

President's Theme
"Every Garden Counts"

Green Thumb

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. Est. 1927



President's Message

Dear FLGC members,

Happy fall to you all! I believe that I speak for all of us in that we were all hoping that at this point during this lengthy quarantining, we should have regained some sense of normalcy in our lives. Progress along this line seems to be highly individualized. The Board "met" in early September to discuss how we, as a club, would proceed with our meetings this fall season. The Board decided unanimously that we needed to allow more time for all members to feel comfortable with gathering in person. The October Board and General meetings will both be Zoom calls. Important decisions about our yearly activities will be made at the Board Meeting.

Our first General meeting of the season will be on Friday, October 9 at 10 am. An email will be circulated a week before the meeting with the dial-in information (**See Page 4 of this Green Thumb for Zoom login details**). Using Zoom is very easy but if you have any concerns, please let me know, and I will try to help you. Until the end of the year, the Board will make the decision each month as to how we will handle the following month's meetings.

The October meeting will be different in that we will have neither a Floral Design Presentation nor a Horticultural Moment as we are trying to keep the agenda simple for our first Zoom gathering. Rose Bechard-Butman will be our guest speaker and is going to make a presentation on gardening for birds and butterflies.

Shirley Wiggin has done a superb job scheduling speakers and programs for the coming months. The varied speakers will further broaden our understanding and appreciation for our personal and communal environments.

Our club's membership is a wonderful amalgam of expertise, experience, creativity and unending dedication to design, ecology, gardening and friendship. Our collective interests span so much more than "weeds and seeds!" Although we are feeling deprived of the opportunity to physically be together, let's use the opportunity that virtual communication provides to reconvene and begin a new season for our Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club.

I am looking forward to welcoming you all at our first meeting!

Susie MacPherson

President, Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club

First General Meeting 2020-2021

Friday, October 9th 10:00 am

Via Zoom (See Page 4 of this Green Thumb)

Program: "Attracting Birds and Butterflies to Your Garden" by Rose Bechard-Butman, Certified Arborist and Member of Moringa Garden Circle

Important information concerning this year's activities will be discussed.

FLGC Yearbook

Soon you will receive your copy of the 2020-2021 FLGC Yearbook from your Circle President or MAL Liaison ...please forward any corrections or changes to Gene Cain, Editor at auxcain@bellsouth.net

Due to a formatting error, three pages of the 2021 FLGC Yearbook did not print correctly. Please refer Pages 4 & 5 of this Green Thumb for the correct information. Any other corrections will be listed in upcoming editions of the Green Thumb.

2020-2021 Secret Garden Tour Canceled

Because of the impact of the pandemic on current health risks, the FLGC Board of Directions voted to cancel the 2020-2021 Fort Lauderdale Secret Garden Tour. More information will be forthcoming on other fund raising activities to supplement the FLGC budget. More FLGC calendar changes will be announced later.

Need Quick Information about Events, Meetings, and Members? Go to www.flgc.org Your Garden Club website has been updated with all the latest information for 2020-2021!

Fun Facts About Florida: Did You Know?

Estimated population: 22 million (3rd most populous state)

Florida has the most golf courses of any other state!

About 1,000 people move to Florida EACH DAY!

On average, the Sunshine State has about 300 sunshine days per year!

The Great Seal of Florida contains the sun, palm trees, a steamboat, and a Native American woman scattering flowers!

Florida's official bird is the Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)...
it is not the "Early Bird!"

The official butterfly is the Zebra Longwing (*Heliconius charitonius*)...
it is not the flying Palmetto Bug!

The State Flower is the orange blossom (*Citrus sinensis*) and the State Wildflower is
Coreopsis...

It is not the bloom of the marijuana plant!

The State Tree is the Sabal Palm (*Sabal palmetto*)...

Sometimes called the "Cabbage Palm!"

Now for somethings YOU MAY NOT KNOW!

The Official State Soil is Myakka Fine Sand...(it is the most extensive soil in Florida!)

The State Song is "Old Folks at Home" by Stephen Foster...how appropriate!
Foster never visited Florida!

The State Motto is "In God We Trust" ...Just like on the money you spend here!

"River of Grass" A NGC Standard Flower Show Presented by the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. Saturday, February 6, 2021 – Sunday February 7, 2021

Important Dates:

Container Grown Plants in the Horticulture Division must be in the possession of the exhibitor no later than December 8, 2020 (Sections A – M)

Cuttings in the Arboreal Sections must be in the possession of the exhibitor no later than August 6, 2020 (Sections R – U)

Plants used in Combination Entries (Sections K 51 – 52) must be grown together for six weeks starting no later than December 28, 2020

Container grown entries and cut specimens may be entered on Thursday, February 4th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Additionally, cut specimens may be entered on Friday, February 5th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Design and Educational Exhibits may be assembled on

Thursday, February 4th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Additionally, design exhibits may be completed on Friday, February 5th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

SHOW SCHEDULES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SOON TO ALL MEMBERS. REFER TO THE OFFICIAL SCHEDULE FOR ALL RULES AND ENTRY INFORMATION!

Youth Gardening Plans are Taking Shape for Another Great Year! Join the Fun!

The following FLGC Members are volunteers for Youth Gardening in 2020-2021. If you would like to join the fun contact the Youth Gardening Chairmen, Sandra Lynch and Andrea Hellman.

