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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting:
January 10-11, 1979—Headquarters, Winter Park

Coming Events:

1978:

November 1, DUES DELINQUENT
November 4-11, Cruise Symposium
November 13-15, Landscape Design Series XI, Course 1, Chipley, District II.
November 16-19, Environmental Education Workshop, Wekiva
December 1, DEADLINE for filing STATE AWARD APPLICATIONS with District Awards Chairman. DEADLINE for mailing NATIONAL and DEEP SOUTH award booklets to Mrs. John G. Wood, Lake Otis, Winter Haven, 33880
December 1-3, FFGC State Flower Show, Orlando

1979:

January 23-24, Tropical Short Course, Bath Club, Miami Beach
February 1, Deadline for Book of Evidence, new Deep South Publicity Award to be received by State Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Wilbur Stone, 8640 SW 108 Street, Miami, 33156
March 1, Deadline for Book of Evidence, Americal Land Trust Awards to be received by State ALT Chairman, Mrs. John G. Wood
March 7-8, Symposium, Jacksonville
March 19-24, Greening of the Government Week
March 20-22, Gardening Study Course, Series I, Course 2, FIT, Melbourne
March 25-27, Deep South Convention, Montgomery Alabama
April 1-7, Blanche Covington Nature Study Course
April 2-4, Short Course, Gainesville
April 10-12, Landscape Design, Series X, Course 4, Tampa
April 18-19, FFGC Convention, Diplomat, Hollywood
May 6-13, NCSGC Convention, New Orleans, LA
May 22-24, HANDS, Virginia Beach, VA
May 29-31, Landscape School, Series XI, Course II, Chipley
June 17-July 28, Wekiva Youth Camp
August 5-9 "SEEK 79", Youth Environmental Conference, FTU, Orlando

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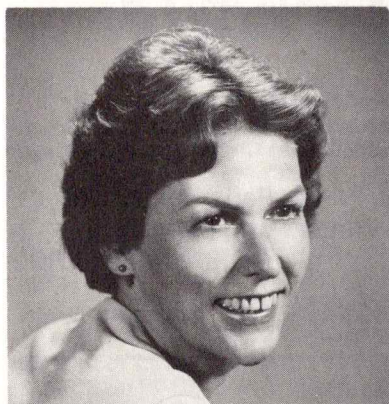
The Florida Christmas Tree at the Governor's Mansion, Tallahassee, 1977. Mrs. Askew asked each County throughout the state to send handmade ornaments to depict something particular or notable in that county. The tree was decorated by the members of the Tallahassee Garden Club. Photo by: Mrs. Page Jackson

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Your Depth of Commitment



Dear Friends,

Florida's golden autumn is upon us. With discerning eyes we can see and sense the subtle changes in leaf color, the new vistas of wildflowers and the vigor of a new growing season.

Your interest in all things growing—people and plants—was a strong statement made during the District meetings. We know that you understand the depth of commitment needed to be a Florida Garden Club member. Not only do you understand, you have made the challenge to do something important for all of Florida.

To broaden your horizon, FFGC activities soon to come are our second Environmental Education workshop at Wekiva November 16-19. Landscape Design Course I starting at Chipley [District II], November 13; and our all FFGC State Flower Show

opening December 1 in Orlando.

The joy of gardening in its most perfect form, the beauty of expressive creativity in flower arranging, the panorama of the FFGC story—this is our state flower show. There in Orlando we will wish all Floridians and their guests Season's Greetings. Enter the show. See the show. Fall in love with garden club all over again.

D-day for awards is December 1. Applications must be in for state awards, and booklets mailed for Deep South and National.

When we met at your District meeting, I asked you to help finish our dream at Wekiva by writing to your state legislators AND to Ney C. Landrum, Department of Natural Resources, Tallahassee, 32304. The building of a swimming area is a commitment that must be met. You have cared before so many times. Care now! Put a golden finish to our dream.

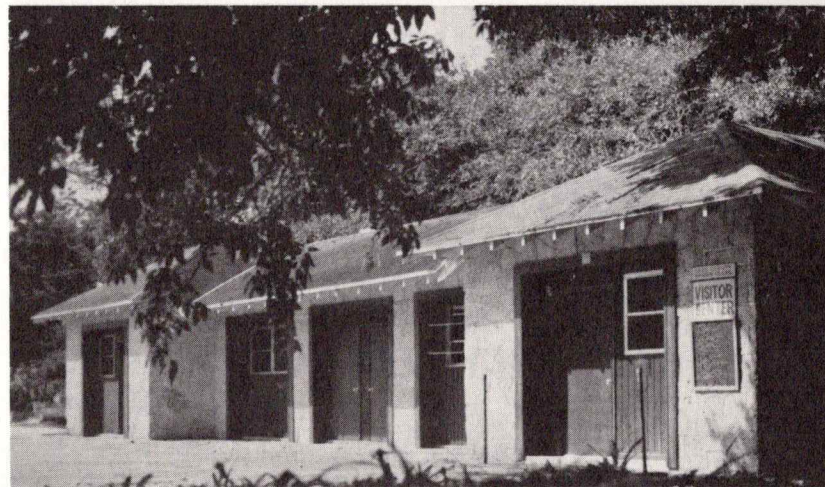
With your promise to keep faith with our young people, the warmth and love of the Season will be a special time for all of us and especially for me.

You're all very special!

Jean

THE FLORIDA GARDENER

New Garden Center Dedicated In Miami



The Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County has started their Fall Tours at the U.S.D.A. Subtropical Horticultural Research Station and the opening of their Craft Shop in the Catherine Halburg Sweeney Garden Center at the Research Station, Tuesdays and Thursdays, September through May, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 13601 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

The Catherine Halburg Sweeney Garden Center came about after many months of work and dedication by members of the Council and the staff at the Research Station. The project was spearheaded by Peg Gorman of the Coconut Grove Garden Club a friend of the well known Horticulturist, Dr. Catherine Halburg Sweeney. Dr. Sweeney provided the funds, making it possible to convert a five car garage, located on the Research Station, a World War I Air Field, known as Chapman Field, into a Garden Center and Craft Shop. The dedication ceremony was held on February 18, 1978, just 25 years after the first plantings at the Research Station.

The Craft Shop has many items made from natural materials by the garden club members. Unusual dried plant materials are for sale, some of which can only be found at the Craft Shop. There is also available a wide assortment of gardening books and the 1979 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendars. This is an excellent source for early Christmas Shopping.

Tours of the Research Station are conducted by members of the Council. There are one hour walking tours as well as tram tours that can be completed in 30 minutes. These are available Monday through Friday, by appointments only. Arrangements for guides must be made in advance by calling Mrs. A.B. Putman, 667-9839.

A volunteer garden club member will be at the Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, to assist any visitor wishing to take the walking tours.

Admission FREE.

Other information is available by calling the U.S.D.A. Subtropical Horticultural Research Station, 238-9321.

