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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Your president is wishing your summer has been pleasant and relaxing, time is passing very rapidly. She knows that you are making plans to resume your Garden Club activities and each of you are waiting anxiously to get back into an interesting and productive year in "Garden Clubbing".

At The National Council Convention in Philadelphia FFGC received many awards, your president was very proud of all your accomplishments. There is a full report in this issue of the Gardener. Please take time to read it. Now is the time to start planning and assembling your materials to enter your club's activities in the 1993's competition. Please check the cross reference section and enter both FFGC and NCSGC. It takes very little extra time to compile a second book of Evidence. It's all there in our BOL.

It was a pleasure for your president to attend the Presentation Dinner and accept on behalf of our Federation, Governor Chiles Environmental Education Award for our outstanding Environmental Education program at Camp Wekiva. It also made her realize just how many garden club members we have that give their time and talent, expecting no glory, time and time again to support their Federation's projects. Many thanks to each and everyone of you.

Have you sent your entry in for the State Flower Show in Miami, Oct. 2,4, 1992? The complete schedule in the May-June Florida Gardener. Every member of our Federation should participate in some way in your State Flower Show. Lets all make or a gala affair by exhibiting our Artistic Designs and displaying our beautiful and unusual Horticulture specimens, for which Florida is so famous.

Come join your president on a visit to Washington, D.C., for the "Discovery" Exhibition the is being presented by each of the State Federations of National Council. This promises to be a beautiful and different Floral and Horticulture Exhibit.

Your president was so pleased with the attendance at the Short Course in Gainesville, the course was both informative and entertaining. The Environment Awareness Conference following was most interesting, some of the speakers were outstanding.

We are so pleased that Bob Thomas, our Special Projects Chairman is doing "Holiday Happenings, 1992" for our Wekive Benefit. You will notice there are six programs this time, making less travelling for those

attending. Complete details in this issue.

As your "Tour Team" prepares for their Fall journey to the Twelve District Meetings in October, we are looking forward to again being with each of you and sharing our plans and listening to your reports. We urge you to attend and each of the officers enjoy your fellowship.

To you, our FFGC dedicated members, we extend sincere wishes for another successful year in garden club activities. May you be happy and may your participation bring "Unity Through Sharing."

BEING HAPPY

LaUgh often (it's
coNtagious); SmIle (it's a
boomerang, reTURNing
everY time); Share some
Time with an aging friend
(sHe may be lonely-her
expeRIence is priceless)'
Do a kind deed (asking
nOthing in retURN); Give
somethingG away (withH no
strings attached); Give
thankS for your blessings
(tHey are countless); Work
(alwAys with vim and
vigor). Plan as though you
will live foRever and live as
though you will dIe tomor-
row (for oN some tomorrow
you will be dyinG).

BE HAPPY!!!



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Cover: With the combined efforts of Addie Lou Harris and Bob Thomas, this arrangement won the Silver Gilt Award in the 1991 Chelsea Flower Show in England. Design consists of *Monkey puzzle vine, red antherium, variegated ti leaves, protea foliage and gala leaves.*

NCSGC AND DEEP SOUTH AWARDS ~ FFGC WINS BIG!

We threw out a challenge - "You can't win if you're not in!" You were "in" and you won **BIG!!!**

At NCSGC Convention in Philadelphia, awards were presented at almost every meal and President Addie Lou was right there graciously accepting for FFGC. The piece de resistance was the final evening - the Awards Banquet. When President Addie Lou was introduced by the National Awards Chairman, the quip was "this President will need a van to carry her State's Awards home!" President Addie Lou thanks you, this Awards Chairman thanks you, but most importantly FFGC thanks you! **YOU!**— all the clubs, circles, adult and youth members—all 26,500 of you for making FFGC look so good! Your projects were undisputably the best and because you carried through with fantastic Books of Evidence, FFGC won more awards than any other state, not only in the Deep South but the nation! At both Deep South and National Conventions, FFGC soared like an eagle and YOU were "the wind beneath her wings!"

Again we throw out the challenge, second verse same as the first: "You can't win if you're not in!" and at the 1993 Conventions, LET'S BEAT: Tennessee, New York, California, Georgia, North Carolina, Arizona, Wyoming, Massachusetts - and so on and so on and so on!



MAJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS, at age 101, tenaciously continues her crusade to save the complex ecosystem of the Florida Everglades. Because of her unwavering commitment she has earned world-wide recognition as the "first lady of conservation" and was awarded the NCSGC Silver Seal presented at NCSGC Convention in Philadelphia.

NCSGC AWARD WINNERS

#2 THE FISHER MEDALS FOR GARDEN CENTERS

Cocoa-Rockledge Garden Club (VI)

#5 PURPLE ROSETTES

3 The Garden Club of Tarpon Springs (VIII)

4 Garden Club of Orange Park, Inc. (IV)

#7 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

B-Coral Gables Garden Club, Inc.

#13 CERTIFICATED OF MERIT FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND CLUB PUBLICATIONS

4-A Book of Information, Unity Through Sharing
Come Grow With Us

District Directors' Handbook (Parliamentary Procedure)

District Directors Orientation Manual

Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar

Presidents' Kit

Scholarships

Nature Activity Handbook (Wekiva Youth Camp)

4-C Jasmine Garden Club (IX)

#18 A-ROSE ROSETTE AWARDED TO A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW SPONSORED BY A COUNCIL

Lake County Council of Federated Garden Clubs (VII)

#22 RED AND GREEN ROSETTE FOR A STANDARD HOLIDAY FLOWER SHOW

Sarasota Garden Club (VIII)

SEAL AWARDS - DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

#23 BRONZE SEAL

Wekiva Youth Camp, FFGC

#24 SILVER SEAL

Marjory Stoneman Douglas

#25 GOLD SEAL

Alternate to the Gold - ECHO

#30 GREEN ROSETTE DISTRICT SHOW AWARD

District VII, Florida Federation of Garden Club, Inc.

#35 BLUE AND WHITE ROSETTE FOR A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

The Four Seasons and Brick City Garden Clubs (V)

#41 THE HAZEL JOHNSON SILVER TROPHY FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (Wekiva Youth Camp)

#42-B THE NANNINE C. WALLIS SILVER TROPHY AND \$25 FOR THE BEST WORK DONE FOR PROTECTION OF BIRDS

Sarasota Garden Club (VIII)

#46 THE DEAN WORLD GARDENING TROPHY

Ken Pines Garden Club (XII)

#47 A-RED ROSETTE FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Junior Gardeners of Davis Island Garden Club (VIII)

#49 THE ELSIE M. COOK AWARD FOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Oleander Garden Club (I)

**#50 THE MAY DUFF WALTERS TROPHY
FOR PRESERVATION OF BEAUTY**

San Marco Circle, The Garden Club of Jacksonville, Inc.

**#54 THE JESSE M. CONNER AWARD FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., SEEK

**#56 OPERATION WILDFLOWER
AWARDS**

3 Civic Projects
Bluewater Bay Garden Club (I)

4 Outdoor Classrooms
Umatilla Garden Club (VII)

**#57 BURGUNDY AND PINK ROSETTE
FOR ACHIEVEMENT FOR A STANDARD
FLOWER SHOW STAGED IN A PUBLIC
BUILDING**

Garden Club of Indian River County, Inc.

**#65-B NATIONAL GARDENING ASSO-
CIATION JUNIOR HORTICULTURE
AWARD**

Green Thumbuddies, Gainesville Garden Club (V)

#68 VIDEO CLUB PROGRAMS

Honorable Mention: "Holiday Happenings"
Holiday Designs by Bob Thomas in Districts IV, VI and VII

**NCSGC SPECIAL
AWARDS**

NCSGC PUBLICITY PRESSBOOK AWARD

First Place - Large Club Category - Deep South Region
GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE PARK (IV)

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

NATIONAL POETRY CONTEST

Intermediates - 7th Grade
Trista McGlamery, Chipley

**MEMBERSHIP CONTEST -
MOST YOUTH GARDENERS**

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

**MEMBERSHIP CONTEST -
MOST YOUTH GARDENERS IN RELATION
TO THE NUMBER OF ADULT MEMBERS**

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

A TRIBUTE TO NCSGC MEMBERS

Mrs. Larry H. Adams, Jr. (XII) - Civic Development

**NCSGC SCHOLARSHIP
WINNERS**

Alternate: Johannah Marie Pourciau
Green Cove, FL

DEEP SOUTH AWARD WINNERS

**#3 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND/
OR RESTORATION AWARD**

San Marco Circle, The Garden Club of Jacksonville, Inc. (IV)

#5 PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Garden Club of Orange Park, Inc. (IV)

#7 LITTER CONTROL AWARD

2nd Place - Cedar Key Garden Club (V)

#8 BIRD AWARD

Rexford, Kathryn - member of Sarasota Garden Club (VIII)

#9 TREE PLANTING AWARD

Umatilla Garden Club (VII)

#10 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2nd Place - Oleander Garden Club, Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (I)

**#13 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND
RESTORATION AWARD**

Cedar Key Garden Club (V)

#15 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD

Overall winner Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (Wekiva Youth Camp)

STATE GARDEN CLUB: Wekiva Youth Camp, FFGC

#16 BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION AWARD

3rd Place - Ken Pines Garden Club (XII)

#18 ADOPT-A-PARK

#18-B Honorable Mention -
Belleair Beach Island Garden Club (VIII)

#19 COMMUNITY ACTION AWARD

3rd Place - Coral Gables Garden Club, Inc. (XII)

#14 HIGH SCHOOL GARDENING AWARD

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
18 clubs - 443 members

ESSAY CONTEST

Honorable Mention: Ian Gottesman
Gainesville High School

NATIONAL POETRY CONTEST

Deep South region Winners
Grade 4 - Richard Harrison Gainesville

Grade 8 - Prescott McCall Chipley

ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER CONTEST

Deep South Region
3rd-5th Grade
Third Place - Jason Baker (3rd Grade)
Newberry Garden Club

**A TRIBUTE TO NCSGC MEMBERS DEEP
SOUTH REGION WINNERS**

Artistic - Inez Brooker (V)
Civic Development - Betsy Adams (XII)
Conservation - Vi Thornburg (IX)
Horticulture - Frances Hunter (X)
Garden Therapy - Joyce Rogers
Youth - Evelyn Sommerville
All Around - Lib Harrer

Jo Williams, Chairman
NCSGC + Deep South Awards

Flag raising ceremony at Wekiva Youth Camp. FFGC received a Bronze Seal Award in recognition of its Wekiva Youth Camp program. A dream became a reality in 1974 with the opening of its six week youth conservation/nature study camp, located within the heart of the wild and pristine Wekiva Springs State Park. The camp, built by member donations and some matching funds, followed nine years of camping operations in leased facilities. Valued at more than two million dollars, Wekiva provides a one week camping experience for youngsters in conservation and nature study. Garden Club member volunteers work with campers in grades 3-6 using a professionally developed graded curriculum and ancillary equipment provided by a recent \$10,000 grant. Seventh grade campers experience off-site tent camping and survival skills. Eight graders develop environmental decision making skills in a specially designed program.



