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JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1976

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors Meetings:

June 8-9, 1976—Headquarters, Winter Park

Coming Events:

1976:

January 16, Florida Arbor Day
 January 27-28, Tropical Short Course, Broward Community College
 February 3-7, National Council Landscape Design Study Course—Texas A & M
 February 13-16, Environmental Education Conf. Wekiva Youth Camp
 March 1-3, Landscape Design Study Course 2, Series VIII, Lake City
 March 6-8, Flower Show School #4, Daytona Beach
 March 9-11, Short Course, University of Florida, Gainesville
 March 14-20, Blanche Covington Nature Study Course, Wekiva
 March 23-April 19, FFGC Officers Spring Tour
 April 3-6, Deep South Regional Convention, Nashville
 May 2, Florida Council Flower Show Judges Annual Meeting, Miami
 May 3-4, State Convention, Carillon Hotel, Miami Beach
 May 9-14, National Council Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 May 20-24, International Flower Show, Miami Beach
 Florida Council Flower Show Judges Annual Meeting
 August 8-11, S.E.E.K. '76, Florida Tech. University
 September 21-23, Symposium, Boca Raton

1977:

March 8-10, Deep South Regional Convention, Savannah
 March 26-27, State Flower Show—St. Augustine
 April 26-27, State Convention, Tampa
 May 8-13, NCSGC Convention, Kansas City, Mo.



A pledge for the Bicentennial year

1—YOU shall live in harmony with all the earth and with every living thing.
 2—YOU shall return to the earth all the organic treasures she freely gives you.
 3—DO NOT put greed above duty, nor wealth above wonder.

4—DO NOT demand useless things or trade for unnecessary things.
 5—EVERY man shall have his fair share of the earth and no more.
 6—YOU shall fight to protect the earth; it is your home.
 7—BE masters of technology and not its slaves.
 8—YOU shall make beautiful and enduring whatever is to be made.
 9—YOU shall keep faith with future generations and be wise guardians of their inheritance.
 10—WHEN all this is done, come together with all your brothers and praise God for the beauty and wonder of His creation.

—Environmental Teach-In Committee—Milwaukee

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About The Cover

Azaleas are in their full glory in Florida in February. Banks and drifts of color grace the landscape—so much beauty for so little investment in time and care! Azaleas love plenty of water and a lime-free soil. An oak leaf mulch and an occasional spray for spider mite or leaf blight and you are repaid many-fold with glorious bloom. Photo by Fritz Ruesch.

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January-February 1976

President's Message

1976—THE YEAR OF OUR NATION'S BICENTENNIAL! Throughout Florida the clubs and circles of the Florida Federation have been looking forward with anticipation to this unique time in our history and are participating in the programs set forth by this challenging administration.

Historical and community projects of many types were reported during the tour of the twelve districts by your President and Vice Presidents. It is always a joy and an inspiration to visit with you, to hear of your accomplishments and your stimulating and imaginative plans for the future. Everywhere the special gifts of your hospitality and friendship and courtesy are bestowed on us.

Your President represented you in St. Louis at the National Council Board of Director's Meeting. Information will be available through *The Florida Gardener* and *The National Gardener*. We urge every member to subscribe to *The National Gardener*. This comprehensive magazine brings news of garden clubs all over the country as well as news of our affiliates. Flower Show Judges and Landscape Design Critics must be subscribers.

By PROCLAMATION of Governor Askew, Florida Arbor Day, January 16, 1976, has been declared LIBERTY TREE PLANTING DAY. Every club should observe this special day by planting a Liberty Tree. A century from now, future generations will look back with respect to the forward-looking members of the garden clubs who planted these Liberty Trees as a memorial to our 200th birthday.

We saw evidence in Eatonton, Georgia, of avenues of trees planted at the centennial of this nation.

In this year of commemoration we urge every district to place at least one Blue Star Memorial Marker. Let us plan to build a trail of Blue Star Markers welding Florida together from north to south and from east to west.

PLEASE NOTE—a first for the Florida Federation will be the Environmental Education Conference to be held at FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp, February 13-



16, 1976. This is for the training of adult leaders in garden clubs, education and government.

A National Council Environmental Education Conference was held in Atlanta, November 3-7, and six members of the Florida Federation attended as trainees for future programs of this type in Florida.

In its 32nd year, Blanche Covington Nature Study Course will be held at FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp on March 14-20.

This is for the women who work with the youth of our state. Sponsored by the Florida Federation and the Division of Recreation and Parks, three youth leaders from each district are eligible to attend.

It is time to make final plans for your award presentation booklets. Observe the deadline of January 30th for adult awards and 28 days before convention for all youth awards.

You are reminded of Tropical Short Course at Broward Community College, January 27-28; Landscape Design Study Course, Series 8, Course 2 at Lake City, March 1-3. To broaden your horizons, plan to attend Deep South Regional Conference in Nashville, April 4-6.

Our wish for all of you is a most successful and meaningful year of giving of ourselves to our communities. Beauty in our communities and in the lives of our people is our business. Our land is not a commodity belonging to us—it is a community to which we belong. We must use it with love and respect.

Affectionately,

The FLORIDA GARDENER

Federation Happenings



President Velma Gwinn presents Mrs. Arthur Spencer, Jr., president of Davis Islands Garden Club a Certificate of Appreciation for this club's donation of the first scholarship in the state for S.E.E.K. '76. The presentation was made at the District VIII meeting in Sarasota.

tropical short course

Time grows short for those planning to attend Tropical Short Course in Fort Lauderdale. All kinds of information as well as a registration blank were included in the last issue of *The Gardener*. If you've put off making your reservation due to the press of the holidays, now is the time! January 27 and 28 are the dates of the course, and they'll be days loaded with information and entertainment for all who love gardening.

wekiva youth camp

Wekiva '75 was GREAT!

We felt more settled in, and more familiar with our surroundings this year, our second at Wekiwa Springs State Park, and had some "newbies" among the "oldbies". New leader cabins

(dubbed Wekiva Hilton) for the teaching staff instead of trailers; a chickee way out in the woods for a hiking rest stop, rain shelter and base for a new Campcraft program; and a great new Open Space (as the State prefers to call it) for baseball, volley and tether ball, sack races, archery and all kinds of fun things!

Thanks, Garden Clubbers, they were much appreciated.

Something old and something new described our Counsellors, and the mixture was a delight. It helped keep an even keel, and added quite a bit of spice. We had some fine teaching and a great deal of experienced help for the adult staff.

New adult volunteers had new approaches which challenged first-timers and repeaters alike. Volunteers who have been with us for a number of years are still opening the eyes of our campers ever-wider, building on basics and leading them farther than they ever imagined they could go.

Conservation, nature study, ecology, above ground, in ground, under ground and in the water dominated the program.

We had to enforce rest time, otherwise the Nature People would never be free of enthusiastic youngsters either bringing things or asking about things they'd seen, or who'd been thinking about what they'd been exposed to. Active minds had been stimulated so much they didn't want to stop.

Have you heard how to pick out a camp-site, develop it with just what is around, then take it apart and leave the area just the way it was found, so no one would ever know anyone had been there?

Have you noticed how much better these children can take care of themselves in the water? How much more they see than you do, just walking along? How many more places they know about in Florida, having lived with

people from cities and towns you didn't know about?

Do you know what you need in a First Aid Kit that can fit into something the size of a pill bottle?

Do you know why certain animals have certain characteristics to help them survive? If you have the answers to these questions, you've talked to a youngster who's been to Wekiva Youth Camp!

For the cabin winning inspection it could mean free swim or being first in line at canteen; an accumulation of high points could put a cabin into a greased watermelon contest, winning team getting to eat the watermelon.

