

President's Theme
"Sharing Our Passion for Gardening and the Environment"

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. Est. 1927

President's Message

Dear Garden Club Members,

The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club welcomed 2019 with old friends and new ones. Happy New Year to all!

Our Flower Show "Wedded Bliss" was just that – BLISSFUL! Like any great wedding there was a magical set-up, beautiful choreography and great participation. The chairman and committees spent many months preparing for it and it was evident in all aspects. Members, friends, judges, guests and tourists alike enjoyed the beautiful display of talent and dedication. We had over 200 horticulture entries and over 90 design entries. Our Flower Show welcomed approximately 250 guests during the two days it was open. We can all be proud of the roles we played in making this Flower Show so special once again.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our annual Secret Garden Tour will be over. Thank you to the chairman, committee and all volunteers who made it happen. It is a gargantuan undertaking and it is now a signature event happening in Fort Lauderdale. As we all know, this fundraising effort is essential for us to carry out our mission. In addition to providing us the funds, The Secret Garden Tour showcases our Garden Club and our city to the community. Thank you also to the generous homeowners who allow us to showcase their homes. We cannot do it without them.

Fun with Flowers will be back after a few years of rest. We are looking forward to the learning and camaraderie in this dimension of our club.

Join us on Garden work days.

Join us at the Shade House work days.

Take the opportunity and join one of the many workshops and classes offered.

Enjoy our Youth groups.

I could've spent at least two pages enumerating all the volunteers and workers who made all these events happen. I hope you know that we all appreciate your giving. I also have great respect for the back office and the varied work that "just happens." Thank you Gene for always gently nudging me to get to task. (Editor's Note: The nudge is sometimes more of a 'shove!') Our Green Thumb is just one more effort that "just happens."

Thank you all,
Roswitha Sidelko
President of Fort Lauderdale Garden Club

Upcoming FLGC General Meeting Summaries

March 8th 10:00 a.m. Host: FLGC Board of Directors

All Members Bring a Dish to Share

"Antique Roses for the South Florida Garden" presented by Janine Griffiths, Owner of Green Thumb Inc for Native & Tropical Landscaping.

**Design: "Illuminary Design" District XI Design Guild
Horticulture: "A is for Amaryllis"
Gene Cain & Beth Waldorf**

April 11th (Night Meeting) Social Hour 6:00 p.m.

Meeting 7:00 p.m. Host: Moringa Garden Circle

"Getting to Know Our Fungi" presented by Scott Bryan, Park Aide at Secret Woods Nature Center

**Design: "Underwater Design" District XI Design Guild
Horticulture: "B is for Begonia"
Gene Cain & Beth Waldorf**

Sensory Garden

Work Postponed for Renovations

Save the Date!

*FLGC 2019 Installation Luncheon will be held on
Friday, May 10, 2019 starting at 11:00 a.m.*

*MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON!*



Sometimes Memories are Made of Brick

Members and Circles can purchase FLGC memorial/honor bricks for placement in the garden at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center. The bricks can be for club recognition, family members or pets. The cost is \$50 for brick, inscription and installation.

*For more information, contact Virginia McCormick at
coralwaybob@comcast.net or call 954-462-1394*



The 2019 Secret Garden Tour of Fort Lauderdale

Thanks to all who made our 10th Annual Secret Garden Tour Terrific!

Our Circle Presidents, and our wonderful Members who bought and sold tickets, worked the day of the tour, transported equipment and supplies, served refreshments, sold raffle tickets, dispersed postcards, directed traffic, identified and wrote about plants, sponsored ads, provided refreshments and many more things!

Kudos to the following Chairmen:

- Florence Miner and Sandra Harrington, Refreshments
- Gretchen Rieger, Kristine Blake and Pat Roth, Computer
- Garden Shoppe Karen Hopwood and Judy Entin,
- Media, Maggie Dunn,
- Plant Signs by Beth Waldorf,
- Baskets by Andrea Hellman,
- Photos by Franz Walkow,
- Youth Garden Leaders, Rowena Gerber and Melissa Weekley

Special thanks to our Webmaster Jillian Cain, our Green Thumb Editor Gene Cain, our President Rosie Sidelko, and our very small Core Committee of Tamara Pope, Becky Schuberth, and Bob Lynch

You were all Fantastic!

