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Calendar of Events

1973

Annual President's Conferences

IX Naples	May 29	VII Maitland	June 6
XII Miami	May 30	V Rainbow Lake Estates	June 7
XI Lighthouse Point	May 31	IV Orange Park	June 8
X Canal Point	June 1	III Carrabele	June 11
VI Palm Bay	June 4	II Chipley	June 12
VIII Bradenton	June 5	I Milton	June 13

Conservation Teachers Workshops:

University of West Florida, Pensacola	June 13-July 3
Pine Jog ES Center, West Palm Beach	June 18-July 6
FSS Symposium, Tampa	Fall
Junior Nature Camp	July 21 - August 11
NCSGC Board Meeting	October

MEMBERSHIP

MRS. SAM G. VERCOE

This has been an active and interesting year in membership. The use of application transfer forms has been encouraging and we have gained some membership by this. Circumstances dictate a turnover by transfers which evens out over a period of years — we do not want to lose any of our valuable members.

Some new and hopefully vital approaches are coming about due to us being on the threshold of an increasing change in residual habits in this country. This change is being brought about by the popularity of condominium living. Each one of you can think of four or five recent shifts to them among your own acquaintances. This is a fertile field — and has tremendous potential. Let us emphasize garden clubs — to be organized on the apartment

level — condominiums, etc. or for “wallbound” folks? Programs on color, design, identification of landscape plants and their use, dish gardens, hanging baskets, forcing bulbs (with water and rocks or soil). Table arrangements, pot plants in general (with special lessons on geraniums, bromeliads, etc.) bonsai, shrubs in tubs, driftwood, metal art, window boxes, “spray fertilizers and soils”, lighting and air conditioning effect on plants”, etc.

This chairman wishes to thank you one and all for your interest and help during the past year regarding our overall membership efforts. Let's keep rolling—knowing full well our membership is the necessary “plant food” to keep our organization FIRST.

President's Message

We are soon approaching the end of another administration. It does not seem possible that almost two years have passed when it began with the theme "Friendship and Unity In Gardening." At that time we pledged our untiring efforts to do our utmost in fulfilling the obligations required of the position. Demanding as they may have been at times, the excitement and sense of accomplishment were rewarding as well as the many friends made it all worthwhile.

Our organization has been built with loving hearts, strong minds and eager hands. It is now a time to change officers. Our incoming slate of officers will bring us new ideas, new inspiration and new energy along with their fine leadership qualities.

It would be easy to become nostalgic; however, we do want to express our gratitude to every garden club member who has supported our fine projects. We thank all the Presidents and Chairmen who attended the District Conferences and meetings and took back to their clubs the information and enthusiasm to follow through on the various facets of garden club activities. We thank the District Directors for their dedication to the clubs and the Florida Federation. We thank the clubs who served as hostess groups for the district meetings. We appreciate all the courtesies extended to the traveling officers and the cooperation given to the Directors at that time.

To our Board of Directors we find mere words inadequate to express our appreciation for their cooperation and assistance in making this administration most productive. We have made great strides

in many fields such as E I P, scholarships, youth and garden therapy projects.

We end this administration with one request. By now all clubs and circles and the members of the Board of Directors have received a copy of the Revised Manual. The service copies are not to be kept for personal use. We ask those who received these copies from the Federation to pass them on to the next administration. Other copies may be purchased for individual use from our Headquarters. We are counting on each of you to cooperate by passing along this valuable source of information and reference.

These past two years have been both rewarding and enlightening for your President. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as your representative on the Deep South Region Council and the National Council Board. We were proud to report of your many accomplishments. Congratulations to all of you for many jobs well done. Again to all—thank you for your many kind words, your strong support and gracious hospitality. They have left many irreplaceable memories.

With Gratitude and Love,

ANNE GURKE

"FLORIDA'S EIGHTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM"

DATES: October 2-5, 1973
PLACE: International Inn, 4800 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33609
INSTRUCTORS: Mrs. James A. McBain, Mountain Lakes N.J.; Mrs. Harry A. Gwinner, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Henry P. Orr, Auburn, Alabama
CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Dursie Ekman, 4501 Vasconia, Tampa, Florida 33609
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CAMP GROUNDBREAKING

. . . A Giant Step

By MRS. DEWEY R. VILLAREAL, JR.

We took a GIANT step together on March 14, 1973 when President Anne Gurke representing FFGC and Ney C. Landrum representing the Division of Recreation and Parks, Department of Natural Resources turned two spades of earth in a formal groundbreaking ceremony at the site of FFGC's Youth Camp at Wekiwa Springs State Park. That special day, so long anticipated, included a cloudless sky, a bright sun, a ride into the camp site by a tractor-drawn charrabang to a special place under a canopy of live oaks on the shore of Lake Pevatt.

Our long-time dream took one step closer to reality and you were here. Close to 150 FFGC members who came from all over Florida to witness the event were mute testimony to the years of dedication of purpose of almost 30,000 members who have helped in every conceivable way to make a nebulous dream of someday a reality. After the ceremony they talked of next year when a pair of scissors would replace the groundbreaking spade, of when a ribbon would fall and OUR

camp would open its doors.

Mr. Landrum spoke of his personal commitment to the completion of the project. Mrs. Gurke commended the members of the Federation for their support and commended former President Mrs. Philip Zenn (Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Jr.) during whose tenure the project was launched and Mrs. Mabel Miller first camp director, as well as the camp building committee; Mrs. Jack Allen, Mrs. Ray Knopke, Mrs. G. T. Smith, Jr., Mrs. E. R. Johnson and Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal, Jr.

Featured speaker Senator Louis de la Parte of Tampa, president pro tempore of the Florida Senate emphasized the need for educating Florida youth in conservation and the steps being taken by the Florida legislature to give every child in Florida a chance to reach adulthood as a contributing citizen. He commended FFGC for their insight in knowing that young

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FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE I

DATES: November 13 - 15, 1973

PLACE: Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, Florida

INSTRUCTORS: Mrs. Rodney B. Radford, Artistic; Mrs. James A. McBain, Flower Show Practice; Dr. Robert J. Knight, Horticulture.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

This is the "omega" issue of the 1971-73 administration and this chairman (editor). TFG is the "tie that binds" FFGC!

Garden club (FFGC) aims and purposes were "heralded" in all issues, and special emphasis of the administration's theme. Plus feature articles by guest writers, related publications and all copy submitted from the various organization levels of FFGC.

All covers were scenical and the last four covers of volume 21 were wrapped. Advertising revenue made it possible to add four pages in issues 2, 3, 4 and 5 of volume 21. Eight out of 10 issues during this administration included timeless circulation information. The manager's motto was "spreading garden clubs news and views through increased circulation." TFG's circulation heading was reproduced by other State Federations and the guidelines and editorials were copied.

A subscriber was added from the Netherlands Antilles and there were new subscribers from other states and from within Florida.

EMPHASIS: "Beauty of Sharing, Lake-Sumter CC"; "Containers with Possibilities"; "JNC Ground-breaking"; "Utopia? Maybe So It

Seemed to Me"; and "Salutes to the Following Leaders—Mrs. Arlie Hopkins, Mrs. Alex McIntosh, Mrs. W. S. Miller and Mrs. H. D. Brooks."

You are urged to read: Your FFGC President's report "Deep South Regional Convention"; your Director's report; and reports of State Chairmen.

Serving as editor was a sharing and enlightening experience to me, and I am grateful to all contributors that shared their knowledge and love of gardening through TFG.

"The development of this thought world is in a certain sense a continuous flight from wonder." — Albert Einstein

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FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE II, TAMPA

DATES: May 15-17, 1973

CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Dursie Ekman, 4501 Vasconia, Tampa, Florida 33609

INSTRUCTORS: Mrs. Thomas H. Ward, Artistic; Mrs. Robert N. Guthrie, Horticulture and Flower Show Practice.

COURSE I, GAINESVILLE

DATES: October 9, 10 and 11

CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Ralph Cillon, Route 3, Box 83, Gainesville, Florida 32601

COURSE II, OLANDO

DATES: 27, 28 and 29

CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Robert Guthrie, 6645 Lake Cane Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32805

Trees and a Woman's World 80 Slides

Preparer: Southern Forest Institute, Atlanta, Georgia. There is a tape to accompany this—running time—20 minutes, 51 seconds, or the written commentary can be used. Submitter: Mrs. Doris C. Rogers, Headquarters Office Manager.

