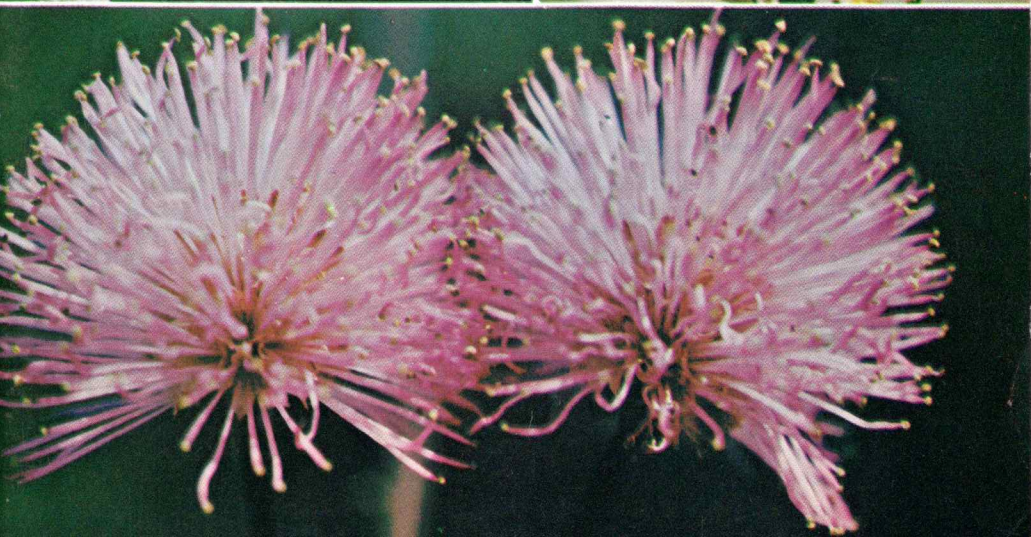
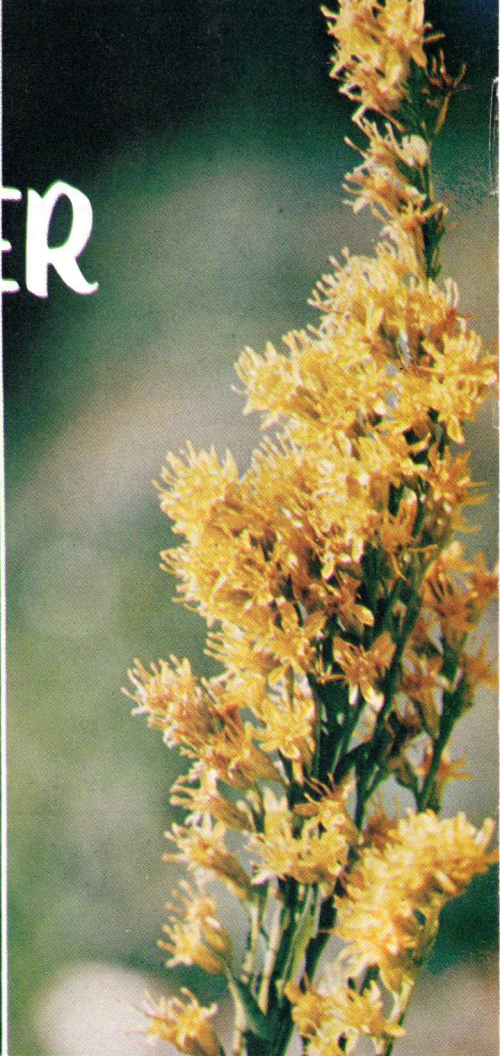


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Board of Directors Meetings:

February 4-5, 1974 — Headquarters, Winter Park
 April 30, 1974 — Tallahassee (pre-convention)
 May 3, 1974 — Tallahassee (post-convention)
 June 18, 1974 — University of Florida, Gainesville

Annual Spring Presidents' Conferences — 1974:

VIII — Temple Terrace, March 19
 IX — Sebring, March 20
 XII — Miami, March 21
 XI — Pompano Beach, March 22
 X — Vero Beach, March 25
 VI — Melbourne, March 26
 VII — Winter Park, March 27
 V — Newberry, March 28
 IV — Jacksonville, March 29
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 II — Panama City, April 2
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President's Message

As we face a new year we must stop and check the objectives set forth for the 1973-75 term. It is, indeed, "A Time To Be Involved" with membership if we are to reach our goal of a 20% increase. Have you reached yours? Since a new club must serve a year's probation, we must get busy.



The fall tour was exciting and informative for the traveling officers. You are doing much more than you report. Please, please check the award section and apply so that your fine work can be recorded and recognized.

Your president attended her first National Council Board Meeting in October and was enchanted by the beauty of National Headquarters in lovely Shaw Gardens in St. Louis, Missouri. It was an exhilarating experience.

At the meeting she heard it moved, "That as a Bicentennial Project National Council promote a comprehensive network of historic trails from Key West to Maine, to Alaska, to Hawaii, to California, back to Key West and all latitudes and longitudes in between, called 'America — Our Vast and Varied Vacationland' and that National Council sponsor an International Flower Show during May, 1976, in Miami Beach in cooperation with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs."

In order for Florida to cooperate with National's plan for the Bicentennial it is necessary that all members write their Congressmen to support the U. S. Senate trails bill (S-1157) and check areas for traces of Bartram's Trail or other historical trails and do all in their power to mark and preserve them as district or club projects.

Your board at its September meeting voted to restore the grounds of the historic Brokaw-McDougall House in Tallahassee as its main bicentennial project. By doing this we feel garden club members will have accomplished something lasting and significant for those who visit the state capitol in Tallahassee.

Remember we spoke to you about the ACE Project at the district meetings? On November 12-15 Florida was represented by Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mrs. Ralph A. Parker, Mrs. John G. Wood, Mrs. Roger J. Waybright and your president at a conference in Washington D. C. at the National 4-H Center.

Remember, the treat-of-the-month is the Tropical Short Course at Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale on the 29th and 30th of January. See you there.

Bernese B. Davis

Federation Happenings

landscape school

Course I, Series VII of Landscape Design Schools was held in Winter Haven recently with an excellent course of basic instruction in the areas of History of Landscape Architecture, Theory and Basic Principles of Landscape Design, Plants in the Landscape, The Professional Landscape Architect, Civic Projects, Roadside Development and Home Gardens. Mrs. Carl Cooney, State Chairman for Landscape Design Schools served as coordinator for the school.

Designed for the purpose of educating garden club members in good landscape practices and teaching them to serve as guardians and promoters of outdoor

beauty in the cities, along the roadsides as well as in residential areas, the course attracted 48 students.

