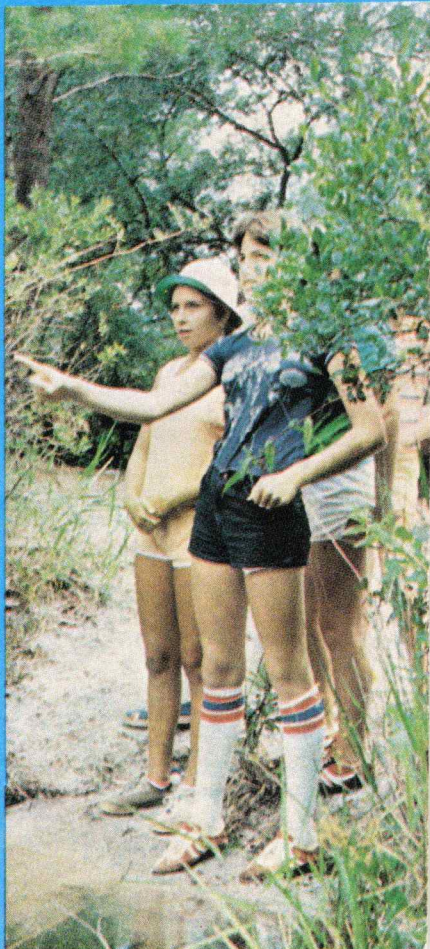


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Board of Directors Meeting:
June 5-6, 1979—Headquarters, Winter Park

Fall District Meetings:

October 8	VIII Seminole
9	V Oklawaha
10	III Carrabelle
11	II Bonifay
12	I Garnier Beach
15	IV Jacksonville
16	VI Melbourne
17	X Boynton Beach
18	XI Ft. Lauderdale
19	XII Miami
25	VII Maitland
26	IX Lakeland

Coming Events:

- May 6-13, NCSGC Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- May 22-24, HANDS, Virginia Beach, VA.
- May 29-31, Landscape School, Series XI, Course II, Chipley.
- June 17-July 28, Wekiva Youth Camp
- Aug. 5-9, "SEEK 78" Youth Environmental Conference, University of Central Florida (formerly FTU), Orlando
- Sept. 11-13, Gardening Study Course III, Series I, FIT, Melbourne.
- Oct. 22-24, Landscape Design School, Series XII, Course I, Headquarters, Winter Park.
- Nov. 28-30, Landscape Design School, Series XI, Course III, Chipley.
- Nov. 13-14, Symposium, Ft. Lauderdale.

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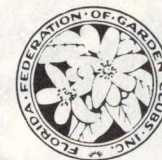
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As summer approaches thoughts turn to youths at camp. A collage of the youngsters and their leaders at Camp Wekiva, the summer of 1978, shows some of the activities that took place at the eighth grade environmental workshop.

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Memories of Friendship

Dear Friends,

How can over 30,000 people be so special? In this final communication from this page, I salute you... the members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. In the projects and programs of your Club and Circle lies the strong base of our organization. Your gifts of time, money and effort have encompassed our aims.

Because of you we have seen growth in our youth gardening, in Wekiva and in SEEK. Because of you our geriatric, handicapped and penal therapy programs have gone beyond the perfunctory visit. Because of you our indigenous plant exchange has flourished. Because of you Tiger Creek is saved in its pristine beauty. Because of you there are wildflowers and birds... less litter... less pollution. Yours is the mantle of learning, growing, sharing, believing and making things happen because you believe in Florida. Something special lies in your hands to love and defend. Cherish it!

Our FFGC is a continuing force for beauty. It sets the pace among its counterparts. Re-dedicate yourself to its aims as you look toward tomorrow.

Whatever glory we have accepted for the Florida Federation has been in your name. Whatever memories I cherish as President shall always be led by those of your friendship. In that I am rich and in that I am deeply grateful.

Jean

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jean Villareal (Mrs. Dewey R.) on the death of her father.

MORUS RUBRA

"It's for the Birds!"

