

The Florida

# GARDENER

MAY-JUNE 1974





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Board of Directors Meetings:

May 3, 1974 — Tallahassee (post-convention)  
June 18, 1974 — University of Florida, Gainesville

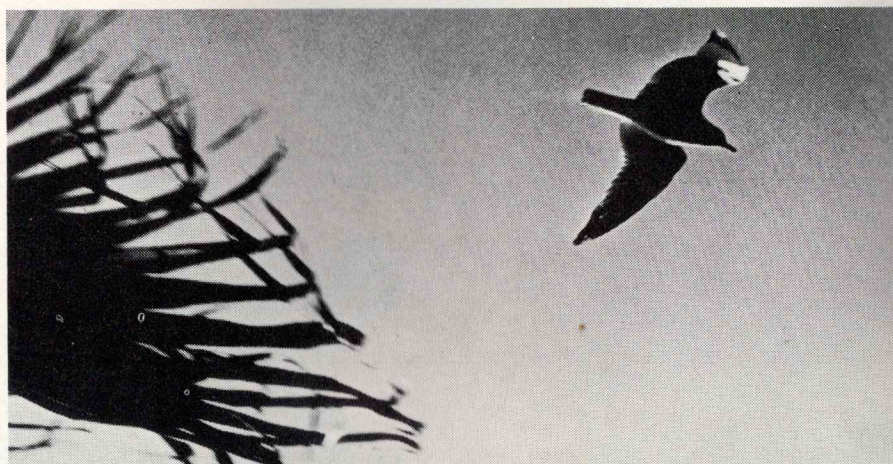
### Coming Events:

#### 1974:

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 21, Wekiwa Youth Camp Ribbon Cutting—2:00 p.m.  
July 21-27, Boys-Junior Nature Camp (Wekiwa)  
July 28-August 3, Girls-Junior Nature Camp (Wekiwa)  
August 4-10, Girls-Junior Nature Camp (Wekiwa)  
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  
April 29-30, State Convention, St. Petersburg  
May 18-23, National Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah



We consider our job to be two-fold:  
to protect the environment and its natural  
beauty while providing the community with  
reliable electric service.



## The Florida GARDENER



Official Publication of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
a non-profit organization

Member of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Headquarters: 1400 S. Maitland Avenue, Winter Park, Fla. 32789

409 CLUBS • 687 CIRCLES • 29,797 MEMBERS

President: Mrs. Sidney Davis, P.O. Drawer 8, Ft. Myers, Florida 33902

| Volume 22 | 1974 | Issue 5 |
|-----------|------|---------|
|-----------|------|---------|

Editor — Mrs. William B. Lemons  
1330 E. Lake Cannon Drive  
Winter Haven, 33880

Circulation —  
The Florida Gardener  
P.O. Box 1381  
Winter Haven, 33880

Advertising Manager —  
Mrs. Crowell Dawkins  
4705 Clear Avenue  
Tampa, 33609

District Associate Editors:  
I — Mrs. D. Cruz, 150 Springdale Circle,  
Pensacola, 32503  
II — Mrs. Parker Grant, Rt. 1,  
Bonifay, 32425

IV — Mrs. H. C. Brownlie,  
6232 San Jose Blvd.,  
Jacksonville, 32207  
V — Mrs. Gustav Harrer, 2815 NW 29th  
St., Gainesville, 32601  
VI — Mrs. Eugene C. McKee, 865 Garden  
Terrace, Palm Bay, 32905  
VII — Mrs. Frank Labbate, Country Club  
Mobile Manor, Trout Lake,  
Hwy. 19, Eustis, 32726  
VIII — Mrs. Alexander Pavlak, 6640 Gulf-  
port Blvd., St. Petersburg, 33707  
IX — Mrs. Steve Roper, 190 Matanzas St.,  
Ft. Myers Beach, 33931  
X — Mrs. James F. Kirwin, 723-42nd. St.,  
West Palm Beach, 33407  
XI — Mrs. O. Edgar Williams, 1405 SW  
12th Court, Fort Lauderdale, 33312  
XII — Mrs. Wilbur A. Stone, 8640 SW 108  
Street, Miami, 33156

## About the Cover

Improved Egyptian Pink Lotus (*Nelumbo speciosum*), comes by the name "Egyptian" only by association. Originating in India, the Lotus was introduced to the Nile region possibly around 2500 B.C. This most wonderful flower has played an important role in symbolism throughout the ages. More about it on page 22. Photo by Perry D. Slocum, Winter Haven.

Published bi-monthly, September through June, 5 times a year, by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., a non-profit organization. Subscription 55¢ annually, included in dues, \$1.25 per year to non-members, 35¢ per single copy, 50¢ single copy of back issues. Second-class postage paid at Winter Park, 32789.

Postmaster: Please mail form 3579 to The Florida Gardener, P.O. Box 1381, Winter Haven, 33880.

May-June 1974




## DEADLINES FOR SEPT-OCT. ISSUE

Editorial—July 15  
Advertising—Aug. 1  
Circulation—Aug. 1

## CONTENTS

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Calendar of Events .....          | 2nd cover |
| Collage Contest .....             | 24        |
| District News .....               | 6-11      |
| Do You Know? .....                | 5         |
| Fabulous Lotus .....              | 22        |
| Fascinating Miniatures .....      | 28        |
| Flower Arrangement Calendar ..... | 25        |
| Flower Show Calendar .....        | 20        |
| Flower Show Schools .....         | 19        |
| Headquarter Items .....           | 12 & 24   |
| Japanese Tomato Ring .....        | 23        |
| Junior Gardeners .....            | 11        |
| Landscape School II .....         | 18        |
| Organic Gardening .....           | 29        |
| Public Relations .....            | 25        |
| Purple Martins .....              | 21        |
| Resolution .....                  | 27        |
| Resume .....                      | 31-32     |
| Short Course .....                | 14-15     |
| The Right to Write .....          | 26-27     |
| Tropical Short Course .....       | 4         |
| Wekiwa Youth Camp .....           | 4         |
| Youth Conference .....            | 5         |

**"Schultz-Instant"**



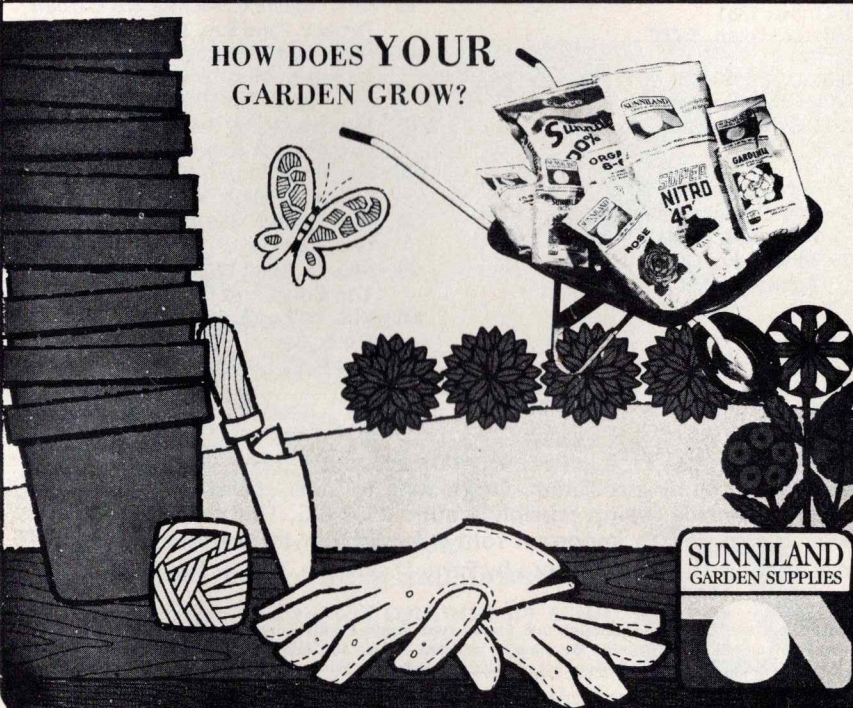
**7** DROPS to a quart of water  
"starts and feeds" all plants

or send \$1.25 for 2 bottles,  
prepaid to

Available at  
your store

SCHULTZ COMPANY  
11730 Northline, St. Louis, Mo. 63042  
"Send for our Fund Raising Offer"

**HOW DOES YOUR  
GARDEN GROW?**



**SUNNILAND  
GARDEN SUPPLIES**

## President's Message

On March 10-13 your president along with 15 FFGC members represented you at the Deep South Regional Convention in lovely Natchez, Mississippi, where the red carpet was laid as deep and long as the Mississippi River!



Proudly we report that Florida won the Mary Myrick Traveling Trophy Award #3, given to the state in the Deep South Region with the greatest increase in membership during the fiscal year.

Florida has 30,049 members, an increase of 450! Please, members, help us go beyond our anticipated goal of 20%.

An exciting collage contest is being offered by National Council in celebration of the Bicentennial. Anyone may enter. Featuring the state bird, flower and tree, it's a wonderful opportunity for members to demonstrate their talent. *Get busy and make plans to enter this stimulating project.* Further details are to be found in this issue of *The Gardener*.

While on the subject of Bicentennial celebrating we want every member, every club and circle to think of what they can do to make others aware of this great anniversary year by planting flowering trees, shrubs and annuals everywhere. Beautify with pride and enthusiasm for this great country of ours.

Look to your native plants and

wildflowers during the coming rainy season. Move those that are about to be destroyed by land clearing. Plan "dig-ins" which you heard about at the Trees Workshop at Convention.

The first Environmental Youth Conference is going very well. Many scholarships have been given by clubs, individuals and businesses. Shell Oil, Robert O. Law Foundation and Florida Power & Light Company are among those firms that have come to our aid in a big way. To them we are, indeed, grateful. They realize, as we do, that youth is our hope for tomorrow. Are you participating? August 11-14, 1974, is the date at Florida Tech in Orlando. *Will you be represented?*

Florida proudly endorses Mrs. Vernon L. Conner as President of National Council. She has contributed more than we have space to print to the garden club movement in Florida and the nation. In order to show our appreciation we are planning a series of tours, escorted by officers and board members, in an effort to raise funds for a reception honoring Mrs. Conner when she is installed at Salt Lake City in 1976.

One trip to London and the Chelsea Flower Show and Tulip Time in Holland is scheduled for May 20th. Hurry! You may pick up a cancellation. Another is a one week trip to Rio in June for only \$529 plus tax. Check with our International Tour Chairman for these tours and others.

*Bernese B. Davis*



# Federation Happenings

## tropical short course

A few notes taken at random at Tropical Short Course, where more than 200 gals weathered the gas shortage and came away loaded with information and inspiration:

Some Bob Thomasisms: "Are you an active member of your garden club or are you a static background?" ... "active" being defined as "being alive ... not dead."

In speaking of collage-type backgrounds he warned, "Make your background and then make designs to go with background." "Play on repetition ... of color, line and line direction and form" and he warned that when using plant material under tissue paper on collages, be sure to dry plant material *completely* before use, otherwise it will mold and turn funny.

"My word is not law, but remember ... neither is yours!"

"Flower arranging is a creative art. Whether good, bad or indifferent, *do your own thing!* Don't be so ribbon-conscious ... have fun!"

And final words of warning, regarding materials used in arrangements, "If you don't need it, don't use it. If you do use it, make sure you need it." Aren't we forever tempted to forget this!

Some horticulture words-of-wisdom gleaned from the several speakers. "If you don't have the time, don't plant things that require a lot of time."

"By the time a plant wilts a lot of damage has been done."

"If trees bloom or fruit extra

heavy it's an indication that something's wrong ... the tree is being shocked into a reproductive cycle and is in trouble."

Some reasons for bud drop: You have fertilized during the budding stage; natural culling by the plant; inconsistent watering, excessive or excessive change of watering; or insects.

All this ... just a drop in the bucket of what was available to gardeners at Tropical Short Course.

## wekiwa youth camp

Junior Nature Camp has its own home at last!

For the first time since the camp's inception in 1966, campers will be living in a camp actually owned and operated by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Most garden clubbers are aware of the hard work and great generosity of Florida members that has made this camp possible. The response to new requests for additional funds, brought on by great increase in costs in all areas has been really fantastic!

**President Berne Davis will have the high honor of cutting the ribbon at 2:00 p.m. on July 21st at the official opening of Wekiwa Youth Camp. Everyone is invited!!!**

Camping periods this year will be July 21-27 for boys (3 through 7th grades), July 28-August 3 and August 4-10 for girls.

For further information or if you are interested in receiving a camp brochure, contact: Mrs. Ray C. Knopke, 515 Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace, 33617.

The FLORIDA GARDENER

## youth environmental conference

Plans are "go, go, go" for the Youth Conference in Orlando this August.

Now known as SEEK '74, a successful conference has been assured by you — the involved garden clubber.

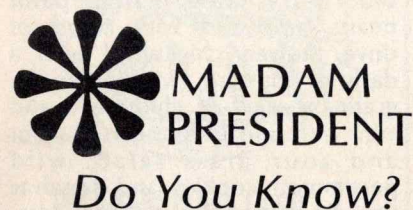
Enough money has been raised to provide free scholarships for 1 adult director and 1 student from every one of 47 High School units!

In addition Shell Oil Company and the Robert O. Law Foundation of Broward County will co-sponsor the conference.

Conference Chairman, Mrs. Robert Stone, is still soliciting student scholarships, however, as it is her desire that youth outnumber adults. Scholarship checks should go to Mrs. Ewald Korth, 1457 Helena Ct., Deltona 32763 and all half and full scholarships given will continue to be recognized with a certificate at district meeting next fall.

Beautiful golden fliers, giving full conference facts, have been produced by Florida Technical University and are now available through your district directors.

And exciting news! The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs is providing free scholarships for 4 Georgia delegates selected by the Garden Club of Georgia, who will in turn act as leaders for a Georgia Youth Conference.



... How you can help the *Gardener* circulation Chairman conserve

energy? By keeping your club's membership list continually updated in the following way:

... Report all address changes and dropped members immediately by sending name of club and circle, *Gardener* code and member's complete mailing address, including zip code, with 25¢ for each change of address only.

... Always send the circulation chairman a copy of the list of new members you send to the assistant treasurer when paying their dues.

... For mailing purposes our address cards are filed first by zip code, then *Gardener* code and then alphabetically by name. This is why precise reporting by your club is so important.

... Notify us when you are going away for the summer (date of departure and return) so your card can be pulled. If you want *The Gardener* mailed north, send northern address.

... We, too, want all of your members to receive each copy of *The Florida Gardener* and we need your help to accomplish this. We'll do our part — you do your part and we'll all hope the U.S. Mail does its part.

Remember all those sheets you received recently? Deadline for returning them is June 1st! What are they for? The long white sheet goes to Headquarters and provides up-to-date information for the Book of Information. The long green sheet goes to your District Director. The white card goes to Headquarters for the Assistant Treasurer, who uses it to calculate the dues owed by your group. She also keeps the total membership count. So *expedite* — please ... before summer gets a grip on you!

One more word. E.I.P. cards have gone out to all presidents. Do they



confuse you? The purpose of these cards is to *inform* the E.I.P. Chairman, Dot Grandy, just *what* you are doing in *any* area of environmental work. This does not obligate you in any way.

There are wonderful E.I.P. awards to try for but these cards are merely to inform the state chairman of Florida environmental activities. She in turn notifies National Council E.I.P. Chairman. Only *one* District (XII) has returned 100% of their cards. Once again, *June 1st* is the deadline.

Headquarters will be closed  
August 1 through Sept. 3  
Mail will be received as usual  
P.O. Box 1604, Winter Park  
32789

## DISTRICT IV

Extensive planting of trees, 30,075 of them, including a large number of flowering trees, was undertaken by Garden Club members in District IV this season.

An additional 23 P.A.T.E. books have been presented to public schools. The prize awarded a District IV club in the National Council E.I.P. contest (\$1,975) is being invested in the Environmental Education Program of Public Schools.

A club of 21 members gave \$85 under the World Gardening Project, to Karamah, Jordan for the planting of citrus trees and grape vines.

Clubs and circles have participated in 57 Beautification projects, 29 Conservation field trips and 10 have visited Historic Sites or Trails.

—Mrs. Reginald J. Miller  
Director, District IV

## DISTRICT IV

A cold blustery wind didn't deter Garden Clubbers from attending the Standard Wild Flower Show February 24 and the Wild Flower Workshop February 25, sponsored by the Wild Flower Garden Club of District IV in Callahan.

Under the direction of their President, Mrs. H. Halstead Lucas, members of the Callahan Garden Club served as hostesses, opening the door to a fairyland of beautiful arrangements made of native wild flowers and plants.

Mrs. Reginald J. Miller, Director of District IV, introduced Mrs. John Gehrig, President of the Wild Flower Club, who announced that the show, "Florida's Fabulous Flora," is the first in the state. All designs and specimens were of wild flowers. To carry out her theme, "Natives Go Artistic," she demonstrated how to make an arrangement of wild flowers.

Mrs. Arthur W. Simpson, Horticulture Chairman, spoke on how to grow azaleas, camellias and gardenias. Flower Show Chairman, Miss Kathy Sample, using a display of over 100 native specimens, informed participants on how to gather native plants and bring them into the garden.