Thirteen attended school for the purpose of refreshing their knowledge. Seventeen were new students, taking this first in a series of 4 schools that will eventually see them qualified as Landscape Design Critics. Others attended for personal edification but did not take the exam.

Mrs. Sidney R. Davis, Florida Federation President welcomed students, graduate critics and guests alike with warmth and gladness, congratulating those in attendance on availing themselves of the wealth of information provided by the outstanding speakers.

Barnett Bank of Winter Haven



Mrs. Sidney Davis was on hand to welcome Landscape Design School students in Winter Haven recently. Left to right: Mrs. Robert Allen, School Chairman, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Carl Cooney, Landscape Design School Chairman, FFGC.

and Fields Equipment Co., Inc., were very generous in underwriting the expense of this school and their public spirit was appreciated by everyone.

Why not take advantage of this educational opportunity yourself when Course II rolls around in May? Get up a carload and hurry on over to Winter Haven for a couple of days. You'll be glad you did!

landscape critics

The Landscape Design Critics fall meeting was held at the time of the school in Winter Haven. Meeting for dinner, 24 critics and guests attended. Mrs. Lloyd Hundley, President of Florida's Critics Council presided and presented past President Mrs. Walter Rippe of Winter Park with a cattleya orchid plant — a beautiful sign of appreciation from the Council for Mrs. Rippe's fine leadership.

Prof. Ken Rauth, Consultant for the Winter Haven Parks Department, presented a program of lecture and slides showing various happenings in Polk County, including reclamation of mined-out phosphate pits, landscaping of a city park and a shopping center, highway beautification and reclamation of an outdated downtown area in Lake Wales.

e.i.p. seminar

Immediately following the National EIP Seminar in Washington, D. C. this fall, State EIP Chairman Mrs. W. Eugene Gandy held a Florida Environmental Improvement Program Seminar at Headquarters to pass on to the districts information gained in

Washington.

Entitled THE WOMAN AWARE ... the seminar covered several aspects of environmental study including the Sears EIP and Hands Programs, Civic Project Success and Environmental Education.

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Check with your District Conservation Chairman about the Sears awards.

Further information on the E.I.P. Seminar is to be found on Page 26.



MADAM PRESIDENT

Do You Know?

Award presentations are due January 15th.

Your membership roster should be updated every year. Hopefully you sent a complete list of names and mailing addresses with your dues. If not, please do. If a change of address is necessary send 25¢ for new plate. No charge for new members or deletions.

Have you chosen a club flower yet? Look back to the November/December issue of *The Florida Gardener*, page 19, "Let's Make Florida Bloom". A great idea and one we can all adopt.

DISTRICT VI

Following the District VI Fall Conference held in DeBary on October 25th, the members proceeded to DeBary Hall where a 10-foot Crepe Myrtle tree was dedicated in honor of Mrs. Sidney R. Davis, President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

The tree was donated by the Garden Club of DeBary, who also hosted the District meeting.

DISTRICT X

At President's Conference at Canal Point, in the spring, District X incorporated their main local crops into their table arrangements in keeping with their Conference theme: "Our 3 C's". What are the "3 C's"? Cane (sugar), Corn and Celery. Examine the arrangement the ladies are holding in the photograph below.



District X Chairmen: l. to r.: Mrs. Augusta Conn, Director District X; Mrs. Milo Martin, Garden Therapy; Mrs. James G. Howell, Horticulture; Mrs. Jess Elliott, Trees & Environment Improvement; Mrs. James F. Kirwin, Florida Gardener Associate Editor and Flower Show dates; Mrs. Louis Enders, Membership and District Treasurer; Mrs. Thomas Hagood, Junior and Intermediate Gardeners and National Life Membership Chairman for the Florida Federation; Mrs. G. Sawyer Lennard, Conservation, Camping and Birds.

DISTRICT IX



A new member club of FFGC. 3rd Vice President FFGC, Mrs. John G. Wood, installs officers of the Garden Grove Garden Club, Winter Haven, District IX. Left to right: Mrs. Wood, Mrs. John Shotton, Secretary, Mrs. James Sippel, Jr., Vice Pres., Mrs. Robert Couse, Treasurer.

**Let's hear what's
going on in your district**



Tree planting in DeBary: l to R: Mrs. Ewald Korth, District VI Trees Chairman, Mrs. Augustus Williams, District Director [VI], Mrs. Sidney R. Davis, President, Mrs. Donald Middleton, Member of DeBary Garden Club. Photo by Charles Edwards, Sanford Herald.

DISTRICT X

Palm City Garden Club (District X) believes in placing books in the Palm City Elementary School Library instead of exchanging gifts at the Christmas meeting.

Continuing a project started in 1969 by Conservation Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Lynt, the club has contributed to the Library Fund for the past four years.

A total of 15 books have been given the library — gifts greatly appreciated by the children and Librarian Mrs. Bette Warn.

Books given this year were: *Florida Fruit* by Lewis S. Maxwell, *Florida Plant Selector* by L. S. Maxwell, *Seaside Plants of the World* by Edwin A. Menninger, *Florida Wild Flowers* by Mary

Frances Baker.

Club President Mrs. Ruth Bost says this very successful project will be repeated each Christmas.

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BLUE STAR MARKER DEDICATION

It has just come to the attention of *The Gardener* that Lake Park in District X dedicated a Blue Star Marker last April during the administration of Mrs. Andrew Gurke and Mrs. Folmer Sorensen, then District X Director.

This marker was sponsored by The Lake Park Garden Club and was placed in Kelsey Park near the Federal Highway.

While the news may be a little old, its importance is no less than at the time of the dedication and its significance as a perpetual memorial to the men and women of the Armed Forces of America can in no way be dimmed.

ATTENTION! Book of Information Changes

Mrs. Truman Green
Book of Information Chairman

After the Book of Information had gone to press several Florida committee designations were changed to conform more closely to National's ACE Program. At the same time several new Florida Chairmen were added.

All new chairmen and new designations were listed in the November-December issue of *The Florida Gardener*. Please refer to this list for names and addresses.

Presidents: Please make the following changes in your 1973-75 Book of Information: (Changes in italics).

Page 81: Under Rules of the Contest: please apply to your state chairman of *School Grounds Improvement*.

Page 88: Conservation of Natural Resources: Send entry to state *Conservation of Natural Resources* chairman.

Page 89: The Madira Bickel Civic Achievement: all supporting evidence of achievement must be sent to chairman of *Civic Development*.

Page 96: Flowering Tree: Send entry to state *Tree* Chairman.

Page 104 (1): School Ground Beautification: Send entry to state chairman of *School Grounds Improvement*.

Page 104 (2): Tree Planting Achievement Trophy: Send entry to state *Tree* chairman.

Page 105: Civic Conservation Activities: Send entry to state chairman of *Civic Development*.