Somehow or other, watermelon was left off the dessert list because of Inspection Award. This oversight led to a "Camp Kidnapping". One evening no one was setting the table for dinner, no cooks were in the kitchen, and no campers or counselors were in camp. A ransom note was found, demanding watermelon for dessert for EVERYONE the next night. Demand was met, and all 104 campers, their counselors and the cooks marched back into camp singing and clapping to the tune "When the Saints Come Marching In". A fun memory for all!!

Fishing at dawn, good food and plenty of it, new and renewed friendships, new trails to hike, discovering you're not afraid of that snake in the bathroom, frequent glimpses of deer—these are some of the things that come to mind when camp is mentioned.

Yes, Wekiva '75 was great! How '76 could be better, we don't know, but there are already signs pointing to it. We are hearing from new people and we are hearing from some of the outstanding '75ers who want to come back, so these are good omens.

Many of our college people (and they formed the majority of our counselor staff last year) are going to have to work a full summer, so we need help from Garden Clubbers to find and recommend counselors. We've also heard from a few adults who want to volunteer their services, but we need more. So write this chairman if you have any recommendations.

If every club and circle keeps in mind that we want to conserve and

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preserve our land for the future, each one will support Wekiva Youth Camp in some way, to be sure that as many of our youth as possible will be exposed to the right thinking and right use, because in them lies our future.

We don't want the children to just read about nature in books, we want them to be able to SEE it and KNOW about it firsthand.

Sending children is of utmost importance, but we also have to provide the teaching materials. Which way can your club or circle go, for Wekiva '76? Do read pages 200 and 201 in the Book of Information!

Updated information will be sent to all Presidents in January. Be sure your



IN MEMORIAM

MRS. C. R. MAYES, Jr.
President FFGC 1959-1961

The Master Gardener has written "30" for a former managing editor of *The Florida Gardener* who, when she acceded to the presidency of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, had served on the staff of the federation's official publication since its first issue.

She also had been author-editor of "Program Patterns" and "The Speaker List", both hailed as valuable assists to club and circle program planners.

The earthly light that was Fay McWhorter Mayes burned brilliantly through an all too brief span of years, replete with dedicated concern for her family, friends, home community and state.

In her passing from the good earth she loved, on December 14, the federation lost a past president whose incomparable leadership, astuteness and capabilities contributed greatly to the successful carrying out of her chosen theme "Gardening for Tomorrow", and brought into reality many advancements in the federation's far-reaching program.

Her efforts led to the establishment of a fund for what is now Wekiva Youth Camp—a project to which she continued making noteworthy contributions long after her tenure as President ended.

It was during her administration that the FFGC Headquarters Building was erected, dedicated and its service to thousands of members begun.

A National Council Life Member, who also had served on the parent organization's Board of Directors, and a FFGC Life Member, Fay was a Registered Parliamentarian, an Accredited Flower Show Judge, a past president and honorary life member of Pompano Beach Garden Club, an active church worker and was well versed in business-management.

Blessed with the joy of living in her heart and a dynamic, sparkling personality, Fay Mayes lived a rich, full life. She has been transplanted into the Great Beyond, from whence she will watch over a federation now bereft of her services.

—Alice Hall

Editor's Note:

Mrs. Mayes' sons, Bill and Rob, have expressed the wish that memorial contributions be sent to The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., P.O. Box 1604, Winter Park, Florida 32789, and marked for the Wekiva Youth Camp Building Fund (in memory of Fay McWhorter Mayes), to which she had contributed generously in memory of their father.

president keeps you informed! Dates will be the weeks beginning June 20 and July 20. The first two weeks are for boys, the next three for girls.

Keep listening. You'll hear more from us.

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg, with Mrs. J. A. Muckenfuss as the Junior Gardening Chairman, sent 62 boys and girls to Wekiva Youth Camp during the summer of 1975. We are proud of them!

—Mrs. E. W. Johnson
Wekiva Youth Camp Chairman

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than we have doing it.



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Resume of Minutes

Compiled by Mrs. Melville Hall
Resume Chairman

Board Meeting, Sept. 23-24, 1975
Headquarters—Winter Park

With FFGC President Mrs. Homer Gwinn presiding members of the Board of Directors;

- Ratified action of the President in appointing Mrs. Vincent Turner as Chairman of the 1976 Convention, theme of which will be "Salute to America"; Mrs. Martha W. Puckett as chairman of the 1977 State Flower Show to be staged in the National Armory Building, St. Augustine; and Mrs. Daniel F. Connell as chairman of the National Woodsey Owl-Smokey Bear Contest.

- Heard the President report on busy summer activities including 1½ days spent at Wekiva Youth Camp, attending an insurance meeting at State Headquarters, attending SEEK '75 in

Orlando and acting as page for National President Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, attending the Charitable Funds Act Conference in Coral Gables, also a 3-day Conference on State Park Issues directed by Ney Landrum with 24 organizations represented in Tallahassee, and holding a 1976 Convention progress meeting at her home.

- Heard reports of other officers, district directors, the parliamentarian and state chairman indicating the federation is moving forward with programs advocated at state, regional and national levels. There is evidence of considerable involvement in Bicentennial programs including Bicentennial-oriented flower shows, flying the American flag daily, increased community service and environmental improvement projects, Liberty Tree plantings being organized and roadside beautification with both foliage and flowering trees.

- Federated **Homewood Garden Club of Fort Walton Beach (I); and Surf-side Garden Club (XII).**

- Accepted for probation **Woodlands Garden Club of Longwood (VII); and Quad City Garden Club of Margate (XI);** accepted the resignation of **Poinsettia Garden Club of Winter Haven (IX).**

- Joined with Mrs. Gwinn in commending Mrs. Doris Rogers, Headquarters Manager, for the tremendous job she had done in mimeographing booklets and materials for distribution at Fall District Meetings and through Headquarters.

- Approved advancing \$300 to the general chairman of Tropical Short Course for pre-course expenses; a like amount to the Environmental Workshop chairman as working capital; approved that the \$250 advance from FFGC be returned at the end of Course II, Series VIII, Landscape Design Schools, instead of after each course.

- Authorized the treasurer to reimburse Mrs. Grady Holbert, Birds Chairman, \$8.20 expended in duplicating bird slides.

- Approved proposing the Jess Conner Litter Control Award for acceptance by the Deep South Region with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs as donor, to honor Florida's National Council President, Mrs.

Vernon L. Conner. If the award is accepted by Deep South Region FFGC may procure a 6-year traveling plaque at a cost of approximately \$60.

- Heard only 1600 of the 1976 Bicentennial Florida Flower Arrangement Calendars still unsold and material for the 1977 Silver Anniversary Issue is being readied for the printers.

- Witnessed acceptance by the President of a \$100 gift from Sunset Park Garden Club (XII) to a Wekiva Youth Camp Fund.

- Heard Feb. 13-16 has been set as date for the first FFGC U.S. Forestry Service Environmental Education Workshop for adults to be held at Wekiva Youth Camp.

- Heard \$1,000 each has been sent to University of Georgia for the George Morrison Scholarship, awarded to Richard Ernest Wells; to University of Miami for the Taylor R. Alexander Scholarship, awarded to Dorothy Karl; and to Florida Technological University for the Elizabeth McCullagh Scholarship for High School Gardeners, awarded to Randy Del Olsen.

- Heard a gift of \$200—remaining from the amount the Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges allocated towards decorations at the reception in Salt Lake City honoring Mrs. Vernon L. Conner—had been made to the SEEK '75 Conference.

- Approved increasing the Book of Information bid previously accepted by \$460 to pay for 24 additional pages in same, and setting the price on individual copies to members at \$2.08 including tax.

- Heard a herbarium has been started at Wekiva Youth Camp, the object being to have a reference of all plants and a complete list of the flora of Camp Wekiva.

- Ratified action of the insurance committee, with Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal as Chairman, in employing Cooksey-Robinson Insurance Co. to handle this phase of FFGC business.

- Adopted a resolution requesting Governor Reubin Askew to proclaim Arbor Day in 1976 as Liberty Tree Planting Day.

Correction: Beacon Hills and Harbour Garden Club was incorrectly listed in

the September/October issue of the *Gardener* as being of Green Cove Springs. In reality this is a Jacksonville Garden Club.

Shell Awards

Shell Oil Company is again offering awards totaling \$450 to our High School and Intermediate Gardener units for the best conservation project or conservation program. Any registered High School Gardener or Intermediate Gardener Unit in the state may enter.

A brief write-up of the project is to be submitted in a theme binder exactly like state award booklets, on 8½" x 11" paper and may include pictures and news articles.

An information sheet containing details for entering the contest may be secured from Mrs. Robert Stone, 624 Balmoral Rd., Winter Park 32789.

Entries must be postmarked no later than April 19. The adult sponsoring club and the youth unit will both receive beautiful certificates of recognition in addition to the cash awards; \$100 first place; \$75 second place and \$50 third place for both HSG and Intermediates. The student from both first place units will receive expenses paid for one day and night at the state convention in Miami in May 1976.

Reports will be retained by FFGC for display at the next S.E.E.K. conference, after which they will be returned to the units.

—Mrs. Robert Stone

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By Mrs. Grady Holbert
Birds Chairman

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Then PROGRESS came to town. Insecticides were invented. Habitats were destroyed. Pollution reared its ugly head. And we have fewer birds. But we should "eliminate the negative and accentuate the positive"!

Think GARDENING. Think BIRDS. The two go together like ducks to water. Since planting time is most anytime some place in Florida, do yourself and your feathered friends a favor. PLANT with them in mind.

In any landscape design you want open areas. So do sparrows, bobwhites, meadowlarks and doves. They will find their own food. Of course you know that a birdbath is necessary to their food supply. You might prefer a little pool with water dripping from a rock.

WHAT ARE BIRDS?

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They steal your heart as well as your corn.
They eat the bugs and destroy the worms.
They chase your cat and tease your dog.
They thrill or irritate you, according to your mood.
Just a handful of feathers?
They are our feathered COUNTERPARTS!

"Living fences" lower noise pollution, give privacy and furnish shelter and food for numerous birds. Dogwood (the most popular of all tree seeds) may be used for this planting, or live oaks, pines, redbud, elaeagnus, hollies, loquat or the very common French mulberry.

Hedges to hide a service area or the neighbor's backyard may be made attractive to birds with viburnum, nandina, pyracantha, elaeagnus, Osage orange or honeysuckle. In the shrubbery family, pyracantha berries have top priority.

If you have a spot somewhere in back for sunflowers, you'll make friends with practically every bird that flies over. Also, the most ordinary annuals and perennials are attractive to birds. Besides finding nectar, they find insects, worms and spiders that you don't see.

Birds and people like variety in planting, even if it is a small yard with limited space. Be sure to landscape so you can see the bird-attracting feature from a convenient window, patio or terrace. Remember that they like seeds, nuts, fruits, berries, nectar and INSECTS.

BE SWEET . . . Furnish them with a place to feed, sing, bathe, court, nest, rest OR hide. They're just like us!

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PROCLAMATION

State of Florida
Executive Department
Tallahassee

WHEREAS, our Nation's forests and woodlands are both a natural resource and a spiritual mainstay of our people, and WHEREAS, efforts to replenish the forests of our lands and insure their existence for future generations have historically centered around Arbor Day and the various observances and celebrations attendant to that day, and

WHEREAS, the National Council of State Garden Clubs has adopted a highly laudable Bicentennial project themed "keep America's Ideals Deep-Rooted--Plant a Liberty Tree," and

WHEREAS, this tree planting program was endorsed by the presidents of the State Federations with a resolution urging the declaration of Arbor Day 1976 as "Liberty Tree Planting Day," and

WHEREAS, Florida law (Chapter 683) specifies that the third Friday in January of each year is to be observed as Arbor Day in Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Reubin O'D. Askew, as Governor of the State of Florida, in accordance with that law, do hereby proclaim January 16, 1976, as

ARBOR DAY

in Florida and in observance further proclaim that it be designated as

LIBERTY TREE PLANTING DAY

and urge all citizens to contribute to the beauty of the State and to have a role in the Bicentennial observance by participating in tree planting ceremonies on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, The Capital, this 16th day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-five



Reubin O'D. Askew
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Queen A. Smith
SECRETARY OF STATE



"The Challenge of '76"

SHORT COURSE

March 9-12
University of Florida, Gainesville
Reitz Union

If you haven't yet decided to accept "The Challenge of '76" at Short Course in Gainesville, March 9-12, send your registration in today. The course will take you through 2½ days of lectures, demonstrations, workshops and just plain fun, focusing on the Bicentennial theme of HERITAGE, FESTIVAL AND HORIZON—the past, the present and the future. The following is a capsule version of the program:

Tuesday, March 9:

6:45-8:15 P.M.: Informal Reception to meet our state officers.
Bicentennial exhibits from all the districts.
8:15 P.M.: Concert by the University Music Department

Wednesday, March 10—HERITAGE:

9:15-10:15: "Historic Gardens and Landscapes", Jack Sanderson, Landscape Architect
10:30-12:15: "Working with Dried Arrangements", Mrs. Georgia Vance, Mt. Solon, Va.
Workshops and Mini-lectures:
2:00-4:15: Design Workshop "Floral Designs for the Dinner Party" Hanging basket workshop—2 parts: Horticulture and Macrame
2:00-3:00: "Growing and Maintaining Plants Under Artificial Lights" and "Vegetable Gardening"
3:15-4:15: "Organic Gardening"
"Expose: The Inside Secrets of a State Award Winner" (each lecture is given at 2:00 and again at 3:15)
4:30-6:00: Optional: Tour of the University Greenhouses
7:30: Garden Clinic with panel of experts to answer all your gardening questions

Thursday, March 11—FESTIVAL

8:45-10:45: "Beauty and Simplicity: Design for Today", Mrs. H. G. Beardsley, Gainesville, Georgia
11:00-12:30: "Celebrate with Camellias—the Transition Flower of the South", Mr. Jesse Barfield, Pensacola
Workshops and Mini-lectures:
2:00-4:15: Design Workshop: "You Too Can Win the Blue Ribbon"
Camellia Workshop: Propagation and Care
2:00-3:00: "Native Plants" and "Plant Propagation"
3:15-4:15: "Taxonomy"
5:30: Tea given by the Gainesville Garden Club at the Garden Center
6:30: Old Fashioned box supper and entertainment at the Garden Center
"The Gainesville Barbergators in Bicentennial Parade"

Friday, March 12—HORIZON

8:45-9:45: "Look to Tomorrow in Horticulture", Dr. William Carpenter, University of Florida
10:00-11:30: "Sound, Movement and Beauty—Designs for Tomorrow", Mrs. Beardsley

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HOUSING:

Housing reservations should be made with the motel of your choice, the Flagler Inn being the closest to the Reitz Union. Write Flagler, Box 1406, Gainesville 32601, or telephone 904-376-1661. There are two Holiday Inns and two Howard Johnsons and many other available motels if you have your own transportation. Parking areas adjoin the Reitz Union. Public transportation is available every half hour from many points in the city.

