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President's Message

As I write this letter in early July, I am a bit overwhelmed with the summer heat. Although our gardens don't "take a break" from their needs during the summer, we need to be mindful to take precautions to not overly do our gardening tasks. Remember to stay hydrated and take regular breaks from exposure to the sun. My experience is that cooler temperatures don't arrive until late in September or early October depending on what part of Florida you call home.

Although many Garden Clubs back off on activities during the summer, we don't completely avoid necessary tasks, and in most situations, we are already planning for a new year of commitment. Camp Wekiva was once again at 100% attendance, and we accommodated some modifications to housing volunteers because of the fire last spring. Our Staff and Officers did a remarkable job in making certain none of the activities at camp were affected. The loss of the Office/Clinic will soon be a memory and a part of the history of Wekiva Youth Camp.

I encourage all of you to look through the FFGC Calendar online, which indicates all the outstanding activities for you to attend to further your knowledge of many topics. Be sure to consider registering for our schools, Short Courses, and attend Flower Shows, and anything else you find on the calendar.

Do not forget the 2020 FFGC State Convention with the biennial State Flower Show which will be held in Tampa in April. Also, if you never attended a Deep South Garden Club Convention, you will have easy access to the 2020 convention in Tampa which will be held alongside FFGC's State Convention. Make plans soon to attend. Information will be available online and in *The Florida Gardener*. The FFGC Convention theme is "Perfect Harmony," and the State Flower Show will be "Sounds of Music." Don't those themes sound like fun? Be prepared to donate to obtain tickets for the Opportunity Drawing which will include remarkable items, and clubs and individuals will also want to consider placing Ads in the Program.

This is the time to consider the Nell Coe 2-year award which promotes the theme for this Administration, "Diversity in the Garden." All the information for the award is available on our website under FFGC Awards # 61. Diversity affects many different topics, and one issue is Diversity in Membership.

Do you recall that we have instituted a Help Desk with expert advice available for Horticulture in North, Central, and South Florida, and questions about Floral Design and Arrangements? The contacts are listed in the BOI and on FFGC Face Book. Make use of the Help Desk for personal needs, and if you know of new residents, be sure to pass the information along to them.

The FFGC Vice Presidents and I are looking forward to meeting with you at your fall District Meetings. Although you are always welcome to contact us with your questions or concerns, avail yourself of the opportunity to engage in conversation with each of us during our visit to your District.

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District IX *Leslie Montwid (Profile on page 10)*

District XII *Barbara Hawa (Profile on page 10)*

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Counties: Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Gadsden
Flower: Camellia **Wildflower:** Coreopsis
Butterfly: Monarch
Garden Clubs in District II: Bonifay, Chipley, Graceville, Gulf Beach, Lynn Haven, Marianna, Panama City, Port St. Joe, Sneads Carlise Rose, Vernon, Wausau

District III Mickey Nyberg, Director



Counties: Franklin, Wakulla, Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette
Flower: Hemerocallis (Daylily)
Butterfly: Aglais - Peacock
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Counties: Baker, Union, Nassau, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Putnam
Flower: Blue Morning Glory
Wildflower: Ipomoea hederacea (Blue Morning Glory)
Butterfly: Painted Lady
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District VII Gwen Carter, Director



Counties: Sumter, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole
Flower: Hibiscus (all varieties)
Wildflower: Coreopsis
Butterfly: Monarch
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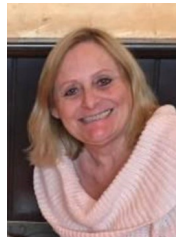


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Flower: Orange Hibiscus
Wildflower: Piriqueta
Butterfly: Zebra

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District XI Jeri Decker, Director



Counties: Broward
Flower: Allamanda Cathartica
Wildflower: Tribulus Cistoides (Puncture Weed)
Butterfly: Ruddy Dagger Wing
Garden Clubs in District XI: Coral Springs, Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Lighthouse Point, Pompano Beach

FFGC Affiliate Program

FFGC has an Affiliate Membership Program where like-minded organizations, such as conservation organizations, plant societies, floral design clubs, etc, may join FFGC for \$50. These are organizations whose interests and purposes are compatible with those of FFGC. The goal of this type of partnership is to create a greater scope for the education and participation of our communities and to bring together diverse groups with similar goals. The Affiliate Member receives a subscription to the Florida Gardener and a Call to the FFGC Convention, as well as listing on the FFGC website and in the Florida Gardener.

Mission Statement

"Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility by providing education, resources and networking opportunities for our members, youth and the community"

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DISTRICT I NEWS

Kathy Spieker, Director

Counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton

Flower & Wildflower: Sarracenia Flava (Pitcher Plant)

Butterfly: Eastern Tiger Swallowtail



Garden Clubs in District I: Azalea, DeFuniak Springs, Dogwood

of Crestview, Garnier Beach, Green Thumb Santa Rosa, Milton, Honeysuckle, Navarre, Pensacola, Valparaiso

Milton Garden Club: Under the direction of the new President, Becky Smith, the board has been working through the summer to make plans for a spectacular 2019-2020 year and hosted a fun-filled membership drive in August. They are working on a second Blue Star Marker for the Whiting Field Naval Aviation area of Milton.

Valparaiso Garden Club: Hosted a Standard Flower Show with an outstanding youth division April 27, 2019. The show had 250 visitors, who thoroughly enjoyed the show. The garden club also held a plant sale that same weekend and greeted hundreds of visitors to their Paradise Gardens, the club's award-winning pollinator garden and teaching tool!

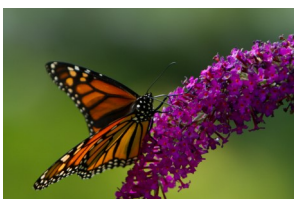
Dogwood Garden Club of Gulf Breeze: Tina Tuttle, FFGC 2nd Vice President, installed repeat officers of the Dogwood GC of GB at their potluck Installation luncheon followed by a workshop on how to make decorative stepping stones. Preschool children are planting annuals in our Butterfly Garden and we are assisting in making Fairy Gardens at their Summer Camp.

The Green Thumb Garden Club (previously GTGC of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida) continues to pursue its status as a 50(C)(3). By-Laws and Practices and Procedures have been updated, and our membership has approved all changes including changing our name to the Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc. We will have this status by the Fall, and we feel this will continue to develop our stature in the community.

DeFuniak Springs Garden Club Is part of the Roselyn Carter Butterfly Trail. Our butterfly garden is pictured on the web site. On the May 18th we will be partners at the Lakefest. We will sell plants, have a talk on Butterflies, have crafts for children, and give tours of the garden.



The Library Garden at De Funiak Springs is part of the Rosalyn Carter Butterfly Trail.



The Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail is a program inspired by Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter to help increase habitat for Monarch Butterflies. The program is based in Plains, Georgia and has expanded throughout the United States as well as internationally. For more information visit

<https://rosalynncarterbutterflytrail.org>

DISTRICT V NEWS

Jeanice Gage, Director

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

Flower & Wildflower: Daylily

Butterfly: Eastern Tiger Swallow



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

District V of FFGS runs 134 miles from Lake City to Brooksville. Within those miles are the Fantastic Five Garden Clubs – comprising 14 clubs and 13 circles. This Director is very impressed with the commitment, time and money donated to community projects by the clubs. **Lake City GC** partnered with the city for an outstanding Arbor Day celebration and the fifth annual Scrabble Tournament was also a very successful event. Congratulations to the **Four Season GC** for their Platinum Precious Metal Status! The community loved the efforts of the **Gainesville GC** for planting wildflower seeds in the median of a main roadway, and for donating 25 flowering trees to the Bee Lab at the University of Florida. In addition, the **Daisy Circle** donated NGC children's books to school libraries in their community.

Newberry GC held a Plant Expo and raised \$1,700 for community projects, and also presents monthly a "Yard of the Month" award.

Brick City GC held a Friendship Gathering raising \$1,000 in 2018 and \$500 in 2019 for community projects. **Citrus Springs GC** Junior Gardeners group won 7 awards and provided one senior with a \$1,000 scholarship and sponsored students to Wekiva and S.E.E.K.

Crystal River GC maintains an old, local cemetery and the Homosassa Wildlife area.

A full 77% of **Homosassa GC's** yearly budget goes back to their community, providing \$3,000 for scholarships!

Riverhaven GC were busy landscaping the 147th Habitat home in their area and donated \$3,500 for scholarships.

Inverness GC donated money to the Rotary Club to purchase 2 fruit trees for a sustainable orchard that feeds the homeless and hungry in Citrus County. They also, make arrangements for patients in Hospice and hold workshops for the public in floral arrangement.

Floral City GC received awards from NGC and FFGC, including the Ruby Precious Metal Award. Their efforts sent students to Wekiva and S.E.E.K and helped to replace historic Live Oak trees that had died.

The Amelia Island Monarch Migration (from the Florida State Parks website) <https://www.floridastateparks.org/learn/monarch-migration-amelia-island>

*Migration is not just for the birds. The dune swales and forested wetlands at the south end of **Amelia Island State Park** are a crucial stopover for some more unique migrants, monarch butterflies. Each year these tiny winged insects travel enormous distances, up to 3,000 miles in fact, between food sources and roosting areas.*

Unlike most other insects in North America, these butterflies cannot survive a long and cold winter. Instead they fly to Mexico, south Florida or coastal California to roost during the colder months.