Sherlie Gade State Bird Chairman

Although there are many native plants that attract birds for food and shelter, there is one that is a standout here in Northwest Florida. A most exciting tree is the forest native, the Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*) as it supplies food for the exhausted Spring Migrants that have just flown across the Gulf. The tree's berries always seem to time their fruition for these migrants. And these are the colorful, in high plumage birds that land in the Mulberry to make it aflame with vivid hues: from the bright red and black of the Scarlet Tanagers, that will fly North after they have sated themselves, to the all red Summer Tanagers who will stay and nest in the area—each with their yellow-olive female mates—from the orange/black/white Baltimore Oriole male to the brick red/black Orchard Oriole with their muted but still colorful females and first-year youngsters—to the king of them all, the Rose-Breasted Grosbeak who usually stays and stays till the last berry is gone.

To add to this color game are the Indigo Buntings and Blue Grosbeaks who appear with the various Warblers. The Warblers join our Winter Resident, the Myrtle Warbler in what I suspect is the pursuit of the many insects that are attracted to the Mulberry. This might also be the reason that newly arrived cinnamon/yellow hued Great Crested Flycatcher is found in the tree along side of the White-Eyed Vireo and the Red-Eyed Vireo.

Our year-round resident birds join in the free-for-all feeding: Florida Blue Jays, the red male and rose/beige female Cardinals; ground feeding, jaunty Towhees after the fallen berries all contribute to the color spectrum.

It always amazes me that the Woodpeckers will come in after the berries. Our resident Red-Bellied and Downy Woodpeckers are joined by the scarlet topped Red-Headed Woodpecker who only appears at this time at our home. Of course the not so colorful, but very personable Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, and Carolina Wrens are all to be seen flitting through the leaves. Some of the Robins and Cedar Waxwings will delay their flight northward so that they can gorge themselves. There are many other birds, but these are the dominant ones that enjoy the Red Mulberry.

My two mature trees have enough berries to last almost a full month and many human visitors partake of these rather bland but juicy berries. The large heart shaped leaves contribute to the dense, full shape that rarely reaches much beyond fifty feet in height. Belonging to the Moraceae Family, it is a rampant grower. Be sure, if you want to plant one for the birds that it is a fruit bearing variety as many nurseries offer the non-bearing variety for sale because some people find the berries are messy. If you want to have a tree full of flitting color and song choose the *Morus rubra*—the Red Mulberry.

"Cultivate Communication - Harvest Rewards"

Administration Theme of:
Mrs. John G. Wood, FFGC President
1979-1981

How many times have we tried to communicate to someone the exquisite beauty of a camellia touched with morning dew... or the scent of roses in bloom... or the feel of velvety leaves on a favorite plant?

How many times have we tried to speak of the fragile beauty of our earth and our concern for its protection... or of natural lands that need preserving... or of resources that must not be wasted?

How many times have we tried to tell someone of the smile on a young gardener's face as he waters tender plants he carefully planted... or the wonder reflected in his eyes at the wonderful natural world outdoors?

If we could communicate to all the untold joys and satisfactions that come with so many of our gardening club activities, we would harvest the reward of sharing with others those things that add so much dimension to our lives.

Our theme "Cultivate Communication—Harvest Rewards" is a call to share with each other and with many others the ties that bind us together in the finest organization of all—Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Let each of us cultivate the art of communicating to each other and to all the others we hope to have join us, all of the many worthwhile projects we are involved with, that make our community, our state and nation a better place in which to live.

Let us share with each other the joys of gardening... for it is basic to our existence... our concern with environmental matters—for they are necessary to Earth's survival... and our total involvement with our youth programs... for they are the ones we entrust with our belief.

Let us speak together and to others and we shall harvest the reward of growth—for growth is essential to all matter. Nothing in Nature is static. It either grows or dies back. So to continue our good works, we as an organization must continue to grow.

Let us try to tell each other and all others, that we believe in and are deeply dedicated to our objectives... that by talking and working together we will continue to be the strongest and best supporters of "all things bright and beautiful."

Let us remember 1979—1981 as years of "Cultivating Communication" on all things essential to us and "harvesting rewards" of a strong vital organization, united in achieving our goals.