Federation Happenings

-TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL- TROPICAL SHORT COURSE Jan. 23-24, 1979

Mrs. U. L. Kokenge, Chairman
4955 Lakeview Drive
Miami Beach, 33140

"EVERY INCH A GARDENER"

TUESDAY, Jan. 23, 1979

A.M.

- 8:00 Registration
9:00 **WELCOME:** Miss Rosemond Meriwether, director, Dist. XII.
RESPONSE: Mrs. D.R. Villareal, Jr., President F.F.G.C.
9:15 **EARLY MORNING SESSION**
Presiding: Mrs. John G. Wood, 1st V.P., F.F.G.C.
"AROIDS FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA GARDEN," Dr. Monroe Birdsey.
Coffee in the Patio.
10:30 **MID-MORNING SESSION**
Presiding: Mrs. E.R. Smithers, Treasurer, F.F.G.C.
"THE GRAND AND GLORIOUS ACANTHS" Dr. Martha Meagher
12:15 Boutique Browsing
12:30 Luncheon
P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION
1:30 **Presiding:** Mrs. H.C. Simmons, 3rd V.P., F.F.G.C.
"THE MASS ARRANGEMENT IN TODAY'S SCHEME" Mrs. Philip S. Hemphill.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24, 1979

A.M.

- 8:00 Registration
9:00 **GREETING:** Mrs. E.R. Jordan, 2nd V.P., F.F.G.C.
9:15 **EARLY MORNING SESSION**
Presiding: Mrs. A.F. Williams, Jr., Recording Secretary, F.F.G.C.
"POTTING MIXES FOR SOUTH FLORIDA" Dr. James A. McArthur.
Coffee in the Patio.
10:30 **MID-MORNING SESSION**
Presiding: Mrs. Scott Piersol, Protocol Chairman, F.F.G.C.
"GROWING BEGONIAS IN SOUTH FLORIDA," Dr. James A. McArthur
12:15 Boutique Browsing
12:30 Luncheon.

P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 **Presiding:** Mrs. Sally Rahm, Assistant Treasurer, F.F.G.C.
"NATURE'S SCULPTURE" Mrs. Philip S. Hemphill.

Instructors

Mrs. Philip S. Hemphill

Mrs. Philip S. Hemphill, resident of Connecticut, spends the winter months on Florida's west coast. Lecturer, Demonstrator, Teacher, Exhibitor, Mrs. Hemphill has served for many years as Chairman of Shows and Exhibits for the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut. She has lectured and demonstrated at Regional Meetings of National Council of State Garden Clubs, as well as for clubs in the New York and New England areas.

Dr. Martha Meagher

Dr. Martha Meagher, formerly a Research Fellow at the Fairchild Tropical Garden and a Toxonomist at the University of Miami, has traveled throughout the Caribbean collecting acanthus. Dr. Meagher specializes in taxonomy of the Acanthaceae (the shrimp plant family).

Dr. Monroe Birdsey

Dr. Monroe Birdsey, author of THE CULTIVATED AROIDS, completed his Doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Birdsey, a member of the faculty of the University of Miami for several years, is Professor of Botany at Miami Dade Community College, South. He is an acknowledged authority on the Araceae (the philodendron family).

Dr. James A. McArthur

Dr. James A. McArthur, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, teaches Tropical Botany, Plant Physiology and Horticulture at Florida International University. He has been an enthusiastic horticulturist for over 30 years. He pursued his Doctoral degree at Harvard and Stanford Universities. Dr. McArthur's lectures for this course are among his favorites: Potting Techniques and Media; Begonias and Their Culture in South Florida.

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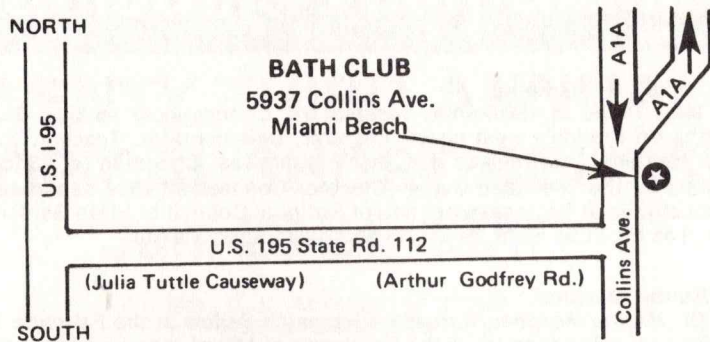
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We are especially grateful to Dr. McArthur for his assistance in arranging the Horticulture presentations.

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.. ANNOUNCING ..!!! GARDENING STUDY COURSE SPRING 1979

Course II of Florida's new Gardening Study Course program will be held at "FIT" in Melbourne, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20th and 21st, with the exam on Thursday morning, March 22, 1979. Subjects to be covered include Sexual Reproduction in Plants, Plant Propagation, Container Gardening, Growing Vegetables. The supplemental course will be an exciting visit to a nearby natural hammock park. Full details in the next issue of The Florida Gardener. In the meantime—please clear and save the dates—you'll be glad you did.

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Environmental Education Facilitator Training Workshop



F.F.G.C. members attending Deep South Environmental Facilitator Training Workshop School were: FRONT ROW from left to right Mrs. E. R. Jordan, Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin, Mr. Clarence Streetman, Bowater Southern Paper Corp., Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal, Jr., BACK ROW from left to right Mrs. Hugh C. Simmons, Mrs. Daniel F. Connell, Mrs. Carl R. Cooney, Mrs. Wade C. Stephens, Mrs. John G. Wood, Staff member, and Mrs. Pierre Thompson.

Headed by F.F.G.C.'s State President, eight F.F.G.C. members received training in the process and problem solving approach to environmental education at a four-day Facilitator Training Workshop School at Tishomingo State Park in Mississippi. Attending the Deep South Region sponsored event were Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal, Jr., F.F.G.C.'s President; Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin, Deep South Regional Director, and past F.F.G.C. President, Mrs. Edward R. Jordan; Second Vice President, Mrs. Hugh C

Simmons; Third Vice-President Mrs. Wade C. Stephens; Environmental Quality Chairman, Mrs. Daniel F. Connell, "SEEK" Chairman, Mrs. Carl R. Cooney, President, Landscape Critics Council and Mrs. Pierre Thompson, Books, Slides, and Library Chairman.

The workshop was staffed by National Council Accredited Facilitators, headed by Team Leader, Mrs. Thomas C. Lacey of Mississippi, a member of the National Council Facilitator team and the Deep South Region's En-

vironmental Education Chairman and Facilitator Team Leader; Mrs. John G. Wood, F.F.G.C.'s First Vice President, member of the Deep South Facilitator Team and F.F.G.C.'s Facilitator Team Leader; Mrs. Harold E. Hewgley, Tennessee, National Council's Environmental Education Committee Co-Chairman, and Mrs. Fleming N. Horne, Jr., both members of the Deep South Facilitator Team.

"None of us is as smart as all of us" is the phrase that represents the philosophy of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.'s Environmental Education Workshops. Successful workshops must include the ingredients of active participation, thorough involvement and above all, a sharing of knowledge and insights. The Facilitator Training Workshop Schools train participants to facilitate Environmental Education Workshops which are designed to allow those attending to facilitate local solutions to problems concerning the environment, giving broad consideration to economic consequences as well as environmental considerations.

