much-needed toys, food and necessities to a local spousal abuse shelter, and flowers to an assisted living facility. They raised money to send a student to Wekiva, contributed to Penny Pines, and collect wine corks to save the trees.

**Brooksville** in the far south of the District will work with Habitat for Humanity to landscape a new home being built in the area. They maintain a memorial garden at the Brooksville museum and have a booth at Brooksville Heritage Days to sell plants and make the public aware of the garden club. Their ongoing community project is Adopt-a-Street and Bike Trail. Their youth program provides college scholarships to local high school students and Wekiva campers.

**Citrus GC** celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> year in April. They made a \$272.00 donation to Penny Pines and provided a college scholarship to a

local Citrus student. ‘The Sprig’s’ is their local elementary school program. There, the students learn the classifications of the Plant Kingdom and members have begun raising money for a school garden. The club also maintains several community gardens, including one at the Citrus County Animal Shelter called the “Wags and Whiskers Garden”.

**Crystal River GC** held a beautiful fashion show in January to raise money for college and Wekiva scholarships. Every Christmas, club members volunteer several hours of their time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. The local historical (1863) cemetery is kept up by members and the club provides flower arrangements to a local nursing home on holidays.

**Floral City GC** planted 67 trees this season and maintain four community gardens. Community Projects include Citrus County Blessing Backpacks which provide weekend backpacks with food for children, and the “Adopt-A-Highway project. In December they decorate the town center for Christmas.

This year, **Four Seasons GC** in Gainesville will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They made their donation to Penny Pines in memory of past President Patty Anderson. The Club focuses on floral design in many meetings and made designs in Christmas mugs for Hospice during the holidays. The Alachua County Senior Recreational Center enjoys a garden which the club designed and now maintains. In celebration of Arbor Day, a holly tree was added to the garden. Environmental issues are always a top interest to this group and they have enjoyed speakers from the EPA for Alachua County and an Environmental Specialist.

**Gainesville GC** was honored this year to win “Garden Club of the Year”! What a great accomplishment. Leah Diehl of Wilmot Gardens provided a program on Therapeutic Horticulture called “Nature and Wellness through the Life”. Members presented “What’s Growing in the Garden” at a local retirement home and the club holds monthly garden tours. The **Mimosa Circle** made tray favors at Christmas for Ronald MacDonald House and work with two elementary schools making Mother’s Day flower bouquets. Habitat for Humanity workers enjoyed a lunch provided by the circle. **Jasmine Circle** has a middle school gardening program and maintains a school garden. Their newest effort is to provide a local community garden a hook up to much needed water. **Gardenia Circle** has donated over 400 hours of volunteer time to projects like beautifying and landscaping the grounds around Haven Hospice Attic Thrift Store and supported one of their many fundraisers called “Aged to Perfection”. **Wildflower Circle** participated in the “STOP, PAWS, LEARN” Exhibit for children at the Santa Fe Zoo. They also do roadside clean up and provided a floral program at Park Rehab Facility.

**Homosassa** works with the Wild Life Park’s Halloween Haunted House event and helps maintain the Park’s gardens. Both the local Public Library and Stage Stand Cemetery gardens receive monthly maintenance and improvements from the club. Over 500 saplings were given out at Arbor Day and they hold several Fun-with-Flowers events for the public each season.

**Inverness** maintains two entrance gardens at their local library and worked with the new Inverness Community Garden. They have completed their 8<sup>th</sup> year providing a Tree Education Program and tree give away to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at their local elementary school and gave financial aid for a local student to attend Coastal Camp Citrus. A total of 180 floral arrangements were provided to Hospice patients this year. (continued on page 6)

## District V News (continued)

**Lake City** our far north club has given donations to Penny Pines that total 19 acres of trees. Two city gates are decorated and the gardens maintained during the year. A Fun-with-Flowers Program was provided to the public and well attended. Membership is of great importance and this year they started their first program with "Getting to Know Our Members".

**Newberry GC** made table arrangements at Ayers Nursing Home and delivered baskets of treats in appreciation of teachers at local schools. They continue their "Yard of the Month" program and hold a "Spring Garden Expo" where members provide plants for sale.

**Pioneer GC** maintains several community and State Park gardens at Silver Springs State Park, Tusawilla Park and the local library. They work with the Florida Springs Festival where they have an educational booth. Three local high school students received scholarships.

**Riverhaven GC**, to date, has landscaped 137 Habitat for Humanity homes. Both Hope Wildlife Rescue and CASA (a women's and children's abuse center) are supported by the club. Their major fundraiser this year was a "Dress Down" party where everyone dressed like a "bag lady or man". Everyone had a great time with music and dancing.

**Seedlings GC** supports the Civic Center and Van Ness Park. They also provide scholarships for education.

This District Director would like to honor all the "Garden Club Husbands" that have worked so hard alongside their wives in making FFGC a wonderful organization. Everywhere we go we see the gentlemen quietly lifting, moving, driving and working to make projects a success. We thank them all as this organization is great with all our members. It is a honor to be the Director.

## District XI News

**Joanne Nelson, Director**

**Counties:** *Broward, Dade*

**Flower & Wildflower:** *Allamanda Cathartica, Tribulus Cistoides*

**Butterfly:** *Ruddy Dagger Wing*

**Garden Clubs in District XI:** *Coral Springs, Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood, Lauderdale by the Sea, Lighthouse Point, Pompano Beach*

District XI has many exciting events planned for the upcoming garden club year; but, before we begin, one of the District XI clubs just keeps on clicking. **Hollywood GC** functions year-round and each meeting is a field trip for their members to enjoy different nurseries followed by lunch at a restaurant (true gardeners – we do like to eat). Visits to Flamingo Gardens, Sunshine Bromeliads, and R.F. Orchids consumed most of the summer, and in the Fall, they plan to landscape a new member's yard. The new member is from New York and unfamiliar with gardening in South Florida's unique climate. They are busily planning with pencil and paper, so the member can have plants the plants on-site when work begins in September.

Many members in **Lauderdale-by-the-Sea GC** live in condos so their plan for this year is to have not only homeowners' yards, but also the correct potted plants on condo balconies included in their town certified by Naturescape. They also are busy creating Mason Bee 'hives' using tin cans, straws, pips cleaners and rolled up computer paper. These are to be hung from trees in various locations to enhance pollination in our urban communities. (Mason bees are friendly and only bite if stepped on!) They are also reestablishing their junior garden club at a local elementary school.

**Lighthouse Point GC** has planned a field trip to Gumbo Limbo park in Boca Raton and is welcoming both Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and Pompano Beach to come with them. They also plan to participate in Ft. Lauderdale's annual standard flower show.

**Pompano Beach GC** is planning a Flower Show in early spring and will be inviting two neighboring clubs to participate. During the summer, even though their club only meets from October to May, they have monthly card games and remain active with planting and weeding the vegetable garden at Sample McDougald Historical House weekly (yes, they have found vegetables that will grow in the summer). They also provide flowers to Broward Children's Center. Lastly, they are planning two Fun-with-Flowers events to involve the community, something they haven't done for years.

