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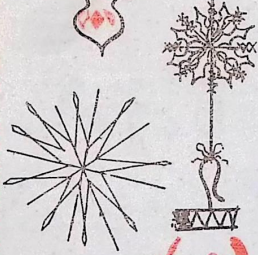
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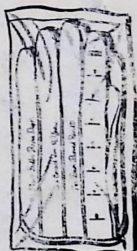
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February 2-3, 1961.....Headquarters, Winter Park
 April 11, 1961.....Pre-Convention—St. Petersburg

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETINGS—1960

I—Pensacola	November 1	VII—Orlando	November 10
II—Panama City	November 2	VIII—Bradenton	November 18
III—Madison	November 3	IX—Lake Wales	November 17
IV—Palatka	November 4	X—Belle Glade	November 16
V—Gainesville	November 9	XI—Pompano Beach	November 15
VI—Ormond Beach	November 7	XII—Key West	November 14

PRESIDENT'S SPRING CONFERENCE—1961

I—To be announced	April 25	VII—Sanford	May 8
II—Bonifay	April 26	VIII—Sarasota	May 9
III—Carrabelle	April 27	IX—Wauchula	May 10
IV—Green Cove Springs	May 5	X—Delray Beach	May 3
V—Cross City	April 28	XI—Lighthouse Point	May 2
IV—DeBary	May 4	XII—Miami	May 1

COMING EVENTS

November 2—DON'T BE A LITTERBUG—KEEP FLORIDA CLEAN DAY
 December 1, 2, 3—State Flower Show "This Is Our Life"—Sanford
 1961
 January 11-12—Advance Refresher Course—Jacksonville
 January 20—Arbor Day
 January 25-27—Tropical Short Course—U. of Miami
 February 2—Dedication—Headquarters Building—2 p.m.—Winter Park
 March 2-4—Landscape Design School, Course IV—Headquarters, Winter Park
 March 7—Judges Council Meeting—Tallahassee
 March 9-11—South Atlantic Region 1961 Convention—Mobile, Ala.
 April 12-14—35th Annual Convention of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.—
 St. Petersburg
 April 23-29—Blanche Covington Nature Study Course—Hugh Taylor Birch Park—Ft.
 Lauderdale
 April 27—Reading Examination for Flower Show Schools
 May 14-19—32nd Annual Convention of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.—
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 June 12-30—6th Conservation Workshop—Fla. State University
 June 20-22—Short Course—U. of Florida—Gainesville
 October 8-10—National Council Board Meeting—Des Moines, Ia.

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Unfortunately, "Donna" also raised havoc with the mailing of The Florida Gardener, and our Staff regrets the delay in delivery. But it is nice to know that so many of our members depend upon our state publication for Club news and information.

Once again, congratulations are in order for our President, Mrs. C. R. Mayes Jr., Mrs. E. O. Williams, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. John B. Glover III, Chairman of Publications! The BOOK OF INFORMATION for 1960-61 is the best yet! It will be distributed at the District Meetings. Plan a Club program around the valuable information contained in your Book of Information.

The approaching season is a time for "togetherness" of family and friends. Thanksgiving is almost here and we hope that a very merry Christmas lies just around the corner for you and yours. Happy New Year to all!

Hazel Emery Dunlap



THE COVER

The seventy members of The Board of Directors of The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. take this opportunity of wishing the membership and our friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Greetings

Dear Garden Club Members:

The Headquarters were officially opened on September first with Mrs. Everett Porter as Office Manager. This is your Headquarters; we hope you will visit it when you are in the area and use the facilities for your club's benefit.

The annual meeting in the District is an exciting day, a day when we have the pleasure of greeting members, hearing progress reports of the clubs and their plans for the year. We salute the Directors for their outstanding leadership.

The State Flower Show with its able Chairman, Mrs. Fred R. Ganas, will be held December 1-3. Plan to exhibit and attend. Besides the challenging classes in horticulture and flower arranging, the educational division is fascinating. Imagine having world gardening, plant introduction, junior nature camp, plants on the protected list, garden therapy, birds, Blue Star memorials, litterbug, U. S. Soil Conservation and book displays — truly an educational division.

Chairmen will be interested in "The New Look," a portfolio on flower shows provided by Mrs. J. A. Franquiz regarding planning for flower shows. The tremendous task of handling flower show schools is being skillfully carried out by Mrs. Ira J. Varnedoe and Mrs. Arthur F. Coe. An advanced refresher course will be held in Jacksonville on January 10-12, 1961. This is an opportunity to hear the finest instruction available. We are indebted to the Judges' Council, under the leadership of Mrs. Joseph Allison, for the fine work they are doing.

We congratulate the clubs with new garden centers. All clubs and circles may have a book shelf. For information on National Council Book service, contact Mrs. Philip R. James, and for assistance on the Federation's Library and one of your own, write our ingenious Chairman, Mrs. M. M. DeWitt.

As we near the holiday season, therapy should be an important phase of our work — helping others help themselves. If there are no opportunities in your area, gifts for patients are needed by the Mental Health Association. To each of you, warmest best wishes for health, success and good gardening in the coming year.

Most sincerely,

Fay M. Mayes

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

MRS. VERNON L. CONNER, *Chairman*

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This issue will reach you before Thanksgiving and prior to Christmas. Thanksgiving is the time to express gratitude for the bounty of our blessings. We are deeply grateful to those who have loyally and liberally supported the State Headquarters. They are commended on their vision in facing the facts concerning the Federation's future.

We are doing God's work when we help others live more abundantly and that is what your Headquarters will do. It will relieve the state presidents of the tremendous burden they have carried in the past; will enable the Federation to better serve its members; and will provide a gardening legacy for tomorrow.

Faith is defined as "an allegiance to duty"; it always precedes progress; and is the root of all great accomplishments. The Convention delegates expressed their faith on April 9, 1959, when they voted to erect a Headquarters. Since that time the building has been completed and the rapid progress was made possible because many, individuals, clubs and circles had an allegiance to duty.

Christmas is the time for remembering; its Message is one of hope — hope for the past, the present and the future. Many members have lovingly and faithfully served their communities and fellow gardeners. At this Holy Season remember them by perpetuating their name in the State Headquarters. The perfume of remembrance is sweet and its scent lingers in the heart.

Those giving from \$100 to \$499 are known as "Contributors." Their names will be placed on a parchment scroll to be hung in the lobby. The scroll must be prepared prior to dedication and we hope to have many additional names to include before January 15 at which time the studio must have complete information. Won't you express appreciation of yesterday, confidence in today and faith in tomorrow by sending your check made payable to FLORIDA FEDERATION HEADQUARTERS to Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, P. O. Box 183, Mount Dora?

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EDITOR'S NOTE: All donations to the Headquarters including those for furnishings and landscaping sent in since September first will be listed in the January-February Florida Gardener. The Chairman was in Europe and returned after the deadline for this issue. All checks are to made payable to FLORIDA FEDERATION HEADQUARTERS and sent to Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, P. O. Box 183, Mount Dora, Florida.



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The fall of 1959 found her anxious to move to Florida, and now she already professes a love of the soil and the thrill of tropical gardening. We hope, Dorothy, that you will get "lots of sand in your shoes"—as the old saying goes, and become a real Floridian!

Whenever your travels take you to the central part of the state, drop by our magnificent new Headquarters Building, and you are sure to be met by a warm smile and a cordial greeting from the attractive and capable secretary, Mrs. Everett Porter.



Tropical Short Course for Gardeners

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Mrs. Helen Cutten, Co-chairman

The Fifth Tropical Short Course of District XII will be held on the University of Miami campus January 25, 26 and 27, 1961. The Horticultural program will specialize in collections of native plant material, including ferns. The University Staff will conduct programs and forums for the ones who do not care to take the Flower Arrangements programs.

This year the group will have a real treat, on field day they will spend some of the time in Birch Taylor Park. The tour will be conducted by some of our leading staff members of the Botany Department.

The Flower Arrangement programs will be conducted by Mrs. Jack White, Live Oak, Florida, and we trust Mrs. Chas. H. Blanchard, Pensacola, Florida will be able to be with us.

Registration fee will be \$5.00. Early inquiries may be addressed to Dr. Taylor R. Alexander, Botany Dept., University of Miami, Coral Gables 46, Florida, or Mrs. Harry E. Crim, Chr., 415 Marmore Ave., Coral Gables 46, Florida.



