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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors Meetings:

September 20-21, 1977—Headquarters, Winter Park
January 11-12, 1978—Headquarters, Winter Park

Coming Events:

1977:

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

October 17	District I	Gulfbreeze
18	II	Gulf Beach
19	III	Perry
20	V	Gainesville
21	IV	Orange Park
24	VI	Indian Harbour Beach
25	X	Stuart
26	XI	Lighthouse Point
27	XII	Miami
31	IX	Lake Placid, at Sebring
November 1	VII	Orlando
2	VIII	St. Petersburg

October 3-6, NCSGC Board Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.
October 11-13, Landscape Design School, Series 10, Course 1, Tampa
November 8-10, Landscape Design School, Series 9, Course 3, Miami
November 15-16, Flower Show Symposium, Tampa

1978:

January 24-25, Tropical Short Course, Barry College, Miami Shores
January 20, Florida Arbor Day
March 14-16, Deep South Regional Convention, Buena Vista (Carlton House)
March 20-22, UF Short Course, Gainesville
March 31, April 1-2, Metropolitan Miami Flower Show. Hialeah Race Track
Spring Symposium, Pensacola (date to be announced)
April 2-8, Blanche Covington Nature Study Course, Camp Wekiva
April 11-13, Landscape Design Course, Series 10, Course 2, Tampa
April 18-20, Landscape Design Course, Series 9, Course 4, Miami
May 9-11, HANDS Workshop, Winston Salem, N.C.
May 17-18, FFGC Convention, The Plaza, Daytona Beach
June 4-8, NCSGC Convention, Michigan

1979:

April 18-19, FFGC Convention, District XI, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood
May 6-13, NCSGC Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana

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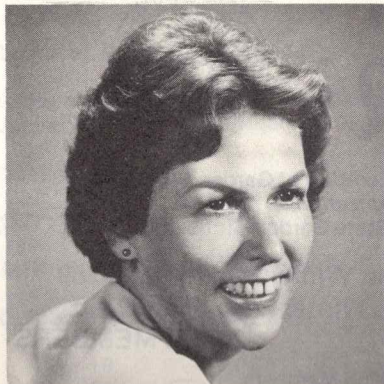
Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal, Jr., the new President of FFGC, is seen sitting on one of the nature trails at our own Camp Wekiva. It is most appropriate that Jean be photographed in this particular setting, as she has for years been an ardent worker for the Junior Nature Camp, and at one time was the chairman of the Building Fund. Photo by McCarthy Photo-Graphics Studio, Casselberry, FL.

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IT'S UP TO YOU



Can you remember the time when Garden Club stopped for the summer? I can, but that was a long time ago. We have had an exciting 1977 summer with the young people who participated in FFGC's Wekiva Youth Camp and Deep South's Environmental Conference in Florida. If you had a boy or girl who went to Wekiva or FTU, why not build a program around his experiences for one of your more joyful meetings this year?

It is September now and we are approaching what our redundant friends call a 'new' beginning for the Garden Club year. Will it affect you ... or will you sit by and let 'them' do it all? Garden Club can be as exciting as YOU want it to be. Your activities in your Club or Circle can be same-ish and stale or exciting and new. You can learn and grow, or you cannot ... and it is entirely up to YOU and whether your caring about Florida and its people is active or passive.

Remember that we have talked about learning and growing as the theme of this administration. We have provided updated and new visual aids in slide programs from your state headquarters. There are booklets already published at really reduced prices and new ones coming out soon that will be very slightly above cost. We hope that they help. What other information would you like to have in this form? Will you let me know?

Soon you will have a new BOOK OF INFORMATION. It is THE very best learning tool we have in FFGC. Every Club and Circle gets at least one free. You get as many free BOOKS as you get delegates to convention! Look it all up in the you know what! Extra BOOKS OF INFORMATION will be available for purchase at your District Meeting. Your awards chairman needs one to use, and you really need one or two more. Come on, splurge!

There will be places to learn lots of new facts and challenging ideas during the year. They're listed in this magazine. Mark your '77 and '78 FFGC Calendars now. Isn't it about time you went to one or the other of your SHORT COURSES? What about LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS? Flower Show Schools and Symposia are for everybody, not just judges! Another Environmental Education workshop is in the planning stage as well as a series of gardening courses that start, I understand, with botany. Educational experiences like these are hyacinths for the soul ... and besides, the coffee is always good!

I hope that soon you all will get together and really think about the great potential for helping others you have in Garden Club. By extending our reach to our young people we **have** made a difference. Now it is time to use our expertise in helping Florida's older citizens. Please do let me know how you and your Club are helping make their lives richer through growing things.

By bringing you information in workshop format, by bringing you materials that are less costly, by thinking first of YOUR needs, we have tried to bring to this administration a greater awareness and responsiveness to **you**. I have dared to you to come along on this venture with me. This issue of THE FLORIDA GARDENER gives you great ideas for a venturesome 1977-78. Be a part of learning and growing. Give it a try!

With joy,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean".

Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal, Jr.

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Federation Happenings

FFGC FALL 1977 SYMPOSIUM

Mrs. E. T. Starr, *Chairman*

The Fall 1977 Flower Show Schools Symposium will be held Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16, in Tampa at the Host International Hotel, at Tampa's International Airport.

Dr. Paul L. Smeal, International Instructor in Horticulture, Flower Show Practice, Design in Planting, and a Landscape Design Instructor will present the Liliaceae family. Dr. Smeal is Professor of Horticulture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University at Blacksburg, Virginia, and will have the Horticulture session on Tuesday, November 15th.

Mr. Gilbert Whitton, Director of Pinellas County Extension Service, a long time friend of Florida Gardeners via books, lectures, TV and Radio, will speak on "VEGETABLE GARDENS," from seed to exhibiting in Flower Shows.

Mr. Marlowe Iverson, Manatee County, Horticulturist, whose specialty is "Ornamentals" will bring this interesting subject to our Symposium. With a combination like this, we can't miss "LEARNING, GROWING, AND SHOWING."

Mrs. Jack Blome, Dayton, Ohio, internationally known instructor in teaching design and Flower Show Procedure, will bring her dramatic "TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS INTO THE 21st CENTURY." Mrs. Blome is well known to Florida judges for her dramatic designs and stimulating lectures. Her talents have led her throughout the United States and foreign countries. She has written and executed an award winning television series on garden related topics.

Mrs. Thomas H. Ward, National Council Instructor in Flower Arranging and Flower Show Practice, and international lecturer and instructor, will bring her "IMPACT OF ACTIVE BACKGROUNDS" stressing TEXTURE and COLOR. This super achiever in the art of arranging with sensational backgrounds will combine her talent with Mrs. Blome to make the 16th a "BLOME N' JOY" day to remember.

Cost of the full course is \$18.00, plus Examination Fee \$2.00 for those taking for credit. One day attendance is \$9.00. Optional luncheons are available. Registration Chairman Mrs. Dursie Ekman, 4501 Vasconia, Tampa 33609. Make checks payable to The Fall 1977 Symposium. No refunds after November 5th.

Make room reservations direct with: THE HOST INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, Tampa International Airport, P.O. Box 24107, Tampa, Florida 33622

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

SERIES IX

COURSE 3

(Bilingual)

November 8-10, 1977

Fairchild Tropical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami 33156

For complete details contact:

Chairman: Mrs. Clyde Wooten, 9045 SW 64 Court, Miami 33156

Tuesday, November 8: Registration, School opens 8:00 AM
 8:30—Welcome: Mrs. Dewey Villareal, President, FFGC
 9:00—Small Parks and Playgrounds: Emilio Fontana
 10:00—Coffee Break
 10:15—Small Parks and Playgrounds, continued
 11:15—Development of Landscape Architecture 1930—Present: Mr. Robert Grist
 12:15—Lunch Break
 1:00—Accessories in the Landscape: Emilio Fontana
 2:00—Conservation of Natural Resources: Dr. John Popenoe
 3:30—Question Period and Adjournment

Wednesday, November 9: Registration, School opens 8:00 AM
 8:00—Registration
 8:30—Welcome
 9:00—Public Work: Albert Howard
 10:00—Coffee Break
 10:15—Standards for evaluating Landscape Design: Juanita Shearer
 11:15—Design for Easy Maintenance: Werner Dietel
 12:15—Lunch Break
 1:00—Plants and Design: William A. O'Leary
 2:30—Color: William A. O'Leary
 3:30—Question Period and Adjournment

Thursday, November 10:
 9:00—Examination
 12:00—Deadline for Examination Papers

REQUIRED READING—COURSE III

The National Gardener
 An Introduction to Landscape Architecture: Laurie (Pages 45-84; 133-160)
 Landscape Architecture: Simonds (Pages 1-14)
 The Book of Landscape Design: Ortloff and Raymore (Pages 213-264; 278-290)
 Redoing America: Faltermeyer (Pages 1-118)

Early procurement of books is essential. The assignments are basic for understanding the lectures and passing the examinations. Please allow a month for shipment.