Those attending the workshop at Tishomingo State Park were provided with indepth training involving the study of land, soil, water, trees, and other vegetation and the way they interrelate in an ecosystem. The objective was to improve the participants, knowledge and skills in the process and problem solving approach to environmental education and to qualify them as registered Facilitator Interns under National Council's Environmental Education program.

The workshop school was supported by Bowater Southern Paper Corporation, Georgia Pacific and the U.S. Forest Service.

F.F.G.C. is sponsoring a standard NCSGC Environmental Education Workshop at Wekiwa Springs State Park, November 16th-19th (see the September/October 1978 issue of the Florida Gardener.) The purpose of the workshop is to develop greater community awareness of existing or potential environmental problems and to explore ways to assure optimum land use in urban and rural planning the preservation of open space and the achievement of proper balance. Attendance at standard EE Workshops is required before training as a National Council EE Facilitator.

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A PROMISE KEPT

by Mrs. E. W. Johnson,
Chairman
FFGC Youth Camp

Wekiva '78 was great, all six weeks of it! The children you sent, those of you who volunteered a week of your time, the Camperships provided, the fine equipment and supplies we had as the result of your donations, all made it so. Every District helped, every District was represented on the Staff, and every District sent children; with that winning combination FFGC's objectives have taken another giant step forward and influenced hundreds of youngsters.

It's fun to see children wide-eyed with wonder, or bright-eyed with understanding as they explore nature and nature's miracles in the outdoors. No books or lectures can unlock secrets as will as the actual

seeing and experiencing can.

Busy minds and busy hands working with nature's materials bring forth some mighty interesting results, and the Craft program gave ample scope for creativity and interpretation, crowned with satisfaction in being able to accomplish both.

Swimming, singing, campfires, stunts, races, raccoons, deer, turtles, snakes gave opportunities to be as noisy as desired or so quiet, motionless, and observant that you'd wonder if these could be the same children.

The addition of the Environmental Education program for eighth graders was an eye-opener to the children themselves and the adults involved. The in-depth thinking, planning, and putting into practice these youngsters did with the materials provided was fantastic. "A star is born and long may it shine!" sums up this observer's feelings about the program.

Yes, WEKIVA '78 WAS GREAT!

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

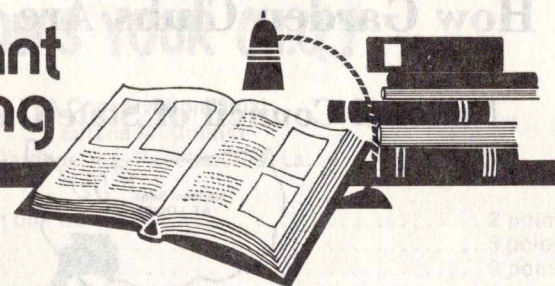
Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on "The List?"
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay home
And crab both long and loud?
Do you take an active part,
To help the Club along.
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind to "just belong?"
Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick,
Or leave the work for just a few
And talk about the "clique?"
There is quite a program scheduled
That means success, if done,
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.
The meetings regularly,
And help with hand and heart,
Don't just be a member,
But take an active part.
Think this over, Member,
Are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an Active Member?
Or do YOU "Just Belong?"

Author unknown

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Edited by George A. Elbert

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Margot Schubert is one of Europe's most renowned gardeners and gardening writers.

PRACTICAL GARDENING ENCYCLOPEDIA \$19.95
Edited by Roy Hay Publisher: Van Nostrand Reinhold Co.
Consultant Editor: George Elbert

This beautifully illustrated book is truly a jewel. If one would simply cuddle up with this book and ponder each page, they would evolve as an excellent gardener. It is so easy to understand, relate to and what a joy to just further your knowledge of what we are all so vitally interested in—better, easier gardening. How rewarding a properly planted flower or vegetable can be!

It concentrates on the practical tasks of gardening with instructive illustrations where necessary and giving enough information to enable each task to be undertaken successfully. Over 60 contributors, each with specialized knowledge, have worked together to produce the most valuable reference book that any gardener could want.

ORCHID CARE—A guide to cultivation and breeding \$12.50
By: Walter Richter Publisher: A Van Nostrand Reinhold Book

Orchids were observed daily to provide the reader with the expert knowledge and advice pertaining to these lovelies. The author discusses the housing of plants, their care, potting material and feeding stuffs. Propagation is a vital chapter in this beautiful book. Line drawings and halftone illustrations complement and enhance the text, making immediately clear what can sometimes only be an approximation in words.

Although this book is principally directed towards the amateur orchid grower, the student of botany and nurserymen will also find it of tremendous assistance.

Orchid Lovers! This is the book you have been waiting for!

How Garden Clubs Are Organized

National Council of State Garden Clubs

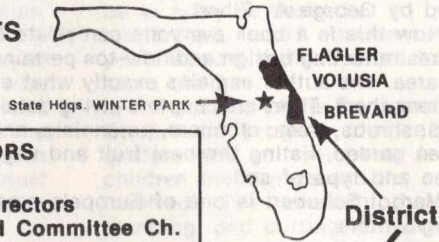


8 REGIONS

DEEP SOUTH REGION

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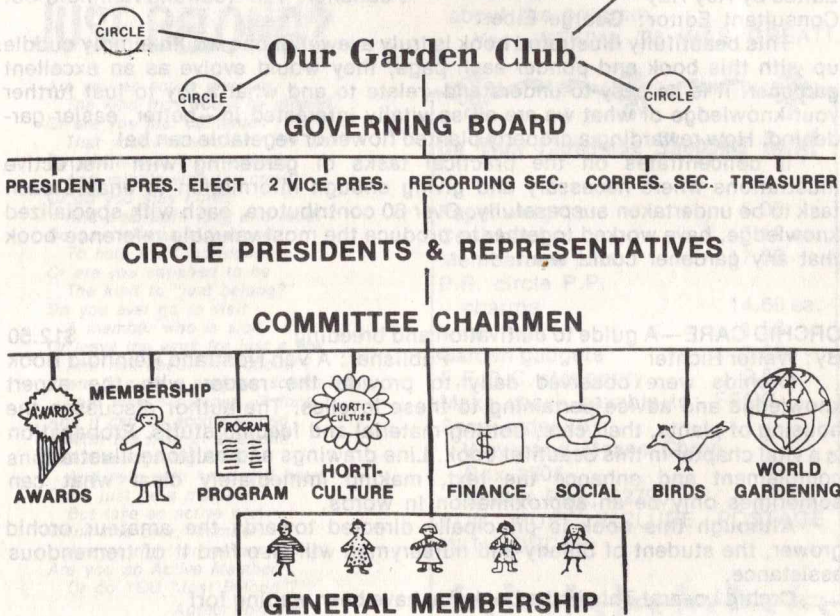
12 DISTRICTS



STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 8 State Officers
 12 Districts = 12 District Directors
 + Past State Presidents and Committee Ch.