We had a great Secret Garden Tour because of you!

Thanks so much!

Sandy Lynch
SGT 2019 Chairman

Awesome Flower Show Clerks!

“Thank you” to the Flower Show Clerks who helped pull off another successful Flower Show. It was wonderful to see all of you in action! Kris Barlow

If you see one...Thank a Clerk: Ellie Davis, Laney Drath, Rowena Gerber, Sandy Harrington, Brian Hufford, Sue Kreusser, Virginia McCormick, Susie MacPherson, Florence Miner, Jane Palmisano, Maria Salgado, and Beth Waldor



Attention Members-at-Large... Its Dues and Extra Giving Time!

Members at Large are reminded that dues for the 2019-2020 year are DUE March 15th. Dues for individual Members are \$30.00 (\$35.00 for Husband and Wife Members). Life Members of the FFGC pay \$18.00. Please add \$5.00 per person to your check to cover the assessment that is passed to District XI. For an Individual Membership please remit \$35.00 – for a Husband/Wife please remit \$45.00. The names of all Life Members who qualify for the reduced rate are set forth on Page 67 of this year's Garden Club Yearbook. Checks should be sent to Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. P. O. Box 4114, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 33338-4114. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHECKS TO THE SUNRISE BLVD ADDRESS FOR THE GARDEN CLUB. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FLGC.

The Garden Club's single largest expense is for “camperships” awarded to the outstanding participants in the Youth Flower Show. It is only through the exceptional generosity of the individual members, past and present, that the Club is able to raise the approximately \$12,500 required. Camperships will remain at \$235 each this year.

Members-at-Large also participate in the Extra Giving campaign. Contributions to “crystal” provide funds for the purchase of prizes for the Standard Flower Show and donations for “Habitat for Humanity” aid in the landscaping of its projects in Broward County. “Prison Therapy” (called “Garden Therapy” by the FFGC) and “World Gardening/Natural Disasters” help support state and national projects. The former is a forty plus year project by the FFGC at the Florida Avon Park Correctional Institute, and the latter aids gardening and agricultural projects in underdeveloped countries and those devastated by natural disasters.

Your continuing financial support of the Garden Club and its endeavors will be greatly appreciated by all concerned. If you wish you may RENEW ON LINE (ffgc.com).

Bob Lynch, Treasurer





Bonnet House International Orchid and Garden Festival

Saturday/Sunday April 6 & 7
9 am to 4 pm

The 12th Annual Orchid Festival Expands to include vendors from Thailand, Malaysia, and Hawaii. The Festival includes:

Over 30 Vendors
Gardening Lectures
Live Music
Book Signing by Dr. Martin Motes
Lecture on The Million Orchid Project
Food/Drink
Garden Art...and more!

Entrance Fee is \$10 and Parking is FREE
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens
900 North Birch Road,
Fort Lauderdale FL 33304

Visit BonnetHouse.org to purchase tickets and for updated information on the festival.

Yearbook Update and Congratulations!

Sharon Bogard (Moringa Circle) has recently completed her training and is now certified as

National Wildlife Federation
Habitat Steward

Please add the designation "WHS" on page 89 after Sharon's name in the Yearbook.

AS WE NEAR THE END OF ANOTHER FLGC YEAR, MAKE SURE TO SEND ANY NEW QUALIFICATIONS OR COMPLETED TRAININGS TO YOUR CIRCLE PRESIDENT OR GENE CAIN auxcain@bellsouth.net FOR THE NEXT YEARBOOK UPDATE!

17th Annual Broward Water Matters Day

Saturday, March 9th
9 am to 3 pm
Tree Tops Park
3900 SW 100 Ave
Davie, FL

"Conservation -
A Winning Strategy"

Interactive Displays and Booths
Children's Activities
Free Plants and Trees
Raffles, Food Trucks
And More...