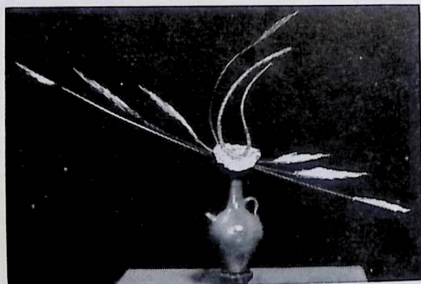
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- 8:30 - 12:00 A. M. Hillel House, 1100 Miller Drive, University of Miami, Main Campus
- 8:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30 Presiding: Mrs. Robert Elder Adams, (Director Dist. XII.)
Welcome: University Administrator
Response: Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Jr. (President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.)
Program of Short Course: Dr. Taylor R. Alexander (Chairman, Department of Botany)
- 9:30 - 11:30 "THE KEY TO AESTHETICS" (Flower Arrangements — Mrs. Jack White)
- 11:30 - 1:00 LUNCH, School Cafeteria, Student Club, Main Campus Hillel House
- 1:00 - 4:00 Presiding: Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Jr.
"THE SECRET OF INTUITION" — Mrs. Jack White
- 7:30 - 8:00 P.M. Hillel House, Main Campus — INFORMAL RECEPTION
- 8:00 P.M. Presiding: Mrs. Harry E. Crim (Chairman of Short Course)
COLORED SLIDES and Entertainment by Staff of Botany Dept., University of Miami.

THURSDAY, January 26, 1961:

- 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P. M. Lunch and Tour to Birch Taylor Park, Ft. Lauderdale
Dr. T. R. Alexander, Presiding
(Participants should wear walking shoes)
Other points of interest in Broward County included

No Evening Meeting:

FRIDAY, January 27, 1961:

- 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Hillel House, Main Campus
Presiding: Mrs. Helen Cutton, Co-Chairman of Short Course
"LET'S TEACH FLORA" — Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard
Forums: Will be held for the Horticulture Students during the time the Arrangements are taking place. Time, Place and Subject Matter announced later.



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I HAVE SLEPT IN PARADISE

By
Charles C. Shepard

This may seem fantastic. But, to me it is a reality.

In a large expanse of an area resplendent with exotic beauty Our Creator has given humans to enjoy, I have lain down to sleep, in Paradise.

Not that I am a "Nature Boy" living in the wilds, in the wild state, but as a guardian of these beautiful specimens of the flowering kingdom gathered together in display at the Annual Flower Show of The Federated Garden Clubs of Tampa, Florida.

After the milling crowds departed of an evening I took over, saw to the locking of doors, proper air condition, watering a plant here or there in need. In other words, saw that they were properly tucked in for the night.

Selecting a liking spot, would set up my cot amid this grand splendour, with the musical, soothing sound of a nearby waterfall. The exotic perfume of thousands of bloom wafting about in a soft, mellow, glow of light similar to a faint moon-lit evening lighting the scene. I lie upon my cot to sleep in Paradise, A Flower Lover's Paradise.

Editor's note:

Mr. Shepard is a night-watchman who loves his job, the stewardship of a flower show! After reading this everyone in Sanford will want the privilege of guarding the state show.

Flower Shows Scheduled

MRS. J. A. FRANQUIZ, Chairman

- Nov. 5, 6, 1960—"Together We Grow"
District VIII Flower Show
Fair Grounds—Palmetto.
- Nov. 10, 11 — "A Place in the Home"
Port Charlotte Garden Club
Edgewater Estates Model Homes.
- Nov. 16 — "Christmas Greens Show and
Garden Mart"
The Garden Club of Deland.
- Nov. 17, 18 — "East Meets West"
Chrysanthemum Show"
Lakeland Garden Club.
- Dec. 1, 2, 3 — "This Is Your Life"
Florida State Flower Show
Sanford.
- Dec. 10, 11 — "Galaxies of Christmas"
Placement Show
North Tampa Garden Club.
- Jan. 14, 1961 — "Camellia Show"
Camellia Society of Central Florida
Orlando, Florida.
- Jan. 28, 29 — "Reflected Glories"
Twenty-fifth Annual Camellia Show
Garden Club of Jacksonville.
- Feb. 23 — "Yesterday, Today and
Tomorrow"
Avon Park Garden Club
Youth Center, Avon Park.
- March 24, 25, 26 — "Portrait of Lake
Wales—1911-1961"
Lake Wales.

Method For Making Wax Grapes



(Sent to Mrs. Melville Hall by National Council Program Chairman)

Demonstrated on Convention Symposium

by Mrs. Ivan Van Horn

Put a cake of regular canning parawax in slow oven to warm through. For safety set wax in pan of water.

While wax is warming, cover 7 pieces of #22 corsage wire approximately 16 inches long each, with corsage tape. Cut 6 of these pieces into 5 parts each. Curl the 7th one around a small pencil for the grape tendrils.

When wax is warm enough to be pliable, roll the grapes. Cut the cake of wax in strips with old scissors, then cut strips into squares. Roll each piece in your fingers until

it is round like a grape. Insert a covered wire into each grape and stick wire into a piece of styrofoam until grape is hard.

When grapes are hard, dip them into melted wax which has been colored with crayons. Be careful to remove the one drop of wax remaining on each grape as you dip it.

It is well to make about 8 small, 15-16 medium and 6 large grapes. 29-30 grapes make a nice bunch. Assemble grapes into groups of 4-5 as grapes grow. Always start with the smaller grapes for the ends of the bunches. Use corsage tape to hold groups or grapes together—much as you would in assembling a corsage.

When grapes are assembled, add the curled tendril, letting each end come down through the grapes. Then add two artificial grape leaves. Behold a thing of beauty!!!
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Attention! Flower Arrangers

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MEMO TO: All Garden Club Presidents—
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

FROM: 1962 Florida Flower Arrangement
Calendar Committee

Plans are now being made for 1962 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar and we would appreciate your co-operation in urging your Club Members to help make our 1962 Calendar a greater success by sending this Chairman arrangement photographs now. For Calendar use we must have:

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 - (c) Name of Garden Club
 - (d) Name of Photographer
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 - (g) Type of container and description of vases, if used.
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For the first time in our Calendar history we want to give our arranger an opportunity to have privately owned Calendar transparencies considered for use in the 1962 Calendar.

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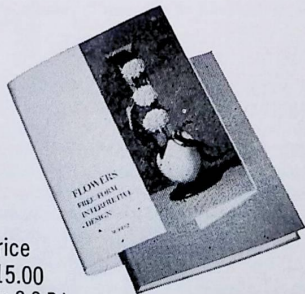
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From All Points

Notes of Your Club Activities Reported to

MRS. MARSHALL M. DEWITT

It isn't "always fair weather when good fellows get together"! Many such an occasion this fall, no doubt, was to check and repair damage to garden and cherished public planting as an aftermath of the rowdy antics of Donna, Ethel, Florence, etc. who blew into Florida with less than common courtesy. In spite of these weather tantrums, our garden clubs have planned a wonderful year ahead.

Club Programs

Graceville Garden Club has built its programs for the coming year around the theme "Florida Is Queen — of the Sea," "of the Tropics," "of the Deep South," "of Vacationland," etc. At the September luncheon, "Florida Is Queen of the Sea," seashell corsages were presented to guests, the menu featured shrimp salad, and the program was on collecting shells. At two programs of the Belleview Garden Club this year native materials will be featured. One will cover the role of native trees and shrubs in landscaping; the other will be a workshop on the use of dried native materials for Christmas decorations. Ixora Circle, Ft. Pierce, has a fresh and intriguing theme for this year — "World Travels." In their programs they will "travel" to various countries for program material and study. The itinerary being with a "Bon Voyage" meeting and will proceed to Mexico, Panama, the Orient, Ireland, France, and for their study of miniatures, Monaco.

Some Ways for Lots of Means

Besides staging a beautiful flower show at the Pensacola Interstate Fair in October, members of the Pensacola Federation had a food booth with the inviting name "Nibble Nook." Flower show workers and visitors could buy not only good coffee, cold drinks, and snacks, but delicious goodies from members' kitchens. November has brought nearer to realization the enlarging of the Garden Center of the Winter Park Garden Club with its successful Festival held Nov. 4 as "ways and means." And how about this! Raising funds for Jacksonville's beautiful new Garden Center, the twenty-four members of Glynlea Garden Circle, Jacksonville, didn't bat an eye at such activities as these: making 3,000 sandwiches for a Christmas tea, selling rummage from the back of a station wagon, auctioning off

packets of rare flower seeds at a circle meeting, baking cakes from favorite recipes for sale at a super-market, and a breathtaking fashion show. No need to wish Glynlea "more power to you"—they already have it in awesome abundance!

