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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors Meetings:

June 8-9, 1976—Headquarters, Winter Park

Coming Events:

1976:


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 22-24, Flower Show School, Course II, Winter Haven
 March 23-April 14, FFGC Officers Spring Tour
 April 3-6, Deep South Regional Convention, Nashville
 April 26-28, Flower School 1, Gainesville
 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
 August 1-4, S.E.E.K. '76, Florida Tech. University, Orlando
 September 21-23, Symposium, Boca Raton
 November 16-19, Wekiva Youth Camp, Environmental Education Conference
 June 20-26, Wekiva Youth Camp, Boys, grades 3-7
 June 27-July 3, Wekiva Youth Camp, Boys, Grades 3-7
 July 11-17, Wekiva Youth Camp, Girls, Grades 3-7
 July 18-24, Wekiva Youth Camp, Girls, Grades 3-7

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.

District Presidents Conferences:

I—Santa Rosa Beach, March 23	VII—Clermont, March 31
II—Graceville, March 24	VIII—Ruskin, April 1
III—Madison, March 25	IX—Lakeland, April 2
IV—Jacksonville Beach, March 26	X—Clewiston, April 12
V—Ocala, March 30	XI—Pompano Beach, April 13
VI—Daytona-Ormond Beach, March 29	XII—Miami, April 14



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**DEADLINES FOR
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About The Cover

Stenandrium dulce Var. *Floridana*. A South Florida wildflower of the *Acanthus* family, found growing in open pine woods. Reaches 5 inches in height; grows from a basal rosette and blooms throughout the year. Transplants readily and reseeds in the garden. Tolerates any type soil but doesn't like competition from more aggressive plants. Sunny location.

Photo taken by Mrs. John DeMarchi, *Wildflowers-south* Chairman

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President's Message

The next few months will be filled with new opportunities for every garden club member.

Landscape Design School, Course 2, will be held in Lake City March 1-3, offering north Floridians and students from our border states a wonderful opportunity for study or for refreshing.

The second week in March an exciting and inspiring Short Course at the University of Florida is planned for your learning and enjoyment. Dates are March 10-12, with a gala reception and concert planned for the evening of March 9th.

The entire third week in March (March 14-20) will feature Blanche Covington Nature Study Course, this year to be held at our own FFGC Camp Wekiva. Each district is allowed three representatives. Please check with the district directors for applications.

Your President and three Vice Presidents will start the Spring Conference tour on March 23 in District I, ending on April 14th at lovely Marathon in the Keys. We are looking forward again to the inspiration you give us by the reports of your many activities and record attendance.

A full delegation from Florida will attend Deep South Regional Conference, Nashville, April 4-6, and National Council Convention in Pittsburgh May 9-14. We urge all of our members to join their fellow gardeners from our Deep South and from all over this beautiful nation in these two conventions.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION, Carillon Hotel, Miami Beach, May 3-4, 1976. Our 50th State Convention! Stimulating, educational and joyful plans have been made with the fitting theme for our Bicentennial year of "SALUTE TO AMERICA". This year forum-type workshops have been planned so every member will be able to attend.

Also we have devised a seating plan for meals whereby each member will be assured numbered seating at a numbered table with a State Board Chairman serving as hostess.

While the convention will be held in Miami Beach, the City of Miami is noted

for its beauty and many interesting attractions. For your added enjoyment, the Convention Committee has scheduled four bus tours (select one, please). These tours have been chosen for their horticultural, educational and historical value.

Please note that the Environmental Education Conference scheduled for February 13-16 has been postponed until November 16-19th.

Of particular pride is the news that we have added 2,077 Junior Gardeners to our roles, that Intermediate and High School Gardener Units are on the increase and that our clubs are continuing their generous contributions to SEEK '76. For this we thank you, for it is through our clubs that we are able to advance a solid and continuing youth program from Juniors through High School levels.

Also the good news that with new clubs announced for Federation by your hardworking, dedicated directors at January Board Meeting, we will have an official count of more than 30,000 members by press time.

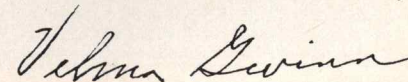
Every district is involved in the planting of trees and we urge clubs to send their count to the tree chairman.

Our Blue Star Memorial Marker program is gaining new vitality. Surely there can be no more fitting time to memorialize those men and women who gave so much in our behalf. Blue Star chairman, Mrs. R. M. Pyle, Jr. is conferring with The DOT to designate rest areas of Interstate Highways as sites for these Memorial Markers, thus giving peaceful and fitting settings where these markers can be seen at leisure.

Congratulations to our Calendar Editor and her staff. Our beautiful 1976 issue is almost sold out. It would be well to purchase at least one copy, as this is our Souvenir 1976 issue. The 1977 calendar "Showtime" is on the press and will be available at Convention.

A new century faces us with new opportunities. Let us commit ourselves joyfully with pride in our past and faith in our future.

Affectionately,



Federation Happenings



L. to R. President Velma Gwinn, FFGC, President Jess Conner, National Council and Julie Neals, Winter Park, Chairman of the reception given by District VII at Headquarters in early December, honoring Florida's President of National Council.

conner reception

Over four hundred friends attended a reception honoring Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, President, National Council of State Garden Clubs. The clubs and members of District VII hosted the reception on December 3rd at Headquarters in Winter Park.

The building was decorated throughout with fresh flower arrangements, banks of orchids and palms.

With Mrs. Conner in the receiving line were Mrs. Homer Gwinn, President FFGC, Mrs. Chester Schomp, Corresponding Secretary of National Council, Mrs. Maurice Dillingham, Parliamentarian, National Council, Mrs. E. R. Williamson, Assistant Director

March-April 1976

District VII, Mrs. Thomas Peacock, Treasurer District VII and Mrs. Walter Neals, Immediate Past Director of District VII. Mrs. Neals served as Chairman of the Day in the absence of Mrs. Charles Vale, Director.

Among the honored guests were Past Presidents of FFGC Mrs. Sidney Davis, Mrs. Maurice Dillingham, Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin, Mrs. Frank Hewlett and Mrs. Jack Dunlap.

A ten-foot weeping bottlebrush, *Callistemon speciosus*, was presented to Mrs. Conner as a Liberty Tree. It has been planted on the patio at State Headquarters in her honor.

A personal gift of a custom made handbag was also presented. It was

decorated with bluebirds for happiness and apple blossoms for health. Both gifts were given by members of District VII.

landscape critics council

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the membership roster in the new Landscape Critics Yearbook. Please add: District IV: Mrs. Robert Kloeppe III, 9116 Bay Cove Lane, Jacksonville 32217. Mrs. C. D. Millet, 2642 Grasshopper Lane, Orange Park 32073. District VI: Mrs. Frank Pyle, 98 N. St. Andrews Dr., Ormond Beach 32069. District IX: Mrs. Howard Gahagen, 110 Oleander Rd., Lehigh Acres 33936. District XI: Mrs. E. O. Williams, 2601 Acacia Ct., Ft. Lauderdale 33301. Mrs. Kloeppe, Pyle and Gahagen are provisional critics.

NOTICE!! Headquarters will be closed May 3-5. Office Manager Doris Rogers, will be attending Convention.

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IN MEMORIAM

December 26, 1976
Mrs. John B. McClellan
Tallahassee

O'Dell McClellan was best known in FFGC for her imaginative conception and promotion of Glenn Glitter, Florida's anti-litter symbol. She served on FFGC's board as Anti-litter Chairman and as Liaison with State Agencies. O'Dell was a Life Member of FFGC, a member of the board of Keep America Beautiful, a member of the Holly Garden Circle of Tallahassee Garden Club and Springtime Tallahassee.