Many of these butterflies will only ever make one leg of the journey due to their short life-cycles. Routes are genetically ingrained rather than learned from experienced butterflies. It is their children's grandchildren that will return south the following fall.

Migration is a bi-annual occurrence and the spring and fall wildflowers at the park make it an ideal fuel stop.

As temperatures begin to dip in the northern U.S. at the end of summer, newly emerged monarchs bulk up and head south. Fat from the nectar of wildflowers, especially milkweed, is stored in their abdomen and helps them survive a winter fast. Otherwise solitary, butterflies will group up in clusters during southward migrations, especially during cooler nights. This helps to conserve heat and energy for these cold-blooded travelers.

The unique contours of interdunal swales and historic mosquito ditching at the south end of Amelia Island trap freshwater and make it an attractive habitat for a diversity of wildflowers, food for the hungry butterflies. Passionflower, Indian blanket, partridge pea, morning glory, seashore mallows, standing cypress and marsh pinks carpet the wetlands seasonally. Their rich, sugary nectar and the spacious flats of the park lands invite the butterflies to the bounty. The peak migration viewing time for the butterflies at this latitude is from early to mid-October. You can help scientists studying the monarchs by reporting sightings of tagged butterflies.

Find more information about these amazing animals by visiting [Monarch Watch](#).

DISTRICT VI

Judi Jodoin, Director

Counties: Flagler, Volusia, Brevard
Flower & Wildflower: Yellow Hibiscus
Butterfly: Orange Barred Sulphur

Garden Clubs in District VI: Cherry Laurel, Cocoa Beach, Cocoa-Rockledge, DeLand, DeLeon Springs, Garden Club By-the-Sea, Halifax Country, In-Har-Bee, Magnolia Volusia, New Smyrna Beach, Ormond Beach, Palm Coast, South Peninsula, Tillandsia, Titusville, Volusia

The **GC of Deland** has been named the first "Monarch City USA" of Florida. They've created a butterfly sanctuary program for gardens throughout Deland and over 120 homes have been certified as monarch Butterfly Gardens. On February 3 & 4, 2020, they will host an NGC Gardening School.

Cocoa-Rockledge GC celebrated their 90th year honoring all members past and present. They've potted plants for Meals on Wheels recipients, planted a tree in a neighborhood park, and are in planting a butterfly garden at the Vitas Hospice Facility on US Highway #1.

De Leon Springs GC helped to establish a privately owned park as a State Park. They're the only GC in the state affiliated with a state park. They emphasize the protection of the De Leon Springs Run and the St. Johns River native plants and flowers.

GC of Halifax County collaborated with the City of Ormond Beach to purchase and plant 21 oak trees, organized Arbor Day celebrations at seven schools, and brought 3rd and 4th grade classes to Ormond Memorial Art gardens for nature tours.

Indian Harbor Beach GC hosted the District VI Spring Meeting with 101 attendees from three counties and 12 garden clubs. They share the love of gardening with residents in an assisted living facility, give plants to recipients of Meals on Wheels, sponsor scholarships to Wekiva, re-forest through Penny Pines, and work with FFCC Relief, supporting legislation for our environment. The photo below appeared in *Florida Today* on May 26, 2019, featuring the Indian Harbor Beach GC members and District VI Director Judi Jodoin.



Melbourne GC conducted a Monarch Butterfly Survival workshop and partnered with the Brevard Zoo to present a Mangrove workshop.

New Smyrna Beach GC members are planning their 90th birthday celebration for November. They hosted NGC classes for Landscape Design, Gardening and Environmental Studies. They provide floral designs for Advent Health Oncology ward, collect food items for a local pantry and also helped to develop a community garden in their city.

Ormond Beach GC strives to increase membership through their various events and programs.

The **GC of Palm Coast** raised over \$3,000 at their Annual Spring Festival & Plant Sale, awarded scholarships to Wekiva, worked with students in an elementary school with raised herb and vegetable gardens and received the Excellence Gold Star Award from Flagler County Schools.



South Peninsula GC conducted Floral Design Study Units this summer with over 30 in attendance.

Titusville GC was busy with their plant sale, Tea Party, honoring past presidents and sponsoring students to Wekiva.

DISTRICT VIII

Barbara Rao, Director

Counties: Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota
Flower: Hibiscus
Wildflower: Rudbeckia hirta
Butterfly: Zebra Longwing

Garden Clubs in District VIII: Apollo Beach, Clearwater, Dade City, Davis Islands, Dunedin, Garden Gate, Gardeners Out East, Lakewood Ranch, Lemon Bay, Lutz Land o Lakes Evening, Manatee River, New Port Richey, Palm Harbor, Plant City, Sarasota, St Petersburg, Sunset Park, Tampa, Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club, Tarpon Springs, Temple Terrace, Valrico, Venice Area

District VIII began its new term with a delightful Spring meeting hosted at Sarasota Garden Club. We were honored to have President Al Latina tell us more about his theme and we learned lessons from Wildflowers and saw how well these two blended together.

As spring moved into summer, we celebrated 90 years at **Dunedin Garden Club** and **Dade City** celebrated 70 years as a Garden Club! **Tampa Federation** dedicated a Blue Star Marker at the American Legion USS Tampa Post 5.

A Lunch-and-Learn event brought over 50 members who were excited to learn about the new Nell Coe Award, revisit the many District VIII NGC, DEEP SOUTH and FFGC Awards and learn more about membership with an in-depth report about retention and inclusion of new members. Each of the presenters gave a piece of information that was gobbled up as quickly as the tootsie rolls on the tables! A real learning experience and everyone came away with answers as well as where to go with questions. Communications is up and running at District VIII with a new Facebook chair, email news and our web page calendar is full of information and being constantly updated.

As District VIII moves to adopting a new theme by this Director, we look forward to Diversity in all aspects, by looking at the range of different things garden clubs do. Our clubs have made full use of the educational advantages given by National Schools by offering NGC Gardening School with all four courses in February and March. Landscape Design, with all four courses will be offered this February and March. Floral Design Classes will be offered all over our District from Plant City, Temple Terrace, and Sarasota. National Schools Education with its different classes and activities allows for us to give our members greater opportunities for education and to expand their knowledge base. A well-educated and thinking club can retain its members better because they want to learn and are offered the chance to do so with educational programs.

We are to be hosting many Flower Shows, many Garden Tours, and fun Fundraisers to maintain the buildings we use. Monthly programs and activities allow us to stretch our minds and perfect our abilities to be more like the wildflowers that bloom at different times, grow in different soils and look unique in each petal and leaf.

"A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them."

Liberty Hyde Bailey



DISTRICT IX NEWS

Leslie Montwid, Director

Counties: Polk, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Charlotte, Lee, Collier

Flower & Wildflower: Red Hibiscus and Sambucus simpsonii

Butterfly: Monarch

Garden Clubs in District IX: Arcadia, Bouquet, Calusa, Estero Island, Fort Meade, Founders, Gardenia, Gardem of the World, Gulf Coast, Hibiscus, Jasmine, Lake Placid, Lake Wales, Lakeland, Naples, Periwinkle, Poinciana, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Royal Palm, Sebring, Wauchula, Winter Haven

Calusa GC hosted the District IX meeting at the Yacht Club in Marco Island. Chair Dale DeFeo had everything down to the last detail including a presentation on burrowing owls. Awards were given to outgoing Director Laura Jibben for the district newsletter, recognized by NGC, and to Kathleen Hawryluk as chair of Floral Design for the FFGC Convention in 2018. A visit to the butterfly garden which just marked its tenth year with a butterfly release to honor its founder, Syd Mellinger.

Bouquet GC will be hosting two events at the Winter Haven Garden Center: their annual fundraiser Fashion Show on October 23rd, and the Fall District IX meeting on the 18th.

The **GC of Lakeland** has been busy with landscaping a Habitat Home, combined circle garage sale and the fundraiser entitled "The Great Flamingo Flocking Event."



Pat and Don Shira and the FLOCK!

Fort Meade GC has been busy with re-landscaping their garden in downtown Fort Meade.

The **GC of Arcadia** invited this new director to their installation of officers, and restored and rededicated their Blue Star Marker. Ray Alderman, Benny Monroe and Dottee Cohen of the **GC of**

Sebring assisted with summer camp at the Highlands County YMCA instructing campers on how to plant an amaryllis. Club members provided the necessary materials.

The **GC of Winter Haven** had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new garden path at the Winter Haven Library entitled "The River of Life in a Garden", which features 32 handmade stepping stones.

In addition to awarding over \$5,000 in scholarships to local students, the **Punta Gorda GC** received an FFGC Park Planning Award for their work at Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center dedicated to former FFGC President Elise Haymans, who has been a member for over 50 years. Congratulations for all of your hard work!



DISTRICT XII NEWS

Jean Hawa, Director

Counties: Dade, Monroe

Flower & Wildflower: Musaceae stretlitzia reginae & Gallardia Blanket Flower

Butterfly: Schaus' Swallowtail

Garden Clubs: Coral Gables, Coral Pines, Ken Pines, Marathon, Miami Beach, Miami Lakes, Pinecrest, South Dade, South Miami



This newly installed director is proud to have served under former Director Sharon Trbovich. With only nine clubs, we are actively pursuing new and innovative ideas to complement our successful programs and projects in order to entice new members and retain present members. A sharing of ideas and projects between clubs has become popular, with wreath making design used at **Miami Beach GC** taught now being at **Coral Pines GC**.