Roadside and Civic Beautification

Beautiful, historical St. Augustine is a shining example of fine cooperation among garden clubs and other civic organizations and State and County agencies joined together in roadside development and civic beautification. Extensive highway, street, and public parkway projects are calling forth top planning and cooperation with resulting beauty and safety for residents as well as the traveling public. A full page of newspaper copy and pictures was sent to this writer telling the story, and inspired an instant wish to drive up and enjoy the new loveliness of Old St. Augustine. A current project of the Callahan Garden Club is beautifying the approaches to the town with plantings as the proper season for setting out arrives. Southern Charm Garden Club, San Mateo, with only 15 members, has as its ongoing project the beautification of its home town, beginning where such projects logically begin — the members' own gardens and street frontage, and progressing to plantings in a new recreation park and other public areas. Roadsides are being kept cut, and a planting of azaleas has been undertaken in memory of Mrs. George Meserole, late valued member and past president. Ortona Garden Club began its season with a Fall "Festival of Gardening" to which not only members but visitors and new residents were invited. Free rooted plants were distributed. There were lovely decorations and an excellent questions and answers period with the City Beautification Director supplying the answers. Travelers driving through Eau Gallie will appreciate the project of Jacaranda Garden Club — placing a picnic table and benches along U.S. No. 1. Canal Point Garden Club is landscaping a triangular piece of land at one entrance to their town. It will be furnished with picnic tables for the enjoyment of tourists in the area. Okeechobee Garden Club is planting small shrubbery in planters in front of the Chamber of Commerce and adjoining the City Swimming Pool. Star Jasmine will climb

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upon a surrounding fence. Coral Way Garden Club, Miami, was awarded 2nd prize, a silver serving platter, by the Miami Daily News in a contest for neighborhood service. This club undertook a beautification program of planting hundreds of young trees on the barren parkways of a new Miami subdivision. On October 26th, Perry Garden Club held its Blue Star Memorial Marker service.

Of Books and Libraries

Books on flower arranging and horticulture have been purchased and placed on the shelves of the Public Library by Melbourne Garden Club. A winner in the club-sponsored Christmas Lighting Contest graciously returned his prize money and asked the club to use it for some good community project. They bought the books, Riviera Beach Garden Club is another which has donated books on plants and gardening to public library and to the High School Library as well. Fort Lauderdale Federation has generously opened its excellent library, at Birch State Park Garden Center, to the public. In beautiful surroundings, the center library is certain to be greatly appreciated and used by Fort Lauderdale gardeners and home owners.

Youth Everywhere

High School Gardening, sponsored by adult garden clubs, is off to an enthusiastic beginning in Marianna, Quincy, and Bonifay. The District II Junior Workshop, held in Cottondale in September, was held on a Saturday so that school teachers, Scout leaders, Sunday School teachers, as well as other Junior leaders, might attend. Amaryllis Garden Club, St. Augustine, sponsors a fine Junior Club, one member of which attended the Youth Conservation Camp, Ocala, last summer. A senior member, Mrs. Herbert Braddock, served as Councilor at the camp, and another member is the much honored Junior Chairman for District IV, Mrs. Davis. Mandarin Garden Club emphasizes work with juniors. Fortunate are both the senior and junior clubs to have the devoted interest of Mrs. Seigmund, a Junior Chairman who for several years has conducted several interesting meetings each month for the children, and has inspired fine cooperation from club members. Sunwood Garden Club, Eau Gallie, has begun work with its new Junior Garden Club, the Sunwood Gardenettes, and will share with the children not only their knowledge of gardening but the pleasure of participating in area beautification. The outstanding achievement of Sunset Garden Club, South Miami, was organization of a fine working group of 18 young girls at Kendall Children's Home into a Junior Garden Club.

Flower Shows

Long lasting beauty will enhance the Christmas season in Pensacola where the Art Center will be the scene of the Federation's Christmas Flower Show, Dec. 3 and 4. Arrangements of dried material will continue on display all through Christmas. Both Hemerocallis and Rose Garden Club, Fernandina Beach, will have Christmas placement shows for their members this year. A bit earlier, District VIII has scheduled their second annual District Flower Show, "Together We Grow," in Palmetto, a benefit which will help furnish a room at the new State Headquarters Building, Winter Park. Mid-winter, Feb. 11-12, is the time for the annual flower show of the West Palm Beach Garden Club. The theme is "Living Color" and their gifted Juniors will join them with their show at the same time. Melbourne Garden Club's theme for its annual flower show is "Our Bloomin' World" and provides a worldwide choice of ideas for arrangements and horticulture. April 6 Mandarin Garden Club's flower show will have the theme "Springtime Splendor." Metropolitan Miami Flower Show is scheduled for April 7-10 with the theme "Designs for Living."

Tallahassee's 1961 Camellia Show has historical theme of interest to all Floridians. "Through The Years with Our Governors—1821-1961" will be presented by the Tallahassee Garden Club and the Men's Camellia and Garden Club at LaFayette Park Community Center January 21 and 22.

An additional attraction will be a tour Sunday afternoon of local Camellia gardens.

Birds and Bird Sanctuaries

Orange Park Garden Club is again conducting its enjoyable and informative bird walks combined with wildflower study. The public is invited and children with their mothers are welcome, a prelude to future interest in junior gardening. Birds in District V have many friends in the garden clubs. To earlier reports we add this: Through efforts of local garden club members, Belleview has been designated a Bird Sanctuary and appropriate signs have been erected at intervals along the highway. An earlier issue told of the bird watching turnout areas at each end of Payne's Prairie which the circles of Gainesville Garden Club are developing. Now Bird Sanctuary signs have been paid for and the project is to be expanded to include landscaping, leaving native materials where possible for nesting and shelter for the prairie birds. With the cooperation of the State Road Department, a "Mile of Beauty" is planned for the roadside between terminal islands.

Tomorrow's Horticulture Today

By ISABEL KING

The Sept.-Oct. issue of the *Gardener* carried an article on annuals. This issue will deal with perennials; but first a few words should be said about biennials. A biennial is a plant which may be started from seed and require two years to come to maturity. The first year it makes top growth, and usually a fleshy root. The second year it produces flowers and seed, living on the food stored up in the root and then dying. Biennials as a class require no different culture from that given any other plants; and some of them can be treated as annuals. Examples of typical biennials are: canterbury bells, foxglove, pansy, and hollyhock.

Perennials are plants which live, bloom, and seed for more than two years, as distinguished from annuals and biennials, and therefore offer the gardener many advantages.

Garden perennials come to us from rocky mountain tops, others from swamps or lowland lake shores; some come from the hot prairies or from the fringes of the desert, while others inhabit cool, shady woodlands. Every conceivable condition between these extremes is also represented. As a result, there is no garden condition, no matter how unfavorable, in which some perennial cannot be made to thrive. The following are a few examples of perennials: Stoke's aster, gaillardia, liatris, lupin, phlox, canna, delphinium, gypsophila, salvia, ferns, lilies, hosta, yucca, diathus, chrysanthemum, hemeracalis and many vines.

Because a perennial bed is usually permanent it should have a deep adequate foundation involving drainage, texture and fertility. Spare no effort to prepare the bed thoroughly, digging the soil to a depth of at least a foot and mixing with it any available source of humus and reinforcing it with a balanced plant food. Economy of effort lies in thorough preparation at the start, so that the soil will not require renewal or elaborate attention for several years.

The most inexpensive method of growing perennials is, of course, from seed, though for a first-year start, it is well to buy a few established plants. While not all perennials will come true to type from seed, especially plants which have been hybridized, most of them can be so handled. In the South seed may be sown in the fall, so the plants will get a start and then make a vigorous growth early in the spring and mature before the heat of the summer.

Perennials may be propagated by root divisions, rooting of shoots, root cuttings, and stem cuttings. The best time to take cuttings is in the spring when the parent plants are 6 to 8 inches high. Root cuttings are best made in the middle or late summer when they will grow into good plants by the next spring. When propagating by division, it should be done every 3 or 4 years, but this depends upon the type of plant and the care it has received. As long as a plant produces strong growth, flowers freely, and does not crowd other plants there is no need to divide it; unless there is a desire to increase the number of plants.

During the growing season perennial plants should be thoroughly watered. Casual sprinkling is not only inadequate, but actually worse than not watering at all, for it merely wets the top layer of the soil and has a tendency to bring the roots upward. To reach the deeper roots the watering must be thorough; then don't give more water until it is definitely needed. Watering should be done early in the morning before the sun is hot enough to cause too much evaporation. Late afternoon watering is not advisable for damp foliage overnight in warm close weather contributes to the spread of fungus disease.