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Environmental Education Conference for Deep South and S. Atlantic Regions at Eagle Rock, Georgia, November 1975 brought this cheerful group of environmentalists together: Top row, L. to R. Miss Frances Hickey, Shell Oil Co., Mr. Al Peffer, U.S. Dept. of Forestry, Mrs. John DeMarchi, Chairman Florida Wildflowers (south), Mrs. Homer Gwinn, President FFGC, Mrs. Daniel Connel, Chairman Florida High School Gardeners. Second Row, L. to R. Mrs. Robert Stone, Youth Conference Director FFGC, Mrs. Sidney Davis, Membership Chairman, National Council and Past President FFGC, Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Florida, President of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Virginia Benson, U.S. Dept. of Forestry. Front Row: L. to R. Mrs. George Patterson, National Council Chairman Environmental Education Conference, Mrs. John G. Wood, 2nd VP, FFGC, and Chairman of Reclamation & Recycling, National Council. This Conference was sponsored by National Council. Mrs. John DeMarchi, top row, photographed the cover of this issue of *The Florida Gardener*.

"SHOWTIME '77"

The SILVER ANNIVERSARY Edition of our FLORIDA FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CALENDAR will be available on May 1st.

In addition to the thirty-six award-winning designs and a gardening hint for each week, there is an added feature making this truly a Showtime Edition. Mrs. Robert Guthrie, Nationally Accredited Flower Show School Instructor, has compiled an article on "Conditioning and Grooming Horticulture Specimens for Arranging and Exhibition".

We think you will be pleased and make this calendar a welcomed addition to your library for years to come. We suggest that you order extra copies, and that you order soon!

Letters and order forms have been mailed to each club and circle president. Orders received by April 20th will be available at CONVENTION in Miami Beach.

Mrs. Augustus F. Williams, Jr.
Editor

"Salute to America"

May 3-4, 1976

50th Annual State Convention

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

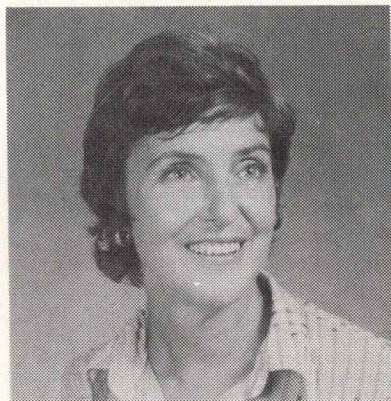
Carillon Hotel

Miami Beach, Florida

Hostess: Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County



Mrs. Vincent Turner, Chairman of Convention is currently serving her fourth term as President of Suburban Garden Club, Miami, Second Vice President of Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County and Chairman of the Visitors Center at the Subtropical Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A garden club member for 14 years, she is working with the Bicentennial Committee of Third Century Horizons.



Mrs. Robert Bussey, Convention Co-Chairman, moved to Miami from Wantagh, Long Island, N.Y. in 1957 and has been active in garden club work since 1962. Currently President of Dig and Dream Garden Club, she is an Accredited Flower Show Judge, a member of Floralia and has served on the board of the Metropolitan Miami Flower Show.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Sunday, May 2, 1976

9:00 A.M. Florida Council of Flower Show Judges Registration
10:00 A.M. Florida Council of Flower Show Judges Annual Meeting
12:00 Luncheon
2:45 P.M. FFGC Coordinator's Meeting—District Directors (Cypress Room)
3:30 P.M. Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting (Cypress Room)
6:30 P.M. Dinner, honoring Board of Directors FFGC
9:00 P.M. Program for early arrivals and Board of Directors



Frances Hickey was born and reared in Spokane, Washington, and earned her BS in Chemistry from York College, Nebraska. The major portion of her career has been with Shell Oil Co. in California and Texas. Prior to her appointment as Women's Program Representative, she was Supervisor-Patent Searching. She is an ardent environmentalist and wildlife enthusiast.



Mrs. W. J. Hedley, First Vice-President of National Council will highlight Monday's Award Banquet. She will speak on "Words on Fire". Mrs. Hedley lives in St. Louis, and has served on the National Council Board in several capacities, as she has moved up the chain of offices. Her chairmanships include Finance and International Affiliates, among others.

Monday, May 3, 1976

7:30 A.M. Breakfast "The Heritage of a Nation"
Speaker: Miss Frances Hickey, Shell Oil Co.
Presentation of Youth Awards FFGC
10:00 A.M. Formal Opening of 50th Annual Convention
12:30 P.M. Luncheon "Let Freedom Ring"
Program by Florida Council of Flower Show Judges
"Bells, Bonfires and Illumination"
Presentation of Flower Show and Program Awards
2:45-5:15 Forums: Each forum will be presented three times so every member may participate in every forum.
6:00-7:00 Cocktail Party—courtesy Carillon Hotel
7:15 P.M. Banquet "The Torch of Leadership"
Speaker: Mrs. W. J. Hedley, First Vice President National Council
"Words on Fire"
Presentation of FFGC Leadership Awards
Presentation of Shell Awards—Miss Frances Hickey

Tuesday, May 4, 1976

7:30 A.M. Breakfast "The Abundance of Our Land"
Speaker: Dr. J. M. Ragusa of NASA
"The Miracle of the Satellites"
9:30 A.M. Business Session—continued
12:30 P.M. Luncheon "The Spirit of '76"
Speaker: Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard, Sr.
"From Both Ends of the Telescope"
Flag Ceremony

March-April 1976



Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard, President of FFGC 1965-67, lives in Pensacola and is a member of the Althea Circle of the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs. She will be the main speaker for Tuesday's Luncheon, and will entitle her talk "From Both Ends of the Telescope". Mrs. Blanchard presently serves on the Board of FFGC as Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee.



Winston K. Pendleton, is a nationally known public speaker and author of such books on worrying as "Aw Stop Worryin'" and "Pursuit of Happiness". For 15 years Mr. Pendleton worked in Washington, D.C. as a newspaperman and public relations consultant. Now living in the quiet village of Windermere, he spends his time speaking, writing, relaxing and helping people overcome their tensions and worries.

Tuesday, May 4 continued

2:30-6:00 P.M. Bus Tours of Miami (select one)

- Fairchild Gardens
- Viscaya & Gardens
- Parrot Jungle

U.S. Development Station (USDA) Plymouth Church and Coconut Grove area

7:30 P.M. Banquet "The Challenge of our Time"

Speaker: Win Pendleton
"Aw, Stop Worryin' "

Presentation of National and State Life Memberships
Post Convention Board Meeting after adjournment.

To help make the seating at our meal functions more pleasurable, everyone will be assigned table and seat numbers for all meals, thus ensuring reserved seating for every member attending the Convention. Location of tables will rotate (i.e.) one meal in the front of the dining room, perhaps the next on the side and the next in the rear. Table numbers will be assigned by districts with one state board member serving as hostess at each table.

If you desire to sit with specific friends or with your husband, please send registrations in the same envelope.

Convention Facts:

- * Registration Desk in Carillon Hotel Lobby will be open prior to all activities.
- * Reservations for the Carillon are to be made directly with the hotel, using form on page (XX) this issue of *The Florida Gardener*. NOTE: Reservations must be accompanied by one night's room revenue. Deposits will be refunded if cancelled 7 days or more prior to arrival date. Reservations will be accepted until May 1st, depending on availability of rooms. Early reservations will have priority.

Carillon Hotel
6801 Collins Ave
Miami Beach, Fla. 33141
305 (865-7561)

- * Registration is to be paid by everyone attending all or part of Convention. ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 24, 1976.
- * Prepay registration and all desired events to: **Mrs. Robert Mills**, 9735 S.W. 138th St., Miami, FL 33158. (Itemize what you are paying for).
- * Make checks payable to: **FFGC Inc. 1976 CONVENTION**
- * POSITIVELY NO CANCELLATIONS after April 24, 1976.
- * Delegates and Alternates will register on special forms sent directly to Club and Circle Presidents.