"A NEW WORLD"

1992 STATE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

West Hall, Coconut Grove Convention Center • 3360 Pan American Drive, Miami
October 2, 3, 4 Chairman: Mrs. Irma G. DeTinoco.

YOUTH DIVISION

CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Evelyn Somerville, 4401 N.W. 2nd Ter., Boca Raton, 33431 (407) 391-2495)

Vice Chairman: Mrs. Dorothy Trickey, 5340 Jog Lane, Delray Beach, 33484 (407) 495-1398)

RULES FOR YOUTH EXHIBITS

1. General and Design rules are the same as for adults. In Horticulture, the rules are the same as for adults *except* in class #3... container grown plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for 2 months and the plants in terrariums and dish gardens must have been growing together for at least 3 weeks.
2. Junior section are grades 1 thru 6.
3. Intermediate section are grades 7 thru 9.
4. High School gardeners are grades 10 thru 12.
5. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry card and must have exhibitor's name, grade, city and district.
6. The youth classes are open to any registered unit in the above sections.
7. All designs and horticulture should be in place by 10:00 am on Friday, Oct. 2 and may not be removed before 5:00 pm. on Oct. 4.

HORTICULTURE

Please list all entries in horticulture—all three classes as J-1, J-2, J-3 for Juniors; I-1, I-2, I-3 for Intermediates; H-1, H-2, H-3 for High School.

ISABELLA'S JEWELS

Class 1-Cut Specimens: A. Garden flowers B. Flowering Vines, Shrubs. C. Foliage, non-blooming branch, not over 16" in length.

Class 2-Container Grown Plants: A. Flowering; B. Non-Flowering. Pots. not to exceed 6" in diameter.

Class 3-Multiple Plantings: A. Dish Gardens; B. Terrariums. Container not to exceed 10" in diameter.

EDUCATIONAL

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Educational exhibits will be displayed on tables; 30" D X 24" W.
Juniors. A poster (11" X 14") on the theme "Charting Columbus' Journey"

Intermediates. An exhibit on butterflies, birds, or underwater species.

High School. An exhibit on wildflowers, trees, or water conservation.

YOUTH DESIGN

JUNIORS GRADE 1 THRU 6

(The next three classes are eligible for the JUNIOR DESIGN AWARD)

Class 1-CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS - GREAT EXPLORER

A creative design incorporating some tropical foliage. Accessories permitted (ie Compass, hourglass, spyglass, etc.)

Class 2- SEA MONSTERS

An imaginary monster made from fruits and vegetables

Class 3- A SAILING WE SHALL GO

A creative design suggesting sailing. Accessories permitted

INTERMEDIATES GRADES 7 THRU 9

(The next three classes are eligible for the INTERMEDIATE DESIGN AWARD)

Class 4- AN EXPEDITION IS ASSEMBLED

A creative design using from 3 to 5 different kinds of plant material

Class 5- LAND HO, SURPRISES AWAIT

Animals created from fruit and vegetables found in the NEW WORLD. (Corn, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes, potatoes, key lime, sour orange, bananas, egg fruit, jack fruit, sour sop, etc.)

Class 6- THE GREAT KHAN

A design suggesting the orient. Accessories permitted.

"A NEW WORLD"

The following are changes to the Flower Show Schedule that were printed in the May/June issue of this magazine:

Design Division - Class 15 - COLUMBUS MUST SAIL ON, delete "Exhibition Table Type II."

Design Rules - #4, change, "Judging start at 1 p.m."

**HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS
GRADES 10 THRU 12**

(The next three classes are eligible for the HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS DESIGN AWARD)

Class 7- NAVIGATING BY THE STARS
A creative design suggesting night time.

Class 8- TREASURE OF THE INDIES
A creative design suggesting something of worth brought in trade from the Indies. Accessories permitted.

Class 9- SUPERSTITIONS
A creative design suggesting fear of the unknown.

Classes 1 thru 9 will be staged on tables. Space allowed per entry: 30" D X 24" W.

SCALE OF POINTS

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Design | 40 |
| Suitable combinations | 30 |
| Neatness | 20 |
| Conformance to schedule | 10 |
| | 100 |

CORRECTIONS: Horticulture Division
SECTIONS: D, H and K of the Horticulture
Schedule are to replace those sections in the last issue of this magazine.

**SECTION D. CACTI AND OTHER
SUCCULENTS**

These age-old plants have water storing capabilities that led to their survival

CACTACEAE

- 36. Pereskia
- 37. Opuntia
- 38. Cereus
- 39. Mammillaria
- 40. Rhipsalis
- 41. Schumbergera
- 42. Any others

SUCCULENTS

- Agavaceae*
- 43. Agave
- 44. Beaucarnea
- 45. Sanseveria
- Asclepiadaceae*
- 46. Hoya
- 47. Huernia
- 48. Stapelia
- Crassulaceae*
- 49. Crassula
- 50. Echeveria
- 51. Kalanchoe
- 52. Sedum
- Euphorbiaceae*
- 53. Euphorbia
- Liliaceae*
- 54. Aloe
- 55. Gasteria
- 56. Haworthia

Portulacaceae

- 57. Portulacaria
- 58. Hanging Baskets
- 59. Any other

**SECTION H. OTHER CONTAINER
GROWN PLANTS**

The very large number of new plants made a system of classification necessary and Carl Linnaeus worked out the one still in use today.

ACANTHACEAE

- 97. Acanthus
- 98. Fittonia
- Agavaceae*
- 99. Cordylina
- 100. Draceana
- Amaryllidaceae*
- 101. Clivia
- 102. Eucharis
- 103. Hippeastrum

Araliaceae

- 104. Brassia
- 105. Hedera
- 106. Polyscias

Balsaminaceae

- 107. Impatiens

Commelinaceae

- 108. Tradescantia
- Cyadaceae*
- 109. Encephalartos
- 110. Zamia

Euphorbiaceae

- 111. Codiaum
- 112. Euphorbia

Labiatae

- 113. Coleus
- 114. Plectranthus

Liliaceae

- 115. Asparagus
- 116. Aspidistra

Marantaceae

- 117. Calathea
- 118. Maranta

Palmae

- 119. Chamaedorea
- 120. Coccolrinax
- 121. Licuala
- 122. Pritchardia
- 123. Rhaps

- 124. Hanging Baskets
- 125. Any Other

SECTION K. CUT FLOWERS, PERENNIALS, AND VINES

Different, unusual plants arriving from the newly discovered portion of the world caused people who had never been interested to take up the latest fad - gardening.

ACANTHACEAE

- 134. Crossandra
- 135. Barleria
- Amaryllidaceae*
- 136. Clivia
- 137. Crinum

- 138. Eucharis
- 139. Zephyranthes
- Poecynaceae*
- 140. Mandevilla
- 141. Tabernaemontana
- Araceae*
- 142. Anthurium
- 143. Spathiphyllum
- Asclepiadaceae*
- 144. Hoya
- 145. Stephanotis
- Balsaminaceae*
- 146. Impatiens
- Begoniaceae*
- 147. begonia
- Bignoniaceae*
- 148. Bignonia
- 149. Podranes
- 150. Pyrostegia
- 151. Tecomeria
- Compositae*
- 152. Chrysanthemum
- 153. Gebgera
- 154. Rudbeckia
- 155. Tagetes
- 156. Zinnia
- Ericaceae*
- 157. Rhododendron
- Liliaceae*
- 158. Gloriosa
- Malvaceae*
- 159. Hibiscus
- Nyctaginaceae*
- 160. Bougainvillea
- Musaceae*
- 161. Heliconia
- Orchidaceae*
- 162. Cattleya
- 163. Dendrobium
- 164. Epidentrum
- 165. Oncidium
- 166. Phalaenopsis
- Strelitziacae*
- 167. Strelitzia
- Zingiberaceae*
- 168. Alpinia
- 169. Curcuma
- 170. Hedychium
- 171. Any other

**NOTE:
FLOWER SHOW
POSTPONED TO
SPRING DUE TO
HURRICANE
ANDREW.**



SEEK '93 will be held at the University of Florida in Gainesville, July 11-14, 1993. This will be a great opportunity for young people interested in the environmental field to learn first hand its many facets.

CLUB PRESIDENTS— look for the flyer in the President's Kits you will receive at District Meetings this fall, and watch the Gardener for more specifics. Be sure to include SEEK in your '93 budget. Donations (not registration fees) may be sent now to the Finance Chairman (see below).

Registration (with fees for your participants) will begin after January 15, 1993. Begin now to look for your brightest and most interested high schoolers. Don't let them miss this opportunity to gain the valuable information they will need in order to Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge.

*Lib Harrer, Chairman
Emma Short, Registrar
Hazel Hodges, Finance
1629 NW 19th Cr.
Gainesville, FL 32605*

HELP—Intermediate Gardeners—HELP

There were 759 members in 28 Intermediate clubs, there were fifty nine Award Entries (excellent Books of Evidence) Sincere thanks to the leaders in 1991-1992.