The largest club in District XI along with its circles, **Ft. Lauderdale GC**, is the only club that has its own club house. They are refurbishing the lush grounds surrounding their clubhouse this summer and considering some upgrades internally. They want to have more events and make the club more of a homey family atmosphere for all District XI members, rather than just meeting place used several times a month. They have an ongoing extensive Junior Garden Club program and for years have been sending 40 to 50 children a year to Camp Wekiva. This year they are going to form a Camp Wekiva Alumni's Club. They are working hard to educate our future environmentalist and gardeners. Most of this is financed by their "Secret Garden Home Tour" which has become so successful that they had to limit the sale of tickets this past year when they reached 900 ticket holders. They will continue their work on updating their website and have found that Facebook was very fruitful getting new members last year, so they are encouraging even more extensive use of it for the future. Beginning in November, District XI, District XII and the Judges Council will be involved with the Flower Show School to be hosted by **Ft. Lauderdale GC**. Thirteen students are signed up already and the course will be capped at thirty students. There will be four sections, one this Fall, one in Spring 2019, one in Fall 2019 and the final one in Spring 2020. Also, District XI has now updated their speakers list of the most interesting programs from each club's previous year with names, email addresses, telephone numbers and whether the speaker is free of charge for their time. This will be updated again at the end of 2019 Garden Club year.

Regretfully, some of the clubs were difficult to contact through the summer for this article because many members are on vacation, traveling or are snowbirds.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### NGC ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOLS

**Nancy Richards** 561-702-0550  
nancyrichards@gmail.com

**Course IV Series 12 Dec. 4, 5 2018**

**Gardeners Out East Garden Club**

**Lakewood Ranch, FL**

**Contact:** Eileen Amesbury

**Phone:** (941) 465-0272

### NGC GARDENING SCHOOLS

**Barbara Hadsell** 561-439-4607  
Email: barbarhasell@cs.com

**Course III, Series 5** Nov. 8-9, 2018

**Course IV** Feb. 12-13, 2019

New Smyrna Beach Garden Club

2000 Turnbull Road

New Smyrna Beach, FL

**Contact:** Sally Flanagan 386-428-3170

**Email:** sfflan@aol.com

**Course 1, Series 6** Oct. 1-2, 2018

**Course II** Oct. 29-30, 2018

**Course III** Feb. 4-5, 2019

**Course IV** Mar. 4-5, 2019

Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

**Contact:** Carolyn H. Stevens

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**Course I Series 7** Jan. 28-29, 2019

**Course II** Jan. 30-31, 2019

**Course III** April 1-2, 2019

**Course IV** April 3-4, 2019

Bradenton, FL

**Contact:** Sheryl Perkins 941-708-7082

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### NGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS

**Pat Richardson** 407-469-7082

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**Series 35, Course IV** Sept. 26-27, 2018

**District VII** Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Winter Park Garden Club Building

1300 S. Denning Drive

Winter Park, FL

**Registrar:** Sue Roberts

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### NGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS

**Series 36, Course I** Oct. 26-27, 2018

**District IX** Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Ft. Myers – Lee County Garden Center

2166 Virginia Ave, Ft. Myers 33901

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**Basic 1-6** Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

Nov. 5, 12, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**District I - Green Thumb Garden Club**

Christ The King Episcopal Church

480 N. County HWY 393

Santa Rosa Beach, FL

**Chairman:** Joyce Waters-Smith

**Phone:** 850-237-4888

**Email:** JOYCEWS@COX.NET

### Advanced Units 7 - 9

**District VI** Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 am

Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club

1493 South Fiske Blvd.

Rockledge, FL

**Chair:** Gloria Blake 321-537-8060

**Email:** seaclus@yahoo.com

### Advanced Units 7 – 9

**District VIII** Jan. 14, 21, 28, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 am

Venice Area Garden Club

Audubon Building

4002 S. Tamiami Trail, Rt. 415

(behind South County Court House)

**Chair:** Sandra Walters 941-480-1815

**Emails:** sanwal6872@gmail.com

### Advanced Units 7 – 9

**District IV** March 11, 18, 25, 2019

**Time:** 9:00 am

FFJS District Judges Council

Ribault Garden Club

Jacksonville Beach, FL

**Registrar:** Beverly Williams

**Phone:** 404-312-8530

**Email:** bevthepatriot@gmail.com

### FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE I

**District XI & XII** Nov. 12-14, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 am (Registration 8:15 am)

Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

3109 East Sunrise Blvd.

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304

**Contact:** Joanne Nelson 954-786-3274

**Email:** jwwnelson04@aol.com

**Class III** Oct 30, and Nov 1, 2018

**District IX**

**Time:** 8 am - Registration

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**Chairman :** 239-732-0528

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**Registrar:** Louella McAloose, 239-405-7475

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### 2018 FLORIDA FALL SYMPOSIUM

**District X** Nov. 4-6, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Palm Beach Gardens Marriott

4000 RCA Boulevard

Palm Beach Garden, FL

**Contact:** Emily Kane 561-575-3887

**Email:** captgfk@aol.com

### NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

**District VIII** Oct. 26, 27, 2018

“The Happiest Place on Earth”

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Garden Club of St. Petersburg

500 Sunset Dr. South, St. Petersburg

**Jill Anderson** 727-798-1970

**Carol Lucia** 727-656-3207

**District VI** Nov. 2, 2018 1 – 4 pm

Nov. 3, 2018 9 am – 3 pm

“Once Upon a Time:

New Smyrna Beach Garden Club

200 Turnbull Bay Road

New Smyrna Beach, FL

**Contact:** Becky Lindhorst

**Phone:** 386-767-9924

(Look for more Flower Shows on Page 21)

# FINDINGS IN A NORTH FLORIDA YARD

By Linda Johnson

One bright sunny June day in Steinhatchee, a black swallowtail caterpillar showed up on one of my purple coneflower plants. I have no idea where it could have come from. There had been no 'cats' on any of my dill, fennel or parsley, its favorite foods.



It sat there all day - not moving. The next day at 4:00 PM I went to check on it and it had formed a 'J' shape.

I went off to water my plants and run a couple of errands.



At 7:20, the same day, I saw its magical transformation into a chrysalis.

And then I waited.....and waited.....  
and waited.....



And then.....

On day 10, I noticed some movement; but, I had to go off to a doctor's appointment.

On my return, I found the magic chrysalis empty--I had missed the big reveal!



## Bloom and Grow Garden Society

Members of Bloom & Grow Garden Society recently celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sharing a great dinner and evening with our friends and loved ones. We can't believe twenty years have elapsed since our founders presented their friends with the thought that we could enrich our lives, and enhance our West Orange County communities by our efforts, and loyal engagement with each other!

When the need for a few funds to carry our fledgling efforts became real, one idea was for a "little plant sale" to be held in Winter Garden, and since it seemed the most interesting (and do-able) thought, Spring Fever in the Garden was born, now eighteen years ago. That Saturday afternoon, lasting just a few hours, caught the imagination not only of our membership, but the Town of Winter Garden's officials. Spring Fever has become our main funding event and is "all hands on deck" for two days in April each year for all of our 130 members, and a great many of Winter Garden City staff, Boy Scouts, service organizations, and Churches.

With Spring Fever as our most visible funding vehicle, our garden club has given more than \$401,000.00 in charitable donations to the West Orange area and beyond. \$141,000.00 has been given in scholarships for students who are majoring in plant science, environmental horticulture and landscape design. Additional recipients were many local schools, Oakland Nature Preserve, Nehrling Gardens, the local Heritage Foundation, and lots more worthy non-profits!

We like to think that our love for our home, friends, and community has born a really bountiful Harvest! Our mission statement leads us : "To stimulate a knowledge and love of gardening; to aid in protection of native plants and birds; to encourage civic plantings".