WELCOMING REMARKS —

By NEY C. LANDRUM

*Director, Division of Recreation and Parks, Florida Department of Natural Resources, at the Groundbreaking Ceremony
Wekiwa Springs Youth Camp, Wekiwa Springs State Park*

It is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome you to Wekiwa Springs State Park today on behalf of the Florida Department of Natural Resources and its component agency the Division of Recreation and Parks. I bring you greetings from Governor Askew and the members of the Florida Cabinet, who collectively serve as Head of the Department of Natural Resources; and from our Executive Director, Randolph Hodges, who would be with us this afternoon but for his participation in the Governor's Conference on Energy now in progress in Tallahassee.

This is a happy day we have all been looking forward to for some time; and I am sure the eager anticipation we in the Division of Recreation and Parks have felt has been exceeded only by that of Mrs. Villareal and the ladies of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs who have worked so hard to make the Wekiwa Springs Youth Camp a reality.

Almost three years ago, as I was assuming the duties of State Parks

Director, retiring Director Bill Miller came to me with a personal request. He mentioned that of all the projects and programs the Division had underway, a special few were of particular importance to him, and that he would hope I would see them through for him. One of these was the Wekiwa Springs Youth Camp. I was happy to give Bill my commitment at that time, and I have done my best to keep it.

But while we have been privileged to play a small part in this worthy project, the real credit for the result we witness today must go to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs — and particularly to Jean Villareal and her dedicated, hard-working committee. It has been a wonderful experience for us just to be on the same team with such a dynamic and purposeful group of ladies.

And of course we are deeply indebted to the Florida Legislature for its indispensable support and assistance. Without the timely appropriation of funds last year, the

Wekiwa Springs Youth Camp would still be little more than a fond hope. We are honored today by the presence of two of those who played such an instrumental part in securing the needed legislative appropriation: Senators Lou de la Parte and Ray Knopke.

I am totally confident that when it is completed the Wekiwa Springs Youth Camp will be one of the finest facilities of its kind in the country. Certainly the great diversity and beauty of Wekiwa Springs State Park offer an ideal setting for the camp, and we in the Division of Recreation and Parks are delighted to make the facilities and services of the park available for this purpose. I know I speak for our entire staff in pledging all-out support for this project, and we look forward to a long continuation of our pleasant and productive relationship with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Again, let me welcome you here this afternoon for this glorious occasion, and invite you to return at some early date to behold the gratifying results of the work we begin here today.

CAMP GOUNDBREAKING ...

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people are our most important product, and for doing something about it.

The program emceed by Mrs. Dewey Villareal, camp building committee chairman and camp director included Mrs. Roger Kruse, FFGC camp volunteer; Miss Donna Rich, camp counselor; Tom Harrer, Gainesville camper; Mrs. Sidney Davis, FFGC first vice president and former Senator Ray C. Knopke.

The FFGC Board of Directors, meeting at Cypress Gardens January 20, 1971, ratified a proposal to enter into a joint program with the Florida Division of Recreation and Parks, Department of Natural Resources, to build a conservation-nature study camp for youth at Wekiwa Springs State Park with the state providing \$100,000 if the Federation could raise \$75,000 by May, 1973. Through your dedication and belief FFGC's goal is very near. Because of YOU there will be a camp, and because of YOU boys and girls for years to come will live and learn in Florida at a special place . . . Wekiwa.

On March 14 we took a GIANT step together. Let us continue.



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Districts

District II

By MRS. GEO. W. HORNE, *Director*

District II's activities began in October 1972 with a Horticulture Workshop at the beautiful Falling Waters State Park near Chipley. The day began with a plant sale with proceeds going to World Gardening and the Youth Camp at Wekiwa. The youth who attended the Environmental Happening were on the program along with other distinguished and informed guests. This was followed by a flower show with the High School Gardeners of Chipley having 100 arrangements. Next for Halloween instead of collecting tricks for treats they collected trash for treats. Many civic organizations assisted in this worthwhile project. October 23rd the Parker Garden Club installed a Blue Star Marker. This was a very beautiful and impressive ceremony.

Arbor Day found clubs planting trees all over District II at school grounds, parks, libraries, garden centers and guidance clinics.

District II has now eight new Amateur Accredited Flower Show Judges of which we are very proud.

March 25th will climax several weeks of fix up, paint up campaign in Panama City, Florida. The sixth annual Azalea Trail and the Crowning of the Azalea Queen will take place at the Panama City Federated Garden Club at the garden center. This is an annual event and

gets more beautiful every year.

A first for our district is the Spring flower show which will take place April 14-15. Everyone has been busy planning and getting ready for this event. The theme, "The Changing Scene" will bring into play artistic designs and horticulture from all over the district. The High School Gardeners and Intermediate Gardeners will also participate with their section titled, "Beauty in Growth". The Quincy Garden Club has set March 21-April 7 as "Quincy Springtime," a community-wide event to be celebrated on Thursday, April 5. Springtime Tallahassee, Inc. has included Quincy Springtime in its calendar of scheduled events. Their spring flower show will be included in the afternoon tour.

So you see although small our district is on the ball.

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District IV

By MRS. MILBURN PAULK, *Director*

YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE: As a result of this program sponsored by National

Council and Shell Oil Co. last summer our young people as well as our youth directors came home inspired and determined to help "clean up" our environment. One ambitious chairman received a 10-speed bike from "Santa". Saturdays she collects Junior Gardeners—they all collect recyclable bottles, cans, and paper, sell same, use money to purchase trees, shrubs, and fertilizer for school grounds. At flea markets and bazaars they sell plants, etc. This money is given towards building their own cabin at Wekiwa.

HORTICULTURE: One club has five yearly horticulture workshops. These include dish gardens for apartment dwellers and hanging baskets, with much of materials donated. They also have five yearly flower arranging workshops. All are open to the public and average 150 people each.

TREES: Upwards of 21,000 flowering trees were sold by three clubs to the public. One member who planted 1,200 red cedar trees on her property last year, this year planted 2,200.

SPECIAL THERAPY: Gifts and money were taken to Sunland. Many clubs gave gift-wrapped necessities as tooth paste, soap, and canned goods to the needy. 200 live trees (decorated) and 22 wreaths were taken to Naval Air Station for our hospitalized service people. Juniors took gifts, sang Christmas carols to Senior Citizens.

SPECIAL, SPECIAL THERAPY: One club took hybrid azalea plants to our Naval Hospital for the bedside of each returning P. O. W.

JUNIOR GARDENERS: District IV, the one that does more, has really done more for our Youth. In addition to our "Youth Is a Three Ring Circus" flower show in the fall we had another first at our February workshop. 19 "Green Bug" J.G.'s attended the therapy portion (in lieu of their social study class in school), also the horticulture "show and tell" plant demonstration. This lecturer gave each J.G. a plant, including golden rain trees. (P.S. These J.G.'s had their own Kool-Aid and Cookie table, specially decorated by themselves, at coffee break.)

HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS: The theme of one H.S.G. units is "Recycle Happiness". They accomplish this by collecting magazines for prisoners, Christmas cards for senior citizens, dress lengths of fabric for needy, used baby clothes, toys for Indian children, and make puppets for childrens' hospital. An ecology project of one H.S.G. unit of 171 members is spearheading the clearing of 300 acres (recently donated by the Government) preparatory to making this into a new City park that will include four lakes and many nature trails. This group is presently clearing two large picnic areas. They work alternate Saturdays with adult leaders and a member of City Park Department (advisory). In addition to homemade cupcakes, etc., their interests have been stimulated by finding one sleepy snake and a nest of baby rabbits.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT: A cypress swamp, heavily wooded, consisting of approximately 160 acres with a large section covered by several inches of water, is described as

being "alive". It is centrally located and easily accessible to all schools in the county. This to be used for field trips to acquaint "Youths" with swamp flora and fauna — accessible by means of a low placed boardwalk over the water for maximum study without destruction and with well marked trails. Also, parking areas for buses and cars transporting children. Another exciting aspect of this project is that a special course in Environmental Education is being offered by University of North Florida (five hours credit). Service to our Community is our objective with special emphasis on beautification, environment, education and to instill this in our "Youth"—our leaders of tomorrow.