REGISTRATION FORM FFGC SHORT COURSE

March 9-12, 1976

NAME _____

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Please check:

_____ Entire Course \$15.00
_____ Wednesday Design Workshop \$2.00
_____ Thursday Design Workshop \$2.00
_____ Box Supper and Party \$2.50
_____ One day only (specify day) \$5.00

_____ Total

If you don't plan to attend design workshops, select two daily lectures:

Wednesday:

_____ Hanging Baskets

_____ Artificial Lights

_____ Vegetable Gardening

_____ Organic Gardening

_____ Expose: Awards

Thursday:

_____ Camellias

_____ Native Plants

_____ Plant Propagation

_____ Taxonomy

Please make checks payable to: **Florida Cooperative Extension Service** and mail to: Dr. Robert Black, Rolfs Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville 32601. Extra programs and Registration Forms are available from this same address.

PATE

People And Their Environment

Is your garden club on the PATE Bandwagon? Has your club given PATE Curriculum Guides to the local schools? Every public, private and parochial school needs these Guides to give teachers the help needed to meet the state requirement for environmental education.

Every club president received an order form in her President's Kit. Also, you may refer to page 192 in the Book of Information.

Lunn Sweetay, of Coral Springs Garden Club, District XI, is enthusiastic about these guides. She says: The PATE program is especially valuable at the elementary level.

When presenting copies of PATE to a school, try to get the books directly into the hands of the teachers who will be using them. Go to a faculty meeting if necessary. Point out to the teachers that lessons are already planned and objectives listed, providing one "free" lesson plan a week—a welcome time-saver for any busy teacher! Offer to help provide materials needed for the lessons.

Once you have placed a book, follow up to see that it is being used. Don't let the final resting place of all that valuable information become a dusty shelf, but rather the mind of a future ecologist or world citizen.

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—Mrs. John R. Phelps
PATE Chairman

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BOOK REVIEW

By Mrs. Broward McClellan
Books Chairman

Antiques Accented by Flowers

By Beth Hemingway
Flower Publications
P.O. Box 9431
Richmond, Va. \$10.00

To enhance the beauty of your own home read this lovely book showing how to combine antiques and flowers for each room in the house. Also included are flower show exhibits and a candlelight Christmas house tour.

90 photos, some in color, taken in historic homes and museums all over the country combine to make this a book you won't want to loan, for fear it might not get back to you.

Mrs. Hemingway is a popular lecturer in 14 states, Canada and Australia. NCSGC's Certificate of Merit was presented to her for "outstanding service" in promoting interest in flower arranging and horticulture during eight years on television. Mrs. Hemingway is a Master Judge.

Plants Poisonous to People

By Julia F. Morton
Hurricane House, Miami
Trend House, P.O. Box 2350
Tampa, Fl. 33601

Cloth: \$10.95Spiral: \$5.95

48 full-color illustrations by the author, showing leaves, blooms, fruit; with common and botanical names, growth characteristics and toxicity notes, including symptoms of poisoning, of plants that are poisonous to people in Florida and other warm areas.

The author, Director of the Morton Collectanea at the University of Miami, points out that the principal hazard is not so much in the plants themselves, but in unfamiliarity with their properties. Toxicity of poisonous plants varies with the season of the year and with stages of growth.

This book is recommended to Florida homeowners, schools and libraries, to physicians and other hospital personnel.

Gulf Coast Gardening

By Bette Galman Wahlfeldt
Pfeiffer Printing Co.
Pensacola, Fl. \$2.00

Concise step-by-step "how to garden" in our sandy Florida soils. Beautifully illustrated with over 70 pictures and drawings, this work is written in a "chatty" manner, is easy to read and does not burden with lengthy detail. Ranging from vegetables, flowers, lawns, fertilization to greenhousing, at this price no FFGC member should be without this book. Soon to be available from Headquarters.



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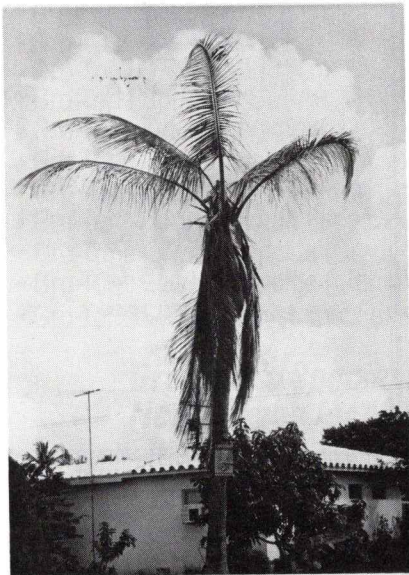
Help Save The Palms

If Florida is to survive the terrible lethal yellowing blight, it will be mostly through the efforts of Florida residents who replace their diseased palms with the Malayan variety of coconut palm, which is resistant to lethal yellowing, and administer Terramycin injections to existing trees.

Who could imagine Florida without palm trees? Well, some agricultural specialists can. "If the lethal yellowing infection rate continues at its current pace, South Florida could lose all of its coconut palms by 1977," says Dr. Daniel Roberts, plant pathologist at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

An estimated 100,000 palms in South Florida have already succumbed to the dreaded lethal yellowing disease and more are dying every day.

Lethal yellowing results in the premature dropping of fruit, regardless of size or maturity, the yellowing of palm leaves, and the eventual death of



A dying coconut palm, *cocos nucifera*, variety Jamaican tall, in the final stages of lethal yellowing.

the tree, leaving only a tall tree trunk or "telephone pole." Diseased trees usually die within three to six months after appearance of the first symptoms. Lethal yellowing is believed to be spread from tree-to-tree, location-to-location, by an unidentified insect carrier.

The disease is presently known to affect ten species of palms in South Florida: coconut, Christmas, Pritchardia, polynesian fan, arikury, windmill, Talipot, date, Canary Island date, and senegal date palms.

Lethal yellowing was first detected in Key West in 1955. From 1955 to 1968 approximately three-fourths of the 20,000 palm trees in Key West were killed by the disease.

Although lethal yellowing was not positively identified in Florida until 1955, the disease has plagued Jamaica for almost a century. Lethal yellowing has also been found in the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, Cuba, other Caribbean Islands, Panama, Venezuela and West Africa.

The disease first appeared in Coral Gables and Miami in 1971. During 1973, the first diseased trees were spotted in Broward and Palm Beach Counties in a helicopter survey conducted by the Division of Plant Industry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The entire counties of Broward, Dade, Palm Beach and that portion of Monroe not considered to be mainland have been quarantined against lethal yellowing.

The Division of Plant Industry's cutting and removal program has been phased out and a Terramycin treatment program is now under way. Now available to residents and homeowners at reasonable cost Terramycin is not a cure for lethal yellowing, but simply "buys time". Treatment consists of injecting the trees and must be repeated every four months. Injection of Terramycin causes remission of disease symptoms.

Terramycin injections and the replacement of diseased palms with resistant Malayan palms are the major

control measures in the lethal yellowing program.

The state, in cooperation with municipal governments, pays half the cost of Terramycin for the injection of palms on public property. The Division of Plant Industry also conducts aerial helicopter surveys for lethal yellowing every three months. The helicopter survey is the best method of keeping a check on the disease.

But residents and homeowners who replace their diseased trees with resistant Malayan palms and administer Terramycin injections to their trees play the biggest part in helping control the disease that is ruining their landscapes and threatening to destroy Florida's tropical image.

—Fla. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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LITTER CONTROL

Litter is a complex problem.

Four interlocking components comprise a new approach to this problem: 1—Updated sanitation codes. 2—Improved technology in trash containers, collection and street cleaning. 3—Continuous education through schools, the communications media and workshops for business, employee and civic groups to gain their cooperation as pedestrians, motorists, property owners and tenants. 4—Strengthened enforcement.