Book Chairman: Mrs. Charles Payne
 8540 SW 108 Street
 Miami, FL 33156
 Tel. 271-5882

INSTRUCTORS:

Mr. Emilio Fontana: Dade County Parks. Degrees in Agronomy, Forestry and Landscape Architecture. Wide experience.
Mr. Werner Dietel, A.S.L.A., of Werner Dietel Associates. Combines knowledge of architecture and plants in varied practice.
Mr. Robert Grist: New in Miami, Masters in Landscaping from University of Georgia. Associated with Shaw Nursery.
Dr. John Popenoe: Distinguished horticulturist, author of many scientific papers. Director of Fairchild Tropical Gardens; Audubon officer.
Mr. Albert Howard: Director of City of Miami Park and Recreation Department. Wide experience in Parks and Public Work.
Miss Juanita Shearer, A.S.L.A., Associate. Degree from University of Florida, associated with Jonathan Seymour Landscape office.
Mr. William A. O'Leary, A.S.L.A.: of O'Leary Shafer Associates. Extensive practice, guest professor, and lecturer.

Student Critic Refresher Renewal \$25.00
 One day \$13.00, one half day \$7.00 Lunch will be available.

REGISTRATION FORM

Bilingual Landscape Design School Series IX, Course III
 November 8,9,10, 1977

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ Garden Club _____
 Student _____ Critic Refresher _____ Renewal _____
 One day \$13.00 One half day \$7.00 Enclosed:
 Make checks payable to: FFGC Bilingual Landscape Design School
 Mail to: Mrs. Cubbedge Phillips, 135 N.E. 43 St., Miami, FL 33137

PLANT A FANTASY

We, Florida gardeners, have our dreams,
 Our fantasies, our landscape "schemes."
 To have no scale, no rot, no bugs
 No weeds, no burn, no rust, no slugs.
 No lasting drought, no nasty freeze
 We'd have each plant grow well with ease.
 We'd pick fresh flowers every day
 And have enough to give away
 Grow our food and some for neighbors
 Without much sweat or pains or labors.
 That's our dream. Make no mistake . . .
 Things aren't like that when we're awake.
 If plants grew easily there'd be no
 Garden club or flower show.
 No judge—no prize—no one to care
 A dream? Heck no! A real nightmare!
 Mickey Gittelson



LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

SERIES X

COURSE I

October 11-13, 1977

Tampa Garden Center, 2629 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa 33609

For complete details contact:

Chairman: Mrs. E. D. Caton, 1542 Park Lane, Tampa 33603

These Study Courses have been planned specifically to educate Garden Club members and any other interested individuals to know good landscape architectural practice and to serve as guardians and critics of outdoor beauty in the U.S.A. It is hoped that such informed persons will develop a greater sense of pride in home grounds and environment, and will be able to serve intelligently as members of park boards, highway commissions, school grounds, and work with members of the design professions in planning public outdoor areas.

Tuesday, October 11: Registration 8:00 A.M.

- 8:30—Introduction and Welcome: Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal
- 8:45—Development of Landscape Architecture to 1840: Mrs. Frank Schmoll
- 10:15—Recess
- 10:30—Theory and Basic Principles of Landscape Design: Dr. Neil Odenwald
- 12:30—Luncheon
- 1:15—Development of Landscape Architecture (cont'd): Mrs. Schmoll
- 1:45—Home Grounds: Dr. Odenwald
- 3:45—Questions and Answers

Wednesday, October 12: Registration: 8:15 A.M.

- 8:45—Introduction: Mrs. Villareal
- 9:00—Plant Materials in the Landscape: Mr. Thomas H. Wallis, Jr.
- 10:00—Questions and Answers
- 10:15—Recess
- 10:30—The Professional Landscape Architect: Prof. John Sanderson
- 11:00—Roadside Development: Mr. Herrick Smith
- 12:00—Luncheon
- 12:45—Ecology and Environment: Prof. Sanderson
- 2:15—Civic Projects and Garden Clubs: Mr. Smith
- 3:15—Questions and Answers

Thursday, October 13: 9-12 A.M.: Examination

REQUIRED READING—COURSE I

The National Gardener—REQUIRED: Presentation of Current Label to take exam.

An Introduction to Landscape Architecture: Laurie (Pages 13-35; 167-190)
Landscape Architecture: Simonds (Pages 79-114; 145-167)
The Book of Landscape Design: Ortloff and Raymore (Pages 62-192; 291-308)
Homescaping: Intermountain Regional Publication. A brochure/kit for \$1.00 each, no discount. University of Wyoming: Box 3354, University Station, Laramie, Wyoming, 82070.

INSTRUCTORS:

Mrs. Frank J. Schmoll—ASLA, a Landscape architect in private practice in Tampa, also teaches at Pinellas Vocational Technical Institute. She is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Durham, England, and was employed in Spain and the Parks Department of New York City.

Dr. Neil G. Odenwald—ASLA, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is Extension Landscape Architect with Louisiana State University. He holds a B.S. from Mississippi State University in Ornamental Horticulture, M.S. from Louisiana State in Landscape Architecture, and Ph.D. from Mississippi State in Horticulture.

Mr. Thomas H. Wallis, Jr.—ASLA, A landscape architect with Wallis-Baker Associates in Winter Park, Mr. Wallis received the Fred B. Barlow, Jr., Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in design upon graduation from the University of California.

Prof. John A. Sanderson—ASLA, A member of the faculty of the University of Florida, Gainesville, in the School of Landscape Architecture. Mr. Sanderson's special training is in Urban Design. He has taught FFGC's Landscape Schools several times, and is an ardent conservationist.

Mr. Herrick H. Smith—ASLA, A graduate of Cornell University and the University of Georgia in Landscape Architecture, he previously taught at Kansas State University. He is now Director of the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Florida.

NOTE: PLEASE MAKE REGISTRATIONS EARLY. STUDY MANUALS WILL BE MAILED TO THOSE REGISTERING BY SEPT. 27th.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Tuition Fee enclosed: \$15.00 _____ Exam Fee Enclosed \$2.00 _____

Make Checks payable to: Landscape Design School, FFGC

Mail application and check to:

Mrs. N.J. Gay, Jr.
4509 Vasconia,
Tampa, Fl. 33609

Luncheon Reservation: Pay at door: Check: Mon. _____ Tues. _____

(Cost will be minimal)

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Resume of Minutes

Compiled by Mrs. Melville Hall
Resume Chairman

Board Meeting, April 26, 1977 Airport Holiday Inn—Tampa

At the Pre-Convention meeting, with President Mrs. Homer Gwinn presiding, members of the Board of Directors:

* Federated **Ixora Garden Club** and **Green Thumb Garden Club**, both of **New Smyrna Beach [VI]**; and **Seed N' Sprout Garden Club of Miami [X11]**, adding a total of 57 members to the FFGC roster. Also accepted for probation **Iris Wildflower Garden Club of Panacea [III]**, **Colony Cove Garden Club of Jacksonville [IV]**, **Apache Shores Garden Club of Hernando [V]**, **Wekiva Garden Club of Longwood [VII]**, **Seminole Garden Club [VIII]**, **Glades County Garden Club of Moore Haven [X]**, and **Palm Aire Village Garden Club [XI]**, with a combined membership of 194.

* Accepted applications for affiliation with the Federation from the **Garden Club of Managua, Nicaragua**, and **Miami Begonia Society and South Florida Fern Society**, with 300, 55, and 450 members, respectively, or a total of 805, bringing the total number of affiliate members for 1976-1977 to 2,025.

* Accepted the resignation of **Arrangers of Sun City [VIII]**, and heard first reading of resignations of **Poinsettia Garden Club of Eustis**, **Ward's Lady Bug Garden Club of Altamonte Springs**, and **Camellia Circle of Lakes and Hills Garden Club, Mt. Dora [all of VII]**; and **Coconut Creek Garden Club [XI]**.

Convention April 26-27, 1977 Airport Holiday Inn—Tampa

Delegates, alternates and visitors totaling 808 in attendance:

* Acclaimed FFGC President Mrs. Homer Gwinn when she reported major goals set for the administration—Community development and service, continuing youth programs, membership increase, and "greening" of Florida through tree painting—had been met and exceeded beyond all expectations.