MEET YOUR NEW STATE OFFICERS



PRESIDENT

Mrs. John G. Wood, *Winter Haven*

The new President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs is deeply dedicated to all phases of our garden club world.

She hopes to be able to communicate to each garden club member her excitement and enthusiasm for the things we are doing and she believes that by working together we can keep Florida a beautiful place in which to live.

She was born in Chicago but moved to Florida at a very early age so considers herself "almost a native." She is married to "Jack" Wood and they have four sons, Craig, John, Tom, and Paul. John and Tom are married, so two daughters Vera and Lisa are now lovely additions to the family.

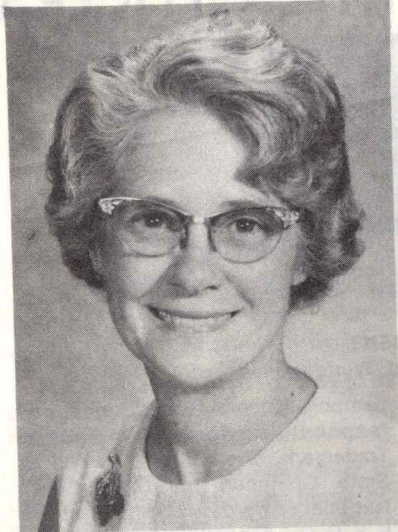
She became a member of the Garden Club of Winter Haven in 1959 and is a Past-President of her club. She has been a member of the F.F.G.C. Board for ten years serving as First, Second, and Third Vice President, Director of District IX, and Garden Centers Chairman. She has also served as Environmental Quality Chairman, including Litter Control Pollution, Recycling, and Waste Reclamation. She has promoted F.F.G.C.'s Litter Control

Symbol "Glenn Glitter" and was responsible for his Federal Trademark. She has also served as State Chairman for Deep South National Awards. She served as F.F.G.C. American Land Trust Chairman and has been Deep South Regional Representative to National Council's Land Trust Committee during 1977-1979.

She was appointed to the Board of Directors of National Council in 1975 and served four years as Chairman for Reclamation and Recycling. During the next two years, she will represent F.F.G.C. on National Council's Board of Directors.

In 1978, she received the coveted Blanche Covington Leadership Award for her outstanding contributions to the Tiger Creek project. She was also the recipient of an award given by American Motors Company for distinguished service to National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. in the American Land Trust project.

She is a Master Flower Show Judge, Accredited Landscape Critic, a National Council Accredited Environmental Education Facilitator, and a State and National Life Member.



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Edward R. Jordan, *Miami*

Born in Alabama, raised in Minnesota, Gini now lives in South Dade. A member of Ken-Pines Garden Club, she has served as President of her club and as President of the Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County. She has been Director of District XII, Director of the Metropolitan Miami Flower Show Board, twice Chairman of Tropical Short Course, Liaison Chairman for the International Flower Show in Miami, Chairman of the 1975-77 Book of Information Committee and the Supplement. She is presently Chairman of State Awards. Gini is a Life Flower Show Judge, President of Floralia Arrangers Club, #4, and an Accredited Landscape Critic. She is also a Life Member of National Council and FFGC. A serious student of Parliamentary Procedure, she has many hours of study under Dr. Herberta Leonardy.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Hugh C. Simmons, *Gainesville*

Hazel Simmons has been in garden clubbing since 1950. A member of Begonia Circle, Gainesville Garden Club, she has served the Gainesville Club in many capacities and it was during her term as president that long-range plans were established for financing a Garden Center. Hazel has been on the FFGC Board for 15 years. First as Chairman of Short Course in Gainesville, then High School Gardener Chairman, Assistant Director then Director of District V; Past President of the Florida Council of Flower Show Judges, Hazel is a Master Judge. She has served as Finance Chairman of Wekiva Youth Camp and was Assistant Treasurer of FFGC. She is presently attending the Gardening Study Course being offered by FFGC, and is Programs Chairman on the State Board, as well as completing her term as third Vice President. Hazel is interested in Parliamentary Law, having completed over 100 hours of study under Dr. Herberta Leonardy.



