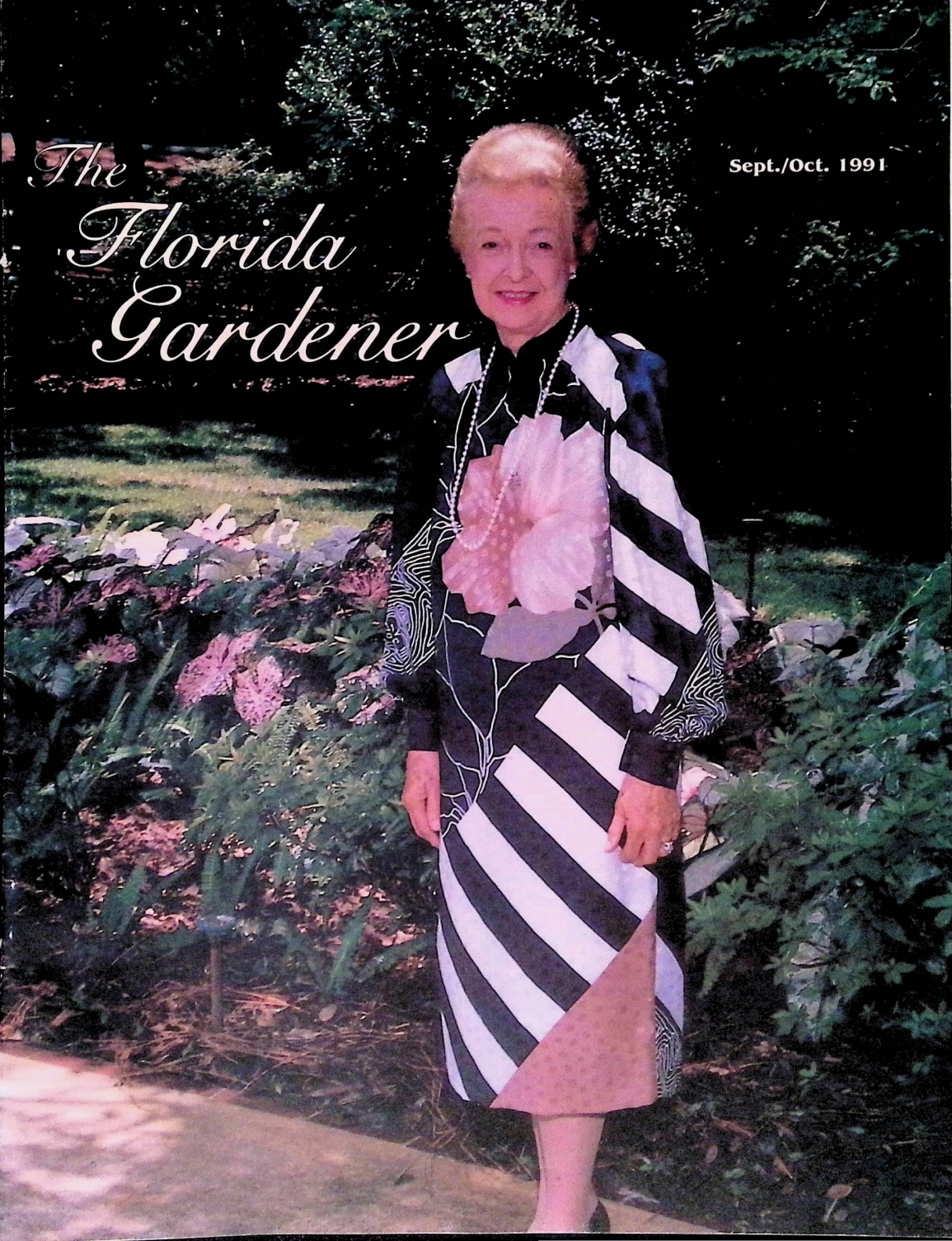


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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club Members,

The hazy, lazy days of summer are disappearing very rapidly and by the time you receive this issue of the Florida Gardener, our garden clubs will be resuming their activities for the year 1991-1992.

Your officers did not tour the twelve (12) districts in the Spring but from all reports the attendance was very good, and the programs and workshop were excellent. I do congratulate each of the District Directors for conducting a well planned and informative meeting.

The "Tour Team" (your officers) will be on the road again in October, visiting with you in your District. Hoping each of you will attend the Fall District Meeting, as we are anxious to meet you personally and hear of your plans for the 1991-1992 garden club year.

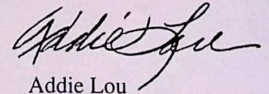
In the beginning of the summer, the dates for the Calendar of Events were very slow in coming into Headquarters. Your President was becoming concerned. As time passes, the calendar is filling fast and each day or so, new events are being added. You as club members will find an event that you will be interested in attending.

Please study the Calendar of Events and plan to take advantage of these activities that are offered by the Federation.

It is time to plan for the many FFGC, Deep South and National Council awards that your club could possibly win. Study the Awards which are listed in the Book of Information along with rules and deadlines. Start making plans to apply.

The beautiful issue of the 1992 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar is ready for you to order. By ordering this beautiful calendar, you will be supporting a FFGC project. We still have cookbooks "Paths of Sunshine" that may be ordered from Headquarters. Both of these items make wonderful gifts, and can also provide funds for your own club.

The theme of this administration is "Unity Through Sharing". If we share our talents, time, knowledge, energy and resources to the programs offered by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, we will achieve "Unity Through Sharing."



Addie Lou

## JUST ONE DAY

So what if you work up  
Some old-fashioned sweat?  
You first have to give,  
Before you can get.

Just do your best  
With what you have got,  
Perhaps it's a little,  
It maybe a lot.

You'll know in your heart,  
When that day is through,  
You've done everything  
God expected of you.

( Author unknown)

Mrs. W. Reese Harris started her interest in Garden Clubs in Chattanooga, Tennessee, serving as President of the Ferger Place Garden Club, a charter member of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs. Upon moving to Freeport Grand Bahama, she was a charter member of the Freeport Garden Club, serving on many committees, then becoming President. In 1977 she was made an honorary member.

Addie Lou maintains a home in Deerfield Beach, Florida and Costa Rica. She is an Honorary Life President of the Garden Club of Costa Rica and the Costa Rica Judges Council. These organizations presented her with the Guardians of Gardening of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. The past ten years, Addie Lou has served on the National Council of State Garden Clubs Board of Directors as International Affiliate Chairman and on the Calendar Committee. In 1985 she was given a National Council Presidential Citation for work she did as International Affiliate Chairman.

She is a Life Member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, National Council and Boca Raton Garden Club.





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THE COVER: The 33rd FFGC President, Mrs. W. Reese Harris (Addie Lou)  
Photo by International Convention Photo, Inc.



# Introducing ... New Officers



*Mrs. Robert D. Wilson (Beth)*

Mrs. Robert D. Wilson (Beth), First Vice President, has been a member of Valparaiso Garden Club since 1970, serving as its president for two terms. Beth served as Director of District I for 1981-83. She is a Landscape Design Critic, a Floral Design Instructor and a Life Judge. She is also a Life Member of NCSGC and FFGC.

Beth has served on the State Board of Directors in the following capacities: Assistant Treasurer (two terms), Chairman of Native Plants and Wildflowers, Chairman of Wekiva Study Committee and National Council/Deep South Awards Chairman. She has also served on the Scholarship and Finance Committees and is currently serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee and is a member of the Headquarters and Endowment Committee.



*Mrs. O. Edgar Williams*

Mrs. O. Edgar Williams, 3rd Vice President, is now serving her 11th year of the FFGC Board. Jo served as Director of District XI, and held many offices in local and District. On State Board she was Recording Secretary followed by 2 years as Assistant Treasurer before becoming 3rd Vice President. She is involved in Civic activities and enjoys many interesting hobbies - the most important is having fun with her family. As 3rd Vice President Jo is Awards Chairman for both NCSGC and Deep South.



*Mrs. Alex Hilliard*

Mrs. Alex Hilliard, 2nd Vice President, served as our State Treasurer for 6 years. An accredited Flower Show Judge, Gardening Study Consultant, and Environmental Education Facilitator, Marion has served as President of the Orange Park Club and as Director of District IV (1981-83).

She was on the staff of SEEK for 10 years, including Registrar and Chairman, and was a volunteer at Wekiva for 8 years.

Marion has served on the Fellowship and Scholarship Committee, the Finance and Budget Committee, and the Headquarters and Endowment Trustees.

As 2nd Vice President she is Wekiva Youth Camp Chairman.



*Mrs. Edward Schaag*

Mrs. Edward Schaag is serving as FFGC Treasurer for a second term. Carolyn has served the Federation as Assistant Treasurer, Director of District X, Chairman of Tropical Short Course, SEEK Registrar, Favors Chairman for the National Convention, and Donors Chairman for the State Flower Show. This year she is also Treasurer for the '92 Convention.

Carolyn has served as president of her Circle and the West Palm Beach Garden Club. She is a Master Judge, Landscape Design Critic, NCSGC and FFGC Life Member, and winner of the Blanche Capel Covington Leadership Award.

Carolyn is married and the mother of three sons. She maintains three businesses, and is active in her church. In her spare time she enjoys doing counted cross-stitch, jigsaw puzzles, and reading, and collects owls and pelican figurines.

Editors Note: The Nov.-Dec. issue will acquaint you with our Ass't. Treasurer; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary & Parliamentarian



# AND THE WINNERS ARE !!!

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS 1991

- ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
- Award No. 1 The Kellogg Medal for Civic Achievement  
The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc.
- Award No. 7 Special Achievement Certificates  
7A State Federations  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- 7B Federated Garden Clubs  
Umatilla Garden Clubs
- 7C Individuals  
Mrs. E. Robert Hunter

- CONSERVATION AWARDS**
- Award No. 6 Lucile Droege Mauntel Certificates for Conservation  
1A Marathon Garden Club  
1B Ribault Garden Club (12 Circles)  
4 Mary Ruth McCracken
- Award no. 41 The Hazel Johnson Silver Trophy for Conservation Education  
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

- FLOWER SHOW AWARDS**  
Non-Competitive
- Florida
- 5-3 Perry Garden Club "Reflections of Hampton Springs"  
5-4 ORLANDO GARDEN CLUB "Garden Cafe"  
17B Titusville Garden Club "Walking thru Time"  
35 Lake County council Of Garden Clubs "Flowing Florida"  
57 The Council of Garden Clubs of the Halifax District, Inc.  
"Pathways of Beauty"

- HORTICULTURE AWARDS**
- Award No. 4 The EveyIn Mooney Award for Horticultural Achievement  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

- LANDSCAPE DESIGN**
- Award No. 49 The Elsie M. Cook Award for Landscape Design  
Large Club The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc.