The third Blue Star Marker was dedicated May 8, by Mrs. Andrew A. Gurke, President of FFGC, and the fourth one is being processed. "DISTRICT IV DOES MORE."

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District V

MRS. HUGH C. SIMMONS, *Director*

During the 1971-1973 administration, District Five has added two federated clubs, one probationary club and one new circle. The district now has two HSG units and two registered Junior Gardening Clubs.

Lively members of Five have fed the birds, planted trees, collected cans for recycling, had workshops on artistic design, and horticulture, conducted two flower show schools (one with student guests from Peru), provided decorations for Deep South Regional Convention and beautified buildings, roadsides and parks. Conservation, Garden Therapy and Horticulture rate high in District Five.

Members have supported landscape, tree and sign ordinances and the preservation of the Chassahowitzka and Cedar Key National Wildlife Refuges. They have assisted in cleaning up Lake Alice on the UF campus, given strong opposition to construction of a cross-campus highway, supported a county billboard ordinance which was adopted six months before state enactment and continued support of efforts to make the Suwanee River a wild and scenic river. Members also urge protection and preservation of beautiful areas within the district, the two most recently endangered being Rainbow River near Dunnellon and Devil's Mill-hopper out of Gainesville.

For those less fortunate, members of Five have a deep concern. In addition to monetary contributions, books, tools, flower pots, etc. have been given to the correctional institutions, Key Center, Sunland Training Center, the Youth Development Center and CARE. One club raised \$1,000 for help in establishing a wholesale nursery which will serve as a sheltered workshop, providing employment and training for handicapped adults who have finished their special education in the public school but who are not yet trained for employment.

Growing plants continues to be a prime objective of garden clubbers in Five. Members then use the plants for exchanges, beautification and to sell for ways and means.

Standard flower shows please the public in many of the communities within the district. The two newly federated clubs will each have standard shows during 1973. For the first time in Live Five several clubs are joining forces to present an Area Show within the district. Christmas Home Tours were presented by four of the clubs.

For a lively conclusion to the past two years of work and fun, the director has asked that members throughout the district plant fence rows, vacant lots, roadsides, etc. with sunflower seeds. Live Five is going to plant sunflower all over the place, and put on a happy face!

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District VIII

MRS. DURSIE EKMAN, *Director*

GrVIII Clubs hear a different drummer and they step to the music which plays their tempo.

The beat "Plant a Tree in '73",

has reverberated throughout VIII. Unknown to each other, Clubs adopted this theme and challenge and 14,791 trees have been planted in home gardens, school grounds, churches, parks and camp grounds, institutions, along roadsides and in Civic projects. An Arbor Day tree donated 10 years ago is the town's living Christmas tree. This Arbor Day eight trees were designated "Freedom Trees" and honored POW's and MIA's. Another Club of 10 Circles celebrated Arbor Day at 13 Elementary Schools.

District's "Round Robin" workshop kept Chairmen fast stepping to present programs on Garden Therapy, EIP, Horticulture, World Gardening, Awards, Junior Nature Camp, Youth, Conservation and Flower Shows. The audience remained stationary and chairmen revolved and performed from her appointed station within the room.

It's toe tapping time as members inspect service stations and outdoor eateries and rate them for cleanliness and publicly give awards to the "Tops". Recycling centers pickups have been increased to handle the mountaineous deposits of glass, metal and newspapers — 15 members flattened 8,617 cans and delivered 1,420 pounds of papers. Another Club recycled 132 2/5 TONS of paper to "Save Trees in '73"! Also litter bags were distributed, circulated flyers with City Ordinances of trash and garbage collections and were actively engaged in clean-up, paint-up, green-up campaigns. Spots of Genn Glitter are shown on two channels.

The tempo quickens when members attend hearings, write letters in behalf of protecting and preserving Natural Resources, verbally

appeal to Local and State Officials for aid. The Conservation Pledge is included in the openings of Club meetings. Members have been instrumental to have lands dedicated as parks, build nature trails with name tagged plants, one even has an Indian Mound and boat dock, established Miniparks, and have joined with other Organizations to improve environmental quality of communities. Members serve on River Front Landfill Board, Beautification Councils, Tree Ordinance Review Board, and Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committees. 29 PATE books have been placed in schools. Purchased two small dune land lots for a Nature Preserve and are negotiating for an additional lot. Four GrVIIIers will attend Blanche Covington—one as their R.N.

Eight's Youth keep leaders young (?) but moving in double time, guiding, teaching and all learning together. Memberships continue to increase in the Units and also more campers than ever returned home with red bug bites and happy stories. There is an Adventure Garden where Juniors are growing and sowing tunnels, teepees, topiaries and edible flowers . . . never has a bean vine had so many eyes watching it! \$3,149.05 has been contributed to District's Cabin Fund and an individual Club has pledged another cabin. One Club provided 49 Camperships and 10 made donations for the underprivileged to attend Junior Nature Camp.

BEAUTY is our business is evidenced by the many beautification projects enhancing VIII. On work days a sign reads "Your Garden Club at Work, Slow Down", it's a traffic stopper. The Presidential Beautification Award winning sta-

tion is the site of the filming of Shell Oil's advertisement using GrVIIIers to show the cooperation between industries and Garden Clubs to beautify and improve communities.

To put pep in GrVIII's steps are 80 adults, 29 juniors, 2 regionals, 2 national, 1 Shell Oil and 6 EIP Awards applied for; all clubs have at least one horticulture program, and most have plant exchange and special horticulture projects. More clubs are meeting "Plant Families" and becoming better acquainted. Life in institutions, special schools, nursing homes and Senior citizens' apartments are brightened through active and service Garden Therapy projects. One such project is conducted by 17 adults, with 30 children and following the Therapy class there is a dancing class! World Gardening donations continue to march to institutions and also on to foreign lands. Thirty-eight Circles of one Club each made a donation to World Gardening for 100% . . . the first in their history! District's hit song is "Eight Is Great" and is expected to have a long run!

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District IX

MRS. JOHN G. WOOD, *Director*

Enthusiastic "Super Niners" from District IX have given meaning to

the words of our President, "Friendship and Unity in Gardening." Their friendly and harmonious efforts in promoting the objective of the F.F.G.C. have resulted in outstanding accomplishments during this past year.

We point with pride to the overwhelming support of F.F.G.C.'s Junior Nature Camp Cabin Fund. Two cabins have been subscribed by District IX, one by the general membership with The Edison Garden Club of Fort Myers as a major contributor, and another by The Garden Club of Bartow in honor of Petunia Miller (Mrs. W. S.) a pioneer in F.F.G.C. Junior Nature Camp activities. Space does not permit the naming of all the individual Club accomplishments, but it is felt the outstanding contributions of the above two clubs deserve special mention.

District activities included a "Truth for Youth" environmental conference which was very well received by the 110 youth leaders who attended from the high schools in our District. Another project sponsored by the District which was of special interest to our clubs was an Awards Workshop. Subjects covered were: how to apply; what awards are available; how to prepare a presentation. Clubs have applied for 55 awards.

The Annual District Meeting in Haines City, the President's orientations in Winter Haven and Fort Myers, and our Annual Workshop, also in Fort Myers, were all well attended by enthusiastic "Super Niners." Flower Show School, Course II, was held in Lakeland and Course III is to be conducted at Lehigh Acres.

Our Clubs continue to exhibit much interest in two basic ingredients of our organization, Horticulture and Conservation. This is evidenced by the many clubs reporting horticulture programs, plant exchanges and varied horticulture projects such as free gardening courses for the public, horticulture workshops and plant giveaways to their communities. Their conservation activities are reflected in many ways with great emphasis being placed by the clubs in greater cooperation with city and state officials to help them realize their objectives. Memberships in National Audubon Society and other conservation groups are also reported as a means of participation in Conservation activities; children in many schools are having their curriculum enriched with conservation knowledge by the placing of "People and their Environment" in their classrooms by our clubs.

Arbor Day activities continue as one of our clubs' main interests, with tree planting programs at schools, public areas and their own homes. One club reported an Arbor Day program with 750 children present; another one in which Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Kindergarteners, State Foresters and "Smokey the Bear" participated. A special fund to replace oaks uprooted for road construction is another Arbor Day project reported.

Civic projects, Garden Therapy, Litter Control, World Gardening, Flower Shows, in fact, all the varied facets of our world of gardening are part of their monthly activities. The District IX Clubs also support F.F.G.C. Calendar sales, they send delegates to Convention, they honor their presidents in "Paradise of

Presidents" and their members with Life Memberships.