SCHEDULE FOR VISITORS AND MEMBERS:

Registration	\$7.50
Husband Registration	1.00
May 3, 1976	
Breakfast "Heritage of a Nation"	5.00
Luncheon "Let Freedom Ring"	7.25
Banquet "Torch of Leadership"	11.00
May 4	
Breakfast "Abundance of Our Land"	5.00
Luncheon "Spirit of '76"	7.25
Banquet "Challenge of Our Times"	14.00
Afternoon Bus Tour of your choice (select one)	6.00
Fairchild Tropical Gardens	
Parrot Jungle	
Viscaya & Gardens	
U.S. Development Station, Plymouth Church and gardens and	
Coconut Grove area	
Total includes tax and gratuities	\$63.00
Complete package, including tour	55.00
* Golf, fishing, tennis available for husbands	
* All prices include 9:00 p.m., Sunday May 2nd program for early arrivals.	
* Check out time at Carillon is 12:00, May 5th. Plan to spend the morning shopping or on the beach.	

LIBERTY TREE PLANTING is a project specially chosen by your National President and all State Federations as a Bicentennial project. All states will be vying for the top count of trees planted during this administration. Florida, with its milder-than-most weather and its vast number of trees of all kinds from around the world, can and should honor our own President with the top numbers of trees planted. All District tree chairmen, Club tree chairmen, or Presidents, please fill in the form below and mail to: Mrs. Lon M. Sniffen, *State Tree Chairman*, 8250 SW 187th St., Miami 33157

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____ Total # trees planted _____
Planted at: Homes _____ Schools _____ Communities _____
Special Liberty Trees planted or dedicated (number) _____
Fruit _____ Flowering _____ Shade _____

"Salute to Beauty"

Judges Council Annual Meeting—May 2, 1976
Carillon Hotel

Planning to go to FFGC Convention? Go a day early and attend the Judges Annual Meeting: "Salute to Beauty".

Program Chairman, Wilma Paulauskas (Mrs. A.L.) promises an unusual approach to a favorite subject—ferns! Guest speaker will be Mrs. Virginia Ault, fern culture instructor, Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Artistic Designs incorporating ferns will complete theme, "With a Touch of Green".

Registrar: Mrs. Hugh McCall, 7240 Jacaranda Lane, Miami Lakes 33014

Fee: Including lunch, only \$10.00

Make checks payable: **Florida Council of Flower Show Judges**

Make room reservations directly with the Carillon Hotel.

Do's For Delegates to Convention

BEFORE YOU COME:

Clubs: Elect delegates and alternates.

Bring all the Convention information which has come to your club.

Make meal and hotel reservations.

Discuss amendments, bylaws, etc. which are to be presented.

Learn how your club members wish you to vote.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE:

Register as soon as possible after arrival.

Check convention packet for accuracy; write name and room number on packet, enclosed papers and meal tickets.

If on a committee, report to the committee chairman.

If on the program, report to the program chairman.

Locate the rooms where the meetings are to be held.

DURING MEETING:

Be on time (it's better to be early) and bring all needed materials.

Wear your badge and sit in the section reserved for you.

Attend all business sessions and take part in them.

Vote as instructed, or as you feel the club wishes.

Note whether bylaws and resolutions were adopted or lost.

Attend workshops, noting things which will help your club.

Take notes for reference to be used when writing your report.

AT MEALS AND BETWEEN MEETINGS:

Be on time and bring your meal ticket.

Visit with members of other clubs—discuss club problems, share ideas and bring new ideas home to your club.

Talk with officers and chairmen—get help or information for your club.

WHEN YOU GET HOME:

Give material to your officers and chairmen.

Prepare your report while your notes are fresh, selecting the items of particular interest to your club.

You were sent as a delegate to represent your club and to obtain for them inspiration, stimulation and information.

With a little enthusiasm in your report, your club will be glad you attended as their representative.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

47th ANNUAL CONVENTION

"THIS PROUD LAND"

May 9-12, 1976

Pittsburgh Hilton

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania invites all garden clubs to attend the 47th annual convention of National Council May 9-12, 1976 at the Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Known as "The Golden Triangle", Pittsburgh has become one of the greatest industrial areas in the nation. Steel, glass, coal and "57 Varieties" were developed here by such famous families as Negley, Heinz, Craig, Frick, Mellon and Carnegie. Then came the Renaissance, a new birth. Today you see what can be accomplished in an inner city that had fallen on hard times.

The convention program has been developed to interest all garden club members. The roster of speakers includes: Mrs. Fred Henry of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, a writer with an unusual approach; The Honorable Genevieve Blatt, Judge of The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, discussing "The Role of Women in the First 200 Years" and an exciting presentation by Ray Harm, well-known wild life artist. Additionally, special workshops are being planned to appeal to every member.

There are five tours scheduled: May 8, Landscape Critics; May 9, a visit to the renowned Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home "Fallingwater", the vast "Rolling Rock" Mellon estate and luncheon at the world-famous ski resort "Seven Springs".

On May 10, take the "Three Rivers Boat Cruise" to see Pittsburgh's skyline and shoreline from a different angle.

A post-convention tour of historical Pennsylvania, the "Keystone State" is planned. Six days and five nights.

Another post-convention tour encompasses the Southeastern United States, all part of the original thirteen colonies. The tour climaxes in Miami, Florida where you may attend the first International Flower Show sponsored by National Council. This is an 8 day, 9 nights tour.

Hostess garden clubs in Pennsylvania are creating special arrangements and favors to delight you. "Pittsburgh, Someplace Special" and Pennsylvania, one of the thirteen colonies and the home of the Liberty Bell, extend you a warm welcome.

Come! Enjoy and learn at the 47th Annual Convention. Help celebrate our Bicentennial and let us all pledge to keep "This Proud Land" the growing beacon and a challenge to the rest of the world, ever upholding the torch of Freedom.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, May 10th:

12:30 P.M. Keynote Luncheon—Formal Opening of Convention

Speaker: The Honorable Genevieve Blatt, Judge of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

2:30 P.M. Opening of Business Session

4:30-6:30—Workshops

7:30 P.M. Banquet—Scholarship Awards

Program—Flower Arranging from 1776-1976

Tuesday, May 11th:

7:30 A.M. Regional Breakfasts

9:30 A.M. Business Session, continued

12:30 P.M. Luncheon and Program—Mrs. Russell Train, Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency

Youth Awards, National Speech Contest

2:30 Business Session, continued

4:00-5:30 P.M. Workshops

5:00-6:00 P.M. Workshops

7:30 P.M. Banquet—Sears Roebuck & Co., Leadership and Civic Concern Award

Speaker, Mr. Ronald Lee Fleming

Wednesday, May 12:

7:30 A.M. Breakfast, Landscape Design, Speaker: Mr. Robert Rucker

Chairman Landscape Design, National Council

9:30 A.M. Business Session, continued

12:30 P.M. Luncheon, Vision of Beauty Awards

Speaker: Mr. Ray Harm

2:30 P.M. Business session continued

4:00-6:00 P.M. Workshops

7:30 P.M. Awards Banquet

Package Plan: Monday through Wednesday, includes \$18.00 Registration Fee, 3 banquets, 3 lunches, 1 breakfast, all receptions and workshops.

Before April 5 . . . \$93.00; After April 5 . . . \$98.00

Make check payable to: **1976 Pittsburgh Convention NCSGC**

Any questions concerning convention:

Mrs. Merlin J. Pitts, *Chairman*, 607 Garden City Dr., Monroeville, Pa., 15146

Mail registration to: Mr. Alvin R. Ingram, 3131 Oak St., Murrysville, PA 15668

No refunds after April 12, 1976

Make hotel reservations directly with the Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230

POST-CONVENTION TOURS (Tentative)

Pennsylvania Tour—5 nights, 6 days . . . twin bedroom, per person \$280.00

Includes tour of Gettysburg battlefield, "Wheatland", home of Pres. Buchannon, an Amish luncheon and tour of Amish Home, tour of historic Philadelphia, a visit to Fairmont Park, the home of John Bartram, shopping in Peddler's Village, and a tour of Longwood Gardens at Kennet Square.