- LITTER, RECLAMATION AND RECYCLING**
- Award No. 45B National Reclamation and Recycling Award  
Bluewater Bay Garden Club

- PUBLICATIONS**
- Award No. 13 Certificate Of Merit For State, District and Club  
Publication
- 2B Florida Federation of Garden Clubs - The Florida Gardener

- 4 Other Publications, Not Periodicals  
A State Publications  
1. DESK CALENDARS  
Florida: "Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar 1991"  
3. INFORMATION GUIDES, GENERAL  
Florida: "The President's Kit"  
4. INFORMATION GUIDES, SPECIFIC  
Florida: "Xeriscape"  
Florida: (large membership), "Parliamentary Procedure Handbook"
6. BOOKLETS  
Florida: "Time, Tide and Treasures," awards presentation  
Florida: "Headquarters Has It!", member services catalog
8. LEAFLETS, PROMOTIONAL  
Florida: "Wekiva Youth Camp"  
Florida: "34th Annual Tropical Short Course"
- C. CLUB PUBLICATIONS  
Florida, Garden Club of Stuart, Inc.: "Landscape Learning Gardens"  
Florida, Tallahassee Garden Club: "The Garden Market 1990"

- RADIO AND TELEVISION**
- Award No. 27 Certificate Of Merit for Radio and/or Television Programs  
Honorable Mention  
ChIPLEY Garden Club

- ROADSIDE AWARDS**
- Award No. 59 Certificate Of Merit For Blue Star Memorial Byways  
Amaryliss Garden Club

- SEAL AWARDS- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**
- Award No. 24 The Silver Seal  
Echo (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization)  
Florida  
This organization is a non-profit, missionary organization dedicated to alleviating hunger in Third World countries by providing information and expertise to their peasant farmers and tenement gardeners. This international, grass-roots organization was founded in the late 1970's after the National Academy of Science published the results of a global survey of tropical food plants lacking research as to their potential for cultivation and productivity in underdeveloped nations.



*L to R: Elise Haymans, NCSGA Pres.; Martha Smith; NCSGO Operation Wildflower Chrm. La Verne Collard; FFGC Roadside Beautification Chrm. Marion Hilliard.*



*L to R: Martha Manning Smith, NCSGC Pres. 1989-1991; Dr. Martin Price, Exec. Director ECHO; Silver Star Winner Elise Haymans.*



*Phyllis Wood; Elise; Berne Davis; Beryl Larson. Dedication of Friendship Garden, Deep South Region bench, April 24, 1991; Washington, D.C.*



## SPECIAL AWARDS

### Award No. 56 Operation Wildflower Awards

- 1 Rural Highway  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
First Place

### Award No. 64 A Quarter Century Of Trees

- A. New Projects
- 2 Large Club  
The Surfside Garden Club  
Second Place (Tie)
- C Continuing Projects
- 2 Large Garden Clubs  
The Umatilla Garden Club First Place

## YOUTH AWARDS- NON-COMPETITIVE

### Award No. 60 Junior Garden Club Leadership Award Evelyn Somerville

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Ellen Griffin Scholarship  
Harry Arthur Alden  
Sponsor: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

## THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND ESSAY CONTESTS

Regional Winners: Essay Contest  
Deep South Kaaren Gillmore Florida

## CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Sponsored by: Exxon Company, U.S.A.  
Garden Club of DeLand, DeLand, Florida

## NATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENTIAL CITATION:

Joan Craig, District I, for Environmental Awareness  
Conference held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, October, 1990

## A TRIBUTE TO NCSGC MEMBERS:

Category 6 Elsie Caton, Landscape Design

## TREES ARE TERRIFIC LOGO CONTEST:

2nd Place Elizabeth Christianson  
Ronehac Middle School  
Sponsor: Chiply G.C.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD:

1st Place \$100 check presented to FFGC for best statewide  
involvement in environmental awareness programs.



*Beth Wilson, FFGC Awards  
Chairman and Dr. Martin Price,  
Silver Seal Recipient.*



*Mrs. E. W. Caton (Elise), NCSGC  
winner in Landscape Design  
Category/Membership, Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin; 1991 Convention.*

## AWARDS RECEIVED AT 1991 DEEP SOUTH REGION CONVENTION

### Deep South Region Awards

- #1b SCHOOL GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT AWARD-2nd Place  
Camellia Garden Club, Winter Haven
- #5 PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD- 1st Place  
Tallahassee Garden Club
- #7 LITTER CONTROL AWARD-2nd Place  
Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs
- #9 TREE PLANTING AWARD-2nd Place  
Umatilla Garden Club
- #10 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD- 1st Place  
Pinella Pointe Beach Circle, St. Petersburg
- #11 HORTICULTURE AWARD- 2nd Place  
West Palm Beach Garden Club
- #13 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & RESTORATION  
AWARD- 2nd Place Club  
Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Clubs, Inc.
- #14 HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS AWARD-  
TRAVELING PLAQUE  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- #15 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD-  
2nd Place State Garden Club  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- #16 BUTTERFLY CONVERSATION AWARD- 2nd Place  
Boca Raton Garden Club
- #17 JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB AWARD- 2nd Place Tie  
Calusa Junior Garden Club, Sponsor: Boca Raton Garden Club
- #18A ADOPT-A-PARK AWARD- 1st Place - \$25 cash Award  
Ivy Garden Club, Gulf Breeze
- #18B ADOPT-A-PARK AWARD- 2nd Place  
Rose Circle, Tampa
- #19 COMMUNITY ACTION AWARD- 2nd Place Tie  
Surfside Garden Club, Cocoa Beach

## NCSGC SPECIAL AWARDS WITH REGIONAL WINNERS

Publicity Pressbook -  
3rd Place- Medium Club- Camellis Garden Club, Winter Haven  
2nd Place- Large Club- Garden Club of Orange Park

## Environmental Poster & Essay Contests -

Poster Contest - Woody Owl  
3rd place- 2nd Grade- Racheal Lee Pearl, Ft. Lauderdale  
3rd Place- 3-5 Grade- Renee Tusek, Vero Beach

## Poster Contest- Smokey Bear

2nd Place 6-8 Grade- Joey Hagan, Chipley  
1st Place-9-12 Grade- Dave Komando, Niceville  
2nd Place- Adult- Jane Horne, Chipley  
Hon. Mention-Senior Citizen- Marion L. Townsend

## High School Speech & Essay Contests

Speech Contest- "How Important Is Recycling in Solving Our  
Solid Waste Dilemma"  
Honorable Mention- Tilly Gurman, Gainesville High School,  
Sponsor: Gainesville Garden Club  
Essay Contest- "Trees - An Essential Legacy"  
Winner- Kaaren Renee Gillmore, Gainesville High  
School, Sponsor: Gainesville Garden Club

## UNIFIED REGIONAL PROJECT

Pride: Grandmother's, Garden  
Class I (a) Tie- Garden Club of Crystal River (\$50)  
Class I(a) Tie - Orlando Garden Club (\$50)  
Class I (c) - Florida Federation of garden Clubs, Inc. (\$50)  
Partnerships: For Environmental Balance Through Legislative Action  
Class I (a) Tie - Cedar Key Garden Club (\$50)  
Class I (a) Tie - Ivy Garden Club, Gulf Breeze (\$50)  
Class I (b) - Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (\$50)



# WHERE DO THE DOLLARS GO ??????????

Already the monies donated to the Scholarship Endowment Fund have made a difference. FFGC has established a new scholarship.....the Mary Jo Clayton Sanders Scholarship in an amount of \$3,500.00. This will be awarded in the field of study of Environmental Sciences.

We have made lots of progress, surpassing our 1989-91 goal, reaching \$160,905.78. BUT it's much to early to rest on our laurels. With the rising cost of education and lowered interest rates there is much to do. We must

continue funding the Endowed Scholarship program.

During the coming Year, plan a fund raiser with the scholarship program in mind. Memorial gifts are a wonderful tribute to a loved one or just to remember someone special.

Cecelia H. Richardson  
Scholarship Endowment  
Fund Promotions Chairman

## 1989-1991 FFGC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS

### FOUNDING \$50,000.00

Mary Jo Clayton Sanders District 9

### SUSTAINING \$10,000.00

Van Blanchard District 1  
Alice Hall District 8  
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Wini Ekman District 8  
Bernese Davis District 9  
Elise & Kenton Haymans District 9  
Nan Knox District 11  
Nadine Stouder District 12

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District One		*Sadako Judd	District 9	Jasmine Garden Club	District 9
District Three		*Ellen Noll	District 9	Ft..Myers	
Perry Garden Club	District 3	Virginia Mraz	District 9	Jane & Bob Barben	District 9
Marion Hilliard	District 4	Rose Schmidt	District 9	Memory V. Hart, Avon Park	
Elizabeth Harrer	District 5	Lois Allen	District 9	Ft. Myers/Lee County	District 9
*Cynthia Hough	District 5	Marian W. Clark	District 9	Honor Mrs. J. Sanders	
Hazel Simmons Hodges	District 5	Anne B. Simpson	District 9	Virginia Etheridge	District 10
District Seven		Naples Garden Club	District 9	*Mary Collier	District 12
Pitt & Reba Varnes	District 7	Scottsy Fears(deceased)	District 9	Sally Rahm	District 12
Madalyne Lawton	District 7	Periwinkle Garden Club	District 9	Louise Hewlett	District 12
Garden Club of Orlando	District 7	Ft. Myers		Martha Manning Smith NCSGC President	
Gladys Lesser	District 7	Stockton Renroe (Hume Fellow)	District 9	FFGC FCNAFSJ Council	
Jean B. Villarreal	District 8	Camellia Garden Club	District 9	Honor Bob Thomas	
Margaret C. Armstrong	District 8	Winter haven		FFGC Landscape Design	
District 9 FCNAFSJ Council		Honor Elise Haymans	District 9	Critics Council	

### \*GIFT OVER \$1,000.00

### GIFTS \$500.00

Joseph Crevasse (Hume Fellow)	District 4	Charles Lykes	District 8
Titusville Garden Club	District 6	Venice Garden Club	District 8
Phyllis Wood	District 6	Wauchula Garden Club	District 9

### DONORS

#### DISTRICT ONE

Audrey Baldwin  
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#### DISTRICT TWO

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#### DISTRICT FOUR

Memory Vera Hellmuth  
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Sylvia Jameson  
Hilda Varnadoe  
T. Elizabeth Pate  
Garden Club of Switzerland

#### DISTRICT FIVE

Garden Club of Lake Weir  
Inverness Garden Club  
Seedling Garden Club  
McIntosh  
Cedar Key Garden Club  
Floral City Garden Club  
Riverhaven Garden Club  
Dunnellon Garden Club  
Beverly Hills Garden Club

#### DISTRICT FIVE CONT

Silver Springs Shores  
Gainesville Garden club  
Memory Mrs. Parrish Sr.  
Pioneer G C of Ocala  
Bellevue Garden Club  
Camilla Weems  
Mrs. LH Thompson  
Mrs. AW Fletcher  
Mrs. Tommy Ridgell