12 ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS

District
6



HOW'S YOUR C.I.Q.?

[A Conservation Quiz]

Eulane M. Colmer
 Gardenettes, Ponchatoula, La.

1. Define environment in one word 2 points
2. Define ecology 5 points
3. Define conservation 3 points
4. Name the best seller of all times which first wrote of the nature of the world and man's relationship to it 2 points
5. What is the one essential for man's life on earth? 2 points
6. Why are plants so essential? 5 points
7. The process of a plant's work is called what? 5 points
8. What is the "First Forest"? 5 points
9. What is the "Second Forest"? 5 points
10. What is the "Third Forest"? 5 points
11. An acre of growing trees generates enough oxygen to sustain how many people an entire year? 10 points
12. Which washing powder has the least phosphate? 10 points
13. What one item composes most of the litter? 10 points
14. How many flies can breed in one cubic foot of garbage? 10 points
15. What is the greatest concern of governments and scientists today—in two words? 20 points

ANSWERS TO CONSERVATION QUIZ

[1] Surroundings. [2] Biology dealing with the mutual relations between organisms and their environment. [3] A conserving, preserving, awarding or protecting. [4] The Bible. [5] Growing green plants. [6] They use up carbon dioxide and supply us with oxygen. [7] Photosynthesis. [8] Original virgin timber. [9] Reforested areas that began to grow in the early 1900's as a result of tree planting on industrial and public lands. [10] A far-reaching program of timber-development and environmental improvement recently launched in Louisiana and other Southern states. [11] Eighteen. [12] Trend - 14%. [13] Paper - 59%. [14] 70,000. [15] Population explosion - 2.7 billion to double by year 2000.

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How Can I Organized SEEK '78 Report

by Mrs. Daniel F. Connell, Chairman



[Left to right] Mrs. Harry C. Durand, Finance Chairman; Mrs. George Horne, Committee Member; Dr. James S. Taylor and Dr. Jousef A. Youset, FTU, Co-Directors of Conference; Mrs. John G. Wood, FFGC 1st Vice President; Mrs. Daniel F. Connell, Conference Chairman; Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal, FFGC President.

The FFGC Youth Environmental Conference, SEEK '78 (Save the Earth's Environment Through Knowledge) held Aug. 6-9 at FTU, Orlando, was an overwhelming success, a source of great pride to your chairman. EVERY application from a Florida youth entering grades 9-12 this fall was accepted. Every adult attending was a 'working' member of the group.

The conference was devoted to the study of water in Florida. We covered as much material on this subject as was humanly possible in a 3-day period. Water treatment before and after use was stressed in labs, lectures, and a trip to the Cocoa Water Treatment Plant. We learned that population in Florida must be controlled to prevent us from running out of drinking water

by the year 2000.

The students' original skits involved all the students and proved beyond any doubt that they had learned that Florida's supply of potable water is in critical supply and MUST be used judiciously.

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RECYCLING SQUIGGLES

Try using packing "squiggles" or "peanuts" as crocking for large hanging planters. They're much lighter than pottery shards or pebbles and put less strain on plant hangers, they also provide excellent drainage. Try using these "peanuts" to partially fill a very large planter where using soil would be both too heavy and too expensive.

ADJUSTABLE ANTENNA

An old car radio antenna may be used to stake a plant. It can be extended as the plant grows, eliminating the need to find a longer stake, or have one too large at the beginning.

SAVE THE DATES

March 20-22, 1979 are the days of the next Gardening Study Course, in Melbourne, at Florida Institute of Technology. Come one, come all!

SAVE YOUR SOIL

To break the force of water coming from a hose and avoid washing the soil from the base of plants—fit a sock over the end of the hose and hold it on with a plant tie.



DEFINITION OF A WEED (by five authorities)

1. A weed is a plant out of place.
2. A weed is a plant not wanted and therefore to be destroyed.
3. A weed is a plant growing where it is not desired.
4. A weed is a plant which grows wild, or is intrusive in cultivated ground, and is not valued for its usefulness or its beauty.
5. A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.

(No. 5 was written by Ralph Waldo Emerson) from "Nebraska Garden News."

ESSENCE OF ONION

To vanquish scale insects from house plants soak a tablespoon of chopped onion in a cup of hot water for an hour or two, then with a wad of cotton paint the "juice" onto leaves and stems. A second application a week later ends the scale problem.

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March 17-18, Winter Haven, THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY (a table show), Winter Haven Council of Garden Clubs, Rose Schmidt, Chr.

March 19-26, Eustis, ART IN FLOWERS, Lake County Council of Fed. Garden Clubs, Lake County Fair Grounds, Mrs. Geo. E. Kuhn, Chr.

March 25-26, Lake Placid, HANDPAINTED BY NATURE, Lake Placid Garden Club at Masonic Hall, N. Main St., Mrs. H. P. Chandler Chr.

March 27-28, Clearwater, ENCOUNTERS OF THE PLEASANT KIND, Clearwater Garden Club at Garden Center, 405 Seminole St., Mrs. W. L. Lips, Chr.

March 31, April 1, Bartow, SPRING SHOW, Bartow Garden Club at Civic Center

March 31, April 1, Lehigh Acres, EUPHONY OF SPRING, Lehigh Acres G. C. at Community Building on Homestead Rd., Mrs. Ray Adey, Chr.

April 13, Tarpon Springs, SPRING HAS SPRUNG, Garden Club of Tarpon Springs at the Yacht Club, Mrs. J. Newman, Chr.

April 6-7, Tampa, WITH LIBERTY and JUSTICE FOR ALL, Tampa Fed. Circles of Garden Clubs at Garden Center, 2629 Bayshore Blvd., Mrs. S. E. Rodby Chr.

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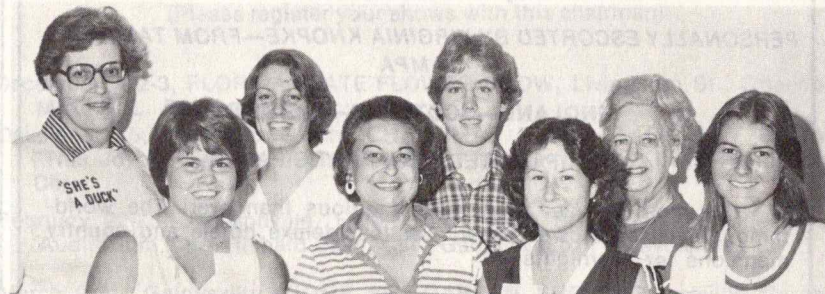
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NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE



Florida participants in a nationwide conference on energy and the environment at Texas A&M University are pictured with representatives of sponsoring organizations. Back row [left to right], Frances Hickey, Shell Oil Co.; Kay Rains, Winter Park; Robin Cotten Brown, Jr., Fort Meyers; and Mrs. William J. Hedley of St. Louis, Mo., president of the National Council of State Garden Clubs. Front, Tracey De Busk, Crystal River; Mrs. Daniel F. Connell, Crystal River; Charlene Howell and Lynne Howell, both of Fort Pierce.