Several district members completed Flower Show School courses I and II. Many people were able to attend their first NGC Standard Flower Show at the Miami Metropolitan Flower Show entitled "Magic of Disney."

Ken Pines GC has planted over 200 trees. The City of Coral Gables has planted 3,200, with a goal of 5000, and on Arbor Day several clubs planted a tree in honor of a member within their community.

Marathon GC, Miami Beach GC and South Dade GC held private residential garden tours.

The **Coral Gables GC** garden tour included a butterfly garden installed by its members at the Coral Gables Library. Each location provided unique features, such as, a sinkhole pond, native Florida hammock, waterfront vistas, orchid paradise, desert environments, and inspirational gardens.

Just as the Phoenix arose from the ashes, the **Marathon GC** members rebounded and restored their hurricane-Irma-decimated gardens and were able to return to some normalcy. For fun, they hosted a Game Day, opening their clubhouse to the public to see their gardens and play a variety of games, such as, bridge, cribbage, Euchre, Dominoes, Mahjong and Monopoly. They also hosted their annual House & Garden Tour featuring five unique properties and one garden in Marathon and a juried flower show. To further demonstrate their true strength and endurance, the **Marathon GC** has stepped up to host the Fall 2019 FFGC District XII Meeting on October 15th!

Save the Date!!!

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District X

Tropical Adventures

64th Annual

TROPICAL SHORT COURSE

Mounts Botanical Garden
West Palm Beach

A Tri-Refresher

January 22-23, 2020



CONTINUING EDUCATION

NGC GARDENING SCHOOLS

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

District VI

Course I Nov. 4 – 5, 2019
Course 2 Feb. 1 - 2, 2020
865 S. Alabama Ave., Deland, FL
Contact: Jennifer Condo 386-873-2195

District X

Course I Nov. 21 – 22, 2019
Course 2 Feb. 24 – 25, 2020
West Palm Beach, FL
Contact: Michelle Maguire 772-485-3279
Email: mouthmom@yahoo.com

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOLS:

Nancy Richards 561-702-0550

District VI

Course 2 Nov. 12 – 13, 2019
Course 3 Jan. 28 – 29, 2020
New Smyrna Beach Garden Club
Contact: Sally Flanagan 385-428-3170

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS:

Pat Richardson 407-469-7082
Email: orgrampat42@yahoo.com

DISTRICT IX

Course 3 Oct. 25, 2019
Ft. Myers Council Building
2166 Virginia Ave., Ft. Myers, FL
Contact: Vicki Williamson 802-324-3847

NOTE: TO ACCESS INTERACTIVE REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE ABOVE COURSES, PLEASE GO TO

WWW.DISTRICTX.ORG, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

FLORAL DESIGN STUDY UNITS:

Carol Lucia 772-393-8276
Cell: 727-656-3207
Email: clucia02@aol.com

District I

Units 1-6 Jan 6,13,20,27, Feb. 3,10, 2020
Green Thumb Garden Club
Christ the King Episcopal Church
480 N. County Hwy. #393
Santa Rosa Beach, 9am –2pm
Chair: Joyce Waters-Smith 850-217-4888
Registrar: Kathy Edge
78 Bayou Breeze Court
Santa Rosa Beach, 32459

District V

Unit 1 - 3 Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2020
Unit 4 - 6 Feb. 27, Mar. 5, Mar.12, 2020
First Methodist Church of Homosassa
8831 N. Bradshaw, Homosassa, FL
Contact: Pattie Steck 631-433-6064

District VI

Units 1 – 6 Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 2019
10am-3pm Jan.2, Feb.5, Mar. 4, 2020
Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club
1493 S. Fiske Blvd. Rockledge 32955
Chair: Gloria Blake 321-537-8060
(Classes limited to 30 participants)

FLORAL DESIGN STUDY UNITS: (CONTINUED)

District VIII

Unit 1- 3 Oct. 1, Nov., 5, Dec. 3, 2019
Unit 4 - 6 Jan. 7, Feb 4, Mar. 4, 2020
Sarasota Garden Club
1131 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota
Contact: Barbara Rao 941-955-0875

District VIII

Units 1-6 Jan. 9,23,30, Feb. 6,13,27, 2020
Temple Terrace Garden Club
Woodmont Clubhouse
415 Woodmont Ave., Temple Terrace 33617
Chair: Kathy Spaulding 813-453-2707
Email: kmspauld1@gmail.com
Co-chair; Gwen Mora 813-989-9108
Email: gmora12@hotmail.com

District IX

Units 1 – 3 Jan. 6, 13, & 20, 2020
Units 4 – 6 Feb. 10, 17, & Mar. 2020
Advanced Units
Units 7 – 9 Mar. 16, 23, Apr. 6, 2020
2166 Virginia Ave., Ft. Myers, FL
Chair: Susan Lawson 239-282-2328
cell: 941-979-0615
Email: slawson9231@gmail.com

NGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

Susan Hillson 561-333-0740

District XI

Course 3 Nov. 10 – 13, 2019
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Contact: Becky Schuberth 773-456-2050
Email: bjschube1@gmail.com

District IV

Course 1 Nov. 18 – 20, 2019
Contact: Mary Silas 904-285-1411
Email: lsilas@aol.com

Fall Symposium

Oct. 27 – 29, 2019
FFGC Headquarters
1400 S. Denning Drive
Winter Park, FL 32789
Registrar: Christy Linke 732-322-8392

Tropical Short Course - NGC Tri-Refresher

District X Jan. 22 – 23, 2020
Mounts Botanical Garden
West Palm Beach, FL
Contact: Barbara Hadsell 561-635-8809
Email: barbarahadsell@cs.com

Deep South Garden Club Convention 2020

April 13 – 16, 2020 Tampa, FL

Deep South Tri-Refresher 2020

April 14-16, 2020
Tampa, FL
Contact: Barbara Hadsell 561-635-8809
Email: barbarahadsell@cs.com

FFGC 2020 Convention

April 16 – 19, 2020 Tampa, FL

NGC 2020 Convention

May 12 – 14, 2020 Milwaukee, WI

FFGC Pre-Board & Board Meetings

FFGC Headquarters

1400 S. Denning Drive
Winter Park, FL 32789

FALL

Pre-Board Meeting Sept. 9-10, 2019
Board Meeting Sept 11 – 12, 2019

WINTER

Pre-Board Meeting Jan. 6 - 7, 2020
Board Meeting Jan. 8 – 9, 2020

AWARDS JUDGING DAY

Dec. 5, 2019
FFGC Headquarters
1400 S. Denning Dr.
Winter Park, FL 32789

FLOWER SHOWS

NGC Standard Flower Show

“Hooked on Books”
Mar. 6, 2020 1 – 4 pm, Mar. 7, 2020 9am – 3 pm
The Garden Club of Stuart
At Indian River State College
2400 SE Salerno Road, Stuart, FL
Contact: Rosita Aristoff 772-288-7270

NGC Flower Show

District X “It’s a Small World”
Feb. 29, 2020 10am-6 pm, Mar. 1, 2020 11am-4pm
The Mall at Wellington Green
Forest Hill Ave. and State Road 7, Wellington 33414
Contact: Twig Morris Email: twig_morris@hotmail.com

NGC Flower Show

District X “Mother Earth”
Jan. 19, 2020 12-4pm, Jan. 20, 2020, 12-3pm
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
2410 Westmoreland Blvd. Port St. Lucie
Contact: Susan Slater Email: Suzimum@gmail.com

NGC Flower Show

“Vision 2020”
Naples Garden Club District IX
Mar. 20-21, 2020 9 am-5pm
Naples Botanical Garden
4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples 34112
Contact: 239-643-7275

A Standard Flower Show

“Mardi Gras”
Jan. 31, 2020 1 – 3 pm, Feb. 1, 2020 9am – 4pm
849 West Ave., Clermont, FL 34711
Chair: Alice Burrows 352-432-5568
Co-Chair: Arlene Rand 352-243-7103

A Standard Flower Show

“Art, Flowers & Anniversaries”
March 7 - 8, 2020 10am – 4pm
Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island
1010 Winterberry Dr., Marco Island
Contact: Connie Lowery
Email: captreeconnie@aol.com
Contact: Jane Gregory
Email: jane@janegregory.com

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FLOWER SHOWS (continued from page 10)

A Standard Flower Show

"Presenting Ft. Lauderdale"

Feb. 1, 2020 10 am.– 4 pm. (plant sale also)

Feb. 2, 2020 Noon—4 pm

3109 East Sunrise Blvd. , Ft. Lauderdale 33304

Contact: Maggie Dunn 954-764-4390 or Beth Waldorf 954-520-1449

A Standard Flower Show

"The Sporting Life"

March 28 – 29, 2020 9am – 4pm

Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Inc.

Contact: Kathy Echevarria

Email: Kathy.echevarria@gmail.com

Contact: Pam Slagg Email: pamslagg@hotmail.com

Plant City Garden Club Annual Flower Show

Nov. 9, 2019 9 am—3 pm

1914 Building during Pioneer Days

605 N. Collins St. Plant city

Contact: Jan Griffin or visit the website:

plantcitygardenclub.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

GARDEN FEST

Tampa Garden Fest March 28 – 29, 2020
9am – 4pm

Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa

Contact: Leona Immenhausen

Email: leeimmen@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Marathon Garden Club

Holiday Bazaar and Christmas Rummage Sale

November 30, 2019 9am-2pm

January Jamboree

January 25, 2020 8:30 am-3:30 pm

House and Garden Tour

March 7, 2020 10 am-4pm

Marathon Garden Club

5270 Overseas Hwy. MM50,Gulf

www.marathongardenclub.org

The Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc., (GTGC) in Walton County, is announcing a special community event for October, 2019. The event theme, **Styling Your Table: Table-Scaping for Special Occasions**, will offer an opportunity for the community to learn about the Club and the many organizations they support.