#### DISTRICT SIX

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Garden Club of Deltona  
Carnation Circle  
Orange City  
Love Bug Circle  
Deltona  
Dorothy R. Smith

#### DISTRICT SEVEN

Winter Park Garden Club  
Ruby Toy  
Memory M. Morrison

#### DISTRICT EIGHT

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Plant City  
Corsage Club Manatee River-  
Bradenton

#### DISTRICT EIGHT

G. C. of St. Petersburg  
Dunedin Garden Club  
Ruskin Garden Club  
Lemon Bay Garden Club  
Englewood  
Hibiscus Circle  
Dade City  
Rose Vickers  
Alameda Lowe  
Floralia #6 Tampa  
Temple Terrace Garden Club  
Suncoast Evening Garden Club  
Dunedin  
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Avon Park

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Lakeland  
Garden Path Circle  
Lakeland  
Gloriosa Circle  
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Honor S. Renfroe  
Sabal Palm Garden Club  
Ft. Myers  
Green Thumb Garden Club  
Ft. Myers  
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St. James City  
Kathryne MacGibbon

#### DISTRICT NINE CONT

Edison Garden Club  
Ft. Myers  
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Memory B. Zimmerman  
Memory Mary Hager Hoon  
Memory Emmie Hartman  
M/M Wm Simanton  
Chris Cooney  
Ellen Noll  
Cissy Richardson  
Louise Hatfield  
Memory Stanley Parker  
Robert Pengade  
Memory Howard Greene

#### DISTRICT ELEVEN

Martha Anderson

#### DISTRICT TWELVE

Spade & Trowel Garden Club  
Miami



# National Garden Week

District IV took advantage of *National Garden Week* to promote the good work of the clubs in its District and throughout the state. Although time was too short to plan activities for this year's *National Garden Week*, District IV launched a successful publicity campaign that should have a positive effect on membership this fall.

State leaders, local Legislators, Commissioners and City Council members were made aware of the contributions of Florida gardeners. Governor Lawton Chiles, Cabinet members, many municipalities and counties in District IV, including Duval County and St. Augustine signed resolutions proclaiming the first week in June as *National Garden Week*.

On June 3, 1991 District IV Director, Mrs. Jack Pate was invited to the office of Jacksonville Mayor Tommy Hazouri to receive a proclamation declaring June 2-8 as *National Garden Week*. That same day Mrs. Pate appeared before the Atlantic Beach City Council to receive their pro-



Jacksonville Mayor Tommy Hazouri presented FFGC Gateway Chairman Mrs. John Newby, left, and District IV Director Mrs. Jack Pate, right, with a proclamation declaring the week of June 2, 1991 as *National Garden Week*.

clamation. Each city official involved was presented with a carnation on behalf of the District.

Local and regional news publications and broadcast stations also supported District IV's efforts to spread the good news about garden clubs and their environmental and beautification projects. Bouquets of fresh garden flowers were sent along with press releases to television stations. The stations, not only publicized *National*

*Garden Week*, but sent thank you notes to the District IV leadership for the flowers that were used to beautify their sets.

District IV's nearly 4,000 members are proud to be a part of the Florida Federation, the largest garden club in the world. They were encouraged to show their pride by wearing flowers during *National Garden Week* and by planning activities now for 1992's *National Garden Week*.

## Publicity Hints ...From Violet Simon

The Boca Raton Garden Club continues to be one of the most active garden clubs in the State of Florida. Members of other garden clubs have asked, "What is your Club's secret; how do you attract so many new members?"

I'm into my fifth year as Public Relations Chairman and I'd like to share with you what I have learned in these past five years.

In my first year as Public Relations Chairman a new member said this to me, "It has taken me two years to learn that Boca Raton has a garden club. What this club needs is lots of news coverage with photos." The "seed" was planted in my mind. What, I wondered, could I do?

I began by studying all of our area newspapers and magazines. I made lists of addresses of all areas to which announcements could be sent, all areas to which articles and photos could be submitted. I made a point of jotting down publication "deadlines". These vary from two weeks to 3 months and more.

Club members Ruth Roosen and Evelyn Somerville have since become our Club's official photographers and have provided me with excellent photos.

What I feel has helped immensely is the fact that I often enclose letters, along with articles, providing additional information about the Club's activities and those of its members. This whets

the appetites of editors and columnists. As a result, writers and photographers have called asking to come to visit our Club's gardens which are tended by Club members. They have also met with individual members to interview them regarding their gardening specialties, floral arts, hobbies, etc.

Many beautiful feature articles, with color photos, have appeared in newspapers and on the lovely glossy pages of magazines as a result of letters which have been enclosed with articles.

I should add one more "secret" as to how we attract many talented new members who are eager to learn and also to share their gleanings with us.

From mid-July to mid-November we conduct our annual Holiday House craft workshops every Friday morning. Prospective members are invited to attend two of these friendly, informal sessions. They then decide whether or not they wish to continue meeting with us. At this point they are invited to join our organization.

During our Board meetings and regular monthly business meetings I ask that members call me or put into writing whatever they feel may be of interest to the general public regarding our many activities, whether it be a flower show, bazaar, plant sale, rummage sale, craft workshop, Jr. Garden Club sessions and events, mem-


bers individual gardens, Convalescent Home garden therapy workshops, tours of the Club's gardens, National and State Garden Club activities, our Horticulture Group's meetings, and much more.

I do all of my publicity work with the "written word", typed and double spaced. I keep a copy for my own records. I don't phone news people. I consider that an imposition. However, they now call me. It seems that I have become a "human resource center, a "match maker". If I can help to make their job a little easier that is truly my pleasure. And, do I feel honored? You can bet that I do!

In my capacity as Publicity Chairman of the FFGC 1992 State Convention I ask that Committee members of the Convention please pass along publicity material to State Convention Co-Chairmen Dorothy Trickey and Bonita Tust. They happen to be members of the Boca Raton Garden Club and will get the information to me quickly. Any questions? I may be reached at (407) 368-5567.

Violet Simon, Publicity Chairman  
(Boca Raton Garden Club)  
754 S.W. 7th St.  
Boca Raton, FL 33486  
Phone (407) 368-5567





expanding  
horizons  
for Youth

## Intermediate Garden Clubs

Intermediate Garden Club Leaders are needed, the important requirement — think positive, be enthusiastic. Accept this challenge and at the end of the club year you will know it was a happy and rewarding experience.

Junior Garden Club Members would like to continue learning more advanced activities. The Awards Books of Evidence were read before given to the judges to evaluate. One student wrote about being a Junior Garden Club Member for four years and was glad the leader advanced to the Intermediate Garden Club "The meetings were great and tied in with 4H, hope the leader will continue next year.". So do we!

For youth age eleven to fourteen is a dangerous time, some feel adult and to experiment is the thing to do, others are too young or frightened to know how to resist.

As Garden Club Members we have accomplished so much in many areas: Conservation, Beautification, Horticulture, Environment, Schools, and many more but we are neglecting this age group.

To organize an Intermediate Garden Club:

1. The sponsoring club must be a member of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

2. Limited to seventh, eighth, ninth grades, sixth if in the same school or group.

3. A minimum of seven members and seven meetings a year are required.

4. Where are prospective clubs? Schools, scouts, churches, 4H, Science and Ecology Clubs, neighborhood and many other places.

5. A school group chosen? Contact the proper officers and teachers - present an outline, of meetings and goals.

6. Set a definite time and place for meetings.

7. When club is organized send a completed registration to state and district chairmen before December 1st. New members after that date send before March 1st, a final count is necessary for state convention. Registration forms are available from the District Director or the State Chairman.

8. Suggested programs: Arbor Day, conservation, flower arrangements, environment, field trips, horticulture, etc.

9. Let the children help prepare the programs.

10. Speakers from sponsoring club should teach most of the classes.

11. A Youth Manual will be sent to each new leader. Please write new on the registration form.

We can change the statistics of drugs and crime on the streets, in the schools if we give a little of ourselves to this age group. Give the 11-14 age youth a break - BE A LEADER.

Mrs. Frank T. Lowe  
1706 Belleair Forest Drive Apt. 222  
Belleair, Florida 34616  
Chairman

## Endangered Wildlife Programs

In Har-Bee's most outstanding program so far this year was a slide presentation with live animals entitled "Florida Endangered Wildlife". We invited two fourth grade classes from the Ocean Breeze Elementary School to join us at this presentation. This neighboring school is also quite special to use as we are involved with them in a "School Grounds Improvement" project.

Forty-five children and several helpers & teachers walked to our Center and took seats in the front of the group to enjoy Mrs. Pat Loll speak on the endangered animals in our area. The program was also open to the public and we had an excellent attendance.

The children were allowed to handle an Indigo snake, a gopher tortoise, and several smaller snakes. They all seemed to enjoy learning more about opossums, raccoons, box turtles, and even a baby alligator.

We contributed \$30.00 for refreshments for the children and later received some forty letters and drawings from them which pleases us very much. In just about one decade these youngsters will be young adults. We hope that through this effort we may be helping to implant the meaning of environmental awareness in them at this young age, as well as to remind all of us for the need for everybody to be concerned with and protect the endangered wildlife around us in this beautiful state.



Raymond Crawford, Master Gardener BETA Resident - best garden worker.

## Community Service Project Grows Into A High School Gardening Unit

Orlando Garden Club received a request form BETA for assistance with establishing a small vegetable - flower garden. Raymond Crawford, a Master Gardener and member of our Men's Circle, was called upon to direct this project. In early Spring much tilling, planning, and planting was begun. Residents of BETA House took turns tending the garden area. Later, they harvested, cooked and ate from it.

From this contact and interest a High School Gardening unit was formed and registered. Many BETA girls, as well as members, have participated in the on going garden project and the High School Gardening unit's programs. Orlando Garden Club members have conducted programs on making terrariums, butterflies, pot pourri baskets, and collections of recipes. They

have learned about table settings; the use, history, and planting of herbs; native trees, ecology, and conservation. Girls were guided through the Orlando Garden Club Flower Show with commentary by a judge and horticulture enthusiast.

Many Orlando Garden Club circles and individual members have contributed talent, ideas, plants, fertilizer, supplies, workers and money for the garden, the High School Gardening unit, and beautification of BETA House grounds.

We look forward with enthusiasm as the unit re-registers for another year of action.

Nancy Garthwaite  
Orlando Garden Club Community Service  
Chairman  
Adult sponsor for BETA High School  
Gardening Unit



# SEEK '92

Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge (SEEK) for '92 will be held at Seacamp, Big Pine Key, in the lower Florida Keys January 17-20, 1992. This includes a school holiday commemorating the birthday of Martin Luther King.

Excused absences can be arranged with principals since this is an environmental education program, aimed at above average students.

Optional bus transportation from the Miami area to Big Pine Key will be available, since some might prefer to furnish their own mode of conveyance.