Park Admission \$1.50 Free for children 5 and under...for more info call 954-519-1270 or visit watermatters.broward.org

Free Plants and Trees (Two per family) Include:
Spanish Stopper (*Eugenia foetida*)
Orange Geiger (*Cordia sebestena*)
Krug's Holly (*Illex krugiana*)
Buccaneer Palm (*Pseudophoenix sargentii*)
Cocoplum (*Chrysobalanus 'Horizontal'*)
White Indigoberry (*Randia aculeata*)
Wild Tamarind (*Lysiloma latisiliquum*)
Black Ironwood (*Krugiodendron ferreum*)
Tea Plant (*Melochia tomentosa*)
Lychee (*Litchi chinensis*)
Canistel (*Pouteria campechiana*)
Florida Thatch Palm (*Thrinax radiata*)
Black Sapote (*Pouteria sapota*)
Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*)
Desert Cassia (*Senna polyphylla*)
Native Blue Porterweed (*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*)
Perennial Peanut (*Arachis glabrata*)
Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)
...and more...



Youth Gardening Showcase!

The wonderful FLGC Youth Gardeners recently met at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center to learn about the exciting activities for 2019 including the Youth Flower Shows (Theme: "Destination Disney"), Camp Wekiva, and the Basics of Growing Healthy Plants. FLGC Members on hand to help included Sandy and Bob Lynch, Becky Schuberth, Rowena Gerber, Andrea Hellman, and Maggie Dunn.



Everybody getting excited about gardening



Gardening Basics 101



"Yes, that's potting soil and Yes, you are going to get your hands dirty!"

Photos by Maggie Dunn



The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc.
 Adult Flower Show
 "Wedded Bliss"
 January 19-20, 2019



Awards

Division I: Horticulture

Doris H. Gordon Silver Award	James Miller	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Aglaomena</i>
Plumeria Silver Award	Mary Brower	Bayberry Circle	<i>Rex Begonia</i>
Clusia Silver Award	Sharon Bogard	Moringa Circle	<i>Tillandsia</i>
Ida Powers Silver Award	Cathy Robertts	Cordia Circle	<i>Saintpaulia</i>
Moringa Silver Award	Pat Carroll	Moringa Circle	<i>Orchid</i>
Ruth Patton Silver Award	Melissa Weekley	Moringa Circle	<i>Strophocactus</i>
Pachira Silver Award	Rose Bechard Butman	Moringa Circle	<i>Polypodraceae</i>
Cassia/Jacaranda Silver Award	Inger Jones	Member at Large	<i>Sanseveria</i>
Mary Matthews Silver Award	Aileen Roberts	Moringa Circle	<i>Vinca</i>

National Horticulture Awards

Arboreal Award	Sandy Harrington	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Aralia</i>
Arboreal Award	Andrea Hellman	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Croton</i>
Award of Merit	Andrea Hellman	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Heliconia</i>
Grower's Choice	James Miller	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Aglaonema</i>
Grower's Choice	Cathy Roberts	Cordia Circle	<i>Rex Begonia</i>
Grower's Choice	Joy Litton	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Neoregelia 'fireball'</i>
Grower's Choice	Joy Litton	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Euphorbia</i>
Grower's Choice	Sharon Bogard	Moringa Circle	<i>Orchid</i>
Elfin Award	Virginia Garver	Member at Large	<i>Sanseveria</i>
Collector's Choice	Brian Hufford	Member at Large	<i>Tillandsia</i>

Marie Lamb Memorial Award and Award of Horticultural Excellence

First Place	James Miller	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Aglaonema</i>
Runner Up	Janice Johnson	Moringa Circle	<i>Nepentha alata</i>