Brought out was the FFGC membership rose to 31,427 during the past year. Participated in programs planned by FFGC President Mrs. Gwinn and Convention Co-Chairman Mrs. Steve Fritch and Mrs. Crowell Dawkins, Jr.

* Adopted revisions of the Federation's bylaws, spelling out to be eligible to join the Federation a Council shall be composed of four or more federated garden clubs and shall have been organized no less than two years; calling for the election of an alternate as well as a chairman of the State Nominating Committee, by and from the State Board at the fall meeting in even numbered years; setting forth to be eligible to serve on the nominating committee a board member shall have served at least two years within the four years immediately preceding the Convention in odd numbered years; and stipulating annual dues are to be paid by clubs and circles on all active, honorary and associate members with the exception of Life Members of FFGC and on Family Memberships.

* Adopted resolutions presented by Mrs. Truman Green, chairman, two of which had been approved by the Board of Directors at the Pre-Convention meeting; (S.276 and H.R.036) and the third (H.R. 2053) imploring Governor Reubin Askew and members of the Florida Cabinet to command retention of The Old Capitol, restoration of its superior 1923 architectural qualities and the wise guardianship of this great heritage for the state's coming generations.

* Witnessed impressive installation ceremonies conducted by FFGC Past President Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard, who used the Signs of the Zodiac as theme to install the 12 District Directors and eight newly-elected officers headed by Mrs. Villareal as President.

* Heard President Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal Jr. express appreciation for the confidence shown in her, introduce members of her executive committee, and list main goals of her administration including starting a college level club, service to geriatric citizens, an indigenous plant exchange, an individual commitment to saving the earth from pollution, and workshops on district tours.

Board Meeting April 28, 1977 Airport Holiday Inn—Tampa

At the Post-Convention meeting the Board of Directors:

* Heard President Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal Jr. announce "Learning is a Growing Thing" as theme of the new administration with the logo for same being a twelve inch ruler—an inch for each of the Federation's 12 districts.

* Accepted the \$3,452.50 bid of Suniland Press Inc. for printing 3,000 copies of the 1977-79 Book of Information, and approved holding Landscape Design School, Series X, starting with Course 1 October 11-13, 1977 at The Tampa Garden Center.

Board Meeting June 8-9, 1977 Headquarters—Winter Park

Members of the Board of Directors:

* Federated **Beacon Woods Garden Club [VIII]** and **Ocean Ridge Garden Club [X]**, accepted for probation **Friends and Flowers Garden Club of Fort Myers [IX]**, heard new circles announced including **Eucalyptus of Tallahassee Garden Club [III]**, **Woodmere of Arlington Garden Club**, **Woodpeckers and Woodland Wrens**, and **Bromeliad of Plant City Garden Club [VIII]**.

* Accepted resignations of **Poinsettia Garden Club of Eustis** and **Ward's Lady Bug Garden Club of Altamonte Springs [VII]**, and **Coconut Creek Garden Club [XI]**; heard first readings of resignations of **Bowe Gardeners Garden Club of Melbourne [VI]**, **Tam O'Shanter Garden Club of North Lauderdale [XI]**, **South Florida Garden Club [XII]**, heard **Kissimmee Garden Club [VII]** is going off the circle plan, and the **Melaleuca Garden Club [XII]** has disbanded; and heard announcements of resignations of **Hibiscus Circle of Garden Club of Deltona, Inc. [VI]**, **Camellia Circle of the Lakes and Hills Garden Club, Mount Dora [VII]**, and **Pine Tree Circle, Garden Club of Sebring [IX]**.

* Accepted the invitation of District VII to host the State Flower Show in the fall of 1978 and ratified appointment of Mrs. A.L. Paulauskas as chairman.

* Elected Mrs. Homer Gwinn and Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin as Headquarters and Endowment Trustees.

* Accepted the application for affiliation with the Florida Federation from the **Garden Club of San Pedro Sula, Honduras** (a foreign affiliate with 33 members).

* Accepted the bid of Modern Graphic Arts, Inc. for 27,000 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendars at the printing cost of \$18,326; and that of Master Printers, Inc. at a cost of \$4,232 per issue for The Florida Gardener.

* Approved advances of \$250 and \$100, respectively, to Landscape Design Schools, Series X, Tampa, and Series IX, Miami; \$400 to the Tropical Short Course, and a total of \$615 for postal expenses of mailing The Florida Gardener (\$15 reentry fee, \$500 mailing charge, \$100 return guarantee postage); and also approved donating the \$125 check won by the Federation for NCSGC American Land Trust to the American Land Trust.

* Ratified expenditures at State Headquarters including enlarging the stage and miscellaneous repairs at a cost of \$782.11, and spraying 16 trees for the removal of moss at a cost of \$145.

JOIN HANDS TO SERVE AND WIN

Mrs. John G. Wood
National and Deep South
Awards Chairman

All who have attended convention know the thrill of anticipation on awards night! Bells, loud cheering and whoops of joy ring out as the winners are announced in each category.

Your delegates to Deep South and National Convention, headed by your State President, experience that same excitement and anticipation on Awards Night at National Convention.

What is the most necessary ingredient to win a Deep South or National Award? The most necessary ingredient is to **APPLY!** Many of our clubs and circles are involved in projects worthy of winning in National or Deep South competition, but many are not applying, so the opportunity to win is lost!

Our National President, Mrs. William J. Hedley has selected as the theme for her administration, "Join Hands to Serve." Our own State President, Mrs. D. R. Villareal, Jr., has selected the theme "Let's Get Growing." So let's get growing in the winning of National and Deep South Awards. Let us join hands not only to serve, but to win.

Listed below are the categories for which National and Deep South Awards are available and the number of the award, followed by a brief description. Consult your new Book of Information, available at the Fall District Meetings, or from State Headquarters for details and for rules governing application and presentation of supporting evidence.

NATIONAL AWARDS

A. BIRDS

Award No. 42—The Nannie C. Wallis Silver Trophy—Most Comprehensive and effective

program of activities for bird protection.

B. CIVIC AND CONSERVATION

Award No. 1—Kellogg Medal—For distinguished civic or conservation work making Permanent Improvements for public benefit.

Award No. 2—Fisher Garden Center Medals—To the Garden Center which (a) has performed greatest service to community, (b) has had greatest influence on the children of the community.

Award No. 6—Lucille Droege-Mauntel Conservation Certificates—

(1) for educational or legislative activity,
(2) for conservation field project,
(3) for overall excellence year's conservation activities,
(4) Outstanding conservation work.

Award No. 51—Civic Concern—For notable concern in the fields of (a) Civic Development, (b) Roadside Improvement, (c) Youth Education, (d) Work with under-privileged, and handicapped, (e) Historic Trails.

C. CHURCH GARDENS—

Award No. 28—Promoted the planning and/or planting of a church or synagogue garden.

D. CLUB WORK AND PROGRAMS

Award No. 7—White Ribbon Special Achievement Certificates—For especially outstanding garden club work.

Award No. 53—Club Program—For outstanding program.

E. FLOWER SHOWS—

Award No. 5—Purple Rosettes—For (a) Shows without commercial aid, (b) Shows with commercial aid.

Award No. 17—Blue Rosettes—For home and gardens show.

Award No. 18—Rose Rosettes—For best show by a council of member clubs.

Award No. 21—Red, white and blue patriotic flower show—For a flower show with a patriotic theme.

Award No. 22—Red and Green Holiday Flower Show—For the best Christmas Show.

Award No. 30—District Flower Show—Green Rosette—For the best District flower show.

Award No. 35—Blue and White Near Club Flower Show Rosette—For a show sponsored by two federated clubs, geographically located near, but not affiliated in a Council.

F. GARDEN THERAPY—

Award No. 19—Garden Therapy Certificate of Merit—(a) Member clubs, or groups of member clubs, sponsoring outstanding garden therapy sponsoring outstanding program in garden therapy.

G. HISTORIC PRESERVATION—

Award No. 50—May Duff Walters Trophy—For the completion of a historic restoration project.

HORTICULTURE—

Award No. 3—Helen S. Hull Certificate of Merit—For literary production of horticultural interest in America.

Award No. 4—Evelyn Mooney Purple Ribbon Certificate—For horticultural achievement of permanent importance.

H. JUNIORS, INTERMEDIATES AND HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS—

Award No. 10—Augusta H. Brewer Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club Certificates of Merit—To junior and/or intermediate club most successful in promoting all phases of garden club work.

Award No. 14—The Hessie Thompson Morrah Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club Horticultural Achievement Award.

Award No. 32—Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club Conservation Achievement Award—Junior and/or intermediate garden club for most

outstanding conservation project.