Three kinds of insect pests affect perennials: chewing, sucking, and subterranean. The chewing insects may easily be detected at work on foliage and flowers and may be controlled by the use of a stomach poison such as lead arsenate. Sucking insects, which pierce the plant's tissue and suck its vital juices, must be killed by being hit with a contact spray which includes nicotine. Subterranean pests, such as cut worms, cricket moles, and root lice, may be eliminated by poison bait or soil fumigant as tobacco dust, or naphthalene compounds.

Perennials are the necessity of almost any successful planting during the greater part of the year, and by a judicious choice of materials one may have perennials in bloom every month of the year. They may be used as a border, in rockgardens, for fragrance, for cutting, for color, and few types of plants afford the gardener more pleasure for so little effort.



Do-It-Yourself Gardening

North Florida

For a bright green winter lawn, plant Rye grass now. This grass requires a lot of nitrogen and water.

Caladium bulbs are not hardy and should be dug about a week after the leaves die. Store in dry sand or peat during the winter months. Dahlias should be dug after the first frost and be stored the same way as Caladium.

Spanish moss makes a fine cover for annuals to protect them from frost.

Hardy annuals should be in their permanent place in the garden by Nov. 15th.

If scales have been bothering your Camellias and other woody plants it is safe to spray with oil emulsion since the danger of hot weather is over.

Dogwood can be safely transplanted the latter part of November.

Central Florida

Now is the time to plant new perennials.

Hang up your pruning shears until warmer months are here. Pruning forces new growth and new growth is easily killed by cold weather.

When transplanting seedlings from seed beds be sure to water liberally for several days and give partial shade until plants are well established. Nasturtiums, sweet peas, larkspur, and poppies are usually sown where they are to remain and bloom, because of the difficulty in transplanting.

December is the dormant month for shrubs and trees and is the best time to transplant any you wish to move. It is also a good time to start hardwood cuttings.

South Florida

Be sure to get rose bushes planted in November.

Protection from frost will be needed at this time for tender plants and fruit trees.

Sweet peas should be planted in December.

Make progressive plantings of short crops in vegetables and annuals.

Almost any vegetable, annual, sweet herb or semi-tropical bulb can be planted at this time of year.

Give Mangoes an application of fertilizer when they begin to bloom. Use ammonium sulphate or 40% nitrogen. Application should be followed with a medium amount of irrigation.

Watch poinsettias for green worms. Pull them off and kill them.

Keep your eye out for those big orange grasshoppers! They thrive on the leaves of your choicest plants. Spray does not affect them so just knock them off and step on them.

Recipe For A Successful Garden Club

MRS. J. G. ROUTZAHN

To make a hearty, tasty stew we need a combination of fine ingredients blended well together.

First, we brown well the cubes of meat, or in our case—THE BOOK OF INFORMATION, because without the strength supplied by State Officers and Chairmen, it would be a very light dish.

Next to add body,—the nourishing vegetables, or the MANUAL and PROGRAM PATTERNS . . . To give substance, for here we find the guides to effective club programs and procedures. They both contain a wealth of material that is there for the seeking.

The tomatoes, onions and peppers to give

zest, are contained in NATIONAL GARDENER MAGAZINE and THE FLORIDA GARDENER—to be our guides as to the latest news, and make us well-informed members.

Then, the spices or herbs to gain that added flavor to keep us out of the 'doldrums'—the projects that State and National suggest we work toward in our local Club activities that effect and help others in our community. (Raiford Greenhouse Garden Therapy Project. . . . Legislation for Highway Litter, Billboards, etc.)

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Florida's Favorites . . . Yesterday-Today- and Tomorrow

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AMARYLLIDACEAE

This is a family of about 75 genera and 700 species mostly in tropical and subtropical regions but a few in temperate parts of the world. Many genera have ornamental flowers and are much cultivated, and a large number grow and flower beautifully in Florida gardens while some, such as the Agave, are used more for their effect in landscaping.

Classifications in this family were very mixed up. Dean Wm. Herbert, of Manchester, England, a distinguished botanist famous for his knowledge of bulbous plants was intensely interested in this and seemed to be one of the first to make an effort to straighten things out. The American Amaryllis Society recognized his great contribution by naming its notable year book "Herbertia." Since his time much more work has been done, by Baker in 1888 in his "Handbook of the Amaryllidaceae" and more recently by Traub and Moldenke whose classifications seem as nearly perfect as science can at present determine. Their classification has been accepted by "Gentes Herbarium" of Cornell University and the Florida red Amaryllis has become the type species, *Amaryllis belladonna* as first named by Linnaeus. This lovely Amaryllis, which grew and bloomed so profusely in early Florida gardens, seems to be losing out to the newer hybrids and this seems too bad as it has a very special attraction in its simple graceful form and lovely color.

Much has been done to develop new hybrids, and gorgeous ones are offered in both the American and the Dutch strains, from miniatures to very large sizes in both single and double. There is news also, recently, of a new introduction from South Africa soon to be available which blooms in the Fall.

In 1886 Dr. Henry Nehrling, a noted horticulturist in the early days in Florida, settled at Gotha, near Orlando, and he introduced and grew many of the bulbs of this family. Mr. Theodore L. Meade, who also lived near Orlando, an outstanding horticulturist for whom the Meade Botanical Garden was named — where our headquarters building is located — grew and hybridized many lovely kinds which are known as the Meade strain. He and Dr. Nehrling must have collaborated as there are some known as the Nehrling-Meade strain.

The Amaryllis are beautiful but there are a number of other members of this large family which we have seen blooming this past year which are equally beautiful — the *Crinum*, *Eucharis*, *Hemanthus*, *Lycoris*, *Hymenocallis* and the exquisite little *Zephyranthes*.

Crinum is the Greek name for lily. This is a genus of about 100 species of handsome bulbous plants with interesting and outstanding blooms. One native to Florida is *C. Americanum* which is often seen growing in swampy places. Those commonly called "Milk and Wine" and "Spider" lilies are much seen. Then there are the beautiful pink hybrids, *Cecilia Houdyshel* and *Louis Bosanguet*. The first named was created by the noted bulb specialist of that name in California and the second by the English plantsman of that name who lived in Fruitland Park, Florida. He also produced a beautiful wine-rose variety which he named for his wife, "Ellen Bosanguet." The lovely *Moorei*, var. *album*, with its bell shaped flowers like large tulips is a beautiful sight. Many of the *crinums* are useful in landscaping as their foliage is evergreen and adds a lush tropical effect to the planting. They are also very easy to grow.

The *Eucharis grandiflora*, Amazon lily, is one of our favorites, both for foliage and flowers. This lovely member of the Amaryllis family is a native of Colombia and, while

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the bulbs are not always easily obtained, it has been growing in Florida gardens since the very early days. Its rich evergreen leaves, about 7x18 inches long are beautiful in themselves and the pure white narcissus like blooms about 4½ inches across, borne on a tall stem are delightfully fragrant.

One of the most spectacular and regal looking of the Amaryllids is the Hemanthus or blood lily. The variety multiflora seems to do best in Florida and it sends up a scape about a foot tall on top of which large umbels of scarlet or orange-red florets are so thickly set that they make a globe of eight to ten inches in diameter. The foliage appears usually just after the bloom and later dies down as the plant is deciduous.

The Lycoris radiata is also a striking looking bloom. Bright orange-red. The Lycoris aurea, the yellow one, was one which Dr. Nehrling thought so beautiful and hoped would be planted more in Florida.

One of the most fascinating members of the Amaryllis family is that of the Zephyranthes, variously called — rain lily, fairy lily, hurricane lily, "Flowers of the West Wind." Their colors of white, pale pink, rose pink, deep rose or yellow and their habit of springing suddenly into bloom make them favorites everywhere, while their narrow, grassy leaves being evergreen give a pleasing effect even without the bloom.

There are many more beautiful and fascinating members of this large family, these are only a few which we have seen this Summer. What have you seen?

The American Amaryllis Society has most interesting and informative articles in its publications. Mr. Wyndam Hayward, of Winter Park, the noted bulb specialist, has contributed and he is also an officer. The society is now affiliated with the American Plant Life Society and the executive secretary is Dr. Thomas W. Whittaker, Box 150, La Jolla, California. The dues are \$3.50 per year. Anyone who is interested in Amaryllids should certainly join.

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HANDS THAT MOLD THE CLAY HAVE MOLDED A HOBBY INTO A CAREER

By Mrs. Henry C. Herrschaft

Ethel McLean who has carved a career for herself with her sculptor's tools for the past 26 years, carries on her work in a studio on Druid Road at the entrance of the Belleair. Her small studio is crammed with objects of art done in the classical manner.

Much of her work is done for the beautification of gardens. There is a white bird about 36 inches from head to the tip of its tail made of fiber glass which withstands the elements, weighted to give stability. Wall pieces are done in bass relief; pieces for use in fountains; heads of children or replicas of loved ones used on garden walls for beautification or as memorials.