"Gourmet Cooking with Native Plants" was cleverly carried out by Mrs. Lucas, whose menu included such fascinating dishes as wild blackberry juice, native palm hearts, wild rice with breast of dove, stewed chickweed with a dash of mustard, wild onion au gratin, a salad of chickweed and mint with sour grass, heart of palm and sour grass salad, wild persimmon cookies and sassafras tea. To everyone's delight, Mrs. Lucas shared these goodies with those present. —Eloise B. Clampitt

## DISTRICT VI



Inspecting Port Malabar's contributions to World Gardening are [l. to r.]: Mrs. Eugene McKee, Mrs. Arlie Hopkins and Mrs. Lowell Mertz.

Port Malabar Garden Club (Dist. VI) members turned their Christmas party into a World Gardening party last December when they donated a great variety of items, as well as cash, to be divided among a number of overseas foundations. Club members raised and sold plants to pay for shipping costs.



THE SMART PLACE TO GO ...  
FOR GOOD THINGS TO EAT!

## DISTRICT VII



Mrs. Albert S. Weldy, Past President, Lancaster Park Circle, beside tree dedicated to Mrs. William T. Chennell.

Lancaster Park Circle of the Orlando Garden Club planted a beautiful 12-foot flowering Bottle Brush tree on the grounds of the Orlando Garden Club. The planting on Arbor Day, was in memory of Mrs. William T. Chennell, charter member of the Circle and a state officer.

Mrs. Arthur Erlacher presided at the service, reading the dedication and prayer authored by Mrs. Arthur Pforr.

Among those attending the planting and dedication were members of the Lancaster Park Circle, members of the Board of the Orlando Garden Club and Mr. W. T. Chennell.

Chairmen for the event were Mrs. K. C. Shafer, President of the Lancaster Park Circle, Mrs. Robert W. Guthrie and Mrs. W. F. Jefferis.

—Mrs. William L. Mims  
Lancaster Park Circle



## DISTRICT VIII

One of the most important projects of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg is the efforts of the Litter Control Committee, which is divided into three parts: 1) Education in elementary schools 2) Recycling 3) Distribution of litter bags.

Snell Shores Circle Litter Control Chairman Mrs. Mildred Sheehan contacted St. Paul's Parochial School and in short order a contest in creative writing and art was arranged. Blue ribbon Poster winners were: Armando Alcalá, Leslie Fox and Carl Galambos.

In the writing division, winners were Susan Suddath and Anne Hull. Anne Hull's winning essay is to be found following this article.

Five sound-color films loaned by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs are being shown to more than 1500 pupils in 6 elementary schools, sponsored by Gloriosa Circle. From reports of teachers and parents, the films brought to these children a consciousness of the litter problem that would be difficult to match in scope and quality.

The city of St. Petersburg has set up 42 centers for collection of paper, glass and metals. Individual members and circle members support this effort. Some have organized car pools and take turns collecting and transporting these materials to the centers . . . a spin-off of the gas shortage.

Magnolia Circle members donated 120 litter bags to a local boat rental company to be placed in rental boats along with required Coast Guard safety requirements.

Litter Control Chairman Mrs. Carl Schmidt provides leadership, information, support and encouragement to each circle chairman and maintains a close contact



*First grade students of St. Paul's Parochial School, St. Petersburg with their prize-winning Litter Control Collage — "But I only dropped one piece!"*

with the city sanitation department in its anti-litter work. This includes making available a film starring a talking garbage can called "Mr. Sparkle" which is being shown to students in all schools.

—Rose Pavlak

### ANN HULL'S Winning Essay

*(Ann was also chosen winner of District VIII's Jr. Nature Camp Scholarship)*

"I am a candy bar wrapper. I have just come from the shipping boxes . . . I am now in this nice warm convenience store. It is very . . . Hey! . . . Here comes a boy in to buy me now. Ouch! He just threw me down hard on the counter.

"That'll be ten cents, son." The boy lays down a dime and walks out.

"Wow! This bike is wobbly! He's going to eat me now, I hope. He sure seems to be enjoying it. Oh, why did the boy have to throw me in the ditch? Ooh! Yuck! Right by all this garbage. Beer cans . . . soup cans . . . dirty newspapers, decayed bones. What is this mess? I thought you were supposed to toss your trash in the waste paper

basket. My! I wonder if the rest of the country is like this? (Gasp . . . cough . . . cough . . .) That's smog! I wonder where it comes from?

"The only hope I have left is to be recycled. Oh, please, sanitation department, come my way. Make me into a nice, fresh, clean piece of paper, Oh, please.

"What has America done? Why, the last time I was out it was as the song goes, 'America the Beautiful'.

"Wait a minute! If America got this polluted this fast, then of course it can get even cleaner, faster. With all the helping hands pitching in, why sure we can do it!

"This spirit is the real American way to feel. We can do it! Come on, people, now, lend a helping hand."

## DISTRICT IX

Mrs. Sidney Davis, of Fort Myers, President of The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, was

an honored guest at the recent opening of Sanibel Island's new library.

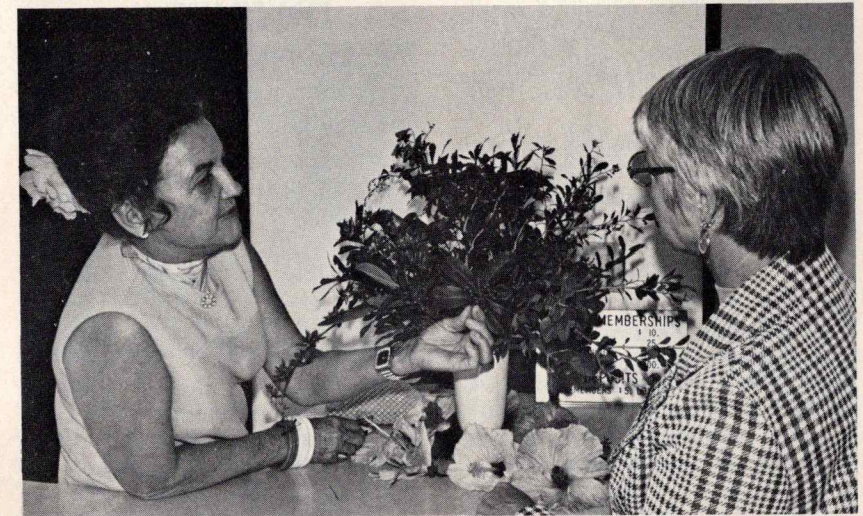
The library is a "show case" for the use of native plants which are used almost exclusively in the landscaping of the building and grounds.

Mrs. Davis expressed delight with the project, particularly since one of the goals of her administration is the preservation and protection of Florida's native plants and trees.

The landscaping is a project of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation which has been actively pushing the use of native plants and encouraging area nurserymen to propagate them.

The Foundation is collecting plants for a small botanical garden to be planted on the library grounds.

Property owners and developers have been encouraged to preserve any on-site plants



*Mrs. Sidney Davis [left] President of FFGC and Mrs. Hal Harrison examine samplings of native plants at the recent opening of the new Sanibel Library building.*

*Photo by Don Whitehead The Sanibel Reporter*



during and after construction. Many of the plants installed at the library were obtained from island residents, transplanted — with permission — from undeveloped sites or purchased from nurseries.

To water the on-site or transplanted plants already installed islanders formed a volunteer bucket brigade.

In many instances property owners have paid for the removal and transplanting of trees and shrubs from their property to the library grounds.

Among the plants already in place, or soon to come are: Coco Plum, Sea Grape, Sabal Palm, Mahogany, Geiger, Wild Olive, Wild Coffee, Golden Creeper, Saffron Plum, Marberry, Gumbo Limbo, Wax Myrtle, Snowberry, Stopper, Strangler Fig, Seven-Year Apple, Joe Wood, Randia, Lantana, Sea Myrtle, Myrsine and Necklace Pod.

To help island residents recognize native plants, the Foundation has published an attractive small booklet "Native Trees and Shrubs for Sanibel-Captiva Landscaping" prepared by Mada (Mrs. Hal) Harrison.

It is available from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Box 25, Sanibel, Florida 33957. The cost is \$1.75.

Although primarily for the islands, many of the nearly 40 plants in the booklet will thrive in other Florida coastal areas. Each plant is given a separate page, complete with sketch of the plant, a written description, sources of supply, possible uses in landscaping and tips on propagation.