Award No. 33—The Carrie Buhrman Nettleton High School Gardener's Accomplishment Award—To high school unit for best all-around gardening program.

Award No. 47—High School Gardeners, Intermediate and/or Junior Flower Show Achievement Award—For a standard, competitive flower show.

K. LANDSCAPE DESIGN—

Award No. 49—Elsie M. Cook Landscape Design Award—For most significant contribution in providing planning and planting for complete projects (1) commercial property, (2) church, (3) hospital, (4) library, (5) civic center, (6) park, (7) waterfront (8) other.

L. LITTER CONTROL—

Award No. 45—Litter Control Award—To the member club showing most successful litter control activity stressing community involvement.

M. PLANT SOCIETY—

Award No. 34—The Award of Merit to a Plant Society—To an active or affiliate plant society member on a local, state or national level for (1) excellence in horticulture, (2) education, (3) flower show.

N. RADIO AND T.V.—

Award No. 27—Radio and/or TV certificates of Merit—To club and council for best thirteen weeks series on (a) radio, (b) television, (c) radio and T.V. combined, (d) for best use throughout year promoting activities.

Award No. 20—The Hilda Fox Award—For outstanding roadside improvement within the state.

P. SILVER AND GOLD SEALS—

Award No. 24—The Silver Seal—To an individual, organization or institution **other than Garden Club** for special contribution toward the advancement of the work of garden clubs.

Award No. 25—The Gold Seal—To an individual, organization or institution which has made a contribution toward the advancement of the purposes of National Council which is of National or world-wide significance.

Q. WORLD GARDENING—

Award No. 46—The Dean World Gardening Trophy—For the most outstanding program or activity in world gardening.

R. YEARBOOK

Award No. 16—Yearbook Certificates of Merit—For the best Garden Club yearbook in each of five categories:

- (1) under 25 members
- (2) 25-39 members
- (3) 40-64 members
- (4) 65-99 members
- (5) Over 100 members

S. YOUTH

Award No. 8—The Helen Hussey Champlin Award—To the **Senior Garden Club** for the most outstanding service toward the promotion of gardening among youth.

SPECIAL NATIONAL AWARDS

1. AMERICAN LAND TRUST.

- A. To a garden club of more than 25 members.
- B. To a garden club of 26-75 members.
- C. To a garden club of 76 or more members.

To be awarded on a per capita basis for the largest contribution and the greatest overall impact on behalf of the ALT.

2. SPEECH CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

To be awarded to the best boy and girl student in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades for a speech on the subject "Join Hands with Nature—Conserve—Preserve and Save."

3. 1977 ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER CONTEST.

To be awarded to members of community at large in several categories, with youth and senior citizens especially invited. Poster subject to be based on environmental theme.

DEEP SOUTH AWARDS

A. BIRDS

Award No. 8—The Ducie Heaney Avian Award—For the most outstanding program of activity for the protection and/or care of birds.

B. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Award No. 3—The Mary Myrick Historic Preservation or Restoration Award—For the restoration or preservation of the Landscape of an historic or old building or park.

C. LITTER CONTROL

Award No. 7—The Jess Conner Litter Control Award—For a youth oriented program in the field of litter control.

D. OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

Award No. 10—The Celeste Williams Special Achievement—For any especially outstanding garden club work, such as civic development, conservation, beautification, garden therapy, or any other garden club related project.

E. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Award No. 5—Mary G. Pumila Public Relations Award—For accomplishments in garden club related activities with one or more non-member group or organization through good public relations.

F. ROADSIDES

Award No. 9—Deep South Region Mississippi Roadside Award—For the most effective use of trees in a roadside project.

G. SCHOOL GROUNDS

Award No. 1—Hubert Owens School Grounds Improvement Trophy—For the beautification and improvement of the grounds of an existing elementary, junior high, or senior high school building.

Your chairman is eager to help you in any way possible. Please write or call for information, advise in preparation of Book of Evidence or project selection. Let's make 1977-1979 the YEAR OF THE FLORIDA WINNERS.

FLOWER SHOW CALENDAR

Mrs. D. O. Foshee, Sr., *Flower Shows Chairman*
9744 Scott Mill Road
Jacksonville, 32217

(Please register your shows with this chairman)

1977:

September 27-28, Tampa, "TRIPLE ACCENT," Three Circle Show (Callandra, Jasmine, and Sunnydale Acres,) Tampa Federation Garden Center, 2629 Bayshore Boulevard.

October 1-2, St. Augustine, "FLORIDA—THE LAND OF BARTRAM," Wildflower Show, District IV Wildflower Garden Club, St. Augustine Garden Center.

October 14,15,16, Miami, "MIAMI—U.S.A.," District XII, Omni South Court, Biscayne Boulevard & N.E. 15 Street.

November 11-12, Miami, "SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY," Norwood Garden Club, Norland United Methodist Church, 885 N.W. 195 Street.

1978:

February 19-20, Stuart, "NATURE'S BOOKSHELF," Garden Club of Stuart, Martin County Library, 701 E. Ocean Boulevard.

March 18-19, Sarasota, Spring Flower Show, Sarasota Garden Club.

March 31, April 1-2, Miami, "THIRD CENTURY ... Color and Design," Metropolitan Miami Flower Show, Hialeah Race Track.

March 31, April 1, Bradenton, Manatee River Garden Club, 1978 Spring Flower Show, Garden Center, Bradenton.

April 1-2, Palatka, Spring Flower Show, Garden Club of Palatka

April 8-9, Bartow, Spring Flower Show, Bartow Garden Club, Bartow Civic Center.

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2910 W. Jean, Tampa 33614

COURSE II—PUNTA GORDA

GARDEN CLUB

Sept. 27, 28, 29, 1977

Chairman

Mrs. Norene J. Faber

1797 Belle Court, Punta Gorda, Fla.

Instructors:

Mrs. Jerome Rosenberg

Mr. Bob Thomas

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Sept. 27, 28, 29, 1977

Chairman:

Mrs. Tom H. Glenn

1717 S.W. 120 Terrace

Gainesville 32061

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Mrs. Patricia Kroh

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Nov. 1, 2, 3, 1977

Chairman:

Mrs. George Whatkins

The Fountain #129

Ponte Vedra Beach 32082

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Mrs. Thomas Ward

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Oct. 12, 13, 14, 1977

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1906 DeWitt St.

Panama City 32401

Instructors:

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COURSE V—WINTER HAVEN

Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, 1977

Chairman:

Mrs. Howard Greene

831 - 17th Ter. N.E.

Winter Haven 33880

Instructors:

Mrs. Robert Guthrie

Mr. Bob Thomas

A GARDENER'S LAMENT

I used to have a pony tail,
My garden to adorn,
But then, one day, he disappeared
By light of early morn.

Oh, pony tail; oh, pony tail,
It's very plain to see,
The 'nappers, they have "nipped" you,
And fled away in glee.

So, pony tail; my pony tail,
Where'er you come to rest,
I always will remember you,
And wish you all the best.

by Shirley Griggs

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DEEP SOUTH REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin

Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin (Ellen) has been elected by the Deep South Region to serve as Director for 1977-79. Ellen joined her first garden club in 1939 and has been active on local, state and national board for many years having served as Florida's President and on the NC Board for the past eight years as Awards Chairman. She is a Master Flower Show Judge, a Landscape Design Critic and her garden club interests are varied and intense.



The office of Regional Director rotates among the six states in the Region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana & Tennessee). In Florida, 1951-53, Mrs. Karl A. Bickel from Sarasota served as the South Atlantic Director. In 1961 this region was divided and the six most southern states became the Deep South Region. In 1965-67, Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mount Dora, became Florida's first

director of the Deep South Region. And now, Mrs. Griffin will serve for the 1977-79 administration.

Choosing the theme, "UNITED ACTION—THE KEY TO ACHIEVEMENT," it is the director's hope that each state will concentrate in the field of environmental concern. To set the pace, the first regional youth conference is planned for August 7-10 at Florida Technological University to be sponsored by Shell Oil Company, Deep South Region and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Emphasis will also be placed on the Facilitator Training Programs making members **aware, informed and committed** to our environmental problems and moved to positive action.

The first regional convention for this administration will be held in the Orlando area at the Carlton House, March 13-15, 1978. In 1979 the convention will be held in Alabama.

We are pledging our support to Ellen as we work together in loyalty and friendship.



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Checkerboard Chatter of and about Gardening

SCHOOL DAYS

September is back-to-school month and you may want to take some independent study courses to learn more about your plants. Correspondence classes in Horticulture, General Botany, Plant Propagation and others are offered by several universities. Write for course catalogs in care of: Independent Study, Office of Continuing Education: Penn State University, University Park, PA.16802 Brigham Young University Provo, UT. 84601 Washington State University Pullman, WA. 00163

CUT BRANCH TWICE

Whenever you prune a branch from a tree, play it safe, take it off in two parts.