Southeastern United States Tour—9 nights, 8 days . . . twin bed, per person \$420.00

Tour includes guided tour of Washington, D.C., visit to Mount Vernon, Charlottesville, tour of Jefferson's Monticello, Williamsburg, Va., driving through Norfolk, New Bern, Wilmington, Myrtle Beach and Georgetown. Charleston and Middleton Gardens, then on to Florida via Savannah and Jacksonville. Disney World and Cypress Gardens, and on to Miami for the ribbon cutting of the International Flower Show on May 20th and the opening of the show on the 21st.

\$50.00 Deposit required with reservation. Trip includes insurance coverage from departure to return.

Make checks payable to: **1976 Pittsburgh Convention N.C.S.G.C.**

Mail to: Miss Vera Wilson, Tour Ch., 1817 Lincoln Way, McKeesport, Pa. 15131

March-April 1976

GARDEN THERAPY

Gardening with Retardates

Members of Biltmore Heights Garden Club of Miami have found an excellent Garden Therapy project—that of helping a group of mentally retarded young adults become self-sufficient members of society through gardening.

Community Habilitation Center is a non-profit organization, started by parents trying to provide an alternative to institutional living for mentally retarded young adults.

At present the Center is housed in a nine-room building with several surrounding acres of land leased from Dade County. Plans have been drawn for a future residential village in which retardates can live and work as members of a self-supporting community.

Biltmore Heights Garden Club's contribution to this sheltered workshop program is to help these villagers establish a profitable Nursery and Plant Shop and to teach them the gardening skills required for such work.

Community Habilitation Center offers a non-residential vocational training program for about 25 retarded people over the age of 16. The project includes horticulture and plant nursery work, landscaping and lawn service, building janitorial services and food services. Only those retardates whose parents participate and cooperate fully with the program are considered for this project.

The project operates on donations and sales from the Nursery and Plant Shop where Center-grown plants and trees are available, and from a Boutique Shop where ceramics and many craft items made by individuals in the program are sold. Parents, friends and members of many civic organizations volunteer their time and help.

When the members of Biltmore Heights Garden Club learned of the Center and read of their need for seeds

and cuttings for a nursery, the club decided this would be an excellent Garden Therapy Project. They soon found they were also needed to teach the Villagers (as they prefer to be called) how to plant the seeds and to pot and propagate the cuttings. The club donated seeds and hundreds of cuttings, also tiny seedling palms and flowering trees.

Members went in small groups and taught the boys and girls how to make a good potting mixture of soil, peat moss, perlite and cow manure. Materials were furnished at minimum cost by members of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association.

They were taught how to plant seeds, pot cuttings, how to water and fertilize their plants, how to transplant growing plants into larger pots, and how to weed their planting site. The Villagers now have a thriving nursery and are selling ground covers, shrubs and small trees to the public and wholesale to nurserymen.

About a year ago an area was enclosed with bamboo fencing and seran screening and Biltmore Heights Garden Club helped set up a retail Plant Shop.

Garden clubbers taught the young folks how to arrange the plants for good showing, how to plant hanging baskets and how to groom all of their plants for sale.

The Villagers are now doing a good business in the sale of beautifully grown house and patio plants and hanging baskets.

Garden club members drew up plans for landscaping the front of the Community Habilitation Center and furnished many plants for use in the foundation plantings; additional plants came from the nursery. The young retardates worked, with the supervision of garden club members, digging and setting the plants in place. They water,

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edge and weed regularly.

So many governmental, civic, religious and charitable groups have made contributions to the Community Habilitation Center project as a whole that the garden club also considered this a good H.A.N.D.S. project.

A Federal Grant-in-Aid initially paid staff salaries for two people Saturdays only. The two parents who first originated the Habilitation Center concept were invited to attend the President's Conference on the Retarded. The Center was made a 'pilot project', and a second larger grant now enables the Center to operate six days a week with a staff of five.

The Florida State Department of Education, through their Division of Retardation has approved the Center as a Diagnostic and Evaluation Center, where doctors hired by C.H.C. interview approved retardates and recommend appropriate medical, psychological, physical and educational programs for them.

Dade County Agriculture Extension Service has helped the young people in growing a vegetable garden for use in their food service program. They are now in the process of setting up a truck farm on ten acres of adjoining land.

Several groups have made large contributions in the way of facilities and equipment. Sears Roebuck donated air conditioners for the building. Dade Civitan Club and Civiteens painted the outside of the building. Coral Gables Junior Womens Club refurbished the library-rec room and gave them a pool table.

Other helping groups include Dade County Parks and Recreation Department (Underprivileged Children Program), Youth For Christ, B'nai B'rith Fraternal Organization, Boys and Girls A.Z.A. group, and Southwest Rotary Club. It is truly Home And Neighborhood Developed and Sponsored. Biltmore Heights Garden Club is so happy to be a part of this pilot project for the mentally retarded young adults.

There are retarded young adults in every community. Biltmore Heights Garden Club members hope that through gardening activities they have helped these young people find fulfillment by becoming self-sustaining, tax-paying members of their community.

WEKIVA '76

It's time to think about lining up your campers for next summer.

There will be two weeks for boys: June 20-26 and June 27-July 3.

Then the girls have three weeks of camping: July 4-10, July 11-17 and July 18-24.

Grades for campers include 3rd through 7th grades only. 8th graders have not been included this year as FFGC sponsors SEEK, a fine program for young people of this age.

REGISTER campers with: Mrs. C. T. Dawkins, Jr., 4705 Clear Ave., Tampa 33609. Phone: 813-877-4507. (Send requests for brochures and applications to Mrs. Dawkins).

CHECKS: Make payable to: FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp, Inc.

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:

1—Completed application form with \$45 fee (Health form to come later) or:
2—Send fee and designate week and grade. NO money accepted unless week is designated. Name can be sent later.

SUBSTITUTIONS can be made only on a space-available basis. After June 15 substitutions can be made only if new camper fills same week and grade-level space as camper being replaced.

Notify Registration Chairman immediately of any change in plans.

HEALTH FORMS are due by June 5th. Send to Registration Chairman. They need not accompany registration forms. Don't hold up application form until health form is completed!

Remember to choose campers who are leaders and are normal mentally and physically.

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MARKED LIMPKINS

HELP!! About 100 limpkins have been marked with colored plastic wing streamers. The birds were marked along the proposed route of the Cross Florida Barge Canal to aid in assessing the impact of the proposed canal on limpkin population. Anyone seeing a marked limpkin is asked to report color of marker, which wing was marked, any numbers visible on marker as well as on leg bands, date, time of day, activity of the bird and any other information which might be pertinent to the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Wildlife Research Projects Office, 4005 S. Main St., Gainesville 32601 (305) 272-8740.

—The Florida Naturalist

S.E.E.K. '76 CHANGE OF DATES

The date of the Youth Conference has been changed in order to take advantage of better facilities at Florida Technological University. **New dates:**

August 1-4

S.E.E.K. is special education. It is not a fun time, but a hard working time for smart young people.

Donations of any amount will be accepted. It is not required that contributions be exactly a full or half scholarship. Funds will be collected and allocated as full scholarships as received.

STRELITZIA REGINAE

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Almost everyone is familiar with this exotic flower—so typically Florida in its color and tropical association, but not everyone can get this beauty to bloom.

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HEADQUARTERS NEWS:

Looking for a way to honor your outgoing president?

or

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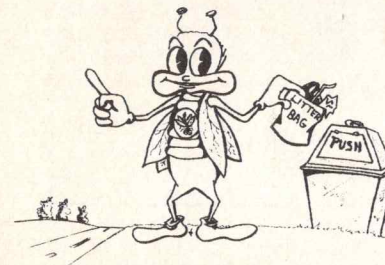
Headquarters has recently made available a very beautiful gold-filled pin with the FFGC seal in the center, surrounded by a green band with the Federation's name in gold, and all enclosed in a golden wreath of leaves.