—Mrs. Steve Roper

**HYPONEX PLANT FOOD**  
Grows better plants, indoors or outdoors. Clean. Odorless & soluble. 10 oz.—\$1.29. Makes 60 gals. 200 Item Catalog Free HYPONEX, COPLEY, OH. 44321

## DISTRICT IX



*Mrs. Lucille Davis puts final touches on one of the arrangements she created recently in Winter Haven. This arrangement interprets the traditional wide waist band worn by Japanese women called the Obi. Mrs. Davis calls this modern arrangement her Obi Creation.*

## DISTRICT X



*Lake Park Garden Club [Dist. X] honored Mrs. Emily S. Van Dyke recently with a Life Membership in FFGC. Mrs. Van Dyke joined the club in October, 1959. In 1962 she served her first of 2 separate terms as President and has served as an officer in one capacity or another ever since . . . a member to be very proud of!*

The FLORIDA GARDENER

## DISTRICT XII

As a direct result of their P.A.T.E. workshop for elementary principals in the South District of the Dade County School System last November, Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County was requested to assist in the organization of an Environmental Education Week at Avocado Elementary School in Homestead, Florida.

Throughout the week lessons were taught by garden club members from the P.A.T.E. books. Poison plant lectures were given, planting beds were made by the students with garden club assistance and seed flats were planted.

Arts and Crafts classes were taught using both native and recycled material. Things were arranged so that each class was able to have at least one work program.

Three youth camp scholarships were awarded to the school for use in a contest later in the year.

Since the final day of the week was Arbor Day, four trees were planted by individual clubs and



*District XII Council members Libby Putman and Frances Langly supervise planting of flower beds in Homestead.*

seedlings were distributed to all the students.

This program involved many other organizations such as Audubon, Dade County Parks and the Homestead P.T.A. It was so successful that several other schools in Homestead are now planning similar weeks.

Council has ordered 68 more P.A.T.E. books for a similar principal's program in the Northwest District of the school system.

# JUNIOR GARDENERS "Children Aware!"

In keeping with FFGC's E.I.P. Chairman, Mrs. Eugene Gandy's suggestion that we each be "Women Aware," the Junior Garden and Ecology Club of Venice has adopted the slogan "Children Aware!" The group, sponsored by the Venice Area Garden Club, is counseled by Anita Hecker, science teacher in the Venice Junior High School.

On Florida Arbor Day, January

18, a group of dedicated children gathered on the school grounds. They had previously "policed" the area — raking, hoeing and really getting "involved."

Mrs. Ralph France, President of the senior garden club, presented a silk oak tree to be planted and gave a short talk on trees, entitled "What does he plant, who plants a tree?"

Mrs. France and members of

May-June 1974



the senior club then stood on the fringe of the group and watched as Mrs. Hecker dedicated the oak tree to the memory of the late Mrs. T. O. Wilndt, as a living memorial to Mrs. Wilndt's untiring work as Junior Garden Club Chairman for the Venice club.

This was not an ordinary Arbor Day planting. The children had been inspired by their leaders to write songs, poems and essays.

The second grade students sang an original song written for the occasion. It was sung to the tune of Yankee Doodle Dandy. Then each award winner in turn stepped briskly to the microphone and read his or her tribute to trees.

There were amusing incidents such as one essay reader saying "Trees are for other things besides a place to carve your sweetheart's name, or a place to hide your gum."

Surely education is the answer for our future gardeners. Otherwise to whom would we look to carry on the splendid work of beautifying this glorious country of ours?

Patricia Houston Collins' Johnny Horizon slogan says "A generation which practices conservation and beautification offers a promised land to posterity."

— Peggy Houston Gaertner  
Chairman — Junior Garden and Ecology Club of Venice

## Birds

Wardens of the sky and woodland,  
Watchful, waiting on the wing,  
Whose silent service all too often  
Is counted but a little thing;  
Should you withdraw from field and  
orchard,  
Leave the fruit and budding wheat  
To worms and insects, man must perish.  
You keep your watch that he may eat.



"Involved" members of the Junior Garden & Ecology Club of Venice complete the job of planting a new tree on Arbor Day.

### New Headquarter Benefit Items

Needlepoint holders:  
(round-green)

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
|                               | each          |
| 2" .....                      | \$1.50        |
| 3" .....                      | 3.50          |
| 2-7/8 .....                   | 3.50          |
| 3 1/4 x 3 1/4" square .....   | 3.50          |
| 4 1/2 x 2 1/2" oblong .....   | 4.75          |
| 1-3/4 x 4 1/2" crescent ..... | 3.25          |
| 2x5" .....                    | 4.75          |
|                               | for driftwood |
| 1-5/8" .....                  | 1.10          |
| 2" .....                      | 1.60          |

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Oasis—per block .....            | 89¢  |
| Flora tape—per roll .....        | 50¢  |
| (lt. green, moss green<br>brown) |      |
| Waterproof tape—per roll         |      |
| 60 Yd.—green .....               | 2.50 |

Florida Federation of Garden  
Clubs, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1604, Winter Park 32789

# Put the garden back in your garden club.



Plan your next garden club meeting at beautiful Busch Gardens. Exotic foliage, beautiful greenery, and a wide range of garden club services—all for only \$8.50 per person.

That price includes:

- admission to Busch Gardens.
- buffet luncheon at the Old Swiss House Restaurant.
- guided tour of the Bird Gardens by a member of the Holmes Nursery staff.
- special floral displays for Florida garden clubs.
- availability of indoor meeting rooms.

Reservations available for September, October, and November. Write: Marketing Director, Busch Gardens, 3000 Busch Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33612. Phone (813) 988-5171.

**Busch Gardens**  
Tampa • I-75 north of I-4



# SHORT COURSE

University of Florida  
Gainesville

June 18, 19, 20, 1974

Mrs. Richard Matthews, *Chairman*  
Dr. Shannon Smith, *Coordinator*

We have an outstanding program planned for you this year at the Short Course. Those who are rejoining us will find many innovations and those coming for the first time will find a variety of programs.

We are offering you two featured speakers. Mrs. John Higgins will present programs on "Collages" and "Kinetic Trends in Flower Arranging." These promise to be exciting. Florida's own Mrs. Lucile Davis will give a lecture-demonstration on "The History of

Ikebana" as well as present two workshops.

Wednesday evening we will tour the Florida State Museum and visit its famous Florida cave.

Thursday night will feature a banquet that we promise will be fun and different. (No, no streakers!)

Our workshops will all be exciting and you will have difficulty choosing only two. They will be color coded to insure you your place in one and to eliminate overcrowding.

Join us June 19-21!

## WORKSHOPS:

Indicate 2 choices (1st & 2nd) for each day. You will attend one workshop per day. Early registrations receive priority.

|  | Wed. | Thurs. |
|--|------|--------|
| 1. Ikebana—Mrs. Davis (limit 75)           |      |        |
| 2. Environmental Improvement (limit 75)    |      |        |
| Mrs. Hannon and Mr. Blalock                |      |        |
| *3. Wall plaques—Mrs. Raattama (limit 20)  |      |        |
| **4. Corsage—Mrs. Milam (limit 30)         |      |        |
| ***5. Miniatures—Mrs. Cellon (limit 20)    |      |        |
| 6. Plant Reproduction: Asexual and sexual  |      |        |
| (X-rated)—Mrs. Hunter and Miss Meriweather |      |        |

\* All materials needed will be assembled in kit for \$1.50.

\*\* All materials including fresh flowers available in kit—\$1.50. Bring all-purpose clippers or scissors, 1 pair small wire cutters and 1 pair small needlenosed pliers.

\*\*\* Bring small containers (1" to 3"), flat or tall; suggestions: small bottles, thimbles, shells, lipstick holder, rocks, doll tea set, nuts, etc. Small branches, vines, tiny flowers. Some material for sale at workshop.

**CAR POOL BONUS**—If registered by June 1st, you will be mailed a list of other registrants so you may form your own car pool from your area.

- Advance registration must be made by June 10.
- Make checks payable to: **Florida Cooperative Extension Service.**
- Return application form and payment to:  
Dr. Shannon Smith, 113 Rolfs Hall, U of F., Gainesville 32611
- Cancellations must be received by June 21 for full refund.
- Anyone desiring dormitory housing—write:  
Mr. Joe Ball, Housing Division, U. of F., Gainesville 32612

## Program for 1974 Short Course

J. Wayne Reitz Union, University of Florida

Tuesday, June 18:

3:00-8:00 p.m.—Registration

8:00-9:00 p.m.—Informal Reception & Exhibits

Wednesday, June 19:

8:00-10:30 a.m.—Coffee & Introductions

10:30-12:30 noon—"Collages"—Mrs. John Higgins

2:00-4:00 p.m.—Workshops

7:30 p.m.—Tour of Florida State Museum

Thursday, June 20:

9:15-12:00 noon—"History of Ikebana"—Mrs. Lucile Davis

2:00-4:00 p.m.—Workshops

6:30 p.m.—Banquet

Friday, June 21:

8:30-12:30 noon—"Kinetic Trends in Flower Arranging"—Mrs. Higgins

## Registration form: Short Course, University of Florida

This is the only registration form you will receive this year

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ Circle \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Registration—3 days: \$20

Registration—any single day: \$7

Banquet: \$5

May-June 1974



**Anytime your club,  
group, meeting, etc.,  
wants to learn perfect  
color harmony:  
Call our gal Jackie!  
813/247-3161**

Garden clubs are among Jackie's greatest fans. Why? Because her popular "Color Key" presentation covers the newest, surest ways of coordinating colors in plantings, and flower arranging...as well as in home decorating.