*Editor's note: Mark your calendars!*

*Nehrling Gardens, is home to the Annual Holiday Amaryllis Festival, to be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018.*



# Save Earth's Environment through Knowledge (SEEK 2018)

## "From the Springs to the Gulf"

Some new FFGC Members may wonder "what is this SEEK Program". SEEK stands for "Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge". It is our Youth Program for students in the 9th through the 12th grades. The three day conference is held in different locations throughout Florida with the goal to introduce attendees to the importance of our environment and the opportunities in environmental careers. "How do I learn more?" Go to [FFGC.org/Youth/SEEK](http://FFGC.org/Youth/SEEK). "How can I help?" Contact the local High School Science Teachers and let them know about our program. All fliers are on the FFGC website. Encourage your fellow club members to sponsor a high school student to SEEK or send our Treasurer Lorene Junkin a donation and we will help you find a student to sponsor. The program changes every year so a 9<sup>th</sup> grader can attend all three years learning new information. If you have more questions the Committee and Chairman are always willing to help. And we are always looking for interested FFGC members to join our team.

This year's SEEK was held at the Crystal River Marine Science Station (MSS) (just 80 miles north of Tampa). This is a teaching facility devoted to teaching the importance of our wonderful bodies of water, whether it be a pond, lake, river, bay, gulf or ocean, these bodies of water all relate to each other in some way. It is important that we protect this valuable resource. Our SEEK program started on July 8<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) with a brief history of the area, campus tour and a pizza party to get everyone acquainted. The evening took us out on the Salt River for a short canoe ride with guides Becky and Craig Olsen of Crystal River Garden Club.

Monday the Delegates were up early for our first boat ride to Kings Bay and Three Sisters Springs followed by water quality testing. Returning for a great lunch by the cooks at MSS we were back out on the boats for a trip to the Gulf of Mexico to view the Hard bottom Community of sponges. While snorkeling we learned that sponges come in a variety of colors from red (don't touch) to yellow, green and purple. The evening speaker was Jamie Letendre of the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) working at the St. Martins Aquatic Preserve. As all researchers and scientist do, we spent time recording data in our journals and planned for Tuesday.

Early Tuesday morning we were treated to grand site, a group of dolphins playing off our dock. We boarded the boats for a trip to Mullet Key for dip netting invertebrates in seagrass meadows and more water quality testing. The afternoon boat trip took us to an area called Gomez Rocks where we snorkeled around beautiful limestone formations and an area called "the canyon". The evening speakers were Associate Professor, Elliott White. His presentation was "Restore or Retreat? Saltwater intrusion and water management in coastal wetlands". He also spoke

about his journey to becoming an Associate Professor in Environmental Sciences and how our delegates could pursue their education in environment careers.

Our second speaker of the evening was Zack Zacharias/Director of the Museum of Arts & Sciences from Daytona Beach (moas.org). We not only learned about the animals that roamed Florida millions of years ago but sorted and identified fossil bones.

Our final day trip took us out to Shell Island and some coastal cleanup followed by a presentation from MSS Director Earnie Olsen on "Careers in Aquatic & Marine Science ". It was a full three days of hands-on learning experiences.

SEEK 2018 was very fortunate to have two exceptional counselors this year. Our girls were guided by Miller Maddox a Junior at FSU majoring in Biology. You may have seen Miller's picture in the 2017 Winter issue of *The Florida Gardener* as one of our FFGC Scholarship winners. She was a Wekiva Camper, LIT Recipient and former SEEK student. Quinn Zacharias was the boy's counselor. Also an FFGC scholarship recipient, he is a Senior at UF with a major in Environmental Engineering. A SEEK student in 2011 he credits the SEEK program for leading him into environmental science as a career. He intends to pursue a doctoral degree in ecological engineering. FFGC can be very proud of these individuals!

Registration for SEEK 2019 will begin on January 1, 2019. Space is limited, so register early to guarantee your students confirmation. All new forms with dates and location will be on the [FFGC.org/Youth/SEEK](http://FFGC.org/Youth/SEEK) website by November 1, 2018.

Our SEEK 2018 is now complete but the Committee has already started planning for 2019 and 2020. Every year we will work to make a better SEEK. With your support we will make a difference in the young lives of tomorrow and bring hope to a more beautiful and cleaner environment.

The SEEK Committee would like to thank all the clubs and individuals that contributed to SEEK. Without YOU this program would not exist. Each committee person (Registrar Ingrid Velez, Treasurer Lorene Junkin and Volunteers Diane Sullivan and Carol Wood) worked very hard to make it a success.

The SEEK Committee thanks FFGC for the opportunity to provide this valuable program to our youth.

Mary Ann Whisler/SEEK Chairman

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# NGC SCHOOLS: Helping members become accomplished...

Did you become a garden club member to learn more about gardening in Florida or to find out what factors make a good landscape design or to become knowledgeable about the many environmental issues in our state? NGC Schools have the answers!! Read the descriptions below and then check the "Continuing Education" page in this issue to locate the Schools you wish to attend.

## Environmental Consultants

The mission of the NGC Environmental Schools is to teach environmental literacy to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth. The courses teach participants environmental literacy, appreciation of the natural world, encourages action for sustainable development and appreciation for the interrelation of all natural things.

Particular emphasis is presently placed on land conservation, water conservation and air quality. Each course has an ecology class that is focused on the course's topic. Other major topics include sustainability, plant biodiversity, reduction of pollutants, gardening with nature, coastal zone management, the rain forest, environmental ethics, endangered species, youth programs, wetlands and more.. The total course work = 40 hours! This includes eight hours of on-site field trips and nature discovery tours, which increase the learning experience thru in-person and hands-on experiences. Many instructors are professionals in the field, university professors, and administrators in various non-profit environmental groups.

### **Nancy Richards**

*FFGC Environmental State School Chairman/Credentials*  
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## Horticulturists

The NGC Gardening Study Courses are designed to provide educational information on topics of interest to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related topics. The School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by an open book, multiple choice test.. Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected topics of local interest.

Topics may include Reconciliation Ecology (the science of inventing, establishing, and maintaining new habitats in places where people live, work, and play), and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

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## Landscape Designers

Landscape Design Study Courses are designed to promote an understanding and appreciation of our private, public, and historical gardens. There is instruction in the 4 ten-hour courses from landscape architects, designers, and related professions that covers the history of landscape design as well as a variety of design techniques used in home and municipal settings. Members acquire tools for making their own gardens more beautiful and easy to maintain and also develop abilities to evaluate public and private landscapes.

Topics include (but are not limited to) fundamentals of landscape design, planning one's own home grounds, color and plant selection, designs for the environment, critical analysis of graphics and evaluation guidelines, historic preservation, community planning and participation, as well as designs for the future.

### **Pat Richardson**

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*And, if your interests tend toward Floral Design, National Garden Clubs offer a number of educational programs in addition to the Environmental, Horticulture and Landscaping Schools.*

## Floral Design Study Courses

For those who want to learn more about basic flower arranging or about creative table settings to enhance their homes, the Design Study Units offered by NGC are the answer. Beginning or experienced arrangers will receive valuable "how-to" information, as well as many ideas to inspire creativity.

## Advanced Study for Flower Show Judges.

Symposium is an in-depth course of design, horticulture and allied subjects pertaining to flower shows that is more advanced than presented in Flower Show Schools. These courses are primarily intended for Flower Show Judges to maintain their credentials, but all garden club members interested in learning more about flower shows, floral design and horticulture are encouraged to attend. All NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges are required to attend NGC Symposiums in order to remain in Good Standing. Good Standing is necessary if a judge wishes to continue judging and evaluating flower shows. By attending and passing all Point Scoring Examinations, a judge advances from Accredited Judge to Accredited Life Judge and finally Accredited Master Judge.

## Continuing education for Flower Show Judges and Consultants.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. offers four schools for the enrichment and educational growth of its members. Upon completion of a school, members must maintain their accreditation. In order to maintain accreditation, consultants are required to attend optional events that enhance knowledge acquired, explore current trends, and promote interest in the school subject.

Consultants of Environmental Studies, Gardening Study, and Landscape Design Schools are encouraged to refresh in optional events sponsored within the organization. A multiple refresher may be for two (Bi-Refresher) or three (Tri-Refresher) of these schools where subject matter usually overlaps to a large degree. Flower Show School symposia usually concentrate on flower shows, horticulture and design.

Although the courses are intended primarily for garden club members, they are open to the general public, requiring only the payment of a nominal fee.

# Reclaim, Recycle - Now What ???!

by Libby Curnow

As I write this, I realize that there is a third word to add to the phrase Recycle, Reclaim...

But first, a bit of general information. Each person in the USA generates more than 4 pounds of trash every day and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year. That is more than 200 million tons of garbage each year, enough to fill Busch Stadium in St. Louis from top to bottom twice a day! Think about that. Now, think about this:

*The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.*

Where you can help. 1) Look for products that use less packaging. It stands to reason, when manufacturers make their products with less packaging, they use less raw material. This reduces waste and costs. These extra savings can (and should) be passed along to the consumer. 2) Buying goods in bulk can reduce packaging and save money. 3) Buy reusable items instead of disposable items. Look for items that can be reused. Little things can add up. *For example, you can bring your own silverware and cup to work rather than using disposable items.* 4) Maintain and repair products, like clothing, tires and appliances, so that they won't have to be thrown out and replaced as frequently. 5) Borrow, rent or share items that are used infrequently, like party decorations, tools or furniture.

And more...Let's bring back the use of traditional and naturally degradable items, such as wood coffee stirrers and paper straws. Use paper, not plastic, products for picnics and parties. When spring cleaning, donate used clothing and household items to organizations such as Goodwill or the Salvation Army. Use old T-shirt items for household or car cleaning. Use fabric napkins, instead of paper napkins.

Eyeglasses can be recycled through the Lions Clubs. Nike has a really cool program called Reuse-a-Shoe that has collected over 25,000,000 worn-out sneakers since 1990 and had them ground up to use to create basketball courts, running tracks, playground surfaces, and other sustainable sports arenas.

Displaying your greeting cards is sweet, but usually seasonal. Once you've put aside the ones you just can't bring yourself to part with, send the rest to St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program. Greeting cards are recycled and sold to support programs and services for abused, neglected, and homeless children and families.

Most of us own computers, so don't forget to recycle ink cartridges. One company has a mail order cartridge program, that sends you ink when you need it and uses a return shipping bag for you to return your used cartridges to them. Many companies have a recycle program for your beauty products.

Cork is a recyclable, renewable material, and you have some options when it comes to yours: simply take them to Whole Foods, or check out ReCORK's website for drop-off locations near you. ReCORK is a recycling initiative that re-purposes wine corks into footwear and other upcycled products, and Whole Foods partners with Cork ReHarvest to reduce demand placed on cork plantations.

Because most batteries contain metals such as lead and mercury that can leach into soil and contaminate groundwater, it's essential that we keep them out of landfills. They can be disposed of with other

household hazardous waste on collection days, or you can check out consumer electronic stores like *Best Buy*, *Office Depot*, *Radio Shack*, and *Circuit City* for used-battery receptacles. And don't forget those household appliances. They can be recycled through your county recycle stations.

There are so many uses for used household items in our gardens. Use mason jars as planters, old jars as vases, pieces of pottery in concrete as stepping stones, the list goes on and on. Pinterest.com has a wealth of information on how to reuse our household items when crafting.

Now...about that third "R" I mentioned at the beginning, it stands for Responsibility. We all have a responsibility to be more aware of our environment whether it is reclamation, recycling or any other

## Reset your recycling behavior!

By eliminating the 30% of contaminated materials in curbside recycling bins,

we could **save \$100 million** in recycling costs in one year.



## Problem

About **30%** of materials sent to Florida recycling facilities are not recyclable at curbside. These contaminants can clog machines and shut down operations of a processing facility or ruin full loads of "good" recyclables.



Plastic bags, tangles, and clothing are **major** contamination problems. Popular packaging materials like Styrofoam peanuts and containers, plastic bubblewrap and thin plastics also create processing problems.

## Solution

### Stick to the basics:

Recycle...  
> aluminum and steel cans  
> plastic bottles and jugs  
> paper and cardboard

**When in doubt, throw it out**  
— don't risk contaminating the load of "good" recyclables.



rethink. reset. **recycle.**  
FloridaRecycles.org

# National Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards

Presented May 23, 2018 to Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

At the 2018 Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

## # 5 Club Standard Flower Show

"A Day at the Zoo"  
Lemon Bay Garden Club  
Purple Ribbon

## #18 Council Standard Flower Show

"Celebration! Our Past, Today and Tomorrow"  
Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, Inc.  
Pink Ribbon

## #21 Patriotic Standard Flower Show

"Victory of the Grand Alliance"  
Plant City Garden Club  
Red, White and Blue Ribbon

## #22 Holiday Standard Flower Show

Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club  
"A Calendar of Holidays"  
Green and Red Ribbon

## #57 Standard Flower Show Public Building

"Blast from the Past"  
Garden Club of St. Petersburg  
Burgundy and Pink Ribbon

## Award MP-2 (B)

National Garden Week  
Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Overall Winner

## Award MP-3 (A) III

Social Media/Website  
The Garden Club of DeLand, Inc.  
Overall Winner

## Award MP-3 (A) IV

Social Media/Website  
District IV - First Place

## Award MP-3 (B) I

Social Media/Website  
Poinciana Garden Club - First Place

## Award MP-4-7 (A) III

Video/CD/DVD/Flash Drive  
Garden Club of Cape Coral - First Place

## 2108 Youth Recyclable Sculpture Contest

Jad Alsaghah  
First Place - 6th Grade

## Jessie M. Connon Scholarship Award

Hanna Gerke

## Ellen Griffin Scholarship Award

Emily Schaag

## Certificate of Appreciation #Pub 1-1 Aii Newsletter

Clermont Garden Club

## Certificate of Appreciation #Pub 1-2 Aiii

Punta Gorda Garden Club  
Newsletter "Garden Tales"

## Certificate of Appreciation #Pub 1-2 Aiv

Temple Terrace Garden Club, Inc.  
Newsletter "Terrace Blossoms"

## Certificate of Appreciation #Pub 2-4 Aiii

Live Oak Garden Club  
History "80 Years of Learning and Doing"

For information on all of the awards available at FFGC, DEEP South and NGC go to the Award section of the FFGC website at [ffgc.org](http://ffgc.org).

The FFGC Awards Year is from January 1 to December 31 annually, unless otherwise stated. Key award deadlines are listed below. Be sure to check the website for details about submission requirements and applications for specific awards.

