



Dear Gardeners,

This will be my final letter to you as President of FLGC. It has been an ambitious three years of leadership as we struggled with the burden of Covid, the challenges of trying to re-connect our membership back to feeling comfortable with in-person gatherings and finally, the uncertainty of our future usage at the Garden Center. But, we as a group, have risen above the temporary set-backs, and we are emerging as a strong and committed club!

We have so much to celebrate in terms of our accomplishments. Our meetings have attracted increasing numbers of guests, and we continue to welcome new members. We have enjoyed a full season of excellent speakers along with the sociability that is integral to our monthly club meetings.

Our achievements have not come as a result of singularity but rather from the combined strength of our individual talents and dedication. This is clearly evident when visiting our beautiful and extensive gardens, assisting in the Shade House or participating in one of our Youth projects. There are so many opportunities for participation that our Club offers to our membership.

A huge thank you must be extended to all of the committee chairs and their volunteers. We have all had the opportunity to participate in flower shows, plant and Garden Shoppe sales and social events under these committees' stewardship. And they have thrived because of our commitment to excellence on all levels.

The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club has continued to be a notable organization in our city. Our visibility within the community has been highlighted over the 13 years that we have hosted our Secret Garden Tour. The tour's success is reflective of the pride displayed by of all of our Club's volunteers. Thank you to ALL of the 100+ volunteers for participating in the Tour to ensure that the visiting public recognizes the depth and strength of our organization.

In closing, it has been an honor to serve as President of the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to work with you all!

With thanks,
Susie MacPherson
President, Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club

Slate of Proposed FLGC Officers for 2023-24
Election of Officers to be conducted at the FLGC
Meeting 4/13/2023

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club

President	Sharon Bogard
Vice President	Susan MacPherson
Recording Secretary	Debbie LaClair
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Kreusser
Treasurer	Beth Waldorf

Upgrade Your Name Badge


FLGC Members can "upgrade" to a permanent plastic name tag...for ordering information contact Geo Tomczyk at 917-805-9488 or geotomczyk@mindspring.com

Geo will be placing an order SOON!

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club
3109 East Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale
Presents

The Turtle Migration

Stephanie Roche
Environmental Project Coordinator
Broward County



THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023
5:30 PM REFRESHMENTS
6:15 PM MEETING AND PROGRAM

FLGC General Meeting

Thursday, April 13th
NIGHT MEETING

Host: Members At Large
Garden Tour 4:30
Refreshments 5:30
Meeting 6:15
(Election of Officers 2023-2024)

Program: The Turtle Migration
Design: District XI Design Guild
Horticulture: "Are you an Annual or a Perennial?"



A Pause that Refreshes...

FLGC Guests Take a "Timeout" at the Tranquility Garden...one of seven beautiful gardens on the very successful 2023 Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Secret Garden Tour.

Photo by Geo

The FLGC Yearbook will be updated over the summer. Please send any changes to your contact information (address, phone, email, etc) to your Circle President or MAL Liaison so the Yearbook will reflect correct information!

Also include any information about your "garden club" status in terms of courses completed, certificates or awards received!

The Annie Beck Tree in all her Golden Glory and Its Future!

Edited with permission from information by FLGC Conservation and Environment Chairman Rose Bechard-Butman and an online article by M. E. De Palma (member of Moringa Garden Circle) at <http://www.medepalma.com/beck.htm> For more details and photos visit the website cited above.

History of the Annie Beck Tree:

When Fort Lauderdale pioneer **Annie Beck** planted a seedling in front of her home over 80 years ago, she laid the foundation for a local landmark. Beck's **silver trumpet tree (Tabebuia caraiba)** bloomed and shed its golden flowers over the years, growing to 25 feet and outlasting both the Federated Garden Club (FGC) founding member and her house. This harbinger of spring with butter-yellow flowers has survived hurricanes, but it might not have withstood redevelopment without the dedication and devotion of the Garden Club. Civic Improvement Chairman, **Rose Bechard-Butman** and Tree Chairman **Ann Schandelmayer** spent endless hours working to save the tree (as well as being there from 8 am to 5 pm they day it was moved...Saturday July 25, 1998).

No one involved in this effort did more or worked harder than **L. Thomas Chancey**, who on the behest of the FGC **donated** his time to prepare the tree for the move and continues to monitor its progress. Mr. Chancey stated, "Basically, I want to ensure that the tree makes the move with dignity". Dignity, Mr. Chancey is what YOU have!

The Federated Garden Circles were represented by the Civic Improvement Committee at a City Council Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale regarding the moving of the Tabebuia located at 333 East Las Olas Blvd. Rose Bechard-Butman and Ann Schandelmayer both spoke of concern over the moving of this historic tree. Primarily we would have liked to have seen it remain at its historic location. However, given the current circumstances around its location and the on-going development, the FGC was supportive of the tree being moved.

The FGC had worked with the DDA when they donated **twelve flowering trees to the new park on Las Olas. The trees represent the different circles within the Federation and marked our 70th anniversary.** We have placed botanical signage for each of these trees along with the name of each circle. It seems quite fitting that the Annie Beck Tree, planted by one of the co-founders of our Federation, join the these other trees.. The close proximity to its original site and the ease of transporting the short distance also seemed fortunate.