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Augustus F. Williams, Jr.,
Indian Harbour Beach

Betty Williams was born in Oklahoma and reared in Florida. Having been active in "Officers Wives Garden Groups" over the years, she became a member of in-Har-Bee Garden Club following her husband's retirement from the Air Force in 1966. She has served her club in almost every capacity, including President, her District (VI) as Assistant Director, then Director in 1973-75. She has served FFGC as Editor of the 1976 and 1977 *Florida Flower Arrangement Calendars* and as Recording Secretary. Betty has an extensive orchid collection, is an enthusiastic arranger and corsage designer. A Life Member of FFGC and NCSGC, Betty is active in a Parliamentary Law Unit as well as other groups unrelated to garden club work.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Mrs. William B. Lemons, *Winter Haven*

Born in Xenia, Ohio, and raised in Dearborn, Michigan, Carol moved to Winter Haven 21 years ago. A Past-President of The Garden Club of Winter Haven, also Past-President of the Winter Haven Council of Garden Clubs. Carol is also a Master Flower Show Judge and Past Director of District IX Judges Council, an accredited Landscape Critic, and a Life Member of FFGC and NCSGC. She has served on the State Board for 10 years, as Resolutions Chairman, Jr. Gardening Chairman, four years as Editor of *The Florida Gardener* and two years as Circulation Chairman. She presently serves FFGC as its State Life Membership Chairman.



RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Dursie Ekman, *Tampa*

Wini Ekman has called Tampa home most of her life, having moved here as a preschooler. She is a member of Jasmine, Tampa Federation of Garden Circles and has served both in many capacities; including President. She is the local chairman of Landscape Design School, Course X. FFGC Board Chairmanships include: Radio-TV., National Gardener, two times Symposium, National Awards, Program and currently Public Relations and a member of the National Awards Committee. During 1971-73 she also served as Director of District VIII, and is now their Roadside Development-Wildflower Chairman. Wini is a Master Judge, a member of Floralia VI, and is the newly elected Director of District VIII, Florida Council of Flower Show Judges. She is also a State and National Life Member.



TREASURER

Mrs. Edward F. Smithers,
Ponte Vedra Beach

Edna Smithers came to Florida from Pennsylvania and has lived in the Ponte Vedra-Jacksonville Beach area for a number of years. She joined Ribault Garden Club in 1949 and has served her club in many jobs, including President and three times Treasurer. An accountant, Edna has held the purse strings for FFGC first as Assistant Treasurer and now for the 9th year as Treasurer. She has also held the jobs of Corsage Chairman for FFGC, Membership Chairman and Circulation Manager for *The Florida Gardener* for three years. Edna is an Accredited Landscape Critic and a state and national life member. She is now a part time resident of Tallahassee, where she is an Associate member of the Tallahassee Garden Club.



ASSISTANT TREASURER

Mrs. O. Fenton Wells, Lakeland

Polly was born in Missouri, and attended Ohio State University. A garden club member of 25 years, she has served on the State Board in many capacities including: Treasurer FFGC, Director of District IX, Chairman of Flower Show Schools for six years, and President of the Florida Council of Flower Show Judges.

In her community, she has worked with Girl Scouts for 18 years, served on the Lakeland Beautification Board for seven years, and was named Lakeland's "Woman of the Year" in 1972. Polly is a Master Judge, National Council Instructor for Flower Shows, and an Accredited Landscape Critic.



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RESUME OF MINUTES

Mrs. Melville Hall
Resume Chairman

Board Meeting

January 10-11, 1979
Headquarters—Winter Park

Members of the Board of Directors:

Heard FFGC President Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal Jr. note with sadness the death of Dr. Carl Dahlgren, husband of the nominee for president of National Council of State Garden Clubs, and of Florida's own Dot (Mrs. Truman) Green who had served the federation with devotion for many years as an officer, district director and in various board positions; express appreciation to Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, immediate past president of the National Council, for her generous gift of \$5,000 to the Headquarters Endowment Fund, and to Dr. Frank Hewlett who has honored his wife Louise a past FFGC president—by placing her name on their "Guardians of Gardening" Wall at Headquarters.