For most youth entering Middle School it is a traumatic experience—a different school, unfamiliar teachers, unfamiliar classmates, etc. it is difficult for that age group. The following poem written by an honor student says it very well.

*I am scared and afraid but mostly confused
What should I do?*

*There are so many different directions to go,
All of them calling and beckoning me to come,
Which way do I go?*

*My head spins and my stomach is tied up in knots,
I can no longer eat or sleep.
Should I run?*

*There is so much I want to say, but there is no one
around to whom I can tell it to, I feel lonely.
I feel insecure and unloved, but no one cares.*

*My world is crumbling, faster and faster,
HELP ME!*

(Permission to use this was received.)

This year with fewer teachers, shorter hours, etc., we need to answer the call with our many youth materials available and youth programs.

- 1—For a club, only seven members and seven meetings a year are required.
- 2—Use your club members as instructors.

DEEP SOUTH #22 INTERMEDIATE GARDENERS AWARD

In memory of Mr. Frank T. Lowe
Donor: Mrs. Frank T. Lowe
Deep South Intermediate Chairman
1991-1993

(a) A \$50.00 Cash Award may be awarded annually to an Intermediate Garden Club in the Region, sponsored by a member garden club, for an outstanding project or program worthy of recognition. Book of Evidence required.

(b) A \$50.00 Cash Award may be awarded annually to a State Federation registering the greatest number of Intermediate Gardeners with the Deep South Regional Chairman as of three weeks before the Deep South Regional Convention. Established procedure for organizing Intermediate Gardeners must be observed. This award to be calculated on a percentage basis of state membership dues paid to NCSGC as of December 31. No application required.

Mrs. Frank T. Lowe, Int. Chmn.

BLANCHE COVINGTON NATURE STUDY COURSE

March 7-10, 1993

If you work with youth
You'll want to hear
Of our plans for BC
In the works for next year.

The place is Wakulla-
They've beautiful springs.
You'll stay in the lodge-
Indoor plumbing and things!

We'll learn about water
And plants in the wild
We'll learn some new crafts
To teach a young child.

Just sixty-five dollars
Reserves you a space
For three fun filled days
In this beautiful place.

So don't be left out-
Just write to me,
We want to see you
At BC '93.

*Cinny O'Donnell
Chairman, Blanche Covington
Nature Study Course
1245 La Paz
Pensacola, FL 32506
Phone: (904) 456-9740*

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SPEECH CONTEST
1992-1993

\$1000.00 Scholarship to National Winner, and an invitation to NCSGC Convention in Asheville, North Carolina, May 17-19, 1993. Plane fare will be provided for winner and his/her chaperone.

TITLE

"Gardening for a New Generation"

ELIGIBILITY

Contest is open to ALL students attending SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL. Students must be sponsored by a federated club or a council of clubs.

LENGTH

A minimum of 6 minutes, not to exceed 8 minutes.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 1992

PROCEDURE

1. Each contestant may submit ONE entry. A tape recording of the speech (tape to be supplied by the sponsoring group) must be accompanied by a typewritten, double-spaced copy of the speech. Best results are obtained when the speech is delivered before an audience and not read for taping. (Please check for tape noise, which can distort the student's delivery.) Send to H.S. Gardeners Chairman, Mrs. J.E. Schneider, 3065 Doctors Lake Dr., Orange Park, FL 32073.

2. The local garden club youth chairman will submit a summary of the speech of the speech, giving the date when the speech was delivered together with comments on poise, gestures, appearance, visual aids or other commendable features, to Mrs. Schneider, who will have the winner's summary signed by the State President and forwarded with the tape and speech manuscript to the Deep South Chairman.

SCALE OF POINTS

| | |
|--|------------|
| A. CONTENT | 55 |
| 1. Knowledge of subject | 25 |
| 2. Subject matter well organized | 15 |
| 3. Practicality of proposal | 10 |
| 4. Conformance to time requirement | 5 |
| B. ORATION | 35 |
| 1. Clarity of presentation | 20 |
| 2. Voice-inflection, enunciation | 10 |
| 3. Emphasis | 5 |
| C. MANUSCRIPT | 10 |
| 1. Wallet-sized photograph, name, address, phone number, school attending, school grade, list of activities and sponsoring group | 5 |
| 2. Neatness and legibility | 5 |
| (a plastic folder keeps the manuscript clean) | |
| TOTAL | 100 |

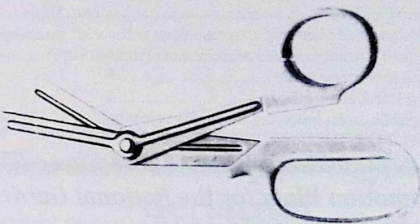
Scholarship Endowment Fund

When we trace footprints from the beginning of time, we first see the prints of mammoth animals that once roamed the earth, followed by the bare footprints of man. As humans evolved as the "intelligent" beings, man left the caves, put on a pair of shoes and 'hit' the pavements so to speak... Evolution continues and NOW woman takes her place, high heels and all, in the footprints of time. Women with the WISDOM to recognize the importance of education and giving gifts to the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs has promoted youth projects and programs for over forty years. And now with our Scholarship Endowment Fund we can continue to fund present scholarships and establish new ones like the Mary Jo Clayton Sanders Scholarship established last year through your donations.

Women
Insuring
Scholarships
thru
Donations
Of
Money

Cecelia H. Richardson
 Scholarship Endowment Fund
 Promotions Chairman
 813-293-3521 or 293-0766



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TITLE

"Youth Gardening the World Over"

ELIGIBILITY

Contest is open to ALL students attending Senior High School.
Students must be sponsored by a federated garden club or council of clubs.

LENGTH

Between 500-600 words. IMPORTANT to stay within required number of words. **COUNT ALL WORDS.**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 1992

PROCEDURE: 1. Each contestant may submit One entry, which must be typewritten and double spaced, to H.S. Gardeners Chairman Mrs. J.E. Schneider, 3065 Doctors Lake Drive, Orange Park, FL 32073. All entries become the property of National Council of State Garden Clubs.
2. The sponsoring club will submit a summary of the essay to Mrs. Schneider, who will have the winner's summary signed by the State President and forwarded with the essay to the Deep South Chairman.

SCALE OF POINTS

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| A. CONTENT | 60 |
| 1. Knowledge of subject | 25 |
| 2. Subject matter well organized | 15 |
| 3. Practicality of proposal | 10 |
| 4. Originality | 5 |
| 5. Conformance - length of essay | 5 |
| B. COMPOSITION | 30 |
| 1. Vocabulary | 20 |
| 2. Clarity of presentation | 10 |
| C. MANUSCRIPT | 10 |
| 1. Wallet-sized photograph, name, address, school attending, school grade, list of activities, and sponsoring group | 5 |
| 2. Neatness and legibility | 5 (a plastic folder keeps the manuscript clean) |
| TOTAL POINTS | 100 |

Promotion Hints for the National Gardener

- Ask for time to have the club chairman give a "pep talk" promoting the National Gardener (TNG). Pass a basket of subscription blanks with a pen asking members to subscribe for one year.
- Offer one free subscription to the person whose name is pulled from the basket of filled out subscription blanks.
- Make announcement at District, Spring and Fall meetings also setting up an exhibit.
- Suggest including the cost in the club's dues, as many do now in some states.
- The President's Service Copy (free copy) could be passed to club members to acquaint them with the contents and encourage personal subscription.
- A subscription to TNG to a fellow Garden Club member as a Christmas gift.
- A subscription as a speaker's gift

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*Viola B. Culverhouse
National Gardener Chmn.*

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November 2, 1992, West Palm Beach
(Districts X, XI, XII)
Place: Ramada Inn, W. Palm Beach
Time: 11:00am - Viewing, Luncheon & Program
Chairman: Bonnie Tust
4234 Woods End Road
Boca Raton, FL 33487
PH: 407-994-2430

November 4, 1992, Naples

(District IX)
Place: Bonita Bay Country Club
Time: 11:00am Open for table viewing, 12:00 Luncheon, with Design Program to follow. (Capacity 200)
Chairmen: Helen Dean
2313 King Lake Blvd.
Naples, FL 33962
PH: 813-793-6666

Lois Allen 10376 Quail Drive
Naples, FL 33999
PH 813-597-5909

November 5, 1992, Clearwater

(District VIII)
Place: Innisbrook Country Club
Time: 11:00 Table Viewing, 12:00 Luncheon. Program to follow.
Chairman: Ruth Durbuck
1200 Tarpon Woods Blvd.,
Apt. P-#9
Palm Harbor, FL 34695
PH: 813-785-9477

November 6, 1992, Orlando

(Districts VI & VII)
Place: Omni Hotel
Time: 11:00 Hospitality
12:00 Luncheon Program to follow.
(Capacity 300)
Chairmen: Margaret Kirkpatrick
485 Wild Oak Circle
Longwood, FL 32779
PH: 407-778-6850

November 9, 1992, Jacksonville Area

(Districts IV & V)
Place: Sea Turtle Inn & Conference Center
Time: 12:00 Luncheon
Program to follow
(Capacity 280)
Chairmen: Arden Forner
244 Sabal Palm Court W.
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
PH 904-285-6411
Wynelle Clawson
403-A 5th Ave. N.
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
PH: 904-249-0118

November 13, 1992, Pensacola

(Districts I, II & III)
Place: Mustin Beach Officers Club, NASA Pensacola
Time: 12:00 Luncheon
Program to follow
Chairmen: Cinny O'Donnell
1245 La Paz
Pensacola, FL 32507
PH: 904-456-9740

1992 Short Course Report

You really should have been there! 171 members and guests of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs were at the University of Florida on June 2-4 to learn, and meet old and make new friends. Two spectacular programs about Floral Design were presented by our own Bob Thomas, in which he explained every step of the way to making creative designs.

The theme this year, TOUGH PLANTS FOR TOUGH TIMES, was carried throughout the entire course. This topic is the Deep South theme for the present administration, to help us be aware of ways to conserve the environment.