Our primary concern was the survival of the tree. We were supportive of this move provided each phase of its preparation was monitored by **L.Thomas Chancey, Certified Arborist**. It was our understanding that Mr. Chancey will designate the appropriate timing of rootpruning, fertilization, crown pruning and destination site preparation. We have been assured by Mr. Chancey that he will personally supervise each phase as a donation to the Community. Given his credentials and his commitment to conservation, we were happy with this provision. In November of 1997 the task of beginning preparations for the move of this Old Historic Tree was undertaken.

We were pleased that **Stiles Corporation** was willing to cooperate with our efforts to preserve such a valued tree. We are also pleased with their offering to provide a dedication plaque identifying the tree at its new location.

Annie Beck Tree Clone Update By Rose Bechard-Butman

I have received a quote from Archangel Tree Archive that clones important trees throughout the world and runs the Ancient Tree Archive. <https://www.ancienttreearchive.org/>

They would nurture and grow the cuttings in their lab and deliver us 50 trees in about 2 years. We could plant one where Annie Beck's House was moved and consider other locations or sell them as a fundraiser. "Little Orphan Annies"

They have reduced their project cost fee from \$25,000.00 to \$8,425.00. I have sent an inquiry off to Jeremy Chancey to see if he can feel out the Downtown Development Authority's willingness to fund or help with funding. Jeremy is Tom Chancey's son, and as you remember, Tom was instrumental in saving the tree for us. We should consider how much we can fund from FLGC, District XI, and possibly private donations or a fundraiser. I believe this may get us national press.



The Annie Beck Tree

Jan/Feb/March 2023 IN "THAT BLOOMIN' GARDEN"

A Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Production by Geo



Bromeliad aechmea



Bromeliad spp.



Schlumbergera spp.
Christmas Cactus



Clerodendrum quadriloculare
Starburst



Ceiba pentandra
Kapok Tree



Erythrina herbacea
Coral Bean



Ceiba pentandra
Kapok Tree



Guaiacum sanctum
Lignum vitae



Justicia brandegeana
Shrimp Plant



Mangifera indica 'Florigon'
Mango



Orchidaceae *Phalaenopsis*



Rivina humilis
Bloodberry

FLGC Youth Gardeners “Flock Together” and “Fly High” in the Annual Youth Flower Shows

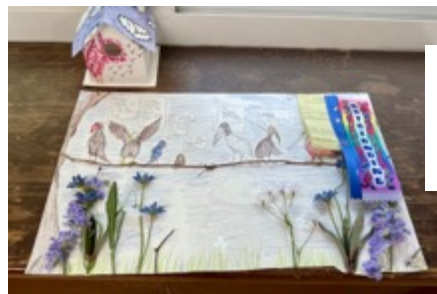
A Small Standard Youth Flower Show “Birds of a Feather...” was held in March 2023 at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center and three Broward County Elementary School. Entry categories included horticulture, design, photography, visual art, and more...



Left: BFF (Middle and High School) students entered a variety of categories that were judged and awarded appropriate ribbons for their efforts. The BFF Show was held at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center.



Above: Harbordale students entered both horticulture and design entries at their “in-school” Flower Show



Left: One of the many visual arts entries at the BFF Youth Flower Show



Above: Harbordale Student Designs



Below: Horticulture entries on display at Virginia Shuman Young Elementary

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Left: A creative “whimsical” design at Harbordale made of fruit



Links to photo galleries of more Youth Flower Show entries:

BFF <https://www.jilliancainphotography.com/GardenShow/BFF-Youth-Flower-Show-32023/i-kCnWW32>

Harbordale <https://www.jilliancainphotography.com/GardenShow/Harbordale-Youth-Flower-Show-2023/>

Virginia S. Young <https://www.jilliancainphotography.com/GardenShow/Virginia-Schuman-Young-Youth-Flower-Show2023/>

**Please Welcomes the Following
New FLGC Member!**

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Dates to Remember

- Apr 1 Sat FLGC Plant and Garden Shoppe Sale, Garden Center 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Help Needed! Contact Debbi LaClair)
- Apr 1-2 Sat Sun Bonnet House Orchid Festival, 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.
- Apr 5 Wed FLGC Grounds Work Day, Garden Center, 8:30 a.m. (Help Needed!)
- Apr 5 Wed District XI Design Guild Meeting, Garden Center 9:30 a.m.
- Apr 12 Wed FLGC Board of Directors Meeting ZOOM 4:00 p.m.
- Apr 13 Thur FLGC General Meeting NIGHT MEETING, Garden Tour 4:30 p.m., Refreshments 5:30 p.m., Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- Apr 18-20 FFGC Convention, Kissimmee FL
- Apr 22 Sat Earth Day
- Apr 24 Mon FLGC Shade House Gardening (Help Needed!)
- Apr 26 Wed District XI Spring Meeting, Charlotte Burrie Civic Center 2269 N. Federal Highway Pompano Beach FL (Contact Bonny Cole)
- Apr 28 Fri National Arbor Day
- May 2-4 NGC National Convention, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
- May 3 Wed FLGC Grounds Work Day, Garden Center, 8:30 a.m. (Help Needed!)
- May 3 Wed FLGC Board of Directors Meeting ZOOM 4:00 p.m.
- May 5 Fri FLGC Annual Meeting and installation Luncheon
- May 17 Wed FLGC Reorganization Meeting ZOOM 9:00 a.m.

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