Outstanding high school gardeners from 46 states, along with their advisors, participated in an in-depth study of energy and the environment at Texas A&M University, July 17-20, 1978.

"Students' Encounter with Resources and a Viable Environment" (SERVE) was sponsored by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., Shell Oil Co., and Texas A&M. Some 140 students and advisors took part.

Because of Florida's extensive work with youth we were allotted one adult and five student representatives at the conference.

The conference had as its objectives (1) to explore the problems of energy resources in man's total living environment, (2) to encourage active participation in community affairs and in the decision-making process, and (3) to develop positive and realistic solutions to problems the nation must solve as it moves from fossil fuels to alternative energy resources.

Chairman of the conference was Robert Rucker, professor emeritus of horticulture sciences at Texas A&M. NCSGC co-chairman was Mrs. Robert Stone, Winter Park, Fla.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

It is with sadness in our hearts that we report the untimely death of

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THE GLORY OF THE GARDEN

by Mrs. Robert Hunter, *Chairman*

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For a garden full of color or even for the occasional sparkle of color against a green background, Florida gardeners would do well to consider the floriferous *Gloriosa* lily.

This lily is from a tuber which produces a husky climbing stalk which is crowned with sprays of exotically lovely blooms. The petals of the *Gloriosa* lily are recurved and very bright. The variety we see most commonly is *Gloriosa Rothschildiana*, whose petals are fire-engine red and brilliant yellow with perky stamens and pistil jutting out in front. These colors mellow as the bloom fades, the yellow recedes, the petals come forward horizontally and the color becomes almost an old rose before the flower drops.

There are other varieties we use commonly such as the *Gloriosa Superba*, a smaller but very attractive flower, with twisted petals in a soft orange color. *Gloriosa Simplex* is about the same size in a little more vivid orange with plain untwisted petals, edged with yellow. The plants of this variety are smaller with weaker stems but they multiply very rapidly.

Varieties not commonly seen are *G. Carsonii*, yellow and brown; and *G. Virecens*, the Mozambique lily which is yellow and red. Most *Gloriosas* come from tropical Africa and so do well in Florida. Seed pods are produced prolifically and easily so it would seem likely there would also be hybrids available. If anyone has any knowledge of other varieties, do please let this writer know.

The tubers of the *Gloriosa* should be planted fairly deep from two to six inches. Two is sufficient in a pot

but in the ground they need both stability and security from accidental damage. In planting or digging one must take great care not to damage the bud or growing tip of the tuber as this destroys the plant. Aside from this precaution they seem to be quite trouble-free. They will not, however, remain exactly where they are planted. They "travel"; in fact they have been known to travel under a driveway and come up on the other side!

These lilies are not hardy north of Zone 7, but in the North they are grown as pot plants or planted outside only after frost danger has passed.

They should ideally have a soil which is 50% organic and a fairly rich, friable mix, but they will perform well in a less than ideal situation. After flowering, if seeds are not wanted the vines may be cut down as they die back anyway as soon as the seed pods are produced. Tubers left in the ground will multiply, but if quantity is desirable, they are easily grown from seeds.

Since these lilies are climbers, they need the support of a fence, trellis or tree. One satisfactory way of growing them is to plant the tubers beneath some bush or shrubby plant which does not bloom. The vine, with its tendrils will climb up inside, sometimes unnoticed, until it bursts into the sunshine at the top with its fantastic blooms. This will provide a good green background for the flowers, and also if your garden has been carefully landscaped for varying green textures, here is a way to sneak in an occasional spot of color without disturbing the balance of the planting!

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

1977-1978

TO THE ZEPHYRHILLS GARDEN CLUB, with apologies to the Biblical writers:
And it came to pass in those days in the City of Gentle Breezes in the Land of Flowers that certain of the citizenry did labor diligently with the most loving concern for the future of their country.

Their children will surely rise up and call them blessed, for a number of the children will receive training and instruction in the plants of the earth at the camp called WEKIVA. Future generations will bless them for having helped save the lands in the creek area called TIGER. The shut-ins and the prisoners will bless them for remembering them in special ways on special days. Travelers through the city will bless them for their thoughtfulness and love in getting their main route designated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway preparatory to erecting a marker. Even on the day called ARBOR did they meet to plant beautiful dogwood trees.

This dedicated group did meet in their homes and in the park regularly to greet each other, to fellowship together and to make plans for all of these activities chief among them being the Christmas Tour when 700 of the residents and visitors were inspired by the beauty of design and workmanship in the decorating of three homes and a church.

The energetic ones did go to and fro to meetings in the district called EIGHT, to workshops, seminars, shows and other gatherings to be taught and inspired to beautify their city and their homes—what to plant, when to plant and how to plant and also how to maintain all their good works. Even so, they made time to learn how to place blossoms and foliage—fresh and dried—in proper containers for the chiefs of their number to comment upon. Never did they forget to gather up money to help defray expenses for their own works and that of their district.

Many of the city's residents do a pretty fair job but thou, O GARDEN-CLUBBER, excellest them all!!

—Helen Cooper, Historian

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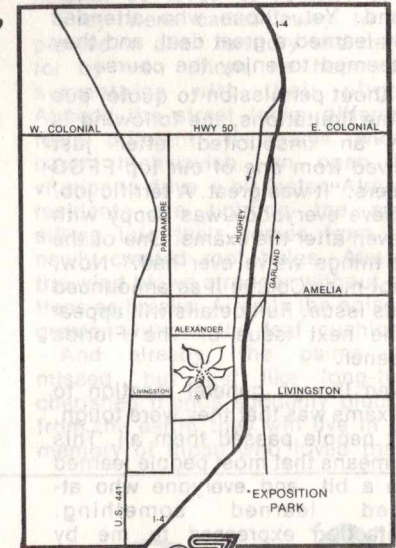
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Brief Notes From A Tired Gardener

by Nate Klein, *Chairman*
Horticulture Education

Florida's inaugural Gardening Study Course—Series I, Course 1, now is completed, and it is a pleasant part of FFGC history. Perhaps our lectures were a bit too intensive due to our efforts to cover the courses as outlined by National. Perhaps our exams were too tough in our attempt to cover so much ground. Yet, those who attended really learned a great deal, and they all seemed to enjoy the course.

Without permission to quote, due to time limitations, the following is from an unsolicited letter just received from one of our top FFGC Officers. "It was great. A terrific job. I believe everybody was happy with it—even after the exams. One of the best things we've ever had." Now, do not miss Course II as announced in this issue. Full details will appear in the next issue of *The Florida Gardener*.

Even though general reaction to the exams was that they were tough, most people passed them all. This also means that most people learned quite a bit, and everyone who attended learned something. Satisfaction expressed to me by most of the registrants more than compensates for all the energy involved in developing and conducting this first Gardening Study Course. Be a part of the next one—you will learn—and you will enjoy it. You can pick up Course I in another series at a later date.

In our efforts to find proper reading material on Florida soils (there does not seem to be any such book available—the AG School at U. of Florida in Gainesville had published such a book in 1958, but it has been out of print for years, and a reference copy could not be found anywhere) I remembered I owned a "Handbook on Soils" published by the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens. This

80 page brochure, a compilation of articles by several outstanding agronomists and horticulturists, covers soil in general. But, in so doing, it includes our type of soil, and the general information truly supplies a broad basic knowledge of the subject.

This soil pamphlet is one of many such interesting and educational booklets published by the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens. Although the cost of \$1.75 is low, and the contents really good, these handbooks are seldom found in retail stores. Yet every well known botanical garden I ever visited has them on sale. Various ones have been purchased at Fairchild Gardens in Miami, the Cheek Gardens in Nashville, at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa., and at several other such well known gardens. Even Park Seed Co. carries them in Greenwood, S.C., but I have never found the full range in stock anywhere.

I would suggest that Garden Clubs and/or Circles drop a post card to the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225, requesting a "Handbook Brochure." Over 50 handbooks are published by this garden, covering such diverse subjects as Rock Gardens, Dwarf Potted Trees-Bonsai, Propagation, Ferns, Flowering Trees, Mulches, Pruning, Japanese Gardens, Weed Control, and many others. After you receive the list of handbooks analyze it and order a few samples. After reading these, you might decide to use some of them, or others, in Club or Circle activities. It is a painlessly easy way to acquire more knowledge in those subjects of interest. It is worthy to note that there are quantity discounts available for Garden Clubs. Here's hoping you enjoy those you may acquire as I have from those I own.

Requiem for the Palms

Betty Phipps

Reprinted from the "Tampa Tribune"

The palms on West Shore Boulevard near Azele Street are gone. Planted 50 years ago along the once-shell road by far-seeing developers to add beauty to the wilderness, they grew straight and strong, defying the elements and the ravages of time.

Years changed the area from an isolated section of a few homes rimmed with mangrove swamps to a busy residential area of many people who kept the isolated feeling with plants, shrubbery and flowering trees.

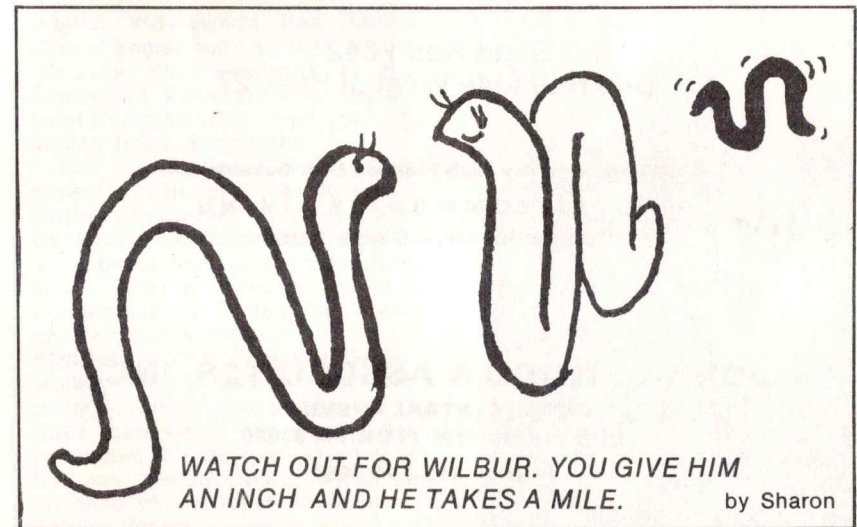
But after motorists discovered West Shore was the shortest distance from Gandy to I-4, the rural road, became an artery full of noise, fumes, dirt and pot holes. By then the palms, in all their dignity, were waving their headdresses 40 feet in the air, serene and secure in the knowledge they were above it all. Above the race track below; above the scurrying motorists who never looked up to enjoy their silhouettes against the sky.

One week's work with a giant apple corer was all it took to cut

them out of the ground. Like birthday candles footed with dirt cupcakes, they lay on their sides in a vacant lot waiting to be loaded on too-short flatbed trucks. Aboard, they suffered the final indignity as their headdresses were dragged along the street through the grime from the very cars they had looked down upon from their majestic height.

They were carted away to be planted in alien territory and cared for by men whom we hope will sympathize with their plight. Already the street looks different, feels different. It seems wider, barer, highwayish, an open invitation to drive a bit faster. Already residents are fighting the sand sifting into their homes from the newly created root holes. Already the wind blows stronger without the trees as breaks. Already the noise is greater without the leaf cushions.

And already, the palms are missed, but just like long-time cherished friends suddenly plucked from the earth, they will live in the memory of those who loved them.




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DISTRICT DOIN'S



District V—The Gladiolus Circle of the Gainesville Garden Club culminated a two year Garden Therapy project by giving a tea at a local nursing home.

The circle members gave an Easter party, Mother's Day gifts, repotted plants, hung baskets of ferns at entrances and planted bulbs outside another nursing home.

Ribbon roses were made into corsages and two circle members

delivered them to the patients at Shands Hospital.

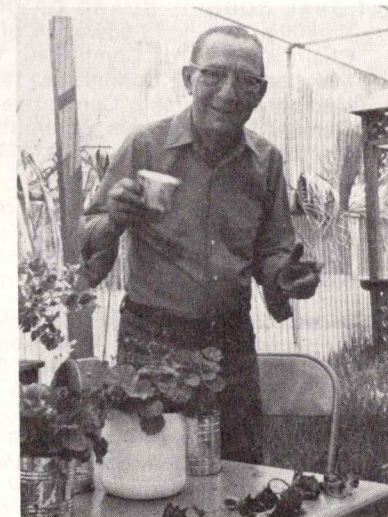
Mrs. Lois Taylor gave an interesting and informative talk on flowers in the Bible to the patients at one of the Nursing Homes.

The circle members feel this interaction has brought much happiness to both patients and members. Refreshments were served each time members visited and songs were sung.

District VIII—Lemon Bay Garden Club of Englewood held their annual "Country Store" recently at the Englewood Volunteer Fire Department's Community Hall on N. McCall Road, Englewood.

This affair supported the Club projects such as: the Rosemary Nature Preserve, the Heritage Garden at Elsie Quirk Library as well as sending several students to SEEK and Wekiva Youth Camp. Congratulations Lemon Bay—keep up the good work!

District X—Mr. Vincent Welp, Azalea Circle's favorite "dirt Gardener," is shown here doing what he does best—potting plants. He conducted this program recently at the new garden room, which is attached to the West Palm Beach Garden Center.



Rumor Has It



... that one of the members of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs will be nominated as the 4th Vice President of National Council of State Garden Clubs.

We send Ellen our heartiest congratulations on this latest honor, and offer our sincere best wishes for many more years of fine leadership!

Meet Ellen Griffin (Mrs. Carroll O.), wife, mother and grandmother, and last but not least, super Garden Clubber! Ellen has stolen the hearts of Garden Clubbers in Florida, Deep South Region, and now, National Council. This lovely lady is presently the Director of the Deep South Region, (comprised of six states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee) and was President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs from 1967-69.