Also heard President Villareal relate participation in activities beamed at holding high the federation's torch of good gardening through Landscape Design Schools, the Cruise Symposium, National Council board meetings, Environmental Education Workshops, the State Flower Show "Season's Greetings" and the like; and doing research on creating a Florida State President's Pin, donating the first money to a restricted account established by vote of the directors for the purpose and naming Mrs. Sidney Davis to chair the committee.

Heard President-Elect Mrs. John G. Wood, other officers, district directors and committee chairmen report on multitudinous activities in

conjunction with discharging the obligations and responsibilities of their respective posts.

Federated Wilding Garden Club of District IV and **Top of the Bay Garden Club**, Oldsmar, **District VIII**; heard **Beaches Garden Club** of Port St. Joe, II, announced for probation; accepted the resignation of **Frangipani Garden Club** of **Fort Myers, IX**; heard second readings of the disbanding of **Mercy Garden Club** and **West End Garden Club**, both of **District XII**; and heard the **Bromeliad Society of South Florida** has affiliated with the Florida Federation.

Approved proposed by laws amendments to be sent to the clubs and circles, and to be voted on by delegates at the 1979 Convention; advancing \$500 for use by the Convention Committee, and a like amount for the 1979 Spring Symposium Committee.

Elected delegates to the National Council Convention in New Orleans including Mrs. Edward R. Jordan, Mrs. Sidney Davis, Mrs. Hugh Simmons, Mrs. Edward Smithers, Mrs. C.T. Dawkins, Mrs. Augustus F. Williams, Mrs. Dursie Ekman, Mrs. William B. Lemons, Mrs. O. Fenton Wells, and Mrs. Gustav Harrer; and to the Deep South Region Convention in Montgomery including Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Dawkins, Mrs. Harrer, Mrs. Williams, Henry Chillias, Mrs. Ekman, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Kenton Haymans and Mrs. George B. Secrist. Alternates also were elected for both conventions.

Heard a rundown on plans for the

"Thru the Looking Glass...and Into Tomorrow" FFGC Convention in Hollywood, and congratulations offered Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin on her nomination as 4th Vice President of National Council of State Garden Clubs.

Ratified action of the Headquarters and Endowment trustees in replacing three outside doors, rotted out at the bottom, to Headquarters Building at a cost of \$334.49, and paying \$250 for painting the exterior wood trim after having damaged wood replaced at a cost of \$275; heard sales of ways and means items totaling \$2,112.37 had been made at Headquarters since Aug. 21, 1978, that eight names have been enrolled in the "Parade of Presidents" Book, 11 in the "In Memoriam" Book and one in the "Grandparents" Book since September 26, 1978; that currently

there is a balance of \$17,543.63 in the Contingency Fund for headquarters, a balance of \$124,744.82 in the Headquarters Endowment Fund, both being restricted funds; and dates for the office manager's vacation are set from September 24 through October 5, 1979.

Approved placement of an attractive clock on the wall of Headquarters Office as a memorial to Mrs. Henry Chillias and using the remainder of donations for the purchase of books for Headquarters Library; and creating a category to be known as Vocational and Technical Garden Clubs.

Took cognizance of the new drape for the head table in the Assembly Room, also table covers, made by the Headquarters hostess at a total cost of \$65.26.

Voted appreciation to Bob Thomas for his contributions and programs at the State Flower Show.