The opening presentation was given by Mrs. Sydney Park Brown and set the pace for the rest of the program. IFAS has developed a new computer program which is now available in every County Extension Office in the state to help anyone choose wisely the trees to plant in their garden. Further programs are being developed to choose shrubs and eventually, perennials, depending on your soil type, location, growing conditions and personal preference. Dr. David Hall's presentation gave us some insight into cooling our environment by proper location of tough plants, i.e. native plants, and Mr. Michael Holsinger led us into the next step, How to avoid Landscape Pit Falls we often aren't aware of when planning a yard or garden.

The first day closed with an overflow house attending Mrs. Robert Short's workshop on making contrived flowers. Wednesday began with Dr. Michael Kanes presentation on Water Gardening, with a great handout and left all of us ready to go home and try our hand at this aquatic gardening, requiring only a small space.

Dr. Bijan Deghan next instructed us on Cycads, as tough plants and long lasting ones. This was followed by Dr. Bob Black's always popular Plant Identification in which 5 garden clubbers identified nearly all the plants, and received prizes for this. Next came the first of Bob Thomas's design programs. Then we enjoyed a banquet at the Gainesville Garden Club House to close the second day.

Thursday's concluding day started with a lecture and slide program on Beneficial Insects by Dr. Don Short. We learned the dangers of indiscriminate insect control, and what insects to protect, from this presentation. Dr. Eric Ostmark guided us through Amaryllis Culture and how to increase our collection of them. Then the Second Design Program kept us on the edges of our seats, as Bob Thomas created his flower arrangements.

Following the Short Course, Joan Craig, Chairman of the Environmental Awareness Committee for both FFGC and NCSGC, offered a luncheon and program titled: Choices and Challenges for a Better World, Energy, Economics and the Environment, with Ralph L. Lewis Jr. senior consultant for Chevron Corporation speaking on the health and economy and America's role in the world.

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Helen Hoskins, Short Course Chairman, 1991-92



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NATIONAL CONTEST FOR GARDEN MEMBERS

Members of the Florida Federation are urged to participate in "A Tribute to NCSGC Members" contest. This tribute is intended to celebrate and honor members who, over a period of at least five years, have made outstanding contributions in any of the following categories:

• Civic Development • Conservation Design • Garden Therapy
• Horticultural Youth • Landscape Design • All-Round Excellence

Any member of a Federated Club (including state board members) who is NOT PRESENTLY a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs Board of Directors is eligible, except the first place winner in the category the previous year. An application may be submitted for more than one category; however each category requires a separate application and supporting evidence. Deadlines are State, Nov. 15. Region, Dec 15 and National, Jan 25.

IMPORTANT

National winners must attend the NCSGC Convention to be recognized and to make a two-minute acceptance speech.

Rules:

1. Entries must consist of a short description of applicant's accomplishments.
2. Use white typing paper and staple sheets together; looseleaf or plastic binder is unnecessary.
3. Title page must include:
 - a. Category b. Name, address, & phone no. of applicant
 - c. Garden Club President's signature
 - d. Name of a garden club applicant is a member
4. Supporting information to include:
Maximum two pages outlined listing projects accomplished as well as offices and chairmanships held.
Maximum two pages, of a descriptive nature, giving details explaining the outline presented.
5. One entry per category from each State Federation.

*Chris Cooney,
Membership Chairman*

Garden Therapy Project (Geriatric)

The elderly woman leans as far as she can out of her wheelchair. Stretching, she plucks a weed from the soil and tosses it away. "I used to have a garden," she says to no one in particular. "A rose garden. My they were lovely. But now..." her voice trails off. "I would love to garden again," she adds.

And she did have a garden. One Texas gardener clubber heard those words and started thinking. Why not? She organized a "late bloomers" Garden Club in a San Marcos nursing home. It has been thriving for fifteen years.

This club does container gardening; flowerbox gardening and even grows herbs. They also do small flower arrangements for the nightstands in the rooms of the bed-ridden patients. The garden clubbers that work with the "wheelies" club has discovered many different things these people can still do and do well.

This chairman thought she should pass along this idea to all of you, perhaps inspiring you to start a similar club in your own area. Good luck.

*Jane Highfield, Chmm
Garden Therapy, E & G.*

Important Announcements

FLORAL DESIGN STUDY COURSE

Mrs. N. Wayne Allen
31 Fox Valley Drive
Orange Park, FL 32073

MANATEE RIVER GARDEN CLUB

Units 1-6 October 12-19, November 2-9,
December 7-14.

Chairmen: Iris Brackman and Sally Beesley
(813) 792-7473

BAY BOUQUET GARDEN CLUB—Dunedin

Units 1-6 October 13-27, November 10,
December 1-12, January 12-16.

Chairman: Mary Maybee (813) 736-5593

DADE CITY GARDEN CLUB

Units 1-6 October 27, November 24, December 1,
January 19-26, Feb. 16.

Chairman: Pat Carver (904) 567-3844

VENICE AREA GARDEN CLUB

Units 1-6 November 2-16-30, December 14-18,
January 11.

Units 7-8-9 February 2-19, March 11.
Chairman: Ida Bohm (813) 493-5392

ALAMANDA GARDEN CLUB - North Port

Units 7-8-9 November 2-9-16.

Chairman: Thelma Hirth (813) 426-5635

WINTER PARK, SWEETWATER OAKS and the WINDMERE CLUBS

Units 1-6 November 4, December 2, 1992 January
6, February 3, March 3, April 28, 1993

Chairmen:

WINDMERE Joan Prasky (407) 295-6459

WINTER PARK Rene Kelly (407) 677-7495

SWEETWATER OAKS Lois Silverberg (407) 788-7002

COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF THE HALIFAX DISTRICT

Units 1-6 October 9-16-23-30, November 6-13.

Chairmen: Ann Tate and Ann Harding
(904) 238-0089

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL OF ST AUGUSTINE - ST JOHNS COUNTY GARDEN CLUBS

Units 1-6 January 7-14-21-28 February 4-11, 1993.

Chairman: Lola Stark (904) 797-2361

GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE PARK, INC.

Units 7-8-9 January 19-26, February 2.

Chairman: Nancy Allen (904) 272-7764



DATES FOR SYMPOSIUMS AND FLOWERS SHOW SCHOOLS

SYMPOSIUMS:

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| Fall 1992 | November 16,17,18 | Tampa, Mrs. Steve Fritch, Chairman |
| Spring 1993 | March 1,2,3 | Pensacola, Mrs. Charles Earnest, Chairman |
| Fall 1993 | | Garden Club of Jacksonville |
| Spring 1994 | | District VII Judges Council |
| Fall 1994 | November 15,16 | District VI, Melbourne, Helen M. DeCastro, Chrmn. |
| Spring 1995 | | Gainesville |
| Fall 1995 | | Tampa Federation, Tampa |
| Spring 1996 | | |
| Fall 1996 | | District VII Judges Council |

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS:

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| October 6,7,8 1992 | Course V, Pensacola | Mrs. John O'Donnel, Chairman |
| October 13,14,15 1992 | Course IV, Tampa | Mrs. George Green, Chairman |
| April 13,14,15 1993 | Course V, Tampa | Mrs. George Green, Chairman |
| October 26,27,28 1992 | Course II, Orlando | Mrs. George Kuhn, Chairman |
| March 29,30,31 1993 | Course III, Orlando | Mrs. George Kuhn, Chairman |
| October 25,26,27 1993 | Course IV, Orlando | Mrs. George Kuhn, Chairman |
| March 28,29,30 1994 | Course V Orlando | Mrs. George Kuhn, Chairman |
| October 21,22,23 1992 | Course I, Miami Area | Mrs. Melvin J. Goldstrohm, Chairman |

FLOWER SHOW CALENDAR

Mrs. Kelly Bennett
4680 Longbow Drive
Titusville, 32796

Please register your show with this chairman.

Deadline is September 15th for November/December issue.

October 10 & 11 - "In the Wake of Columbus," by the South Brevard Garden Clubs, at the Indian Harbour Beach Community Center, Gleason Park, S. Patrick Dr., Hours: Sat. 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. & Sun. 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

October 10 & 11 - "The Old House," by the District VII Judges' Council, at Leu Historical House in Leu Botanical Gardens, 1730 N. Forest Ave. Hours: Oct. 10, 1:00-10:30 p.m. (in conjunction with Leu Gardens Walking Stroll) & Oct. 11, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 23 & 24 - "Forestry, Family & Friends", by the Perry Garden Club at the Garden Center, Forest Capital Park, U.S. 19 South. Hours: Oct. 23rd, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Oct. 24th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

November 5 & 6 - "Fall Kaleidoscope" by the New Port Richey Garden Club, at the Barnett Bank Main Street Office, 6128 U. S. Hwy. 19, New Port Richey. Hours: Thurs., 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. & Fri., 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Very Important Notice...

It is very important that articles for the 1993 Jan/Feb issue be in the hands of the editor and assistant editor no later than November 15 (which is the normal deadline) as the editor plans to be in Saudi Arabia and the assistant editor is having out of town guests. Please make note of this so your article will be included.

Thank you for your cooperation—The Editor

Coming Events

Manatee River Garden Club presents its 1992 Festival of Trees and Holiday Workshop, "A Potpourri of Christmas" on Nov. 20, 21 and 22, \$2.50, children under 12 free. For information call Alice Wallis 813-755-3156.

Sally Beesley—Manatee River Garden Club.