Students and instructors will snorkel over coral reefs, soft coral habitat, and rich shallow bays. They will hike through mangrove forests and wade on shorelines teeming with marine life.

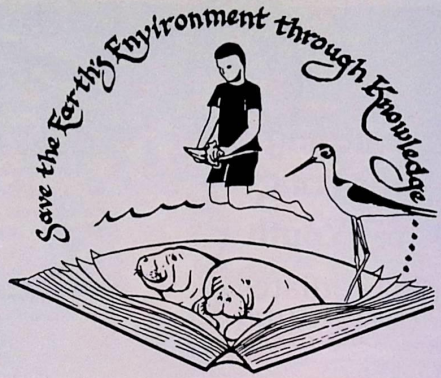
A high level of safety, caution, and supervision is standard procedure since instructors are qualified marine scientists and environmental educators. All boat trips utilize Seacamp's oceanographic vessels, which meet all U.S. Coast Guard requirements.

Enrollment is limited to 70 students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Students must be sponsored by a Garden Club. Scholarships include all meals and lodging. Transportation to and from Miami is the sole responsibility of participants.

Housed in dorms, the students are well chaperoned by adult leaders.

A Polly Moody Memorial Youth Scholarship and a Daytona Beach Garden Club Scholarship are available for worthy and outstanding high school youths. Applications are obtained from the FFGC Scholarship Chairman or the SEEK Chairman.

Clubs, circles, and individuals are urged to continue their financial



support of SEEK - FFGC's "investment in Florida's future."

Donors should submit applications immediately. Names of students MUST be sent before Nov. 15, 1991.

The first 70 students will receive information packets by Dec. 15, 1991. This is an EXCITING adventure! Don't miss out!

SEEK '92 Youth Conference Chairman:

Mrs. Edward R. Fleming, Jr.  
The Oaks #18, 608 Main  
Clermont, FL 34711  
(904) 394-6375

## Wekiwa Youth Camp

*Dedicated to the volunteers who have made it possible for thousands of children to experience living in the out-of-doors, learning about nature, and having fun while doing it.*

The first Nature Camp for Junior Gardeners and Garden Club sponsored youth was established by FFGC in 1959. Camp was held in rented facilities in Ocala National Forest and in O'Leo State Park, before extensive fund raising made possible the 1974 opening of Wekiwa Youth Camp at Wekiwa Springs State Park near Apopka.

Wekiwa Springs for which the park is named is from the Creek Indian word, Wekiwa, meaning "spring of water." Both spellings, "Wekiwa" and "Wekiva" were used in the earliest writings. Official maps designate the springs as Wekiwa and the river as Wekiwa.

Have you ever wondered about the origin of the Indian names of the thirteen cabins in the two circles used by children and the six outlying cabins, which house leaders and staff at FFGC Wekiwa Youth Camp? I did, and this is what I learned from reading, from visiting different areas of the state, and from asking many questions.

Five camper cabins, Apalachee, Calusa, Timucua, Tocabega, and Tomoka (an alteration of Timucua) and two cabins used by leaders, Ais and Mayaimi, are named for groups or tribes living in Florida in 1513 at the time of its discovery by Ponce de Leon. The Apalachee lived in northwest Florida, the Calusa were along the southwest coast and into the Keys, the Timucua group extended across the central and north eastern part of the state, Tocabega people lived in area of Tampa Bay, the Ais lived from Cape Canaveral south and the Mayaimi tribe lived near Lake Okeechobee (Lake Mayaimi at that time). Because of disease, cultural breakdown, slaving raids, and pressure from white colonization, these people disappeared over a period of 200 years.

The names of the other eight camper cabins and four leader cabins are Seminole words or names of Seminole leaders. The Seminole Indians are a heterogeneous blending of Indian tribal groups. Escaped slaves from border states were also accepted into their families. Embokpagee means "little flower." Coacochee, "wildcat" in Creek, Molococo, and Oseola or Asi-Yaholi, "Black Drink Singer" were Seminole leaders. Loxahatchee is "turtle river" and "Myakka"

means "big water." Oklawaha means "muddy/boggy" and is the name of a tribe who settled in central Florida by that river. Telecheekee means "long house." Euche or Yuchi tribe migrated to Panhandle area of Florida from Alabama and Georgia. Pue Puggy means "Flower Hunter," the name given William Bartram by Seminole chief of Cuscowilla Village. The two cabins constructed this year are Seehokee, a Miccosukee Indian heroine in novel, Say These Names (Remember Them) and Siminoli meaning "wild ones/runaways." The first group of Creeks to leave Georgia in early 1700's were so called.

In addition to these thirteen camper cabins each housing eight campers and two counselors and the six leader-staff cabins for three of four persons, the FFGC members have been able to build two bath houses with showers, an office building including the nurse's clinic and three bedrooms, the large dining hall and kitchen, a nature classroom building with attached storage area, the swimming pool, and a storage building for equipment and supplies. Outdoor seating for groups is available in three places: in a pavilion, on a hillside amphitheater, and at The Quiet Place.

Mrs. Dewey (Jean) Villareal, Jr. has been actively involved with the camping program since its inception in 1959. She is Federation Chairman for the camp physical plant, and works closely with the Florida Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recreation and Parks in the maintenance and improvement of the camp facilities.

"BECAUSE YOU CARED, OUR DREAM CAME TRUE. IT IS A PART OF TODAY AND ALL THE TOMORROWS OF OUR YOUTH."

Quotation from B.O.I.

Jean E. Lepley

Lady Lake Garden Club, District VII

*Jean E. Lepley has been a volunteer nurse at Wekiwa Youth Camp since 1986. The material for this article was taken from the booklet she recently completed about the camp.*



# WHAT IS.....

# WEKIVA BENEFIT

**An Insect:** Any of numerous usually small invertebrate animals having 3 pair of legs, a segmented body with 3 major divisions and usually 2 pair of wings.

**Entomology:** The scientific study of insects.

**An Entomologist:** One who studies insects.

**Lepidoptera:** New Latin term, meaning "scale-winged ones".

**A Lepidopterist:** One who studies Butterflies and Moths.

**Entomophilous:** Pollinated by insects.

**Metamorphosis:** Meaning a marked change in appearance, and structure in normal growth.

**Life Cycle of an Insect:** A progression through a series of different stages of development.

**A Bee:** Winged, hairy-bodies usually sting **HELPPFUL** insect.

**A Butterfly:** Any of various insects of the order lepidoptera characteristically having slender body, knobbed antennae and four broad usually colorful wings.

**A Butterfly Garden:** A planned garden to attract Butterflies to your property.

**A Butterfly Sanctuary:** A planned garden that has been established and does fulfill requirements as a garden free of pesticides and shows activity of Butterflies in all stages.

**A Bee/Butterfly Conservation Chairman:** One who pledges to help our President with her goals of Unity through Sharing information to see more garden club members plant native and enjoy the beauty of Butterflies.

Bob Thomas, FFGC's Special Projects Chairman, announces the dates and dividing of districts (listed below) for a program "A Holiday Happening". The one day meetings will be presented, with a display of Christmas tables created by members, a luncheon and two hour design program. Tickets will be \$25.00 which includes luncheon and program. Bob is donating his time and talent by giving these programs cost free to help raise much needed revenue for our Camp Wekiva.

District Directors will receive detailed information at September Board Meeting to be presented at all Fall district meetings.

Do not fail to support his worthwhile project., You will have a delightful entertaining day.

Districts I, II, III, V Tallahassee, December 13th, 1991  
Chairman: Ginny Puckett (904) 984-5324

Districts IV, VI, VII Daytona Beach, December 6th, 1991  
Chairman: Peggy Nuse: Phone 904-673-2648

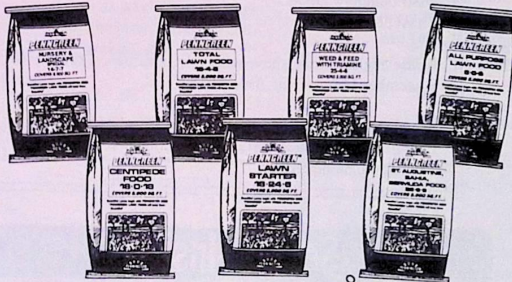
Districts VIII, IX Sarasota, December 9th, 1991  
Chairman: Maggie Armstrong 813-355-1684

Districts X, XI, XII Ft. Lauderdale, December 4, 1991  
Chairman: Mary Secrist. Phone 407-274-8893

*By Evelyn Somerville  
Bee/Butterfly Conservation Chairman*

*By Staff Writer*

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Your schedule should be:

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2. Easy to read and understand
3. Educational
4. Fun

For comments and suggestions, send a draft copy of your proposed schedule to the undersigned. You are welcome to call or write if you have any questions about this chairmanship or about your schedule.

Mrs. Page S. Jackson  
1317 Leewood Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312  
(904) 385-6408

FFGC Flower Show Schedule Chairman

## FLORAL DESIGN STUDY COURSE

sponsored by Avon Park Founders Garden Club.

All Dates are on Thursdays as follows:

- Sept. 26, 1991 - Unit 1
- Oct. 3, 1991 - Unit 2
- Oct. 17, 1991 - Unit 3
- Oct. 24, 1991 - Unit 4
- Oct. 31, 1991 - Unit 5
- Nov. 7, 1991 - Unit 6

Jane H. Barben, Chairman  
Avon Park Founders Garden Club  
P.O. Box 1056  
Avon Park, FL 33825

## LANDSCAPE CRITICS COUNCIL

Florida Landscape Critics Council will hold its Fall Business meeting at FFGC Headquarters at Winter Park following Fall Board meeting. The meeting will be Thursday afternoon SEPT. 12, 1991 at 1:00 p.m.

## SYMPOSIUM

Fall 1991 November 3-5 '91

Hosted by Winter Haven Council of Garden Club, Inc.

Chairman: Mrs. Carl Cooney

Instructors: Design - Bob Thomas

Horticulture - Mrs. George E. Jones from LA  
Florida Federations of Garden Clubs, Inc. District VIII  
Course 4, Series XXII

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
October 14, 15, 16, 1991  
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Dunedin, FL. 34698  
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## FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

District III, Course V, Nov. 11, 12, 13 '91

Mrs. John Ward, Chairman

Tallahassee

Instructors: Patsy Howze - Horticulture

Helen Hoskins - Design & Flower Show Procedure

Pensacola Garden Club, Course III, Sept. 3, 4, 5, '91

Mrs. John O'Donnell, Chairman

Pensacola

Instructors: Leona Venetozzi - Horticulture & Flower Show

Procedure Helen Hoskins - Design

Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Inc.

Course II, Oct. 8, 9, 10, '91

Mrs. George Green, Chairman

Instructors: Inez Brooker - Design & Flower Show Procedure

Patsy Howze - Horticulture

## FALL SYMPOSIUM

November 4-5, 1991

Quality Inn, Lakeland, FL.