## Award Due Dates

Yearbook Award .....	November 1
Most FFGC Awards .....	November 30
Flower Show Achievement Awards .....	November 30
Flower Show Related Awards .....	November 30
Deep South & NGC Awards to Awards Chair....	November 30
Jr Gardener FFGC Awards J-1 - J-6 .....	November 30
Jr Gardener Awards J-10 - J-49 .....	January 30
Intermediate Gardeners I-4 - I-26 .....	January 1
High School HS-12 - HS-16 .....	January 1
High School 20 Essay .....	January 15
Poetry Contest .....	January 15
Youth Sculpture .....	January 15
Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl .....	January 24
Tree Record Deadline .....	March 3

# REGISTRATION FORM

FFGC DISTRICT X ~ 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL TROPICAL SHORT COURSE

## *Tropical Journey*

Wednesday, January 23 &  
Thursday, January 24, 2019

*Embassy Suites by Hilton - Palm Beach Gardens*  
4350 PGA Boulevard,  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

From the South: I-95 Exit 79B, Under I-95, then U-Turn at Military Trail Traffic Light, Hotel on Right  
From the North: I-95 Exit 79, Right on PGA Blvd, U-Turn at Military Trail Traffic Light, Hotel on Right  
From Florida's Turnpike: Exit 109, Left on PGA Blvd, Hotel on Right just after Military Trail Traffic Light

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ \$75 Complete Two-Day Course, FFGC /NGC Members (add \$25 for Late Registration)
- \_\_\_ \$85 Complete Two-Day Course, No FFGC/NGC Affiliation (add \$25 for Late Registration)
- \_\_\_ \$60 Wednesday Only - FFGC Member (add \$30 for Late Registration)
- \_\_\_ \$65 Wednesday Only - No FFGC Affiliation (add \$30 for Late Registration)
- \_\_\_ \$60 Thursday Only - FFGC Member (add \$30 for Late Registration)
- \_\_\_ \$65 Thursday Only - No FFGC Affiliation (add \$30 for Late Registration)

**Late Registration postmarked after Friday, January 11, 2019 ~ NO REFUNDS after Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
Continental Breakfast and Deli Lunch Buffet included with each day of registration.

**NUMBERED SEATING BY DATE OF REGISTRATION**

**NO WALK INS accepted**

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Checks Payable to: FFGC - District X**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION. ONE FORM PER PERSON.

Mail Form and Check to TSC Registrar: **Bobbi Ziegler**

8837 Via Brilliante, Wellington, FL 33411-6529

Hotel Reservations: FFGC Rate \$195/night for 1-4 occupants before Dec. 15th (Call 561-622-1000) **Code TSC**

## OUR ENVIRONMENT

### The Sliming of a Florida River

by John Moran, July 2018

The Great Toxic Slime Outbreak of 2018 has befouled the Caloosahatchee River, the river of my childhood growing up in Fort Myers. So I grabbed my cameras and headed south from Gainesville to see for myself. A heartbreaking sight awaited.

Florida Governor Rick Scott has declared a state of emergency in seven counties to combat the toxic green algae bloom fed by water discharges from Lake Okeechobee. The governor directed state health officials to warn Floridians and visitors of the dangers of toxic algae. Visit

Florida, the state's official tourism marketing corporation, will assist impacted businesses. And the governor once again blamed the Army Corps of Engineers for the slow pace of the Everglades restoration projects.

Missing from Governor Scott's emergency declaration—and indeed from his entire tenure as governor—was a targeted response effectively dealing with the source of the pollution. Real leadership demands an acknowledgment that Florida's water woes are a time-release disaster of our own making. An epidemic of indifference has led to this riot of slime, and our responses have clearly been incommensurate with the severity of the ongoing crisis we face.

I believe we're missing the big picture in part because our political leaders are reluctant to connect the dots and help us see that we are killing Florida's waters with our lifestyle choices and business practices.

Nobody wanted this to happen, but that's no excuse for the choices we've made.

My message to our political leadership is clear: It is the **Earth** that lies at the very center of our existence and makes possible life itself, to say nothing of human endeavors like the economy.

That famous line about "the business of government is business" is shallow and shortsighted. We must aim higher: The business of government is **wellbeing**.

And to our business leaders, I say there can be no long term well being in Florida if we continue to use and abuse our waters like there's no tomorrow. With apologies to the great Caloosahatchee, **Denial** remains the mightiest river in Florida.

Florida's waters are the very foundation of our economy, our way of life, and our identity on the world stage.

Look in the mirror, Florida: Choices have consequences. **Sustainability** must be more than a marketing buzzword. Real



sustainability must be at the foundation of our vision for Florida in the 21st century, for without it this will not be a place our children's children will want to live or work or play.

For the love of Florida, listen to the pictures and then listen to your heart. *John Moran is a Florida nature photographer based in Gainesville.*

#### More from John Moran....

August 2018, by John Moran

From the beleaguered springs of North Florida to the sickened rivers and coasts of South Florida, we must understand that no savior is waiting on the horizon who will fix this thing for us.

It took a group effort to create this mess and we need all hands on deck if are to reclaim our waters. Florida needs environmental patriots willing to face down politicians funded by wealthy interests who think nothing of sacrificing our public waters on the altar of their private profits.

We don't have the luxury of time to get this right. We are losing our waters now. This is our moment. It's time to set aside our differences and focus on what is at stake, for this is nothing less than a battle for the soul of Florida..

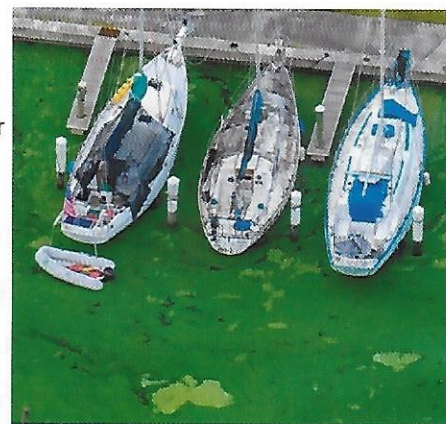
The pictures don't lie. We, the people of Florida, bear witness today to nothing less than a crime against nature, and a crime against the children who shall inherit our natural legacy.

A long time ago, Florida political leaders—Republicans and Democrats in common cause—understood there can be no healthy economy without a healthy environment. They wisely enacted laws and regulatory safeguards accordingly.

But that was then and this is now. It's time to end the popular fiction in Florida that we can plunder and pollute our way to prosperity.

Gov. Reubin Askew said it best when he declared in 1971, "Ecological destruction is nothing less than economic suicide."

In this, our Summer of Slime, can I get an amen?



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# IN SUPPORT OF CLEAN WATER

## Water Issues Abound Locally and Worldwide

Too much, too little, too polluted, too inaccessible!. Over 1.5 billion people do not have access to clean, safe water. Almost 4 million people die each year from water-related diseases! Horrifically, a child dies of a water-borne disease about every 15 seconds.

National Garden Clubs, Inc., as an organization, has been focusing on water-related issues for some time, but now we must increase our efforts to shift public perception of the value of water.

We must prompt governing bodies and companies to view clean water, not as a commodity but as an endangered resource. Additionally, we must educate and encourage garden club members to take a more active role in addressing water issues in their communities and states.

As garden clubs and as individuals we should be aware of the issues facing our water supply; not just locally, but nationwide and worldwide - and taking steps to make a difference by making wise choices in the conservation and protection of our water resources - blue gold.

National Garden Clubs states: "Our Mission"

*National Garden Clubs, Inc. believes it is imperative that we support and undertake proactive initiatives for the protection, conservation and restoration of the quality of the Nation's coastal waters, wetlands, aquifers, watersheds, lakes, rivers and streams, through educational programs, conservation efforts, increased advocacy and partnerships with related government agencies, and state and national grassroots water coalitions.*

*For more information and to reproduce copies of the position paper provided, refer to the NGC website at [www.gardenclubs.org](http://www.gardenclubs.org) and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs website at [ffgc.org](http://ffgc.org)*



## Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. SUPPORT CLEAN WATER

Position Statement

Adopted September 16, 2010

**Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is committed to ensuring the availability of water resources that are safe for consumption, recreation, irrigation and sanitation without endangering essential ecosystems.**

With over 50,000 miles of rivers and streams; 7,800 lakes; 4,500 square miles of estuaries and bays; more than 700 springs; and one of the highest producing aquifers in the world, Florida has an abundance of water resources of exceptional ecological, economic and recreational value.

