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Green Thumb

President's Theme

"Sharing Our Passion for Gardening and the Environment"

President's Message

Dear Garden Club Members:

We had a great two months of activities behind us. I am looking forward to the Holidays and spending time with my family. A few weeks of total rest to get ready for exciting 2018 Garden Club activities.

Before we resume the monthly meetings, please remember the deadline for the acquisition of any new plants you want to enter into the Flower Show. The deadline is January 6th. I hope we all embrace the opportunity to participate in the Flower Show. It can be a bit intimidating, but let our circles and Garden Club help us. We have our "Plant Doctors: Gene Cain and Joy Litton" present at the General meetings. Bring a photograph of your potted plant and seek their advice. It will be a fun journey to the show.

We have a few busy months ahead, but many hands make light work. Our chairmen of Youth, Flower Show and the Secret Garden Tour will call on all of us. It is a time to help, educate, give and make new friends.

The District Flower Design sessions in our Garden Center is one of those wonderful opportunities we get from being a Federated Garden Club. If you were unable to join this time, try again. It is a unique learning opportunity.

In addition to our scheduled meetings, I invite you to spend more time at our Headquarters: the Garden Center, the Garden and our Shade-House. We had a great time during the members Holiday Arrangement day. Food, laughs, new friends were enjoyed. Wonderful decorations for our homes were the fruit of a peaceful morning.

Great progress is taking place in the garden and shade house. Come out, hang out, learn something new, share some knowledge, get a workout, share a laugh, have a chat, make new friends and make this world a better one by loving and caring for the environment.

See you at the Garden Center

Roswitha Sidelko, President of Fort Lauderdale Garden Club

Reminder: The FLGC Shadehouse and Plants
Need Your Help!
Come and Join In...
Get Your Hands Dirty...
The Monday Before EACH GENERAL MEETING
9:00 A.M.

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The 2018 Secret Garden Tour
of Fort Lauderdale,
Saturday, February 24, 2018
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Our tour this year features gardens in Rio Vista, Victoria Park, and Sunrise Intracoastal! We have a great combination of gardens brimming with ideas for all of your own spaces and places.

You may purchase tickets at our January 12th FLGC Meeting, or online at the FLGC website (www.flgc.org) starting on Monday, January 8, 2018 or by sending your check made out to FLGC for \$25.00 per person to

FLGC
PO BOX 4114
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33338-4114

Every year we receive so many compliments on you, our garden club members who are hosts and hostesses. Your welcoming smiles and charming ways make our tour so successful! Please help us by signing up with your Circle President or Tamara Pope!

You all were fabulous hostesses and hosts last year at the tour and we are counting on your smiles and helpful ways for another successful tour! Check with your Circle President for all the details.

Host Circles of FLGC General Meetings

January 12, 2018 10 A M: Cordia

Program: "Container Gardening: Big Impact in Small Spaces" by Barbara Hadsell, Master Consultant in Landscape Design & Gardening

Design: "An Assemblage" by the District XI Design Guild

Horticulture: "Back to Basics" by Virginia McCormick

February 9, 2018 10 A M: Members At Large

Program: "Rare & Endangered Wildflowers of Florida by Roger Hammer, Author and Naturalist

Design: "Low Profile Design" by the District XI Design Guild

Horticulture: "Back to Basics" by Virginia McCormick

For more information on our January guest speaker go to Page 5 of this edition of the Green Thumb.

Sensory Garden

January and February – Cordia March and April – Bayberry



FLGC Youth Gardening: A Short History

It's always interesting to look back and see how this all began
as we celebrate ninety years of the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club...

- We find our first record of Junior Garden activities in July 1928 when the sum of Five Dollars was offered for a prize by the FLGC to the Girl Scout, "Who could raise the loveliest zinnias" in a certain length of time.
- In August 1929, school children were to plant trees around the schoolhouse under supervision of the Garden Club.
- By 1938 Mrs. Alfred Beck, our Annie Beck, reported three organized Junior Garden Clubs having a total membership of 95 to the FFGC, our state organization.
- Mrs. G. Everett Quick in 1944 laid the foundation for the present excellent program in the schools of the city.

How Did Camp Wekiva Come About?

- First there were Conservation Camps in Florida developed from the partnership between the FFGC and the Florida Park Service starting in 1945.
- Then in 1969 the Florida Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recreation and Parks, started developing a permanent home at Wekiva Spring State Park, a 6,000 acre unimproved property in the state purchased from the Apopka Sportsmen's Club.
- The Districts located around the state of the FFGC started building the infrastructure with each District raising money for a camper cabin so that Wekiva Youth Camp could open in 1974.
- Jackie Schoettle estimates the number of students who attended Camp Wekiva from 1974-2017 to be approximately 3,465 camperships with transportation. Youth Gardening expenses for 43 years totaled \$483, 000.

