



President's Theme
"Every Garden Counts!"

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. Est. 1927



Greetings to all FLGC Members!

Here we are now, at the end of our 2020-2021 year. Just as many of us were emerging from over a year of isolation and uncertainty, our final meeting was our Annual Luncheon and Installation in early May.

Our April General Meeting was the first in 14 months where we were finally able to gather at our Garden Center. The outstanding attendance underscored the fervent desire to return to some semblance of normalcy and come together as a group. The Moringa Circle did an outstanding job as hosts making the evening memorable for us all.

Considering the restrictions that were imposed on all of our social interactions, our Club remained engaged and active to the extent social distancing would permit. Monthly meetings were held via Zoom as our scheduled speakers became more comfortable with online presentations.

Shadehouse volunteers continually worked to ensure that our plant stock thrived and continued to hold successful socially responsible plant sales. A dedicated and enthusiastic grounds team have brought our Center's gardens to a point of perfection that was recognized by NatureScape Broward in the awarding of their prestigious Emerald Award to the FLGC.

Our Youth Program also continued with educational programs for middle school and high school students. The Youth Flower Show in April highlighted their efforts. Several of our youth participants won first place awards for their artistic submissions to Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) and one student was awarded a first place at the national level.

I would like to thank all of the wonderful FLGC volunteers who committed so many hours of their time and expertise to keep our programs thriving and accessible to the community. You all are the backbone of our organization! I would also like to encourage both old and new members to make the effort to join a committee or an event and get involved. The rewards from your involvement will amaze you!

I am looking forward to 2021-2022 as we continue to build on our strong foundation of devoted members and our outreach within our community through our programs and events.

My best to you all,

Susie MacPherson

President, Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club

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Fort Lauderdale Garden Club

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FLGC Youth Gardeners Score Big in State, Region, and National Contests!

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS (NGC) YOUTH CONTEST WINNERS

NGC Youth Sculpture Contest

Marco Ferri	7th Grade	First Place winner of FFGC, Deep South and NGC
Ava Frias	8th Grade	First Place winner of FFGC, Deep South and NGC

NGC Youth Poetry Contest

Marco Ferri	7th Grade	First Place winner of FFGC and Deep South
Andrew Smith	8th Grade	First Place winner of FFGC
Siena Zimmerman	9th Grade	First place winner of FFGC, Second Place of Deep South

NGC High School Essay Contest

Christia Hewlett	12th Grade	First Place winner of FFGC, Second Place winner of Deep South
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“Best Friends Forever” Have Fun Learning

By Sharon Bogard

On the 2nd Saturday of each month (during the 2021 season), the Best Friends Forever (BFFs) met at the FLGC Glenn F. Bates Garden Center in Birch State Park. The 27 BFFs are middle and high school Youth Gardeners. Moringa Garden Circle members Melissa Weekley, Kari Botek and Bonny Miller Cole, joined by Sandy Lynch, Fort Lauderdale Garden Club's Youth Gardening Coordinator, instructed and supervised the students who learned basic gardening and floral design.

In February, Sandy taught the BFFs a standard line flower arrangement (see below); perfect timing for Valentine's Day. This was great practice for their Youth Flower Show held in April. Designs and horticulture were available for viewing during Fort Lauderdale Garden Club's evening meeting held on April 8th.

In March, the BFF's toured the Oakland Park Urban Gardens where they helped in the gardens and received instructions on planting and maintaining urban gardens.

For more information and to help, please contact Melissa (m_weekley@yahoo.com), Kari (skmkbotek@bellsouth.net), Bonny (bonnyinfl@gmail.com), or Sandy Lynch (sashandbob@aol.com)



FLGC is a State and National Winner!

The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Wins FIRST PLACE FOR "Presenting Fort Lauderdale" Adult Standard Flower Show in 2020 at the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) and the National Garden Clubs (NGC)

NGC Flower Show Award #FS 1-D, NGC FIRST PLACE Awarded to the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club for "Presenting Fort Lauderdale", Co-chairmen Maggie Dunn and Beth Waldorf



*Dean Trantalis,
Mayor of Fort
Lauderdale,
welcomed guests at
the "Presenting Fort
Lauderdale!"
Flower Show while
Maggie Dunn and
Beth Waldorf (Co-
Chairmen) look on.*

Yearbook Updates!

Circle Presidents and FLGC Board Member: Please remember to submit all Yearbook information to Gene Cain (auxcain@bellsouth.net) and Glenna Grelak (ggrelak@aol.com) for the updating of the 2021-2022 Yearbook. Please include all contact information for your members including changes to continuing members information, meeting/program schedule information, committee and officer lists, and any updates to FLGC programs, awards, or special projects!

FLGC Members: Please contact your Circle President or MAL Contact with any personal information changes...also any new certifications or awards that you have received...**DEADLINE AUGUST 15ST!**



*Bayberry Garden Circle Welcome
A New Member!*

Welcome to the FLGC! Leila Maisa

*You can contact Leila at Leilamaisa2009@hotmail.com
Leila lives in Plantation*

Youth Gardeners Celebrate the Olympics 2021

The FLGC Glenn F. Bates Garden Center was the center of all the competition by the BFF Youth Gardeners as they celebrated the planned Olympics of 2021 at their annual Standard Youth Flower Show. Like the Olympics, the entries covered a wide range of classes, categories, and projects. Members of the Garden Club enjoyed the many beautiful entries at the April 8th evening meeting and loved the creativity shown by the students.



Fruit and Vegetable Whimsicals



Horticulture Entries



Winning Sea Turtle Sculptures



Creative Posters and Art



The Jewels in the FLGC Gardens are Emeralds

The hard work and persistence of FLGC members paid off with both the Garden Club and individual members receiving the Broward County Naturescape Emerald Awards in 2021...even during the pandemic! “The award recognizes businesses, municipalities, schools, government facilities, and homeowners who have created and maintained model Florida-friendly landscapes...”

Under the leadership of Agnes Gallo and her terrific “grounds crew”, the FLGC garden at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center received an Emerald Award along with individual winners Hadny Fayyaz and M. E. De Palma (both FLGC and Moringa Garden Circle Members) for their home gardens.

Being “good gardeners” is hard work and takes effort especially in South Florida’s tropical climate. The Emerald Award recognizes the hard work done according to acceptable standards of the Naturescape program.

Would you like to help maintain the high standards achieved by FLGC members? The next work day to maintain the garden at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center will be the morning of Wednesday, June 2nd.

For more information contact Geo at geotomczyk@mindspring.com.

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Dates to Remember

Jun 2	Wed	FLGC Grounds Work Day, Garden Center, 8:00 a.m.
Jun 6-12		National Garden Week
Aug 15	Sun	Deadline for 2020-21 Yearbook Information
Oct 6	Wed	FLGC Board Meeting via ZOOM
Oct 8	Fri	FLGC General Meeting, Garden Center, 10:00 a.m.
Oct 14	Thur	FLGC Field Trip, Fairchild Gardens

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