Their accomplishments are Super! This Director is honored and proud to have had the privilege of serving as their Director.

Aloha!

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District X

MRS. FOLMER A. SORENSEN, *Director*

Hats off to the members of "TERRIFIC TEN" for their cooperation and involvement in the many activities of the Federation's aims!

District Meetings have been graciously hosted by clubs giving terrific programs and work shops in addition to reports. At one Fall District X Meeting, President's reports were compiled and reported. Workshops were instituted on Horticulture, highlighting small plants; Bonsai potted plants displayed and discussed; Flower Arrangements with colored lighting effects were presented; a display of Wedding Shower gifts and decorations of original ideas from recycled materials was so successful we are invited to bring this to the State Convention in May.

A Landscape Design Critic's Workshop under the sponsorship of District X was held open to the public and high school students for three consecutive Mondays. Lectures were held on Landscaping, Parks, Horticulture, Slides of Flowering Trees, Zoning and discussion of the Lethal Yellowing of Palms. Ice cream made with tropical fruits was served.

A "TERRIFIC TEN" Flower Show was held at the South Florida Fair. Clubs throughout the district contributed Flower Arrangements, Horticulture, Special Bromeliad and Hanging Baskets displays, Conservation, Camping, "How to" steps on Constructed Flowers, Weaving with native materials, Litter Control and Poisonous Plants. We are happy to cite the West Palm Beach Garden Club for chairing the show. This was open to the public. Hostesses were dressed up as clowns with regulation painted faces which delighted the children. Girl Scout Group Leaders requested workshops on weaving from our members.

1972 Flower Show School Symposium was held in Palm Beach Shores. National Council speakers were among the teachers conducting classes. Chairman Milo Martin reports 196 attended and 86 took the exams.

A Christmas Symposium with over 250 attending was given. Mr. Bob Thomas' program was on Christmas arrangements and decorations for the home and public buildings, theme, "Greens, Glitter and Gleam."

This District gave \$25.00 in Memorium to State Headquarters for our dear Celia Grant, an authority on palms and other horticulture.

We are proud of our own Velma

Gwinn, incoming State Second Vice President. She is and has been an inspiration to us all.

West Palm Beach Garden Club will chair the 1975 State Flower Show.

Two clubs have added substantial auditoriums to their garden centers, which have been dedicated. Members aided on financial matters, painted, and papered inside buildings.

Dreher Park in West Palm Beach was dedicated to the man, Mr. Paul Dreher, whose vision and work throughout many years made possible the park and garden center, through the efforts of the garden club and city commissioners.

Clubs are active in Therapy, working with patients in nursing homes weekly, teaching, corsaging, weaving, flower arranging, planting and crafts.

A Parley of seven clubs have formed a committee of one member from each club who check and approve appropriate site plans for landscaping for all building and parking lots in this city.

Active Junior Club members are making posters, assisting in Litter Control, entering flower show and recycling aluminum can projects. High School students have attended the National Council of State Garden Clubs' pilot Youth Environmental Conference in August, 1972, at the Florida Technological University, Orlando. They have been active in Litter Control, painting litter barrels and related subjects.

A set of 24 slides have been donated to State Headquarters of this

building and grounds by one of our clubs. Slides have been taken of blue ribbon flower arrangements and shown when classes are being conducted on this subject.

A House and Garden Show was given, the proceeds to go for purchase of land so the area may be preserved for a Nature Trail.

Donations are being sent in for the continuation of Horticulture Programs in Correctional Institutions. Many books on PATE, People and Their Environment, have been placed on our schools. For six Mondays, a course was given on Landscape Design using the Primer as a guide, followed by an hour on horticulture, open to members and new residents. A new Head Start School was landscaped and called "The Story Book Garden", the club members doing the planting after having raised most of the plants. They had assistance from a local landscaping company who brought in a huge ficus tree for shade in the school play yard; interested men and boys from the area helped with larger fruit tree planting. Palms, shrubs, shrubs to attract birds and a live Christmas tree planted which can be seen from the school windows. A Meditation Rock was placed in one area for those who had mis-behaved in school. The first day a "Dinner on the Ground" was provided by club members and enjoyed by all including the workers. This project was a continuing one for two years.

Members have held plant exchanges, plant sales for benefits, paper drives, written weekly newspaper articles on Horticulture subjects which were then compiled into a book in conjunction with the local newspaper as a public service; sent

children to camp, hacked out a nature trail which enables them to teach children Conservation, called a "Walk and Talk" nature trip; making mini parks, applying and receiving awards.

To cite one particular member in TERRIFIC TEN, she chaired the City Sign Code Revision Committee, took slides of prolific and ugly signs and billboards and prepared guide lines for above code; wrote a Landscape Ordinance for the city which was adopted; this member is now sworn in as first woman Commissioner of Parks, for a two-year term and is now coordinating efforts for State Funds for research on the Lethal Yellowing of Palms. Another member offers prizes for the most plants on the Conservation List being planted in members gardens.

District X funds are growing for our contribution of a cabin in Camp Wekiwa.

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District XI

MRS. JOHN R. PHELPS, *Director*

During the past year, the garden clubs of District XI have continued their efforts to preserve and develop the natural and human resources of their areas.

Beautification of city areas has taken top priority in many clubs. One club is planting trees in a city park, another is cleaning up and planting the median strip on the main highway, a third has replanted and is maintaining the seven entrance gardens to the city and is planting a large number of trees in the Recreation Park. Two probationary clubs are concerned about, and active in, planting public areas in their new developments. Junior and Intermediate Gardeners planted trees on school grounds and in city areas on Arbor Day.

Horticulture programs have been emphasized in all clubs. Added to the usual "growing plants in gardens", were programs on "growing plants indoors and on balconies", with the hope that some of the concrete and artificial foliage in "high rises" will be counter-balanced by live, growing plants and flowers.

To further the aim of encouraging young people to preserve our natural resources, individuals and clubs have contributed over \$8,000 to the building of three cabins at the new Wekiwa Nature Camp, and will send over 50 boys and girls to Nature Camp this summer, chosen from the eight Junior and Intermediate Garden Clubs in District XI.

Education of its members and the community in beautifying the environment has been furthered by dedicated district chairmen who have planned and carried out workshops and programs such as: a workshop on teaching conservation to children, a leadership workshop for club officers, two horticulture workshops, a garden-of-the-month contest, a garden tour, a workshop

on producing a flower show, and Flower Show School Course V. Also, eight clubs produced flower shows.

Concern for areas other than their own was evidenced by club contributions to the therapy programs in state prisons and to CARE, and concern for the less

fortunate in District XI was evidenced by the hours of work spent in hospitals and a variety of care centers.

It takes a versatile and involved group of members to carry on successfully these many facets of garden club work. It has been a privilege to work with them.

PHILOSOPHY

Promotion of the Litter Control program started in the Lakes and Hills Garden Club of Mount Dora, Florida. Its success prompted its adoption by the Florida Chamber of Commerce. The program was formally adopted by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. in 1951 and by the National Council of State Garden Clubs in 1952. Today, it is an international program.

TWO DECADES LATER...

Nearly two decades later, in 1971, a Tallahassee student entered a Garden Club contest with a poster which featured a white church, clean surroundings, and shade trees and which bore the words, "God Made This Earth Clean, Let's Keep It That Way." This inspired members of the Tallahassee Garden Club to adopt the more positive term, "G-litter" over the less positive "anti-litter." "G" from God, "G" from Garden, "G" from the Good we may do and "G" from the Gratification we get from the cleanliness of our surroundings. The idea of a "Glitterbug" was depicted by Ann Kirn, noted illustrator of children's books, who offered the right to have the symbol registered with Florida's Secretary of State. Soon after, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs adopted the "Glitterbug" idea and slogan.

Florida's Department of Transportation collaborated with the Garden Club to give the bug personality. The result is a cartoon character, "Glenn Glitter," created by C.T. Kemp. Glenn Glitter now is beginning to appear on trash receptacles on highways, turnpikes, and parkways. Glenn Glitter says, "Keep Our Highways Glitter Clean."

The Glitter program gained official recognition and statewide acceptance when Governor Reubin O'D. Askew proclaimed the month of May, 1972, as "Make Florida Glitter Clean Month," and urged all citizens to labor vigorously towards that end during every day of the year.