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| <p>You Can Tell a Real Gardener if: She needs new zucchini recipes. Doing nails mean scrubbing with Clorox, A "Better Boy" is a tomato, not a kid. Jeans are decorated with patches of grass stains. Frogs are not amphibians, but hold flowers. She buys textured hose, but not for legs. Her anniversary roses – come from her rosebud. A straw hat is better than an Easter bonnet. Wears athletic sweat bands for gardening, and loves a good rain even though it ruins the picnic.</p> <p align="right"><i>Anon.</i></p> | <p align="center">TIPS FOR INDOOR PLANTS</p> <p>Rotate your plants often – about a quarter turn at a time, so they get the sunlight evenly and won't get lopsided ****Water your plants with that club soda that has gone dead and use up all those extra minerals.****Put a plant in your bathroom, put your plants in the tub on top of bricks set in water when you go on vacation****Save the water when you defrost seafood, it makes wonderful fertilizer.</p> | <p align="center">Energy Tips</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decorate with light colors, light colors reflect more light which calls for less artificial light. Dark colors retain more heat. Use ceiling fans with A/C. You will be able to raise the temperature up to 4 degrees and still feel as cool. Don't peek in the oven! Oven temperatures may drop as many as 25-50 degrees. Don't keep opening the refrigerator door. The compressor will come on each time the temperature rises in the refrigerator. <p align="right"><i>AWARE</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p align="center">IT'S A THOUGHT WORD AND WISDOM FOR WEEKDAYS</p> <p>A Few Pearls From Anonymous Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: There's a big difference between putting your nose in others people's business and putting you heart in other people's problems. Tuesday: A surefire formula for success: rise early, work late, & strike oil. Wednesday: Money will buy... a passport to everywhere but heaven. Thursday: It's temper that gets most of us in trouble and pride that keeps us there. Friday: Folks who think they must always speak the truth overlook another good choice... silence. | <p align="center">Bird Suet Cake</p> <p>2 cups suet 1 cup peanut butter 2 cups cornmeal 2 cups of small bird seed</p> <p>Melt suet, then cool completely. Reheat and add peanut butter. Blend well. Add cornmeal and seed. Pour into forms and cool until hardened. Store unused portion in refrigerator. Styrofoam cups make good forms. Place in netting for hanging. The peanut butter is for protein; cornmeal for carbohydrates and suet for heat energy.</p> | <p align="center">WILDFLOWER GARDENING (with a conscience)</p> <p>Gardeners finding the charm of wild plants in the garden reap many rewards. Woodland wildflowers and ferns, meadow flowers, native shrubs and trees. Plant those native to your region rather than the exotic ones, they will require less care. Choose the right spot; don't pilfer the countryside even if the species seems plentiful; rather collect from the wild, buy your plants from nurseries and seed companies. Buy early many species are in limited supply.</p> <p align="right"><i>Gardening in the Wild</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p align="center">HORTICULTURE TIP</p> <p>When your Liliiums have finished their blooming period continue to water the foliage through late spring and summer. Discontinue the watering when the greenery shows a tendency to turn brown. All the nutrients have been fed down into the bulb and you next year's blooms will be stronger and the color more vivid.</p> <p align="right"><i>County Extension Bulletin.</i></p> | <p align="center">HOW TO BECOME A MASTER GARDENER</p> <p>One of the best ways to acquire a basic knowledge of horticulture is to take the Master Gardener Course offered by county-based Cooperative Extension Services. Most states offer a 45-hour course for a low fee, in exchange for time volunteered in numerous educational programs aimed at enhancing the environment of the community. Some of the topics covered are soils, fertilizers, insects, disease, vegetables and ornamental plants.</p> <p>For information, contact your local Cooperative Extension Service or the Department of Horticulture at your state land grant university.</p> | <p>Baking Soda - Natural Fungicide</p> <p>Cornell University scientists have had success in using baking soda as a fungicide against powdery mildew and blackspot, two fungal diseases common to roses, over three growing seasons.</p> <p>In the study, some roses were sprayed every three or four days from mid April through October with a solution of baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) mixed with insecticidal soap in water. Control roses were sprayed with soap alone, plain water, or not treated.</p> <p>Of all the treatments, a 0.5% solution of baking soda in water was the most effective in preventing blackspot.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

D.D.'s Chatterbox

DISTRICT I HAPPENINGS...

"Grandmother's Garden" was blooming lovely at the Pensacola Garden Center when Daylily Garden Club and Redbud Garden Club, of the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., hosted District I Spring Meeting May 12. Attending were 147 members and guests.

The theme, "Grandmother's Garden", was carried out in various ways. The decorations were potted plants which were given as door prizes. The design, used on name tags, was a garden gate. Favor were mini hats decorated with ribbon and flowers; plastic cups, filled with sunflower seeds, were also given as favors. A member's guilt, Grandmother's Garden, was displayed.

The Mayor, of Pensacola, issued a Proclamation of Welcome to District I Garden Clubs. Greetings and Proclamation were delivered by the Mayor Pro Tem.

The program, "Creative Designs" was presented by Mrs. John H. O'Donnell, a master Judge, Flower Show Evaluator and Floral Design instructor. She constructed three designs showing how to use plant material grown in your garden.

Mrs. Kenneth Black, Mrs. V.F. Burleson, Mrs. Bobby Craig and Mrs. Dan McKenzie (District I Judges) displayed designs with members voting on their favorite by casting monetary votes which added a generous amount to the District treasury.

Mrs. Robert D. Wilson, FFGC 1st Vice President, brought an up to date report on FFGC projects.

Environment Awareness, Floral Design Schools, Legislation and Seed Bank Chairmen presented reports. The Environment Awareness Chairman stated, "We cannot live as we have been living. There are to many of us and we are too messy. Stay the course... continue to work to improve our environment. Let it begin with you." Three club presidents presented reports on club activities.

Forty nine awards and certificates were presented along with one Deed of Gratitude (for Tiger Creek Preserve donation from one club). Another highlight was when three members received FFGC Life Memberships.

A delicious salad luncheon was enjoyed by all. The members, of the Daylily Garden Club, wore aprons with handpainted daylilies on the bib, club's name on a pocket and member's name on the other pocket; the aprons were painted by one of the club's members.

It seems everyone enjoyed their visit to Grandmother's Garden.

Shirley Brown, Director

DISTRICT III HAPPENINGS...

Since this director's report at January Board Meeting a lot of activities have continued in District III. Following a beautiful Camellia show staged by both garden club and Area Camellia Club of Tallahassee which was held in one of the local malls, a Legislative Reception was held at the Garden Center to meet and entertain the legislative wives who were here with their husbands for the Legislative session. This turned out to be a lovely affair for all and served us well as a wonderful means of communication and information as to what we garden clubbers do all over the state.

ARBOR day was a day of great participation in many of our Clubs in District III. Many trees and shrubs were planted. Many of the Clubs stay busy beautifying their City Halls and helping to keep their cities clean by Adopting-A-Mile program. They have also participated in Roadside beautification by planting lots of wildflowers on the Interstates entering their cities as well as many other areas.

District III held an Executive Meeting and Workshop the last of March to provide information on filling out FORMS, compiling Yearbooks, and many questions were answered for Presidents, 1st. V. Presidents, and Treasurers. This proved to be a very successful meeting we feel and we had a chance to really get better acquainted with each other. We ended our meeting with a wonderfully informative program on CONSERVASCAPING conducted by one of our own members who is a professional in this field.

Two of our Clubs are becoming very involved with helping with the Historical Restoration of one of the lovely old plantations within the city, "GOODWOOD PLANTATION" in our lovely Capital City. This is exciting as we will be involved in restoration of the old Gardens which reminds us of GRANDMOTHER'S GARDENS of yesteryear.

On April 25th, the District Judges Council of Florida Council of Flower Show Judges did themselves proud in providing the floral designs for the Governor's Environmental Education Awards dinner held in the Tallahassee-Leon Co. Civic Center using beautiful wildflowers throughout. Also, it is with much pride and pleasure that this director reports a super honor bestowed and an Award presented to FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP. Our president, Mrs. W. Reese Harris and Environmental chairman, Mrs. Garrett Swindal were present to accept the Award presented by Gov. Lawton Chiles. An Award was also presented to Ms. Janet Gregory/

Marathon Garden Club for their environmental education to "SAVE THE CONCH".

We are all looking forward to Spring Meeting to be held in the Carrabelle with Yaupon Garden Club hosting

District III has been busy as this report indicates and many things "behind the scenes" have not been mentioned, but it is those little pieces that makes the whole.

HATS OFF TO YOU, MY FRIENDS!!

Katherine Ashton, Director.

DISTRICT IX HAPPENINGS...

We were entertained royally by the Garden Club of Sebring, our hostess club for the May 7th Spring District Meeting. There were 149 attending with several guests.

We all felt sadness over the death of our beloved Ernee Lovan on April 4th of this year. Mrs. William Roth presented a nice tribute in her memory. A donation in her memory of \$260.00 to Tiger Creek was unanimously approved. We miss her. She was a dedicated garden clubber serving her club, district and FFGC with spirit and enthusiasm.

We continued our meeting with informative reports from District Chairman on: Energy Conservation, Flower Show Liaison, Birds and Butterflies, Environmental Education, Education/Speakers, Roadside Beautification and one State Chairman report on the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Our program was presented by Mrs. Dursie Ekman (Winnie), FFGC Past President. In her own delightful way, she did an Artistic Design program for us to enjoy in our home environment. It was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

After the presentation of Special Certificates, Awards and Life Membership, with the assistance of Elise Haymans, Past President, FFGC, Door Prizes and special thanks to several people, we adjourned. Thank you, The Garden Club of Sebring, for making this day special. Home to rest a bit and recharge our motors and hit the "September Fast Lane."

Betty Jean Bryan, Director



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DISTRICT VIII HAPPENINGS...

Spring Highlights, etc. 1992

Perhaps one of the things that keeps "Great Eight Members the Greatest" is an informative newsletter mailed to each club and circle entitled "GREAT VIII UPDATE" it lets every member know "what has happened; what is happening and what will be happening." It keeps all of our communication lines open. We were extremely honored to have our state president, Mrs. W. Reese Harris and her entourage of dignitaries returning from the Deep South Convention to be at the dedication of a Butterfly Sanctuary by the Dade City Garden Club. It was a beautiful occasion and many members from other garden clubs were there to observe this special event.

Our Spring District Meeting 'Lure of the Palm' was held April 6th, 1992 at the beautiful Innisbrook Resort. Hosted by the Palm Harbor Garden Club. Forty-Five clubs answered the call with 371 present for this meeting.

Visual reports were displayed on World Gardening, Water Conservation, Litter Control and Recycling and Butterfly Conservation. Many awards of appreciation were given, also, Life Memberships, FFGC and National were presented to three very special garden club members.