Members of the GTGC will be arranging over two dozen tabletops that communicate "**Celebrations**" a theme, mood, or experience.

Awards will be given in multiple categories and announced at a special VIP members and invited guests event the evening of Thursday, October 10, 2019. The table displays and related activities are open to public on Friday, October 11 2019 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Saturday, October 12 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Location is 400 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach, FL (next to Pottery Barn and across from Emeril's Coastal Italian). *The event is free to the public on Friday and Saturday.*

Contact: Kathleen Edge, Green thumb Garden Club 209-605-4146 Email: edge.kathy@gmail.com

NGC's Four/Five Star Program

National Garden Club's **Four/Five Star Program** encourages members to attend NGC's four study schools and achieve Consultant and Judge Status.

NGC offers a very prestigious National award to members who complete all four national study schools; Environmental, Gardening, Landscape Design, and Flower Show.

Members are eligible to apply for the NGC Four Star Award after they have successfully completed all schools and have become a Flower Show Judge. Members who continue refreshing and go on to attain Master Status in all four disciplines including Master Flower Show Judge, may apply for NGC Five Star Status, the highest of honors.

On the Application Form, which is available on the NGC website, applicants are asked to choose whether they wish to be presented with their award at the National Convention or their State Convention.

Applications are due to the **FL State 4/5 Chairman by Feb. 1, 2020.**

Florida's State 4/5 Star Committee is thrilled to report that Florida has two new NGC Four Star Members; **Lorene Junkin** and **Elaine Waidelich** were awarded their certificates at this year's Convention in St. Augustine.

Please contact the State Chair with any questions.

Jacqueline Connell
FFGC 4/5 Star Chairman
themusesgarden@netscape.net
413 229-9977

NEW ORGANIC GARDEN FRIENDLY FUNGICIDE

We love our St. Augustine lawns, vegetable gardens, fruit trees, orchids, bedding plants and roses. But often they fall victim to leaf spots and blights. These diseases include brown patch, powdery mildew, rust, alternaria and anthracnose. Garden Friendly Fungicide offers cost effective and easy to use control of many infections on outdoor plants. Garden Friendly Fungicide with **Bacillus amyloliquefaciens strain D747** is concentrated because it was developed by Certis for commercial organic farming. Use only 1 teaspoon per gallon of spray solution.

Available in 8 ounce and pint containers on Ebay or ask your local independent garden retailer.





TRI-COUNCIL OF

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
ENVIRONMENTAL, GARDENING &
LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS**



BACK IT UP !

*Marjorie H. Hendon
1st VP FFGC
Finance Committee Chairman*

The theme for the Tri-Council of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 2019-2021 administration is "Harmony In Our Gardens". We hope that you become a member of Tri-Council (TC) and work with us to make it strong with a powerful, unified voice. Knowledge you have acquired as consultants empowers you to educate garden clubs, communities, and local and state officials.

As stewards of the land, we share responsibility for providing programs based on proven practices and the scientific data that established experts and the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (UF/IFAS) offer. We can positively impact climate change and the world we live in by supporting Florida Friendly Landscaping @ (FFL) principles which encompass beneficial environmental, gardening, and landscape practices and by opposing actions harmful to air, earth, water, natural resources, forests, and/or wildlife. Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) Position Papers corroborate FFL concepts and are useful tools for you to utilize.

Individuals who complete all four courses in Environmental, Gardening, or Landscape Design School and are certified as National Garden Clubs (NGC) Consultants and are eligible to join the TC of FFGC. Students who successfully complete two or three of the courses in an NGC Environmental, Gardening, or Landscape Design School are considered "Provisional Consultants" and are invited and eligible to join that council.

TC meets with consultant members of all three councils at FFGC Headquarters in Winter Park for Board Meetings in September and January plus at FFGC's Annual Spring Convention at varying locations in Florida. I strongly encourage you to attend consultant gatherings when possible as they offer informative and inspirational programs along with social functions that foster friendships and collaboration.

Newsletters are sent to members by email quarterly. A membership directory is published biannually that provides contact information for TC Officers, TC Members and School Chairmen/Credentials, speakers, and resources. FFGC website event calendar informs you of upcoming meetings, events, schools and refreshers.

Exciting projects are in the planning process as ideas and interests are shared in the TC survey distributed to all consultants. Please check the TC page of the FFGC website: <https://ffgc.wildapricot.org/Educational-Opportunities> to stay informed and up-to-date with TC directory, forms, newsletters, survey, and FFGC Position Papers.

On behalf of the TC Board, I invite you to join your council/s by filling out the 2019-2021 Membership Form and submitting dues of only \$10 per council. The form, available on the FFGC website can be used if you are eligible to be a member in one or more of the Environmental, Garden, or Landscape Design Consultants' Councils.

I look forward to hearing from you and welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Together we can make a difference!

Inger Jones
President TC of FFGC 2019-2021
mjinger@att.net / phone: 954.942.9310

As I sat in the cavernous meeting room following a successful class, I thought back to the previous year and what it took to get to the completion of this educationally fun event. Yes, we had great attendance, made money, and acquired so many ideas that each garden club member or Master Gardener could take back to their community and club to share.

It all started when Donna asked how something was done. We found out that there were many questions on this topic that we could learn about. Let's put on a Statewide educational event. That got the ideas and questions flowing: What date would work for this event to not interfere with other events around the State? Whom could we get as speakers for these topics? What was their fee? Where would the class be held? What would be the cost of the venue? What would we eat? Would there be breakfast and lunch? What would be the food cost? Printing cost would need to be considered. Would we have vendors selling items that are brought up in discussion? How much would we charge the vendors? Gift baskets are fun and bring in funds. So many details to work out. Using the form that we found on FFGC.org our budget was developed.

"What? We have to have our budget into the Finance Committee six weeks before the FC's next meeting?" "We didn't even know that FFGC had a Finance Committee." Well, yes, it does. We found out that all FFSJ schools, schools under the Tri-Council umbrella, conventions, State flower shows, SEEK, Wekiva, symposiums, short courses, etc., had to submit their budgets to the Finance Committee SIX, 6, VI weeks before the committee meets!

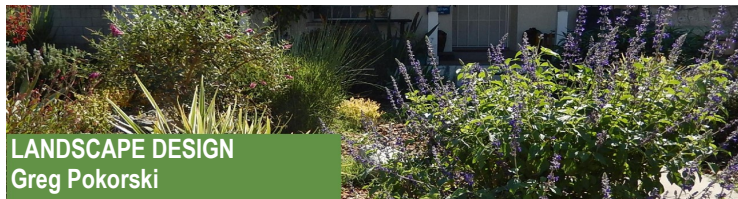
The Finance Committee meets in July, September, January, and April. There was a FC meeting coming up in two months. Who do we send our budget to? Some budgets must be approved by other people before it is accepted or approved by the FC. We had to find out whom checked over our budget. Once we did that, it was sent to the FC Chairman, 1st VP of FFGC. Our budget was approved. Now we can send out our contracts, print up flyers, order the food, and do all the little things that will make our event successful. Wow, it was a good thing that we started when we did. We couldn't have gone any farther without the approval of the FC.

Who would have thought that we had to start so many months ago? It was fun planning our event, we learned, and our group even made some money. Let's do another one. What do you want to learn about this time?

Mark your Calendars for the FFGC Officers Fall Tour:

District I	Oct. 8, 2019	District VII	Oct. 23, 2019
District II	Oct. 9, 2019	District VIII	Oct. 24, 2019
District III	Oct. 10, 2019	District IX	Oct. 18, 2019
District IV	Oct. 11, 2019	District X	Oct. 17, 2019
District V	Oct. 25, 2019	District XI	Oct. 16, 2019
District VI	Oct. 22, 2019	District XII	Oct. 15, 2019

NGC Schools: Landscape Design, Environmental, Gardening School, Flower Show School



Landscape Design (LD) School dates back to 1958 when it became the second of NGC's Schools. It addresses the principles and elements of LD, development and history of landscape design, process and many other subjects. New curriculum, effective for new school series as of July 1 2019, increases focus on aligning landscaping to the ecosystem and on designing and evaluating your own landscape plan.

Input from North Carolina, where a school began in February 2018 and will conclude in August, illustrates why garden club members and the public should attend. The courses offered students the opportunity to get professional help in designing their own gardens and advised how to talk with civic leaders about ideas that would help enhance public places, such as parks, playgrounds, libraries, and welcome areas.

The professional instructors were experts in their specialized fields and gave students the tools needed to plan, prepare and maintain their home gardens. Students have wanted to come to subsequent courses to learn new and additional information on the next course curriculum so they can build on what they have already learned. It has been a very happy, relaxed and educational time to learn more about the landscape and how to make their homes and surroundings more beautiful.

See *Netscape*, our twice-yearly Landscape Design newsletter on the NGC website for news and photos about this important NGC educational program. <http://www.gardenclub.org/schools/landscape-design.aspx>



Wisconsin hosted the first series of Environmental Schools (ES) in 1991. Currently there are 31 states with Environmental Chairmen; most are hosting schools with additional students traveling from neighboring states. Currently, NGC recognizes 992 Accredited or Provisional ES Consultants. (Provisionals are students who have completed two or more schools.) Since its inception, 2237 people have attended one or more of the NGC Environmental Schools.