Unfortunately, Florida also faces some of the most challenging water quality issues in the nation. Our precious water resources are stressed due to population growth and urban development, hydrologic modifications, drought, saltwater intrusion and the proliferation of exotic vegetation. Additionally, nutrients from excessive use of fertilizers; bacteria from inadequately treated sewage and from stormwater drains; organic matter from debris; heavy metals from industrial discharges, mining, landfills, incinerators, power plants and runoff from roadways; and pesticides and herbicides from agricultural fields, lawns, termite control and golf courses contribute to unsafe levels of pollution. Florida has over 1,000 water bodies considered too polluted for drinking, fishing, and swimming; and Florida's entire coastline, as well as every lake and river in the state, is subject to mercury consumption advisories.

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. appreciates that water is vital to all life, and that water quality impacts the quality of our lives. In order to ensure our access to water resources that are safe for consumption, recreation, irrigation and sanitation, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. supports the following:

### To Reduce Water Pollution

- Reduce point sources of pollution (permitted discharges from sewage treatment plants and industrial facilities)
- Reduce nonpoint sources of pollution (unregulated runoff from agricultural fields and urban areas)
- Periodically evaluate the effectiveness of water-management decisions

### To Protect Our Aquatic Ecosystems

- Protect, maintain and restore our water resources
- Define water resources to include watersheds, so that water resources are viewed within a landscape, or systems context
- Develop and implement site-specific Watershed Management Plans
- Improve strategies and protocols for monitoring, sampling and analysis of all hydrologic components, including the atmosphere, surface water, ground water and biological communities
- Periodically evaluate the effectiveness of conservation measures

### To Improve Our Effectiveness

- Provide adequate funding for the protection, maintenance and restoration of our water resources
- Reauthorize, strengthen and fully enforce the Clean Water Act
- Increase scientific knowledge about the effects of nutrients and toxic contaminants on water quality and impact on public health
- Incorporate "best available science" in all models, methods and management decisions
- Recognize the importance of public participation and equity in decision-making and incorporate stakeholder participation in all aspects of water resource assessment and policy
- Promote awareness, understanding and appreciation of Florida ecosystems with outreach programs to educate the broader community

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## Garden Club Tune-Up and Repair: A Tool Kit for Struggling Clubs



### Everybody knows their ABCs...but do you know your Garden Club ABCs??

During a recent convention workshop, FFGC Membership Chairman, Joanne Schneider, reminded attendees how using our ABCs could change the *direction, attitude and focus* of our garden club meetings and members. Try introducing and discussing a few letters at each meeting or have a spirited, interactive program covering all the ideas listed below at one sitting. Feel free to add your own inspiration to this list and share it with us!

**A is for Attitude!** Of all the things you take to your garden club meeting, be sure to *take a positive attitude with you!* Nothing makes for a more pleasant meeting than attendees who are happy and smiling and love their club and come ready to attain club goals. On the flip side, nothing kills a meeting like folks in a bad mood or nay-sayers intent with disrupting the meeting. **A** is also for **Affirmation** (giving praise where due), **Awards** (working on projects that lead to awards or recognition of a members' accomplishment) and **Action** (getting things done)!

**B is for Bloom!** Be sure to offer opportunities that allow your members to grow, shine and *bloom* as leaders or workers. Few organizations offer the myriad chairmanships and training in knowledge and skills as does the garden club. Let's help our members reach their full potential. **B** is also for **Believing** in what you do!

**C is for Correcting any issues!** From time to time an issue will arise that folks will let fester. Be sure to correct those issues as soon as possible by clearing up any misunderstanding or hurt feelings. **C** is also for **Caring** and the **Courage** to take on a leadership role in your garden club.

**D is for Diversity!** Make sure your garden club is *welcoming to all* who are interested. Never turn away someone who wants to join, learn and grow. Diversity offers great opportunities to expand your knowledge and get other opinions and views. **D** also stands for **Dirt!** Be sure to include a diverse array of programs, including those that allow members to play in the dirt!

**E is for Embracing the past!** We have a rich heritage and although we must move forward with the times, we never want to forget our fore-mothers and what they accomplished before we came along. Research your club's history and proudly place it on your web site for all to see. **E** also stands for **Education** (of your members as well as the public), **Entertainment** (having wonderful entertaining programs—aka edu-tainment), **Encouragement** (be supportive of each other), **Energy** (positive energy breeds more positive energy), and **Exciting** (make your club exciting so folks will want to keep coming back)!

**F is for FUN!** If you aren't having fun at your meetings and being together with garden club friends, you aren't doing something right! Laughter should take place at all garden club meetings and related events. **F** is also for **Flowers** (be sure to include design and horticulture programs with lots of blooms), **Friends** (remember FFGC stands for 'Finest Friends God Created'), **Food** (feed them and they will come) and **Flower Shows** (working together to put on a flower show is an excellent way to build your club into a *team*).

**G is for Grow!** We need to *grow our clubs and our membership*. Do not hesitate and never miss an opportunity to recruit new members. Start up a conversation anywhere and anytime and make a new friend. **G** is also for **Guide** (mentoring new members), **Greeters** (at every meeting ensure new and older members are made to feel welcome), and **Grateful** (You are a member of the best organization in the world. That is something to be truly grateful for!)

**H is for Helpful!** Visitors and new members alike need a little help to learn the ways and jargon of garden club. Take time to explain acronyms, history of a project or the order of business. **H** also stands for **Happy** (happy members are productive members), **Happenings** (ensure your garden club is getting out in the community attending or hosting great events), and **Horticulture** (be sure to have programs that teach both the *art and science* of horticulture).

**I is for Ideas!** *Be receptive to new ideas*. Investigate new ways of doing business. Encourage members to bring forth new ideas that might improve some aspect of your garden club. **I** also stands for **Interesting** (be sure to choose interesting projects, programs and field trips), **Imagine** (think to the future and imagine what your club can look like in 5 or 10 years), and **Inspire** (be an inspiration to others and set the example for others to follow).

**J is for Joy!** Garden clubs should bring joy to the hearts of each member. Our joy is magnified by our friendships and the good we do in our community and for youth. **J** also stands for "**Jump in!**" Don't wait to be asked to volunteer, 'jump in' and offer your assistance in making a worthwhile project successful.

**K is for Kindness!** Our garden club members are our friends and we want to always *treat them with kindness and respect*. Pledge to be patient, helpful and caring to each other. **K** is also for "**K.I.S.S.**" which stands for "Keep it simple, stupid"—make project plans and goals simplified and achievable.



**L is for Love!** Simply, love your garden club, it's members, it's goals and objectives, its past and its place in the community. Share the love, spread the love. **L** also stands for **Listen** (truly listen to each other and empathize) and **Learn** (take advantage of every educational opportunity that comes your way by taking the NGC or FFGC courses or attending your local garden club sponsored events—become a life-long learner).

**M is for Membership!** You are doing it! You are turning around the negative trend and finally starting to increase your membership numbers. For all you are doing to sustain FFGC, we thank you! Share your ideas on recruiting and retaining your membership. **M** also stands for **Men**. We are also seeing an increase in the number of men joining our garden clubs. *Welcome them!*

**N is for Nametags!** Sometimes it is hard for the veteran garden club member to remember the names of new members. Using nametags is a wonderful way to get to know each other. Be sure to identify longevity and leadership roles on the name tags too. **N** is also for **Neighbors** (be sure to invite your neighbors to join your garden club), **Newsletters** (keep those lines of communication open), and **Network** (share information and ideas with like-minded people and organizations).