Ellen has been involved in garden work since 1939. The following is a list of her many accomplishments in garden club work and other organizations:

Organizational Experience

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Director, Deep South Region, 1977-1979

NATIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, 1967-1969

Chairman, Awards Committee, 1969-1977

Member Finance Committee, 1975-1977

Member Scholarship Committee, 1977-1979

Member Club Program Committee, 1969-1975

Member Awards Committee, 1977-1979

DEEP SOUTH REGION

Chairman, Policy and Procedure, 1969-1973

Awards Chairman, 1973-1975

Program Chairman, 1975-1977

Regional Director, 1977-1979

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Chairman, Radio and Television Television, 1953-1955

Chairman, Garden Club Short Course, 1955-1957

Director, District IV, 1956-1959

Treasurer, 1959-1961

Chairman, Flower Shows, 1961-1963

Second Vice President, 1963-1965

First Vice President, 1965-1967

President, 1967-1969

Program Chairman, 1963-1967

Coordinator, District Directors, 1965-1967

State Parliamentarian, 1969-1971

Member, Policy and By-laws, 1969-1971

Member, Advisory Council, 1971-1977

Chairman, Advisory Council, 1971-1973

Member, Headquarters and Endowment Committee, 1967-1969

Vice Chairman, Headquarters and Endowment Committee, 1975-1978

Chairman, Budget and Finance, 1959-1961

Member, Budget and Finance, 1961-1965

Chairman, Nominating Committee, 1971-1973, 1975-1977

Chairman, Life Membership, 1971-1972

Deep South Coordinator for Florida, 1977-1979

Chairman, Convention site and Procurement, 1975-1977

Coordinator, State Meetings, 1969-1971

LOCAL GARDEN CLUB INFORMATION

Gaillardia Garden Circle, Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Many offices including Circle President

Ribault Garden Club, Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Many offices including Club President

Orlando Garden Club, Orlando, Florida

Parliamentarian, Re-cycling and Pollution Chairman, etc.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Master Judge, Florida Council Flower Show Judges. Served as Secretary of local and state council.

Landscape Design Critic

Charter Member, Ikebana International, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Student, Parliamentary Law, Organized a Parliamentary Club at Jacksonville Beach, serving as Program Director.

Past Member, Florida Parliamentarians and National Association of Parliamentarians

Past State Treasurer of Parliamentarians

Member, Flower Arrangers Guild, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

Personal: Attended University of Florida summer sessions. Graduate of Florida State University with Teacher's certificate in Elementary Education

After graduation accepted civil service appointment, City of Jacksonville as Playground Supervisor.

Owned and operated private kindergarten and dancing school.

Substituted as teacher in elementary and high school.

HONORS:

Awarded Woman of the Year, Jacksonville Beach in 1954

Life Membership, Ribault Garden Club, presented by Circle

Life Membership, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, presented by District IV

Life Membership, NCSGC, presented by Florida Federation

FAMILY:

Husband, Carroll, Life Member Florida Federation and Life Member of National Council. Has not missed a National Convention since 1966 and has given full support to all garden club activities, especially Awards.

Daughter, Carolyn Cusic, Graduate University of Florida, in physical therapy. Husband, now in college working on his Doctorate while teaching at Duke University, North Carolina.

New National Life Members

Mrs. Sidney R. Davis, Chairman



At the National Convention in Detroit in June, FFGC was noted as having the most Life Members enrolled in NCSGC for the year 1977-1978. Pictured are: Mrs. D. R. Villareal, Jr., FFGC President, and Mrs. Sidney R. Davis, Past FFGC President, receiving the monetary award for this achievement.

Mrs. Carl Irvin, Fort Myers
 Mrs. Henry B. Kellog, Venice
 Mrs. Lella McDonald Newsome
 Phillip, Arcadia
 Mrs. Alfred Silvestro, Coral Gables
 Mrs. Clifton D. Camp, Jr., St.
 Petersburg
 Mrs. Robert Bentayou, Inverness
 Mrs. Barney C. Gray, Panama City
 Mrs. Carlton Allen Fox, Lehigh
 Acres
 Mr. Clinton D. Mikell, Fort
 Lauderdale
 Mrs. Esther M. Oswald, Bonita
 Springs
 Mrs. Leo Wotitzky, Punta Gorda

Mrs. Viola Culverhouse, Panama
 City
 Mrs. Mabel P. Miller, Bartow
 Mrs. Edward J. Storey, Lauderdale-
 by-the-Sea
 Mrs. Hilda Gardner Varnedoe,
 Jacksonville
 Mrs. Kay Bean, Jacksonville
 Mrs. Catherine H. Barsa, Clearwater
 Mrs. Marianne R. Furman, Dunedin
 Mrs. Mary Shea, West Palm Beach
 Mrs. James F. Kirwin, West Palm
 Beach
 Mrs. M. S. Farrar, Coral Gables
 Mrs. Vera Stephenson, Panama City
 Mrs. Ralph W. Farish, Jacksonville

FROM OUR ASST. TREASURER

Dear Garden Club Treasurer,

Thank you so much for sending in your garden club dues so promptly and for your easy to read membership list with such helpful notes for me.

Your cooperation has made my duties to FFGC easier to complete, and I appreciate it.

May I remind those who have not sent in their dues that Oct. 31st was the deadline.

Sincerely,
 Sally Rahm, Asst. Treasurer

THE FLORIDA GARDENER

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

Mrs. Steve Fritch, *Chairman*
 2910 W. Jean
 Tampa, 33614

Course I-Nov. 13-15, 1978
 Sarasota

Chm.—Mrs. Francis C. Millican
 1733 S. Drive, Sarasota
 33579

Instructors:
 Artistic: Mr. Bob Thomas
 Hort. & FSP: Mrs. Jerome
 Rosenberg

Course I-Nov. 28-30, 1978
 Orange Park

Chm.—Mrs. Richard J. Aboud
 PO Box 796
 Orange Park, 32073

Instructors:
 Art. & FSP: Mrs. A. R. Mullins
 Hort.: Mrs. R. N. Futhrie

Course I-Gainesville Garden Club
 January 29-31, 1979

Chm.—Mrs. Marvin A. Brooker, Jr.
 924 NW 18 Terrace
 Gainesville, 32605

Instructors:
 Artistic: Mr. Bob Thomas
 Hort. & FSP: Ms. Kathy Sample

Course II-Nov. 8-10, 1978
 West Palm Beach

Chm.—Mrs. James F. Kirwin
 732-42 St. West Palm Beach
 33407

Instructors:
 Artistic: Mrs. Frank Woodruff, II
 Hort. & FSP: Mrs. Jerome
 Rosenberg

NEW INSTRUCTOR FOR FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

Mrs. Jesse Barfield 1700 Reus Street Pensacola, 32501

THE GARDEN OF LIFE

First, plant five rows of P's—

Presence
 Preparation
 Purity
 Promptness
 Perseverance

Next, plant three rows of Squash—

Squash gossip
 Squash Indifference
 Squash unjust criticism

Then, plant five rows of lettuce—

Let us be faithful to duty
 Let us be unselfish and loyal
 Let us obey the rules and regulations
 Let us be true to our obligations
 Let us love one another

No garden is complete without Turnips—

Turn up for meetings
 Turn up with a smile
 Turn up with new ideas
 Turn up with determination to make
 everything count for something good
 and worthwhile.