All of the above has been accomplished by volunteers for our program—no one is paid. We have had generous patrons who have donated funds with the stipulation that the interest from these funds be designated for camperships. Well we all know how little interest is paid these days and we are grateful for our members who have donated monies for camperships and also for the fundraising efforts we have all made with plant sales, holiday luncheons and also the Secret Garden Tour.

We send about 40 Students each year to Camp Wekiva and our students who are awarded camperships have certain benchmarks that they have to accomplish in order to spend that week at Camp Wekiva. What do our students do? Our club offers students in pre-kindergarten to high school an opportunity to learn hands-on how to grow plants, value the natural world and become good stewards of our environmental resources. Youth Garden Club leaders conduct in-school workshops and teach classes in which each student pots and cares for a plant or creates a floral arrangement which may be entered as an exhibit in school flower shows.

Students are also encouraged to enter their own original educational posters, notebooks and journals and make whimsical creatures out of vegetables or flowers and also make their own floral arrangements. Points are given for each activity and the awarding of camperships is based on their achievements.

Currently we have 225 Students enrolled in our Youth Gardening Program from Preschool to High School in public and private schools. Our students also participate in the National Garden Club Contests—the High School Essay Contest, the Youth Poetry Contest for Grades K-9, Special Ed and Regular Ed, and the Youth Sculpture Contest, Grades 4-8.

This year we had a National winner, Christiana Hewlett, who won the Youth Sculpture Contest for the 8th Grade.

Congratulations, Christiana!

We are very proud of our continuing youth gardening program and value all that assist in any way with it. If there is anyone who would like to participate in our program please contact us or any of our members.

Sandra Lynch and Becky Schuberth

Youth Gardening Co-Chairmen

FLGC Holiday Luncheon “Holiday Entertaining”

...was totally entertaining for all those who attended!



Chef Marvin Solis of the Tower Club demonstrates his culinary skills with some holiday tips for the kitchen...Photo by Jillian Cain



And the Winners Are... Jeff Wade of Cordia and Guest Marcelo Motta... They won a beautiful gift basket and the 50/50 raffle. Photo thanks to Jeff Wade



Kris Barlow (Parkisonia), Jane Palmisano (Parkinsonia), and Diane Scully (Moringa) prepare holiday decorations to try at home...Photo by Jillian Cain



Easy to make holiday decorations demonstrated at the luncheon... Photo by Jillian Cain



Gift baskets ready for the raffle... Photo by Jeff Wade

**FLORAL DESIGN STUDY
THREE ADVANCED UNITS**

*Sponsored by District XI Florida Flower Show Judges
and District XI*

For those wishing to continue Floral Design after having had one or more series of Floral Design Courses, the Committee has designed three (3) Advanced Units to include the following: Dried Materials and Decorative Wood; Designs that Interpret/Express Titles or Themes; and Creativity, Including Abstraction.

When:

Course 7 -- Thursday, March 15, 2018 -- Dried Materials and Decorative Wood

Student provides: (1) Container; (2) All plant materials - may use fresh and/or dried treated materials for round forms and transitional material (but must use decorative wood as line); and (3) Tools and mechanics necessary to make a Creative Design using Decorative Wood for the line.

Course 8 -- Thursday, March 22, 2018 -- Advanced Creative Designs

Student provides: (1) All components to complete a Creative Design entitled "FIRE"; (2) Plant materials may include fresh and/or dried and/or treated; (3) Accessories are permitted; and (4) Students may subtitle their design.

Course 9 -- Thursday, March 29, 2018 -- Creativity & Entering the Flower Show

Student provides: (1) All components to make a Creative Design; (2) Design may be either creative or abstract; and (3) Student to title design.

Where: Fort Lauderdale Garden Club - Garden Center

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, 3109 East Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 33304

Time: 8:30 Registration and Refreshments - Class begins at 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00 - bring your own bag lunch, drinks will be provided (coffee, tea, soft drinks)

Cost: Garden Club Members - \$30.00 for all three courses

Non-Garden Club Members - \$60.00 for all three courses

Instructor: Cindy Rieger, Master Flower Show Judge



**FFGC ADVANCED FLORAL DESIGN STUDY
March 15, 22, 29, 2018
REGISTRATION FORM**

Please register by February 15, 2018 for all three courses. Fill out the information below and return to Registrar: Joanne Nelson, 400 Circle Drive, Pompano Beach, FL 33062 (954-786-3274) with your check made out to "FFGC District XI". Maximum 30 students per course.