Please add the following chairman to list on page 15: Policy: Mrs. Bolton McBryde, 2600 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers 33901.

Page 179: fifth line from top of page under The National Gardener subscription rates: strike out: and three years \$4.00.



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Traveling Trophies Called In

Mrs. Homer Gwinn
Florida Awards Chairman

After receiving the approval of the donors of all traveling trophies, the Board of Directors of the Florida Federation passed the following motion: That the Awards Chairman be authorized to call in the silver for all traveling trophies.

These pieces of silver are to be removed as "Traveling Trophies," are to be engraved with the winner's name and displayed at Headquarters, and a certificate is to be given to the winner of such traveling trophies instead of the actual silver.

Awards involved:

- #26—Horticultural Achievement
- #27—Alex McIntosh Conservation Trophy
- HS-7—High School Gardeners' Trophy
- D-4—District VII Litter Control

Reasoning: These silver pieces are valuable. Often the clubs winning the award for the year do not have safe storage area; there is danger in transferring the trophies back to the awards chairman for reengraving and often it is difficult for the awards chairman to get

quick response from the previous winner when the time comes for recall.

NATIONAL AWARD CHANGES

Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin
National Awards Chairman

All changes effective
January 1, 1974

Award #7: (page 70, Book of Information) Add section D: Affiliates.

Award #16: (page 71, Book of Information) 4th line, delete the word "awards" and insert "club." Sentence will now read: "Yearbooks to be accepted for competition either on the calendar year or the club year."

Award #17: (page 73, Book of Information) Award will now have two parts. The part already listed in the Book of Information will be considered 17-A. Add: 17-B: May be awarded a Standard Placement Show sponsored by ONE Federated Garden Club held in a home or homes. Garden Tour not required.



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Mrs. Earl W. Lau,
Flower Arrangement Calendar Editor

Designers are needed for future issues of the Florida Calendar! Any Federation member may submit a picture of an award winning design.

HELP US HONOR YOUR TOP DESIGNERS

Information needed:

1. Submit, for competition, a small color photo (Polaroid will do) of an award winning design. Send to the Editor. Include name and address of designer. All photos will be returned.

2. Color photos may be submitted throughout the year. Each May a panel of judges will make the selections. We try to allot 3 to each of our twelve districts, 36 designs in all.

3. Invitations are issued each June for filming of the designs by the FFGC's official photographer. The Calendar Committee pays for the making of the 4x5 transparencies.

4. Filming take place at about four locations in the state, starting in September and continuing through December. The Calendars go to press in January and distribution starts at Convention.

5. A silver tray is awarded at Convention for Best Arrangement in each edition.

PLEASE URGE YOUR MEMBERS TO SEND IN
THEIR AWARD WINNING DESIGNS!!!

The FLORIDA GARDENER

Plan a Field Trip to State Headquarters

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Plan a picnic lunch in Mead Gardens. A tour of the greenhouses there will send you on your way with a feeling of pride in our accomplishments.

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DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION

We wish to extend to you a very cordial invitation to the Deep South Region Convention to be held in Natchez, Mississippi, March 10-13, 1974.

Because of the formation of a new National Committee "Historic Preservation" we are fortunate to be in Natchez, the home of Mississippi Pilgrimages, wise in the preservation of Beautiful Homes.

Tours, Teas, Pageants in these lovely homes and special exhibits by your Deep South Chairman are planned for you.

We eagerly await your arrival.

Cordially,

Mrs. N. P. Martone, Director, Deep South Region

January-February 1974

DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION [Continued]

Mississippi has long been known as the "Hospitality State." It is with great pleasure and much enthusiasm that we welcome the opportunity to be co-hostess with the Deep South Region for the convention in Natchez.

For those of you who have never experienced Natchez in Pilgrimage Time, a treat awaits you. The deeply moving Confederate Pageant, a tour of those fabulous ante-bellum homes, and a champagne reception honoring the author of a new book, *Wildwood Flowers*, which you will be the first to preview, all await you.

So come to Natchez where the red carpet is deep, wide, and a mile long.

Most sincerely,

Maryland Allen

Mrs. Cleve Allen, Jr., President
The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

Tentative Program
DEEP SOUTH REGIONAL CONVENTION
Natchez, Mississippi
March 10, 11, 12, 1974

"Preserve — Protect — Promote Our Heritage"

Sunday, March 10

2:00 — 7:00 P.M. — Registration, Prentiss Motel
5:30 — 9:30 P.M. — Open House, Connelly's Tavern
7:00 — 8:00 P.M. — Regional Council Dinner, Carriage House
8:00 — 9:30 P.M. — Deep South Regional Council Meeting
Entertainment available:
7:00 — 10:00 P.M. — Candlelight Tour, five houses. \$7.00
8:30 P.M. — Little Theatre Production "Southern Exposure." \$2.50
Tickets may be purchased at registration.

Monday, March 11

8:00 — 6:00 P.M. — Registration, Prentiss Motel
9:00 — 11:30 A.M. — Business Session, Prentiss Hall
12:30 P.M. — Luncheon, Eola Hotel "Historic Preservation"
2:00 — 5:30 P.M. — Tour of Five houses
7:00 — 8:00 P.M. — Open House, Stanton Hall
8:30 P.M. — Confederate Pageant, City Auditorium

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 — 2:00 P.M. — Registration, Prentiss Motel
7:30 — 9:00 A.M. — Continental Breakfast, Prentiss Hall
Exhibits, Meeting Room, Prentiss Motel
9:30 — 12 Noon — Business Session, Prentiss Hall
12:30 P.M. — Luncheon, Ramada Inn

2:00 — 4:30 P.M. — Business Session

5:30 — 7:00 P.M. — Reception and Autograph Party. Bob Moulder, Auburn

8:00 P.M. — Banquet, Prentiss Hall

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Natchez, Mississippi
March 10, 11, 12, 1974

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- ☐ Regional Chairman
- ☐ State President
- ☐ Delegate
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Regional Director

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- ☐ Regional Council Dinner—Compliments Sears Roebuck

Monday, March 11

- ☐ Luncheon 5.00
- ☐ Tour of 5 houses 7.00
- ☐ Open House
- Stanton Hall 1.50
- ☐ Confederate Pageant 3.00

Tuesday, March 12

- ☐ Continental Breakfast \$1.50
- ☐ Luncheon 5.00
- ☐ Reception—Auburn 1.50
- ☐ Banquet 8.00

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One may nibble on gourmet tidbits and sip tea on the terrace while absorbing the enchanting heritage of "Epping Forest;" admire the rare antiquities so tastefully collected from all over the world by connoisseurs who cherished classic beauty; envy the superb floral designs created by inspired arrangers; marvel at the array of beautiful hanging baskets in the famous Wheel Room and stroll through the meticulously groomed formal gardens with the shimmering St. John's River beyond, bathed in the glow of sunset as a farewell memory. Indeed, the grounds of this fine estate rival some of the most romantic gardens in Europe.

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January 29-30

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Following the schedule carried in the November-December *Gardener*, a really good lineup of subjects and speakers awaits you — Flamboyant Bob Thomas, Imaginative Joy Ward and authorities of stature Messers Tae S. Ro, Albert A. Will, Jr., and Dudley A. Palmer. You won't want to miss them!

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Convention—1974

Florida's 1974 State Convention, to be held in Tallahassee, is shaping up under the co-leadership of Mrs. Laymon E. Carlile and Mrs. Donald C. Price.

May 1 and 2 are the days to mark on your calendar.

Following our president's theme of "A Time to be Involved" each meal will have a timely title. The first breakfast will be "Involved in Youth" and Junior, Intermediate and High School Awards will be

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Dinner on the first night will feature "The Witching Hour" with further awards, and an address by Governor Reubin Askew.

An ad on the inside of the front cover of this issue of *The Gardener* will give your convention hotels and their prices. Board members are urged to get their reservations in early, preferably in the headquarters hotel (Tallahassee Hilton) for convenience sake.

Since the other motels are several blocks away from the Hilton and parking is quite difficult, busses will be provided to carry the ladies back and forth to the hotel.

Tours are being planned for morning and afternoon of the day just preceding Convention, April 30.

Make your convention plans soon and get in on all the fun!

Home Gardening on the Grand Scale

By Felice Dickson
Farm and Garden Editor
The Miami Herald

Is seven acres large enough to keep two avid gardeners from bumping wheelbarrows?

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Jordan admit that two gardening enthusiasts in one yard don't always see eye-to-eye, especially when they both have plenty of creative ideas about landscape design.

"But we talk about it, keeping in mind that he's the one with the muscles," says Virginia Jordan, who has plenty of "pull" herself in organized gardening.

Serving as Recording Secretary for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Ginny is a life member in the Federation, was co-chairman of the National Convention of the National Council of



Ed Jordan. The one with the muscles.

State Garden Clubs in 1971 and chairman of the Tropical Short Course for four years.

She is a past president of the Dade County Council of Garden Club Presidents (in which she is a Leader), past director of District XII of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, past president of Ken Pines Garden Club (of which she is a member) and past director of the Metropolitan Miami Flower Show. She also belongs to Floralia and the Judges Council and has given programs and instruction on nomenclature, orchids, day-lilies, flower arranging and corsage making.

Her husband is retired from a tire business which cramped his landscaping style until a couple of years ago. "I used to have only one day a week to work on this," he said ruefully.

"This" is seven acres of native and exotic plants, highlighted by a remarkable rock garden, which were 15 years in the making. The major landscaping was undertaken during the past five years.

"Rock garden" is a misleading description of their man-high, terraced mountains on the front lawn. They're not full of cacti and other dry-culture plants usually associated with northern and western rock gardens but are packed with orchids, bromeliads, ferns and many other jungle exotics.

Essentially two 40-foot-long "mountains," the terraced show-cases are made from large coral rock boulders excavated from the



Jordan grandchildren enjoy the "mountain" setting.

surrounding area. Broad, flat slabs are used as steps to the second levels. They are carpeted with needles from the high pines covering the property. The pines provide the ideal filtered sun for the orchids and bromeliads.

A winding path separates the

two areas.

Among the large specimens that border the rock ledges are towering travelers-palms which give a cathedral-like feeling to the central pathway, an unusual *Pandanus tectorius* with its swirling, abruptly drooping leaves and

cycads.

Orchids are a special interest and the Jordans' grounds — most of which are left natural in palmettos and pines — are covered with the beautiful native terrestrial orchid, *Certapodium paraniensis*. It seeds itself enthusiastically all over the lawn, underbrush and even in the rocks, showing its foot-long spike of yellow-green flowers.

"None were planted," says Jordan. "They just came up in the rocks. When you become familiar with them you see that there are actually two different colors, one more green than yellow."

A good orchid for attracting attention in and out of bloom is fastened on trees along the circular driveway. It's *Schomburgkia thomsoniana*, whose quaint, huge pseudobulbs — the size of a large aerosol can — make hollow homes for ants who sometimes cut a small hole in the base and crawl in.

Many of the Jordans' vanda orchids are just planted and braced in the rocks of the terrace. Other orchids and a number of the plants are in pots tucked into the rock and cleverly masked with needle mulch to look planted directly in the terraces.

One of the reasons for the terracing, the Jordans say, is to improve the visibility of their plants. Many can be displayed fully in a glance in this way.

A wide variety of natives and exotics surround the spacious lawn in the front, including a jaboticaba tree, daylilies, agaves, a pongam frangipani, and many more, even a *Linularia sibirica*, a begonia-looking plant with foot-wide leaves and daisy-like flowers which the Jordans obtained indirectly from the Mediterranean.

They say they are more selective in obtaining plants than they used to be, although "everytime there is

a sale we have to go." They once had around 700 orchids but found "There are certain things you have to do to some orchids, and if you don't, they die." So they keep those that fit into their schedule.

While the rocks don't look like they are going anywhere, the Jordans' landscape is always subject to change.

"A tropical garden can't stay static like some Northern gardens," Jordan points out. "You start out with trees that like sun, then they grow tall and you need plants that like their shade. Or a plant will grow out of proportion to its original setting, and if you try to prune it to keep it smaller, you ruin its shape."

"If you don't change your plants around, your landscaping won't stay looking nice. It's work, but it's fun and it's never dull."

Planting Peach Trees

by The Rev. Charles V. Naugle

A man watched his 80-year-old neighbor planting a small peach tree. "You don't expect to eat peaches from that tree, do you?" he inquired. The old man put down his spade. "No," he said, "at my age I know I won't. But all my life I've enjoyed peaches, never from a tree I have planted myself. I would not have had peaches if other folks hadn't done what I am doing now. I am just trying to pay the other fellows who took time to plant peach trees for me."

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Mrs. Jerome Rosenberg

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MARCH 19, 20, 21, 1974

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Flower Show Calendar

Mrs. Sally Rahm, *Flower Shows Chairman*

(please register your shows with this chairman)

- February 23-24, Stuart
- February 26, Ft. Myers Beach, "Blossoms & Blessings"
- February 28, Jensen Beach Garden Club
- March 1-3, Key West "Tropical Islands Beauty"
- March 4-5, Belleair, Clearwater "Art in a World of Flowers"
Bimini Room, Belleview Biltmore Hotel
- March 8, Pompano Beach "Silver Jubilee"
- March 14-16, Orlando "Color Me Colorful" District VII Show
Colonial Plaza Mall, Orlando
- March 16, Lighthouse Point "St. Patrick's O'Colony," Placement
3911 N.E. 25th Ave., Lighthouse Point
- March 16-17, Coral Gables "Spring Fling" U. of Miami Armory
- March 16-17, Lakeland "A Potpourri of our Past" Garden Center
- March 16-17, Palm Springs
- March 20-23, Sumter County "Familiar Sayings of Yesteryear"
Sumter County Fairgrounds, Beville's Corner
- March 23, Boynton Beach
- March 23-24, Winter Haven "Table Talk" Garden Center
- March 23-24, Sarasota "Love in Bloom," Civic Center
Exhibition Hall
- March 26-27, Clearwater "What Makes Clearwater Sparkle?"
Garden Center
- March 29, Dunedin "Disney World" Bay Bouquet, Community
Center
- March 29-31, Miami, Metropolitan Miami Flower Show
"New Horizons . . . In Beauty" Youth Fair Building, Tamiami Park
- March 30-31, New Port Richey "A Toast to Milady"
- March 30-31, Ft. Pierce, St. Lucie County Federation
- March 30-31, Milton Garden Club, Garden Center
- April 3, Delray Beach, Evening, Seagrape, Garden Study Garden Clubs
- April 4-5, Bradenton "Arts in Bloom," Bradenton Garden Center
- April 5, Indialantic-Melbourne "Spanish Splendor"
- April 6-7, West Palm Beach "Bloomin' History," Dreher Park
- April 17-18, Atlanta, Georgia, 1st State Flower Show
- April 19, Boca Raton
- April 19-20, Tampa "The Printed Leaf" Tampa Garden Center
- April 20-21, Kissimmee, "English Literature through Flowers"
Community House
- April 20-21, Naples
- April 20-21, Vero Beach
- April 26-27, Deltona "Our Heritage," Community Center
Recreation Bldg.
- April 27, Pelican Island Garden Club
- April 27-28, Indian Harbour Beach, Recreation Center

All About Renewing Judges Certificates

By Mrs. O. Fenton Wells
Flower Show Schools Chairman

Judges wishing to renew their certificates must send:

Evidence of SIX shows judged. This may be either "Thank you" notes or signed schedules. Either way, it must include place, date and chairman of show.

Entry cards of FIVE exhibits or thank-you notes for exhibits in churches, clubs, etc. These also must include place, date and chairman of the show. In churches, clubs, etc., the signature on the thank you note is sufficient.

A current label from your *National Gardener* must be included.

Send a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage if you wish your credentials returned.

Other hints:

Evaluating shows is not to be considered the same as judging shows. These do not count toward credentials.

Shows judged for credit toward refreshers must be Standard Flower Shows or recognized Plant Society Shows.

A National Council Judge must hold membership in a Nationally affiliated garden club in order to keep her status as a judge.

All judges should watch their own Certificate date. This is not the responsibility of the Flower Show School Chairman or of anyone else.

If a judge wishes to keep her certificate in effect, she must refresh two years from date of previous certificate date (not date of previous course) and before the third year of date of certificate.

In an emergency, a judge may request an extension of six months, if her certificate is about to lapse. She must do this by writing her State Flower Show Schools chairman before the certificate lapses and state the reason why she needs the extension. Or, she may take Course III, IV or V to keep the certificate current.

A judge has one month's leeway before or after her certificate date to take a Symposium for credit, instead of the exact date. e.g. If certificate is dated June 15th, then the refresher may be taken anytime in May or anytime in July.

Examinations: When taking an examination, there should be no props or help of any kind.

Please check the addition on your point scoring. Errors are frequently found which make a big difference in the grades.

On point scoring, the scoring counts 40 points and the comments 60.

All spaces on the point-scoring sheet should be filled in for each numbered entry.

Comments give the student an opportunity to write what she cannot put into figures.

Jessica G. Sparks (Azalea Circle), St. Augustine, sends this quote from the September, 1973, issue of *Modern Secretary*: "... with proper nutrition, she can stay in shape."

"Many women follow such active and satisfying pursuits as gardening. According to British biologist David Hessayon, 'Gardening has prolonged more lives than any other single activity.'"

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National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

In November, President Berne Davis attended a four-day ACE conference in Washington, D. C., accompanied by Floridians Mrs. Vernon L. Connor, 1st Vice President of National Council; Mrs. Ralph A. Parker, National Litter Control Chairman; Mrs. John G. Wood, 3rd Vice President of FFGC and Florida Chairman of Pollution and Reclamation and Mrs. Roger Waybright, Chairman for Environmental Education in FFGC and the Deep South Region.

The ACE conference was co-sponsored by National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., and Shell Oil Co., and included an action-packed roster of outstanding speakers.

Keynote speaker at the opening banquet was Mr. Russell Train, Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency.

The first full day was devoted primarily to land and energy use and featured such speakers as The Honorable Morris K. Udall, Member of Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, who spoke on Land Use and Mr. Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior, who spoke on Energy-Land Use Planning. Secretary Morton summed up his talk with these remarks: "The last years have been marked with a new awareness of the relationship between man and his natural world. The environmental movement — and now the

energy crisis — have brought home the fact that, as Rene Dubos said, 'Man makes himself.' More than that, however, man also makes his world. The energy crisis, like the challenge of the environment offers a rich opportunity to redirect the spirit and vitality of our national life, and to reshape the dimensions of our natural world. A quest for new energy supplies must be matched with a quest for more efficient energy uses and a quest for energy must be a quest for clean energy... The solution lies in matching our environmental concerns with our energy needs, and nothing short of that will truly serve the national interest."

The second day of the conference turned toward citizen participation and delved into the areas of Conservation Education, Roadsides and Beautification and Youth participation.

Wrapping up the conference was Mr. William E. Towell, Executive Vice President of the American Forestry Association and Mrs. Howard S. Kittell, President of National Council, who sounded the challenge for thoughtful and informed action.

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ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Florida Environmental Education Act of 1973:

The Florida Environmental Education Act of 1973 was passed by the Florida Legislature and became effective July 1, 1973. This act amends the Florida Environmental Education Act of 1970.

The first act created the position of environmental education consultant in the State Department of Education. The 1973 act raised environmental education to bureau status.

C. Richard Tillis has been appointed Chief, Bureau of Environmental Education, State Department of Education. He has served as consultant since 1970.

Education Commissioner Floyd T. Christian recognized the importance of environmental education by naming it one of three content priority goals for the Department of Education for the 1973-74 school year.

It will take about four or five years to establish the environmental education program throughout the school system in Florida. It is important at this time for our clubs to place *People and Their Environment* books in schools.

—Mrs. Roger J. Waybright
Environmental Education Chairman

National Council Priority Legislation

National Council Board has given priority to three pieces of legislation now.

1 — The Federal-Aid-Highway Act of 1973. Write your Congressman favoring its passage. NOW.