Upon successful completion of the four Environmental Courses, a person becomes an Environmental Consultant. To maintain this Good Standing, it is necessary to refresh at either a two-day course or a multiple refresher within five years. No additional examinations are required.

The courses include identification of local and global environmental issues, recognizing historic environmental leaders and actions, exploring backyard habitats, sustaining forests, grasslands, deserts and mountains, efficiently producing food, identifying pollutants, recognizing the impact of global warming, protecting the ozone layer, protecting healthy water. Each course includes a field trip with visits to recycling plants, boat trips sampling water, visiting nature centers and more.

Consider attending Environmental Schools, perhaps, traveling to another state. Take the time to explore some of the water, land and air issues across the country and its impact on all.

Flower Show School - Arabella Dane and Jan Warshauer

"Plants of the World" is now the primary horticulture nomenclature resource for NGC Flower Show Schools and Symposiums (www.plantsoftheworldonline.org.) The previously used www.theplantlist.org is no longer being maintained. "Plants of the World" is the most current, relevant, easiest to use and complete online search engine for plant nomenclature. It includes the most recent nomenclature changes (updated regularly) as well as all the older data from IPNI and from The Plant List. The Plant List was the primary resource for plant names for most of our institutions, government agencies and plant societies.

Rafael Govaerts of Kew Science, (Kew Royal Botanical Gardens) who keeps up the Plants of the World website, pointed to his World Checklist for Selected Plants site <http://wcp.science.kew.org/> to use as a backup when needing to chase back synonyms. For

example, when the need rose to verify the now outdated *Sansevieria* species names to convert them to their new *Dracaena* species, the World Checklist was most helpful.

Peter Stevens maintains the Angiosperm Phylogeny Website of Missouri Botanical Garden www.mobot.org/MOBOT/research/APweb/. Peter Stevens and his global committee approve nomenclature changes relying, among other things, on published old records, DNA, chemistry, etc. Proposed nomenclature changes are evaluated by meetings of the committee and on an ongoing basis.



NGC Gardening Schools were established in May 1977. Four courses were designed to learn the correct way to plant, to prune and marvel at what we have accomplished. We are stewards of the land; we have a responsibility to serve and protect it for future generations. This is in keeping with NGC Bylaws Article II, Number 5: "to study and to advance the fine arts of gardening, landscaping, floral design and horticulture."

Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest. Qualified instructors are relatively easy to recruit as Extension agents, botanical garden directors and university horticulture instructors, both active and retired, are available. Experienced Regional Gardening Accrediting Chairmen are ready to guide the State and Local GS Chairmen through the procedures to set up an accredited Gardening School.

A new position on the Gardening School Committee, Marketing Liaison, is staffed by former GS Accrediting Chair Inger Jones who will suggest ways to keep the Region and State websites/newsletters up to date with School information. All of our Gardening School Committee members will continue to encourage our Consultants to carry out the NGC mission of education for members and for the public. Their activities provide important reasons to join a garden club and to retain membership.

SCHOOLS' HANDBOOK By Judy Newman

The new Schools' Handbook which includes guidelines and check lists for the school chairmen and committees, interactive/fillable forms and curriculum for the Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Schools is available as a free download from the NGC website. School Chairmen and committee members are encouraged to download a copy. Please download the forms and save as a .pdf, then open forms, fill in forms and "save as" in new name: Series, Course, Date, City. All exams are open book.

Handbook Clarification Section 3 Conducting the School Instructor Qualifications, add "Other Qualified Instructors: Extension agents, retired professors, high school teachers, DNR personnel, college interns, landscape architects, environmentalists, nursery personnel."

NOTE: NGC GARDENING SCHOOLS in FLORIDA, (See Continuing Education page 10)

COURSE 1—Basic Botany, Soils, Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers, Plant Propagation, Reconciliation Ecology
DELAND, Series 8, November 4-5, 2019, sponsored by Deland Garden Club, contact Jennifer Condo, jattq3@yahoo.com
WEST PALM BEACH, Series 9, November 21,22, 2019, sponsored by District X, held at Mounts Auditorium, contact Michelle Maguire, mouthmom@yahoo.com
COURSE 2—Plant Diseases and Garden Pests, Irrigation and Water, Lawn Alternatives and Growing Grass, Growing Fruit, Growing Vegetables,
DELAND, Series 8, February 3-4, 2020, sponsored by Deland Garden Club, contact Jennifer Condo, jattq3@yahoo.com
WEST PALM BEACH, Series 9, February 24-25, 2020, sponsored by District X, held At Mounts Botanical Garden. Contact: Michelle Macguire mouthmo9m@yahoo.com

SEEK 2019

Save Earth's Environment through Knowledge

This year's SEEK was held at Chinsegut Retreat and Preserve (just 50 miles north of Tampa). The location has existed since the 1800's. The Retreat hosts an 1800's mansion (now a museum). Cabins were built in the late 1980's and 1990's to house professors from both the University of Florida and the University of South Florida. Located in the middle of the Withlacoochee State Forest, the location was perfect to study our wildlife, rivers and inland lakes. Our SEEK program started on June 17th. A great agenda was formed by Gina Long, Director of the Chinsegut Preserve. Gina lead us through four educational days which included biologists speaking on endangered species, understanding our forest and lakes, the many careers in environmental fields and how each individual can make a difference in our environment.

To give FFGC Members an idea of how a SEEK day goes: The conference starts off at 8 am with a hearty breakfast — need to keep teenagers fueled! During breakfast we go over the day's activities. By 9 am we are in the classroom reviewing topic which will be covered next in the field. Our field trips included evening trips to see the Red-cockaded Woodpeckers return to their nest; another evening, to see hundreds of bats leaving their bat houses. We made trips to the USDA Plant Materials Center, and to the Bass Conservation Center where fish are studied and raised to stock our inland lakes. Close to "home" we took hikes led by a naturalist and a biologist who provided guidance on finding native plants, foraging, understanding and monitoring upland reptiles, the importance of the gopher tortoise, animal tracking and learning to read a compass and the basics of binocular use. The State Biologist taught students about the importance of controlled forest fires and the science that goes into these fires. With such a full agenda, there was no time to return to the Retreat for lunch, lunch came to us, neatly boxed. Our day slowed down around 5:30 with a clean up before dinner. After dinner we continued with hikes and presentations until around 9:30 when we had free time. Students got together to play games and get to know each other. Lights out at 10:30 pm. Long but educational days.

SEEK 2019 was very fortunate to have two exceptional counselors this year; Miller Maddox attends Florida State University and is majoring in Biology. Miller was one of our Counselors last year and, even with her busy schedule, was able to support us again this year. Our new Counselor, Jessi Poole who earned a BA from the University of Central Florida took vacation time to help us with SEEK. We are very thankful to have these two young people help and support SEEK.

Some new FFGC Members may wonder "*what is this SEEK Program*". SEEK stands for "Save the Earth's Environment

through Knowledge" and is an environmental youth program for grades 9 through 12. The three-day conference is held in different locations throughout Florida with the goal of introducing attendees to the importance of our environment and opportunities in environmental careers. "*How do I learn more?*" Go to FFGC.org/Youth/SEEK. "*How can I help?*" Contact High School Science Teachers and school administrators in your area. Let them know about the program; there are flyers on the FFGC Website, at FFGC.org. Encourage your fellow club members to sponsor a high school student to attend SEEK. Because the program changes every year, a 9th grader can attend all three years



and learn something new each year. If you have more questions the SEEK Committee is always willing to help. We are always looking for interested FFGC members to join our team.

Registration for SEEK 2020 will begin on January 1, 2020. All new forms with dates and location will be on the FFGC website by November 1, 2019. Go to: www.FFGC.org/Youth/SEEK

SEEK 2019 is now complete but the Committee has already started planning for 2020. Every year we will work to make a better SEEK. With your support we will make a difference in the youth—the leaders of tomorrow—and bring hope for an even 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. We also wish to thank Val Seinfeld for posting all our activities on the FFGC Facebook page each day of the conference. Each committee person—Registrar Ingrid Velez; Treasurer Carol Wood; and Volunteers Christy Linke, Diane Sullivan, Kelly Wood, Errol Whisler, and Donna Thomas—worked very hard to make it a success.

Many thanks to FFGC for the opportunity to provide this valuable program.

Mary Ann Whisler
SEEK Chairman
mary.whisler66@gmail.com

WEKIVA 2019, A summer to remember!

By Tina Tuttle, 1st VP, Chairman Wekiva Youth Camp

First and foremost, thank you to each club and/or circle making a donation to the Wekiva Youth Camp General Fund and for giving camperships to so many worthy campers. Thank you to our 82 enthusiastic volunteers, six confident staff members and 85 patient, caring counselors for giving of your time, talent and energy during the action-packed six weeks of camp. We couldn't have done it without you!

In addition to learning the Conservation Pledge, camp songs and blessings, the theme for this summer was "Trees". In Nature Sessions, campers learned the names of 16 trees and how to identify them by their leaf shape and proved their knowledge in a competitive game of "Steal the Bacon". What a treat when our own "Mother Nature" (Audrey Swindal) showed up to give a lesson on trees!