Pre-School Program:

"The Little Schoolhouse" - FLGC Representative and Leader Jacqueline Schoettle

Elementary School Program:

Harbordale Elementary - FLGC Representatives Rowena Gerber and Sandra Lynch

Floranada Elementary - FLGC Representative Florence Miner; Teacher Maria Schwartz

Virginia Shuman Young Elementary - FLGC Representative Andrea Hellman and Susie MacPherson; Teacher Rosemarie Kalin

Middle School and High School Program:

BFF Intermediate and High School - Leader Melissa Weekley;

FLGC Representatives Bonny Cole and Kari Botek

School schedules for the FLGC Youth Gardening Programs are not available at this time. More information will be provided on specific dates and schools. For planning purposes, the distribution of plants, seeds, and materials for Student Flower Shows will be in January.

The Terrific Tamarind Tree

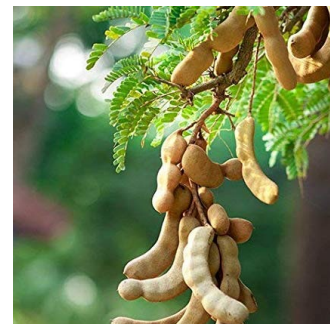
The Tamarind tree is native to tropical Africa and is a "leguminous" (meaning in the pea family) tree bearing edible fruit grown throughout tropical America and Florida. It produces a pod-like fruit that contains a brown edible pulp used in many recipes – especially salsas, chutneys and sauces. The pod is smooth and brittle. It is also used in traditional medicine and as a metal polish! The young tender leaves are used in Indian cuisine.

The Tamarind is a long-lived, medium growth tree and will grow as high as 40 to 60 feet. It has dense foliage with alternating leaves made up of small leaflets. At night the leaflets close up. It is frost sensitive. It has inconspicuous flowers that are red and yellow. The branches droop from a single trunk and give a billowing effect in the wind.

The fruit of the Tamarind is a legume pod about 5 to 6 inches in length with a hard brown shell. The fruit has a fleshy, juicy, acidic pulp. Usually the pods in the West Indies and Florida contain from one to six seeds. The fruit is often described as "sweet and sour." It is high in tartaric acid, sugar, B vitamins, and calcium.

The Tamarind grows easily in South Florida. Fruiting season is February to May. It should be grown in full sun and in drier locations.

Tamarind paste is available in Asian specialty stores. It can also be used to make "nuoc da me"...a popular Vietnamese drink (contact Beth Waldorf at produce7@bellsouth.net for the recipe). "Tamarind balls" are another favorite of those from the West Indies. They can be bought at a West Indian market or at Publix! Try it...your mouth won't forget it!



LOGIN DETAILS FOR ZOOM MEETING FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH 10AM

Join Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81216513142>

Meeting ID: 812 1651 3142

One tap mobile

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+13017158592,,81216513142# US (Germantown)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbmxx6E6c0>

2020-2021 Yearbook Corrections

***Due to a formatting error three pages of the Yearbook did not print correctly.
Please refer these lists as shown:***

Page 35: Bayberry Garden Circle Committee Chairmen:

<u>COMMITTEES</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Audit	Shirley Wiggin	954-472-0366
Awards	All Members	
Budget	Shirley Wiggin	954-472-0366
Barnes & Noble	Eve Davidson	954-260-7036
Fundraiser	Dana Warder	954-797-7387
Bylaws	Mary Brower	954-815-9904
Civic Involvement	Executive Board & Members	
Conservation	Charlotte Klimas	954-587-7791
Devotional	Judy Watson	954-547-1007
Flower Show	Dana Warder	954-797-7387
Gift Baskets	Maureen Dornau Linda Gurr Cindy Schussler	443-798-1168
Horticulture	All Members	
Membership	Diane Casserly Cindy Schussler	954-370-1877
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Photographer	Dana Warder	954-797-7387
Sunshine	Mary Brower	954-815-9904

Page 38: Cordia Garden Circle Committee Chairmen:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
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Flower Show	Tamara Pope	419-236-0819
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Sunshine	Sally Wurdack	954-523-2342
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Additional 2021 Yearbook Corrections. Page 113 (Membership Directory) did not print correctly. Please refer to this list of members for Page 113:

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Dates to Remember

IMPORTANT: PLEASE KEEP INFORMED AS TO CHANGES TO ALL OF THE "TENTATIVE" DATES/TIMES ABOVE. EVERYTHING IS IN "FLUX"!

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| Oct 2 | Fri | FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 am ZOOM Only! |
| Oct 5 | Mon | FLGC Shadehouse Gardening HELP NEEDED! 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Oct 7 | Wed | FLGC Grounds Gardening HELP NEEDED! 8:30 am, Garden Center |
| Oct 9 | Mon | FLGC General Meeting, 10:00 am ZOOM Only! |
| Oct 14 | Wed | Dist XI Floral Design Guild Meeting, 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Oct 20 | Tues | Dist XI Florida Flower Show Judges Meeting 10:00 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 2 | Mon | FLGC Shadehouse Gardening HELP NEEDED! 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 4 | Wed | Dist XI Floral Design Guild Meeting, 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 11 | Wed | FLGC Grounds Gardening HELP NEEDED! , 8:30 am Garden Center |
| Nov 13 | Fri | FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 13 | Fri | FLGC General Meeting, 10:00 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 17 | Tues | Dist XI Flower Show Judges Meeting, 10:00 am, Garden Center |

**SAVE THE DATE: HOLIDAY PARTY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
 AT THE CORAL RIDGE YACHT CLUB!**