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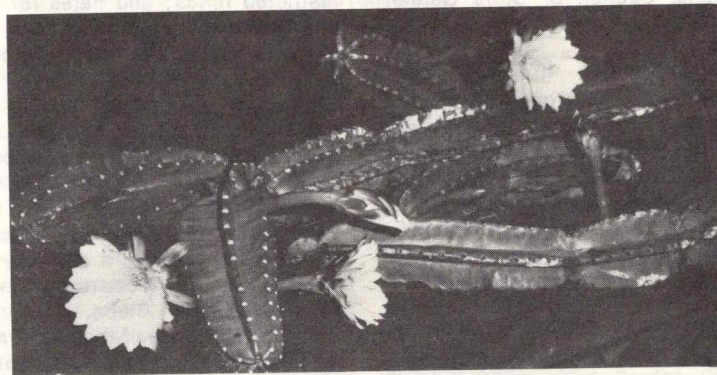
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NATURE — IT'S WONDERFUL

by Nate Klein
Chairman, Horticulture
Education



Surely, I am not the only Florida gardener who has really worked on a particular plant, giving it all the tender care and pampering I knew about. Plus reading all I could find to learn how to help a plant to live, grow and, hopefully, eventually bloom.

Every once in a while, nature, in its way, shows how silly or futile are our efforts. As many of you who have been reading my previous articles may recall, I am a cactus buff-and I try to grow them. Sometimes I am quite successful; while many other times the end result is a total fiasco.

To illustrate how wonderful neglect can be, I want to tell you about an unusual experience of last Fall. The home of one of our local friends adjoins the rough of a local golf club. At one corner of their lawn, abutting the course, many years ago they planted a night blooming *Cereus* (*Cereus Peruvianus*, which is now considered to be a native of Uruguay, not Peru). This plant has flourished through the years until it has grown to a very large clump about ten feet high.

Last August, while the golf course greens keepers were cutting down their rough, they were somewhat over ambitious or careless, and cut off several of the branches of this plant. Aware of my fondness for cactus, our friends told us about the broken branches and offered them to me.

As most cactus will propagate from detached parts if allowed time to form callouses or scar tissue on the cut surface, I placed these pieces on a six foot long picnic table. This was in mid-August. Although the scar tissues had formed in a few weeks, September was such a busy month that I did not have time to plant. Besides, many times these plants will start to show root growth if left exposed long enough.

Early last November I noticed flower bud formation, which I watched carefully. This variety of *Cereus* is really a bit perverse, or at least all mine are. They open to full bloom at 4:00 A.M. a rather inconvenient time, as far as I am concerned, and, they only bloom for one night. But, what a beautiful, huge, pure white flower it is. To

make the problem a bit more complex, the full bud looks the same the day before the night it opens, as it does the day after. Within three or four days after blooming the bud has dried up and both bud and stem fall off the branch.

I had told one of my neighbors who has recently become a photographic zealot, of the impending blossoming. He stayed up quite late two night to assure getting a picture of this unusual blossoming of *Cereus Peruvianus*, which had been dormant on a picnic table for almost three months. On the night of the first full blooming he waited till around 1:00 A.M. before taking

color slides using strobe lightning. The accompanying photo required difficult processing to secure from the original color slide, but it does show the branches with some of the flowers almost in full bloom. The background is so very dark because it was taken on a dark, moonless night.

So, here is an example of one of nature's compensations to gardeners. All these beautiful flowers with no effort on my part-no planting, no fertilizing, no spraying, no pruning, not even watering-just complete neglect. This, in part, compensates for the horrible results many times in spite of all my tender care.

Now, you can see why I previously suggested that you procure a few cactus plants and watch them grow. It probably will be fun. And, if you followed my advice in the last issue of *The Florida Gardener* you should have planted your seeds by now. Mine are all ready to be replanted from flats to small pots to achieve some more growth before planting in the beds of our garden.

Bartram

Dedicated to
Van Blanchard
Written by
Jeanette Kennard

Hey ol' Bartram,
Where you goin?
"It isn't where I'm going-but where
I've been, that should trouble you."

This I heard from dark seamed faces
In all those most forgotten places
Where once a small English Prophet
Trode - with God.

Oh the clear, cool waters
Closed in by green and gold and
gray,
And all the dear but near forgotten
Little wildings growing along his
way,

Are now bruised and rode-on,
Sat and abode-on - and are
Pleading—"Let us stay!"