River to study water quality. They came back and shared their new-found knowledge with the camp in the form of a nightly 'nature minute'.

Our 32 Critters learned about Smokey Bear, birds nesting in trees and also decorated colorful masks. They held a parade in the dining hall for all to see their creations.

The 6 weeks of camp went by fast but memories were made, for both campers and volunteers, that will last a lifetime!



In Craft session campers made beautiful leaf rubbings, a leaf bookmark and decorated a canvas bag with leaf prints. Campers adopted a tree and journaled about their hikes and the wildlife observed on their night rides. The Park Service provided an informative presentation about trees to all in attendance. Swim hour and Canteen continue to be camper favorites! The camper skits were hilarious this year and often made good fun of the staff and counselors.



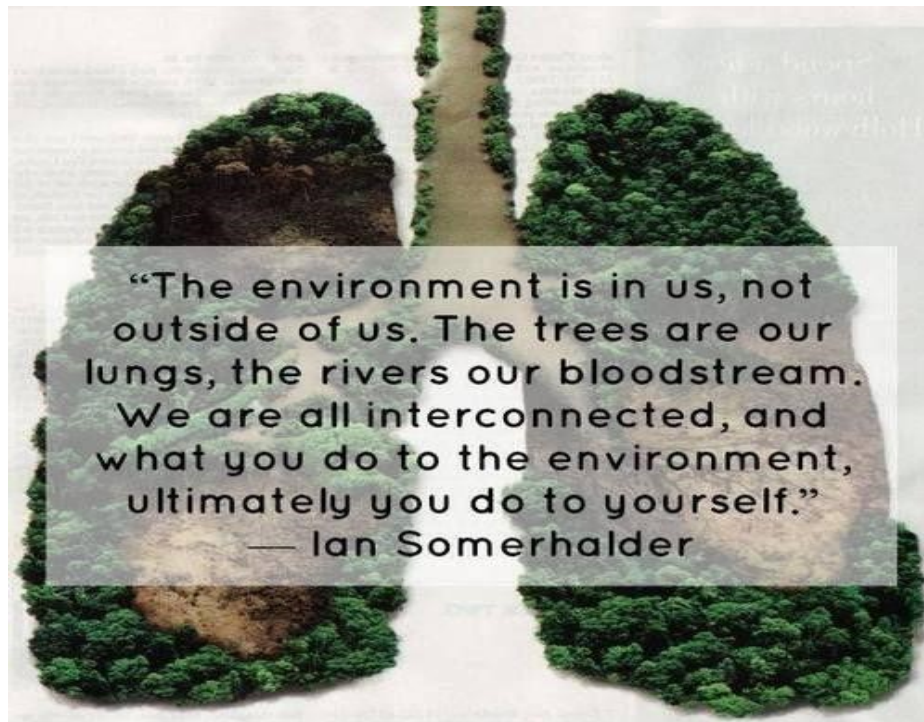
The 7th graders camped at our beautiful primitive camp site or became Naturalists. They decorated their walking sticks before taking long hikes, tie-dyed t-shirts, made survival bracelets, or beaded accessories. They camped in tents or slept in hammocks. New to the tent camping curriculum this summer was a session on basic first aid and knot tying.



The 8th grade Environmental Education campers not only paddled their canoes down 6 miles of Rock Springs Run but also researched and debated 'for' or 'against' using plastic straws and plastic bags.

The Leaders in Training (LITs) traveled to The Marine Science Station in Crystal

Environmental Alert: Water! Water!



Every day we are bombarded with bad reports from every region of Florida. Even affluent communities have had to boil their water and leave their homes on beaches, lakes, springs and rivers because of pollution, algae blooms, salt water intrusion, fracking, and the list goes on and on. This is not a political issue, it is a moral issue.

Florida has always been defined by its beautiful lakes and springs, rivers and streams and the ocean. Being blessed with one of the largest aquifers in the United States, it was unfathomable that Florida would run out of water. Now, though it has been scientifically proven that the aquifer is severely depleted, Water Management Districts are continuing to issue consumptive use permits at an alarming rate. In addition, our state foolishly continues to overdevelop and allow industry to release even more toxins into our waters than we did years ago. The state also does not allow communities to enact their own environmental practices such as limiting the plastics used in their area.

Furthermore, pollution of our waters fuels a number of natural disasters. For example: the devastating proliferation of blue green algae (microscopic cyanobacteria). The foul smelling algae is so thick in some areas people say it looks like guacamole. It is showing up in Dade county (the Everglades), Pinellas, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. It's growing on Lake Okeechobee which is surrounded by Glades, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Hendry and Martin counties. It is not a true algae but, like red tide algae, it produces toxins that, according to the Florida Department of Health, will cause serious health problems to your liver, nervous system and skin. In reality it is also toxic to practically everything that requires clean water to survive. Unfortunately, it can grow in salt or fresh water and yes, it is caused by nutrient pollution from agricultural, industrial and urban runoff. We could control it by not fueling it, but we don't.

Another example of profits trumping protecting the environment is the sugar industry which has contributed to the demise of the Everglades for decades, using the ecosystem as a giant septic tank and blocking the natural flow of water from Lake Okeechobee. To save them, and all the critters who call them home,

we must reestablish the southern flow and get clean, fresh, water sent to the right place at the right time. We've known this for many years but nobody has been able to correct the problem or afford the fight with that industry's lobbyists.

The moral question is how can we continue to allow the actions of a few to make their wealth by practices that are destroying our oceans and fresh water resources, which we all need to drink to survive? Not only fish and wildlife are being killed, human children and adults are sick and dying because of contaminated water. In addition, the clean water we do have is in peril because of over-consumption by industry and home owners. Yes, sadly, the average home owner is also guilty, wasting half of the water they use watering lawns. The new green houses would be wonderful but are using more water than ever in history. How? They all come with landscape irrigation systems that automatically water whether the lawn needs it or not.

So what are we going to do about it? We can turn this around simply by taking quicker showers, using new water saver nozzles and appliances, quit giving out so many consumptive use permits, quit using so much water to maintain lush lawns, put a halt on over-development in places that are already out of water, and advocating for better legislation which mandates protecting Florida's water and other natural resources.

Most of all we need to vote for representation from people that have strong conservation ethics and will refuse to sell our water and land to the highest bidder. We need to continue the fight and walk in the footsteps of the great water warriors, Marion Hilliard and Pat Carver. If you need some help advocating do not hesitate to contact your FFGC Environmental Alert Chairman, Inger Jones (mjinger@att.net) or your Water and Wetlands Chairman, Jackie Host, (jhost48@gmail.com) who have prepared an "Advocacy Packet" they will be glad to send to you. We're in this together and you can make a difference.

Submitted by Inger Jones—Environmental Alert Chair and Jackie Host, Water and Wetlands Chair.

FFGC History: OUR FIRST DECADE: 1924-1934

Some Highlights:

By Tina Tuttle, Second Vice President FFGC

Presidents during this first decade: Mrs. (Adelaide Yates) Joseph R. Ellicott (1925-1927) of Ormond Beach, Mrs. (Ninah May Holden) Arthur Gerrish Cummer (1927-1929) of Jacksonville, Mrs. (Cora S.) Edwin H. Riggs (1929-1931) of Winter Park "Unity in Service", 2nd Lt. Mary (Mrs. Charles W.) TenEick (1931-1933) of Hollywood, Mrs. William M. Fielder, who later became Mrs. Robert A. Patton, (1933-1935) of Tampa

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs organized with 4 districts in Florida, 24 April 1924:

- *Clubs paid \$5 dues to FFGC
- *Constitution and Bylaws adopted, 7 January 1925
- *First governing Board met on 25 April 1925
- *First Standing Committee appointed: Billboards
- *First *FFGC Year Book* published in 1928
- *Became Charter member of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., 1929
- Junior Garden Clubs initiated, 1931
- First garden tour in Florida "Garden Run" 1930, sponsored by Halifax Country
- Official state flower, the Orange Blossom, adopted along with our FFGC seal, 1932
- Redistricted from 4 districts to 6 districts in 1933
- First FFGC **Convention** held in Jacksonville January 14, 1926
 - *1927 in Ormond Beach (January 11)
 - *1928 in Winter Park (March 28-29)
 - *1929 in Miami (March 20-21)
 - *1930 in Tampa (March 27-28)
 - *1931 in Orlando (March 4-5)
 - *1932 in St. Petersburg (March 15-16)
 - *1933 in Gainesville (April 19-20)
 - *1934 in Tallahassee (April 18-19)

Club affiliations with Federation:

- 1925-Jacksonville, Halifax Country, Winter Park, Miami
- 1927-Gainesville, Winter Haven, Shenandoah, South Florida and North Florida (Miami), Orlando, Sanford, Deland
- 1928- Daytona Beach/Arlington, Daytona Beach, Cocoa/Rockledge, Tampa Federation, Hollywood
- 1929-Foley/Lantana, Lake City, Ft Lauderdale, St Petersburg, Monticello, Frostproof
- 1930- Lake Worth, Miami Beach, Riverside (Miami), Lakeland, Pioneer (Ocala)
- 1931-Ft Pierce
- 1932- Melbourne, West Palm, Holleman Park (Miami), Pensacola, Tallahassee
- 1933-Vero Beach/Indian River, Federated circles of Sarasota
- 1934-Bradenton/Manatee River

Four women in different counties in Florida, working independently, had each organized a garden club in her community almost simultaneously and without knowledge other such groups existed in the state.

