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President's Theme
"All Gardens Count..."



Green Thumb

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. Est. 1927

President's Message

Greetings to all Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Members and Friends,

Our District XI Judges' Council just held a very successful small standard flower show on January 20th. The beauty of a small or pop-up show is in its simplicity. All members of our Club were encouraged to participate by either entering a floral design or a piece of horticulture to the show which was judged, opened to the public and then taken down during just the one day. This small show format requires far fewer volunteer hours and could easily be organized on a more frequent basis giving participants the ability to practice their designing skills or to show off their favorite plants. Thanks to all of the District XI judges for all of their efforts to create this experience for our Club.

February is fast approaching and our Secret Garden Tour at the end of the month is in the final stages of planning. Please remember that this is our Club's major fundraiser for the year and ALL club members are expected to participate on some level, so if you have not volunteered to help out yet, please contact either Chair, Maggie Dunn or Beth Waldorf, as soon as you can so that they can count on your support. At this writing, tickets to the Tour are still available but are selling quickly. Be sure to advise any one you think may be interested in attending to order their tickets sooner rather than later in order to make sure they will be able to attend.

Our March 10th meeting will showcase our FLGC Youth BFF Standard Flower Show. Participants in our BFF program will be entering their design and horticulture to be judged. The display of their efforts will be in the Garden Center for you to admire. The students are so dedicated and work so hard and greatly appreciate the opportunity to exhibit. Please enjoy the show!

As you are all most likely aware, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which oversees the Florida State Park system, is no longer interested in extending a lengthy "usage agreement" with the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club concerning the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center in Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. We have been operating under such an agreement since 1998; it expired on December 24, 2022. A committee that was formed several years ago has been working with our attorney to try and determine the Garden Club's future status within the Park. As of now, we are still in the dark regarding the DEP's intentions as to our use of the Garden Center going forward. The reality is that we offer them "no net positive value"...in other words, we do not generate any money for the Park. Of course, we bring enormous value and draw to the Park by our many events, but the DEP is looking for quantifiable monetary returns from the Garden Center. Once the DEP has committed to some sort of forward calendar for the Garden Club, the Executive Board and I will send out an email detailing the parameters of our future in the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (781-249-8905 or email macpham@me.com).

Enjoy this beautiful weather and I look forward to seeing and working with you all during the upcoming months!

Best Regards,
Susie MacPherson, FLGC President

FLGC General Meetings

See details on page 2

Friday February 10, 2023 10 a.m. Host Circle: Bayberry
Program: "Say It with Flowers" presented by
Susan Hillson & Christine Biscaglio
NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judges
Design: by the District XI Design Guild
Horticulture: "Cover It with Groundcover"
by Gene Cain & Beth Waldorf


Friday March 10, 2023 10 a.m. Host: Board of Directors
Program: "Crotons: What is Old is New Again" presented by
Jeff Searle, Searle Brothers Nursery
Design: by the District XI Design Guild
Horticulture: "Periwinkles...Old and New!"
by Gene Cain & Beth Waldorf

February and March General Meeting Programs

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

Say It with Flowers

Susan Hillson and Christine Biscaglio
 NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judges




FEBRUARY 10, 2023
9:30 AM REFRESHMENTS
10:00 AM MEETING AND PROGRAM

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

Crotons
What's Old is New Again!

Jeff Searle, Searle Brothers Nursery



FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023
9:30 AM REFRESHMENTS
10:00 AM MEETING AND PROGRAM

FLGC Flower Show "Birding Bliss"

A National Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show presented by the District XI Florida Flower Show Judges Council was held at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center in Hugh Taylor Birch State Park on Friday, January 20, 2023. Sandra Lynch was the Show's General Chairman.

Sixty horticulture entries and almost a dozen floral designs filled the Garden Center with creativity and beauty. All the entries were judged by NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The show was open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Best in Show in Design was won by Parkinsonia Garden Circle Member Andrea Hellman.
 Best in Show in Horticulture was won by FLGC Member at Large Jillian Cain.

A special thanks to all those who volunteered in organizing and producing "Birding Bliss!" On Friday 1/20/23 "birds of a feather flocked together" to put on a great flower show. Thanks!

**The 2023 Secret Garden Tour
of Fort Lauderdale,
Saturday, February 25, 2023**

The FLGC 2023 Secret Garden Tour features seven outstanding and diverse gardens! The gardens include Emerald Award winners, a Florida native garden, a one-of-a-kind Intracoastal waterfront estate, a formal English garden, and more... You will be excited by the creative and different styles of gardening, so buy your tickets NOW as this promises to be a sellout!

You may purchase tickets at our February FLGC Meeting or online at the FLGC website (www.flgc.org) or by sending your check made out to FLGC for \$35.00 per person to

FLGC, PO BOX 4114
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33338-4114

Volunteers get a \$10.00 discount on tickets....contact Maggie Dunn (mwdunn333@gmail.com) at 954-598-3468 or Beth Waldorf (produce7@bellsouth.net) at 954-520-1449 for more information.