Now! OI' Bartram,
Gentle rover,
The'turning in your grave' is over,
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Contributions are still needed to complete the repayment of the funds advanced by the Nature Conservancy for the purchase. We are grateful to the many clubs and individuals who continue to support this important land preservation project. Many clubs have completed donations toward their "acre" and will be honored at Spring District Meetings with Deeds of Gratitude and membership in the Acre Club. Some clubs have contributed funds for their second, third and even fourth acre! Does your club have Tiger Creek on their list of worthy projects? We urge you to remember "Our Gift For Future Generations" as you prepare your budgets this Summer.

Available to clubs for return postage is the film "Challenge to A Nation," the story of the American Land Trust, the effort to save in each state, lands of ecological significance as a Bicentennial Gift to our Nation. Also available is a slide program on Tiger Creek, giving you a pictorial tour of the creek. Write your Land Trust Chairman:

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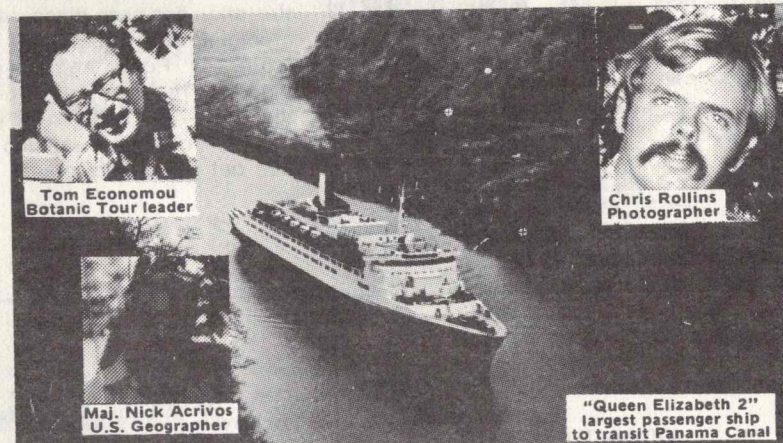
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from "S.C. Gardener"

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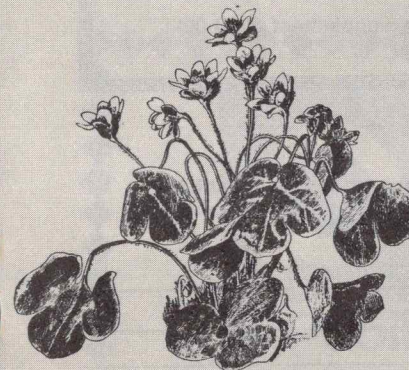
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Errata - The Handbook for Flower Shows

PAGE	LOCATION	CORRECTION
4	At the end of Requirements for a Home Flower Show	add: "(See Staging p. 12)".
4	1. under Hort., Additional Flower Show Policies	insert "each" between "or sub-class" to read "or each sub-class."
23	High School Gardeners Awards	delete the words "the same" and insert word "duplicate."
24	Sweepstakes Award	at the end of the last paragraph add "Rosette shall be of green and white ribbons."
24	Award of Appreciation	after words invitational exhibits add "and/or special exhibits."
59	3rd paragraph from bottom of the page	correct "nearly" to "neatly."
66	Under Cucumbers	correct "green" to "uniform."
73	2nd paragraph under Still Life	After word "latter" delete "maybe" and insert "is usually."
74	Under "Informal Table:"	correct last word in paragraph to "conversation."
75	Under "Candles," 2nd sentence	after "they are:" add "usually;" making the sentence read "they are usually used."
75	3rd paragraph (Kinetic)	delete the word "those" and insert the words "abstract design."
89	II, 2, 2nd paragraph, last sentence	add: after words "application form," the words "schedule or card."
90	B., 6. and 7.:	delete "five" before "schedules" and insert "five" before "flower shows" and "exhibits."
93	At the end of the article on "Life Certificates:"	insert sentence "Life Certificate is issued as of date application is received at Headquarters."
107	g. (1):	delete the last sentence.
133	Award No. 35:	Add "federated" before the word "clubs" in the first sentence.
154	Suggested Soales of Points for Arboreal, etc.:	Correct 14th category to read "Number of kinds."