Three of these women met on **April 24, 1924**, at the close of the flower show in Jacksonville, to discuss the feasibility of organizing a state federation of garden clubs. They were: Mrs. Arthur G. (Ninah) Cummer, president of the Federated Circles of the **Garden Club of Jacksonville** (Duvall County); Mrs. Joseph R Ellicott of Ormond Beach, president of the **Garden Club of Halifax Country** (Volusia County); and Miss Grace Edwards, president of the **Winter Park Garden Club** (Orange County). With them were a number of the Jacksonville club's governing board.

Out of that meeting came the decision to organize the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, to invite the **Garden Club of Miami** (Dade County) with Mrs. E. H. Douglass as president to become the charter member, and to

appoint Mrs. John A. Ferguson, assisted by Miss Edwards and Miss Gerda Meigs, to draft a constitution and bylaws.

The constitution and bylaws, presented by a committee chaired by Mrs. John A. Ferguson, subsequently adopted on 7 January 1925, were modeled after those of the New York Federation of Garden Clubs and the committee had the assistance of Mrs. Fred Joel Swift, a member of the New York Federation.

Officers of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs as elected by the four charter member clubs were Mrs. Joseph R. Ellicott, president; Miss Grace Edwards, first vice president; Mrs. T. V. Moore, second vice president; Mrs. George Couper Gibbs, third vice president; Mrs. John T. Alsop, recording secretary; Mrs. Macon Thornton, corresponding secretary; and Miss Lula McLendon, treasurer.

These women had two intense interests. First was the belief that more study should be given to the horticulture and floral needs of the state and, second, the realization that if the Garden Club movement was to live and grow there must be a coordinated effort to organize more clubs throughout Florida working to protect and enhance its beauty as well as to assist others in the study of horticulture.

At the first meeting of the Governing Board on 25 April 1925, Mrs. Ellicott announced appointment of directors of the Federations four districts—Northern, Central, Southern and Western. Chairmen for standing committees were considered; the Billboard Committee being the first delegated to do Federation work. The first money in the treasury, \$5 dues from The Winter Park Garden Club, was received.

The decision was reached to hold the first convention in Miami. Later, hurricane damage to that area caused a change in plans and it was held in Jacksonville 14 January, 1926. The second convention was held in Ormond Beach on 11 January 1927, with flowers grown and donated by the late John D. Rockefeller featured in decorations. Highlighting the agenda was adoption of the Federation's "Highway Resolution" calling for a 100-foot right-of-way on all state and county roads. The Garden Club of the Halifax Country, hostess group, had the satisfaction of having the Forestry Bill it endorsed enacted into law by the 1927 Florida Legislature. At this convention Mrs. Arthur Cummer, affectionately known as "Mother of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs", was elected as the second state president. During her two-year administration Mrs. Cummer introduced the "Circle Plan" and the third convention in Winter Park, March 28-29, changes in the Constitution and Bylaws provided for larger clubs, organized on the circle plan, to have proportionate representation with the smaller clubs. Also, annual dues were increased from 10 to 25 cents per capita and it was in 1928 the first Garden Club Year Book was published. (continued on page 19)



Early photo of the thatched garden shack — the beginning of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

FFGC History: OUR FIRST DECADE: 1924-1934

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By the time of the 1929 convention in Miami, the Federation in four short years had grown from an infant to a strong personality with 2,180 members in 24 clubs. The treasury had \$812.92 to its credit and Mrs. Cummer had worked closely with Dr. David Fairchild, laying the groundwork for the later development of Fairchild Tropical Garden.

Delegates to the convention endorsed a bill to create a State Arbor Day on the third Friday in January and gave endorsement to the work of both the State Forestry and Plant Boards, Everglades State Park, and a movement to check the drainage of Paynes Prairie so as to save the lotus. At this convention Mrs. Edward H. Riggs, Winter Park, became the third president of the Federation heralding two years of further growth with emphasis placed on beautification of home grounds as well as those around public buildings. It was during her administration the Junior Garden Club movement, beamed at training the children who would be "garden clubbers" in the future, was born.

In 1930 the first Florida Tour of gardens, called a "garden run", was sponsored by the Garden Club of Halifax Country. It engendered much interest in horticulture and landscape horticulture. A law to license tree surgery statewide was sponsored by the Federation and enforcement of the law prohibiting signs on trees and posts, sponsored by the Federated Circles of Garden Club of Jacksonville and passed by the 1929 legislature as forerunner of outdoor advertising regulation, was noted.

The 1930 and 1931 conventions were held in Tampa and Orlando, respectively. Under the leadership of Mrs. Charles W. TenEick, president from 1931-1933 administration, an ambitious seven-point beautification program embodying landscape gardening and art was undertaken. It embraced a study to observe what plants nature had put in certain places, introduction of plant material from other countries under auspices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, plant identification, landscape horticulture, highway planning and planting, garden design, city and regional planting.

During Mrs. TenEick's tenure, with the 1932 convention in St. Petersburg and that of 1933 in Gainesville, there were other accomplishments. They included adoption of the seal embodying the Federation flower, orange blossom, with colors white, green and yellow to appear on Federation stationery and year books; increasing the membership to 3,039 in 43 clubs and the number of districts from four to six; and having the National Council of State Garden Clubs, of which Florida Federation is a charter member, accept the invitation to hold its 1933 convention in Miami.

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Editors Note:

The preceding article is the first in a series that will chronicle our history, one decade at a time. Look for future installments — leading up to our 100 year anniversary celebrations beginning in 2023!

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Affiliate of GC of Fort Pierce**

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For additional information on Affiliates, see the article on page 4 by FFGC Affiliate Chairman Donna Berger.

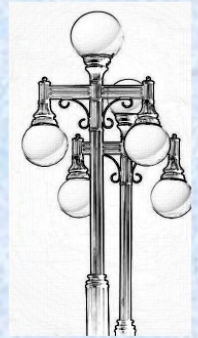
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DIVISION I – DESIGN “MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!”
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SECTION A: “MUSICAL THEATER”

Eligible for one Tricolor Award (HB pg. 42)

Consultant: Phyllis West (850-591-5428)

wildwestwm@comcast.net

Class 1. “My Fair Lady”

Grouped Mass Design (HB pg. 78)

Class 2. “A Chorus Line”

Cascade Design (HB pg. 73)

Class 3. “Singin’ in the Rain”

Underwater Design (HB pg. 79)

SECTION B: “HOLIDAY TUNES”

Eligible for one Designer’s Choice Award (HB pg. 42)

Consultant: Carolyn Stevens (904-631-3395)

carolynhstevens@gmail.com

Class 4. “My Funny Valentine”

Reflective Design (HB pg. 75)

Class 5. “White Christmas”

Mono-Botanic Design (HB pg. 79)

Class 6. “Easter Parade”

Low- Profile Design (HB pg. 78)

SECTION C: “NOVELTY SONGS”

Eligible for one Designer’s Choice Award (HB pg. 42)

Consultant: Tuky Vargas (813-286-0282)

tukyvargas@hotmail.com

Class 7. “King Tut”

Angular Design (HB pg. 73)

**Class 8. “Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow
Polka Dot Bikini”**

Creative Line Design (HB pg. 74)

Class 9. “Snoopy vs the Red Baron”

Spatial Thrust Design (HB pg. 75)

SECTION D: “ROCK N’ ROLL”

Eligible for one Award of Distinction (HB pg. 42)

Consultant: Judy Jodoin (386-689-8432)

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Class 10. “The Twist”

Multi-Rhythmic Design (HB pg. 75)

Class 11. “Surfin’ U.S.A.”

Floor Design (HB pg. 78)

Class 12. “Shake Rattle and Roll”

Assemblage Design (HB pgs. 77-78)

SECTION E: “PATRIOTIC SONGS”

Eligible for the Table Artistry Award (HB pg. 43)

Consultant: Kalia Baillene (386-983-5108)

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Class 13. “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy”

Exhibition Table - 30-32” wide X 48” high
with staging panel. Panel may be incorporated.
(HB pg. 76)

Class 14. “Stars and Stripes Forever”

Functional Table - Picnic Buffet (HB pg. 76)

Class 15. “Yankee Doodle”

Functional Table - Tray for One (HB pg. 76)

SECTION F: “DISCO” – PETITE DESIGNS

Eligible for one Petite Award (HB pg. 43)

Consultant: Glenda Dawson (941-704-3343)

Ldawson3@tampabay.rr.com

Class 16. “Stayin’ Alive”

10” Transparency Design (HB pg. 77)

Class 17. “Car Wash”

8” Underwater Design (HB pg. 79)

Class 18. “Copacabana”

5” Reflective Design (HB pg. 75)

SECTION G: “JAZZ” – PETITE DESIGNS

Eligible for one Petite Award (HB p. 43)

Consultant: Mayfair Hydro (305-378-1775)

1mayfair@bellsouth.net

Class 19. “Moonglow”

10” Illuminary design (HB pg.74)

Class 20. “Summertime”

12” Low-Profile Design (HB pg.78)

Class 21. “Sing, Sing, Sing”

12” Parallel Design (HB pg.75)



DIVISION II – HORTICULTURE “COUNTRY MUSIC”

Eligible for one Award of Horticultural Excellence

PRE-REGISTRATION for all entries requested by April 8, 2020.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SECTIONS E, F, AND G is required due to space limitations.