Since coming to Clearwater, the sculptress has done portraits in bas relief of many children of prominent area families, including the grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown and Mrs. Roger Kemp Rogan.

Miss McLean, whose work in clay has won National recognition is on the staff of the Florida Gulf Coast Art Center and will teach classical sculpture again this season. She is a former scholarship award winner to the Corcoran School of Art Washington, D. C.; the Art Students League in New York City, the Dept. of Sculpture at Columbia University and the Yale School of Fine Arts.

Miss McLean received National recognition for her collection of 33 miniature and exact replicas of America's First Ladies, done in their inaugural gowns.

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Donna Spares Permanent Yule Tree In Christmas

CHRISTMAS, Sept. 13 (UPI)—Hurricane Donna's furious winds spared the permanent Christmas tree erected in this tiny Central Florida town as the symbol of "the Christmas spirit every day in the year."

Mrs. Juanita Tucker, Christmas postmaster, said today the tree was stripped of its ornaments but remained upright.

Mrs. Tucker is in charge of processing about 300,000 pieces of mail sent through here each Christmas season to receive the town's postmark. Christmas is located near Orlando.

She said the entire "Peace Garden" where the tree stands sustained only minor damage.

"The temporary building housing the nativity scene was demolished," she said. "The storm lifted the building completely over the figures, setting it down a number of feet behind, but not a statue was harmed or scratched."

She said the monument holding the dedicating plaque was blown down. But the plaque itself, dedicating the garden to the Prince of Peace and all those who have died for the cause of peace and freedom, was undamaged.

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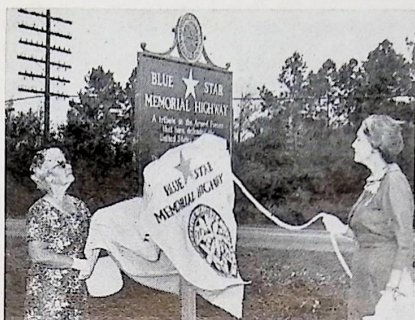
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LATEST BLUE STAR MARKER PLACED

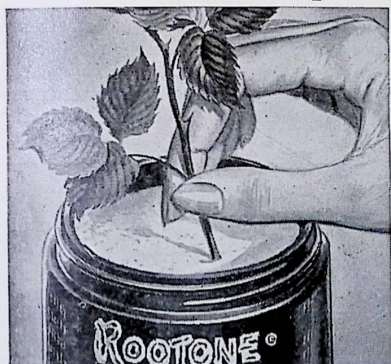
At an impressive service on October 28th, the Cottondale Garden Club dedicated a Blue Star Marker on Highway 90, West of Cottondale.

Many of the state officers and Board members attended the ceremony. After Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Florida Federation President, unveiled the marker, those attending were entertained at a reception at the home of Mrs. Raymond Cartledge. Mrs. E. M. Richardson served as Chairman.

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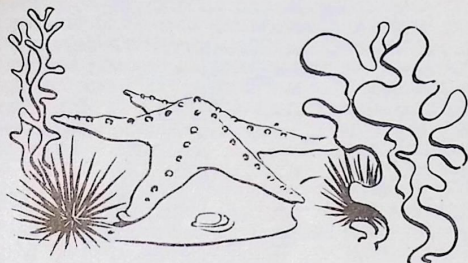
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For tying up my drooping spirits with
the firmness of Thy promises. For
pruning closely the off-shoots of my
arrogance. For feeding me daily with
the proper mixture of self assurance
and humility. Weed my heart from
misunderstandings.

Restrain my judgments.
Cultivate my mind with noble
thoughts
That I may in due season
Be chosen for use
In Thy perfect arrangement.
In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen

Ruth Coffin Cheek



Guest Writer

The Land Beneath the Sea

By
SYLVIA BARCLAY

Key Largo Coral Reef Preserve is America's only park which lies entirely beneath the ocean. The first undersea State Park is located just thirty miles south of Miami, Florida. It extends for twenty-one miles with a width of about four miles, from approximately two miles off the shore of Key Largo to the ten-fathom line.

Magnificent coral reefs, composed of millions of living polyps which extract lime from the sea around them, abound with exotic tropical fish making this park an unbelievable natural aquarium of great interest and beauty. More than thirty-five different species of coral have charming, descriptive names such as staghorn, moosehorn, star, starlet, fern, rose, ivory, flower and cactus. There are only fifty-two known species in the whole Atlantic reef system and a large majority of these are found at Key Largo.

At low tide some of the area can be traversed on foot making it possible for the inquisitive visitors to actually explore the bottom of the sea. Key Largo also presents unlimited therapeutic possibilities in conquering the fear of those who dread water; for a visit to this undersea wonderland can create new vistas and opinions for those who are afraid of what lies beneath the surface of the water.

Ponce de Leon named these beautiful but dangerous reefs, "the Martyrs" and for centuries mariners have dodged this underwater peril. Now skin divers, photographers and park visitors enjoy nature's exotic garden while gliding beneath the surface or within the safety of glass bottom boats. At long last the reef no longer harbors the debris of shipwrecks nor the destruction of coral and tropical fish.

Under the supervision of the United States Department of Interior, Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund, State Board of Conservation and the Florida Board of Parks and Historical Memorials preservation of this unusual area is being maintained for recreational and educational purposes. And it is interesting to note that this state park was one of the few not damaged by the recent hurricanes!

Like "bird-watchers" who frequent our woodlands, it is now possible for "fish-watchers" to experience the thrill of viewing nature's garden beneath the sea in all of its colorful splendor!

National Council Awards Directive

"The new scale of points for Standard Show makes the one in the Handbook obsolete. Judges Handbook, page 56. The 1960 Awards Descriptions under "Award #5, Purple Ribbon" refers to 'page 56'. This should have been deleted from the printers copy.

The new rule:

When applying for Flower Show Awards, all shows should have achieved a scoring of 95 points, as judged by the Standard Flower Show Evaluation Form, effective January 1960. (Approved; Albuquerque, N. M., October 1959.)"

Mrs. J. L. Fisher

National Council Awards Chairman

NOTICE

Garden Club members competing or exhibiting in the State Flower Show in Sanford, December 1, 2, and 3rd are urged to check the *official* schedule for correct classes. The Chairman is Mrs. Fred R. Ganas, Route 2, Box 455, Sanford, Florida.
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Where—Civic Center, Sanford, Florida

Admission \$1.25 Children .50

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Mrs. C. H. Blanchard, Chairman

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The syllabus LET'S TEACH FLORA won National Council Award 13 C! It is being used nationwide, and is available from our State Book Chairman.

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Congratulations to the Garden Club of Sebring for holding interesting bi-monthly horticultural all during this hot summer. It was so popular that the group has decided to continue throughout the entire year.

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BIRD SANCTUARY SIGN IN ORANGE PARK

The town of Orange Park passed an ordinance designating it as a Bird Sanctuary about December 1st, 1953 and the sign at the Highway 17 entrance to the town was erected shortly thereafter.

Mrs. Edmund C. Clarke, Birds Chairman at that time, designed the attractive sign with a graceful white heron on a dark green background. The area around it is landscaped with pyracantha, yuccas and other plants which attract the birds.

Submitted by Mrs. Stanley Radford

A FIRST FOR FLORIDA!

For the first time in Florida, a Corsage Show, "Captivating Corsages," will be sponsored by the Corsage Circle of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg.

WHEN? — Thursday November 17th, 1 P.M. - 9 P.M.

WHERE? — Garden Center, 500 Sunset Drive South.

The show is open to the public.

The schedule, written by two National Accredited Flower Show Judges, includes fresh and dried corsages for every occasion, as well as table classes for festive events and children's parties. There will be an educational exhibit and continuous demonstrations. *Submitted by Mrs. J. A. Haslam*

Mrs. J. E. Terwilleger, Jr., of Sanford, deserves a great round of applause for the magnificent job she did, single-handed, on the Schedule for the State Flower Show, Dec. 1, 2 and 3rd. "This Is Our Life" shows great talent and originality in every class.



Armchair Gardening

By JEANNETTE B. DEWITT
Chairman Garden Club Libraries

We've been wondering how many readers of this column share the writer's view that one of the most thoughtful and appreciated gifts we can give is a carefully chosen book. Today's authors and publishers tempt us at every book counter with their beautifully illustrated offerings on every imaginable subject. If one lives and breathes, has any interest or hobby at all, there are books to instruct, inspire, show us how, warn of pitfalls, entertain, just anything that concerns us. The choice is left to us, and the purpose.