Creative Expressionism will be subject of Bob Thomas lecture Tuesday, 5th. Also Construction vs. Assemblages, Monday evening. Sara Lee Jones, Baton Rouge will discuss ferns and chrysanthemums on Monday 4th.

Additional information: Mrs. Carl Cooney

757 Ave. B. SW

Winter Haven, FL 33880

(813) 293-0983

## FLOWER SHOW CALENDAR

Mrs. Kelly Bennett  
4680 Longbow Drive  
Titusville, 32796

Please register your show with this chairman. Deadline is September 15th for Nov./Dec. issue.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HELPFUL HINT:</b></p> <p>Cool Head: Always wear a hat when working in the sun. To keep you cool, you can place a damp cloth in the crown. It will keep the brain cells cool and working well.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>D.D.'S CHATTERBOX</b></p> <p>A new feature is being added to The Florida Gardener. The District Directors will be submitting write-ups of their District Meetings giving the highlights and points of interest. We want you to enjoy their reports and perhaps benefit from "new &amp; different" program ideas. It's called <u>Unity Through Sharing</u>. Your comments will be appreciated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">G. Puckett, Asst. Editor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IT'S TIME</b></p> <p>Time to register your Youth Clubs. Forms are available from your District Director, Director Youth Chairman or directly from FFGC High School, Intermediate and Junior State Chairman.</p>																																										
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WILDFLOWER LEGEND</b></p> <p>A Comanche Chief's small daughter became bored watching her mother weave a blanket of red, green and yellow tinges and she wandered away. As nightfall approached she tired and rested in a blanket of flowers. The tribe searched through the night. At dawn her father found her sleeping amid a bed of red, green and yellow blossoms. "We will call these flowers 'Indian Blanket,'" he told his braves, "for they kept my little girl warm in the night." (<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>) Excerpt from Texas Highways Magazine</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRYSANTHEMUM</b></p> <p>One of our most beautiful and versatile fall flowers. The name comes from the Greek words "chrysos", meaning gold and "antheon", meaning, a flower. Today we have a wide range of flowers. They thrive in borders, beds and pots. Their blooms are heavy and their stems are narrow and strong as wire. Perfect for flower arrangements. A potted Chrysanthemum makes a lovely gift for a "shut-in" giving the receiver a constant spot of color for many weeks. Later you might wish to plant it in her yard. Old, old Flower Language Book</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FREE BROCHURE</b></p> <p>A new brochure, "Florida Agriculture: Your Prescription for Good Health," which includes guidelines for healthy eating; facts about fat, sodium, fiber and nutrients; recipes; and a chart showing the seasonal availability of fresh Florida produce, is now available from: FL Department of Agriculture, Mayo Building, Tallahassee 32399-0800, or call toll-free 1-800-327-3382. ...from FL Dept. of Agriculture</p>																																										



## TREES

### RIBAULT GARDEN CLUB

The members of Ribault Garden Club are bursting with pride over the achievements of their clubs work with Jacksonville Beaches TREE ORDINANCE AND TREE CITY CAMPAIGN. Starting two years earlier with the saving of an old Oak tree from a contractors saw, which led to the appointment of Ribault Club members to a committee by the City Council for the express purpose of writing a comprehensive Tree Ordinance. Under the leadership of council woman Bennie Furlong, the group met for nearly two years perfecting it. Jacksonville Beach City Council accepted the document in December of 1989. The members who were on this committee were, Halliène Newby, Elizabeth Pate, Virginia Dunford, and Stella Minik.

The next step was to apply for and win, two years running, THE ALL AMERICA TREE CITY AWARD. There are now signs at every entrance to the City proclaiming that this is a Tree City.

Ribault then applied for and won the NATIONAL COUNCIL award THE LUCILE DROEGE MAUNTEL CERTIFICATE FOR CONSERVATION which was awarded to Ribault Garden Club and its Circles at the National Convention this past spring. 2nd Vice President FFGC Marion Hilliard brought the Certificate to the Club during the Spring Flower Show in Jacksonville Beach.

Submitted by Halliène Newby  
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Ponte Verda Beach, FL  
32082  
1-904-285-4424



Shown left to right in photograph Council Woman Bennie Furlong, Elizabeth Pate, Marion Hilliard, and Virginia Dunford.

## POINCIANA TREE TALLY

Volunteers counted more than 6,000 poinciana trees in Dade County (District XII), for the Royal Poinciana Census during Memorial Day weekend, said Pauline Averitte, who directed the effort.

Averitte said 6,680 trees have been pinpointed, and more figures are coming in. The neighborhoods with the most trees and the area around southern Coconut Grove, which has 780 trees, and the Coral Gables and northern Coconut Grove area, which has 462 trees, she said.

"They were planted years and years ago," said Averitte, and they are some of the largest poincianas in the county. "They've got a lot of gorgeous trees."

Miami Lakes had the least number of poincianas.

"Some of the new developments, they tear down stuff and clear the land and build a condo and plant the dumbest trees," she said.

Volunteers flying over the Everglades counted 19 trees. Counters also found two rare yellow poinciana trees at the University of Miami.

The poinciana, which thrives in South Florida, requires very little water and blooms in May with a distinctive scarlet or flame-orange blossom.

from THE MIAMI HERALD Neighbors

## FOOD GARDENING

In a recent article published in the *Sun Sentinel*, Fort Lauderdale, with a dateline Washington, this chairman came across some interesting information. The latest figures from the National Gardening Association, census bureau, show that 91 million households participated in some type of gardening. 34% (31 million) — vegetable gardening; 16% — fruit tree growing; 8% — berry growing; 5% — herb gardening. Another way of looking at it is by age group: Age 18 to 29 ... 21%; age 30 to 49 ... 40%; Age 50 or older ... 39%.

Book stores, libraries, newspapers, university agricultural extension departments, nurseries and garden departments have a wealth of information as well as the tools, seeds and plants for a gardener to work with.

According to Mike McGrath, editor-in-chief of *Organic Gardening* magazine in Emanus, Pa., the back yard gardeners can reap a harvest worth ten (10)

their investment in seeds and plants.

"Whenever there's an economic downturn like this, especially if its coupled with any kind of increase in unemployment, people with time on their hands want something to occupy their time, something that's valuable," he said.

It is indicated that the average home gardening plot is between 500 and 1,000 square feet in size with an average investment of \$20 to \$55 in seeds and plants.

McGrath cited two other reasons for the return to gardening: Nutrition and cheap therapy. "Gardening is the cheapest therapist you'll ever come across. If I had a friend who was unemployed and I started to see him sinking because of it, I would really urge him to get a garden in."

Martha M. Anderson  
Florida Gardening  
Chairman



Around the monument at the Desert Storm Memorial Garden, Pensacola Naval Air Station after the dedication, July 4, 1991. Left to Right: Mrs. Don Rosenburg (Jean) - President of Oleander Garden Club, Mrs. Noel T. Cumbaa (Eloise) - Deep South Regional Director, Greenville, MS. Mrs. Carl Pfeiffer (Sylvia) - President of Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Mrs. W. Reese Harris (Addie Lou) - President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Mrs. Warren Brown (Shirley) - Director District I FFGC Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard (Van) - Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs and Past President FFGC.

## DESERT STORM MEMORIAL

July 4th, 1991 was a great day of celebration all over the country but especially so for Oleander Garden Club and the Pensacola Adopt-A-Tree coalition of the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs, Telephone Pioneers, and Gulf Power. The DESERT STORM MEMORIAL GARDEN was dedicated near the Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in early morning ceremonies. Special invited guests were the families of the Desert Storm veterans who were buried at Barrancas National Cemetery at the Air Station. Also, present were Mrs. Noel T. Cumbaa, of Greenville, Ms., the new Deep South Regional Director and her husband and Mrs. W. Reese Harris, President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, who travel from Deerfield Beach, Mrs. Warren Brown, FFGC District I Director, from Navarre and her Husband. All of the top military officers of the area as well as many executives from the Telephone Company and Gulf Power and many of the local civilian leaders were among the special invited guests.

The Garden which was in full bloom for the 4th of July is a living memorial to all our servicemen and women and the many sacrifices that they have made over the years. The design of a 5 point star of red crape myrtles, centered by a 16 foot standard white crape myrtle, with each point also a white crape myrtle is encircled by a walkway of special red pavers and an 80 foot circle of dwarf

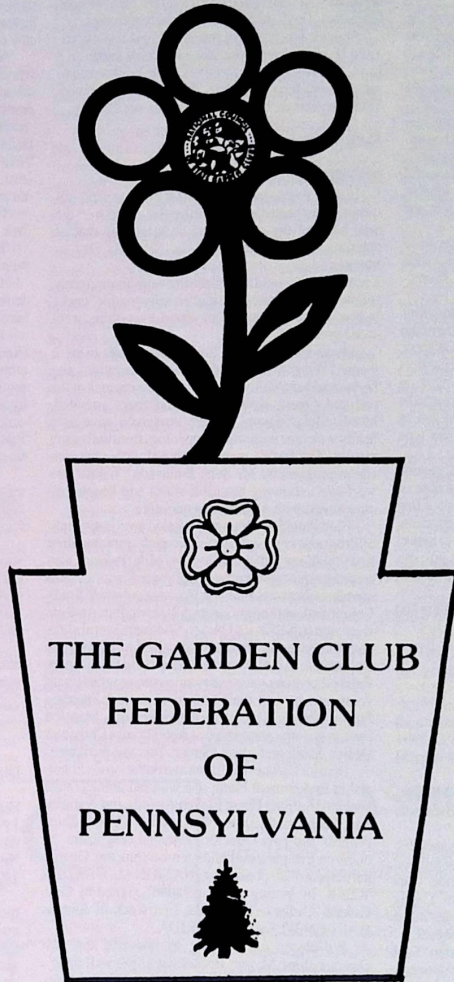
yaupon. The design is easily visible from the air. The 800 pound granite monument that holds the bronze plaque was part of the quay wall for the old original Navy Yard and was removed and stored at the early part of this century because of the seaplanes training in that area of the Air Station. A quotation from General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, U.S. Army, is cast in the bronze plaque that is mounted on the granite monument. It reads: "You have written history in the desert sands that can never be blown away by the winds of time." Though unable to attend, General Schwarzkopf sent a message to be read at the dedication.

Like the war, no one believed so much could be done in such a short time. But with the hard work of a garden club of military wives led by Oleander President Mrs. Don Rosenburg and the Adopt-A Tree coalition led by Telephone Pioneer Ed Morreale and Pensacola Federation's Mrs. C.H. Blanchard and the wonderful cooperation of the Naval Air Station personnel it was accomplished in just 5 months. This is truly tangible proof of Landscape Critics at work in the community.

Mrs. James A Whitmer,  
Desert Storm Memorial Garden Chairman  
Oleander Garden Club  
Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Florida Landscape Critics Council President



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# D.D'S CHATTERBOX.....