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SECTION A: “FLOWERS FOR MAMA”

Eligible for one Grower’s Choice Award (HB pg. 41)

Container-grown plants – Flowering (HB pg. 58)

Single specimens or naturally grown multiples

SECTION B: “I’M A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY”

Eligible for one Grower’s Choice Award (HB pg. 41)

Container-grown plants – Foliage

Single specimens or naturally grown multiples.

SECTION C: “HEY GOOD LOOKIN”

Eligible for one Grower’s Choice Award (HB pg. 41)

Container-grown or mounted Bromeliads
grown for their foliage. (HB pg. 58)

Single specimens or naturally grown multiples.

SECTION D: “CRAZY”

Eligible for one Grower’s Choice Award (HB pg. 41)

Container-grown Succulents. (HB pg. 58)

Single specimens or naturally grown multiples.

SECTION E: “SIXTEEN TONS”

Eligible for one Grower’s Choice Award (HB pg. 41)

Combination Plantings (HB pg. 59)

A grouping of three or more botanically different
plants with similar cultural requirements
(Dish Gardens; Planters; Terrariums; Troughs)

Naturalistic accessories permitted -

Container not to exceed 14” as measured across
the top.

SECTION F: “ROSE GARDEN”

Eligible for one Collector’s Showcase Award (HB pg. 41)

Collections:- Limit of four (4) entries. (HB pg. 60)

A collection of 5 or more different related specimens.

Containers and staging provided by exhibitor.

(Container-grown; Cut; Cut and Container-grown;
Mounted).

Frame of Reference 24” wide x 30” deep x 30” high.

SECTION G: “DEVIL WOMAN”

Eligible for one Collector’s Showcase Award (HB pg. 41)

Displays: - Limit of four (4) entries. (HB pg. 60)

A minimum of 5 different related specimens in
containers and staging provided by exhibitor.

(Container-grown; Cut; Cut and Container-grown;

Mounted). Exhibited with strong overall artistic effect.

Frame of Reference 24” wide x 30” deep x 30” high.

SECTION H: “TENNESSEE WALTZ”

Eligible for one Arboreal Award (HB pg. 40-41)

Arboreal – Flowering, Fruited or Coned. (HB pg. 59)

One cut branch of a tree or shrub.

Must include an apical tip, central leader and several

nodes. Maximum of 30” in length from cut end to tip.

SECTION I: “OH LONESOME ME”

Eligible for one Arboreal Award (HB pg. 40-41)

Arboreal – Foliage (HB pg. 59)

One cut branch of a tree or shrub.

Must include an apical tip, central leader and several

nodes. Maximum of 30” in length from cut end to tip.

SECTION J: “I SAW THE LIGHT”

Eligible for one Award of Merit (HB pg. 41)

Cut Foliage – (HB pg. 59)

Single leaf or cluster of leaves on a single

stem (length appropriate to the plant – max 30”).

SECTION K: “MY HEROES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN COWBOYS”

Eligible for one Elfin Award (HB pg. 41)

Container-grown or mounted petite plants – Flowering

(HB pg.61)

SECTION L: “RING OF FIRE”

Eligible for one Elfin Award (HB pg. 41)

Container-grown or mounted petite plants – Foliage

(HB pg. 61)



Rhythm & Blues

DIVISION III – BOTANICAL ARTS “RHYTHM & BLUES”

PRE-REGISTRATION for Sections A, B, C, D requested by April 8, 2020.

See Flower Show Schedule for Photography Entry Instructions.

SECTION A: BOTANICAL ARTS ARTISTIC CRAFTS

“MUSICAL COMEDY”

Eligible for one Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award

(HB pg. 44)

Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Entry Consultant:

Karen Flaacke (813-477-0251) flaacke@aol.com

Class 1. “Hello Dolly” Decorate a Hat (provided by the exhibitor) with some fresh and/or dried plant material. No artificial plant material. Frame of reference 18” x 18” x 18”.

Class 2. “Bells are Ringing” Decorate a Bell (provided by the exhibitor) with some fresh and/or dried plant material. No artificial plant material. Frame of reference 8” x 8” x 8”.

Class 3. “American Pie” Decorate an eight (8) or (9) inch diameter Pie Plate (provided by the exhibitor) with some fresh and/or dried plant material. No artificial plant material. Frame of reference 11” x 11” x 11”.

SECTION B: BOTANICAL ARTS DESIGN

“LATIN DANCE MUSIC”

Eligible for one Botanical Arts Design Award (HB pg. 44)

Botanical Arts Design Entry Consultant:

Barbara Rao (401-524-5289) Barbara_Rao@hotmail.com

Class 4. “Salsa” Exploration Design - Freedom to explore the world of creativity and design.
Frame of Reference: 32” wide x 30” deep X 48” high.

Class 5. “Cha Cha Cha” Pot-et-fleur (HB pg. 94)
Design with two or more flowering and/or foliage plants with roots growing in soil or other medium. Must include some fresh cut flower/s.

Class 6. “Rhumba” Hanging Design – Mobile (HB pg. 93)
Suspended to move freely in a black wood frame with hook provided by the Committee. Maximum dimensions of the mobile 24” wide x 24” deep x 35” long.

SECTION C: BOTANICAL ARTS HORTICULTURE

“LET’S STAY TOGETHER”

CONTAINER-GROWN MINIATURE GARDENS

(HB pg. 92)

Eligible for one Botanical Arts Horticulture Award

(HB pg. 44)

Botanical Arts Horticulture Entry Consultant:

Jan Griffin (813-716-6691) billjangriffin@gmail.com

A miniature landscape/scene such as a Fairy Garden, Diorama, etc. All types of accessories permitted. Must contain a minimum of three (3) botanically different plants. Allocated table space for each exhibit: 15” square.

Class 7. Cacti

Class 8. Foliage (other than Cacti/other Succulents)

Class 9. Succulents (other than Cacti)

Class 10. Succulents and Cacti combined

Class 11. Any other worthy miniature garden

SECTION D: BOTANICAL ARTS HORTICULTURE

“WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD”

MANIPULATED PLANTS (HB pg. 93)

Eligible for one Botanical Arts Horticulture Award

(HB pg. 44)

Botanical Arts Horticulture Entry Consultant:

Jan Griffin (813-716-6691) billjangriffin@gmail.com

Plants whose natural growth has been altered.

Class 12. Espalier

Class 13. Grafted Cacti

Class 14. Intertwined stems or leaves

Class 15. Topiaries

SECTION E: BOTANICAL ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY

“FOLK MUSIC”

Eligible for one Botanical Arts Photography Award

(HB pg. 45) – See Schedule for entry instructions.

Botanical Arts Photography Entry Consultant:

Pam Slagg (813-832-9481) pamslagg@hotmail.com

All photographs – 8”x 10” print in a single 11”x 14” mat.

Class 16. “This Land Is Your Land”

A color photograph featuring a landscape in a Florida County or State park. The name of the park and the closest city to the park is to be identified on a 3” x 5” card provided by the exhibitor.

Class 17. “Where Have All The Flowers Gone”

A color photograph featuring a close up of a flower. Botanical name to be identified on a 3” x 5” card provided by the exhibitor.

Class 18. “Teach Your Children”

A color photograph featuring a child/children with flower/s or vegetable/s. Botanical name to be identified on a 3” x 5” card provided by the exhibitor.

DIVISION IV – EDUCATION –

See Flower Show Schedule

DIVISION V – YOUTH

“FAVORITE WEKIVA CAMP SONGS”

Each Class in each Section is eligible for one Youth Top Exhibitor Award. (HB pg. 44)

SECTION A: “CRITTERS” - JUNIORS

(Pre-school through age 7 or elementary grades)

Consultant: Margaret Kirkpatrick (407-399-8230)

mmaui@cfl.rr.com

Class 1. Design: “Campers Don’t Wear Socks”

4 Entries – A Design using fresh and/or dried plant materials.

Class 2. Horticulture: “The Little Birds”

4 Entries – A container-grown foliage plant.

Class 3. Education: “Three Greenie Speckled Frogs”

One exhibit about frogs.



SECTION B: “CAMPERS” - INTERMEDIATES

(Age 8 through 12 or middle school grades)

Consultant: Kathy Echevarria (813-240-5272)

Kathy.echevarria@gmail.com

Class 4. Design: “Tennessee Wiggle Walk”

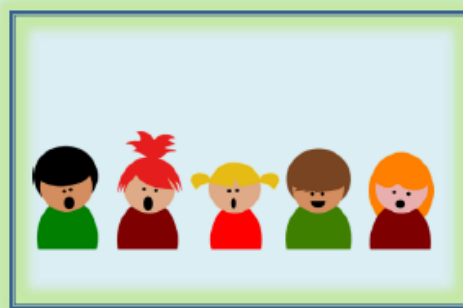
4 Entries – A Design using fresh and/or dried plant materials.

Class 5. Horticulture: “I Like to Eat”

4 Entries – A container-grown vegetable plant.

Class 6. Education: “Raindrop Song”

One exhibit about the importance of rain.



SECTION C: “COUNSELORS” - HIGH SCHOOL

(Age 13 through 18 or junior/senior high school grades)

Consultant: Kathy Echevarria (813-240-5272)

Kathy.echevarria@gmail.com

Class 7. Design “Fire”

4 Entries – A Design using fresh and/or dried plant materials.

Class 8: Horticulture “Rose”

4 Entries – A container-grown flowering plant.

Class 9. Education “Sipping Cider (through a straw)”

One exhibit about plastic straws and the environment.

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