Recently many fine books have been added to the shelves of the Florida Federation's State Garden Club Library. Clubs will receive a list of them. All may be borrowed. Space permits comment on only a few, and those are chosen with the thought that they might be just what a reader would like to give someone for Christmas, or at any time such a gift might be indicated.

If an interest in the out-of-doors, an eye and spirit that finds beauty in every leaf and blade of grass, texture of bark and cone, color and curve of pod is coupled with a yearning to gather and compose these interesting things into designs of beauty, "Decorating With Pods and Cones" by Eleanor Van Rensselaer would be an excellent choice. The book is clearly and generously illustrated and would appeal to an advanced craftsman or to a beginner. A Junior Garden Chairman would find a great many ideas to work out with her children. The price is \$4.95.

A book for a new garden club member or the Horticulture Chairman is "Plant Propagation in Pictures" by Montague Free, \$4.95. It is filled with pictures of all the latest methods of plant propagation, a most valuable handbook for even an experienced gardener who may want to check skills. A man who loves gardening would appreciate this book as a gift for Christmas, or any time.

For someone who is interested in wild flowers, "Flowers Native to the Deep South" by Caroline Dormon, \$7.50, is a beautiful book with many illustrations which are help-

ful in identification. Another excellent book for bonsai enthusiasts is "The Japanese Art of Miniature Trees and Landscapes" by Yoshimura and Halford, \$7.50, published by Charles E. Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vt. and Tokyo, Japan. This is the most complete book on this subject that we have seen. Another book which would be most helpful for a Junior Chairman, and equally so for adult arrangers, is "How to Make Containers and Accessories for Flower Arrangements" by Amer and Gray, \$3.50. Every conceivable material seems to have been contrived into attractive, inexpensive uses with flowers.

The book you plan to give may be to honor a garden club friend and destined for either your own garden club library or the Federation's library in Gainesville. In either case, your gift may now carry a specially designed bookplate. The Federation's Books Honoring Project has brought so many outstanding and valuable books to the State Library that Officers and Board Members recently approved offering attractive bookplates for individual clubs to use in promoting gifts to their own libraries, also. These plates are free to you and may be obtained by writing to our new State Headquarters, 1400 S. Maitland Ave., Winter Park, Florida. We hope clubs will take advantage of this offer in encouraging members to contribute to the increase in numbers and quality of the books that will be found in garden centers and libraries.

FLOWERS: FREE FORM—INTERPRETIVE DESIGN by M. Benz, advertised on page 11 of this issue, is indeed a masterpiece in the creative field of floral art! The photography is superb and description and explanation of mechanics which accompany the arrangement is written in fascinating style . . . 247 pages of pure delight!

One authority said, "Here is a book that is litterly worth its weight in gold . . . it is the most constructive contribution to the floral industry in my 30 years in the field."

Some of Florida's foremost arrangers have declared it a MUST for their bookshelves. Anyone seeking "that bit of blue ribbon" or desiring to create a stunning floral creation for their home—be it traditional or contemporary decor, should certainly see this book.

M. Benz will instruct Flower Arrangement at the Advanced Refresher Course in Jacksonville on January 11-12th, 1961.

H.E.D.

Why, may I ask, do we garden so diligently?" Because gardening is a release from the daily tension of living. Because we are all lovers of beauty and because gardening is a never ending surprise package."

(Continued From Page 13)

Miscellaneous

Blue Star Markers continue as a favorite project of many clubs. New ones are at Cottondale, the Gulf Beaches, and Marietta on Highway 90, the last dedicated by the Garden Club of Jacksonville. Croton Circle of the West Palm Beach Garden Club collects clippings for a retarded children's school and provides wild bird seed for the feeders on the grounds of Palm Beach County's Home for the Aged. A gift this year of the Travelers Palm Garden Club, Jupiter, to the South Florida State Hospital was a truck load of plants for the hospital's slat house. On Jan. 9, 1961, members of Stuart Garden Club will meet, reminisce, have tea, and visit with our State President, Mrs. Mayes, as they celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary at the home of their first president, Mrs. Willaford R. Leach, at La Fontana, Palm Beach. Summer brought organization of a new club to District XI—the Garden Circles of North Broward. In a matter of a few weeks original membership of 23 had grown to over 80, divided into four circles. Many already experienced and well-known garden club members are in this new group and it is assured great success from its beginnings.

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Mrs. William G. O'Donnell
National Gardener Chairman

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TALLAHASSEE GARDEN CENTER FEATURED IN HISTORICAL TOUR

The Garden Center, one of Tallahassee's landmarks was opened to the public in the Tour of Historical Homes sponsored by the Pilot Club Sunday, October 9.

The lovely old structure was built in 1840 by Henry Rutger, city councilman and territorial treasurer. The doors and woodwork are mahogany. Most of the lumber was hand hewn from native trees. The Tallahassee Club acquired the Center in 1954. It has been furnished with many lovely things through gifts from Circles, individuals, and memorials.

"Rebecca at the Well," a beautiful bronze garden statue, the gift from the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs to Mrs. W. H. Covington when she completed her term as president in 1945, has been given to the Garden Center by the heirs of Mrs. Covington's estate.

Among the many plants in the garden are two of special interest, the green rose and the ginkgo tree.

TALLAHASSEE GARDEN CLUB "SAYS IT WITH FLOWERS" ON LEGISLATIVE RECOGNITION DAY

When State Legislators and their ladies arrived in Tallahassee October 22, they found lovely flower arrangements in their quarters at hotels and motels. This was the Tallahassee Garden Club's way of saying welcome to these distinguished guests.

The project was handled by the Club through its Distribution Committee under the direction of Mrs. Theo Proctor, Jr.

Legislative Recognition Day in Tallahassee was sponsored jointly by Florida State University, the City of Tallahassee, and the Chamber of Commerce. The Garden Club, through its President, Mrs. Wayne Stultz, cooperated with these organizations.

Florida State University sponsored a barbecue on the campus at noon for the Legislators and their wives, and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a social hour in the afternoon. That evening they attended the FSU-William and Mary football game in Doak Campbell Stadium.

Horticultural researchers in Farmingdale, N. Y. are developing the possibility of a "moon Garden." Testing the nervous breakdown of plants and their ability to defy gravity by growing upside down in order to withstand the non-gravitational conditions of space. The plants don't like it a bit, they have become confused and stopped growing . . . can you blame them?

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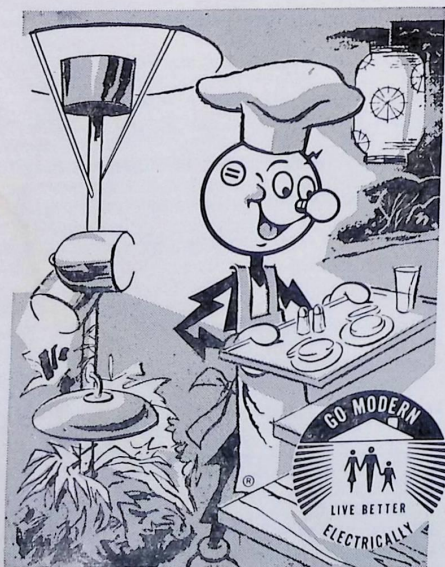
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Course IV is scheduled for March 2-4th at our handsome new Headquarters Building in Winter Park. Many members who have not attended all schools will wish to take advantage of the summary of the four courses for their own information, although not for credit, (without having successfully passed the other three!)

Here is the reading list, so plan now to attend two days of inspirational lectures by America's greatest!

Art and Nature Appreciation—George H. Opdyke, p. 487-547

America's Garden Book—Bush-Brown, p. 305 on

Planning and Community Appearances
American Skyline—Tunnard and Reed
Recommended Reading:

Landscape Design—Hubbard & Kimball, p. 1-87

Culture of Cities—Lewis Mumford
The City of Man—Christopher Tunnard
Subtropical Gardening in Florida—Nixon
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A billboard lovely as a tree.
But unless the billboards fall,
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Deeply interested in things Japanese and imbued with the idea of making contributions to improving cultural relations between the East and West, he took advantage of his 12-year stay in Japan to make an intensive study of Japanese Floral Art. Thus what had been only an amateur's hobby became a master's understanding. Concentrating his studies on the classical Ikenobo and the modern Sogetsu schools, he is now a fully accredited master in both, holding the rank of Seikyoji (Full Professor) of Ikenobo and Jonin-Somu (Executive Director) of Sogetsu, and has participated many times in the exhibitions of these schools. In 1955 he held a one-man exhibition in Tokyo, in 1956 was an award-winner in the all-Japanese Ikebana Art Exhibition, and in 1957 was invited to exhibit in the One-hundred-man Exhibition in Tokyo.