The Florida Department of Education has now developed this packet to bring the Glitter program into focus for school-aged children. Its aim is to transform the litterbugs in our society into Glitterbugs by instilling a positive attitude at an early age to "Keep Florida Glitter Clean."

Including others and getting yourselves involved in this program will be a rewarding source of love, taking us back to the first "G" in Glenn Glitter's name.

— TRIBUTES —

District VI

Fountain of Youth

Mrs. Blanche (Arlie) Hopkins' granddaughter, as a young child, was playing in the Hopkins yard, on a bluff 17 feet above the waters of the Indian River, when a stranger came by. The stranger asked her, "Who lives here?" "My grandfather does," replied the child. "Who owns this house?" the stranger then asked. "My grandfather does," she said again. The stranger then looked out toward the river and remarked, "This is certainly a beautiful view." The child replied, without looking up, "He owns that, too."

Blanche has lived at 1805 S. Riverview Drive since 1935 but the house has stood in this spot since before the turn of the century. "It was among the first residences built in Melbourne," and it was built by crews from steamers and tradeboats stopping in Melbourne, waiting for return cargo . . . Anyone visiting Blanche is invited to sit on an enclosed porch facing east as the view is magnificent and she gladly shares it with everyone. The house is a lovely mixture of old and new. The "new," the art, crafts and flower arrangements Blanche makes.

Her late husband was the son of the founder of the Union Cypress Saw Mill. The mill employed many black people and it was through this association that Blanche has maintained friendship ties with the black community . . . A few years ago when racial problems were brewing, she attended a gathering in the black community. She spoke

briefly and quietly to the people and likes to believe her little speech and attitude had some influence in keeping racial problems under control.

Blanche is a retired civil service employee, a legal secretary and still uses her shorthand at times. Her motto is to "keep studying to keep mentally alert."

In 1939 she toured several European countries as a delegate of the Farm Women of the World. She is currently state chairman of the World Gardening of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, is an honorary life member of the Brevard Hospital Guild, and a life member of the Newspaper Women of America.

She has been a member of the Melbourne Garden Club for many years, is presently president of the Bowe Garden Club, a flower show judge, is interested in bonsai and Japanese flower arranging. Hand-in-hand with her flower arranging Blanche also teaches and demonstrates table settings, grows rosemary, marjoram and oregano in her kitchen and on the porch, and finds time to make dried arrangements and collages of all types, using dried ferns, pine cones, sweet gum balls and anything else from the world of nature. Her son once told her, "If St. Peter can't find a bottle of Elmer's glue in Heaven for you, I'm sure you won't stay there."

Blanche reads her horoscope

everyday . . . "I read two different ones from different papers and I take the one I like best. Usually they tell me to keep my big mouth shut."

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bourne Times, February 19, 1973, Mrs. Weona Cleveland.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Fountain of Youth" for TFG was arranged by Mrs. J. B. Threlkeid, thanks Frances.



Blanche sharing her view with her gray cat "Smokey." Credit: Melbourne Times

District VII

An Outstanding Garden —An Outstanding Lady

By MRS. RALPH MCBEE

On the south side of Orlando, tucked away behind a screen of old camphor trees, and flowering shrubs, in an obscure location, lies one of the most beautiful camellia gardens in Florida or any place, for that matter.

The garden entrance is an archway of wrought iron, covered with old-fashioned ivy on the front, and Confederate jasmine, entwined with climbing fern on the back. If you will glance down at your feet you will see a little plaque with this inscription:

*God bless my bit of garden,
And make its flowers grow,
That it may give some pleasure
To all the folks I know.*

Here begins a winding tour over stepping stones, mostly throughout the garden. Bordering these walkways are a variety of plants. Some loving shade, others, the sun. Border grasses and day lilies make up the majority. There are over 3,000 varieties of the day lilies.

Immediately you're impressed with the fragrance and beauty. There are old and new varieties of camellias, plus many seedlings not yet named. Also there are many Chinese Reticulatas camellias —

among the over 400 camellias. Large ones and others not so large are interspersed with a variety of other flowers. A dozen or more citrus trees fill the air with that inimitable orange blossom fragrance.

Among other trees in this garden are pink and white Dogwood, "Red Bud", crepe myrtles of all colors, Jacaranda, several varieties of holly, magnolia Grandiflora, fuscata, Florida, and white, purple and pink Japanese magnolias.

Azaleas are used in abundance, both as border and specimen planting. Among other things you will find many old-fashioned flowers, like flowering almond, sweet Olive, spireas, sweet-shrub, lavender and white wisteria, gardenias, hydrangeas, lily-of-the-valley. Others found here are: blue and white lily of the Nile, narcissus, clivias, begonias, violets, ferns, Holland and Meade strain amaryllis, most colors of glads, plus the original bronze one, a small rose garden, and the climbing yellow Banksia rose on the fence. There are hundreds of tropical plants, but the main attraction is the lovely camellias.

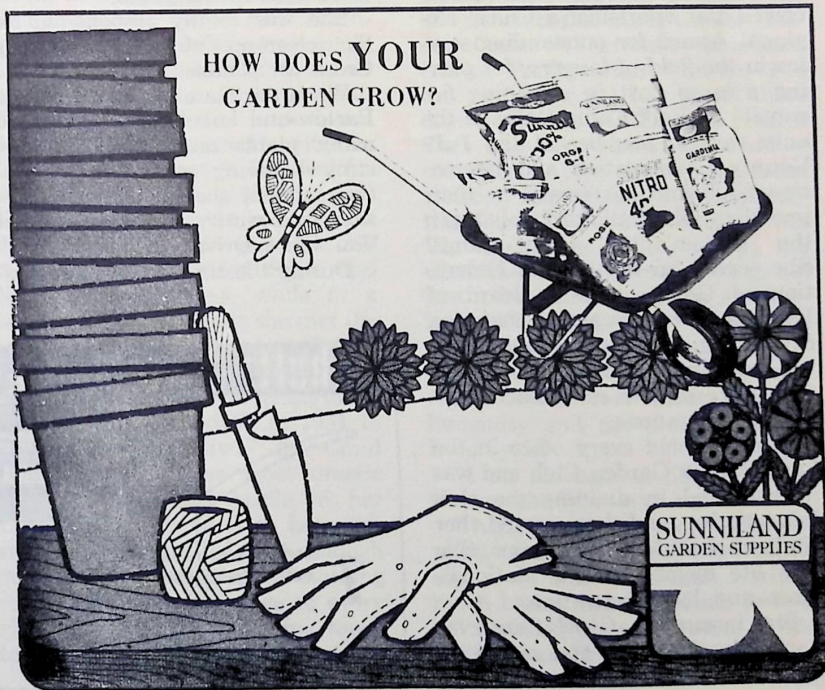
This garden is owned by Mrs. H. D. Brooks, wife of the late H. D.

Brooks, former owner of Brooks' Nursery, which was purchased in 1960. The pattern followed is the fulfillment of a dream of Mrs. Brook's mother, who lived there 20 years, and Mrs. Brook's own insight, gleaned mostly from her contact with the Orlando Garden Club and the Garden Makers Circle. Many ideas were gleaned from visits to Southern gardens, and a great number of European gardens. Mrs. Brooks is a member of the Orlando Garden Club, Central Florida Camellia Society and American Camellia Society. Her first camellias were grown in 1946, which has been her hobby since that time. Growing them from seed has been done extensively; her best germination reaching 78% at one time.

Mrs. Brooks has been generous with her plants and blossoms.

Plants have been contributed to her circle, Orange County Parental Home and flowers to Primrose School, her church and other churches. Her home and garden was opened twice to benefit her church. She has shared her talent in presenting programs (slides) for garden clubs, on how to select and cultivate camellias in Florida. Her blooms have been exhibited in Georgia, North Florida and many times in Orlando. She has been the recipient of silver trophies for her seedlings, over 90 blue ribbons for Best Flower in Show and numerous Sweepstakes awards attest to her talent.

If your spirits ever need a lift, and you are in the Orlando area, a call and visit to Mrs. Brooks' lovely garden would change your day.