Make the first cut about a foot from the trunk of the tree and thus avoid the possibility of splitting and tearing a portion of the tree.

Make the second cut as close to the trunk as possible and then cover the wound with tree paint.

PLASTIC & CUTTINGS

In order to keep small cuttings standing in water by themselves, cut pieces from a styrofoam egg carton, punch holes in them, place the cuttings through the holes and float them on water and perlite. Roots never tangle as they develop.

OUNCE OF PREVENTION

It is wise to wear gloves when using pesticides. Traces of chemicals have been found on users hands up to two years after using.

Rubber or plastic gloves give the best protection.

COMPOST RECIPE

A small amount of compost can be quickly made with this recipe:

Crumble a bushel of non-diseased leaves into a clear polyethylene bag, add 2 gallons of water and 5-6 pounds of high nitrogen (20-15-15) commercial fertilizer. Put bag in a sunny place outdoors, then turn over every second day for 3-4 weeks.



Mrs. Homer Gwinn, immediate past-President of FFGC is shown holding the 15th Guardian of Gardening Plaque, which was presented to her at the 51st Annual Convention in Tampa, by the clubs of District X, and the Freeport [Grand Bahamas] Garden Club.

CLEAN, CLEANER, CLEANEST

Garden soil can be sterilized by using this method: Sift soil or sand two inches deep into flat pans and bake, stirring occasionally for three hours at 200°.

Containers can be sterilized in this method: scrub in hot soapy water to which has been added 1/4 cup of bleach per quart of water.

A handy way to keep you clean while working in the garden: place soap scraps in a piece of nylon net, tie, and hang on garden faucet.

TREES VERSUS CIGARS

Proud parents celebrating the arrival of their baby presented relatives and friends with one hundred seedling trees, instead of the proverbial cigars. This is a beautiful way to commemorate all joyous occasions; a growing tribute, instead of a fast burning, cigar, going up in smoke and contaminating the environment.

Wouldn't it be great if we could plant one hundred trees for every newborn child?

SUCCULENT SOIL

Neither sand nor topsoil is a usable medium for cacti and succulents. The best mixture is equal parts peat moss, perlite and ground pine bark. A local horticulturist is now recommending the use of tiny styrofoam pellets (trade name Aerolite). This material can be substituted for perlite, which holds more water than needed for succulents.

Aerolite has very little dust as compared to perlite, and doesn't hold as much water, making it better for growing succulents and cacti in the open.

NEEDED: 100% PARTICIPATION

This year it is requested that all Clubs and Circles send **15c per member** to support the FFGC Penal Garden Therapy Program. Make checks out to FFGC Penal Garden Therapy (indicate on check a specific institution, if desired) and send to:

Mrs. R. W. Shaughnessy
State Chrm., Penal Garden
Therapy
Box 582
Ft. Myers, FL 33902

THE LAST STRAW

A hint for growing healthier house plants involves using plastic drinking straws (the common, ordinary supermarket variety).

Place a straw in the soil of an already planted container, being careful not to damage the roots.

Water and fertilize as usual, but do not allow water to enter straw. This method seems to help air circulation in the soil, as well as preventing the roots from becoming too moist.

P.S. Do not use the variety of straw that is made to bend easily.

IMPROVED CULTIVARS

by Mrs. Robert Hunter
Improved Cultivar, *Chairman*

The term cultivar is being used more and more by horticulture writers, possibly because it fills a need. It is a shortening of cultivated variety and means a hybrid made in cultivation as opposed to sports and crosses accidentally created in the wilds.

How is an improved cultivar created? We have many choices if we want to reproduce our plants. We can use cuttings, (stem, root and leaves) air layerings, division and some of the more sophisticated and advanced growers are using meristem or mericlone methods to advance the number of plants created and the time allotted to their production. All of these methods reproduce the parent plant exactly, however great the quantity.

In order to produce a new cultivar, we must mix up a few genes. We call this sexual propagation, as it entails crossing a male and a female parent to produce an offspring, which will presumably be different from either one.

This is usually achieved by placing the pollen from the male plant on the anther of the female plant. In many plants this is a simple procedure, but in others it is very difficult. Some specie orchids, for example, are not easy to pollinate because the flowers have evolved to accommodate—a bee or other insect not known on this continent.

Hybridization is also rendered complicated when the two desired parents bloom at different times. This requires storing the pollen in a cool, dry place so that it remains visible for a time.

Before undertaking any work in hybridizing, the requirements and methods used for the plant in question must be studied.

It cannot be emphasized enough that hybridization should always have a goal in mind. Random crossing merely adds to the roster of mediocre plants. Perhaps one has a plant with a lovely flower which has a weak stem or possibly one flower has a beautiful color and another a lovely form or substance.

There are obvious reasons for a cross. Having made the cross and having nursed the seedlings to maturity, one must be ruthless in discarding the unsuccessful seedlings. To go back to the plant with the beautiful color, but a weak form which was crossed with a lovely form, but dull color, you will hopefully get at least one seedling which has the strong points of both parents, but remember that you will also get at least one that has the weak points of both parents. These should be discarded immediately. There will be a number of in-between, moderately successful crosses. Keep these for a second year. Compare them carefully with other hybrids on the market and be rigorous in weeding out the common place plants. If it doesn't add something new and different, or particularly lovely, let it go.

This basically is how improved cultivars are formed. There are literally hundreds of people working to produce these new hybrids, and to them each day brings new excitement. In the world of horticulture there is nothing so challenging, so stimulating, or so rewarding.



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NOTE TO GARDEN CLUBBERS: Your ad for tours, shows, sales, Christmas specials should be running here. A good buy for any advertisement.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

In the May-June Issue of *The Florida Gardener*, under State Life Memberships, it was stated that Mrs. Cecil Halbert, Jr.'s membership was given to her by the Garden Club of Daytona. It should have read: Garden Club of Deltona.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1977

SWEET POTATO VINE PROGRAM

by Mrs. Richard N. Brock
Geriatric Garden Therapy Chairman

Geriatric Therapy is a new committee this year. Like all garden therapy, this program will use **garden-related** activities but the emphasis is on projects with aid for the elderly. Geriatric Therapy is advocated as a preventative measure to combat senility, and for the rehabilitation of those who are physically and mentally ill. It can also be a contributing factor in the well-being of active older Floridians.

Geriatric Therapy should be an **activity** project whenever possible. The therapy is in the doing and in the enjoyment of being creative. Service projects should be used only with those persons who are incapacitated and unable to participate. The therapy then is one of passive enjoyment in something beautiful or interesting which is presented to them.

Garden Clubs have many choices of sites for projects. Senior Centers, congregate housing projects and meal sites, hospitals, convalescent centers and nursing homes are all places where groups of elderly persons can benefit. Public schools and junior colleges are committed to community education and will appreciate your expertise and assistance in starting Geriatric Therapy courses and activities at their facilities. "Youth and Aging" programs may be developed whereby young people can work with the elderly or where active retirees contribute their expertise and time to school gardening projects. "One-to-One" therapy projects can be planned for the isolated and homebound.

Those of you who will be working with Geriatric Therapy programs or projects should coordinate where possible with the other garden club related committees. Jr. Gardeners, Plant Distribution, Horticulture, Conservation, Birds, Wild Flowers, Garden Pilgrimages, etc. are some that can offer unlimited resources and ideas.

Do plan with and utilize the cooperation of other agencies and organizations. County Councils on Aging, Retired Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP), Foster Grandparents, Parks and Recreation, Audubon Society, Youth Clubs and environmental control groups are excellent sources for contacts and support. Many of our active retirees are wonderful artists and craftsmen. Enlist their interest in projects about gardening and to help instruct their peers.

Your creativity and imagination may be able to open a new world to oldsters who have never had time for growing plants, working with crafts, or enjoying the beauty of our gardens and forests. You will find a marvelous reward in helping this appreciative group take on new hobbies and new life.

There are numerous books and publications on various garden-related activities. Use your public libraries for these as well as films, large print books and talking book selections for older persons.