Our morning program on the GULF OF MEXICO was presented by Pinellas County Commissioner, Barbara Sheen Todd. Each one of us took on the responsibility to act now in our homes and our lives to take part in this program to save our Gulf of Mexico. The afternoon program was presented by Mrs. Betty Ryer, of St. Paul Minnesota. She is past president of the Minnesota Federation of Garden Clubs. Her design program "From here to there and HOW to Get There" innovative, informative and entertaining. Enjoyed by all.

It was a beautiful meeting the lobby adorned with Invitational Artistic Designs. A lovely arrangement by Ruth Durbak was auctioned, door prizes were baskets filled with many varied items, from bath to cheeses. And the lovely centerpieces were awarded to a winner at each table, Mrs. John

Durbak and her committee are to be commended for all their hard work. This director feels very honored to have been up and down, and all around this Great District and involved in so many great activities. She wishes to thank all the garden club members of "Great Eight" for their endless support during the past year.

Rose Vickers, Director

DISTRICT XII HAPPENINGS...

Spring Highlights

January through April has been a busy four months. Celebrating Arbor Day by planting trees in Simpson Park in memory of deceased member; traveling to West Palm Beach for Tropical Short Course; sponsoring an open house for the USD of Agriculture and a Country Day for the community. Booths of plants, food and crafts produced revenue for participating clubs. This yearly event provides our community with an educational and fun day.

To encourage new memberships, the district has provided information and sign up sheets at each event open to the public. District membership chairman has written notes to each person signing and gave their names to clubs who need and want new members. We also asked the public to sign the petition for the Coreopsis license plate.

We in District XII are concerned and interested in our heritage. Clubs have contributed plants to enhance historical buildings, worked to revive parks and visited historical parks. (Clubs are compassionate and have worked in nursing homes, children's homes, a hospital and with migrant farm workers.) Their efforts have made life brighter for these people.

We are pleased that the Marathon Garden Club will receive a Governor's recognition for their "Save the Conch Project".

This director sometimes feels like a "road-runner" but loves to visit clubs and see and hear about their projects. They are all actively supporting FFGC's aims and goals and doing their part in helping themselves and other find UNITY THROUGH SHARING.

Joyce Thompson, Director

SPECIAL DISTRICT IV SPRING MEETING AND EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

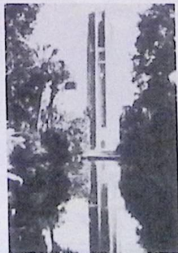
By Eloise Dalton, District IV Publicity Chmn.

District IV, showing our UNITY THROUGH SHARING, celebrated Mother's Day early this year! Mother Earth, that is!! At the spring meeting held on April 8 in Lake City, a "Celebrate the Earth" parade was featured during the lunch hour. Members were encouraged to design and wear costumes depicting ideas to make this Earth a better and healthier place for ourselves and our grandchildren.

Many clever designs were presented using themes such as Recycling, Conserving Natural Resources, Litter Control and Wild Flowers. The Orange Park Club won an award for having the most participants.



"Celebrate the Earth" parade costumes modeled by members of the Lake City Garden Club.



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TITLE

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ELIGIBILITY

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LENGTH

A minimum of 6 minutes, not to exceed 8 minutes.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 1992

PROCEDURE: 1. Each contestant may submit ONE entry. A tape recording of the speech (tape to be supplied by the sponsoring group) must be accompanied by a typewritten, double-spaced copy of the speech. Best results are obtained when the speech is delivered before an audience and not read for taping. (Please check for tape noise, which can distort the student's delivery.) Send to H.S. Gardeners Chairman, Mrs. J.E. Schneider, 3065 Doctors Lake Dr., Orange Park, FL 32073.

2. The local garden club youth chairman will submit a summary of the speech, giving the date when the speech was delivered together with comments on poise, gestures, appearance, visual aids or other commendable features, to Mrs. Schneider, who will have the winner's summary signed by the State President and forwarded with the tape and speech manuscript to the Deep South Chairman.

SCALE OF POINTS

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| A. CONTENT | 55 |
| 1. Knowledge of subject | 25 |
| 2. Subject matter well organized | 15 |
| 3. Practicality of proposal | 10 |
| 4. Conformance to time requirement | 5 |
| B. ORATION | 35 |
| 1. Clarity of presentation | 20 |
| 2. Voice-inflection, enunciation | 10 |
| 3. Emphasis | 5 |
| C. MANUSCRIPT | 10 |
| 1. Wallet-sized photograph, name, address, phone number, school attending, school grade, list of activities and sponsoring group | 5 |
| 2. Neatness and legibility | 5 |
| (a plastic folder keeps the manuscript clean) | |
| TOTAL POINTS | 100 |



Three Generations In Meadowlark Circle

It is a rare experience to find three generations in one Garden Circle as can be found in the Meadowlark Circle of the Garden Club of Orange Park. Johnny Aschenbeck is the featured member who joined us in 1977 and who brought about this unusual happening. Johnny's flair for Garden Club work has been shown in her love of beautiful flowers. She takes great pride in her skill in raising flowers and plants in the dramatic setting of her home on Doctor's Lake.

Johnny has served as an officer in the Meadowlark Circle. She has held many chairmanship positions and has contributed generously whenever an opportunity arises to serve as hostess or to make something to sell at a Fair. She has won awards in floral designs as well. Johnny has brought many new members into the fold. Her first was her daughter-in-law, Gerri Aschenbeck. Gerri is a full time school teacher. When you understand she teaches 72 children remedial Math and Reading, you can understand she is limited as to time. Gerri has generously shared her home with the Meadowlarks at Christmas as well as for special birthdays. She helped the Cancer Society in a recent fund raising gathering at her home. Gerri's grounds show her ability to landscape and grow beautiful flowers.

The third and newest member of the Aschenbeck clan is Gretchen Aschenbeck, granddaughter of Johnny and daughter of Gerri. Gretchen is a vital young business woman with her own business. Gretchen has her own home which she has landscaped herself. She is especially proud of her garden which provides her with table food as well as her family's. Gretchen, as a new member has already brought in another new member. She is a joy to have in the Circle, providing us with her vivacious charm and eager desire to learn.

If the Meadowlarks took in men as members, we would want to sign up Johnny's son Gene. He is scheduled to speak to the Meadowlarks in October on the gorgeous Ginger lilies he raises. He has 15 varieties of Gingers. Wouldn't we be happy to welcome Gene as a member?

The Aschenbeck family has proved to be a treasure to the Meadowlarks. We owe Johnny a debt of gratitude for her long lasting interest and drawing card personality as well as her green thumb which provides the plants she generously shares with others.

*Ruth Paetzold, Publicity Chrm.
Garden Club of Orange Park, Inc.*

From Our Readers

"Unity Through Sharing" and "Reaching For The Gold"

Did you think of these phrases as Award after Award was given out? One special award made this writer very well aware of the true meaning since the winning of this special award in World Gardening had come through the combined efforts of many people through several years of hard work.

Truely, it was team work of a higher order since the originators of the work - Clubs and members - in another state had worked tirelessly and selflessly to achieve the goals.

Then into another State where the work was carried on regardless of self-interest, to its final goal perhaps the greatest achievement of all since it rounded off a least ten years of concentrated effort in the field of food production.

That's the spirit of Garden Clubs!

*Molly Blyth
Longwood, FL*

Awards...How to Apply

Wouldn't you have squealed with glee, been excited and loved hearing your Club name called at West Palm Beach convention for winning an award on that special club project (s)??? Many did and expressed all of the above emotions. If you were not among the lucky winners, did you wonder why?? This chairman would like to relate a few "how to's" and/or "do's and don't's" to enable all clubs to compete and win publicity, or any other award, at the next state convention in Orlando.

Any Book of Evidence for an award is enhanced by the addition of lots of newspaper coverage.

Every club should have a publicity chairman whose job is to promote to the community the purposes, aims, goals of the club. Publicity is necessary for growth. No one will join, or support projects of an unknown group.

Go to the newspaper office and get acquainted with the individual you will be working with. Ask about deadlines and if extra coverage is available for a special club community service project. Remember a small thank you token gift — a plant, jam with home baked bread or a baked sweet item — for help given is always appreciated.

Be Timely! Be Accurate! Be Brief! Observe news media deadlines, check all spelling and names, tell your story in a concise manner. Remember the "W's": who, what, where, when, and why and sometimes How may be necessary. Publicity "P's": Promote Projects, Programs, Plans, and Promotions.

The purpose of media publicity is to make the public aware of your accomplishments in the community. Releases should include FFGC projects and aims as related to your club work. A good rule of newspaper release is two pages, double spaced, on white paper. They can always request additional information. The PR person should include name and phone number on releases in case of questions.

Do study FFGC chairmanship articles in the book of information (BOI) to see how your club fits, and direct your publicity to these goals. DO SEND THIS CHAIRMAN

copies of all published articles for the FFGC state press book of 1991-93 administration.

Did you know there are two awards for publicity newspaper coverage a club can apply for? FFGC (#62) and a National Award (see page 94 in BOI). Rules and deadlines for preparing each are different so the BOI must be referred to for details and guidelines.

Did you know your club newsletter is eligible for an award through this chairman? Read FFGC Award #13 in BOI. Also, note FFGC #12 and see if you have a publication which would qualify.

There is no reason why your club cannot be in the winners circle—BUT, in order to win, you must ENTER a Book of Evidence to the proper FFGC chairman. DO WATCH DEADLINE DATES since National Council Awards, FFGC Club Awards and Youth award entries all have DIFFERENT DATE DEADLINES.

Start TODAY towards a goal of a winning entry for awards you have existing projects for or pick an award and develop the project. Don't forget to include pictures of the project...before in 'black and white' and after in 'living color'. Available from headquarters or perhaps carried on District ways and means table, the booklet, "BEE A WINNER", which gives excellent guidelines for preparing a Book of Evidence to be submitted for judging.

Be AWARE—a project could fit several awards and it would be necessary to prepare that number of Books of Evidence. A good idea is to request all club members to save published articles and give to assigned person. That way enough copies would be available for each BOE. Xerox of newspaper articles can be done, but, originals are preferred.