## DISTRICT X

Terrific X's District meeting was hosted by the Boca Raton Garden Club. "Spring Into Spring" was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Boca Raton. Starting off the day was a delightful coffee hour held on the patio overlooking a beautiful pool area. Attending were 144 members.

The morning speaker was Mrs. Wilma Paulauskas, a floral design instructor and master Judge, who presented a program entitled, "Springtime Designs". During the demonstration she constructed 12 beautiful and interesting designs. She also brought along some of her own handmade pottery which was used in the demonstration.

Mrs. Jeanne Swierczewski, a member of the Boca Raton Garden Club and Master Gardener, gave a slide program on the selection, planting and care of Bromeliads.

One of the highlights of the day was a humorous skit promoting the 1992 State Convention. Some of the featured actors included several of our State Officers.

The Presidents and District reports stressed projects which will help our environment such as planting trees, xeriscaping, recycling, etc. One club planted a learning garden around their library. It consisted of various individual gardens, each with a different type of horticulture, all xeriscape landscaping.

Planting of trees was highlighted. The suggestion was made by District tree chairman to take a type of tree of your choosing and learn all we can about that tree, how to plant, care, value, love, and appreciate what that tree means. Plant a tree in memory, in honor, in appreciation and give a tree for a project, a gift, etc. Each member was then given a red bud tree to take home and plant.

This District meeting was planned for learning and sharing - that was achieved.

Gloria R. Blake, Director

## DISTRICT I

The District I Spring meeting was hosted by a all the circles of the Milton Garden Club on April 22, 1991 at the Milton Garden Center. 188 members were in attendance.

The program "Environmental Landscape Management" was presented by Miss Beth Phelps, Escambia County Extension Agent for Horticulture.

Mrs. Barbara Fulon, President of Bluewater Bay Garden Club, reported on Adopt-A-Highway project.

Mrs. D.L. Rosenberg, President of Oleander Garden Club, reported on their Desert Storm Living Memorial Garden. There was an article on this in the May/June, 1991 FLORIDA GARDENER page 9.

Mrs. James A. Whitmer, District Bartram Trail Chairman, reported on Bartram Trail Tour IV November 2-7, 1991. There was an article concerning this also in the May/June, 1991 FLORIDA GARDENER page 11. She also told about a book, MEMORIES ON GRANDMOTHER'S GARDEN, she has compiled.

Mrs. A.D. Coates, District Tree Chairman, reported on an 80 year old oak tree at Magnolia Springs, Alabama a lady tried destroying but efforts are being made to save the tree.

Mrs. Rodney Rollo, District Legislation Chairman, gave a partial update on some environmental legislation pending in various committees such as H-B619. The bottle Bill and bills concerning environmental issues such as SP-6,8 and 10. She encouraged clubs to get involved and call and write their legislators.

Mr. John Reasoner, District Youth Chairman, encouraged clubs to sponsor youth clubs and told how to

organize a club. She also reported on her club's Junior Gardeners, Daylight Sprouts, and their activities.

A picnic lunch, served individual baskets, was enjoyed by all; and everyone was given their basket as a favor. The "waitresses", members of the luncheon committee, wore large brim hats decorated with flowers. Table decorations were mini umbrellas and flowers.

Shirley Brown, Director

## DISTRICT III

It didn't take long for this Director to find out some of the many responsibilities that came with the new job and the one closest at hand was that of planning, much in advance, our SPRING District Meeting.

Knowing this would take place the week immediately following Convention, we had to really get our "ducks in a row" - I'm happy to report everything went super-great.

Monticello Garden Club, hostess club, using a theme "Wildflowers" in their table decorations and favors had beautifully decorated the dining area of the restored Opera House, 158 members attended. Monticello's Mayor, Mr. Ike Anderson gave us a hearty welcome with witty happenings from the county history. The festive mood continued with a pre-luncheon program by Mr. John Finlayson "Wildflowers we Love", showing beautiful slides and keeping us entertained with a humorous narrative.

Club President Reports revealed a wide diversity of Programs and Activities; Two clubs reported their first "pick-up" in the Adopt A Mile Project, also erecting signs; numerous Wildflower Plantings; two members attended Blanche Covington Nature Study Course and worked at Camp Wekiva; four students were sent to SEEK and two to Wekiva; several clubs contributed monies to the Wekiva Building Fund; one club gave a \$1000.00 to the Scholarship Endowment Fund other clubs gave lesser amounts; programs with youth groups and their activities; several Standard Flower Shows, decorating the Governor's Mansion for Xmas, large attendance at Bob Thomas Christmas Design Show and many Garden Therapy Activities.

District Update: One thousand dollars to the Scholarship Endowment Fund; one hundred dollars to the Wekiva Building Fund; Eleven Awards, one National one Deep South, nine FFGC, State Flower Show Awards and past Director presented certificates to clubs on tree plantings and membership, etc. District participated in promoting NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK by getting a proclamation, signed by Gov. Lawton Chiles declaring the first week of June as GARDEN WEEK OF FLORIDA.

We closed our meeting by honoring our past Director, Mrs. Marvin Becker for a "job well done".

This director is "basking in the warmth and cooperation" received from all the members of District III - the feeling of "Unity Through Sharing" is here and the future looks bright for all of us.

Katherine Ashton, Director

## DISTRICT IV

District IV's Spring Meeting was held on April 23rd at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville with 141 members in attendance.

The Hostess Clubs were San Jose, Mandarin, Eidelweiss and Switzerland. The theme for the day was "WHAT ON EARTH?"

Workshops were held and were entitled: "What On Earth Is It All About?" Led by Mrs. Alex Hilliard, FFGC 2nd Vice President. This work-

shop dealt with the structure of FFGC and gave instructions on how to fill out the forms required of new officers.

"What On Earth Do I Do Now?" was led by Mrs. Jean Schneider, FFGC and District IV Roadside Beautification Chairman. This workshop explained how to prepare Year Books and how to apply for awards.

"What On Earth Is Going On?" was led by Mr. Joe Halusky, Sea Grant Extension Agent and instructor at SEEK. This workshop dealt with environmental problems which face us and the steps we can take to; make our earth a better place in which to live.

The dialogue between members and leaders made for a most interesting and exciting day.

The Club reports were most diverse, many have been involved in roadside beautification.

The 23rd Bartram Trail Marker in Florida was dedicated in September on State Road 13 in Switzerland.

An environmental program entitled KONE '90 (Keep Our Natural Environment) drew a capacity crowd of 97 persons. Guest speakers were a diverse group: a State Senator, and a State Representative, a hydrologist, superintendent of a pulp mill, a home economics agent and a county recycling coordinator. Participants received a wealth of printed materials to take home and share with others.

Experimental gardens and compost test sites were established on the rather extensive grounds of one club by the County Extension Service. Benefiting members and the entire community.

Decorating the town mayor's home was a unique way of educating the Club's members concerning horticulture. Greenery was used from different areas of the County. This provided not only a lovely Christmas sight but publicity received proved to be and enormous benefit.

We took great pleasure in welcoming a new Club into the District. The Bayou Garden Club of Satsuma was recognized and had two members in attendance.

Elizabeth Pate, Director

## DISTRICT V

The District V Spring Meeting was hosted by High Springs Garden Club at Camp Kulaqua April 25, 1991. The theme of the day was Rustles of Spring, but the day was stormy we should have changed it to Noah's Ark. Even with the inclement weather, we had 140 in attendance.

Club and committee reports were given in the morning along with the district director's report of convention. The immediate past district director, Camilla Weems, gave her convention report for the group complete with her stary crown which was awarded to her at convention. She, in turn presented it to our own Lib Harrer, winner of the Blanche Capel Covington Leadership award.

The club reports indicated our district is very involved with recycling, Adopt-A-Highway, wildflower propagation, Wekiva, SEEK, flower shows and Youth Gardeners. We have some especially active clubs working with the youth as indicated by their many awards at convention.

After lunch, the District Director, assisted by the immediate past district director, presented the awards that were brought home from convention for those who did not attend and also read from the awards booklet and had those stand and be recognized that received their awards at convention.

Books of Evidence, membership cards, brochures from National and FFGC and Chairman's displays



## D.D. Chatterbox cont.

rounded out our meeting. It seems a good time was had by all, especially this District Director on her first outing.

Lillian D. Jenkins, Director

## DISTRICT VI

Arlington Garden Club hosted "Festival of Spring" District VI Spring meeting, May 6, 1991 at Ocean Trillium/Americano Hotel, Daytona Beach with 218 members in attendance.

Mr. Robert M. Brown, master Gardener, presented a very interesting and informative program on Xer-i-scaping during the morning session. There were reports by District VI Awards, SEEK, Parks and Gardens, membership, World Gardening and FFGC Library Chairman. Arlington Garden Club presented each member a Gaillardia plant, District VI wildflower, and the Horticulture Chairman discussed its culture and gave everyone a very informative brochure on herbaceous perennials for Central Florida Director of Judges Council and Flower Show Chairman had arranged a "Penny Flower Show". Seven designers had designs around the room and each designer gave a short explanation of her design, the type, materials used and the members voted for their favorite. A generous amount of pennies that were used by members to vote was presented to the District VI Treasurer.

The Reclamation and Recycling Chairman had several members model hats that were made from, recycled materials. Each club has been asked to fashion a "Recycled Hat" and bring it to our Fall District Meeting.

Deep South Unified Project Chairman gave an excellent report on the new project of "Tough Plants for Tough Times". The Director explained the FFGC theme "Unity Through Sharing" and the Deep South theme "Protect This Earth We Share". Banners with these themes were displayed.

Club Reports included many activities of the past months including: one club in excess of 220 members is composed of 60% wives and husbands. They have an Arrangers Guild and a Community Garden Project, dedicated to growing horticulture. Eighteen Master

Gardeners belong to this club. They have sponsored rose and orchid clinics, provide loving care for the plants at their local library where the Arrangers Guild provides monthly floral arrangements and provides yearly holiday decorations. They have 6 projects of interest to young people. They sponsor a Standard Flower Show and recently published a cookbook that has provided them a \$3000 profit. They attribute their growth to their interesting and educational programs planned to increase horticulture and floral design knowledge.

Club reports included: "Pick a Dear" program at two geriatric centers visiting patients with gifts of flowers, plants and many smiles; two clubs sponsor and fund gardens in a Botanical Garden; one a Sunshine Garden where they have placed a Sundial and other a Natures Chapel where weddings are held; Project "All Aboard" won one club the Exxon Civic Development Award of \$500.00 and two FFGC Awards. They landscaped a recently restored Amtrak Railroad Station; reports of many club Flower Shows including one had 282 horticulture exhibits, 60 designs and was attended by 9000 people.

The afternoon program was a slide presentation set to music. "Look To See" was a pictorial trip through a home garden showing exquisite detail of plants, trees and flowers. It was a photographers prize winning show and a horticultural experience.