District IX

"One Woman's Gifts"

By MISS LAURA A. MILLER

Some of the awards my grandmother has been given and some of the activities she has participated in: In 1962 she was the first woman in the state of Florida to receive the Governor's Conservation Award presented by then Governor Farris Bryant. Also in 1962 the Exchange Club of Bartow awarded her the "Book of Golden Deeds" for outstanding service with the youth of Bartow. She has received the Sportsmen's Clubs' Regional Award for outstanding service in the field of forestry, for playing a large part in obtaining fire control in Polk County. She is the only woman member of the Polk County Conservation and Recreation Club and has served as their president. She could probably teach the "women's lib" a few things! She served on the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' Board of Directors for 10 years as chairman of the Junior Nature Camp. During this time, as many as 13 children were sent to camp each summer by donations.

She has held every office in the local Bartow Garden Club and was instrumental in dividing the club into circles and has served her circle as president three terms. She is a life member of the National, State and local federation.

She began the Girls' Conservation club of Bartow and served as their adult leader for many, many


years. During this time the Girls' Conservation club planted thousands of pine seedlings as part of a reclamation program in areas that has been mined. Among other activities the club made camping trips to almost every state park in Florida. The Bartow Girls' and Boys' Conservation Clubs raised money for water fountains for the Nature Camp plus additional funds to be used at the camp.

She was totally responsible for the clean-up of the Fisheating Creek camp area.

When the State highway between Bartow and Lakeland was widened many plants and trees were destroyed. Being so very conservation minded she obtained permission to beautify the area around Van Fleet Drive.

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District XII

Did You Know?

By MRS SALLY RAHM

May I introduce to you the Presidents Council's Fairy Godmother. Now in this day and age some people don't even believe in such things but whenever we have a worthwhile project that the budget won't quite stretch to cover our Fairy Godmother waves her magic checkbook and Lo and Behold we have a new coffee pot or a new ceiling and our problem is solved. You know who—Mrs. Alex McIntosh. Agnes O'Rourke was born in Louisville, Ky. and took her nurses training there but in order to qualify for the position of superintendent at the Shriner's Hospital in Louisville, she went to Harvard for a year's study in physiotherapy. The ten years she was in charge of the hospital saw it grow to 250 beds and she attended State and National conventions, while at a convention in St. Louis she met the one and only Alex, her Prince Charming and they eloped. The McIntosh home was in Watertown, N. Y. until they moved in 1951 to 2916 Granada Blvd. in Coral Gables. One of the most drastic changes Agnes has made in her Coral Gables home is to have the swimming pool filled with enough good soil to make an outstanling rose garden. Her roses go to every show and were the finishing touch to one of the arrangements at the

Tropical Short Course again this year. Agnes serves currently as Legislation Chairman for the Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County and as Public Relations Chairman for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. She is a Life Member in both the State and the National Council of State Garden Clubs. She is a past president of the West End Garden Club and a member of Coral Gables Garden Club. She attends the Coral Gables Presbyterian Church. For the past year she has spent three days a week at Vic Tanny's Health Club and says she is their oldest customer at the Ponce de Leon address (the woman with seniority transferred to South Miami). Even Vic Tanny must do without her when the Dolphins are playing, not just a fan, she says she is an absolute FOOTBALL NUT and an equally avid supporter of the Republicans and President Nixon. Agnes has a very great love for humanity and the philosophy she lives by is:

"I do my best to do something for somebody every day."

Thank you Agnes for this inspiration, if all of us adopt her philosophy we will make this world a much better place in which to live.

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Utopia? Maybe Not, But It Seemed To Me!

On March 1, members of District XI, left the hustle and bustle of the busy tourist season for the garden of Miss Evelyn Sweitzer (garden club member) in Davie. As we entered her garden a narrow path led us to a slat house where above the songs of colored birds in the adjoining aviary, there were expressions of delight over the beautiful array of plants. It was a spectacular sight to watch the painted buntings feeding. From there we entered a raised area blanketed with pine nougats, accented with pieces of driftwood studded with lovely bromeliads.

The color of the rose garden was only surpassed by that in the tails of the peacocks who complained a little about the number of visitors.

The reflection of pink ruffled-petunias in the fish pool, the beau-

tiful palms, the second slat house bursting with lovely horticulture specimens, the many flowering trees, cactii . . . were breath taking.

Upon viewing this two and half acres of lush greenery, one could hardly believe that a month of unseasonable cold weather had just passed.

At the close of the tour our hostess presented a horticulture lesson on growing and propagating begonias, which portrayed her true love of gardening and the enjoyment she derives from it.

Try looking about you, you may find your own "Utopia." If so, plan a garden tour and you'll come away as we did with a little something more inside.

Submitter: Mrs. Clifton L. Schandelmayer, District XI, Horticulture Chairman.

pating in all these many activities she still took time to be the very best of grandmothers for my sister, my two brothers and me.

EDITOR'S NOTE: An outstanding feature of FFGC's 1959 Convention was the adoption of a youth (JNC) camp program. Petunia (Mrs. W. S.) Miller, was the camp's first chairman and served from its inception (consecutively) through the 1965-67 administration, and as camp director in 1967-69. During these years excess camp funds were earmarked for the camp's building fund, and "Petunia

Banks" were distributed in all districts' for the same purpose.

Petunia Miller's love of youth, intuition and faith convinced her that FFGC would one day build a Junior Nature Camp, and she always believed the membership would underwrite the project. She and her young people are currently raising funds earmarked for a cabin, and District XI is building a cabin in her honor . . . Her life "is a volume, if you know how to read it!"

Her beautiful grand daughter (Laura) is a college student in California, has a refreshing personality and it was a joy to work with her!

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CONSERVATION

State of Florida Deep South Regional Report

MRS. ANDREW A. GURKE, *President*

Annual regional reports are limited to highlights of the State's work. It seems to me that FFGC's activities of the past year were all highlights.

OUTSTANDING HIGHLIGHTS: The youth conservation conference co-sponsored by National Council of State Garden Clubs and Shell Oil Company, gave us a new awareness of youth today, their interest and potentialities. FFGC served as hostesses for the conference. Hopefully all of you read the detailed reports in the National and Florida Gardeners. May 1, three judges appointed by this officer will select winners of the contest, resulting from the "Environmental Happening." The winners will be present at FFGC's 1973 annual convention. We commend Shell Oil Company for sponsoring the conference, and a Presidential Citation and gold engraved plaque will be presented to Mr. Harry Walker, Vice President, Shell Oil Company, at the convention. The conference stimulated interest in high school and

intermediate gardening in Florida. There are 25 HSG units with 830 members, 14 IG units with 1,313 members and over 7,000 JG's.

A new greenhouse for orchids was dedicated at Raiford State Prison. FFGC's elective officers participated in the dedicatory ceremony. Five cents per capita was donated by FFGC's membership toward the greenhouse. Mr. M. B. Jordan, Director of the diversified horticulture program has been nominated for a National Award. Many clubs have active garden therapy projects in other correctional institutions, schools for exceptional children, orphanages, nursing homes, etc.

The Junior Nature Camp continues stressing conservation and nature studies over a three week period every summer. Three hundred forty-five youngsters attended camp in 1972 and 60 were turned away for a lack of space. The ground breaking ceremony for the camp site at Wekiwa Springs State Park is the fulfillment of a dream.

Over a period of years funds have been contributed by clubs and circles to a building fund. The Florida Legislature will match funds on a 4-3 basis. Clubs and circles are currently raising funds for cabins representing their districts at a cost of \$2,500, which will be added to the existing fund. Hopefully the amount will be \$75,000. The Florida Legislature will then vote the matching fund of \$100,000 for the development of a camp available to any group interested in conservation and nature studies.

FFGC's membership is now listed at 26,700 in 395 clubs and circles. There were 637 new members added, and 11 new life members in National Council.

There were 60 applications for projects from roadside parks to landscaping school grounds in the Environmental Improvement program. The Garden Club of Jacksonville is one of the five finalists for National awards.

Florida's Governor requested FFGC's assistance in the promotion of two conservation questions on the ballot last fall ('72) that provided \$240 million dollars to purchase environmentally endangered lands and recreational lands. The Governor appointed four garden club members (including this officer) to serve on the Board of Trustees of "Lands for You, Inc."

The goal of the State Activities Chairman for conservation has been to help establish an environmental education program in the public school system in Florida. "People and Their Environment" books were placed in schools throughout the state, and book sales increased by 450 volumes this year.

Florida continues sponsoring a Teachers' Conservation Workshop in two major universities and 43

teachers attended in '72. Clubs and circles contribute \$100 for each scholarship.