Litter is found to come from 7 sources: motorists, pedestrians, household refuse putouts, commercial refuse putouts, loading and unloading operations, uncovered trucks and construction projects.

Litter is *dynamic*. Wind, water, traffic and animals cause much of it to spread.

What isn't picked up is *trapped* anywhere it can lodge.

Litter control is everybody's job.

—Mrs. Ralph A. Parker
Litter Control & Recycling
Chairman, National Council

Checkerboard Chatter of and about gardening

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias are extremely susceptible to temperature fluctuations when grown as pot plants. When the plants are permitted to dry out excessively the leaves will drop off. Too much water will have the same effect.

Did you receive a poinsettia for Christmas?

Water the plant enough to keep the soil moist but not wet. There is no need for fertilizing now. Do not expose the plant to strong heat or drafts. Provide adequate light.

—Fla Nurserymen and Growers Assoc.

1976 All-American Roses

Announcement has been made of the new rose hybrids chosen to receive the 1976 AARS awards.

Hybrid teas Yankee Doodle (orange) and Seashell (salmon), floribunda Cathedral (apricot) and a climber America (salmon) were selected this year. America is the first climber to receive the AARS award in 18 years.

Read about Florida's only rose test garden on page 29 of this issue of The Gardener.

PANSIES

Pansies are winter bloomers in Florida and will produce an abundance of flowers with a minimum of care. It is important to keep the spent blooms picked to prevent seed production. Seed production inhibits further flowering. Pansies are heavy feeders and need to be fed at least once a month to promote heavy flowering. Very few diseases and almost no insects attack this graceful and attractive baby-faced flower.

—Florida Nurserymen and Growers Assoc., Inc.

HEADQUARTERS NEWS:

WAYS AND MEANS

FFGC Headquarters has a great new gardening gadget that is called just that . . . GARDENER'S GADGET. A combination trowel and scratcher, this aluminum gadget is light to hold, won't rust or bend, and even has a measure marked on the back of the trowel for planting those bulbs just so many inches deep.

These gadgets sell for \$2.08 individually and for \$1.56 each if bought from FFGC in lots of 10 or more.

TREES

When setting out new trees during this dormant time don't forget to water them frequently throughout the winter months. Tall, slender, newly planted trees should be supported to protect them from wind damage.

February is a good time to set citrus trees. Again, don't forget to water all citrus during the dry winter months.

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AMERICAN FLAG

Question: How may the flag of the United States be displayed and properly used in a flower show?

Answer: The regulations for use of the flag of the United States, observed by the Armed Forces, precludes the use of the flag in any flower arrangement or in a table setting. In a flower show it may be displayed in a standard or on a wall in the prescribed position for any public building.

PESTICIDES

Question: Is there any protection against highly toxic pesticides for someone who is just beginning to grow a garden?

Answer: Highly toxic pesticides can only be purchased by permit holders who are bona-fide farmers or commercial or industrial users of these chemicals. Read the label of any garden item you buy CAREFULLY. You should be sure that you really need to use pesticides in your garden. Contact the local county extension office for gardening pamphlets with information about your specific area of the state.

—Fla. Dept. of Agriculture

WATER HYACINTH

The water hyacinth, that strangler of subtropical waterways, may prove to be a valuable pollution fighter and an energy source as well. The fast growing plants can absorb cadmium, lead and other heavy metals while metabolizing the nitrates and phosphates of sewage effluent, reports a research team at NASA's Space Technology Laboratories in Mississippi, and the plants can be fermented to yield fertilizer and organic gas usable as fuel.

—From the Audubon Leader
National Audubon Society

FELLOWSHIP-SCHOLARSHIPS

FFGC awards one fellowship and three scholarships each year. Your help is needed to find applicants with high qualifications and a need for financial aid.

Each year National Council awards eight scholarships to juniors, seniors and graduate students in universities and colleges. Your help is needed here.

Read about these awards in the Book of Information, pages 140-141.

—Mrs. David Stouder
Chairman

PRUNING TIME!

Florida is now coming into its most dormant time. Did you think you could sit back and rest a little? Wrong. It's out with the pruning shears. Now is the time to prune, while the plants are resting and the sap is down.

In Florida, where the growing season is practically endless, pruning is almost imperative to keep things within bounds. The benefit to the plants, however, is primary, and they do need to have the weak growth, suckers and all that sprangly stuff on top removed to shape the plants and allow the strength to go to the main plant.



Flower Show Schools



Mrs. O. Fenton Wells, *Chairman*

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Instructors:

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COURSE IV—DAYTONA BEACH
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Mrs. Thomas Ward

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484 Druid Circle
Daytona Beach 32074

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MARCH 22, 23, 24, 1976

Instructors:

Mrs. J. B. Rosenberg
Mrs. Thomas Ward


Chairman:

Mrs. G. Howard Greene
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Winter Haven 33880

Correction: Book of Information, page 144. Please add "S" in front of name of instructor Patricia Kroh, who is accredited to teach Symposiums.

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Flower Show Calendar

Mrs. Sally Rahm, Flower Shows *Chairman*
747 N.E. 61st Street, Apt. 111
Miami 33137

(Please register your shows with this chairman)

1976:

January 29-30, Brandon, "Bi-Centennial/Beauty and Bounty of Florida" Valrico Garden Club, Tampa Electric Leisure House, 137 S. Parsons Ave.
February 3, Key Biscayne, "The Arts in America Through Flowers 1876-1976" Seagrape Garden Club, St. Christopher's by-the-Sea Church
February 6-7, Port St. Lucie, "America—The Distaff Side" Rio Lindo Garden Club, CEFA Building
February 13-14, Key Largo, "Heritage '76, Festival U.S.A. and Horizons" Key Largo and Upper Keys Garden Clubs
February 13-15, Miami, "Yesterday Meets Tomorrow" Metropolitan Miami Show, Youth Fair Bldg., Tamiami Park
February 13-15, Miami, Metropolitan Miami Flower Show, Youth Fair Bldg. Tamiami Park
February 14-15, DeLand, "Independence 200" Volusia County Fairgrounds
February 21-22, Englewood, Lemon Bay Garden Club, at Lemon Bay Jr. High Sch.
February 21-22, Englewood, "America the Beautiful" Lemon Bay Garden Club, Lemon Bay Junior High School, Placida Road
February 27-28, Stuart, "Americans: Rejoice and Sing!" First United Methodist Church, 1500 Colorado Ave.
February 27-29, Key West, "Island Heritage '76" Key West Garden Club, Key West Garden Center
February 29, West Palm Beach, "Southern Living" Placement Show
March 4-6, Orlando, "76 Trombones" District VII, Colonial Plaza Mall
March 6-7, Fort Myers, "Happy Birthday U.S.A." Federated Garden Clubs of Lee County and the Lee County Garden Council; The Teen Club, Cleveland Ave.
March 6-7, Orange Park, "Where Dreams Are Made" Garden Club of Orange Park, Home & Garden Show
March 6-7, Vero Beach, "Sea to Shining Sea" Garden Club of Indian River County, Inc., Village Green Auditorium
March 13-14, Winter Haven, "America the Beautiful" Winter Haven Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., Garden Center
March 15, Tampa, "Our Past, Present, and Future" Clearfield Garden Club, Clearfield Community Center, Clearfield and Indiana Aves.
March 17-20, Bevilles Corner, "America Sings" Azalea Garden Club of Sumter County, Sumter County Fair Grounds
March 18-19, Palmetto, "U.S.A. The Floral Way" at Palmetto Woman's Club
March 19-20, Miami, "Fun With Flowers" Norwood Garden Club, Norland United Methodist Church, 885 N.W. 195th St.
March 19-21, St. Petersburg, "This Land Is Our Land" Garden Club of St. Petersburg, Bayfront Center
March 20, New Port Richey, "America—Your Land and Mine" New Port Richey Garden Club, First Federal Savings and Loan Co.
March 20-21, Sarasota, "Minuteman to Moonman", Exhibition Hall, Sarasota
March 22-27, Eustis, "Happy Birthday U.S.A.", Lake County Council of Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. at Fairgrounds
March 24, Tampa, "Your Country and Mine" Sunset Park Garden Club
March 25-26, Lake Wales, "In Retrospect—1776 to 1976" The Garden Club of Lake Wales, Strolling Flower Show in downtown Lake Wales
March 26-27, Ocala, Spring Flower Show

March 27-28, Venice, Venice Area Garden Club at New Venice Little Theatre
 March 27-28, Rockledge, "This is Your Life, America!" Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club, Garden Center, 1493 S. Fiske Blvd.
 March 27-28, Plant City, "A Salute to America" The Plant City Garden Club, Inc., Plant City Garden Center
 March 27-28, Zephyrhills, "We Cherish, Honor and Protect Our Heritage" at Zephyrhills Community Center, Fifth Avenue
 March 30-31, Clearwater, "The Way It Was, 1776-1976"
 April 2, Lighthouse Point, "Our Land—Of Thee We Sing" Lake Placid Garden Club, Placement Show, 3010 N.E. 44th St., Lighthouse Point
 April 2-3, Bradenton, "Our Heritage" Manatee River Garden Club
 April 3-4, Bartow, "La Florida—From Indian Trail to Space Age" Bartow Civic Center
 April 3-4, Belleair, "1776/Panorama In Flowers/1976"
 April 7-8, Sebring, "Spirit of '76", Civic Center on Lake Jackson
 April 8-9, Tampa, "Grand Finale—of the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration" Tampa Garden Center
 April 8-9, Fort Pierce, "Downtown Mall Show" St. Lucie Federation of Garden Circles, Downtown Mall, Ft. Pierce
 April 9, Dunedin, "The Designers of America, A Portrait of Creativity" Bay Bouquet Garden Club, Dunedin Community Center, 1141 Michigan Blvd.
 April 9, Tarpon Springs, Home and gardens of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dietrich, 118 Orange Street
 April 9-10, Pompano Beach, "Pompano On Parade" Pompano Beach Recreation Center, 1801 N.E. 6th St.
 April 9-10, Hallandale, Diplomat Mall
 April 10-11, West Palm Beach, "Happy Birthday, America" Palm Springs Garden Club
 April 10-11, Clermont, "Florabilia", The Mildred Amateis Garden Center.
 April 22, Chipley, "America The Beautiful", National Guard Armory
 April 24-25, Inverness, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" at the Primary School at Inverness
 April 24-25, Naples, "A Stroll Thru Olde Naples"
 May 20-24, Miami Beach, "The New Land" National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Bicentennial International Flower Show, Miami Beach Convention Center

1977:

March 26-27, St. Augustine, State Flower Show, FFGC, National Armory



International Flower Show

A Japanese garden, tulips from Holland, torch ginger from Colombia and other spectacular displays of flowers from all over the world will be on exhibit during the first Miami Beach International Flower Show, Inc., May 20-24, 1976.

The National Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., representing more than 14,000 clubs in the United States

and affiliates in 44 countries, will sponsor the event.

It is co-sponsored by the City of Miami Beach, the Miami Beach Tourist Development Authority, and sanctioned by Third Century, the Miami Beach Bicentennial organization.

Featuring more than 250 flower arrangements at the Miami Beach

Convention Center, the show is designed to bring together people from many countries in a display of friendship and beauty.

Some 100,000 people are expected to attend this event whose theme is "The New Land."

Sections of Floral Design will feature our resources: Natural resources; resources below the earth's crust and the sea's tides and resources of the beautiful land and forces of the atmosphere.

Other resources featured will be Resources of Conclusions— inventions and scientific advances. Human Resources will bring into play our statesmen, our spiritual leaders, warriors and our empire builders

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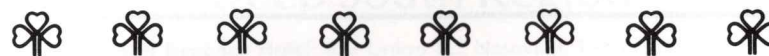
dance, music, literature and sculpture.

Many innovative types of staging will be incorporated in the show to make this an unforgettable experience for everybody.

Many side trips are being planned for visitors to Miami. Contact Mrs. James A. Connolly, 12800 S.W. 82nd Ave., Miami 33156 for information and prices of these tours.

If you are planning to enter the artistic or horticulture sections contact Chairman: Mrs. Edwin B. Dean, 1 Lincoln Road Bldg., Suite 203, Miami Beach 33139 for further information on the schedule.

Plan now for your trip to Miami for this outstanding show. May 20-24, 1976 are the dates to circle on your calendar.



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Flower Show Evaluating

Mrs. Frank L. Woodruff, III
Judges Chairman

The following suggestions are reminders for experienced evaluators and a guide for new evaluators, as well as for Flower Show Chairmen who anticipate applying for awards for their show.

First, review page 50, Judges Handbook, "Explanation of Categories . . ." as well as the various Scales of Points (pgs. 51-56). Note: FFGC Scales of Points follow those of National Council.

Evaluation begins when you receive the flower show schedule. Study it carefully. Is it complete? Specific? Awards correctly worded? Does it carry the theme through ALL divisions?

A. STAGING: Is the entrance area inviting? Is the staging arranged in orderly sequence? Is the theme evident

in staging? Is it neat—clean? Is there a theme focal area? Is the over-all effect pleasing? Is the theme evident in staging? Is it neat—clean? Is there a theme focal area? Is the over-all effect pleasing?

B. REQUIRED DIVISIONS: Are the Horticulture and Artistic Design Divisions well balanced? Is the same effort extended to Horticulture as to Artistic Design? Are originality and/or imagination evident?

C. ADVISED SECTIONS: Do the educational exhibits truly instruct? Are they a real addition to the show?

D. STATE AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVES: Do these exhibits show actual club participation with good results?

In "C" and "D" sections, do exhibits bear evidence of effective sponsorship, instruction or assistance from various

committees? Exhibits that do not, and are barely adequate, should not be given maximum points.

As you study the show, make individual notes. Then, with the panel, confer and compare notes privately and quietly. If minor flaws are detected, (such as missing placards or one or two misplaced horticulture specimens), DO give the committee a chance to correct them. We should be as helpful as possible, as we want Florida to have winners.

VERY IMPORTANT!!! The panel MUST agree whether or not the show qualifies for competition (scores 95 or higher). TELL THE SHOW CHAIRMAN IF THE SHOW DOES (OR DOES NOT) QUALIFY BEFORE LEAVING THE FLOOR. The panel chairman might do this.

The three scores need not be identical, nor do the comments need to

be on the same points. However, YOUR COMMENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT and are vital to state committees in determining winners. Explain why points are given and, by all means, why points are deducted.

IF THE SHOW DOES NOT QUALIFY . . . it is most urgent that the committee know where they might improve their show next year. Be encouraging when you tell them where they erred. Be discrete and kind.

When the evaluation forms are complete, remember to sign them, then mail to the correct state chairman as soon as possible. DO NOT GIVE THEM TO THE FLOWER SHOW CHAIRMAN OR COMMITTEE!!

We evaluators have a great honor as well as a grave responsibility. Let us be worthy, and do our very best to be helpful.