Available for \$17.00 plus tax.

WANTED!

1500 more Intermediate Gardeners!

We now have 1500 hard-working youngsters and they're doing such a great job that we want 1500 more. These 7, 8 and 9th graders may be organized through schools, Scouts, 4H or neighborhood groups. No dues, and plenty of material available for programs, etc. Write Intermediate Chairman: Mrs. George W. Horne, RR1, Box 175, Chipley 32428, or your District Intermediate Chairman for further information. Let's make our goal 3,000 Intermediates—our gardeners of the future.



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For information on proclaiming your city Glitter Clean please write: Mrs. John G. Wood, Lake Otis, Winter Haven 33880—FFGC Litter Control, Recycling & Reclamation Chairman.

CIVIC CONCERN & HANDS CONVENTION EXHIBIT

Why hide your light under a bushel? Let's include your club's activities in the CIVIC CONCERN EXHIBIT AT CONVENTION. Working with Under-privileged, City Beautification, Historic Trails? These are but a few areas of Civic Concern. Your efforts may inspire others to action, so send material on your projects—photographs, newspaper clippings or any evidence you have of CIVIC CONCERN to: Mrs. James Rightmire, Rt. 10, Box 18, Ocala 32670 by April 18th. All materials will be returned.



WATER, WATER, WATER
EVERYWHERE

Do you live near water? Nearly everyone in Florida does, be it the ocean, a lake, canal, stream, river, pond. We all seem to have water close by that is of particular interest to us.

And just what is the quality of that water? Fresh and sparkling, clean and clear? Clean water isn't "someone else's problem". It's YOUR problem. What have you done about it lately?

FLORIDA'S FANTASTIC FLORA

Salute America with Florida's native historic flora.

We are asking every garden club to bring one plant of Florida's native historic flora to exhibit at State Convention.

Bring plants in containers, plants in large clumps or good sized cut specimens. Bring plants to the Sabal Palm Room.

Celebrate Bicentennial Floridiana by bringing FLORIDA'S FANTASTIC FLORA, which was beloved by Florida's first natives, the Indians, and William Bartram.

Kathy Sample
Wildflowers: North, Ch.

SLUGS AND CUTWORMS

Wasn't this a winter?

Watch for cutworms and slugs as warm weather returns. It's questionable whether beer really is the answer to slugs. Another suggested way of corraling these slippery fellows is to leave a half grapefruit, and not necessarily your finest specimen, in the garden, cut side down, overnight. Next day do away with the creatures you have collected while you sleep.

Does anyone have any good suggestions for organically doing away with cutworms?



Flower Show Schools



Mrs. O. Fenton Wells, *Chairman*

COURSE II—WINTER HAVEN

MARCH 22, 23, 24, 1976

Instructors:

Mrs. J. B. Rosenberg
Mrs. Thomas Ward

Chairman:

Mrs. G. Howard Greene
831-17th Terr. N.E.
Winter Haven 33880

COURSE I—GAINESVILLE

APRIL 26, 27, 28, 1976

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10 Disadvantages of Floral Design Workshops

By Dorothy Fritch
Floral Design Chairman

- 1—You miss two hours of soap operas each time you meet.
- 2—Your members discover you have talent; now you must share your creativity with them.
- 3—Your husband has to finally clean out the garage, because it's your turn to have the workshop meeting.
- 4—Now that you know how to use the vase Aunt Minnie gave you five years ago you have to make an arrangement in it for your table.
- 5—Having to explain to your children why their mother was seen going through the neighbor's trash.
- 6—Your circle wants to have a flower show. (Too many members have learned too much about flower arranging and now want to show off!)
- 7—Everybody sees how much fun you're having and wants to join up. (Now for the first time your circle has a waiting list for new members.)
- 8—Your husband is miffed at you because you've been using HIS power tools.
- 9—Having to explain to a budget-conscious husband that the beautiful collage hanging in the den did not come from an art show and did not cost a fortune, but was made from glue, paper and home-grown dried flowers.
- 10—You are forced to finally become a PARTICIPATOR instead of a SPECTATOR.

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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:

- 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 27, Naples, House and Garden Tour (American Dream Homes as related to the Bicentennial Theme)
 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"
 March 31-April 1, Panama City Beach "A Touch of Nostalgia" Gulf Beach Garden Club
 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 2-3, Merritt Island, "This Land is Your Land" Merritt Island Garden Club, Merritt Square Mall
 April 3-4, Ocala, Spring Flower Show, Pioneer Garden Club
 April 3-4, Lakeland "The Bicentennial Spirit" Garden Center
 April 3-4, Bartow, "La Florida—From Indian Trail to Space Age" Bartow Civic Center
 April 3-4, Lehigh Acres, "History Told in Flowers", Lehigh Acres Transplants Garden Club, Lehigh Acres Auditorium
 April 3, Jacksonville, "Spirit of '76—America On The Move", Arlington Garden Club
 March-April 1976

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, Ormond Beach, "Our Bicentennial"
 April 10-11, Palatka "The Pursuit Of"
 April 10-11, Jacksonville, Floral Pageant of World Religions, Garden Club of Jacksonville, Garden Center, 105 Riverside Ave.
 April 10-11, West Palm Beach, "Happy Birthday, America" Palm Springs Garden Club
 April 10-11, Clermont, "Florabilia", The Mildred Amateis Garden Center
 April 17-18, Jacksonville Beach "America, This is Our Land" Ribault Garden Club, Flag Pavilion
 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"
 April 24-25, Milton "1776—Santa Rosa County—1976" Milton Garden Center
 April 30, Crystal River "America, America" Seven Rivers Golf & Country Club, N. Pinebrook St.
 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

Grow the Unusual

Mrs. Robert Hunter
 Horticulture Chairman

Do you know the unexpected pleasure of going to a friend's garden or a nursery and coming across a plant or a flower you've never seen before?

These are the things that add spice to our gardens, that takes them out of the routine "just a garden" category and makes them our own.

Just as a house with everything kept just where the decorator put it has no personality, so a garden which has been designed and planted once and for all with the same plants in the same places year after year gets to be boring, no matter how good the original design.

A static garden is a dull garden.

It is sad to hear someone say, "I can't

buy any more plants—my garden is full!" Wouldn't a real gardener then redesign or reconsider her planting? Have some of the plants grown too leggy or too large?

Possibly there might be room for a small slat house, or a table under a tree with high shade; or take to the air. You might have hanging basket room.

Make a practice of always having some of your plants inside to enjoy, but remember to rotate them so they aren't inside too long.

Perhaps you are discovering the joys of growing your own vegetables? Why not try one you've never eaten?

Another way to add interest to your
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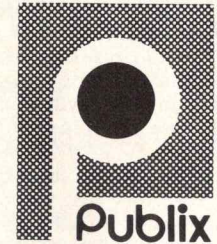
garden is by hybridizing. When you have new, never-seen-by-anyone seedlings coming into bloom each year, you have really found the most exciting way to garden.

Some unusual plants are just oddities grown mostly by plant hobbyists, but there are many lovely plants which are seldom seen because most nurseries understandably specialize in the faster-selling most popular items or in landscaping materials. Sometimes plants are scarce because of their difficulty or slowness of propagation.

But every year our plant specialists, our botanical gardens, such as Fairchild, or our experimental stations are trying out new importations to see if they will do well in Florida. Our own Distribution list has a similar end in view, as gardeners in different parts of the state try out plants to see how well they fare.

Whether your garden is measured in acres or is confined to a kitchen window, whether you are a horticulturist or just looking for a beautiful background for your activities, grow something different this year.