Publications that can help in planning activities for Geriatric Therapy projects are:

1. **Garden Therapy Manual** ... 75¢
2. **Bridging the Generation Gap Between Youth and Aging** (both available from Hq. NCSGS, 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110)
3. **Crafty Therapy** ... \$2.35 Hq., FFGC, P.O. Box 1604, Winter Park, Fl. 32789
4. **A Manual on Planning Educational Programs for Older Adults** ... \$2.55 Adult Education, Florida State University, Tallahassee 32306
5. **A Preview of Physiological and Psychological Changes in Aging & Their Implications for Teachers Of Adults** ... \$1.04 Department of Education, Tallahassee, Fl. 32304

EDITORS NOTE: "Sweet Potato Vine" is the name given to the new Geriatric Garden Therapy Program by our President, Mrs. D. R. Villareal, Jr.

BLUE STAR MARKERS



The Conway Garden Club of Orlando, celebrated the ending of the Bi-Centennial Year, April 2, 1977, at 2:00 PM, by placing a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the corner of Conway and Anderson Roads-Route 15.

Left to right: Girl Scout, Kim Briggs; Boy Scout, E. J. Vale, and Mrs. Chas. F. Vale, Director.



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Mr. Henry Chillias, Director, District III, places wreath at the base of Blue Star Memorial Marker, which FFGC presented to the State Capitol complex, on April 15, 1977.



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HEY, YOU'RE SOMEBODY

by Mrs. David F. Gray
Chairman, Membership & College Clubs

Is membership a problem in your club? Have you been guilty of saying "Why doesn't somebody DO something about it?" Have you finally realized that you are that somebody?

In order to attract new members, our programs must be exciting and a definite learning experience. Be sure to offer what people want and are interested in NOW. Current problems!! We are expecting a big increase in membership since our state is growing rapidly with a great influx of new residents. It is our responsibility to help these new residents become Florida Gardeners—good gardeners. We all know that no matter how green that thumb is, we must also have "know-how." As garden club members you have this knowledge. Share it with new members—or share it with groups of new people in a new club.

How to do this? Find new members at church functions, at condominiums or at mobile home parks. Have a table at public affairs, and furnish garden club information. Have a coffee in the home of a member who raises outstanding horticulture and displays it effectively throughout her home. Remember, you learned how to grow and show these plants in a garden club. Give a lovely tea with unusual and beautiful flower arrangements on the tables to impress prospective members. Tell them the hostess club learned the how-to of flower arranging through lecture, demonstrations, workshops, schools and study courses offered on local, district and state level. Tell your guests about educational advantages of membership—Landscape Design Courses, Flower

Show School, Short Course at Gainesville and Tropical Short Course.

Garden Club Members care and are concerned with PEOPLE. Most people are joiners—it is up to us to find them.

Horticulture is one of the most popular courses at Junior Colleges and Universities. Young people are showing great interest in our plant studies, landscaping, flower arranging, civic beautification, conservation and environmental projects, our parks and camps. Encourage your club to sponsor a club at a local college. Their ideas may prove very innovative and stimulating to you. Discover with them that "Learning is a Growing Thing."

First, make an appointment at the local college to explain the advantages of belonging to a garden club—the opportunity of increasing horticulture knowledge and sharing this knowledge with people of similar interests; attending Flower Show Schools and Landscape Design Study courses or Blanche Covington Nature Study Course. There are many scholarships available from National Council and FFGC, and books, films and slides may be obtained from the library at State Headquarters. Tell them about the upbeat mood of our programs and projects!

Ask your District Director for organizational assistance or read page 71-72, Florida Garden Club Manual.

It takes a SPECIAL SOMEBODY to get this project off the ground . . . Remember, YOU ARE THAT SOMEBODY.

FOR NEW FLORIDA GARDENERS

by Mr. Nathan F. Klein
Horticulture-Education Chairman

Here are a few simple words of advice for gardeners who have recently moved to Florida. When you buy trees or shrubs determine from the nursery how big they will grow. My own experience has shown that many of the plants and trees I bought did not grow at all—many actually died off even though we have always been "Five Dollar hole for a fifty cent (ancient history) plant" people. When I began gardening in Florida I was unaware that many plants purchased had become root bound in the nurseries nor did I know how to handle this situation. Now, from experience, I know that it is most important to open up the root system of any newly acquired potted plant or tree, and even to cut away those roots that have grown back towards the center of the root mass due to the container's small size.

Many trees and plants seem to suffer a shock reaction when moved from a pot to a place in your bed or lawn. They will show no apparent signs of growth for a year or two. But—this is the time for "patience." As long as the plant is not dying, continue to water and fertilize, and eventually it will show signs of growth. Then perhaps 3 or 4 years later it will really take off.

If you are aware of nursery propagation you can better understand why plants react the way they sometimes do. Many nurseries do most of their growing in shade or partial shade. Before replanting, such a potted plant should be acclimated gradually to the kind of full or partial sun it will have to endure or eventually enjoy. In addition, most nurseries water plants every day and many are set up to distribute fertilizer and insecticides in frequent waterings. If not, they actually fertilize by other methods at least once a week or even more

frequently. This kind of watering and feeding is great for young plants and trees as it effectively pushes rapid growth. Many people believe in continuing these procedures. Although these practices are controversial, I like to let things grow at a more natural rate, as I believe that better and stronger growth is thus achieved. So, I taper off both daily watering and weekly fertilizing until watering is normally a weekly chore and fertilizing is done seasonally.

Now for the "believer" need. When you are planting a small, young tree or plant in your beds or lawn, select location and specific sites on the basis of the potential size that it should eventually achieve. I have learned this from experience. We planted a beautifully formed Monkey Puzzle Tree (*Araucaria Imbricata*) that was 3 feet tall when purchased, in a location that was five feet away from the entrance walk to our home. This tree has grown into a perfectly shaped 20 foot specimen with the branches spreading over more than half of our walkway. If you are familiar with the Monkey Puzzle Tree you know that each leaf grows a sharp, strong point causing discomfort when walking by. This tree is too large and handsome to risk moving, so I will have to build a new walk in the very immediate future. If I had been a "believer" this could have been avoided.

When planting in beds always plan placement in advance so that when your plant, shrub or tree achieves full growth it will not be crowded against a wall or your home or a fence, or be too close to your driveway, patio or swimming pool. Many plants will never achieve their expected growth, but—it is wisest to allow room for it—and be a "believer" and hope and wait.

Planning in advance should also help as far as a plant's need for sun and shade is concerned. If you plant in full sun while adjacent plants or trees are small, the situation will change as growth occurs. You know that all plant and trees have different growth cycles and expectations. Consideration of what the situation will be in five or ten years should be given serious thought.

Now that you are a "believer" and now that you are "patient," lets consider training. Many plants and trees have a tendency to bush instead of achieving a normal tree formation. To overcome this, proper pruning is essential. It took me five years to train a beautiful Hong Kong Orchid (*Bauhinia variegata*) to become a fine upstanding heavy trunked tree. Sadly, this past winter's frigid weather froze off all 25 feet of it and all the new growth is from the old root system, and it is bushy once more. Now, the

strongest branch must be selected, the others pruned, and a new constant training and pruning program initiated to produce a new tree form. The same process is required with many other varieties of plants. Oleanders and Crepe Myrtle, Hibiscus and Bougainvillea are other plants that are much prettier when they are trained into compact full tree shapes instead of bushes. Roses are also helped by severe pruning most easily accomplished by cutting the longest possible stems without cutting buds, when cutting flowers which should be done while in full bloom or soon thereafter.

If we could all heed the words of Ann Morrow Lindbergh in **Gift from the Sea**, we might be more successful at gardening: "Patience, patience, patience is what the sea teaches. **Patience** and **faith**. One should lie empty, open, choiceless as a beach ... waiting ..."



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Students may select any phase of conservation and preservation which they consider most important to us, our nation, and our planet. And how we may serve to reach our goals.

Contest is open to all students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Contest must be sponsored by a federated garden club or a council of clubs. The speech is not to exceed 6 to 8 minutes.

Procedure:

1. Each state may submit ONE entry of a cassette tape recording, (tape to be supplied by the sponsoring group), of speech and a type-written, double-spaced copy to the National Chairman of High School Gardeners. Tapes will be returned.
2. State winner may be selected by local and state competition.
3. The deadline date for the tape and copy must be January 15th.
4. Judging for a national winner will be a competent committee in the field of ecology, conservation and speech.
5. The state youth chairman will send a summary of the speech, signed by the State President, including comments on poise, gestures, appearance, visual aids or other commendable features.

Award:

Two \$50.00 cash awards and a certificate appropriately inscribed will be presented. The winners will be invited to be speakers at the National Convention Youth Luncheon in Detroit, Michigan in May, 1978. Hospitality will be provided by the Convention and travel provided by SHELL OIL COMPANY.

Scale of Points for Judging:

A. Content	55
1. Knowledge of subject	25
2. Subject matter well organized	15
3. Practicality of Proposal	15
B. Oration	40
1. Clarity and presentation of a subject	20
2. Voice inflection and enunciation	10
3. Emphasis	5
4. State Chairman's summary	5
C. Manuscript (neatness and legibility)	5
	100
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Send tape and speech to: Mrs. John G. Wood, Lake Otis, Winter Haven, 33880

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Mrs. John G. Wood, *American Land Trust Chairman*

The second year of our American Land Trust Project, the preservation of "Tiger Creek" is well underway and club and circles continue to be vitally interested in F.F.G.C.'s dream of "A Gift for Future Generations."

Clubs and circles may still schedule the film "Challenge to the Nation," the story of the American Land Trust, and the Slide presentation on Tiger Creek for club programs this fall, winter, and spring. Write to the ALT Chairman for details.

Interest in "The Acre Club" continues to mount, and several more clubs and circles have become eligible for membership and will receive their Deeds of Gratitude at our Fall District Meetings. You may become a member of "The Acre Club" by donating at least \$260.00, the cost of purchasing one acre of Tiger Creek. Ownership of the land is placed in the name of the NATURE CONSERVANCY and thus ensures that your land preservation gift remains as "A Gift for Future Generations."

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and two of its member clubs were honored at the National Convention in Kansas City for outstanding contributions to the American Land Trust program. F.F.G.C. was the recipient of the

Damroth Foundation Award, awarded to a State Federation of 15,000 or more members. The Jane Hurt Yarn Awards offered to a garden club of not more than 25 members was won by the Azalea Garden Club of Winter Haven and to a garden club of more than 76 members was won by the Bartow Garden Club, Bartow. We congratulate the winners and thank both the winning clubs and all the clubs and circles in F.F.G.C. for making Florida the winner in the State Federation category. Your interest, participation, and monetary contributions made it possible.

March 31, 1978 will mark the end of the American Land Trust project. Our goal is \$10.00 per club and per member before the end of our two years project. Please continue your support, so that Tiger Creek will indeed be known as F.F.G.C.'s "Gift for Future Generations." The American Land Trust is the greatest gift our citizens have given to their country in this bicentennial era. Celebrants of the Tricentennial will look back with gratitude and thanks to those who so generously gave, so that the wide diversity of terrain, plant life, and wildlife of this beautiful country could be preserved. YOU ARE creating a most valuable and irreplaceable "Gift for Future Generations."

WE WANT TO BE PART OF SAVING TIGER CREEK FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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FLORIDA RECEIVES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AWARD GARDEN THERAPY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

One of the Garden Therapy accomplishments heralded at the 1977 Convention of the National Council of State Garden Clubs in Kansas City in June was the awarding of a Garden Therapy Certificate of Merit to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs for their Garden Therapy work accomplished in 1976. This was National Award No. 19(A) for a Member Federation. The Certificate reads:

"FLORIDA: Garden Therapy—the PEOPLE PROGRAM . . . inspired to be better therapy leaders and to promote activity projects "GARDEN RELATED," this state has helped the handicapped in recovery or rehabilitation through several programs: "Spare a Dime—Share a Dime" with horticultural guidance and assistance in 5 State Prisons; share the joy, beauty, skill and stimulation of garden activities with Multiple Sclerosis patients; promote Garden Therapy with State Displays and at the International Flower Show viewed by thousands. GREAT HUMAN RELATIONS!"

Thanks is expressed to every Club Garden Therapy Chairman in our Federation—for it is your ideas, energy, creativeness and dedication that makes our program strong and worthy of this coveted award. Keep up the good work!

Good Luck and God Bless!

Mrs. Bea Thorn
Garden Therapy Chmn.—1975-77

YOUTH AWARDS-1977 HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS

Presented at 51st Annual Convention—Tampa

HS-1 OUTSTANDING UNIT

Winner: St. Ann's High School Unit, Crystal River Garden Club
R.U.: Ft. Pierce Central Ecology Club, Ft. Pierce

HS-3 CONSERVATION

Winner: 377 Sprouts, Melbourne G.C.
R.U.: Dixie Shamrocks, Robinswood G. C. Orlando

HS-5 LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Winner: Winter Park High School Gardener, Winter Park G. C. Individual:
Robin Loughlin

HS-8 GARDEN THERAPY

Winner: St. Ann's High School Gardeners, Crystal River Garden Club
R.U.: Dixie Shamrocks, Robinswood G. C., Orlando

HS-9 EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

Winner: Ft. Pierce Central Ecology Club, St. Lucie Federation of Garden Circles

R.U.: St. Ann's High School Gardeners, Crystal River Garden Club

HS-10 YEARBOOK

Winner: St. Ann's High School Gardeners, Crystal River Garden Club
R.U.: Ft. Pierce Central Ecology Club, St. Lucie Federation of Garden Circles

HS-12 CARTOON

Winner: Chipley High School Gardeners, Chipley G.C., Individual: Audrey
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R.U.: Ft. Pierce Central Ecology Club, St. Lucie Federation of Garden Clubs, Individual: Wally Edwards

INTERMEDIATE GARDENERS

- I-1 MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Winner: Donna Maksymowich, Intermediate G.C., St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.
R.U.: Lynne Howell, Green Hornets Unit, St. Lucie Fed. Ft. Pierce
- I-2 LITTER CONTROL AWARD (POSTERS)
Winner: Grant Miles, Roulhac Middle School, Chipley Garden Club
R.U.: Ana Buigas, Intermed. G.C., St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.
- I-3 HORTICULTURE AWARD
Winner: Anna Louise Owens, Intermed. G.C. of St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.
R.U.: Chris Denise, Intermed. Neighborhood Group, Lake Placid G.C., Lighthouse Pnt.
- I-4 FIELD TRIP AWARD
Winner: Brian Dean, Glenridge Ecology Club, Winter Park Garden Club
R.U.: Cathy Burkett, Intermed. G.C., St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.
- I-5 BIRDS
Winner: Elizabeth Barrett, Intermed. Neighborhood Group, Lake Placid Garden Club
R.U.: Jean O'Leary, Glenridge Ecology Club, Winter Park Garden Club
- I-6 CONSERVATION
A. No entries
B. Winner: Intermediate Garden Club, St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.
- I-7 INTERMEDIATE CONSERVATIONIST
Winner: Kim Cooney, Red Fox 4H G.C., Camellia G.C., Winter Haven
R.U.: Kendall McCready, Intermediate G.C., St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.
- I-8 WILDFLOWER FOLDER
Winner: Patricia Timm, The Owls Intermed. Gardeners, Pinellas Point Circle, Garden Club of St. Petersburg
R.U.: 1) Kendall McCready, Intermed. Gardeners, St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C. 2) Charlotte Howell, Green Hornets Intermediates, St. Lucie Federation
- I-9 SCHOOL GROUND BEAUTIFICATION
Winner: None
R.U.: Intermediate Garden Club, St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach Garden Club
- I-10 LOIS DULANEY AWARD FOR FLORIDA STATE PARKS
Winner: Elizabeth Wilcox, Intermed. Gardeners, St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.
- I-11 SPEECH CONTEST
Winner: Ben Craven, Roulhac Middle School, Chipley Garden Club
R.U.: Lisa Ross, Intermediate G.C., St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.
- I-12 INTERMEDIATE GARDEN THERAPY
Winner: Dixie Shamrocks 4H Gardeners, Robinswood G.C., Orlando
R.U.: Karen Wilcox, Intermediate Gardeners, St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.
- I-13 INTERMEDIATE UNIT ACHIEVEMENT
Winner: Daisy Circle (G.S. Troop 146) Dogwood Circle, Panama City G.C.
R.U.: Dixie Shamrocks 4H Gardeners, Robinswood Garden Club, Orlando
- I-14 LITTER CONTROL PROJECT UNIT AWARD
No entries
- I-15 EDUCATIONAL PROJECT UNIT AWARD
Winner: Green Hornets Intermediates, St. Lucie Federation of Garden Circles

JUNIOR GARDENERS

- J-1 MARGARET Y. PACE—Bird Folder
Winner: Joellyn Ferguson, Purple Pansies, St. Petersburg Garden Club
H.M.: Bill Sinquefield, Reed's Roses, St. Lucie Federation of Garden Circles
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H.M.: Sharon Geller, Reed's Roses, St. Lucie Federation of Garden Circles
- J-2 GRACE O. EDWARDS—Florida Wild Flowers
Winner: Sheri Peck, Coral Springs Garden Club
H.M.: Rosemary Uglade, Miami Beach Junior Garden Club
- J-4 MABEL BOONE—Flower Shows for Juniors
Winner: Leesburg Garden Club, Middle School East
- J-5 AN ESSAY "WHY I SHOULD PLANT A TREE"
Winner: Mrs. Ratliff's White City Juniors, St. Lucie Federation of Garden Circles
H.M.: The Little Sprouts Junior Garden Club, Fred Wild Elementary, G.C. of Sebring
- J-6 JUNIOR HORTICULTURE
Winner: Jerry Gray, The Owls Junior Garden Club, Founders Circle G.C. of Orange Park
- J-7 JUNIOR GARDEN THERAPY
Winner: No winner
H.M.: Miami Beach Garden Club (Ineligible to win. Won last year.)
- J-8 NATIVE TREES OF FLORIDA
Winner: Wesley Baker, Mrs. Dawson's White City Gardeners, St. Lucie Federation
H.M.: Eric Hallonquist, Mrs. Dawson's White City Gardeners, St. Lucie Federation
- J-9 SCHOOL GROUND BEAUTIFICATION
Winner: No winner
H.M.: St. Patrick's Junior Garden Club, Miami Beach Garden Club
- J-10 BIRDS IN FLORIDA
Winner: Purple Pansy Jr. G.S. Troop 356, Pensacola Federation, Pick 'n Poke Circle
H.M.: Kate Smith Elementary, Chipley Garden Club
- J-11 JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT
A. Winner: Bayview Elementary School, Green Thumb & Della Robbia Circles, Garden Club of Jacksonville
B. Winner: St. Patrick's Junior Garden Club, Miami Beach Garden Club
H.M.: Red Poppy Junior Girl Scout Troop #200, Dogwood Circle, Panama City
- J-12 LITTER CONTROL POSTER
A. Winner: Ruth Farr, St. Patrick's Junior Garden Club, Miami Beach Garden Club
H.M.: David Sweetay, Westchester Elementary, Coral Springs Garden Club
B. Winner: Jill Powitzky, Florettia Juniors, Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs
H.M.: Paul Price, Dawson's White City Gardeners, Ft. Pierce
- J-13 WILD FLOWER FOLDER
Winner: Pamela Nix, Mrs. Dawson's White City Gardeners, St. Lucie Federation
H.M.: Jenny Walton, Lake Placid Garden Club of Lighthouse Point

J-14 POISONOUS PLANTS

Winner: Young Sprouts Junior Gardeners, Belvedere Park Circle, Pensacola Federation

H.M.: Dawson's White City Gardeners, St. Lucie Federation of Garden Circles

J-15 WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP

Winner: Michele Miller, Arlington Garden Club of Daytona-Ormond Beach

H.M.: Shelly Day, Floranada Juniors, Pachira Garden Circle, Federated Garden Circles of Ft. Lauderdale

J-16 YEARBOOK

Winner: Leesburg Garden Club, Middle School East

H.M.: Spady Gardeners, Evening Garden Club, Delray Beach

J-17 AN ESSAY "WHAT IT MEANS TO ME TO BE A JUNIOR GARDENER"

Winner: Terri Teschner, Reed's Roses-White City Elementary, St. Lucie Federation

H.M.: Billy Woods, Meadowbrook Juniors, Spathodea Circle, Federated Garden Circles of Ft. Lauderdale

J-19 LITTER CONTROL PROJECT

Winner: St. Patrick's Junior Garden Club, Miami Beach Garden Club

J-20 CONSERVATION PROJECT

Winner: Dixie Shamrocks 4H Gardeners, Robinswood Garden Club, Orlando

J-21 JUNIOR CONSERVATIONIST:

Winner: Karyn Maksymowich, St. Patrick's Junior Garden Club, Miami Beach G.C.

J-22 THE LOUISE ADAMS AWARD FOR WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Winner: Allen Winchel, Landscape Garden Club, Miami

H.M.: Steve Coffman, Azalea Circle, Orlando Garden Club

AMERICAN LAND TRUST AWARDS

CLASS "A"	Pineglades Garden Club, Pensacola
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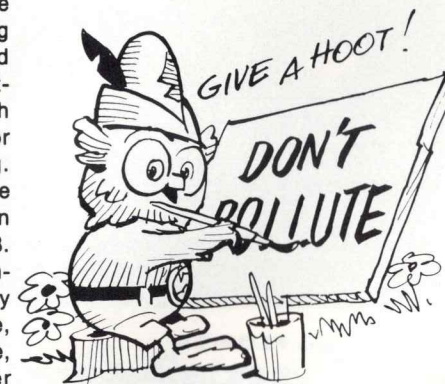
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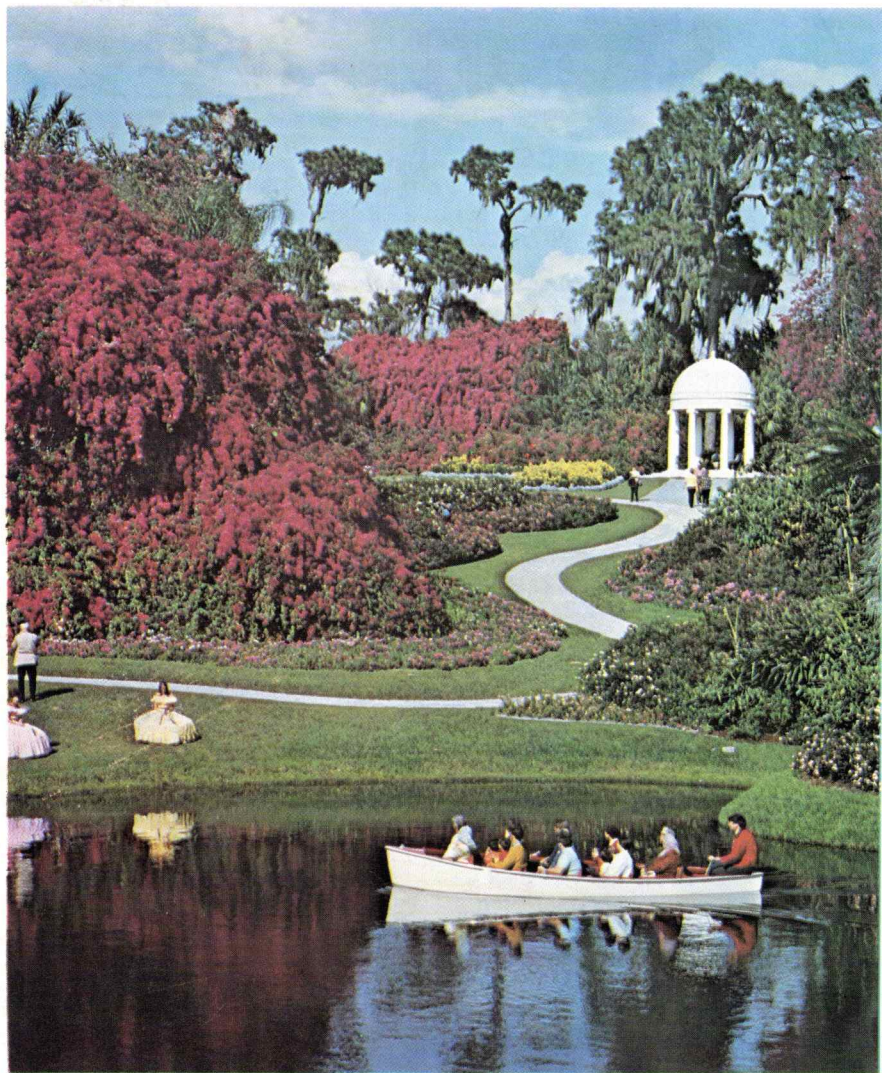
The National Council of State Garden Clubs in cooperation with USDA Forest Service and State Foresters announce the new 1978 Environmental Poster Contest.

1. Subject material: posters will be based on an environmental theme, featuring Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl of neither.
2. Who can enter? Participants are invited from the community-at-large; **youth and senior citizens** are especially invited.
3. Competition divisions:

Kindergarten - 2nd grade	9th grade - 12th grade
3rd grade - 5th grade	Above 12th grade
6th grade - 8th grade	
4. Posters will be judged 20% each for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of message.
5. Size of poster: no larger than 12" x 18".
6. Materials used: no restriction, water colors, crayons, poster paint, charcoal pastels, cut-outs, magic markers, etc.
7. Artist's name; grade (or age) and home address, as well as the name and location of sponsoring club and District number should be printed on the lower right-hand corner of the back of each entry. This is important for returning to owner after judging.
8. Entries must be in the mail to the State Poster Contest Chairman no later than January 5, 1978. Further inquiries and/or complete rules may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Roger M. Kruse, 1554 Hillcrest Dr., Melbourne, Florida 32935, State Poster Contest Chairman.



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