In addition to the two conservation scholarships for \$1,500, a landscape architecture scholarship was raised to \$1,000 and a fellowship in horticulture for \$2,400. A new scholarship (we believe to be the first in the nation) was created of \$1,000 to be awarded annually to a high school gardener from a registered unit, and eager to attend college. The requirements stresses exceptional work in the unit, and the goals of State, Regional and National Council. The scholarship was created in memory of Elizabeth Snively McCullagh. Non-member cash (\$250) awards were established — to be presented to three youth winners at the State Science Fair.

Two new Blue Star Markers were dedicated bringing Florida's total to 85. Several new Garden Centers and libraries have been added, and we are assisting in establishing a nature trail.

Another annual program is the Blanche Covington Nature Study Course for youth leaders.

There are several historical restoration projects that clubs and members participate in.

Soon to be distributed is a Revision of a Manual for Florida clubs that outlines suggested procedures for officers, chairmen and club presidents.

The theme for this administration has been "Friendship and Unity in Gardening." We have seen results of this in our own groups and also with affiliates. Florida again will have a "first." In the fall of '73 District XII will sponsor a series of bi-lingual flower show schools. We feel by extending friendship it will unite us in our goals and hopes for mankind.

RESUME

Board of Directors Meeting

JANUARY 23-24, 1973

STATE HEADQUARTERS

State President Mrs. Andrew A. Gurke included touring the federation's 12 districts, attending the National Council Board Meeting at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Landscape Design Course III at Jacksonville and the Holiday House Tour in Winter Haven as well as working on revision of the Florida Garden Club Manual and on convention plans in her report to the board.

Reports of other officers, district directors and committee chairmen covered a broad scope of federation and related activities.

Members of the board of directors heard with interest plans for Junior Nature Camp groundbreaking ceremonies March 14 at Wekiwa Springs State Park and were reminded the federation's \$75,000 goal must be reached by May 31 in order that \$100,000 might be released from State of Florida funds for the camp.

They also heard the names of three new FFGC Headquarters Patrons announced — Jeannie Betts honoring her husband Maj. R. G. Betts, charter president of The Transplants Circle of Zephyrhills Garden Club; Mrs. John G. Wood, District IX Director, Winter Ha-

ven; and Mrs. W. Scott Peirsol Jr., FFGC Program Chairman, Daytona Beach.

In other business the board of directors:

—Federated Trout Lake Garden Club, District VII; heard The Coconut Creek Garden Club of District XI, Longboat Key Garden Club of District VIII and Mary Martha Garden Club of District IV announced as probationary clubs; and Spanish Trail of Pensacola Federation, District I, and Garden Center Newcomers and Alderman Park Circle, both of District IV, announced as new circles.

—Heard Mrs. Edward F. Smithers, Mrs. Sidney Davis, Mrs. W. T. Chennell, Mrs. Homer Gwinn, Mrs. J. A. Franquiz, Mrs. Truman Green, Mrs. W. Scott Peirsol Jr., Mrs. Sam Vercoe, Mrs. John Wood and Mrs. D. R. Villareal Jr. named delegates to the Deep South Regional Convention in Mobile, Ala.

—Heard Mrs. Andrew A. Gurke, Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mrs. M. S. Dillingham, Mrs. Carroll O.

Griffin and Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard will attend the regional convention by virtue of their offices; and heard Mrs. R. Malcolm Fortson, Mrs. Ray C. Knopke, Mrs. R. M. Pyle and Mrs. William D. Lemons named as alternates.

—Heard Mrs. Sidney Davis, Mrs. W. T. Chennell, Mrs. Homer Gwinn, Mrs. Sally Rahm, Mrs. W. Scott Peirsol Jr., Mrs. Milburn Paulk, Mrs. John G. Wood and Mrs. Riley Moffett appointed delegates to the National Council of State Garden Clubs Convention in Seattle, Wash., May 13-18.

—Accepted the bid of Boca Raton Printing Co. on 3,000 copies of the Florida Garden Club Manual.

—Approved a service copy of the revised manual being given to each club and circle, each probationary club and to all officers and chairmen on the board of directors, with said copies to be passed down from one administration to the next and extra copies to be sold for \$1 each plus tax.

—Approved advancing \$250 as working capital loan to the FFGC Landscape Design Course IV, Series 6; and \$500 to the Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Inc. as the same type loan for the 1973 Symposium.

— Approved transferring \$2,500 from the Junior Nature Camp account to the Camp Building account, and voted a \$2,500 contribution to the Junior Nature Camp Building Fund.

— Approved paying Lewis Ellsworth, Tampa photographer, \$1,-

128.50 for 37 transparencies for the Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar; \$4,530 to Robinson's, Inc. for bindery costs; and payments of 1/3 the total publishing costs (\$16,911) to Robinson's, Inc. on March 1 and April 1, 1973, with the date of the final payment to be supplied by the editor.

— Voted to pay \$25 for FFGC membership dues in Keep Florida Beautiful, to increase from 7c to 10c per mile the officers' travel allowance when using their automobiles, and to increase the budget from \$55,309.75 to include additional expenditures approved at the meeting.

—Authorized presenting an appropriate State Life Member pin to those life members present at the 1973 convention, with the cost not to exceed \$3 per pin.

—Authorized allowing clubs and circles to purchase FFGC cookbooks in lots of 100 at \$1.80 each plus tax and shipping charges.

— Voted the George Morrison Scholarship in Landscape Architecture be awarded to David George Bickerstaff and the Taylor R. Alexander Scholarship in the field of ecology to Maxine Weiselberg.

—Voted to establish the Elizabeth Sivley McCullagh Scholarship of \$1,000 to be awarded annually to a High School Gardener from a registered unit, graduating and eager to attend college or university pursuing any field of environmental interest; with the provision this student's work in the unit over a two-year period be of exceptional

quality stressing goals of State, Region and National Council of State Garden Clubs.

—Ratified the North Orlando Bank account for 1973 Convention funds, also April 30-May 2, 1974 and April 29-May 1, 1975 as dates for state conventions in Tallahassee and St. Petersburg.

—Accepted the invitation of West Palm Beach Garden Club to hold the 15th State Flower Show in 1975.

—Ratified the agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., signed by Director Randolph Hodges and President Mrs. Andrew A. Gurke Oct. 26, 1972; and the appointment of Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal Jr., director of Junior Nature Camp, as the designee to represent the federation in matters dealing with building of the camp at Wekiwa.

—Authorized the Garden Centers chairman to work in cooperation with the Legislative chairman in preparing proper action on a bill in re advalorem taxation of Garden Centers.

—Authorized presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to MacDonald's for their TV Litter Control advertisements.

—Approved the FFGC endorsing the Uterine Test program of American Cancer Society; and including as endangered plants *Cassia Keyensis* (Kay Cassia), *Cupania Glabra* and *Licaria Triandra* (Gulf Licaria) on the Conservation List.

—Approved Flower Show Schools including Course III, Lehigh Acres, May 1-3; and Course II, Tampa, May 15-17.

—Ratified appointment of Mrs. Truman Green as a member of the Headquarters and Endowment Trustees and Mrs. Parker Grant as National Gardener chairman; also adding the name of Mrs. Jack W. Dunlap to the list of those recommended for national chairmanships.

—Approved a policy authorizing the FFGC President to appoint presidents of the Florida Council of Flower Show Judges and the Florida Landscape Critics Council to serve on the board of directors in liaison capacity between the federation and the councils.

—Heard 1973 Convention Chairman Mrs. John Grathwol introduce her co-chairmen Mrs. Francis J. Mueller and Mrs. Raymond Todd and announce "Nature's World of Fantasy" as the convention theme.

—Heard Mrs. Melville Hall, nominating committee chairman, report these nominees for officers of the FFGC for 1973-75: President, Mrs. Sidney Davis, Fort Myers; First Vice President, Mrs. W. T. Chenell, Orlando; Second Vice President, Mrs. Homer Gwinn, Boca Raton; Third Vice President, Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal Jr., Tampa; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edward R. Jordan, Miami; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John G. Wood, Winter Haven; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward F. Smithers, Ponte Vedra Beach; and Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. James F. Hussey, Orlando.