Look for the unusual when you buy plants. It will enrich your life.



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TRAVEL AND TOURS

Vacation time is near!!! Where are you going to spend yours?

Perplexing? Sometimes, but it doesn't have to be.

Need help in planning that special travel experience you have always dreamed about, or maybe that week or weekend when you'd like to "get away from it all"?

FFGC has people serving on the Board of Directors who will take all of this frustration from you and produce that vacation you have been dreaming about. Or procure the tickets, deliver them to you, and even escort you on a tour, looking after all of the details you don't want to be bothered with.

Why does FFGC have board members serving in this capacity? First, FFGC will benefit monetarily by your securing any kind of travel through the travel chairman. Second, special tours are custom planned especially for people with your garden club interests, and you are escorted all the way.

For example, how recently have you received an invitation from a King and Queen to attend a private party? Or visited the Maclay Garden and the Brokaw/McDougal House in Tallahassee, the Bicentennial project of the FFGC?

The FFGC Natchez Pilgrimage will depart March 15th, visiting the Brokaw/McDougal House and garden, the Bellingrath House and gardens in Mobile, and arrive in Natchez at the height of the Pilgrimage, which is offered by the two garden clubs of Natchez. Visit ten ante-bellum houses all recently restored with beautiful gardens and antiques.

A special treat will be a private party for the FFGC group, hosted by the King and Queen of the 1976 Bicentennial Pilgrimage, and attendance at the historic theatre performance in Natchez. The tour will visit the Jefferson Davis home, Rosemont Plantation, and Rosedown Plantation and gardens at St. Francisville, Louisiana, certainly one of America's most beautiful. These are only a few of the highlights of this Natchez Pilgrimage offering by the FFGC.

How long ago has it been since you had a fabulous Chinese dinner while

enjoying the fantasia of Hong Kong harbor? On April 9th an FFGC tour departs for the EXOTIC ORIENT, again planned especially for garden clubbers. Of course there will be many, many more sights to see in Japan, Taipei, Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong, with even a stopover in Honolulu if you desire!

When did you last spend a night in a reputedly haunted castle, and enjoy a medieval banquet, perhaps served to you by *ghosts*?

When did you last see acres and acres of hundreds of varieties of flowers, arrangements, bouquets and growing plants, all in one place?

On May 25th the FFGC CASTLES AND GARDENS TOUR will depart for England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, where you may enjoy nights in castles, lovely country mansions and beautiful, old nostalgic hotels. Again escorted the entire way. Only one of the special features is the amazing Chelsea Flower Show in London!

No hotel reservations to frustrate you; no transfers to worry about; no luggage to look after; no tips to figure out, in fact, none of the usual travel problems which have plagued you.

Let your chairman take the worries from you and watch over you during the entire tour!

And don't forget; you do your federation a service by booking any of your needed travel through this chairmanship.

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Soiless Mixes

The original Cornell peat-lite mixes were developed for commercial producers of spring flowering annuals. Russell Mott, superintendent of the Cornell conservatory, has modified these for wider use. He developed a foliage plant and an epiphytic plant mix. The mix for epiphytes has greater pore space and aeration.

CORNELL FOLIAGE PLANT MIX

4 bu. sphagnum peatmoss
2 bu. vermiculite 2
2 bu. medium-fine perlite
3 lb. ground dolomitic limestone
3/4 lb. 20% superphosphate
1 lb. 10-10-10 fertilizer
1/4 lb. iron sulphate
6 oz. potassium nitrate
5.6 GRAMS (1 level tsp.) Peters Stem

Recommended for: Amaryllis, Aphelandra, Begonia, Beloperone, Buxus, Caladium, Cissus, Citrus, Coleus, Ferns, Ficus, Hedera, Helxine, Maranta, Oxalis, Palms, Pelargonium, Pilea, Sansevieria, Tolmiea

CORNELL EPIPHYTIC MIX

3 bu. sphagnum peatmoss (shredded or screened 1/4" mesh)
3 bu. Douglas fir bark (1/8-1/4" mesh)
3 bu. perlite (medium-fine grade)
3 lb. ground dolomitic limestone
2 lb. 20% superphosphate
1 lb. 10-10-10 fertilizer
1/4 lb. iron sulphate
6 oz. potassium nitrate
10 grams (3/4 Tbsp. Peters Stem)

Recommended for: African Violets, aglaonema, Aloe, Bromeliads, Cacti, Crassula, Dieffenbachia, Episcias, Gloxinia, Hoya, Monstera, Philodendron, Pothos, Peperomia, Nephthytis, Syngonium

Another area where soiless mixes have found wide use is in starting seeds. Germination is rapid and seedlings develop to transplanting size very quickly. Not all the fertilizer additions used in the plant growing mix are needed for the seed germination medium. It is important that limestone, superphosphate and some nitrogens be added, however.

CORNELL SEED MIX

1/2 bu. shredded sphagnum peat
1/2 bu. vermiculite 4 (fine)

5 Tbsp. ground limestone
3 Tbsp. superphosphate 20%
2 Tbsp. ammonium nitrate

Uniform mixing is one of the keys to success. A small concrete mixer is an ideal way to prepare the mix. Using a shovel and turning the pile several times is generally satisfactory also.

Mrs. Charles J. Smith, *Hydroponic Chairman*
National Council State Garden Clubs

Happy Days for Busy Birds

By
Mrs. Grady Holbert
Birds Chairman

March is the season of Great Beginnings. Early signals of Spring are on every side in these restless, cool-warm, unpredictable Florida days. Whatever the weather, millions of birds will be on the wing.

That "Bird Motel" sign should go up! Hopefully you keep them up for year-round residents as well as "tourists". Remember to keep your 'motel' simple—a plain feeder and bird bath. Birds, being complete realists, refuse to be taken in by fancy fixin's. A "Good Housekeeping seal of approval" doesn't mean a thing to them.

A bird's first concern is seeking shelter and security. The greatest instinct of any bird is to stay alive in a world filled with perils that would drive us up a wall if we had to face them.

A wild, undisturbed spot, the wilder the better, is the most attractive hiding place for them. You're not expected to have a jungle for a garden, but just

maybe you could have a tangled vine, a climbing rose or a pyracantha bush that would protect the visitors from the neighbor's cat and other predators.

Every bird except purple martins like secluded spots. Trees, if you have them, all kinds of shrubbery and, of course, birds prefer berried and fruited plants if they will fit acceptably into your home landscaping plans.

Birds, like healthy children, are always hungry. Don't be afraid of making them lazy by feeding them. Watch to see how much time they spend on a feeder compared to on the ground and in the shrubbery hunting their 'meat' course.

Clean, fresh water is so important. Scrub your bird bath about once a week with sand and a rough cloth. A CLEAN birdbath would NEVER harbour a mosquito!

Please 'fight' to save trees and natural habitats. You'll be helping yourself.

There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society, where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar:
I love not man the less, but Nature more.

George Noel Gordon, Lord Byron

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Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

A portrait of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings was unveiled recently during brief ceremonies at the Rawlings house near Cross Creek, and presented to the State of Florida in the name of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

The portrait will be displayed in the Rawlings House for viewing by the hundreds of Rawlings admirers who each year visit Cross Creek and the little "cracker" house where the author wrote her famous "The Yearling", "South Moon Under" and "Cross Creek".

The artist, Mrs. Mary Harbert Kenner became so interested in painting the portrait that she refused to be paid for her work, saying she had been more than compensated by the enthusiasm of Norton Baskin, the author's husband, when the painting was shown to him in his home in St. Augustine.

Present for the unveiling ceremony

BOOK REVIEW

By Mrs. Broward McClellan
Books Chairman

The Terrace Gardener's Handbook

By Linda Yang
Doubleday & Co., Inc.
Garden City, New York \$8.95

This could be the one book necessary to make raising plants on a balcony, terrace, rooftop, penthouse or patio a successful venture. The author writes of her own achievements and failures in language we understand, giving extensive lists of plants to select from and explaining how to maintain those you choose, for seasonal reward.

Kinds of plants and where they come from, the wiseness of planning ahead, containerizing plants, use of good soil, how and when to water and a few gardening problems, are broadly discussed.

Finally, how to keep the established garden growing and a word about the Birds and the Bees.

Excellent pictures and drawings. 281 pages.

were Mrs. Sidney Davis of Ft. Myers, immediate past president of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and Mrs. G. T. Smith Jr., of Ocala, who commissioned the painting while she was FFGC Chairman of Parks and Memorials.

It was Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings' dream that Cross Creek might inspire others to do creative writing, as it inspired her, and it is hoped this portrait may contribute to this inspiration.

The Rawlings home is now a museum maintained by the State Division of Recreation and Parks, and is open each day except Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.

—Mrs. Gustav Harrer

You Can Grow Orchids

By Mary Noble
Publisher: Mary Noble
3003 Riverside Ave.
Jacksonville, Fl. 32205 \$3.95

Never owned an orchid plant? You do, but don't know much about it? This book is written for you, the beginner. Orchids can be your hobby. You might want tiny plants with tiny flowers to grow on a window sill. There are orchids that bloom in each of the four seasons.

Yes, they do take time, but orchids are tough and will accept minimal attention from time to time, when you are busy.

The author suggests that the time spent with your orchids will do more for you than it does for the plants.

Do understand from the very start that orchids do have certain requirements which may be different to you in plant care, and those needs must be tended.

The book contents cover plant and flower structure, culture, potting, propagation, problems, housing and the making of corsages and floral arrangements.

Very fine photographs and sketches abound. 136 pages.

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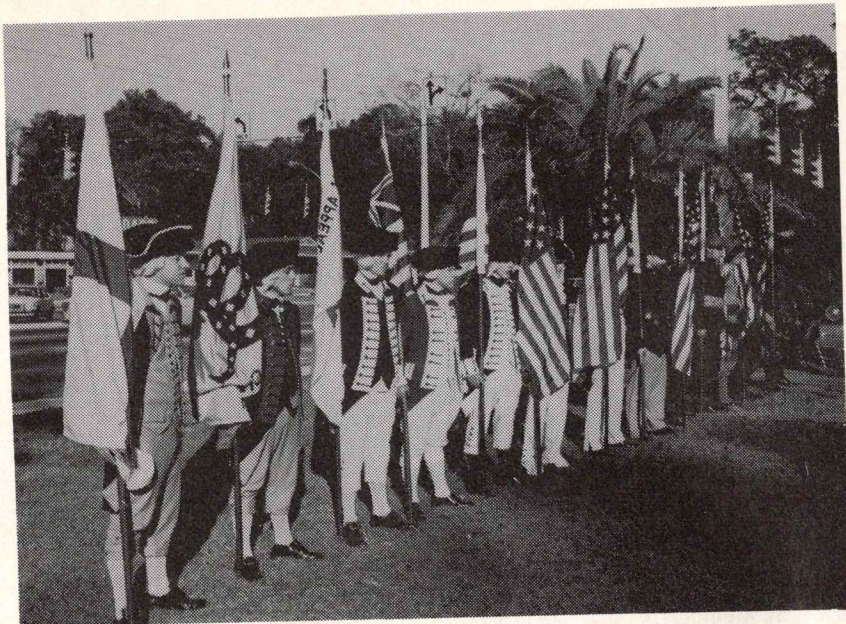


Tallahassee girls show off their club flag at Convention last year. This was the first such flag for Florida. Now all districts are urged to have such a flag for Convention this year. Members pictured are listed with their 1974-75 jobs: Seated L. to R. Connie Ellison, Program Chairman FFGC, Joy Kadison, 1st VP Tallahassee Garden Club, Kay Ansley, 2nd VP Tallahassee, Mae Anderson, Past District Director III, Fran Chillias, present Director III. Standing L. to R.: Jean McCully, Bicentennial FFGC, Annie Sue Rowell, President, Madison Garden Club, Lois McClellan, President Tallahassee G.C., unidentified member Tallahassee.



L. to R. Sylvester Rose, Brevard County Extension Agent, Nate Klein, Dist. VI Co-chairman Horticulture & Trees, Mrs. Augustus F. Williams, Jr., Past Director District VI, Dr. Jerome P. Keuper, President Florida; Institute of Technology, Mrs. David F. Gray, Director Dist. VI and Mrs. Nate Klein, Co-Chmn. Horticulture & Trees Dist. VI.

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The Marine Corps Reserve, Jacksonville, presents Flag Pageant.

DISTRICT IV

Liberty Tree Planting on January 16, 1976, Arbor Day, in Orange Park. The town, which is probably the first "Tree and Bird Sanctuary", has taken an active interest in preserving the many century-old oaks in the area. A twenty foot live oak tree was dedicated to the city and planted by the Garden Club of Orange Park.

The Marine Corps Reserve, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, presented an impressive Flag Pageant with all of America's flags paraded by Marines in corresponding uniforms of the era.

The flag, third from left above, is the Liberty Tree Flag of 1776 inscribed with the words "An Appeal To Heaven", which was the theme of the Arbor Day Program.

DISTRICT VI

District VI is extremely proud of its two Men's Circles! The Titusville Garden Club's "Men's Club" has been actively working on outstanding programs for more than two years.

Their activities include teaching a

course on horticulture at Brevard Community College, each lecture being given by a member knowledgeable on the specific topic.

Members have toured many botanical gardens and leading nurseries throughout the state and have visited plant societies.

Their regularly scheduled horticulture workshops have made each of their gardens or greenhouses sights to behold!

They are active in Civic Development and the Trees Program. They have grown plants for distribution at a District Conference as well as furthering many Federation aims.

The organizing president, Mr. Nate Klein, and Mrs. Klein are now serving as District VI Co-chairmen for Horticulture and Trees.

Mr. Klein, President Tom Kennedy and District VI's Director spoke at the organizational meeting of the men's "Trowel and Error" Circle of the Garden Club of Deltona last February. This group also has many ambitious plans for the coming year under the leadership of Mr. Frank Losiniecki.

—Mrs. A. F. Williams, Jr.

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DISTRICT VI

District VI, FFGC, and the Brevard County Cooperative Extension Service co-sponsored a horticulture seminar at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, in October.

Dr. Jerome P. Keuper, President of F.I.T. and past president of the International Palm Society, headlined the program on palms and their preservation.

Garden Clubs from Volusia, Flagler and Brevard Counties were in attendance. Moderators were Anita and Nate Klein of the Titusville Garden Club. The Kleins are co-chairmen of Horticulture and Trees in District VI.

Following the seminar the group was escorted on a tour of the tropical gardens located on the campus of the Florida Institute of Technology. In the gardens are some 2,000 palms representing 200 species.

These gardens are open daily to visitors during daytime hours, with no admission charge.

Basically the gardens are the dream and the results of much effort on the part of Dr. Keuper. Students, faculty and visitors find relaxation in the calm, tropical atmosphere.



L. to R. Mrs. Joseph L. Schertz, President of Cocoa Beach Woman's Club and Mrs. Donald W. Antonacci, President of Surfside Garden Club.

DISTRICT VI

Florida Arbor Day was celebrated at the Cocoa Beach Library in 1975 with the presentation of a living Areca Palm.

A welcome, dedication and pre-

sentation was made by Mrs. Donald Antonacci, President of the Surfside Garden Club of Cocoa Beach, and Mrs. Joseph Schertz, President of the Cocoa Beach Woman's Club. The Woman's Club presented a planter for the palm on behalf of the Conservation Department of their club.



Dr. Fernando A. Rubio assists a member of the Minorcan Party in planting a tree in New Smyrna Beach.

DISTRICT VI

New Smyrna Beach, designated a Bicentennial City, kicked off the Bicentennial celebration in the area by hosting a tree-planting ceremony on Minorcan Day—April 25, 1975.

This was a memorable day, for on that day sixty Minorcans, headed by Dr. Fernando A. Rubio, representing the then Prince of Spain, Don Juan De Bourbon, visited New Smyrna Beach to commemorate the founding of this city more than 200 years ago.

Dr. Andrew Turnball founded the New Smyrna Colony in 1768.

Among other festivities of the day, the Garden Club of New Smyrna Beach planted a tree in the city-owned Riverside Park.



L. to R. Mrs. Werner Klaffke admires the 'green thumb' of Richard Marik, President of the Tomoka School Club, while Roberta Credico, President of the Ormond Elementary Club and Chris Smith, Secretary of the Ormond Beach Junior High, look on.

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A lot of members are like wheelbarrows—no good unless pushed.
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 Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.
 Some are like balloons—full of wind and ready to blow up.
 Some are like footballs—you can't tell which way they will bounce.
 And then, some are like a good watch—open face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

—Oregon Newsletter



DISTRICT VI

The Ormond Beach Garden Club featured YOUTH at a recent meeting, inviting 17 members of the Cardinal Junior Garden Club of Ormond Beach Elementary School, 12 from the Daisy Junior Garden Club of Tomoka School and three from the Intermediate Garden Club of the Ormond Beach Jr. High School.

The children brought plants they had raised from seeds, as well as dish gardens they had made at one of their meetings. They showed notebooks they keep and told about their club activities, answering questions about their work.

Mrs. Charles Palahach, Mrs. Arthur D. Brown, Mrs. William Weidner and Mrs. Camilla Johnson are directors of these clubs.

As they left the meeting each club was given a year-old seedling of a butterfly tree to plant on their schoolgrounds.

—Florence B. Brown
 Publicity Chairman

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DISTRICT VII

The traffic slowed to a snail's pace along busy Lake Underhill Drive, Orlando, every Saturday during October and November. Everyone wondered why those ladies were out digging and shoveling in the median strip between Lake Underhill Road and the service road along the side. Many people even stopped and asked!

On November 19 and December 6 everyone found out. On those days members of the Azalea Park Garden Club planted Bottlebrush, Juniper, Variegated Hibiscus, Ligustrum trees, Hemerocallis, etc. that were part of their landscape plan for the area.

The plan for the project was designed by one of their own members, Mrs. A. L. Paulauskas, and met the approval of the City Parks Department and the local Landscape Design Critic, whom they consulted.

This was a big undertaking for this club of only 24. Serving lunches for the District meeting and Flower Show School was the answer to the money problem and "Do It Yourself" was the answer to the work problem. And work they did, on Saturdays, because many of the members hold full time jobs.

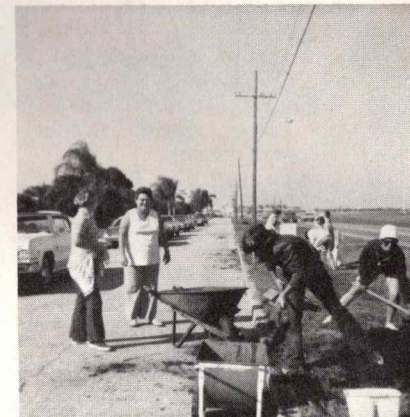
The landscaping of this area, some 900 feet long, is just part of the program set up by the Azalea Park Garden Club to celebrate the Bicentennial. Directed by their president, Mrs. H. E. House, they also decorated the Azalea Park Branch Post Office for Christmas.

Members are working with a Cub Scout group in the area on Litter Control and had a pick-up day during the time of planting the median.

To further beautify the area they will present trees to fifth graders in two local schools, and plant trees in their school yards on Arbor Day. Members are also working on a Glenn Glitter program with these schools.

Think that's a lot of goings on? Well, that's not all! This club sponsored a 6-week program on Flower Arranging for Flower Shows in October, open to the public and other garden clubs in the area. Not only did they participate in the Orlando Garden Club Flower Show and the Central Florida Camellia Show, they will be a big part of District VII's Flower Show "76 Trombones", in

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L. to R. Mrs. Jack Jones, Mrs. A. C. Paulauskas, Keith House, son of Azalea Park Garden Club's President, Mrs. H. E. House, and Mrs. J. R. Myers working hard on their median-planting project.

March, helping with staging, etc. and participating with entries in Horticulture and Artistic divisions.

—Mrs. A. L. Paulauskas

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DISTRICT VIII

The culmination of a dream of The Garden Club of Tarpon Springs was realized during the 1974-75 club year when the Tarpon Springs Hospital "patio" became a reality.

The garden club gave the sum of \$500 over a two-year period, as well as advice on plantings and garden club know-how toward what had originally been designed as an ambulatory patient garden, but which developed into a "patio" for the pleasure of patients and staff alike.

A central fountain, surrounded by stone benches and plantings all contribute toward a cheerful and charming center for the local hospital.

The patio was the highlight of one club meeting held at the hospital at the suggestion of the staff, so club members as a group could enjoy the results of many people's efforts and enthusiasm.

At another meeting the club held its annual Spring Festival luncheon-card party-fashion show at the Tarpon Springs Yacht Club.

Using a garden motif throughout, hanging baskets were given as door prizes and raffle prizes. Book markers made of flowers pressed into plastic forms were given as table prizes. Members filled the Yacht Club with their favorite flowering plants.

DISTRICT IX

District IX voted at their fall District meeting to help preserve the Matanzas Pass Tract on Estero Island, Fort Myers Beach.

Some years ago garden clubs operated widely to save Corkscrew Swamp. Corkscrew Swamp has been an education and has given pleasure to hundreds of thousands of people since 1954.

There is a forty-two acre piece of unspoiled wooded land on Estero Island at Matanzas Pass on Estero Bay that is begging to be saved to become a LIVING MUSEUM. The Estero Island community (Fort Myers Beach) is spearheading a drive to raise \$117,000 to purchase this property for posterity, with a deadline of May 1st, 1976 to complete the campaign.

Such a LIVING MUSEUM will be an

asset for all Florida and its visitors so it seems logical to invite neighbors far and near, to help save this irreplaceable bit of indigenous coastal life.

Checks may be made payable to: Nature Conservancy, with the name Matanzas Pass Project written on the lower left line of the check. Mail to District IX treasurer: Mrs. J. P. Gunter, 227-5th St. SW, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

—Mary Harrington
Ft. Myers Beach

DISTRICT XII

In 1975 the Marathon Garden Club held a special Arbor Day Memorial Service, marking the completion by the club of a series of plantings at the Marathon Airport, designed to frame and beautify a "WELCOME TO TROPICAL MARATHON" sign that had been mounted by the Marathon Chamber of Commerce.

In the spring of 1974 the club set out 42 silver buttonwood plants to back the sign's 3-foot open letters. In the fall, several dozen boxwood were planted on either side to complete the framing. Later, low plants were added for fill, completing the basic planting.

On Arbor Day, 1975, in a special program, the garden club planted six Jamaican Malayan coconut palms, a mahogany tree, a tabebuia and a calophyllum.

While all the trees were planted as part of the Arbor Day program, the six Malayan palms were dedicated in a special memorial ceremony in honor of James H. Knowles, Jr., John Kyriakopoulos and Walter Knight. These three men, representatives of the Florida Department of Agriculture's lethal yellowing out of the Keys. It was working very closely with the garden club since 1972 in the fight to keep lethal yellowing out of the Keys. It was on one of their regular helicopter survey trips over the Keys that they were killed in a crash.

Parents of Walter Knight, the pilot, and representatives of the Florida Department of Agriculture, Commissioners of Monroe County, County Agency heads, and civic leaders attended the function out of respect for the men being honored.

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