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With hands and feet planted in clay.

If we can help lift them a little
To the beauty of a lily or rose,
Place their feet on fresh soil of tomorrow,
Give them something of peace—then who
knows—

That in working with hands that are willing
With flowers and plants that they grow,
They begin to see something of beauty
They've created—though progress be slow.

They can take a few flowers from their
garden
And forget their plight for awhile
With choosing, and then with arranging—
And soon there's the dawn of a smile.

They created a thing of beauty
With God's help, with sunshine and rain,
A new hope, and a sense of security,
Garden Therapy helped them to gain.

In the hope they have gained by this effort
To do something, which to them is so
new

For a flower is God's hand that's extended
His message is carried by you—

Who go forth to heal and to teach them
Gardening programs, with effort and love,
Inspiration for this Therapy, so helpful—
Must have come from a voice above.

Stately Philadelphia

The Thirty-second Annual National Convention will be held May 14-19, 1961 in the historic city of Philadelphia, Penn. With headquarters at the traditionally beautiful hotel, The Sheraton, where we shall be guests of the cordial hostess State Federation. The tentative program includes tours of the city and famous country-side, garden tours to private gardens, a trip to "Winterthur," (the DuPont's lovely estate) outstanding speakers on Conservation, Flower Arrangement, Horticulture and Landscape Gardening combined with luncheons, teas and magnificent banquets!

Florida delegates to the Texas Convention last year have *already* made reservations . . . why not join us?

The Lure of the Tropics

Costa Rica has been called "The Garden of the Americas. . . . The Paradise to which People Return." This must be so, for the Florida Federation will sponsor for a second time, a tour to San Jose, Costa Rica, flying from Miami via LACSA Airlines for a visit of 7 days and 6 nights at the Balmoral Hotel. Tourists will visit points of interest in San Jose, Ojo De Agua, the Volcano Irazu, Puerto Limon and three additional places of beauty as guests of the Garden Club of Costa Rica. (A side trip to Panama is included in air-fare but expenses in Panama are personal.)

Tourist card which is included in price of tour and smallpox vaccination certificate are required. The cost of the tour is \$295.00 and the Chairman and Tour Director is Mrs. Carl Scheffel. Members interested in the details and proposed date of departure are requested to contact her, in care of LACSA Airlines, 238 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida. (To be in June)

Homemade Icicles

Homemade icicles are easy . . . just twist newspaper into desired lengths; dampen and squeeze; add safety pin, Christmas ornament hanger or fish hook in top end; dip into plaster of paris when completely dry, hang on clothes line to dry. Artificial snow may be added, or glitter if desired—while still damp.

Elizabeth and Tiffany are America's favorite roses.

The Florida Citrus Commission has injected a strong tranquilizer into orange trees with the hope that it will anesthetize the crop against cold damage. What next?

Dr. Cynthia Wescott, Glen Ridge, N. J. received the highest award of the American Rose Society, the Gold Medal for her outstanding work on insecticides.

Miss Ethel Larsen was one of the pioneers in the creation of Roadside rest area for tourists who wish to picnic in a beautiful woodland spot. She is an ardent member of National Roadside Council and lectures throughout the United States on "Beautify Our Roadsides."

Living Museums of Primeval America

Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Jr., Florida Federation of Garden Clubs President, has been given the honor of serving on the National Board of Governors of The Nature Conservancy of America. During the summer she attended the National Board meeting in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

NATURE CONSERVANCY—2039 K St. N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

THE ORGANIZATION

Nature Conservancy is an independent, member-governed organization. It is incorporated in the District of Columbia for non-profit educational and scientific purposes.

The work of the organization began in 1917 as a committee of the Ecological Society of America. In 1946 the committee organized as an independent group and in 1950 it adopted the name Nature Conservancy.

Voluntary committees, representatives, divisions, and chapters help carry on Nature Conservancy work. State representatives are responsible for heading up the activities. Divisions and chapters derive their support on an apportionment basis from membership dues and general contributions originating within their territories, 70% going to the local unit and 30% to the national program. A specific project may be undertaken by either a local unit or the central organization. In either case, donations for the project are not apportioned but go directly to its support.

Nature Conservancy has had a hand in the preservation of Corkscrew Swamp, Sunken Forest, Mettler's Woods, the Arthur W. Butler Memorial Sanctuary, Mianus River Gorge, and other areas. Additional areas are currently being set aside. Many existing parks and preserves are being defended.

The organization works closely with other scientific and conservation groups. It participates in the Natural Resources Council of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the International Union for the Protection of Nature.

THE OBJECTIVES

If you believe

. . . we should save examples of the many kinds of primeval forest, prairies, marshes, and deserts;

. . . we should provide wild parks and nature preserves within easy reach of every community;

. . . we should direct the development of our civilization so that we may live in harmony with nature and natural beauty rather than destroy it;

. . . we should develop a "conservation conscience" concerning our use of the living land—

then you should join with the members of Nature Conservancy, for these are their beliefs, and the objectives of the organization.

We are living at the time of man's final conquest over the wilderness. What we have saved, and what we may save in the next few years will be all the true wild nature that will remain to pass on from generation to generation. There will never be another chance!

We are far behind, and it is late. But if we act now we can save much of what we need. We can save enough to win the everlasting gratitude of the future.

Much has already been done, especially top reserve the large, spectacular, and scenic features and wilderness areas of our mountainous regions. We must safe-guard the parks and reserves already set aside. But the big job we now face is to fill the gaps.

WHAT YOU CAN DO.....

You can help by putting your talents to work. Natural area preservation is essentially a local problem and you can participate in the promotion of activity in your community. A letter to the Nature Conservancy central office will bring you information on procedures. In addition to organizing there are many ways in which you can help—lecturing, writing, art work, photography, surveying and planning natural area preservation projects. It will help if you send clippings about nature preservation matters to your state Nature Conservancy representative or the central office.

Your financial support will make it possible to purchase and maintain areas and to have others do the work that you would like to see done but cannot do yourself.

Members receive *Nature Conservation News*. Information bulletins and other materials are produced as an aid to the conservation worker.

An annual contribution of \$5 or more entitles one to regular membership. Persons who contribute \$200 or more are entitled to life membership and those who donate \$1,000 are designated as Patrons.

By ruling of the Internal Revenue Service, contributions and bequests to Nature Conservancy are deductible from income and inheritance taxes.

Cruising the Highlights in Forestry

FROM *The Florida Forestry Reporter*

Florida ranked fourth among Southern states (and fourth in the nation) in acreage signed up for tree planting under the Conservation Reserve during the past four years, with 164,000 acres now under the program. Most acreage in the Reserve: Georgia, with nearly 700,000 acres, followed by South Carolina, Alabama, and Florida, in that order. Almost 95 per cent of Conservation Reserve acreage lies in eleven Southern states.

Rain has delayed completion of a survey of blow-down damage caused to tree stands, mostly in three South Florida counties by Hurricane Donna; but apparently the damage, although extensive, is not as severe as first believed. Present estimates are that losses to wind damage will probably not exceed \$250,000.

An army of termites, familiar pests to Floridians, has invaded Italy. In spite of the war that has been waged against them for the past eight years, it appears that a major part of Italian architectural and art attractions is endangered. An increasing number of landmarks have fallen prey to the scourge, including an entire village near Venice. The termites eat wood timbers, books, parchments, and canvases. It is feared that little of the inheritance of centuries will be left unless something is done quickly. Even standing trees are eaten.

Forest fires and acreage burned in Flori-

da soared far ahead of last year's totals for the end of September. The state has already had 4,262 fires on protected land, and over 100,000 acres burned. The "why" lay mostly in a dry and windy spring—and determined, malicious incendiarism (more acreage went up in smoke last March than the entire previous year). With the winter fire season still to come, Forest Service rangers hope for a break from the weather, yet will step up prevention and suppression efforts to try and keep the total from climbing much higher.

The last of September the Florida Forest Service held its third annual fire control training conference. The three-day conclave covered subjects as diverse as fire suppression by aerial tankers, safe driving awards, and deviation of the ranger's handbook.

Florida's state forester C. H. Coulter recently returned from the Fifth World Forestry Conference, held for the first time in the United States in Seattle. Eighty-one nations were represented by some 2,000 delegates, who discussed forestry's future in three official languages.

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A Super-Rose Is Born In Sunny Cap d'Antibes

BY NOEL ANTHONY

PARIS, Oct. 29—She is beautiful, tall and stately. She wafts perfume heady enough to stop a man in his tracks. She is certainly mysterious for very few men have seen her and her only name appears to be . . . just X. She is also the pride of a horticultural research establishment down in the sunny Cap d'Antibes, for the gracious Lady X is . . . a rose.