—Compiled by Mrs. Melville Hall

Beauty of Sharing

Ikebana, Japanese flower arrangement, or more properly the arrangement of living plant material, is of special interest to many Florida gardeners as its use complements the decor of many contemporary Florida homes.

Mrs. Richard Jones at Lake-Sumter Community College, Leesburg, Florida, has taught beginning and advanced courses in the Ikenobo school of Ikebana for several years to the delight of the gardeners and homemakers in this Central Florida community. Mrs. Jones holds teacher's certificates in both Ikenobo and Shofu schools of Ikebana. She teaches that a deep awareness of nature itself is a ma-

ior element in understanding of the art. Vitality, simplicity, beauty of line, fidelity to natural growth, with design principles the same as for other arts, quickly become apparent in her student's work.

The Ikenobo school, the oldest of the Japanese flower arranging schools, teaches both the traditional and modern versions.

The classical or traditional designs are characterized by the plant material appearing to emerge as a single stalk. Depending upon material and container, they are divided into three main types: Shin (formal), gyo (semi-formal) and So (informal).

The basic form is an asymmetrical triangle often formed from branches. Many splendid arrangements have been made with branches appearing to reach for the sun. This reaching is typical of the growth in nature (heliotropic) as even a branch with a strong downward curve often has an upturning tip.

The three main placements are



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Mrs. Richard Jones, Instructor of Japanese Flower Arranging at Lake Sumter Community College discusses the art with Ikka Nakashima of Chicago, Senior Professor of the Ikenobo Society of Floral Art.

Jin, Ten and Chi, symbolizing heaven, man and earth. Intermediate lines subordinate to the three main placements are called *Ashirai*.

The basic scalene triangular form may have its greatest spread vertically, horizontally or diagonally. All may be right or left handed.

For example, as Stella Coe says, “. . . colour is of the smallest importance and the maxim is, ‘the fewer flowers the better’. Full-blown flowers would only be used for a specific purpose: thus an ideal arrangement might employ a bud, a half-opened bud, and perhaps one full-blown flower in order to represent the past, present and future.”

And also, “It is customary, although not obligatory, to place a base of a *dai*, beneath a vase or bowl. Not only does this provide the finishing touch to an arrangement, but it has the practical purpose of protecting the surface of whatever the arrangement is standing on . . . the shape of the base will be dictated by the type of container used.

Prospective students need only sharp shears, heavy needle holder, notebook and pencil, and a true desire to learn this fascinating art. After the first lesson, plant material and container will be necessary. In later courses, instruction is offered in Free Style and Modern Rikka, with more advanced work in Moribana, Nageire and Shoka.

Certificates from school headquarters in Kyoto are issued as the students progress in their knowledge and proficiency of work.

Many of the students find a relaxed enjoyment as they collect gnarled roots, vigorously shaped branches, important flower forms and combine them into striking arrangements.

The joy of creation is equalled by the joy of sharing the finished product with family and friends.

EDITOR'S NOTES: Japanese flower arranging courses were started at Lake-Sumter CC in the spring of 1970. Broward CC presented a three-day seminar in March, “Management of Today’s Environment for Tomorrow’s Society,” and



Ikebana Flower Arrangement by: Mrs. E. R. Williamson of Leesburg, Florida.

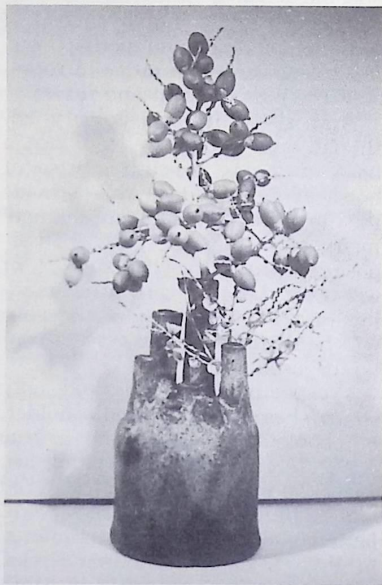
FFGC's "Tropical Short Course" in January. Contact the Community College in your area and request a brochure of their continuing educational courses. The "Beauty of Sharing" is presented by permission of Lake-Sumter Community College, the instructor, Mrs. Jones, and designers.

Containers With Possibilities

By MISS VERA SUGGS

My course in ceramics was motivated by a need for the unusual, the different, the "containers with possibilities," from ceramic materials and glazes. *And am I enjoying it!*

1. The Menorah (glaze — black glossy) was made for a Dr. and his wife of Miami. It was designed for flower arranging as well as its original purpose. The bare oriental look was created by using three stems of papyrus. 2. The bottle type container are in shades of brown and is a stony mat glaze. The beautiful red and green berries of the Adonidia Palm branches are seldom used because they are so heavy, but this container shows them off in all their glory. Just cut off a few of the lower stems and



The bottle-type container.



The Menorah

whittle the main stem down so it will fit in one of the necks. 3. This versatile container is glossy glaze with black, white and cobalt blue speckles, and one of my favorites. The black olive branch was cut down to show its beautiful lines. Only one rose was used in order to keep the bare oriental look. 4. Theme: "East is East, West is West—and the Twain did Meet." Oriental motif china (Crown Staffordshire), blue and white embroidered Chinese linen cloth with matching napkins, baccarat crystal, and Gorham Trilogy sterling flatware. The centerpiece consists of sprays of orchids in white, blue and purple colors arranged in my ceramic circle of dark blue. Eastern

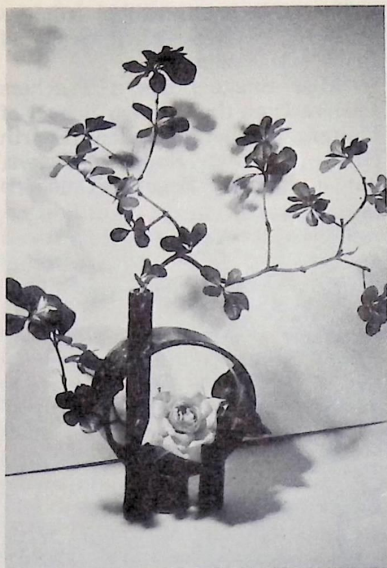
accessories include saki cups, red lacquer chop sticks and a miniature white pagoda. Mrs. Carlos Calvet, Jr., shared in designing the table, and we represented the Tropical Rose Society of Miami. We were sponsored by: Carroll's Jewelers.

The table was awarded trophies by Better Homes and Gardens and Bride's Magazines.

"Miss Suggs holds a Teachers License from the Sogetsu School of Design, Teacher's Diploma Fourth Grade (Yonkyu Shihan), Tokyo, Japan. Member Sogetsu Teacher's



"East Is East and West Is West — And the Twain Did Meet."



Versatile container has oriental look.

Association, and Ikebana International Chapter 131, Miami.”

“Taught Japanese arranging in the adult Lindsley Hopkins School and the University of Miami School of Continuing Education.”

EDITOR'S NOTES:

I met Miss Suggs at the Ceramic League Fair in the fall of 1972 and visited her home and workshop in February 1973, and she accepted my (editor) invitation to share her art (ceramics one year) through TFG.

Miss Suggs has proven and is proving that “life is beautiful and that creativity cannot be limited . . . age bracket . . . She is a good horticulturist, designed her own hydroponic gardening unit and grows vegetables that have natural flavors. She is constantly beginning new forms of art and lives a busy zestful life.

American Horticultural Society Relocates to Former George Washington Property

Mount Vernon, Va., on March 23 — The American Horticultural Society moved to its new headquarters site here which it purchased one month ago for \$800,000.

It was once part of George Washington's River Farm, belonging to the first President's extensive Mount Vernon holdings. Washington gave it to Tobias Lear, his private secretary, who lived there until his death after which it reverted to the Washington family. It remained in their hands for about a century.

Two years ago national attention focused on the historic property when the Soviet government sought to purchase the estate as a retreat for its embassy personnel. Considerable protest by private citizens led the U. S. Department of State to

disapprove the purchase. At that time Congress enacted a law forbidding property belong to a former President from being sold to foreign interests.

The Horticultural Society intends to develop a National Center of Gardening and Horticulture on the site, featuring activities and exhibits that would stress the social as well as the esthetic role of gardening in improving our environment. Special programs will emphasize urban horticulture and the urban landscape while environmental activities will also be featured. A particular effort will be directed toward introducing young people to “environmental gardening” and senior citizens to “plant-oriented leisure activities.”

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