2 — The Lobbying Bill. This Legislation soon to be introduced would clarify the position of tax-free organizations with 501(c)-3 status by

an amendment to the now existing tax law.

3 — The National Land Use Policy Act HR10294 of 1973 may be the most important environmental legislation before Congress. Your National Legislative Chairman urges garden club members to write letters and send telegrams to local Congressmen demonstrating grass-root support for this legislation. She states "Environmental groups have worked long and hard to bring this House bill to the point where it now stands. If we now get the interest of the individual congressmen's constituents and if they are aware that you are supporting this important HR 10294 then, undoubtedly, they will vote for instead of against."

—Mrs. G. Richard Dew
National Publicity Chairman

Sea Oats Law Amended

The Florida Sea Oats Law, 370.041(2) Florida Statutes, has recently been amended (Chapter 73-258, House Bill No. 262) to provide that possession of sea oats or sea grapes *shall constitute prima facie evidence of violation of said section*, which provides that unlawful cutting, harvesting, removal, or eradication of said plants is a *misdemeanor*; providing exceptions, providing an effective date.

On page 157 of the 1973-75 Book of Information is a copy of the Sea Oats Law of 1971. The new amendment, approved by the Governor June 24, 1973 and taking effect September 1, 1973 gives this law teeth in that heretofore it was stated as being "unlawful" without specifying degree of illegality. Under the amendment, disobeying the law constitutes a misdemeanor.

The amendment further states in subsection (2) the following exception . . . "Possession of either *uniola paniculata* (sea oats) or *coccolobis uvifera* (sea grapes) by other than the owner of such land shall constitute *prima facie* evidence of violation of this section, provided that licensed, certified nurserymen who grow any of the native plants listed in this section from seeds or by vegetative propagation are specifically permitted to sell these commercially grown plants and shall not be in violation of this section of the law if they do so, as it is the intent of the law to preserve and encourage the growth of these native plants which are rapidly disappearing from the state."

Your Garden Center and the Tax Laws

Every year the question crops up, "What do we do about the Ad Valorem Tax and our Garden Center?"

In an effort to clarify the question, Garden Center Chairman Florence Durand has investigated the matter and comes up with this information:

Applications for exemptions are required by Florida Statute, Chapter 196.011, which states: "Every person or organization who has the legal title to real or personal property which is entitled by law to exemption from taxation as a result of its ownership and use shall, before April 1 of each year, file an application for exemption with the county tax assessor, listing and describing the property for which exemption is claimed and

certifying its ownership and use. The Department of Revenue shall prescribe the forms upon which the application is made. Failure to make application, when required, by April 1 of any year shall constitute a waiver of the exemption privilege for that year."

Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Application forms (Dr. No. 504) are distributed to the tax assessor by the Department of Revenue. The tax assessor is responsible for furnishing the application to the individual claiming exemption.

The tax assessor is also responsible for the initial determination of whether the property is entitled an exemption from ad valorem taxation. If such application is denied, the applicant may appeal to the Board of Tax Adjustment.

Only the front side of the application blank need be filled out, but it must be signed on the back.

If further clarification is necessary it is suggested your individual county tax assessor be contacted.

This information was provided by Robert W. Perkins, Ad Valorem Tax Counsel for the State of Florida Department of Revenue, Tallahassee.



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Now we are brought face to face with real, honest-to-goodness, down-to-earth REALITY. We are being forced to face the fact that we have been gluttons in our living habits and it just can't keep going on like this.

Conservation means NOT wasting, NOT over-indulging, NOT spoiling. It means MORE than saving the alligator.

Protecting the environment means MORE than having a pretty, clean world to look at. It's our life's blood we're protecting.

Mrs. W. Eugene Gandy, Federation E.I.P. Chairman made the following statement at a recent EIP Seminar (see page 5): "We are asking you to become 'THE WOMAN AWARE' ... each of you. Become informed on what EIP is all about and DO something. Don't wait for your club EIP chairman to start urging support."

"I keep hearing 'we're getting away from the real garden club work' ... but are we really? Aren't we doing what we've always done? ... encouraged and taught horticulture practices, beautified our local areas, fought for our beautiful trees, created parks, and landscaped schools and other civic buildings?"

"The only difference now is that we are having to intensify our work. Suddenly we realize that we've taken our water, air and wildlife for granted too long and neglected that area of God's good earth."

"Now we must rededicate ourselves to continued beautification and conservation and to intensified education."

We are 29,000 women who are, or should be "Women Aware." We, as garden clubbers, are exposed to a wealth of material and means of becoming knowledgeable guardians of our environment. Our influence on our family, our neighborhood and in our community can have widespread effect if we recognize our responsibility and get with it TODAY.

START WITH YOU!!!

How, you ask? District IX Litter Control Chairman, Margaret Comstock, gives some sources of information for "Doing your own thing:"

1 — The Aluminum Association, 750 Third Ave., N. Y., N. Y. 10017. They will supply you with information re litter, solid waste and aluminum recycling plans; they also have a booklet listing the recycling centers for aluminum cans, and procedures to follow.

2 — KAB (Keep America Beautiful), Mr. Wm. Nash, Southern Regional Director, The Equitable Bldg., 100 Peachtree St., Atlanta, Ga., 30303. They supply a kit full of ideas.

3 — KAB pamphlets for Jr. Gardeners, Scouts, children's

groups, entitled "Litter Bags and Containers for Automobiles and Boats" with directions for making bags and containers.

4 — Tin can recycling: Continental Can Co., Maple St., Winter Garden, Fla. 32787.

5 — National Council's High School Gardeners' Speech Contest, "Trees Today for Life Tomorrow."

6 — Radio Spot announcements and Newspaper fillers on Litter Control. Contact Mrs. Ralph H. Parker, 774 Aquilos Court, Port Charlotte 33952.

7 — Films from Headquarters on Litter Control.

8 — Film "The Great All-American Trash Can" narrated by Rod Serling. Write: Commonwealth Film Distributors, 1440 S. State College Blvd., Bldg. 6K, Anaheim, Calif. 92806. Mention in your request that Mrs. Ralph Parker, National Litter Control Chairman was advised that Mr. Pickett Scott, Glass Container Corp., Fullerton, Calif., has stated to Mrs. Parker that clubs may obtain loan copies of film with the only expense being return postage.

START WITH YOU!!!

Saving water starts with YOU ... by not letting the water run indefinitely while you brush your teeth or wash your face or the dishes.

Repairing leaky faucets and water lines saves water and money.

Keep your car engine tuned up. Save gas and money and keep pollution levels down. Misfiring spark plugs, defective ignition systems, faulty carburetor adjust-

ments all contribute to engine emissions.