This chairman will look forward to having a mail box filled with entries in 1993 and to hearing the "squeals" at convention.

Ellen Noll
Publicity Chairman

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BOOK REVIEWS

A CUTTING GARDEN FOR FLORIDA—by Betty Barr Mackey and Monica Brandies

As a garden clubber, are you sometimes embarrassed that you have no fresh bouquets of flowers in our home when your guests arrive? If you are, there is a new book just for you. A few years ago Betty Mackey, then a Florida resident, wrote a little book entitled "A Cutting Garden for Florida." Now, though no longer a Florida resident, Mrs. Mackey, together with Floridian Monica Brandies, has published a newly revised and expanded "Cutting Garden"—2nd edition Chapters on Annuals, Perennials, Bulbs, Trees, Shrubs, etc. discuss the growing requirements of each plant as well as its advantages (and disadvantages) as a component in your colorful bouquet.

Sections on dried flowers (including the use of your microwave in preserving color and form), propagating plants from cuttings and divisions, and "arranging the bounty" make this a valuable little addition to your gardening life—from the time you begin to prepare the soil to the moment you place your artistic design on the table for all to admire.

And unlike many of today's gardening books, it's all about Florida — and how to deal with its vagaries in your garden.

Available from book stores, nurseries, or from B.B. Mackey Books; P.O. Box 475; Wayne, PA; \$8.95 postpaid.

THE GARDENER'S HOME COMPANION—edited by Mackey, Reilly, Rogers, Pleasant, Bilderback, and Brooke (Macmillan Publishing Co.)

This book is another one for your study and research—a compendium of knowledge on gardening, including specific information on 350 types of edible and ornamental plants. With over 600 pages, this new book can be the "bible" of your gardening life.

Compiled by six noted gardening writers (among them Betty Mackey—see above) and reviewed by a board of experts composed of professors of horticulture at universities around the country, the "companion" is illustrated with easy to understand line drawings and written in layman's terms. It contains extensive information on gardening sites, proper tools, soil, planting and cultivation techniques, and how to plan a garden site based on your particular needs and environment. Regional calendars that let the gardener plan the year, month by month add another dimension.

The heart of the companion, however, is its comprehensive plant section, with individual entries for all major flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables, listed in an encyclopedic format, and fully detailed with notes on plant care, growing zones, hardiness, height, color, season of bloom, etc.

Filled with interesting history and trivia, this book will entertain as well as inform. It should be your "companion" PRICE \$29.95

DESIGNING WITH PERENNIALS—by Pamela J. Harper (Macmillan)

This book does not waste time on the basics that you find in the daily newspaper, but gets quickly down to the job of "garden making," starting with the difficult procedure of choice. Are you willing to spray? Stake? Deadhead? Do you like fragrance? Foliage the year round? Each question is answered with a wealth of suggestions and description growing out of the author's many years of experience. And 300 color photographs by the author help us to visualize the possibilities for our perennial garden.

Whether you plan a perennial bed, a border, or some plants along a path, there is horticultural advice mixed with the principles of landscape design to guide you on choosing the plant combinations (color, depth, texture, height) to create just the spot you want.

The author packs much into these chapters, but the information is practical and can be adapted to all sections of the country. Landscape designers as well as horticulturist will like this book, and it can be an important addition to your club library as well as your own. PRICE \$40.00

FLOWERING BULBS—INDOORS AND OUT—by Theodore James Jr. (Macmillan)

This is a volume for the serious bulb fancier. With 85 full color photographs, this illustrated guide shows how to grow more than 80 different types of bulbs for flowers and foliage, some of the old favorites and some of the newer ones. We learn the difference between true bulbs, corms, tubers, and rhizomes; interesting histories of many bulbs; soil preparation and maintenance; propagation; and forcing bulbs indoors. A chapter on landscaping goes into depth on the use of color, and how the mixing of flowering bulbs with other forms can result in distinctive effects.

It is true that many of the bulbs discussed are not suitable for Florida. The author, however, includes a zone map and gives the reader this advice: "As you browse through the bulb entries, note only those bulbs appropriate to your particular zone. Once you've eliminated those not suitable, you are ready to make your selection."

With this advice, I can recommend this book to anyone.

ORGANIC GARDEN VEGETABLES—by George F. Van Patten

Winter is considered by many as the best time to grow vegetables in Florida. If you are a vegetable gardener—"Just a tomato bush or two, a little lettuce, and perhaps a few snow peas?"—and if you are environmentally sensitive (and who can afford not to be in this "decade of the environment") then this economical paperback is just the book for you.

The author begins at the beginning—planting. Shall it be seeds, or seedlings? Chapter one is packed with indispensable information on soils, types of garden beds, fertilizer (including notes on composting), watering, etc. In later sections, Van Patten walks the gardener through more than 300 different varieties of vegetables, giving basic facts about the plants, exacting information on climate, planting, crop care, harvesting, varieties, and problem solving for each of the entries, and well as information entitled "In the Kitchen."

You will like the easy-to-use format that puts at your fingertips just the information you need to garden organically in your vegetable patch. And each variety is coded to a list of companies in the back of the book where the seeds for each may be purchased.

The book is a complete guide. Organic vegetable growers will not need another. PRICE \$9.95 from the publisher: Van Patten Publishing 4204 SE Ogden St; Portland, OR 97205

Lib Herrer, Chairman—Books and Book Reviews

PRE-CONVENTION

BOARD MEETING, WEST PALM BEACH

April 28, 1992

Members of the Board of Directors:

- ✿ Ratified the appointment of Mrs. John J. Bastien as Radio and Television chairman.
- ✿ Heard Mrs. Edward Schaag, treasurer, report the Florida Federation has assets totaling \$719,759.43; net revenue over expenses to date totals \$12,122.52; and there is \$69,141.76 in the General Fund. Also, Headquarters Building is "paid in full."
- ✿ Adopted the federation's \$211,400 budget for 1992-93. Elected Mrs. Robert C. Ochs and Mrs. John H. O'Donnell Jr. to serve as Headquarters and Endowment Trustees.
- ✿ Ratified, on motion by Mrs. Augustus F. Williams Jr. as chairman on behalf of the Headquarters and Endowment Trustees, the following:
 - ✿ Purchase of a computer printer from Swan Technologies, at a cost of \$2,336.04; Conversion of FFGC computer diskettes to be compatible with the new machine by Emphasys Software of Minnesota for \$1,664.00, including shipping; Purchase of eight light fixtures for the Assembly Room and three for Foyer, for a total cost of \$789.50; Repairs to the sprinkler system, at a total expense of \$1,194.18; Increasing the Headquarters rental scale, to bring it more in line with other locations in the area; Rescind the motion adopted in January increasing the Headquarters office manager's salary effective June 1, 1992, and substituting one authorizing full payment of her present health insurance with a salary review in two years; Pay a \$10.00 bimonthly increase to the Headquarters custodian, and increase the hourly wage of the office clerk to \$7.50.
- ✿ Approved District VI Judges Council hosting the Fall Symposium in 1994, and District XII starting a Flower Show Schools series beginning in the Fall of 1992.
- ✿ Approved Tallahassee Garden Club sponsoring Series 23 of the Landscape Design School, with Course 1 scheduled October 27-29, 1992.
- ✿ Heard a Litter Alert recommended for each county in Florida. Ratified adding the name of Mrs. Rodrigo Tinoco to the list of certifications for National Council's Board.
- ✿ Approved placing money collected this year for the horticulture programs at Apalachee and Marion Correctional Institutions in the general fund to be equally divided among the remaining five institutions. These include Union, Indian River, Lawtey, Florida and Avon Park Correctional Institutions.
- ✿ Accepted the quotation from Paramount Miller Graphics, Inc. to print 2,000 copies of the Supplement to the federation's Book of Information at a cost of 4,445.00.
- ✿ Approved paying the 1992 State convention expenses, and accepted the Garden club of Puerto Rico as an International Affiliate. Heard the FFGC State Flower Show, with "A New World 1492-1992" as theme and scheduled October 2-4 at the Coconut Grove Convention Center in Miami with Mrs. Rodrigo Tinoco as chairman, will have a top secret celebrity cutting the opening ribbon. Tickets have been sent to each garden club and circle throughout Florida and donations are needed to help make it a success. Heard FFGC now has new Wildflower shirts available for purchase. Joined President Mrs. W. Reese Harris for a moment of silent prayer in Memory of Ernee Lovan and B.J. Harper who had served on the Board of Directors before their deaths in April.
- ✿ Heard first readings of resignations of Bayou Garden Club of Satsuma and Camellia Garden Club of Fernandina Beach, both District IV; and of the Wildflower Club of District IV.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Betty Moss receives the Dade County Garden Clubber of the Year award from Florence McGinnis President of the Council of Garden Club Presidents. This is the council's top award and Moss was selected for 1991-92 honor over several noteworthy nominees. Betty's contributions to garden clubbing include—Editor of Florida Gardener, Co-Chairman of 1990-91 State Convention, President of Metropolitan Miami Flower Show, World Gardening Chairman for District XII, Vice President of Dade's Council of GC Presidents, Past President of Sunset Park and Past Director of District XII. She is membership chairman for her club, Sunset Park, whose members nominated her for the award, saying "her enthusiasm is contagious to those who work with her!"