Peggy Nuse, Director

## DISTRICT XII

Sharing our knowledge and love for the environment and each other was the key ingredient of District XII Spring Meeting, held on May 13, 1991. Workshops for all the members were the focal point of the meeting, which was hosted by the Upper Keys Garden Club. Past president, Mrs. John Hayward, was chairman at the Sheraton Key Largo Hotel. It was a beautiful setting for a garden club meeting and luncheon since the hotel has saved many of the native plants and trees. There is also a very interesting boardwalk with identified trees which leads to the Gulf of Mexico.

Our workshops concentrated on sharing ideas, environmental concerns, youth activities, and membership growth. There will be many seedlings grown

and cared for by the clubs of District XII. We hope to see growth of new clubs as well as increasing membership in our existing clubs.

Other workshops entailed procedure and reports for new officer, parliamentary know how, and "How to be a Winner".

Representatives from D.O.T. inspired our clubs to join in the "Adopt A Highway" program.

The Dade County portion of District XII will be counting the Poinciana Trees during May as part of the Poinciana festival. All trees are to be counted on one weekend and reports will be sent in on May 27. In cooperation with the Flowering Trees for Dade and the Poinciana Festival, there are several clubs helping to plant more trees on county property. Ken Pines Garden Club raised enough money to plant three poinciana trees on US 1! It is hoped that poincianas will line US 1 the full length of Dade County. We hope that the red-orange blooms will make a ribbon of color all the way to Key West.

Coral Gables Garden Club reported on their project to build new entrances to the city. The project, which cost \$85,000, was completed and dedicated April 23, 1991. They raised funds to cover over \$8,000 of the construction materials cost. Community businesses, concerned citizens, and the City of Coral Gables provided the remaining funds. A beautiful idea, as well as a sizable job has been carried to completion. It will be a lasting monument of an outstanding garden club. The next phase is to entice other organizations to sponsor gates at other intersections.

The lunch was beautiful, as well as delicious. Our speaker was a lovely graduate student from Florida International University. Miss Susan Sprunt, a native of Key Largo, informed us of many native trees and shrubs which can be grown in our yards and are easy to care for. Part of her studies have been provided for by Key West Garden Club scholarship fund. She has shown great interest in Wekiva Youth Camp since she spent time there as a Girl Scout.

137 registered members attended the meeting.

District XII's theme "Growth through Sharing" has gotten off to a good start. Members left the meeting enthusiastically talking of ways they can share unify, and help FFGC grow. We felt it was a very productive meeting.

Mrs. C. W. Thompson (Joyce), Director

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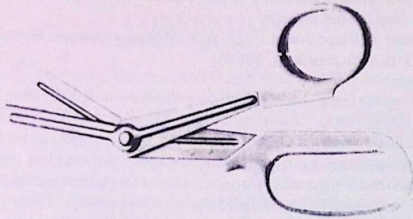
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**BOOKSHELF**

New books on gardening seem to be filling the bookstore shelves this year, many of which add little to what we already know. Every so often, however, a really good gardening book comes along, which through the years sends readers scurrying to the second-hand bookstores in search of the treasured volume.

This spring several such classics have been reprinted and will add a great deal of pleasure to our winter armchair gardening — or perhaps for gifts to our gardening friends. Each of these is in paperback edition, reasonably priced, and probably available from your local bookstore.

*"The Little Bulbs"* by Elizabeth Lawrence, first published in 1957, focuses, as the title suggests, on the little bulbs — the aconites, snowdrops, and tiny daffodils. This book is full of information, placed in the setting of Miss Lawrence's gardens in North Carolina and in other gardens from Louisiana to England, especially the garden of one mysterious and perhaps fictional Mr. Krippendorf, who planted bulbs "by the hundreds" in his large garden among the wooded hills and meadows of Ohio.

There may be, in this book, too much information for the casual bulb aficionado, but it will be appreciated by all gardeners, written as it is in Miss Lawrence's delightful style, filled with literary references, charming description of gardens she has visited, and information from her correspondence with gardeners in all parts of the country, exchanging plants and noting how they grew.

Miss Lawrence writes from personal experience; her life was devoted to gardening and writing. *"The Little Bulbs"* is timeless — great reading for the cool fall evenings.

From Duke University Press, 6697 College Station, Durham, NC 27708 (cloth, \$29.95; paper, \$11.95)

Another classic, reprinted this spring by Macmillan, which adds a great deal to our stock of good garden reading, is *"What Happens in My Garden"*, written in 1935 by Louise Beebe Wilder.

Covering a vast array of horticultural subjects near and dear to Mrs. Wilder's heart, this book begins with a defence of rock gardens and ends with an all white garden in Wales. The twenty-five chapters in between represent a chronicle of horticulture delights, including some often ignored species such as wild roses, thistles, mulleins, honeysuckles, primroses, and even onions.

Mrs. Wilder, whose writing spanned the decades between the two world wars, was an expert in many areas of gardening, and this volume, like all of hers, is a good source-book for the serious gardener. But its charm and readability make it delightful reading for the layman as well.

Mrs. Wilder has been called the best of American garden writers, an inspiration to those who came after her (such as Elizabeth Lawrence, who mentions Mrs. Wilder in *"The Little Bulbs"*). The reprinting of *"What Happens in My Garden"* brings a garden classic back to our bookshelves.

From Macmillan Publishing Co., 866 3rd Ave., New York, NY 10022 (paperback, \$10.95).

*"Gardening from the Heart"* by Carol Olwell, is a different kind of gardening book. Whereas most gardening books tell us how to garden, this book tells us why people garden — and the reasons are as different as the twenty-one men and women who share their thoughts with us. Underlying all of them however, is less of a desire to gather their produce than to experience the emotional satisfaction and peace of being close to the earth.

The men and women who share these emotions and feeling with us in this book live in areas as forbidding as Alaska, as arid as Arizona, and as bleak as the San Francisco County Jail. Just as each person's garden is different, even unique, so are the thoughts and feeling that produced them.

Their style is informal and natural — in the authentic way that oral history is recorded. From a counselor in a county jail comes, 'I think gardening has the potential to make people whole again, and unless people are whole, they're not going to make it ... They see (in gardening) how the plants are connected to the earth and how we are connected to the plants. That's how the becoming whole happens.'

A senior citizen in Montana sums it up, "I suppose gardening has taught me patience, and through patience you get tranquility. And through both of those, you get a real nice feeling of being at peace with the world."

*"Gardening from the Heart"* is illustrated with 82 color photographs and is easy to read. It can be picked up for short periods of reading. Often it will touch a familiar chord, and, if you are a gardener, leave you feeling that you have often felt just that way.

From Antelope Island Press; 2406 McKinley Avenue; Berkeley, CA 94703-1928 (in paperback, \$11.95)

From the Great Outdoor Publishing Company in St. Petersburg comes a real Florida book, *"Flowering Trees of Central and South Florida"*, a collection of material on forty-eight trees, some common in the southern Florida landscape, but many that are little known and even less used.

Each tree is illustrated by a pen drawing of the full tree and another of its leaf structure and flower. Included also are color paintings of each tree, done by the author "from life" — a tree representative of the species. The commentaries describe in detail each tree, its bark, leaf structure, and bloom. Its growth habit and flowering period are discussed, as well as its use in the landscape.

In conclusion, the author gives a brief chapter of tips on how to grow flowering trees, and a glossary of terms used in the book.

In her introduction the author asks us to "imagine a Florida city in which, when its streets were first laid out, every street, avenue, lawn, and parking lot had been lined with a particular flowering tree. Fields of tulips couldn't hold a candle," she says, "to such an immense concentration of color ... Plant a tree."

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# FFGC IN ACTION

## RESUME MINUTES *by Mrs. Melville hall*

### PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

April 16, 1991 — Miami

Members of the Board of Directors:

Federated Bayou Garden Club of Satsuma (IV) and Safety Harbor Garden Club (VIII).

Heard the \$150,000 Scholarship Endowment Fund goal had been exceeded and approved creating the Mary Jo Clayton Sanders Environmental Issues Scholarship making available \$3,500 annually to a college junior, senior or a graduate student majoring in an environmental issue such as city planning, land management, environmental control or allied subjects.

Adopted the federation's \$200,000 budget for the coming year and approved the Headquarters and Endowment Trustees \$8,400 budget covering care and maintenance of FFGC Headquarters building and grounds.

Approved the finance committee's recommendations that all contributions to the fellowship scholarship fund go into one scholarship fund, with all college scholarships/fellowships being paid from interest accruing to the fund; increasing the Velma Bemecker Gwinn Scholarship from \$750 to \$1,500 per year; contributing \$50 to the Florida Department of Agriculture to support production of a public service video telling the story of Florida Agriculture to the state's residents and visitors; and advancing funds if needed, not to exceed \$5,000, for completion of cabins under construction at Wekiva Youth Camp.

Authorized payment of the 65th State Convention bills at the convention's close.

Heard President Haymans express appreciation to Mrs. O. Edgar Williams and her committee for handling arrangements on a Florida-hosted reception at the Deep South Region Convention; and heard Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal voice appreciation to the FFGC Board of Directors for the handbag presented to her at the convention.

Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. David Armstrong as FFGC Flower Arrangement Calendar's chairman of marketing and promotion; and ratified appointment of Mrs. Richard Waidelech to fill the chairmanship.

Heard readings of outgoing National Council President Mrs. C. Manning Smith's message expressing appreciation for the Florida Federation's contributions to the Friendship Garden at the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.; incoming NCSGC President Mrs. James C. Dawson's acceptance, on behalf of the National Council Board of Directors, of the Florida Federation's invitation to host the board's winter meeting at Sandestin January 18-22, 1992; and the Garden Club of Orange Park's (IV) invitation to host a future FFGC State Convention.

### CONVENTION

AIRPORT HILTON & MARINA, MIAMI

April 17-18, 1991

Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests (totaling 558) attending the 65th Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Convention:

Heard the Honorable Stephen P. Clark, Mayor of Metropolitan Dade County, join District XII Director Mrs. Raymond Cook in welcoming the assembly to the "Fast Forward '91" Convention.

Joined President Haymans in welcoming a coterie of fellow Florida Garden clubbers serving with her on the board of directors of both National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Deep South Region. Included among the many were Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin, past National Council and FFGC president, currently serving on the NCSGC Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees and as honorary chairman of the Deep South Awards Committee as well as member of its Honorary Advisory Committee; Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal, outgoing Deep South Region director and past FFGC president also serving on the NCSGC Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees; and Mrs. W.L. Wood Jr., parliamentarian for National Council, Deep South Region and the Florida Federation.