Since the introduction of emission controls it is more important than ever that auto motor oil be kept clean to help achieve low emission levels. This means regular oil changes and oil filter replacements.

The Johnny Horizon News Bureau in Washington, D. C. has published ways for improving the environment. Entitled "Small Step in the Right Direction" Johnny tells us, in regard to the power crisis, to turn out yard lights in the daytime, don't leave lights burning in unoccupied rooms and stop over-heating or overcooling homes in winter and summer.

For water conservation he suggests collecting rainwater for house plants and warns against those leaky faucets, etc., mentioned above.

Other ways YOU AND I can help are: use scrap paper when making notes and use both sides of the paper when writing letters.

Support sound environmental education courses in our schools. (PATE fills this bill beautifully).

Ride a bike or walk when possible. Don't leave your car idling while waiting.

Improve the air by planting trees. Don't burn your leaves but use them for compost or mulch. Use grass clippings too, for mulch and compost.

There's lots more, but for a start, why not try some of these things yourself.

The late President Harry Truman was famous (among other things) for the slogan he kept on his desk — "The Buck Stops Here." Every single one of Florida's 29,000 garden clubbers would do well to take up that slogan as their own.

State Life Members

Seven more gardeners have been honored for their devotion and many contributions to their clubs.

- Mrs. Clark H. Baldwin, Plantation, by her husband—member of Bayberry Circle, Fort Lauderdale
Mrs. S. W. Wright, Plantation, by her husband—member of Bayberry Circle, Fort Lauderdale
Mrs. J. V. Knapp, Tallahassee, posthumously by Oleander Circle
Miss Sarah Clark, Kissimmee, by Daylily Circle
Mrs. Ralph Staten, Plantation, by her husband—member of Bayberry Circle, Fort Lauderdale
Mrs. J. C. Arbogast, Port St. Joe, by Port St. Joe Club
Mrs. Kenneth K. Bateman, Port St. Joe, by her brother, Sam Brown and her mother's circle, the Red Bird Circle of Tuscaloosa Alabama Garden Circle

Training Adult Leaders

Mrs. C. L. McLeod
Blanche Covington Nature
Study Course Chairman

Blanche Covington Nature Study Course, named for its founder, Blanche Capel Covington, will be held March 31 - April 6, 1974 at St. Andrews State Park near Panama City. The course is co-sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., and the Florida Board of Parks.

The purpose of the course is to help train adult leaders to work with the youth of Florida. All activities are guided by experienced instructors who help to impart a better appreciation and understanding of nature. Many of the leaders who attend these annual study courses share their time and talents with the children at Junior Nature Camp and other youth camps.

The course is free, except for transportation, to all ladies who are active youth leaders and are

recommended by a Garden Club President and, or, District Director. One does not have to be a Garden Club member, but may be a leader in Scouts, 4-H Club groups etc.

Bird and nature walks and native craft sessions are planned daily. Interesting speakers on Conservation, Botany and related subjects will help round out the week. An all-day field trip to Torreya State Park will be a mid-week bonus.

Three representatives from each district are eligible to attend. If more than three applications are received from a district they are placed on a waiting list and will be notified if a district does not fill its quota. Application forms may be obtained from the District Directors.

Plan now to come to camp and meet the ladies from all parts of our state and share your knowledge and experience. So much information can be gained and brought back to your own group. We learn

from each other by becoming involved with all the programs offered by our Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Wildflowers

Mrs. John J. Guice
Wildflower Chairman

The year 1973 has been just perfect for wildflowers. Authorities say "It has been (probably due to the heavy rainfall) the most abundant and beautiful year for wildflowers in our memory."

With 6,000 new people moving to Florida each month as permanent residents what will happen to our native floral beauty? Will you join me and other interested people in learning more about how to protect and preserve it?

We must start work at once on a new law, which will let citizens remove plants from sites of new buildings and highways. Construction engineers, contractors, etc. should advertise well in advance of destruction of our native beauty.

First let's get to know and enjoy our native plants. We must become acquainted with them as living things and conscious of the danger of their extinction. Become familiar with those near your area. "A Field Guide to Wild Flowers" by Peterson & McKenny, and "Wild Flowers of the South" by Green & Blomquist are fine for novices.

Do not pick any wild flower unless there are at least 10 like it left nearby. Do not remove plants unless you know: the proper time of year, the proper environment and have written permission of the owner. If you try picking seeds to replant, watch and copy nature's time and methods.

Use native plant material to beautify highways, for parks,

school grounds, for your own property and for all Civic plantings. Natives often look better, have fewer pests and are easier to get to live, with less maintenance, than Exotics.

Resume Of Minutes

Compiled by Mrs. Melville Hall
Resume Chairman

Board Meeting, September 25-26
State Headquarters, Winter Park

At the fall meeting members of the Federation's Board of Directors:

- Ratified appointment of Mrs. James F. Hussey, Orlando, and Mrs. T. Buckingham Bird, Monticello, as Headquarters and Endowment Trustees and Historic Preservation and Bicentennial chairmen, respectively.

- Heard President Mrs. Sidney R. Davis report on activities including attending the EIP luncheon at Jacksonville for official presentation of the check for placing second in the national contest, attending workshop for Juniors conducted by the Federated Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale, and the dedication of the new Winter Park Garden Center. Visited Junior Nature Camp at O'Leno State Park and Avon Park Correctional Institute to secure first hand information on horticulture and landscape design work being done there.

- Heard reports of other officers, district directors and designated chairmen on multitudinous garden club-related activities and plans for implementing the president's theme for this administration "A Time To Be Involved."

- Authorized amending the budget to include an additional

\$733.35 cost on the Book of Information, bringing the total to \$5,308.03, and increasing the amount for mimeograph supplies to \$700.

- Federated the Night Bloomers Garden Club of Fernandina Beach, District IV; granted probationary status to Paxton Garden Club of District I, Leisure Beach Garden Club of Port Richey in District VIII, and Garden Grove Garden Club of Winter Haven in District IX; heard the Lagerstroemia Garden Circle of the Federated Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale announced for District XI; and accepted resignations of Oaks Garden Club of Altamonte Springs, District VII, and Genipa Garden Club of Pompano Beach, District XI, from the Federation.

- Approved appointment of a committee composed of Mrs. Truman Green, Mrs. Vernon L. Conner and Mrs. Bolton McBryde to study increases, shipping distribution, order cuts and apparent lack of interest in buying the 1974 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendars and report at the January board meeting.

- Accepted the invitation of the Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County to hostess the 1976 State Convention and of Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles to hostess the 1977 convention.

- Approved the FFGC joining National Council of State Garden Clubs in sponsoring an International Flower Show at Miami Beach in 1976.

- Heard Mrs. Vernon L. Conner had donated 30 books as well as Books of Information from 1927 through 1972 to the FFGC Library.