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HOW TO PLAN A WINNING TABLE

by Mrs. J. E. McManaman

It started this way! There were eight guests one night—just relatives—but the only long table cloth was white and just didn't fit my new earth-toned dishes. On the linen shelf nearby was an old bedspread. The background was very ecru and the pencil stripes were threaded red, blue and sort of greyish, but on the extended dinner table it looked just right and brought both laughter and grudging admiration. A sheet maybe—but a BEDSPREAD—well!

Then there was a little egg-cooker (4 holes) that the fixit man could not repair, and it almost got thrown in the trash, but it was **round and low** and **held water**. So!

There was a garish bedtray—never used for a bedtray, but for all kinds of little jobs—like potting a house plant.

And the Flower Show Schedule said, "COME SATURDAY MORNING" a round table 30" wide and 28-1/2" high—floor length cloth. The bedspread died a beautiful death and became a circle with ruffles; with scraps left for napkins.

The bedtray got sprayed a **blue** blue to pick up that pencil stripe.

Earth-toned dishes had design, so a brown plate and mug was matched by painting the egg-cooker container. (This was airplane model enamel and you just couldn't tell it wasn't ceramic).

The only red was a bit of coiled steel for the napkin ring on the bedspread napkin.

For blue flowers—what else but pale delphinium and darker cornflowers. And they looked like they were growing in the little brown egg-cooker. A bit of newspaper turned to the local gossip column laid on the tray and my table was ready for the judges. The title card read:

Come Saturday Morning—
Last night's party—
a tired weary head;
The poor working girl
wants "Breakfast in Bed"

And that's how we won a blue ribbon. Of course—the three other competitors had chosen almost identical color schemes—with flower arrangements practically the same.—So what—even a 4-time loser gets lucky once in a while.

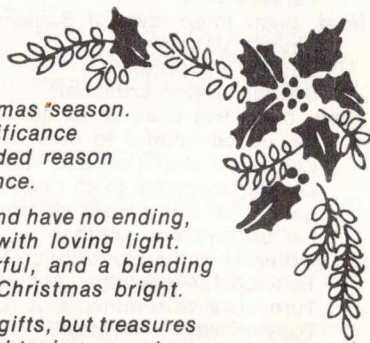
CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP

*Friendship grows deeper in the Christmas season.
Old friends come back, and with significance
New ones appear. There seems an added reason
To value friendship's happy circumstance.*

*Wreaths on the door are green, and have no ending,
Like friendship. Candles glow with loving light.
The shopping crowds are cheerful, and a blending
Of joy and wistfulness makes Christmas bright.*

*It is a time to count, not gifts, but treasures
With deeper values brightening our store.
In a new world where hate crowds Christmas pleasures
From many lands, we prize our loved ones more.*

Anne Campbell



THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS

ANNOUNCES

SMOKEY BEAR AND WOODSY OWL'S

1979 ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER CONTEST



A good poster is bold and simple in design, carrying its message in both picture and slogan. Anyone looking at a poster should be able to grasp the import of the message immediately from either picture or slogan.

POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. Posters will be based on an environmental theme.
2. Participants are invited from the community-at-large; **youth and senior citizens especially invited.**
3. Competition divisions:
Kindergarten - 2nd grade
3rd grade - 5th grade
6th grade - 8th grade
9th grade - 12 grade
Above 12th 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 restrictions—water color, crayons, poster paint, charcoal, pastels, cut-outs, magic markers, etc.
7. Artist's name, grade (or age) and home address should be printed on the lower right-hand corner of the back of each entry.
8. Entries must be in the mail to the State Poster Contest Chairman **no later than January 5, 1979.** Your state chairman is Mrs. Roger M. Kruse, 1554 Hillcrest Dr., Melbourne, Florida 32935
9. The State Poster Contest Chairman will, **no later than January 15, 1979,** send the best entry from each of the five competition divisions (see item 3) to the Regional Project Chairman for regional judging.
10. The Regional Chairman will send the best poster from each division to the National Projects Chairman **no later than January 25, 1979.** (Mrs. Abe. P. Miller, P.O. Box 1527, Sedona, Arizona 86336)
11. National winners will be announced at the 1979 convention of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.
12. Entries become the property of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Rates: One time: \$1.00 per 40 character line. Minimum order 5 lines @ \$5.00. Deadline: 15th of November. Payment in full must accompany order. Send to Mrs. Walter Neals, 1251 Via Estrella, Winter Park, FL 32789

FOR THE CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE
... "EDDIE ELF" writes letters to children each month. The letters are illustrated and a small surprise is enclosed. This gift is fun, educational and long lasting. Send the child's name (suggested ages 3-8), address, birthday and \$9.50 for a year's subscription to EDDIE ELF Box 999, Palm Beach, Florida 33480

PEACOCK FEATHERS FOR SALE.
SMALL \$2.50. MEDIUM \$3.00. LARGE \$10.00 per dozen. \$1.00 mailing charge. Order from: Edith Siegmund, Orangedale, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.

FIFTH ANNUAL VIP ORIENT TOUR
Mid-Nov.
1979

Escorted by Virginia Knopke
1000 N. Ashley Drive
Tampa, Fla., 33602

Beautiful pen and ink floral design note cards drawn by talented Florida artist. Four designs, 2 of each card with envelopes. Send \$2.00 with name and address to Crown Printing Company, 4357 Springmoore Dr., W. Jacksonville, FL 32225.

Postmaster:

Please mail form 3579 to
The Florida Gardener
9735 SW 138 St.
Miami, FL 33176

GROUND COVERS—Zebrina 20c, unrooted cutting; Moses-in-cradle 25c, Aurora Borealis 50c, Dogtail cactus 50c. Minimum order \$10.00. Order from Jackie's, Box 400, Long Key, FL 33001

Information booklets now available! "WHY PLANT TREES?" (includes landscaping tips) \$2.00. "PLANTING HEDGES TO ATTRACT SONGBIRDS" \$1.00. Order from Annice Hunt, 2103-5th Street, Palmetto, FL 33561

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES AND TEA will be held on Dec. 10, 1978 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the St. Augustine and St. John's Council of Garden Clubs. Address for further information: Mrs. Robert Judd, 106 Basque Rd., Rt. 5, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

NEW ZEALAND - AUSTRALIA
Late-Dec.
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1000 N. Ashley Drive
Tampa, Fla., 33602

CHRISTMAS HOME PLACEMENT SHOW

"This Joyous Season"—4 homes December 15th - 12:00-4 p.m., Pompano Beach Garden Club at Garden Center—Refreshments—Tickets - \$2.00 - Mrs. Lena Thompson, Chmn., 1160 A1A, Hillsboro Beach, 33062 Phone: 427-4494