15th Annual Convention

—Deep South Region

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Your enthusiastic response in ordering more than 250 tickets for the Pre-Convention Tour of the Grand Ole Opry presents a challenge to your convention committee. You're excited about coming to Nashville and we're delighted that you're coming. Many have indicated this is their first trip to Nashville, known as "the dimple of the universe", the "Athens of the South" and "Music City, U.S.A.". We hope your expectations will be realized. The warmth of our invitation is unbounded. We want you to have a truly memorable visit. As you travel to convention we hope you will see some of the famous Tennessee walking horses and take notice of some of the beautiful ante-bellum homes. Some of you might take time to see our historic sites in the downtown area. There just isn't time to include tours to everything. Famous architect William Strickland designed many of his structures for the Nashville area as well as Philadelphia. His Nashville designs include the State Capitol, Downtown Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Church, Belmont College and Belle Meade Mansion. Other Historic Sites are McKendree Methodist Church and Christ Episcopal Church. Inquiries from Chicago and Texas request information about the Parthenon and other areas. Our information desk will be ready to assist you.

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15th Annual Convention—Deep South Region

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 3: Pre-convention entertainment
"The Grand Ole Opry"—Pre-Registration only. All reserved seats sold out.

Sunday, April 4: "This is our Land—Our Heritage"—Tour, Luncheon, Tea
9:00-4:00 . . . "The Upper Room Chapel" wood carving of DaVinci's Last Supper, "The Hermitage", home of Pres. Andrew Jackson; "Tulip Grove", Home of Jackson's secretary; historic Williamson County; Lunch in Harpeth Mall, Franklin, Tenn.; "The Carter House", national historic landmark; Carter's Court Shopping Village; Tea: Magnolia Hall, Anti-bellum home of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Garrett; home via Nashville Universities and colleges.

8:00 . . . Film and talk "Bartram Trail"—Mrs. Charles Yarn, Jr. Fashion Show. Refreshments—Bright of America.

Monday, April 5: "Our Challenge" Formal opening of Convention
9:00-12:00 . . . Business Meeting
12:30-2:00 . . . Luncheon and Program: "Liberty"—The Steinhauer Family, Winner of The National Freedom Foundation Award
2:00-4:00 . . . Business continued
4:30-6:00 . . . Workshops
7:00 p.m. . . . Awards Banquet and Flower Arranging Program, Mr. Jack Inman

Tuesday, April 6: "Horizons"

9:00-11:30 . . . Business Meeting continued

12:30 . . . Luncheon, Tour and Flower Show: Cheek Mansion, Cheekwood Fine Arts Center and Gardens, Tennessee Botanic Hall and Flower Show, Belle Meade Mansion

7:00 . . . Tuesday Night Banquet—Opening of Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. State Convention. All Deep South registrants are invited to attend if they care to do so.

- * As stated above, all reserved seats for The Grand Ole Opry are sold out. Transportation, round-trip, to Opry . . . \$4.20. All tickets for Opry have been pre-paid (\$5.00).
- * Sunday tour, lunch and tea: \$20.00—no refunds after March 1st. Registration deadline March 1st. Make checks payable to: Deep South Region Convention Tours. Mail to: Mrs. George B. Harris, Box 124, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.
- * Golf available for husbands on Monday, April 5th, at Brentwood Country Club. Green Fee and Cart: \$12.50. Make reservations by March 15. Make check payable to: Deep South Region Convention and mail to: Mrs. Ralph Fletcher, 463 Hogan Road, Nashville 37220.
- * Make hotel reservations directly with, and mail to: Hyatt-Regency Nashville, 623 Union St., Nashville 37219. Phone 615-259-1234. Reservations must be made 21 days in advance. Specify Deep South Region if phoning.
- * Tuesday night Banquet and Tennessee Convention Opening: \$11.00. Make checks payable to: Tennessee State Convention and mail to: Mrs. James Byars, Rt. 1, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. 37122 not later than March 15th.
- * For all reservations listed above: PLEASE include your name, address, telephone and indicate exactly what you are paying for.

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Wednesday, March 3: 8:00 Registration

9:00 Written examination

12:00 Deadline for examination

NOTES ABOUT THE COURSE:

Courses may be taken out of sequence.

Those holding Landscape Appraiser Certificates are required to take a refresher course to keep certificate valid, according to National Council ruling. A refresher course may be taken after the third year from date on certificate and must be taken before the fifth year has expired. Course II is eligible for refresher credit.

The series of Landscape Design courses is planned to benefit garden club members, Park and Campus Superintendents or any interested individual. Those taking the courses will receive sufficient instruction to intelligently plan their own home grounds and to capably serve their communities as a member of School Grounds Committees, State Highway Department Boards, Zoning Boards, City Planning Committees and other groups concerned with planning the landscape.

REQUIRED READING—Course II

The National Gardener

Landscape Architecture: Simonds (pages 1-39, 79-96)

America's Garden Book: Bush-Brown (pages 1-50)

The Book of Landscape Design: Ortloff and Raymore (pages 288-308)

The Tastemakers: Lynes (pages 65-117)

Art and Nature Appreciation: Opdyke (pages 1-42, 63-74)

Practical Landscape Guide for Homeowners: Smith

INSTRUCTORS:

Ralph C. Liss—ASLA: B.L.A. Landscape Architecture, Ohio State U., Columbus, Post Graduate Studies: Georgia State U., Atlanta. Mr. Liss was principal in charge of many extensive developments, including Fort McPherson, Ga., Lake Hartwell Planning and Design, Fort Frederica National Monument, and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. He has been a featured guest speaker at many state universities.

James E. Klement—ASLA: B.L.A. University of Florida, Rollins College Seminars. Florida Technical University: Seminars and Short Courses. Performed professional services as a Landscape Architect and Community Planner for the development of new urban and suburban communities, commercial centers and recreational areas. Landscape Architect and Urban Planner with the Department of Recreation and Public Affairs for the city of Jacksonville. Served as Landscape Architect and Planner for an Urban Space Plan for the city of Gainesville.

Hilton T. Meadows—ASLA: Attended Auburn University 1951-53, Bachelor, *summa cum laude* and Master's Degree, University of Florida. President of his firm; credits include The Fountain of Youth, St. Augustine, Pelote's Island, The University of North Florida. Serving as a consultant, his firm specializes in Diversified Environmental Planning.

Herrick H. Smith—USLA: Director of School of Landscape Architecture, U. of Florida, Graduate of University of Georgia in Landscape Architecture. This popular instructor is returning to Course II by student request.

CYPRESS GARDENS

Cypress Gardens chief horticulturist Robert Kundtz has been notified that the Gardens was chosen by All America Rose Selections as the only official test garden in Florida.

The AARS is an independent non-profit organization which runs 23 test gardens throughout the country. Rose growers from all over the world send their top new roses to these gardens, where they are grown for two years. Evaluation by a competent horticulturist is done four times a year.

Evaluation of the roses covers growth habits, bud formation, color of rose opening, color of its finishing, fragrance and flowering effect. The scores are then sent in to AARS, where they are compared with scores from other gardens and if any score in the highest brackets, they are awarded title of AARS rose—a rose that will grow anywhere in the country.

Because standards are so high for acceptance, there are often years when no rose is given the award.

It is a difficult task to develop an official test garden, according to Kundtz. Cypress Gardens' staff toiled for two years making their rose test area an excellent one before the AARS would consider them. The Gardens, during this time, served as an AARS demonstration garden and was visited by AARS members, who checked to see

that the Gardens met rigid requirements. These requirements included a top-notch horticulturalist, backed by a professional staff.

AARS members also had to assure themselves that the staff was following proper procedures in caring for the roses, including spraying and planting techniques. Kundtz was quick to point out that recognition can be discontinued in the future if full standards are not being met.

The original Florida Rose Garden at Cypress Gardens is the actual test site for the new plants. The All-America Rose Garden in the Gardens of the World will serve as the display area for the winning roses.