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Jean Villareal

Little Known Fungus Disease Found Mainly in Gardeners

from Fort Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel.

A few scratches and an occasional splinter are the worst damages most gardeners ever suffer. There exists, however, a little-known but potentially serious fungal disease that turns up occasionally among people who work with plants and soil.

Called sporotrichosis, the fungus exists in soil, peat moss, decaying vegetation and even on thorns. A person can pick it up through a cut or scratch on the skin or from a rose thorn.

"it's by no means common," said a Broward County physician who specializes in infectious diseases. "We see anywhere from zero to five or six cases a year."

Not only are the victims puzzled about their ailment, but all too often so are their doctors who may never have seen a case of sporo.

"Doctors don't recognize it," the specialist said. "We who work with infectious diseases are trained to think of it. The symptoms are quite dramatic."

The illness starts out with a lesion at the point of infection—usually a finger although it could be a toe if you're the sort of person who habitually goes barefoot while working in the garden. A pustule or nodule appears; it enlarges and becomes red and swollen. Then a chain of small lumps or nodules appear under the skin, moving up the affected arm and involving the lymphatic channels.

Symptoms can last for years and the disease can prove fatal if not treated, according to the medical specialist. He added, however, that's likely only in an undeveloped area where people don't seek medical treatment.

"People here eventually get to the right doctor and it's treated," he said.

Sporo definitely isn't an ailment for home remedies, he added. Treatment usually involves oral use of a saturated solution of potassium iodide. If the disease has spread because of late diagnosis, it can involve deeper tissues and bone and other organs, he said; then an antibiotic, amphotericin B, is usually prescribed. With some patients, the side effects of this antibiotic are worse than the disease.

Eleanor Fischer, president of the Broward County Fern Society, and Mary Secrist, director of Broward County Fern Society, and Mary Secrist, director of Broward County District XI of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc., are among local gardeners who've been stricken with sporo during the past year.

Because no one could diagnose the ailment for a long time, Mrs. Fischer spent a miserable four months, including several weeks in the hospital involving intensive care, blood transfusions, blood tests, bone and brain scans and lung x-rays, she said. The antibiotic treatment was particularly bad. "I had every side effect the medical journals show," she said.

Medical bills came to about \$20,000, she added.

"It's a nasty disease because it goes undiagnosed," said Mrs. Fischer, whose ordeal started with a simple lesion on a left finger.

"If you get a sore on the finger or the foot that doesn't heal or doesn't respond to first-aid treatment, get to the doctor and raise the question of sporo," she advised.

Now she wears surgical gloves under her gardening gloves even though, she said, "They're a mess to garden with."

Mrs. Secrist, on the other hand, said she always wears gardening gloves and neither she nor the doctor, who treated her could say how the fungus got into her system. It began, however, with a sore spot on the cuticle of her forefinger. After it became painful and inflamed a physician lanced it but the condition didn't improve. A week in the hospital with tests and intravenous medication followed. When the tell-tale lumps in the arm appeared, Mrs. Secrist finally was sent to the specialist in infectious diseases.

His first question to her was: "Do you grow roses?" The fungus, he told her, is often found on rose thorns.

As Mrs. Secrist had no adverse reaction to the medication her condition soon improved. She continues to grow roses as the chances of catching the disease again are very remote, her doctor told her.

Mrs. Fischer has been left with a certain immobility and stiffness in her finger. Some people who have had the disease suffer some deformity of the affected finger or even its loss but that's very unusual, the specialist said.

According to one medical textbook, the disease is world-wide in distribution. It has appeared epidemically in South Africa and in localized outbreaks in Mexico and Florida where it affects mainly laborers, farmers and florists. It cannot be transmitted from one person to another.

The infectious disease specialist said there appear to be no more cases now than in the past nor should gardeners worry unduly about contracting it. Nevertheless, they—and their doctors—should be aware that sporo exists, he added. Precautions, including the use of gardening gloves, plus prompt diagnosis if the disease is contracted could prevent a great deal of misery.

Submitted by: Mrs. Geo. Fischer
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