Heard President Haymans report on a galaxy of activities beamed at furthering the aims objectives and programs of the federation and recount numerous achievements accomplished by its clubs and circles during the past two years. Special mention was made of the planting of more than three million trees statewide, expanding educational opportunities for members with the "Presidents Summit" as a major tool, promoting the planting of crape myrtles and other flowering species, helping bring into reality the Friendship Garden at the National Arboretum in Washington,

D.C. with Florida contributions totaling \$10,000, succeeding in getting the Florida Legislature to name Coreopsis as the state's official wildflower, and "going over the top" with the federation's most ambitious goal for the administration — raising a \$150,000 Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Applauded the announcement 110 members in the federation's 12 districts contributed at total of \$157,323.75 in the Scholarship Endowment Fund drive, with 46 being major donors giving \$1,000 and up each and 64 donors each giving \$500 down. Donations by districts are: I - \$11,040; II - \$125; III - \$2,300; IV - \$1,725; V - \$4,214; VI - \$2,156.25; VII - \$10,000; VIII - \$19,050; IX - \$90,293.50; X - \$1,000; XI - \$8,050; and XII - \$5,020.

Heard FFGC has 24,540 dues paid members, 1,876 Life Members, 443 High School Gardeners, 245 Florida and 280 International affiliates on a membership roster totaling 27,384.

Witnessed presentation of Presidential Citations to Mrs. Sidney R. Davis and Mrs. Cecelia Richardson, for outstanding work in achieving the Scholarship Endowment Fund; Mrs. Eva A. Hannahs, determination to have the Coreopsis named the state wildflower; Mrs. Gustave Harrer, dedication to The Florida Gardener; Mrs. Edwin B. Dean and Mrs. Don H. Moss Jr., for chairing the 1991 Convention.

Learned the 1992 FFGC Convention will be hosted by District X April 29-30 in West Palm Beach; the Naples Garden Club (IX) donated \$1,000 to the Wekiva Building Fund; and the Winter Haven Council of Garden Clubs extended an invitation to host the 1993 FFGC Convention in Orlando.

Enjoyed special events, heard distinguished speakers, applauded recipients of awards as well as National and State life memberships, profited from workshop and other learning experiences and more.

Witnessed the installation of Mrs. W. Reese Harris, president, along with her corps of newly elected officers and new directors of the federation's 12 districts, by past National Council President Mrs. Lyle Johnsrud; with Mrs. Haymans presenting her successor the President's pin, after having accepted a distinguished services plaque as FFGC President 1989-1991 and a replica of the President's pin with a gold chain — the latter being gifts from fellow officers and board members.

Heard newly installed President Harris announce "Unity Through Sharing" as theme of the incoming administration and bespeak the cooperation of all in her acceptance speech.

### SPECIAL POST CONVENTION

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 19, 1991 — Miami

Members of the Board of Directors:

Approved appointments for the 1991-1993 administration.

#### POST CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

April 19, 1991 - Miami

Members of the Board of Directors:

Elected Mrs. Gustave Harrer and Mrs. Carl R. Cooney to serve with Mrs. U.L. Kokenge, chairman, on the nominating committee for headquarters and Endowment Trustees; and subsequently elected Mrs. Kenton H. Haymans and Mrs. Augustus F. Williams, Jr. to the Headquarters and Endowment Trustees.

Accepted the \$6,412 bid of Carlson Color Graphics to print The Florida Gardener during the 1991-1993 administration; and accepted the \$11,200 quotation of Paramount Miller Graphics, Inc. to print 2,100 copies of the 1991-93 Book of Information.

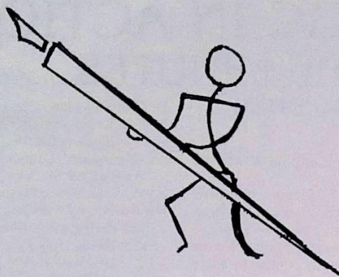
Authorized Mrs. Edward Schaag to serve as fiscal agent for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Awarded CIT Camperships from the Sally Rahm Scholarship to Bettina Korte of North Porte and Shana A. Bennett of Winter Haven; and awarded the Daytona Beach Garden Club Youth Scholarship to Robert C. Stolanaker of Groveland and the Polly Moody Scholarship for SEEK to Jimmy Conrad, also of Groveland.

Heard September 11-12, 1991 and January 15-16, 1992 announced as dates of Board of Directors meetings, both to be at State Headquarters, Winter Park.



# FROM OUR READERS



I read the article in the March/April issue about starting a Miniature Park in our own back yards.

I started mine about 5 years ago and it has brought me lots of pleasure. It has a good variety of plants and flowers which I have started, and also those that friends, relatives and Garden Club members have shared with me.

It has 4 bird fountains, 5 feeders, a few birdhouses and 3 hummingbird feeders. All of them get a lot of use from our feathered friends, and various species of butterflies.

I am enclosing pictures of one section of the garden, which I have named Ramos Park, in honor of my sister's last name. (Ramos means "bouquets of flowers" in the Spanish language.)

I strongly recommend everyone who does not have a miniature park, to start one. Mine is a garden of love, not only for the plants and flowers, but for all the creatures who use it as well. It has also been enjoyed by family and friends who come for a visit.

If you are in this area, please stop by and I will be glad to share it with you.

Yours truly,

Gilda Pratt - President

Hibiscus Circle of The Orlando Garden Club



Gilda and Mrs. Ramon

To the editor,

Thank you for the article in the May/June Florida Gardener by Lib Harrer regarding flower designs. She said what I have been wanting to say for a long time.

If we want the public and the rank and file members of garden clubs to pay to see our flower shows, we must give them beauty, not only in horticulture but in design.

I also think we have forgotten about smell. Our flower show designs should have fragrance as well as beauty.

Sincerely,

Pat Matthews

Sunset Park Garden Club, District XII

I am into my fifth year of intensive herb gardening. I am now considered to be somewhat of an expert in this type of gardening in South Florida. Not much has been written on this subject and I had to learn by the "hands on" method.

I raise most of my herbs from seed, cuttings and root division. I have learned what herbs do well year round and which ones do not. Many cannot tolerate our summer heat. My gardens have been written about in area papers and magazines. I have also been invited to write and submit herb and vegetable gardening articles to local newspapers.

I have been a garden club member, beginning in the Chicago, Illinois area, for over 33 years. Thanks to my affiliation with garden clubs I too, have blossomed.

I am now specializing in raising edible flowers; using them in salads and as garnishes. What fun when we have family and friends in for dinner. Our daughter Gerry tells her friends that her mother serves flowers and weeds to guests. Not only are nasturtiums beautiful and colorful but they are so tasty ... peppery in flavor and sometimes one can taste the sweetness of the flower's nectar. The beautiful oriental looking foliage of the nasturtium also has the same peppery taste. So good in salads and sandwiches. And, what could be better, than to tour the garden early in the morning and snip an herb or two and brew a tasty beverage with it/them for breakfast?

South Florida has so much to offer. We have many banana plants in our gardens. Some are just beginning to ripen. So very delicious peeled and eaten and so delicious in banana breads.



They (the loaves) freeze so well. Grapefruit pie is another delight and orange loaves made with our neighbor's Honey Bell oranges are truly special.

I've been concentrating on growing green leafy vegetables for salads in the cooler weather ... arugula, a variety of lettuce, radicchio (I'm not sure of the spelling), several different varieties of mustard greens, endive and more. I believe the "new thing" is "mesclun" salads. As I understand it this is made up of the tender very young leafy salad vegetables. Something new for me to work on and serve!

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Jan. 15-16, 1992      Headquarters - Winter Park  
April 28, 1992        Pre Convention, West Palm Beach, Ramada Inn  
Sept. 1992              Headquarters - Winter Park

### Conventions

1992  
March 12-14, 1992      Deep South, Royal d'Iberville Hotel, Biloxi MS  
April 28-30, 1992      FFGC, West Palm Beach, District X Host  
May 18-20, 1992        NCSGC, Philadelphia, PA

### 1993

March 1993              Deep South, New Orleans, LA  
April 4-6, 1993        FFGC, Orlando, Disney World, District Host  
May 17-19, 1993       NCSGC, Asheville, NC

### DISTRICT MEETINGS

#### FALL - 1991

October 16, 1991	District IX	Bartow Garden Club, Bartow
October 17, 1991	District VIII	Brooksville Garden Club, Brooksville
October 18, 1991	District III	Iris Garden Club, Panacea
October 21, 1991	District I	Gulf Breeze
October 22, 1991	District II	Quincy Garden Club, Quincy
October 23, 1991	District IV	Garden Club of Palatka, Palatka
October 24, 1991	District V	Ocala
October 25, 1991	District VII	Clermont Garden Club, Clermont
October 28, 1991	District VI	Melbourne Garden Club, Melbourne
October 29, 1991	District X	Garden Club of Palm Beach, Palm Beach
October 30, 1991	District XI	Pompano Beach Garden Club, Pompano Beach
October 31, 1991	District XII	South Dade Garden Club, Homestead

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#### 1991

September 3-5, 1991      Flower Show School, Course III, Pensacola  
September 11-12, 1991    Board of Directors Meeting, Headquarters, Winter Park  
September 12, 1991      Landscape Critics Council Meeting, Headquarters, Winter park  
October 8-10, 1991        Flower Show Schools, Course II, Tampa  
October 14-16, 1991       Landscape Design School, Course IV, Series XXII, Seffner  
November 3-5, 1991        Flower Show School Symposium, Winter Haven Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., Lakeland  
November 11-13, 1991     Flower Show School, Course V, District III, Tallahassee  
December 1, 1991        DEADLINE: ALL NC/DS Awards to Mrs. Edgar O. Williams  
December 1, 1991        DEADLINE: All Speech/Essay Contest Entries to Mrs. James E. Schneider

#### 1992

January 15, 1992        FCNAFSJ Board Meeting, Headquarters, Winter Park  
January 15-16, 1992      Board of Directors Meeting, Headquarters, Winter Park  
January 17, 1992        Florida Arbor Day  
January 28-29, 1992      Tropical Short Course, Mts. Botanical Gardens, West Palm Beach  
January 30, 1992        DEADLINE: Books of Evidence for FFGC Awards to appropriate chairman  
February 20, 1992        DEADLINE: Environmental Poster Contest Entries to Mrs. Eben J. Rieger  
February 9-13, 1992     Blanche Covington at "Project Learning Tree": Wekiva  
March 12-13, 1992        Deep South Convention, Biloxi, MS  
March 16-18, 1992        Flower Show Schools Symposium, Judges Council, Ft. Lauderdale  
March 15, 1992        DEADLINE: Club President's Report to District Director  
March 23, 1992        DEADLINE: Youth Awards to appropriate chairman  
March 30, 1992        DEADLINE: District Director Reports to State President  
April 28, 1992        Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting, West Palm Beach  
April 28-30, 1992        FFGC Convention, Ramada Inn, West Palm Beach  
May 18-20, 1992        NCSGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA  
June 1, 1992              Dues payable to FFGC Assistant Treasurer  
June 1992                U. of Florida Short Course, Gainesville  
October 1992              FFGC State Flower Show, Miami  
November 16-18, 1992    Flower Show Schools Symposium, Tampa Fed., Tampa  
Spring 1993                Flower Show Schools Symposium, Pensacola  
Fall 1993                 Flower Show Schools Symposium, Jacksonville