Kundtz noted that three roses which won this past year have recently been added to the display area—the gold copper Arizona, the yellow Oregold and the light coral pink Rose Parade.

"Rose enthusiasts are like those who revere fine paintings or architecture," said Kundtz. "They'll travel many miles to enjoy the beauty of a recognized masterpiece."

For those who live in, or are traveling in Florida, the beauty of the All-America Rose Garden will be within easy reach at Cypress Gardens.

Cypress Gardens features their fine display garden of All American Rose Selections on the back of this issue of *The Florida Gardener*.

DISTRICT I

Mrs. Charles Kahn, Awards Chairman, and Mrs. John Korose, President, admire the Civic Club of the Year trophy presented to the Driftwood Garden Club of Gulf Breeze for its work with schools and with the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce.

The Driftwood Garden Club was organized twenty-three years ago and supported early town meetings. After the city was incorporated members saw a need for youth activities and worked with others toward establishing schools, a library and a recreational center.

They financially assisted the boys baseball program and were the first organization in the new city to sponsor a Girl Scout troop.

The recreational center was destroyed by fire a couple of years ago and after it was rebuilt the club went to work beautifying the grounds.

As Mrs. Korose, President, said, regarding the Civic Club of the Year



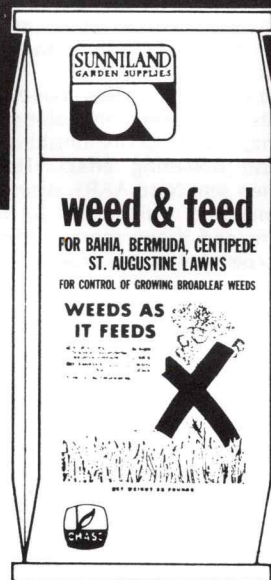
Award, "To think we almost didn't enter because we didn't feel we had a chance with all the other clubs in our county! We now agree 'to win, you must enter'."

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET—ALL FUNDS
MAY 31, 1975

ASSETS:		\$39,740.90
CASH ON HAND & ON DEPOSIT:		<u>101,353.00</u>
General Funds		\$141,093.90
Restricted funds		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
State Flower Show Fund	1,154.03	
Florida Gardener	748.40	
Award donors	35.00	
1976 Flower Show Symposium	500.00	2,437.43
INVENTORIES:		
Cook books	1,609.58	
Charms and pins	220.05	
Headquarters Benefit Items	1,929.48	
FFGC 50 Year History	1,442.56	5,201.67
INVESTMENTS (at cost):		
Bonds		67,277.00
HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY:		
Land, improvements, building and equipment	138,424.70	
Less accumulated depreciation	62,393.44	76,031.26
DEFERRED CHARGES:		
Flower Arrangement Calendar—1976		
Expenditures	25,340.02	
Less revenues	24,289.44	1,050.58
		<u>\$293,091.84</u>
LIABILITIES:		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
Convention Fund		\$ 50.00
Bicentennial Project		160.00
World Gardening		1,197.33
Youth Conference		8,396.88
Youth Manuals		100.00
Sales tax		58.80
		<u>9,963.01</u>
DEFERRED INCOME		
Florida Gardener—advertising	\$ 288.00	
Membership dues	1,611.00	
Member dues and awards	15.00	1,914.00
FUND PRINCIPAL		
General Fund	35,833.47	
Junior Nature Camp	7,178.92	
Conservation Camp Building Fund	10,374.17	
Blanche Capel Covington Leadership Fund	3,601.21	
Mary S. Compton Life Membership		
Endowment Fund	24,234.46	
Headquarters Endowment Fund	122,832.31	
Gateway Project Fund	1,129.03	205,183.57
HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY INVESTMENT		<u>76,031.26</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND PRINCIPALS		<u>\$293,091.84</u>

These financial statements consisting of the consolidated balance sheet and general fund revenues and expenditures for the year ended May 31, 1975, are excerpts from the audit report of like date by Jack C. Nolan CPA, Jacksonville, Florida, and are subject to all notes to financial statements contained in said report.

Mrs. Edward F. Smithers, Treasurer

**REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1975**

REVENUES:

Membership dues:		
Regular Membership	\$45,114.75	
Less: allocated to Florida Gardener	16,541.80	
High School Gardeners	37.70	\$28,610.65
Projects and Activities:		
Revenues	23,992.93	
Expenditures	11,259.73	12,733.20

Other Revenues:

Council of Garden Clubs	60.00	
Fellowship and scholarship fund	159.65	
Interest on savings and CD's	439.85	
Interest: Headquarters Endowment Fund	3,983.45	
Sales Tax collected	1,630.68	
		<u>6,273.63</u>

TOTAL REVENUES

\$47,617.48

EXPENDITURES;

Membership dues		
National Council	7,568.75	
Affiliated Organizations, High School & Jr. Gardeners	142.70	7,711.45

Administrative expenses:

Book of Information—printing	1,568.32	
District Chairman allotment	1,392.00	
Donations	2,550.00	
Gifts and courtesies	35.00	
Life membership expense	137.80	
Memeograph supplies	29.45	
Miscellaneous expense	132.74	
Payroll tax expense	422.44	
Postage—club service	320.51	
Postage and supplies—Federation	598.48	
P.O. Box rent and bulk mail permit	40.80	
Printing and stationery	190.32	
Privilege Tax	2.00	
Professional fees—audit	1,375.00	
Salaries	7,218.25	
Sales tax paid	1,582.58	
Scholarships	5,866.00	
Telephone and telegraph	192.91	
Travel expenses:		
President	2,159.82	
Other officers	658.63	\$26,473.05

Headquarters:

Building and equipment maintenance	746.03	
Building—painting	1,806.00	
Grounds—maintenance	4,573.21	
Insurance	1,236.00	
Janitorial service	690.00	
Lease rental	10.00	
Power and lights	998.15	
Sanitation service	29.00	
Sewer	34.14	
Telephone and telegraph	357.88	
Water	38.60	10,519.01

Transfer to Headquarters Endowment Fund

210.03

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES
EXCESS REVENUES OVER
EXPENDITURES**

\$44,913.54

\$2,703.94

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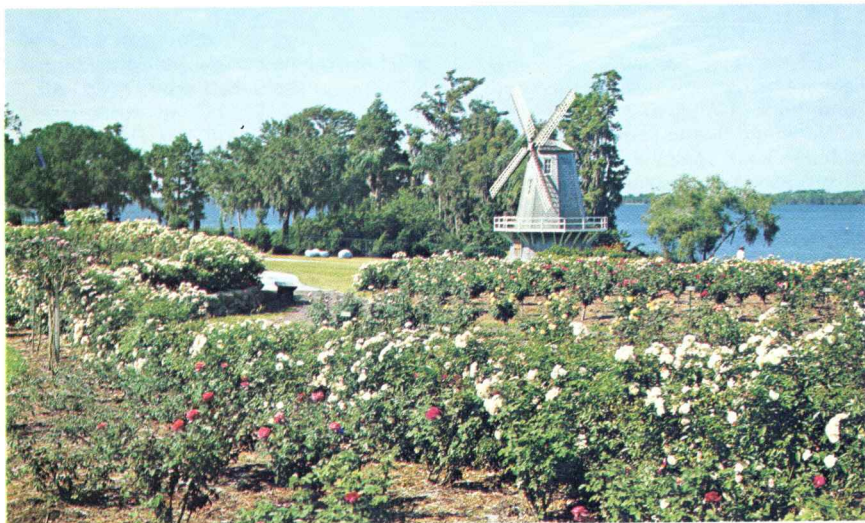
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