**O is for Orientation!** New members may feel lost or overwhelmed when joining a large club so be sure to offer orientation opportunities to them to learn all about the club. Include a *new member folder* with a copy of the membership roster or yearbook, bylaws and calendar of events. **O** also stands for **Opportunities** (garden club has something for everyone so never miss an educational or social opportunity to be together), **Organized** (be sure your meetings have an agenda and come across as organized and manage your time together wisely), and **Online** (Although not all members are on the world wide web, help and encourage your members to update their FFGC profile at [www.FFGC.org](http://www.FFGC.org)).

**P is for Plants!** Garden Clubs started in a garden. Surround your members with plants through plant raffles, giveaways, auctions, plantings, seed exchanges, etc. Enjoy lively "name that plant" identification competition! **P** also stands for **Praise**. Everyone likes to be recognized for the work they do. Be sure to praise your members publicly with awards and honors through FFGC and locally.

**Q is for Quality!** Be sure that your garden clubs' name is associated with *quality programs and projects*. Never let something with your name on it fall in to disrepair that can reflect negatively on your good works. **Q** also stands for **Quantity**. The more members you have the more projects you can do!

**R is for Refresh!** Every now and then take time to *reflect* on long standing projects and what you have done as a club in the past and see how that action can be refreshed, updated or modified to make it more appealing to your audience. **R** also stands for **Retain** (retention of members is paramount for continuity) and **Recruit** new members.

**S is for Snowbirds!** How lucky we are to have folks moving into our state who want to learn about gardening in sandy soils or who want to volunteer their time in worthwhile projects. Be sure to specifically invite our friends from the north to join us, even for just a few months out of the year. **S** also stands for **Sensitive** (be sensitive to the needs of our members) and **Sunshine** (Does your club have a Sunshine chairman who sends cards to or calls ailing members?)

**T is for Tracking Attendance!** Do you notice when someone misses a meeting? Do you call to make sure the member is well? Don't let members fade away because someone didn't keep in touch with them. A card of phone call will do *wonders* in making members feel welcome and loved.

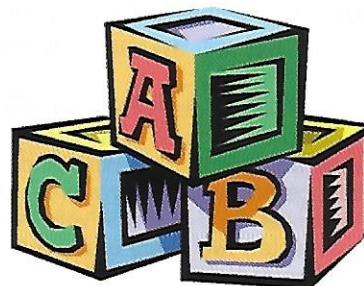
**U is for Understanding!** While our experiences and backgrounds may be very diverse, it is simple to offer a gentle show of support and understanding to our members. No matter what they are going through, it is better if they don't have to go through it alone.

**V is for Visits!** Encourage potential members to visit your garden club meetings and events to see what we do. If the opportunity presents itself, try to visit other garden clubs in your area to see how they conduct business and plan projects. Offer field trips and nursery visits as another type of garden club program that might appeal to members.

**W is for Wild!** Every now and then you need to *GO WILD* and have a blast! As a group, plan a trip or run away and go somewhere exciting on a day trip. Laugh and giggle, relax and enjoy!

**X, Y, Z is for an excess of Youthfulness and Zeal!** *It is a proven fact that people who have friends live longer! It is a fact that folks who remain active in their older years live longer! It is a fact that folks who work with kids in their older years live longer! In summary, being a garden club member leads to a happier, healthier and longer life!!*

We sincerely hope this simple activity and these simple ideas will give your club the revitalizing kick-start for the new garden club year!



# Ahhh! Autumn

Kalia Baillene, State Horticulture Chair

Don't you love summer, the fun, the sun? There are lots of opportunities for cooling off in the pool, lake, or driving to your local springs, or maybe spending a week at the beach. The sounds of crashing waves, the screech of sea birds, and the smell of salty air are indelibly ingrained into my soul. That's just one glorious part of summer fun. It is also a horticulturist's dream of harvesting fresh, delicious vegetables, also canning and freezing some for the fall and winter. Fruits and berries are ripening (with greater abundance after a colder winter), and 'watermelon seed-spitting contests can begin'.

*Yeah Summer!* Rule number one is: "Never complain about the heat!" Plant shade trees (fruit trees included) instead of grass. Replace some shrubbery with berry bushes, such as Florida native blueberries. Let purple passionflower grow on your fence and other nectar plants to feed the butterflies. There are lots of ways to enjoy your garden in the summer heat and survive well. When the afternoon thunder-bumpers pass, relax under the shade (maybe with the fan whirling). Enjoy your favorite iced beverage, grill some veggies with your meat, and start dreaming about 'Fall' mountain breezes! *Yeah, Autumn!*



## Flowers:

By planting a variety of species, you can be guaranteed fresh plant materials year round. Some blooms don't even emerge until late summer, such as, Mexican sunflower (*Tithonia diversifolia*, from the Asteraceae family), Pagoda plant (*Clerodendrum paniculatum*), and Candlestick plant (*Cassia alata*). This will provide flowers in early fall before your new plantings are blooming.



Mexican Sunflower



Pagoda Plant



Candlestick plant

## Vegetables:

Vegetables grown in the autumn months are rich in B vitamins and minerals. It must be nature's call to fortify our bodies against cold winter blasts and infectious viruses. Take heed and eat lots of them. Greens such as kale, mustard, collards, and turnips are easy to grow. You can place one or two between other plantings, along a border, or in pots around the garden area. Pick the lower leaves regularly and more will continue growing from the top. If it puts out a flower top and you are not ready to let it go to seed, cut that portion off and it will continue to produce eatable leaves. When you want to discontinue picking, allow the flower center to bloom, dry, and develop seeds. Cut the dried top off, remove seeds, clean, and store seeds for next years crop. When the larger pod of broccoli is harvested, the plant will continue to grow smaller pods that are just as delicious.

Great tips for storing and processing seeds can be found at [seedsavers.org](http://seedsavers.org). You can join their site, buy seeds from them and receive regular emails; or, just browse and read the information. They have a chart with many of the vegetables listed with details on how to harvest and store your seeds.

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**Fall Plantings:** Refer to your IFAS websites for more information than you may need. This site will give you a monthly calendar for your area of Florida; with suggestions for planting flowers, herbs, and vegetables. ([ifas.ufl.edu/lawn-and-garden/Florida-garden-calendar](http://ifas.ufl.edu/lawn-and-garden/Florida-garden-calendar)) Bookmark it. Here is an example:

### Central Florida for October

**Herbs by seed:** parsley, cilantro, chives, garlic, and sage

**Vegetables:** broccoli, kale, collards (other greens), lettuces

**Flowers:** dianthus, petunias, pansy annuals and agapanthus, rain lily, and other lilies for bulbs.

Each month has more suggestions. You can always follow the directions on your seed pack for your area, but follow the zone requirements as well. Your own experience may give you an edge of confidence not written anywhere. My chives grew in the same wire basket for 5-6 years, with occasional reseeding and my oregano lasted two years in a pot by the pool with two other companion perennials.

## Ahhh! Autumn

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Many seed companies offer organic, non-gmo, and heirloom seeds. Seeds can be stored dry in containers, refrigerated, or frozen. I encourage you to try some and learn to save your own seeds for the future. Just think of the savings and convenience. Plant your meals around green, vitamin, and mineral rich veggies, limiting starches, and adding a bit less meat. You will probably start to feel much better and certainly will be healthier.

### Herbs:



Did you know that autumn is the best time to grow herbs in Florida? The cooler evenings and less intense heat, will allow them to flourish. It would be a great time to grow enough to cut and hang bundles in your kitchen. You might want to become adventurous enough to make a fresh or dried herb wreath. Many herbs continue to regenerate as you cut them. Some can reseed in the container or you can add seeds as the plant diminishes. When using fresh herbs in your recipes, remember that you need twice the amount of fresh as you do dried. So, if the recipe calls for one teaspoon of thyme, you will need two teaspoons of fresh. Often, the fresh will give your foods a crisper, more fragrant taste. Dill, parsley, cilantro, chives, and many others are very easy to grow and keep on producing for months with regular snipping. Grow some extra for the butterflies.