- Approved the restoration and remodeling of the gardens at the Brokaw-McDougall House as the Federation's Bicentennial project and authorized the Historic Preser-

vation and Bicentennial Planning Committee to take necessary steps to raise funds for same.

- Applauded announcement that 500 copies of the new guide book "Youth" to be given Junior Gardening groups, were paid for from a memorial fund to former State Junior Gardening Chairman, Elizabeth Calerdine.

- Approved registering "Glenn Glitter" Symbol with the U. S. Patent Office in the Federation's name.

- Applauded announcement of Mrs. Sally Rahm, Miami, as the newest FFGC Headquarters Patron.

- Approved Mrs. R. M. Pyle of Pensacola, Mrs. Glen Porter of Panama City, Mrs. Hugh Simmons of Gainesville, Mrs. Ewald Korth of Deltona, Mrs. Chester Schomp of Belleair, Clearwater, Mrs. Ralph Parker of Port Charlotte, Mrs. John Phelps of Deerfield Beach, Mrs. Edward R. Jordan and Mrs. Sally Rahm, both of Miami, as recommendations for National Council Board.

- Witnessed presentation by Mrs. John A. Keck, trees chairman, of a yellow Jacaranda Tree to State President Mrs. Davis.

- Accepted the recommendation that Foreign Tours committee work with the Thomas S. Duffy Inc. Travel Management of New York as well as with Continental Travel of Miami on garden club bookings.

- Ratified sale of the plate safe and trays housing metal plates of *The Florida Gardener* for \$100, and of sending the list of committee chairmen to Brights of America.

- Approved transferring funds remaining in the Teacher's Conservation Workshop account to the Youth Conference Scholarship account.

- Approved placing the late Mrs. W. T. Chennell's name on the "Guardians of Gardening" Wall.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET — ALL FUNDS

ASSETS: AT MAY 31, 1973

CASH ON HAND & ON DEPOSIT:

Petty cash	\$ 100.00	
Bank Acct's and CD's:		
General Fund	33,003.74	
Restricted Funds	<u>207,188.49</u>	\$240,292.23

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Flower Arrangement Calendar	500.00	
1973 Flower Show Symposium	<u>500.00</u>	1,000.00

PREPAID EXPENSE:

Flower Arrangement Calendar '74:		
Expenditures	17,223.11	
Revenue	<u>14,867.06</u>	2,356.05

INVENTORY:

Cook Books on hand at cost	3,792.03	
L/M Charms & Pins at cost	<u>368.95</u>	4,160.98

INVESTMENTS:

Corporate Stocks	440.12	
U.S. Savings Bonds	<u>1,500.00</u>	1,940.12

HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY:

(Land owned by City of Winter Park — 99 yr. lease)		
Land Improvements:		
Building and Equipment	134,493.24	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>53,211.72</u>	81,281.52

TOTAL ASSETS

\$331,030.90

LIABILITIES:

DEFERRED INCOME:

Conservation Teachers' Workshop	336.55	
Fla. Gardener Prepaid Ads	288.00	
TOTAL DEFERRED INCOME		624.55

FUND PRINCIPALS:

General Fund	\$ 39,996.22	
Junior Nature Camp	3,047.31	
Camp Building Fund	82,271.50	
Blanche Covington Award	3,353.08	
Mary Compton Endowment Fund	14,404.71	
Headquarters Endowment Fund	105,039.26	
Gateway Project Fund	1,012.75	
TOTAL FUND PRINCIPALS		\$249,124.83

HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY INVESTMENT

81,281.52

TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INCOME,

FUND PRINCIPALS, PROPERTY

\$331,030.90

This summary is prepared from records of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and from the audit by Jack R. Winterburn, Certified Public Accountant, Jacksonville, Florida. Dated May 31, 1973.

Edna Smithers

Mrs. Edward F. Smithers, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1973

REVENUES:

Membership dues:			
Regular Membership	\$43,645.00		
Less Allocated to:			
Florida Gardener	<u>16,002.50</u>	\$27,642.50	
High School Gardeners		<u>88.50</u>	27,731.00
Projects-Activities:			
Revenue		28,598.97	
Expenditures	<u>16,052.20</u>		12,546.77
Other Revenues:			
Council-Garden Clubs		70.00	
Interest: Savings & CD's		1,422.02	
Sales Tax collected		<u>267.82</u>	<u>1,759.84</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			\$42,037.61

EXPENDITURES:

Membership dues:			
National Council	7,338.25		
Affiliated Organizations	<u>208.30</u>		7,546.55
Administrative Expenses:			
Book of Information	1,299.69		
Carol Beck Plaque	79.50		
District Chairmen Allotment	1,000.00		
Garden Club Manual	3,138.85		
Gifts—Courtesies	25.00		
Mimeograph supplies	278.54		
Miscellaneous	130.44		
Payroll taxes	370.91		
Postage—club service	263.61		
Postage and supplies (Fed.)	519.32		
P.O. box rent—bulk mail permit	40.80		
Presidents' Portfolios	723.42		
Printing and stationery	42.96		
Privilege tax	2.00		
Professional fees—Audits	1,250.00		
Salaries	6,780.00		
Sales tax paid	260.84		
Scholarships	4,700.00		
Telephone—telegraph	97.70		
Travel expense:			
President	2,517.49		
Other officers	<u>584.75</u>		24,105.82
Headquarters:			
Building/equipment maintenance	608.68		
Grounds maintenance	4,200.00		
Insurance	458.00		
Janitorial Service	690.00		
Lease rental	10.00		
Power & Light	855.23		
Sanitation service	25.00		
Telephone & Telegraph	343.09		
Water	<u>28.74</u>		<u>7,218.74</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			38,871.11
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES			3,166.50

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

1974:

January 18, Florida Arbor Day
 January 29-30, Tropical Short Course, Fort Lauderdale
 March 6-8, Flower Show School #1, Daytona Beach
 March 10-13, Deep South Convention, Natchez, Mississippi
 March 19-21, Flower Show School #2, Gainesville
 March 31-April 6, Blanche Covington Course, St. Andrews State Park
 April 23-25, Flower Show School #3, Orlando
 April 23-25, Flower Show School #5, Punta Gorda
 May 1-2, State Convention, Tallahassee
 May 8-10, Landscape Design Study Course #2, Series VII, Winter Haven
 May 12-17, National Convention, Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, Mass.
 June 19-21, Short Course, U. of Florida, Gainesville
 July, Junior Nature Camp
 August 11-14, Youth Environmental Conference, Orlando
 October 1-3, National Council Board Meeting, Boise, Idaho
 October 22-24, Symposium, Pensacola

1975:

Feb. 23-March 1, Blanche Covington Course, Ovisia Bower State Park
 April 12-13, State Flower Show, West Palm Beach

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