NAME _____ **GARDEN CLUB** _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

COURSE 7 _____ **8** _____ **9** _____

Garden Club Members: \$10.00 per course, or \$30.00 for all three

Non-Garden Club Members: \$20.00 per course, or \$60.00 for all three



CORDIA INVITES YOU TO ITS DAY OF GAMES

Date: Friday, February 2nd

Doors Open: 10:30 A.M.

Where: John Knox
Village Auditorium

Lunch: Served at NOON

Baskets, Art, Plants
Available for Purchase!

All proceeds will be used to sponsor camperships to CAMP WEKIVA! Members and Guests are ALL WELCOME!

Annual FLGC Field Trip: Don't Miss It!

Plan now to visit Mounts Botanical Gardens with your FLGC Friends and Neighbors...

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Located in West Palm Beach (Just west of the Airport) at 531 N. Military Trail.

Visit the Garden's NEW added section, buy something at the nursery, and pickup many great Florida gardening ideas!

Members and guests will meet at the Garden Center in Hugh Taylor Birch State Park for carpooling promptly at 9 A.M. to arrive at Mounts by 10 A.M. For those driving direct, please be there by 10:00 A.M.

EVERYONE BRING A BAG LUNCH

Deposit of \$5 will cover your entrance fee and reserve your place. Sign up at the January General Meeting or contact Hadny Fayyaz at 954-829-9606 or email hdnyhayek@gmail.com

"CELEBRATING 90 YEARS"

A Standard Flower Show

The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club will host our NGC Standard Flower Show on Saturday, April 7, 2018 and Sunday, April 8, 2018 at the Garden Center in Hugh Taylor Birch State Park.

Horticulture plants must be in your possession by January 6, 2018, and will be entered in the flower show on Thursday, April 6, 2018.

All plants must have their botanical names, and entry cards will be available at the time of entry for the exhibitor to fill out.

Design entries must be registered with the Consultant as listed in the Schedule.

The new Flower Show Schedule will be handed out at the FLGC General Meeting on January 12, 2018. PLEASE READ THE FULL FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE FOR ALL THE RULES!

We're looking forward to a wonderful show recognizing the 90 years Fort Lauderdale Garden Club has been in existence.

Thanks, and see ya soon.

Becky Schuberth, Flower Show Chairman



Welcome New FLGC Member: Update Your Yearbook!

Bayberry Circle Welcomes

Cindy Schussler as a New Member!

8731 NW 17th Street, Plantation 33322

443-798-1168 cachu2@msn

"Container Gardening: Big Impact in Small Spaces"

I hope to see all of you at our next General Meeting on January 12th when the Club welcomes Barbara Hadsell as our guest speaker.

Barbara is a Master Consultant in Landscape Design and Gardening Study, an Environmental Studies Consultant and a Master Gardener. She was the research assistant for Pamela Crawford's series of books on container gardening and is the managing editor for Pamela's latest book "Easy Gardens for South Florida- 2nd edition June 2016."



Her program will focus on types of containers: single, combination plantings, dish gardens, planters, and troughs as well as suitable plants and the right conditions to help them thrive. She will complete her presentation with some of Pamela's latest makeovers.

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Dates to Remember

January 2018

Wed	03	Dist XI Design Guild Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Garden Center
Mon	08	Shadehouse Workday, 9:00 a.m. Garden Center
Tue	09	Dist XI Flower Show Judges Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Garden Center
Fri	12	FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Garden Center
Fri	12	FLGC General Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Garden Center
Mon	15	Dist XI Floral Design Study 5 th Course, 8:30 a.m. Garden Center
Th	18	Dist XI Floral Design Study 6 th Course, 8:30 a.m. Garden Center
Sat	20	Florida Arbor Day
Th-Fri	25-26	Dist X Tropical Short Course, Mounts Botanical Gardens 559 N. Military Trl, West Palm Beach 33415

February 2018

Fri	02	Cordia "Day of Games," 10:30 a.m. John Knox Auditorium
Mon	05	Shadehouse Workday, 9:00 a.m. Garden Center
Wed	07	Dist XI Design Guild Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Garden Center
Fri	09	FLGC Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Garden Center
Fri	09	FLGC General Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Garden Center
Tue	13	Dist XI Flower Show Judges Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Garden Center
Sat	24	FORT LAUDERDALE SECRET GARDEN TOUR 2018

March 2018

Mon	05	Shadehouse Workday, 9:00 a.m. Garden Center
Wed	07	Dist XI Design Guild Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Garden Center
Fri	09	FLGC Youth Standard Flower Show, Garden Center
Fri	09	FLGC Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Garden Center
Fri	09	FLGC General Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Garden Center
Thur	15,22,29	Dist XI Floral Design Study #7, 8, 9 at 8:30 a.m. Garden Center
Sun-Wed	18-21	Deep South Region of NGC 57 th Annual Convention Memphis, Tennessee
Wed	21	In-School Youth Standard Flower Shows