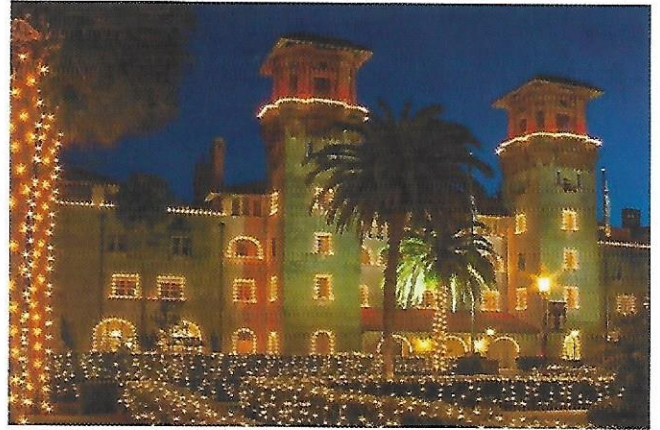
Here are some you may want to grow this autumn: the above ones and, basil, coriander, chervil, fennel, garlic, rosemary, sage, anise, and ginger. You can easily grow garlic from individual pods off your whole cluster and ginger from sprouts that grow from pieces you buy. When you need herbs, cut several stems from three or more and place in a glass jar on the windowsill. It will freshen and add fragrance to your kitchen. The fresh bundles that you hang will dry and you can just enjoy their beauty or pick some for your cooking. Herbs, like flowers, add beauty and fragrance, with the added benefit of enhancing the flavor of your foods. You can use more herbs and less salt to improve health. Learn the medicinal components of many herbs along the way.

Tibbit: Herbs are leafy, green parts of the plants and spices produce seeds, pods, bark, roots, stems, or bulbs. Some plants produce only leaves while other produce several edible parts.

Bon Appetite and happy gardening. Enjoy the warmth and welcome the cool fresh breeze and colorful foliage.

Questions and/or suggestions: [kaliach@yahoo.com](mailto:kaliach@yahoo.com)

## The Garden Club of St. Augustine's 2018 Tour of Homes "Christmas in the City of Lights"



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## Post-Disaster Redevelopment Workshop

By NGC Environmental Consultant , Inger Jones

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact Workshop on Post-Disaster Redevelopment held on 7/13/18 at Broward County's complex in Ft. Lauderdale.

Regardless of one's views on climate change or sea level rise, the workshop provided insights on the level of pre-storm planning and post-disaster redevelopment required to help mitigate the impacts from natural disasters.

This one-day workshop addressed the critical need for Southeast Florida to plan redevelopment and recovery strategies prior to experiencing the shocks and stressors of extreme weather events.

Professionals working in emergency management, urban planning, sustainability, and resilience shared experiences and discussed ways to strengthen the region's resilience by improving the post-disaster redevelopment planning process. The workshop also focused on how climate resilience efforts can be integrated into and inform emergency management efforts.

This Compact is the only one of its kind in our state is comprised of participants from Broward County, Miami-Dade County, Monroe County and Palm Beach County. It was originally formed to develop awareness and address rising concerns about the effectiveness of our disaster responses and to encourage residents to become more aware of their responsibility to be prepared.

One of the objective of the workshop was to convey to all attendees how vital it is to get the word out to the residents and business in the community; that word: Resiliency -- how to bounce back quickly after a major storm event, and the massive planning effort that it takes to recover fully.

The workshop also focused on providing the tools that are necessary for community disaster and recovery planning. The action plan includes sections on public health and emergency management, and emphasizes equity; making sure all residents have access to the post-disaster supplies and services they need.

Using perspectives from both the private and public sectors, the speakers conveyed the urgency of having all sectors of the community work in concert to minimize the impacts of major storm events.

I came away from the workshop with a greater understanding of the impact and the need for coordinated planning and disaster response efforts, especially in south Florida where the impacts of recent storms are still felt. Nearly a full year later, some residents of the Florida Keys are still recovering from Hurricane Irma's devastation; they describe the long, painful recovery as 'worse than the hurricane itself' and it may take years to return to normalcy.

For more information contact Inger Jones at [mjinger@att.net](mailto:mjinger@att.net)

Sooner or later, we will have to recognize that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution. What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans. ... Evo Morales

## In Memoriam: Lorraine Gabler

FFGC Board Member, Floral Designer, Instructor, Master Flower Show Judge, Chair of FFGC Symposiums, Life Member, Hall of Fame, Pillar of Pride, mentor, friend, and garden companion who will always be in the hearts of her garden club family. A member of the



Camellia and Creative Arts Clubs in Eustis and Winter Park, we will remember her kindness, her sharing nature, the twinkle in her eye, her laughter, her smile and most of all her love for Camp Wekiva. From her dramatic designs-- "height--you need more height"-- to the flagpole erected in and dedicated in her honor at Wekiva Youth Camp, she will live on in our collective memory forever.

## Flower Shows and Events (continued from page7)

District VIII "Pirates in Paradise" October 13, 2108

Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Sarasota Garden Club

1131 Boulevard of the Arts

Sarasota, FL

Contact: Diane Beaver 941-780-2949

District VII

"Bless my Bloomers" Garden Walk October 20, 2018

Time 9am - 2 pm

Clermont Garden Club

849 West Avenue

Clermont, FL

Contact: Margaret Piper [flowegal@cfl.rr.com](mailto:flowegal@cfl.rr.com)

### NGC Standard Flower Show

District VIII "Artists in the Garden" November 10, 2018

Time: 1 pm- 4 :30 pm

Woodmont Clubhouse

415 Woodmont Avenue

Temple Terrace, FL

### A Small Standard Flower Show

The Lake County Council of Garden Clubs

"Downtown"

March 29, 30, 2019

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Lake County Agriculture Center

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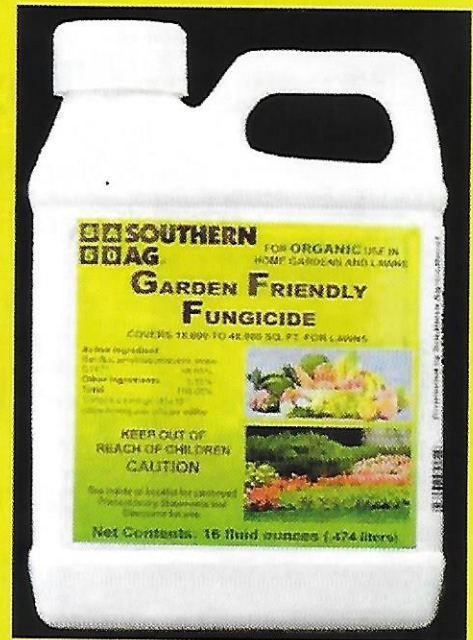
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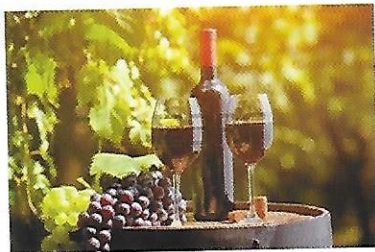
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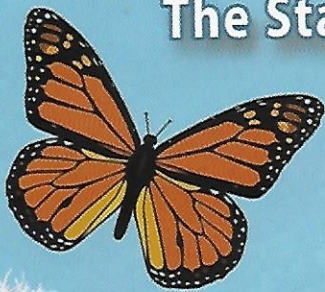


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