Division II: Design

National Design Awards

Petite Award	Rebecca Stallard	Boca Raton	"Flower Girls' Basket"
Table Artistry	Kristin Barlow	Parkinsonia Circle	"Bride and Groom Dinner for Two"
Tricolor Award	Mary Kaub	Boca Raton	"Smooth Swing Orchestra"
Designer's Choice	Andrea Hellman	Parkinsonia Circle	"Three Tiered Wedding Cake"

Award of Design Excellence

Andrea Hellman	Parkinsonia Circle
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Division III: Educational

Educational Top Exhibitor Award	Joy Litton	Parkinsonia Circle	"Get Me to the Church on Thyme"
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Division IV: Botanical Arts

Photography Award	Florence Miner	Parkinsonia Circle	"Celebrating Florida Natives"
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Sweepstakes Awards

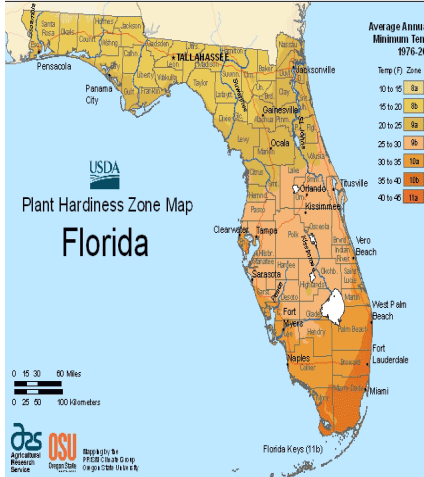
Horticulture Sweepstakes

Sandra Lynch	Parkinsonia Circle
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Design Sweepstakes

Andrea Hellman	Parkinsonia Circle
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KNOW YOUR HARDINESS ZONE!



The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) establishes Plant Hardiness Zones for North America. There are eleven different zones based on “average annual extreme minimum temperature”. A plant is considered “hardy” if it can survive the winter in a designated zone. Each zone represents a 10 degree (F) difference in temperature and each zone is subdivided into “a” and “b” (or five degrees for each sub-zone). Most plant labels will designate the “hardiness zone or zones” for that particular plant...Look for it!

Florida includes seven different zones...from 8a (just a small edge of Northern Florida near the Alabama border) to 11a (a few little areas in the Keys). The eastern half of Broward along with the coastal area of Palm Beach and most of Dade is considered in 10b where the “average annual extreme minimum temperature” is calculated at between 35 to 40 degrees (F). Western Broward is 10a (30 to 35 degrees). Some plants may be able to grow in all zones in Florida. Some plants will only survive in one or two specific zones.

Know your zone!

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Dates to Remember

- Mar 4 Mon Shade House Work Day, Garden Center 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 6 Wed District XI Design Guild Meeting, Garden Center, 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 8 Fri Youth Standard Flower Show, Garden Center
- Mar 8 Fri FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, Garden Center, 8:30 a.m.
- Mar 8 Fri FLGC General Meeting, Garden Center, 10:00 a.m.
- Mar 9 Sat Broward’s Water Matters Day, Tree Tops Park, Davie, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Mar 11-13 Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs 58th Annual Convention, Jekyll Island, Georgia
- Mar 18-20 In-School Youth Flower Shows
- Mar 26 Tue District XI Florida Flower Show Judges Meeting, Garden Center, 10:00 a.m.
- Apr 3 Wed District XI Design Guild Meeting, Garden Center, 9:30 a.m.
- Apr 7-9 FFGC Convention, St Augustine, Florida
- Apr 8 Mon Shade House Work Day, Garden Center 9:00 a.m.
- Apr 11 Thur FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, Garden Center 4:30 p.m.
- Apr 11 Thur FLGC General Meeting, Garden Center NIGHT MEETING Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 22 Fri EARTH DAY
- Apr 25 Thur District XI Spring Meeting
- Apr 26 Fri NATIONAL ARBOR DAY
- Apr 29-5/2 National Garden Club Convention, Beau Rivage Resort, Biloxi, Mississippi
- May 10 Fri FLGC ANNUAL INSTALLATION LUNCHEON....SAVE THE DATE!

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