In minutes, with Jackie, each member of your group will learn about a new, easy way to achieve perfect color harmony in everything from flowers to furniture, paints and wall coverings, draperies and carpeting...even cosmetics and clothes.

Once you know the simple "Color Key"



secrets, you'll never again worry about costly, embarrassing mistakes in color harmony...in your home, your clothes, or your world of flowers. You'll know how to select compatible colors the new, sure, at-a-glance way.

Jackie's "Color Key" demonstration is a "first" for the entire EASTERN United States — and your group can see and hear it at no charge, no obligation. Just call Jacqueline ("Jackie") Robe at 813/247-3131 — Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 5 — or drop her a note at Harris Paint Company, P.O. Box 23603, Tampa, Florida 33622. A neighborly community service from...

**harris**  
**color key®**  
**paints**



## LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Winter Haven  
Garden Center  
May 8, 9, 10, 1974

The red carpet's out for Landscape Design Students!

Winter Haven will hostess Course II of Landscape Design School (Series 7) and things are looking good for a really fine school.

Since the March-April issue of *The Gardener* two more instructors have been lined up . . . Mr. Troy Keeble, Extension Horticulturist with the University of Georgia College of Agriculture in Athens, Georgia and David B. Linstrum, Senior Landscape Architect with Reynold, Smith and Hills of Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Linstrum has extensive experience in Planned Urban Development as well as work with Institutional projects, colleges, county land use and in other areas. He will lecture May 8th on the Elements of Landscape Architectural Design and Landscape Graphics.

Mr. John Sanderson will lecture on May 9th on The Professional Landscape Architect, Architecture and Related Arts and Professions and Urban Design.

A native of Michigan, where he received most of his training, Mr. Sanderson came to the University of Florida in 1969 as an Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture. He is now in private practice and research.

In addition to these men, the very able Mrs. Frank Schmoll of Tampa will be on deck on May 8th to continue her instruction in the Development of Landscape Archi-

ture, Plants in the Composition and Art and Nature Appreciation.

The public is welcome for both days of instruction. A wealth of information is available for people of varied interests and professions . . . nurserymen, city planners, city officials and of course the home gardener.

The exam, for those taking the course for credit, will be on May 10th.

Cost for the two-day course is \$15. This includes a Manual of lesson material. For persons coming for one day only the fee is \$8 and the Examination fee is \$2.

*A \$10 prize will be given to the club with the largest attendance!*

Make all checks payable to: Landscape Design School, F.F.G.C. and mail to Mrs. H. S. Mullinax, 315 Avenue B, NE, Winter Haven, Fl. 33880. Please indicate if you plan to have lunch at the Garden Center (payable at the door).

Does your yard look really sad? How about the community in which you live? Could it stand a little knowledgeable rejuvenation? You'd better hurry on over to Winter Haven and learn how to correct your yard problems!

---

Ah, Adam was a gardener  
And God who made him sees  
That half a proper gardener's  
work  
Is done upon his knees.

---

If you with litter will disgrace  
And spoil the beauty of this place,  
May indigestion rack your chest  
And ants invade your pants and  
vest.

The FLORIDA GARDENER



## Flower Show Schools

Mrs. O. Fenton Wells, *Chairman*

COURSE IV — TAMPA

MAY 22, 23, 24, 1974

*Instructors:*  
Mrs. Jerome Rosenberg  
Mrs. A. R. Mullins

*Chairman:*  
Mrs. W. C. Stephens  
4519 Brookwood  
Tampa 33609

### How our Flower Show Schools are INVOLVED:

From September 1, 1973 to March 15, 1974

675 Garden Club members attended courses and Symposiums both in and out of our state.

155 Students attended courses for credit.

168 Judges attended courses or Symposiums for credit.

### CHANGE APPROVED—

## THE HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS

### Re: Continuing Education:

Handbook page 40: The paragraph title "Continuing Study Recommended" is changed to read "Continuing Study Necessary", and in the first sentence under the title, DELETE the words "The National Council recommends" and **insert** the phrase "To keep in good standing" and: In the same sentence DELETE the words "that they" and insert the word "must".

*This sentence will then read: "To keep in good standing all Life Judges, Master Judges and National Council Instructors must continue their judging education by auditing a Symposium every three years." Also add the sentence: "Good standing of those complying to be designated in published rolls by (a)."*

### REQUIRED READING for student judges:

"THE ART OF FLOWER AND FOLIAGE ARRANGEMENT" by Anna Hong Rutt has been reprinted and is again on the Required Reading List for Flower Show Schools.

Mrs. O. Fenton Wells  
*Flower Show Schools Chairman*

May-June 1974



# Flower Show Calendar

May 11, Dunnellon, Rainbow Lakes Garden Club (Clubhouse)  
May 18, 19, St. Augustine "Spring Fling" Llambias House

## NEW JUDGES FOLLOWING OCTOBER 25, 1973 READING EXAMINATION:

Barnett, Mrs. William F. 4107 Rendale Drive, Jacksonville  
Crum, Mrs. Harold H., 5351 Santa Rosa Way, Jacksonville  
DeRing, Mrs. J. S., Rt. 2, Box 906, Dover  
Fischer, Mrs. Louis E., 5350 Coppedge Rd., Jacksonville  
Kinard, Mrs. Jerry H., 4085 Ranie Rd., Jacksonville  
Matthews, Mrs. Julie Hawes, 4125 Lakeside Dr., Jacksonville  
McKee, Mrs. A. B., Rt. 4, Box 104F, Cantonment  
Varnedoe, Mrs. Ira J., 955 Sorrento Rd., Jacksonville  
Williamson, Mrs. Mark, Rt. 1, Box 72, Orange Park

## ODE TO GARDEN CLUB HUSBANDS . . . Who

Give much and

Ask little — especially during flower shows. They

Rally 'round

Day and night. They are our

Ego builders who

Never fuss when nothing is done **inside** the house. They are

Constantly helping us

Lug home—

Unusual

Blocks of wood and "found" roadside material. They are

Helpful and always

Understanding. They

Save our time and tempers. They

Bring home the bacon so we can concentrate on garden clubbing. They

Always stand by and

Nothing fazes them! And they

Don't complain when we lose their tools or use their gasoline!  
They are a very

Special and appreciated breed of men.

— Sue Roper  
Fort Myers Beach  
District IX

# Purple Martins... Man's Best Summer Friend

Mrs. Parker Grant  
Birds Chairman

The Purple Martins are back! Advance scouts are sent out in early February, if the weather is warm, before the flocks arrive from their winter stay in Brazil.

Many martins will return to their former summer homes if you have prepared for them — that is, if you have cleaned their houses.

Gourds have long been favorite nesting quarters for martins. Their use dates back to days when the American Indian hung them about their villages for the birds' use. This practice was handed down to early white settlers and has continued to the present day.

The usual custom was to hang a dozen or more gourds from cross-arms on a high pole with each gourd providing a nest for one pair of birds. Gourds offer some advantage over bird houses in that they are cooler and are less infested by mites than conventional bird houses.

When using martin houses, they should be set up for the flocks to see when they return from their winter homes. The basic apartments should be six inches by six inches. Each house should contain more than one apartment for this sociable bird.

The entrance hole to each room should be no less than 2¼ inches and no more than 2½ inches in diameter and one inch above the floor.

Cross ventilation and insulation assist in keeping the houses cool in summer. A porch at least as wide as

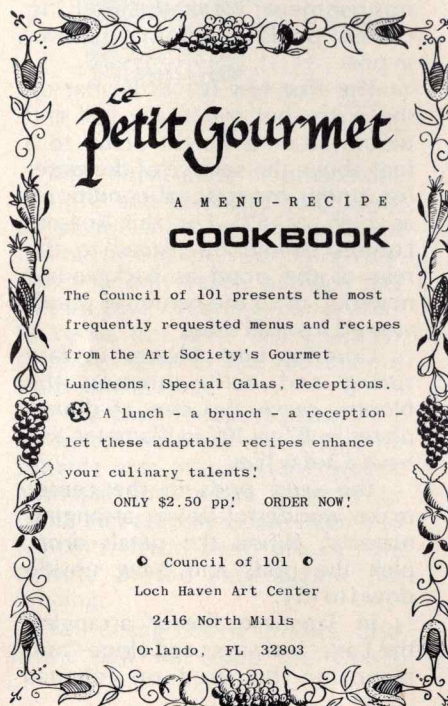
the entrance hole should be built on each house and a drainage hole is recommended just inside each door, in case of heavy rains.