Some experts down there say she is the greatest rose of all time and that when she finally comes onto the market in about four years, she will make a fortune for the man who produced her—20-year-old Alain Meilland, now head of France's greatest rose-growing concern, whose father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather were all in the business before him.

How does the expert set about producing a new rose? In his seven acres of glass-covered land carved out of a scrub-covered hillside, young Meilland, who took over two years ago when his father died, first cross-pollinates thousands of blooms from existing varieties. From the seeds of this crossing, acres of young rosebushes are grown.

Among the many thousands of plants there may be two or three considered worth while. These will get star treatment and may be crossed again with each other. And in a year or two it is just possible that they will produce the grower's dream—a super rose.

As simple as that! That's how the Lady X was born . . . five years ago and she still has four years to go before she will see the world outside.

How to Conduct a Meeting

by

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The president should be in the chair at least a few minutes before time to open the meeting. When it is time to begin, she should rise and strike *ONE* blow with the gavel (not bang several times) and pause for quiet, then say:

Chair: (Standing) "The meeting will please come to order."
(If there is to be music, prayer, or flag salute in the opening, it usually comes at this time.)

Chair: "The secretary will read the minutes of the last regular meeting." (Chair sits while minutes are read.)

Secretary: (Rises, and without addressing the chair, reads the minutes.)

Chair: (Standing.) "Are there any corrections to the minutes?"
(Pause) "There being none, the minutes stand approved as read." (If there are corrections, she directs the secretary to make the corrections and says, "Are there any further corrections? If not, the minutes stand approved as corrected.")

Chair: (Standing.) "The next business in order is the reading and referring of the treasurer's report." (Sits.)

Treasurer: (Rises, and without addressing the chair, reads the report.)

Chair: "Are there any questions concerning the treasurer's report? If not, it will be filed for auditing."
(The treasurer's report is never adopted.)

Chair: "The corresponding secretary will read the correspondence." (If there is any. If none skip corresponding secretary.)

Chair: "The next business is hearing reports:
Are there any reports from officers?
Are there any reports from the Standing Committees?
Reports from Special Committees."
(Usually, the president will know what reports are to be given, and call on just the committees that are to report. This saves time. Never say, "Will Mrs. _____ give HER report?" Say, "Mrs. _____ will give the report of the the committee.)
(In giving the committee report, the Chairman rises and says, "Madam President, the report of the _____ Committee is as follows:" Reads the report and sits down.)

Chair:

"Is there any unfinished business?" (If any, it is taken up at this time.)
"Next is New Business." (Here is where the main motions and new business is transacted.) Members should RISE, ADDRESS THE CHAIR, AND AWAIT RECOGNITION, before speaking or making a motion.

(If there are communications or information received by the organization that require motions to be made, they may be read by the president, or by the secretary.)

Chair: "What would the Club like to do about this matter?"

Member: (Rising.) "Madam President, (await recognition), I move that we give \$10.00 to the Red Cross." (Or whatever the letter called for.)
(Another member seconds the motion.)

Flower Shows Scheduled

MRS. J. A. FRANQUIZ, *Chairman*

- Belle Glade—Course I—Oct. 29-31
Chairman; Mrs. Luther Jones
16 N. W. Ave. E.
Instructors; Mrs. John Bear—F. A. and F.S.P.
Mrs. Helen Cutten—Hort.
- West Palm Beach—Course I—Nov. 9-11
Chairman; Mrs. Roy Bair
256 Alhambra Place
Instructors; Mrs. H. B. Swinglehurst—F. A.
Mrs. Guy Yaste—F. S. P.
Mrs. Helen Cutten—Hort.
- Key West—Course I—Jan. 17-19
Chairman; Mrs. Thomas Chandler
2908 Seidenberg Ave.
- Instructors; Mrs. John R. Bear—F. A. and F. S. P.
Mrs. Edwin Greenfield—Hort.
- Tampa—Course I—Nov. 9-11
Chairman; Mrs. Lon B. Wingate
4204 Barcelona Ave.
Instructors: Mrs. John R. Bear—F. A. and F. S. P.
Mrs. Millard Davidson—Hort.
- Advanced Refresher—Jan 11-12—Jacksonville Garden Center
Chairman; Mrs. Ira J. Varnedoe
1023 Brookwood Terrace, Jax 7,
Instructors; Mrs. W. H. Barton—F. S. P.
Mrs. Arch Walker—Hort.
Mr. M. Benz—F. A.

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- Chair:* (Standing.) "It has been moved and seconded that the Club give \$10.00 to the Red Cross." "Are you ready for the question?" (Which means, is there any discussion?) (Debate is now in order. The members should express their opinions now, but each must rise and get recognition from the chair.)
- Chair:* "Is there any further discussion?" (The president should not say anything one way or another concerning the question.)
- Chair:* (Standing, takes the vote by saying:) "All those in favor of giving \$10.00 to the Red Cross will please say 'aye', those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the motion is carried. We will give \$10.00 to the Red Cross."
(The chair should always announce the result of the vote.)
- Chair:* "Is there any further business?"
(The program may be given at this time.)
- Chair:* "The program will be presented at this time by the program Chairman, Mrs. _____." (Never say, "I will turn the meeting over to the program chairman." Or to any person.)
(After program is presented.)
- Chair:* "Is there any further business at this time?" (Announcements might be made at this time.)
- Member:* (Rising.) "Madam President, " (awaits recognition), "I move that we adjourn."
(Another member seconds it.)
- Chair:* "It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn. All those in favor say 'aye'. Those opposed, say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the meeting stands adjourned." (Gavel).



The Legend of the Poinsettia

By ELINOR KARG

A legend that is among the loveliest is about the California poinsettia. It tells of a little boy who came with the early padres of Spain to live in the new world beyond the waters—in a land where the days are like spun gold.

He was glad that spring morning when adventure was in the air and excitement made his heart beat fast. But sorrow was there, too, for he had to leave Carmencita, little Carmencita of the red petticoats.

He looked in his pocket to see if his one treasure, a bit of red flannel, was still safely tucked within. Yes, there it was, bright as Carmencita herself. And then, even without thinking, his eyes wandered to his great old friend, the olive tree, where he had caught Carmencita as she fell from its tireless limbs.

The memory of the day and the bit of her red flannel petticoat he had adoringly kept made him again brave. He stood to wave back grandly at the little figure in the doorway.

"Come, my son," called the Father, and they trudged into the distance together.

Fall came, yet Roberto was ever sailing toward that distant country. He found solace from his secret terror of the tall waves when at night he could hide in his corner and yet see the bright red of his treasure.

At last the day came, almost when he had forgotten what land was like. As the sun rose from the East it outlined black mountains. As it grew higher it showed a kind land, a beckoning land, a land of spun gold.

Roberto thrived in this good place. He loved the sun, and he loved the sea air, the fig trees and the olive trees. These trees were young and newly planted, and they made him feel protective. He looked in vain for a great old olive like the one that Carmencita and he had called their own.

The days sped by; there was so much that was new, with never-ending surprises, that oftener than not the good Father had to call twice for Roberto to come eat and prepare for the bed-time that seemed of a sudden to be again at hand.

The days grew short and the sun less generous and the season of Christmas was not far off. Preparations were in every home, just as they had been in Spain. The good Fathers were making ready the church and each was occupied with his own thoughts.

Roberto enjoyed this added activity, but as Christmas Eve neared he felt alone. Families were together, and boys who never tired of racing through the vineyards with him were now nowhere to be found.

He knew he had felt this aloneness before . . . Again the tall waves were coming up as black as when out on the ocean they were truly before him . . . again he stood, unwilling to go from the untiring old olive tree.

He reached for his treasure. But where had he put it? These many days he had had no need of the bit of red flannel.

His pockets were filled with shells and strange seed pods, a fishing hook and a rock with a gold streak in it.

Roberto ran wildly to his many places of fun and adventure. Even through the rows of endless grapevines. But he did not find the piece of scarlet cloth.

Slowly he went back to the village. He had not heart and he had no tears. He had only an emptiness that knew no time and knew no season.

He no longer looked, for despair had defeated him.

And then he came upon a whole mass of scarlet. Even he could not help but see it. He stopped in delight of what he saw. Closer and closer he came so that he could absorb all its beauty. In wonderment he touched the living brightness, he gently smoothed the fair blossoms.

The petal in his hand arrested him. It was identical to his treasure.

The church was filled with joy and beauty. Songs of the birth of the Christ child made everyone, from the oldest to the smallest infant, at peace. Roberto was alone no longer. For it was his treasure, the glorious scarlet flowers, that covered the altar.

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