*Barbara Werner
President Sunset Garden Club*



CONVENTION MINUTES RESUME

RAMADA HOTEL RESORT, WEST PALM BEACH

April 29-30, 1992

Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests totaling 630 attending the 66th Annual Convention of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.:

- ☞ Heard FFGC President Mrs. W. Reese Harris welcome the assembly and report on statewide participation in the federation's diverse activities from Awards through World Gardening, with this administration placing special emphasis on youth programs.
- ☞ Two new cabins were completed at Wekiva Youth Camp, the \$17,000.00 netted on "Holiday Happenings" conducted by Special Projects Chairman Bob Thomas augmented the camp fund and a new nature program was added to the camp curriculum. The Blanche Covington Nature Study Course, beamed at stimulating a better understanding and appreciation of the natural world and providing leadership training for adults working with youth, used "Project Learning Tree" as title of this year's study guide during its session held at Wekiva. President Harris was one of the guests of Governor Lawton Chiles at the Environmental Education Foundation Awards Dinner in Tallahassee April 25 when the Camp Wekiva program was winner of the award in the non-profit Organization Category. FFGC was hostess to the National Council of State Garden Clubs Winter Executive Board Meeting at Sandestin in January; and joined Shell Oil Company in launching a pilot program "Operation Boomerang," beamed at encouraging the recycling of motor oil. A Highlight of the year was breaking ground at the September 1991 Board of Directors Meeting for an addition to State Headquarters Building in Winter Park, completion of which was celebrated at the January, 1992 Board Meeting.
- ☞ Heard the 1991-92 roster of FFGC included 23, 837 members in clubs and circles, 1,564 Life Members, seven Councils, four Florida Affiliates, 14 International Affiliates and 364 High School Gardeners.
- ☞ Applauded District Directors reporting on a galaxy of activities state wide including Arbor Day tree-planting programs, designation of Tree Cities U.S.A., planting wildflowers along highways, Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Highway programs, planning bus tours to Ameriflora '92, horticulture workshops, establishing and maintaining butterfly gardens, historical restoration projects, promoting National Garden Week, sponsoring Floral Design Study Courses and Ecology Fairs, planting memorial gardens, saving an Indian mound and landscaping the site, supporting the FFGC Scholarship program and giving scholarships to deserving students, establishing living memorials through working with Hospice, using Xeriscape principles in plantings, holding Flower Show School series and Horticulture Study Courses, supporting Camp Wekiva and SEEK — the 1992 session of which was held at Big Pine Key "Sea Camp," with 82 students exploring tropical, marine and terrestrial habitats of the Florida Keys— and more.
- ☞ Heard work is underway on the 1994 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar, now that the 1993 edition has been "unveiled." Reminder was given the federation's very first calendar was published 40 years ago—with distribution beginning in September, 1952 during the administration headed by Mrs. Halle Cohen as president.
- ☞ Heard the cost of each mailing of The Florida Gardener—cover of the first edition of which bore a picture of the Sabal Palmetto Palm, later to be named the official tree of the State of Florida, when it came off the press September 20, 1951 during the Cohen administration—is between \$6,800.00 and \$7,200.00 The help of members statewide in securing advertisements for "FFGC's" award-winning magazine is needed. (Contact Mrs. Eldon Corbin, 240 Capstan Drive, Cape Haze 33946 for prices, etc.)
- ☞ Adopted an amendment to the FFGC bylaws creating an Executive Committee to transact all necessary business between meetings of the Board of Directors, to which it shall submit a full report at the next regular meeting. The Executive Committee is to be composed of elected officials of the federation the chairman of the Headquarters and Endowment Trustees and the chairman of the Finance Committee. The parliamentarian is to attend committee meetings as advisor. Appropriations from the treasury, if urgently needed to carry on the work of FFGC, not provided in the budget and not to exceed \$1,000.00 may be approved by the Executive Committee.
- ☞ Ratified an addition to the FFGC Standing Rules which spells out that any printed material or publication produced by an appointed chairman or approved by the FFGC president in any area, shall be the property of the federation and may be copyrighted by FFGC.
- ☞ Heard and announcement by Robert A. Tust that a personal computer system is being donated to the FFGC Headquarters by IBM.
- ☞ Heard the Winter Haven Council of Garden Clubs will host the 1993 State Convention, with "It's Your World" as theme, April 6-7 at the Clarion Plaza Hotel in Orlando. Also heard invitations extended to hold the 1994 Convention in the Panhandle area, District I; the 1995 Convention in Orlando, District VII; the 1996 Convention in Jacksonville, District IV; and the 1997 Convention in Daytona Beach, District VI.
- ☞ During the closing Banquet—honoring the FFGC Advisory Council, all Presidents, Guardians of Gardening, Patrons, Headquarters and Endowment Trustees, District Directors, the 1992 Convention Committee, and State Headquarters Office Manager—Mrs. Harris awarded Presidential Citations to Edward Schaag, for all his help to the Federation and his dedicated work on the Headquarters Building; and to Mrs. Robert A. Tust and Mrs. Fred Trickey, in appreciation for co-chairing the 1992 Convention. Schaag also was presented an FFGC Life Membership. District X members were recognized as hostess group.
- ☞ Following dinner, Bob Thomas presented an outstanding Floral Design program titled "Spectrum-1992."

FROM OUR READERS...

A new "creativity idea" to share with you from Roz Harty, Ponte Vedra Garden Circle—Ribault, which may baffle your floral design friends by its changed appearance. It makes an intriguing line design material in most arrangements.

Start at the bottom of a pampas grass plume, feel with your fingers for the first section of feathery growth, hold firmly between thumb and finger and then snip to desired length. Continue up the stem to the very top.

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WHEN THE MASTER GARDENER COOKS—The Master Gardeners of Seminole County have put together a cookbook that provides not only 176 dynamics recipes for items that can be grown in Central Florida but also gardening information on how to grow them. Checks for \$7.50 (includes postage) payable to: Urban Horticultured Advisory Committee, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773.

The Orange Blossom Garden Club of Lutz is celebrating 50 years in the FFGC and is offering for sale their attractive, new cookbook, "Celebrating Our Roots," that has 300 tested recipes and divider pages your children or grandchildren can color. The proceeds are used for beautification and conservation in Lutz. Look for it at District VIII meeting, October, Plant City. Price \$8.00, tax included; or checks for \$9.50 (includes postage and handling), to: OBGC, 18216 Griffith Road, Lutz, FL 33549.

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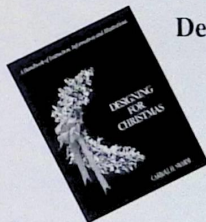
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MEETINGS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 9-10, 1992....Headquarters, Winter Park
January 13-14, 1993... Headquarters, Winter Park
April 5, 1992...Pre-Convention, Clarion Plaza Hotel, Orlando
April 8, 1993... Post-Convention, Clarion Plaza Hotel, Orlando

September, 1993.. Headquarters, Winter Park
January, 1994.. Headquarters, Winter Park

CONVENTIONS

March 11-14, 1993...Deep South, New Orleans, LA.
April 6-7, 1993. FFGC, Winter Haven counsel of G. Clubs Host, Orlando
May 17-19, 1993... NCSGC, Asheville, N.C.
March 8,9,10, 1994... Deep South, Knoxville, Tenn.

Spring 1994...FFGC, District I, Host
May 19-21, 1994...NCSGC, Stamford, CT

March 1995.....Deep South
Spring 1995...FFGC, District VII Host, Orlando
Spring 1995...NCSGC

Spring 1996....FFGC, District IV, Host, Jacksonville
Spring 1997....FFGC, District VI, Host, Daytona

DISTRICT MEETINGS

FALL-1992

October 14 District I....Santa Rose Beach
October 15 II...Bonifay
October 16 III... Tallahassee
October 19 IV ...Mandarin
October 20 VI... Daytona Beach
October 21 V....Crystal River
October 22 VIII....Plant City
October 23 VII...Orlando
October 26 IX...Fort Myers
October 27 X...Stuart
October 28 XI...Deerfield Beach
October 29 XII...Homestead

OTHER COMING EVENTS

September 8, 1992..floral Design jStudy Instructors Seminar,
Headquarters Winter Park
September 9-10, 1992.. Board of Directors Meeting, Headquarters
Winter Park
October 2-4, 1992...FFGC State Flower Show, Coconut Grove
Convention Center, Miami
October 6-8, 1992.. Flower Show School, Course V, Pensacola

October 7-12, 1992...Discovery - A Floral Extravaganza,
Washington, D.C.

October 13-15, 1992...Flower Show School, Course IV, Tampa
October 21-23, 1992...Flower Show School, Course I, Miami Area
October 26-28, 1992...Flower Show School, Course II, Orlando
October 26-28, 1992...Landscape Design School, Course I,

Series 23, Tallahassee
November 16-18, 1992...Flower Show Schools Symposium,
Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Tampa
December 1, 1992...DEADLINE: All NCSGC/DS Awards to Mrs.
O.E. Williams

December 1, 1992...DEADLINE: All Speech/Essay Contest Entries
to Mrs. James E. Schnedier

January 13-14, 1993...Board of Directors Meeting, Headquarters,
Winter Park

January 15, 1993...Florida Arbor Day
January 26-27, 1993...Tropical Short Course, Clayton E. Hutcheson
Agricultural Services Center, West Palm Beach

January 30, 1993...DEADLINE: Books of Evidence for FFGC Award
to appropriate chairmen

February 20, 1993...DEADLINE: Youth Awards to appropriate chairmen
February 27, 1993...DEADLINE: Environmental Poster Contest

Entries to Mrs. Eben J. Rieger

March 1-3, 1993...Flower Show Schools Symposium, Pensacola
March 7-10, 1993...Blanche Covington Nature Study Course,
Wakulla Springs Lodge and Conference Center

March 15, 1993...DEADLINE: Club Presidents Reports to District
Directors

March 29-31, 1993...Flower Show School, Course III, Orlando
March 30, 1993...DEADLINE: District Directors Reports to State
President

April 5, 1993...Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting, Orlando
April 6-7, 1993...FFGC Convention, Clarion Plaza Hotel, Orlando

April 8, 1993...Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting, Orlando
April 13-15, 1993...Flower Show School, Course V, Tampa

May 17-19, 1993...NCSGC Convention, Asheville, N.C.

June 1, 1993...Dues payable to FFGC Assistant Treasurer
June 1, 1993...DEADLINE: Forms for BOI and The Florida Gardener
to Headquarters, Winter Park

June 1-3, 1993...University of Florida Short Course, Gainesville

June 6-12, 1993...National Garden Week, Wekiva Youth Camp

July 11-14, 1993...SEEK at University of Florida, Gainesville

October 25-27, 1993...Flower Show School, Course IV, Orlando

November, 1993...Flower Show Schools Symposium, Garden Club of
Jacksonville, Jacksonville