Sites chosen for the house are best if relatively free from trees or other vegetation so the martin is able to make its customary long gliding arrival and departure.

Martins feed only on the wing and their food consists of various insects. They have been known to consume thousands of mosquitoes in twenty-four hours.

Martins have a cheery singing, praising song.

Man will truly help himself by first helping the martins and all birds.



**Petit Gourmet**  
A MENU - RECIPE  
**COOKBOOK**

The Council of 101 presents the most frequently requested menus and recipes from the Art Society's Gourmet Luncheons, Special Galas, Receptions.

☼ A lunch - a brunch - a reception - let these adaptable recipes enhance your culinary talents!

ONLY \$2.50 pp! ORDER NOW!

• Council of 101 •  
Loch Haven Art Center  
2416 North Mills  
Orlando, FL 32803

May-June 1974

The FLORIDA GARDENER



## Behold the fabulous Lotus...

A most wonderful flower!

For Buddhists symbolic of purity and immortality. To ancient Egyptians — the symbol of Upper Egypt. Engraved on tombs and embroidered into scrolls, these flowers have been around for thousands of years — long before Christ.

The oldest known seed ever to be germinated was a Lotus seed discovered in Japan and shown by carbon tests to be over 2000 years old. This seed, when planted in the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, Washington, D.C., sprouted and grew!

Does this exotic flower seem beyond the realm of ordinary Florida mortals? Not so!

Of haunting fragrance, these lovely aquatic perennials gain nourishment from the soil. In cement pools they must be grown in pots.

The first few leaves lie flat on the water but eventually leaf and bloom attain a height of up to 3 feet above the surface of the water (or, under exceptional conditions, as high as 6'!) For this reason, Lotuses should be placed to the rear of the pond as background material, or to the center of ponds viewed from all sides.

Coming into bloom in late spring and early summer, the blooms reach the size of dinner plates — 8" to 10" in diameter and have a 3-day life.

The seed pods in the center make wonderful flower arranging material. When the petals drop, pick the pods and hang upside down to dry.

In Japanese flower arranging the Lotus is always used alone "and is not to be used on felicitas

occasions." The seed pods symbolize the past, open leaves and flowers the present and furled leaves and buds the future.

Both seeds and tubers are edible. Orientals use seeds as staples in their diet. The tubers have to be parboiled before eating as they are very tough otherwise.

If you have a pool or pond, why not go first class — and grow the luscious Lotus!

## SIGN OF THE TIMES...

... The yen for increased yields and improved market quality, pick-your-own harvest, and dieting brought a noticeable turn of events in the vegetable growing activities of 1972-73.

First, full bed mulch culture is expanding in the production of eggplant, peppers, strawberries and tomatoes. Researchers have found this to be an attractive method to increase yields and to improve quality.

Full bed mulch levels out the extreme temperatures, keeps fertilizer from leaching away from the plants during the rains, and aids in the fumigation of beds.

The pick-your-own harvest is fast becoming a standard method of selling produce. Some farmers are growing vegetables specifically for this type clientele. The practice was begun to salvage produce which was left in the field after the commercial harvest was complete, or at the point when economical abandonment was more feasible.

—Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Tallahassee

## Japanese Tomato Ring

Not new but good — a planting technique that bears repeating, now that tomato planting time is here again — is the Japanese Tomato Ring.

This method of planting takes a minimum of space and produces enough tomatoes for you and all your friends and relations — if you take care of your ring and if you discourage the birds and insects that will adore your crop. (See the article on Organic Gardening — page 00).

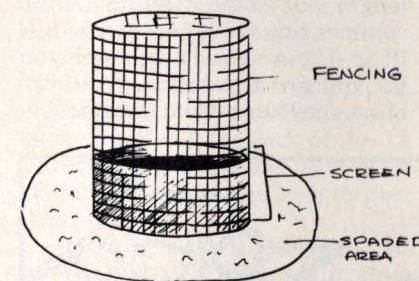
First, choose your spot — sunny and accessible to water. Mark a circle 7 feet in diameter and spade up the soil to a depth of 6 inches. Be sure you have root-knot and nematode-free soil. If there's any doubt in your mind about this you'd better apply a nematicide to your soil. You can get this at your farm and garden store. Just follow directions. Depending on what you use, you will have to wait from 7 to 21 days after application before planting. Check this out with your garden store man.

Now — from your lumber yard or hardware store buy 14 feet of welded fencing with openings about 2 by 4 inches. Also get 14 feet of 24 inch wide aluminum or plastic screening. At your garden supply store you can get two 50-pound bags of pulverized cow manure and a 6 cubic foot bag of peat moss.

Does this seem to be getting expensive? True, by now you've spent about \$30.00, but next season you have only to add more manure, so think in terms of prorating the cost over several years, plus all the profits your kids are going to realize by selling those tomatoes door to door!

Now for the actual construction ... Your 14 feet of wire will form a circle slightly less than 5 feet in diameter. Overlap the ends and bind together with wire. This ring goes in the center of the 7-foot spaded soil circle and in turn the screening is placed inside the wire ring around the bottom.

This leaves a 12 inch-wide ring around your fence. Spread 2 to 3 inches of peat moss and a small amount of manure on this ring and spade into the upper 4 or 5 inches of soil.



Mix equal parts of peat moss, manure and backyard soil, using up all the moss and manure. Put this mixture *inside* your fence ring. This will only reach perhaps half way up your screening, but in years to come this level will gradually become higher as you add manure from time to time.

Now you're ready to plant!

Several varieties that would be suitable are: Manalucie, Floradel, Manapal and Indian River. Your circle can accommodate from 4 to 6 plants. Place them around the outside of the ring against the fencing.

Mulching both plants and inside soil will keep the weeds



down and preserve the moisture and an even soil temperature. Mulches you might use are compost, oak leaves or pine straw.

According to the County Agent — tomato plants are very responsive to fertilizer. In order not to overfeed, thus harvesting a great crop of leaves and no tomatoes, starve your plants for several weeks until the blossoms show. One teaspoonful of 6-6-6 or 8-8-8 every two weeks is plenty. You can step up the fertilizer after the fruit starts to form.

Keep the branches tied to the wire as they grow — strips of nylon stockings do a good job here.

Now here's the *big* thing! Let your tomato ring dry out for any length of time during those summer hot spells and you've had it! So ring in a good neighbor if you go off on a vacation. You can always pay her back in tomatoes!

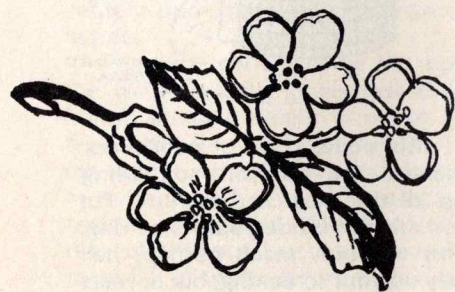
## Bicentennial Collage Contest

A Bicentennial State Collage Contest is being promoted throughout the country by National Council of State Garden Clubs.

Incorporating the state bird, flower and tree in a 24"x18" collage within a 1½" frame, the winners of state contests will be taken to National Council Headquarters in St. Louis where they will hang for inter-state competition.

The exhibits will remain on display at Headquarters throughout the Bicentennial year.

Look for further information on this contest in the Sept.-Oct. *Gardener*.



### Our State Flower pin

Three pure ORANGE BLOSSOMS hand-painted, tipped with gold and accented with 2 graceful gold leaves. 2¼x1½". Wonderful gift for installing officer, outgoing chairman, Judges, hostess, bridge, teachers...

Clubs ordering 24 or more at \$1.67@ (\$40.08) can sell for \$2.08@ (tax incl.) for a profit of 41¢ each.

Send order to: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., P.O. Box 1604, Winter Park, Fl. 32789.



where  
shopping  
is a  
pleasure

## P. R.... Give it a Try

Mrs. Robert J. Phillips  
Public Relations *Chairman*

Public Relations should be a consideration of all clubs and circles, if we are to derive the most return from our community projects efforts. The more familiar the public-at-large is with our programs, the more eager it will be to help promote such projects as conservation, anti-litter, tree protection, park expansion, nature study, etc.

Why not set aside at least one program for the coming year to promote better public relations? The program should be of general interest with an interesting speaker who can inspire action.

For clubs and circles who usually meet in homes, look into the possibility of holding this one program in a church, bank, or civic building to provide room for guests. If the program would have appeal to working people, it might be held at night to provide them an opportunity to attend.

Be sure that a special invitation is sent to the city fathers, community leaders, civic groups, schools, etc.

Such programs could be given by a knowledgeable landscape design lecturer, a good nurseryman speaking on the care of trees and shrubs, how to have better lawns, attractive hedges and fences, how to build an outside recreation area, etc.

The possibilities are limitless, but the one **MUST** is that the speaker has a good program to give and delivers it well.

Refreshments offer a bit of

social time during which visitors can ask questions and become acquainted with the club members.

Advertise the program well in advance and even those who cannot attend will get the message that your club is community minded and working for a better place in which to live.

## Join The 'Spirit of '76'!

The Bicentennial issue of the Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar will feature a new and distinctive photographic composition!

One historical site (symbolic or characteristic) will be selected and photographed from each of the 12 districts. Two designers from each district will be invited to interpret these sites.

It's your calendar! Take pride in it! We emphasize the need for your suggestions in selection of sites.

This issue will be another way of "saluting our state heritage" and placing the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs *out front* in cooperation with the National Council Bicentennial celebration.

**Please send your recommendations soon!**

Mrs. Augustus Williams  
*Florida Flower Arrangement  
Calendar Chairman 1976-77*

All things come to those who wait  
But our motto is slicker  
Communities going after what they want

Get beautiful much quicker!

— Mrs. Howard S. Kittel  
President, National Council



## THE RIGHT TO WRITE

By Morris Udall — Arizona Congressman  
from the Sierra Club Newsletter

Surprisingly few people ever write their congressman. Perhaps 90% of our citizens live and die without ever taking pen in hand and expressing a single opinion to the man who represents them in Congress — a man whose vote may decide what price they will pay for the acts of government either in dollars or in human lives.

Mail to a modern-day congressman is more important than ever before. In the days of Calhoun, Clay, Webster and Lincoln, congressmen lived among their people for perhaps nine months of the year. Through daily contacts in a constituency of less than 50,000 people (I represent ten times that many) they could feel rather completely informed on their constituents' beliefs and feelings. Today, with the staggering problems of government and increasingly long sessions, I must not only vote on many more issues than early-day congressmen, but I rarely get to spend more than 60 days of a year in Arizona. Thus my mailbag is my best "hot line" to the people back home.

### Some suggestions that apply to all congressional mail:

*Address it properly:* "Hon. \_\_\_\_\_, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515" or "Senator \_\_\_\_\_, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510."

*Identify the bill or issue:* About 20,000 bills are introduced into each Congress so it is important to be specific. If you write a letter about a bill, try to give the bill number or describe it by a popular title.

*The letter should be timely:* Sometimes a bill is out of committee or has passed the House before a helpful letter arrives. Inform your congressman while there is still time to take action.

*Concentrate on your own delegation:* All letters written by residents of my district to other congressmen will simply be referred to me for reply, and vice versa.

*Be reasonably brief:* Every working day the mailman leaves some 150 or more pieces of mail at my office. It is not necessary that letters be typed — only that they be legible — and the form, phraseology and grammar are completely unimportant.

*Student letters are welcome:* Their opinions are important to me.

### SOME DO'S:

*Write your own views — not someone else's:* A personal letter is far better than a form letter or signature on a petition. I usually know what the major lobbying groups are saying, but I don't often know of your experiences and observations, or what the proposed bill will do to and for you.

*Give your reasons for taking a stand:* I may not know all the effects of the bill and what it may mean to an important segment of my constituency.

*Be constructive:* If a bill deals with a problem you admit exists, but you believe the bill is the wrong approach, tell me what the right approach is.

*If you have expert knowledge, share it with your congressman:* I can't possibly be an expert in all fields; many of my constituents are experts in some of them. I welcome their advice and counsel.

*Say, "Well done" when it's deserved:* Congressmen are human too, and they appreciate an occasional "well done" from people who believe they have done the right thing. I know I do. But even if you think I went wrong on an issue, I would welcome a letter telling me you disagreed; it may help me on another issue later.

### SOME DON'T'S:

Don't make threats or promises.

Don't berate your congressman.

Don't pretend to wield vast political influence.

Don't try to instruct your congressman on every issue that comes up.

Don't be a pen pal.

Don't demand a commitment before the facts are in.

In conclusion . . .

During the two-year life of this Congress, the House clerk will record my votes on more than 250 issues. But in a very real sense these will not be my votes, they will be yours too.

## RESOLUTION

### ... regarding Bicentennial mural ...

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., meeting in Winter Park, Florida on February 6, 1974, in regular session, heard "Worst Joke in 200 Years," an editorial by Howard Flieger on page 84 of the January 28, 1974, issue of U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, and

WHEREAS, extremely strong repulsion and exception was registered by the said Board of Directors to the unpatriotic, unreal, insulting caricatures depicted in the mural dedicated January 14, 1974 in the Bicentennial Center for the District of Columbia by H. H. Booker, II, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, on behalf of its nearly 30,000 members, the Board of Directors of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., expresses official aversion, disappointment, and rejection of said Bicentennial mural to the President of the United States, to the National Bicentennial Chairman, to Florida's Bicentennial Chairman, Tom Adams and Director Shelton Kemp, and to all members of Florida's Congressional delegation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the offensive, questionable mural be erased from public exhibition forthrightly, that a suitable patriotic and true symbol of our American heritage be found as a replacement as soon as possible, and that, however possible, a public apology to patriotic Americans everywhere for the insult to American ideals be made, using all possible news media for dissemination.

— Mrs. John Kressman  
Resolutions Chairman



# The Fascinating Miniatures

Mrs. E. R. Hunter *Horticulture Chairman*

There has been quite a boom in miniature plants over the last few years. Whether it is influenced by the interest in terrariums, the trend to apartment living, the crowded conditions of a true gardener's garden, or their own charming insouciance can only be speculation, but they are here in all their fascinating variety and the plant breeders are busily introducing new varieties for our delectation!

It is wise to make some special provision in our flower shows for these plants because they are easily overlooked by the judges. Since so many are new hybrids and therefore unfamiliar, it might be assumed that they are immature unless they are clearly labeled miniatures.

One easy way to do this is to have labels available in a special color; yellow or blue for example. Put one in the pot of each miniature and they can be easily spotted. This is better than having them in a separate class because they can be best judged in their own plant families.

Most plant families have some miniature varieties. Some, such as the Begonia and Saintpaulia, have lists of named miniature varieties put out by their respective societies. The plants have small leaves and small over-all circumference but flower bountifully just as the large varieties do. They need possibly a little more care, a little more attention to humidity control and light, than their larger relatives. Some of the more

difficult Begonias and Sinningias do best when grown in fish-bowls or terrariums because they need a controlled humidity.

Many outside garden plants also have miniature varieties. Miniature daylilies about 10 or 12 inches high are charmers and most of us are familiar with miniature roses and iris.

We may not be as familiar here with the miniature geraniums although they are extensively cultivated in England and elsewhere and at least one book has been written on the subject — *Miniature Geraniums* by Harold Bagust.

The cacti miniatures have become popular subjects for terrariums and dish-gardens and most nurseries now devote a table to them. Similar plants in the liliaceae family, some of which are small-growing, are the Haworthias and Gasterias.

One could have quite a large window or patio planting devoted exclusively to small Bromeliads. These plants, which are increasingly in demand as their decorative value is realized, come in some quite small varieties.

As to care, no special rules can be laid down because they are in so many diverse plant families and their care should be similar to that given their larger relatives.

Whatever their families, they are uniformly charming and eye-catching and it is really no wonder they are growing so fast in popularity.

The FLORIDA GARDENER

## Cypresswood



### OPENING 1974

A Golf and Country Club Planned Unit Development

TOTAL COMMUNITY LIVING

Condominiums—Single Family

**JOHN G. WOOD & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

409 E. CENTRAL AVENUE

WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA 33880

PHONE 813-294-7681

## Controlling Pests The Organic Way

As you know, our National Council President, Mrs. Kittel has added five specialized chairmanships under the Horticulture Chairman. One of these is ORGANIC GARDENING. While this is not a "new" subject, there are many new ideas to practice if you become an Organic Gardener.

When one hears "organic gardening" one thinks of non-chemical mulches, plant food, composts and insect repellants. In this article I will touch on controlling pests the organic way.

PREPARE SPRAYS of onions, garlic and hot peppers. Puree them in a blender, cover this mash with water and allow to stand for several hours. Strain, add more water to make about a gallon. Spray on roses, chrysanthemums, beans, eggplants and tomatoes. This will keep down even heavy insect infestation.

Hot peppers mixed with a little soap gives effective protection against ants, spiders, caterpillars and big tomato worms. The soil can be dusted with ground pepper. Aphids can usually be hosed off or controlled with an onion or shallot spray.

May-June 1974



**CONTROL** with natural enemies: Ladybugs can be bought. They are the natural enemies of harmful insects. Poison kills the "good guy" bugs. Birds, reptiles and toads are natural enemies of insects. *Sources for Ladybugs:*

Bio-Control Company, Rt. 2, Box 2397, Auburn, California 95603.

Lakeland Nursery, Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331.

World Garden Products, 2 First Street, E. Norwalk, Conn. 06855.

Preserve the helpful insects by using organic sprays.

**POUR BOILING WATER** on red ant beds. This kills ants, eggs and the queen.

**MAKE TRAPS** of orange rinds or cabbage leaves. Look under each day for pill bugs and slugs. Traps can also be made of boards. Overturn them to find snails, etc. "Trapped" insects can be stepped on or pour a little boiling water on them. This kills the eggs or larvae in the soil, lessening the chances that more will hatch.

**PLANT INSECTICIDES:** French Marigolds, Asters, Chrysanthemums, Cosmos and many herbs chase bugs away. Leaves of members of the cucumber family can be rubbed on pets to chase away flies. Garlic juice destroys bacteria that damage fruit, vegetables and nuts. Pepper juice fights virus. Anise kills spider mites. Osage Orange drives away roaches and waterbugs. The colorful flowering onion, Allium, is most effective in chasing pests and is attractive planted among your roses. Parsley planted among your tomatoes will prevent the invasion of the tomato hookworm. Marigolds chase away nematodes and also repel the Mexican Bean Beetle.

In later articles I will give information on Organic mulches, composting and fertilizers.

If you have any special secrets, clippings, etc. in these fields won't you share them with other gardeners? Please send any new ideas to me. If I get enough I will make Program Folders to lend out to all members of the Deep South Region.

Plan on having more programs on Organic Gardening in your own club.

Mrs. Louis M. Pfister  
3712 W. Metairie Avenue N.  
Metairie, Louisiana 70001

*Deep South Organic Gardening Chairman*



**You CAN Grow Roses  
in Florida . . . . .  
if they're NELSONS!**

**on Rosa fortuniana rootstock (Double-Cherokee)**

*Nelsons' Florida Roses*

Route 1, Box 164 • Apopka, Florida • 32703 • Telephone 886-3111  
Member: American Rose Society • Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association

# BIG WE DO THINGS WE COULDN'T SMALL.

People seem to have more trouble saying it  
than we have doing it.



**Southeast First National Beach Bank**

222 North Second Street  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250 (904) 249-2323

Member FDIC

## Resume Of Minutes

Compiled by Mrs. Melville Hall  
*Resume Chairman*

**Board Meeting, February 5-6**  
State Headquarters, Winter Park

Action taken by FFGC Board of Directors at their winter meeting:

- Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mount Dora, first vice president of National Council of State Garden Clubs, indorsed as president of National Council for 1975-77 term.

- Ratified appointment of Mrs. Riley Moffett, Pensacola, as 1974 Symposium chairman; Mrs. Ewald Korth, Deltona, as Youth Conference Scholarship chairman and Mrs. Augustus F. Williams, Indian Harbor Beach as Editor of 1976, 1977 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar.

- Heard FFGC President Mrs. Sidney Davis report on: attending National Council Board Meeting in St. Louis, Mo.; touring 12 districts, participating in groundbreaking ceremonies for a learning center at Estero State Park, attending Tropical Short Course at Broward Community College, attending Action Committee for the Environment (ACE) Conference in Washington, D.C., and Keep America Beautiful Convention, New York, where she accepted a citation for Tallahassee Garden Club on "Glen Glitter".

- Listened to reports of officers, district directors and committee chairmen.

- U.S. Highway 90 has been officially designated the first Scenic Route in Florida.

- Federated the Longboat Key Garden Club (District VIII), Coconut Creek Garden Club (XI), granted probationary status to Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club, Longwood (VII), and Anything Grows Garden Club, Miami (XII).

- Heard of new garden club organized at Blountstown (II); Harbor Garden Club (IX) has voted to become affiliated with FFGC; also Lazy Daisy Garden Circle (I). The Garden Club of Jacksonville reports 1 new circle, as does Ribault Garden Club, both (IV). Chorisia Garden Circle of the Federated Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale (XI) announced. The resignation of Riviera Beach Garden Club (X) announced.

- Consent received from donors of traveling trophies for them to be kept at Headquarters, with the exception of Award D-4 which the donors wish to remain a traveling trophy.

- Cost of Blue Star Markers has increased to \$200. Request made to designate I-95 as Blue Star Memorial Highway.



- 1974 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar "Sold out" and 1975 calendar ready for distribution at convention in Tallahassee.

- Heard Dr. Marty Wanielista of Florida Technical University speak on proposed Youth Environmental Conference he will direct; and saw an unusually interesting slide program presented by Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, public relations chairman of Miami, and her husband during dinner.

- Granted Maxine Wieselberg a one-half year Taylor R. Alexander Scholarship for the 1974 Spring term at University of Miami; David Olin White two-thirds of the George Morrison Scholarship in Landscape Architecture, effective January 1 to June, 1974, to attend University of Florida; and Richard Ernest Wells the \$1,000 George Morrison Scholarship in Landscape Architecture to attend University of Georgia, 1974-75.

- Approved five Flower Show Schools (one Bilingual).

- Ratified action of Headquarters Trustees in: purchasing new Patron's Plaque, employing carpenter for repairs, and contracting for plumber to connect onto city sewer and overhaul sprinkler system.

- The name of the late Mrs. W. T. Chennell, Orlando, has been placed on the Guardian of Gardening Wall as well as on the Patron's Plaque; \$1000 check presented for placing the name of the late Elsa B. (Mrs. Lee G.) Cass, Zephyrhills, on the marble Benefactors Panel in Headquarters foyer; newest patron, Mrs. D.O. Foshee, Jacksonville, welcomed.

- Book "Orchid Corsages and Leis" by Glad Reusch of St. Petersburg has been presented to Headquarters library.

- The President appointed Mrs.

Melville Hall, Zephyrhills, and Mrs. Truman Green, Tampa, to work with Historian Mrs. Isabel T. King, Delray Beach, in the compilation of a "50 Year History of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs"; also Mrs. E.R. Jordan, Miami, Mrs. Dursie Ekman, Tampa, and Mrs. Roger Waybright, Jacksonville, as a committee to investigate possibility of using PATE refunds for purchasing additional PATE books for placement in private school libraries and Colleges; and Mrs. F.D. Pierce, Fort Lauderdale, Mrs. W.B. Lemons, Winter Haven and Mrs. D.R. Villareal, Jr., Tampa, to investigate recording "Keep the Forest Green".

- Approved resolution protesting mural featuring likenesses of Marx, Engels, Stalin, Mao Tse-Tung and others displayed on walls of new Bicentennial Building in Washington D.C., as an affront to the American heritage.

- Endorsed book "Florida Wildflowers and Roadside Plants".

- Elected delegates to Deep South Convention at Natchez, Mississippi and National Council Convention in Boston, Mass.

- Voted to purchase an Amplivox lectern for Headquarters Assembly Room, trading in the old system.

- Heard progress report on Jr. Nature Camp Building program at Wekiwa State Park, with plans for its use this summer.

- The Federation reports 16 High School Gardener Units with 457 members in 9 districts, 83 Junior Gardener Clubs with 4373 members and 27 Intermediate Gardener units with 864 members registered.

- Advanced \$250 working capital loan to FFGC Landscape Design School, Course II; \$200 loan for Youth Environmental Conference; \$500 for 1974 Symposium and \$500 was given to Broward Community College for use toward a landscape project.

The FLORIDA GARDENER

# GRO-TONE

Now the only name  
you need to know for

**total**

## Lawn & Garden Care

**Proven Pelletized  
Super Plant Foods**



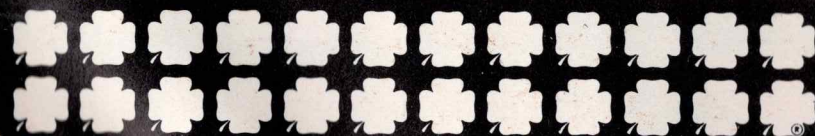
**New...Pesticides  
and Nutritional**



Gro-Tone is now the only name you need to know for *total* lawn and garden care... Gro-Tone Pelletized Super Plant Foods to make 'em beautiful and Gro-Tone Positive Pesticides and Nutritional to keep 'em that way. Both have Special Formulas for Florida, so they do a *beautiful* job. Ask your dealer for the helpful new Gro-Tone Florida Lawn and Garden Guide. It's FREE.

QUALITY BY KERR-McGEE CHEMICAL CORP.

Gro-Tone and cloverleaf design Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.





**Postmaster:** Please mail form 3579 to The Florida Gardener, P.O. Box 1381, Winter Haven, FL 33880

1975  
Florida Flower Arrangement  
CALENDAR



**FULL COLOR CALENDAR  
AVAILABLE MAY 1, 1974**

**Price \$1.75  
plus 4% Tax**

**ORDER FORM: Mrs. Arthur Pforr  
4831 Big Oaks Lane, Orlando, Fla. 32806**