**FLGC Welcomes Three New
Members-at-Large!**

John and Carol Lucas are long
time volunteer gardeners at the
Bonnet House!

Email: jmlucas1963@gmail.com
Phone: 989-414-0060

Sophia Steber was a guest at the
FLGC General Meeting in January!

Email: sophiasteber@gmail.com
Phone: 609-203-5829

Please make note of their contact
information in your FLGC 2022-23
Yearbook!

FLGC Help Wanted...

Shade House...March 6th & 27th 9:30 a.m. to Noon Contact Debbie 315-778-3241

FLGC Grounds...February 1st & March 1st 8:30 a.m. Contact Geo 917-805-9488

Secret Garden Tour...February 25th Volunteers Contact Maggie Dunn 954-598-3468

**Plant & Garden Shoppe Sale...February 4th and April 1st Cashiers and Helpers
needed for two shifts (9:30-12:30 & 12:30-3:30) Contact Debbie 315-778-3241 or
delacl82@gmail.com**

Editor's Note: The fabulous photos below are from the garden at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center and provided by Geo Tomczyk, Grounds Chairman...for more info on helping Geo call him at 917-805-9488

November/December 2022 IN "THAT BLOOMIN' GARDEN"
A Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Production by Geo



Barleria cristata L.
Crested Philippine Violet



B. Aechmea blanchetiana



B. Aechmea Mexicana



Pithecellobium spp.
Blackbead/Cat's Claw



Euphorbia milii
Crown of Thorns



Cnidoscopus stimulosus
Bull Nettle



Odontonema strictum
Firespike



Dracaena thalioides
Lance Dracaena



Passiflora suberosa
Corksystem passionflower



Bromeliad spp.



Eucharis grandiflora
Amazon Lilly
Ailanthus Webworm Moth



Calliandra tergemina -
Powder Puff Shrub

SAVE THE DATE!

21st Annual Broward
Water Matters Day
Saturday, March 11, 2023 • 9am-3pm
Tree Tops Park, 3900 SW 100th Ave., Davie

Save **BLUE.**
Live **GREEN.**

Park Admission
\$1.50
Children 5 & under
FREE

Event Highlights

- Free Plants and trees - 2 per family
- Food Trucks
- Children's activities
- Raffles
- Landscaping for water savings
- Interactive educational displays/booths
- Water conservation tips

WATERMATTERS
IN BROWARD COUNTY

For more information visit watermatters.broward.org

Members of Parkinsonia Celebrate the Holidays with Floral Designs



Neya Saucha of Saucha Floral Designs instructs Parkinsonia members on holiday floral design at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center

Photos by Geo!



Member Debbi LeClair shows off her final holiday arrangement...way to go Debbi!



14th Annual Bonnet House International Orchid & Garden Festival

Saturday/Sunday April 1 & 2, 2023
9 am to 4 pm

The 14th Annual Bonnet House Orchid Festival includes vendors from Thailand, Malaysia, and Hawaii. The Festival includes:

Orchid & Exotic Plants Gardening Lectures Live Music/Food/Drink
Garden Art...and more!

Entrance Fee is \$15 and FREE Parking
Additional Fee of \$10 for a House Tour
Children 12 & Under are 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.

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Dates to Remember

February 2023

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| Wed | 01 | FLGC Grounds Workday, 8:30 a.m. Garden Center (<i>Help Needed!</i>) |
| Wed | 01 | Dist XI Design Guild Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Garden Center |
| Sat | 04 | Plant & Gift Shoppe Sale, 9:30 a.m. Garden Center (<i>Help Needed!</i>) |
| Wed | 08 | FLGC Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m. via ZOOM |
| Fri | 10 | FLGC General Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Garden Center |
| Tues | 14 | Dist XI Florida Flower Show Judges Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Garden Center |
| Sat | 25 | SECRET GARDEN TOUR (<i>HELP NEEDED!</i>) |

March 2023

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| Wed | 01 | Dist XI Design Guild Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Garden Center |
| Wed | 01 | FLGC Grounds Workday, 8:30 a.m. Garden Center (<i>Help Needed!</i>) |
| Mon | 06 | Shade House Workday, 9:00 a.m. Garden Center (<i>Help Needed!</i>) |
| Wed | 08 | FLGC Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m. via ZOOM |
| Wed | 08-10 | Deep South Garden Clubs Convention New Orleans, LA |
| Wed | 08-11 | FLGC Youth BFF Standard Flower Show, Garden Center |
| Sat | 11 | WATER MATTERS DAY. Tree Tops Park |
| Fri | 10 | FLGC General Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Garden Center |
| Wed | 15 | FLGC In-School Youth Garden Shows |
| Mon | 27 | Shade House Workday, 9:00 a.m. Garden Center (<i>Help Needed!</i>) |

April 2023

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| Sat | 01 | Plant & Gift Shoppe Sale, 9:30 a.m. Garden Center (<i>Help Needed!</i>) |
| Sat-Sun | 01-02 | Bonnet House Orchid/Garden Festival 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |