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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"CARING FOR CREATION"

THRU SERVICE, STEWARDSHIP AND SUNSHINE

To those we love and see each day And other loved ones far away. To all good friends whose friendship means so much And those with whom we're somehow out of touch.



Dear Gardening Friends and Fellow Caretakers...

The Farmers Almanac tells us that the entire country will experience unusual weather cycles, an abundance of snow and severe cold spells. Northeast Florida already has had an early and bountiful crop of acorns - so many that even squirrels tired of *squirreling* for dearth days. Falling, they made a horri-fying noise as they bounced off my greenhouse glass. No doubt you've spent many hours

trimming, fertilizing, mulching and generally preparing your gardens and plants for the change of seasons. Our south Florida gardeners practice a more demanding year-round maintenance schedule. We were pleased to hear that many members spent parts of the fall months touring New England and the Carolina mountains with fall foliage groups.

FFGC's fall garden club calendar was filled with new and exciting events. Immediately following the September Board of Directors Meeting almost seventy **Floral Design Study** instructors gathered at our Winter Park Headquarters for two information packed days of instruction by Bob Thomas. Chairman Estelle Millican, with her committee, organized this successful school of instruction, that was built around the brand new revised edition of **FFGC's Floral Design Study Instructors Manual**. Their efforts are recognized and valued.

September ended with the financially successful FlorExpo Centennial Dinner and Auction held in the Country Club of Coral Gables with Pat Clark, Chairman, directing. Even *out of town folks* could participate thru sealed bids on the long list of unusual, exotic and donated items. We want to greet the lucky bidders for: the weekend at Naples Ritz-Carlton; the seven-night Costa Caribbean Cruise; and exciting weekend at the New York Plaza; the all expense-paid tour of the Bogota (Columbia) Flower Farms... and more!

October over-flowed with thrilling happenings which included the **Caring For Creation Wildflower Conference - Whose Roadside Are They Anyway**, the twelve excellent, well attended **District Fall Meetings**, and experiencing the professional staging prepared for official ribbon-cutting ceremony (November 1, 1996) of the **FlorExpo '96 International Flower Show, Miami The Magic City** - the third and concluding Miami Centennial Extravaganza co-sponsored by FFGC and District XII.

The Roadside/Wildflower Conference agenda held the attention of the diverse audience from start to finish. FFGC's officers and members welcomed representatives of: FDOT, DEP, Naval Air Station JAX, City of Jacksonville Mayor's Office, Environmental Roundtable of NE Florida, Native Plant Society, JAX Pride and special guest Bonnie Harper from the Federal Highway Administration - who networked about the billboards, roadside beautification efforts and other concerns. Evaluations commended the conference planners for *the best yet* roadside conference. Congratulations - Chairman Elizabeth Pate and her committee!

Representing YOU at the **NCSGC Fall Board Meeting** (October 10-13, 1996) in Wilmington, Delaware was another October highlight. Following Friday's Breakfast Meeting with President Mary Louise Michie, the Regional Directors, and fellow State Presidents we boarded buses to Nemours Mansion, the historic former home and gardens of Alfred I. duPont. Our tour continued with visits to the famous Hagley Museum and research facility in its lovely setting on the Brandywine

Creek, then on to New Castle on the Delaware River. Lunch at the Arsenal, the Green Restaurant, followed with a delightful fall walk on the cobblestone Strand. Your president thoroughly enjoyed her trip down Memory Lane and the changing fall colors.

Friday afternoon and all of Saturday were filled with business meetings and enjoyable meal functions. Florida's delegation of sixteen represented YOU during deliberations. Complimentary copies of the beautiful 1997 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar were presented to the NCSGC Executive Committee. Florida extended a true southern welcome to Immediate Past NC president Eleanor Yates following her recent move from Charlotte, NC to the Sarasota area.

The September issue of NCSGC *Keeping in touch* reminds us that a **SPECIAL AWARD** of \$500. will be given during the 1995-97 administration to the club or clubs that most exemplify President Michie's theme, *Always Creating Beauty*. To apply, a picture of your completed project must be sent to FFGC's PETALS chairman, Arlene Thurstone, prior to February 1, 1997. Take pictures if you haven't already! Florida has many clubs that qualify as a potential winner! We hope ALL PETALS grant winners are busy completing their projects and have a team preparing award books of evidence.

Peggy Nuse, Chairman of the 1997 FFGC Daytona Beach Convention, recently unveiled a facsimile ticket for the Opportunity Drawing. A donation of \$1.00 offers five chances to be the happy winner of: a \$1000.00 shopping spree at Burdines, a weekend at the Adams Mark Hotel, a framed watercolor, *Hibiscus* by artist Irene Ceraldi, a five-piece hand painted porcelain Tea Service or a Sabra Hart Memory Necklace. Wouldn't you enjoy winning one, or even all of these delightful items. Tickets are being distributed by the convention committee. Remember - *You Can't Win If You're Not In!*

Elaine Waidelich, Chairman and Sylvia Jameson, Co-Chairman shared the distinctive and challenging schedule for the 1997 State Flower Show, *"The Worlds of Gulliver"*, during the September Board meeting. Entries in several classes have already been acknowledged. A State Flower Show is **your show**, and every member is invited to participate in many ways. Your generous financial support is needed to ensure that Florida offers residents, visitors and members an opportunity to come, enjoy your talents - with no admission charge. Contributions from \$10.00 to \$1000.00 accepted. You may select to be a Deck Hand, Tar, Loyal Subject, member of the Royal Court, a King or Queen or an Emperor or Empress. Read more about Convention and the State Flower Show in this *Florida Gardener*.

The officers and chairman who serve on FFGC's Board of Directors join me in wishing you and your families bountiful holidays and a very happy and healthy New Year. Thank you for your continued support of the goals of this administration. Your efforts as a *caretaker of creation* does not only benefit today's world - your efforts will make a lasting impression on all of our tomorrows.

THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR...

Cooperation is best spelt using two letters: WE

The new year lies before you
Like a spotless tract of snow;
Be careful how you tread on it
For every mark will show.

Happy holidays to you and your families.
Enjoy your gardening world,

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Editor's Notes...

The cover photograph is just a small sampling on how Cypress Gardens will be transformed into a magical holiday fairland. More than 1.5 million twinkling lights will lead guests through a maze of illuminated gardens and more. The dates are November 23, 1996 through January 5, 1997. Take advantage of the garden club discount and enjoy the "Garden of Lights".

A word of warning!!! do not throw this *Gardener* away! convention registration and information, state flower show schedule and dates for continuing education are included in this issue only! Information is disseminated to each member by doing this, and also there is a saving of postage.

Joyous holidays and a happy new year to all.

Jaune Corbin

Color Our Garden

The gardens that surround our FFGC Headquarters are in need of an up-lyft! As all gardeners know, there comes a time when overgrown shrubs and storm damaged trees and plants need to be replaced. We still have a lot of the original plants which were put in when our Headquarters was built in 1961! However, a lot of them need to be replaced.

Quite a few visitors come to our Headquarters so naturally they expect it to be outstanding. Therefore, this is an opportunity for each one of our members to show "pride" in their FFGC Headquarters by making a donation "COLOR OUR GARDEN." The grounds need your help! -\$\$\$\$\$. A plan has been established and this will be carried out as funds are available.

Send your contributions to:

FFGC Headquarters
1400 S. Denning Dr.
Winter Park, FL 32789-5662

Why not have your club/circle plan a field trip to FFGC and get to know our Headquarters. Just make arrangements by writing to FFGC to set up a date when you would like to visit (Monday to Friday)

Addie Lou Harris
Headquarters & Endowment
Trustees Chairman



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"Sun, Sand and Sea"

REGISTRATION FORM

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
 71ST ANNUAL CONVENTION - APRIL 15, 16, 17, 1997
 HOST: DISTRICT VI
 ADAMS MARK HOTEL, ON DAYTONA BEACH

NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____
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		Alternate	_____	Other	_____

Registration Fee Members and Non-Members

Entire Convention.....	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
After April 1, 1997.....	25.00	_____
One Day Only.....	10.00	_____
After April 1, 1997.....	20.00	_____
Meals - Wednesday, April 16		
7:00 AM - Breakfast "Thyme With Your Director".....	12.00	_____
12:30 PM - Luncheon "Flowers, Flowers, Flowers"....	14.00	_____
7:30 PM - Banquet "Shadows on the Sand".....	28.00	_____
Meals - Thursday, April 17		
7:00 AM - Breakfast "Sunshine".....	12.00	_____
12:30 PM - Luncheon "Wings Over The Sea".....	14.00	_____
8:00 PM - Banquet "Shifting Sands".....	28.00	_____

OPTIONAL

Tuesday, April 15		
EARLY ARRIVAL - Opening State Flower Show		
Wednesday, April 16		
GOLF for SPOUSES is available.....(4 locations including LPGA)		
Tour I - Museum of Arts and Sciences.....	12.50	_____
Tour II- Daytona USA/speedway/ including lunch.....	35.00	_____
Thursday, April 17		
Tour III- Root Museum "Coca-Cola".....	15.00	_____
Tour IV- Mark Martins Klassix Auto Museum.....	18.00	_____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Club President's Signature _____ (except FFGC Board Members)

DEADLINE: April 1, 1997 - Make checks payable to "FFGC, Inc. 1997 Convention". One form per person. Send to Mrs. Gene Campbell, 1500 Virginia Ave., 209C, Daytona Beach, FL 32114-6067. Prices include tax and gratuities on meals. No cancellations or refunds after April 1st postmark! For more registration forms, please make copies. No provisions for special diets except by doctor's orders. You must be registered for meal functions in order to attend programs. ALL MEALS WILL BE OPEN SEATING. Make room reservations directly with hotel.

FFGC use only - DATE RECEIVED: _____ AMOUNT RECEIVED: _____ REGISTRATION FORM# _____

THE WORLDS OF GULLIVER

26TH FFGC STATE FLOWER SHOW

April 15-17, 1997

Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS" is Jonathan Swift's satiric masterpiece, the fantastic tale of the four voyagers of Lemuel Gulliver, an English ship's surgeon.

At first, he is shipwrecked in the land of Lilliput, where the alarmed residents are only six inches high. His second voyage takes him to the land of Brobdingnag, where the people are sixty feet high.

Further adventures bring Gulliver to an island that floats in the sky and to a land where horses are endowed with reason and beast are shaped like men.

EXCERPTS from the GENERAL RULES.

These rules apply to all divisions of the show.

1. The show will comply in every respect with requirements and objectives for a Standard Flower Show. The Handbook for Flower Shows, 1987 Edition with corrections, shall be used as the authority.
2. Emphasis in the show will be on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted.
3. All exhibits must be approved by the Classification Committees.
4. Advanced registration for ALL sections must be mailed in to the appropriate chairman by March 1, 1997.
5. All entries will be received at the north entry (loading dock) of the Ocean Center from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. April 14, 1997. Entries may be entered on April 15th with special permission of the Show Chairman, only. All exhibits MUST be in place and all exhibitors off the floor by 9:30 a.m.
6. All exhibits and awards may be removed at 3:00 p.m. on April 17th and Must be removed by 5:00 p.m.

DIVISION I - DESIGN

Excerpts from the DESIGN RULES.

1. The Design Division competition is open to amateur designers who are members of FFGC, INC.
2. Send advance registration to ENTRIES CHAIRMAN, HELEN KUHN: 33528 Picciola Dr., Fruitland Park, 34731-6122. Phone (352)787-1702.
3. Design classes are limited to 4 entries each. Exhibitors may enter only 1 exhibit per class, but may enter as many classes as desired.
4. If unable to exhibit on the date of the show, the

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exhibitor MUST provide a substitute.

5. All designs must contain some plant material.
6. Plant material must be neatly and correctly named on a plain 3x5 card. A brief explanation of the design may be included.
7. All tables will be topped with a white cloth and skirted in blue unless other staging is required and specified for a class.

DIVISION I DESIGN: "The Worlds of Adventure"

SECTION A: "The First Voyage - Off to Sea"

Tricolor Award

All fresh plant materials with other components subordinate.

Class 1. "Loading the Ship - Trunks and Boxes"

A design in a trunk or box furnished by the exhibitor space allowed is 36" wide and 30" deep.

Class 2. "Anchors Aweigh"

A creative line mass. Black pedestal 38" high with 16" diameter top.

Class 3. "Following the Stars"

Creative line design. Black pedestal 38" high. 16" diameter top.

SECTION B: "On the Bounding Main"

Creativity Award

Class 4. "Misty Seas"

A transparency. Space allotted - 36" wide x 30" deep. Background furnished by the exhibitor may be used.

Class 5. "Turbulent Waters"

Underwater design. Black pedestal 38" high. 20" diameter top.

Class 6. "Shipwreck"

An assemblage type I staged in a niche 48" high, 24" wide at the back, 30" at front and 26" deep.

SECTION C: "The land of Lilliput"

Award of Distinction

All dried plant material with other components subordinate.

Class 7. "Gilliver's Welcome - All Tied Down"

A horizontal design. Space allotted is 48" high with a 30" deep square top.

Class 8. "The Emperor's Parade"

Gulliver stands astride. The Lilliputian army beneath him. A construction on a black pedestal 38" high with a 20" square top.

Class 9. "Victory At Sea"

Gulliver captures the Blefuscan navy and tows it to lilliput. A creative design. Space allowed is 48" x 30" deep.

Class 16. "Farewell Family dinner"

Functional table for 4 staged on a 6' unskirted table. 30" high x 30" wide.

Class 17. "Lunch on the Upper Deck"

Functional table for 2. Round table is 32" diameter. White floor-length underlay. Overlay to be furnished by exhibitor.

Class 18. "Picnic on the Beach"

Alfresco Exhibition table type II. Free-standing. Space allowed is 36" wide x 30" deep. Exhibition to furnish innovative staging.

SECTION D: "Lilliputian Hospitality"

The Petite Award

Miniatures designs not to exceed 5" in any dimension. staged inside lighted 8"x8" niches. Backgrounds not permitted.

Class 10. "The First Meal" Basket of food for the "giant".

Exhibition table type II Fresh and/or dried plant materials.

Class 11. "Ladies of the Court" Tea time.

Exhibition table type I. Must contain some fresh plant material.

Class 12. "Dinner With His Majesty"

Exhibition table type I All fresh plant materials.

SECTION G: "Adventures At Sea"

Award of Distinction

Creative designs of all dried materials with color components subordinate. Staged in a room lighted by black lights in a black pedestals.

Class 19. "Creatures of the Deep"

Design featuring decorative wood. Pedestal is 44" high, 16" square top.

Class 20. "Stormy Weather"

Pedestal is 33" high with 24" diameter round top.

Class 21. "Billowing Sails"

A sculpture form. Pedestal 33" high, 28" diameter top.

SECTION E: "Life in Lilliput"

President's Award

Freestanding small designs not to exceed 8" in any dimension. Designer's choice of materials.

Class 13. "Conflagration! The Place Goes Up In Flames"

Staged in charcoal colored, octagonal base, 6 1/4" diameter. 2 3/8" high.

Class 14. "The Empress's Fury"

Staged on a black pedestal 10" high with 6" square top.

Class 15. "High Wire Act"

Candidates for offices in court were chosen on the basis of how well they performed a "dance" on a thread tied 12" above the ground. Hanging design type II. Hung on a rack 37" high. Air space allowed for each design is 12" wide.

SECTION H: "Land of the Giants"

Creativity Award

Designers choice of materials.

Class 22. "Gulliver Meets the Giants"

A floor design staged on a 6" high, 30" square platform. Minimum height of design is 5 feet. Free-standing.

Class 23. "Haven in a box"

The giants furnish a "box home" for Gulliver's comfort and safety. Creative design. Black pedestal 33" high with 24" diameter top.

Class 24. "Soaring With Eagles"

Gulliver in his "box home" is abducted by an eagle. Hanging design type II. Frame 40" high, 30" wide, furnished by committee.

SECTION F: "Second Voyage"

Table Artistry Award

Some fresh plant material required in all classes.

SECTION I: "Final Voyages"

FCNAFSJ Award

Designer's choice of plant materials, with/without other components.

Class 25. "Island in the Sky"

To his amazement, a vast body of earth descends from the sky. Framed spatial. Frame 46" high x 28" wide, furnished by the committee.

Class 26. "Music Was the King's Delight"

Designer's choice of style. Black pedestal, 38" high, 20" diameter top.

Class 27. "Farewell to Foreign lands"

A collage complimented by a design. Space allowed is 36" wide x 30" deep.

SECTION J: "Homeward Bound"

Chairmen's Award

Class 28. "Treasures From Afar"

Exhibition table type I. Designer's choice of plant materials and other components. Staged on a card table 26" high, 30" square. Floor-length white underlay provided by committee. An overlay, if used, must have a 10" to 12" overhang.

Class 29. "Memories"

Functional buffet table for 4. All foliage design. Staged on an 8 foot table, 30" high and 30" wide. White floor-length underlay furnished.

Class 30. "Home at Last . . . Never To Roam Again"

A functional bed tray staged on a contrived bed furnished by the committee. Exhibitor to furnish bed tray.

DIVISION II - HORTICULTURE

"The Worlds of Diversity . . . Lilliputians to Giants"

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. All classes open to members of FFGC and to any amateur grower.
2. Entries must be of show quality, well-groomed, no oiling and in suitable clean containers. ALL PLANTS MUST BE LABELED WITH CORRECT BOTANICAL NAME (Genus and species, variety or cultivar, when possible). Common name may be added. Black plastic or clay pots preferred. Containers not to exceed 12" in diameter or height.
3. Plants must be in possession of the exhibitor for at least three months prior to the show. Cut specimens must have been grown by the exhibitor.
4. Only one entry of a variety, but as many varieties as desired may be entered. Only one plant in a pot is

permitted, but plants growing naturally with multiple stems will be considered one plant.

5. Cut specimens should be brought in clear, plain glass bottles (Ex. Perrier water bottles with label removed). Size of bottle should be in proportion to the exhibit. Limited to 5 cut specimens per exhibitor.
6. Cut flowers – one stem unless otherwise indicated. Cut branches shall not measure under 12" nor more than 30".
7. Native plants may be entered provided such plants have been legally obtained and grown by the exhibitor for at least three months.
8. Classification Chairmen and Judges have the right to subdivide the classes for judging according to cultivar, type or color.
9. **ADVANCED ENTRIES REQUIRED FOR ALL CONTAINER GROWN SPECIMENS.** Space for specimens over 3' in height MUST be requested in advance. Entries reservations must be made by postcard to MRS. JAMES SCHNEIDER, 3065 DOCTORS LAKE DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073. Reservations are requested by March 15th. Send name, address, city, district, club, plant name (see rule #2) and size.

In the hope of encouraging entries of small and miniature plants, the following section is being published.

SECTION N: "The Little Ones"

Small and Miniature Plants

Plants should be miniature, small or dwarf varieties of plant material with small foliage. Plants should be of a size that could be grown to maturity or blooming size in pots of FOUR inches or less.

Class 1. Bromeliads (foliage or blooming)

- a. Cryptanthus
- b. Tillandsia (may be mounted)
- c. Others

Class 2. Gesneriads

- a. Saintpaulia
- b. Sinningias
- c. Others

Class 3. Cacti

Class 4. Succulents

Class 5. Roses

Class 6. Ivy (Hedra Helix)

Class 7. Orchids (Orchidaceae)

Class 8. Others

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The entire schedule is not being printed because of space limitations. You are urged to contact District Directors, Judges and FFGC Board members for more complete information on all sections of the show.

DIVISION III - SPECIAL EXHIBITS "The World of Discovery"

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

"The Worlds of Knowledge"

SECTION A. Educational Exhibits

"The Worlds of Flora and Fauna"

SECTION B. Chairmen's Exhibits

"The Information Worlds"

SECTION C. Plant Society Exhibits

"The Specialized Worlds"

YOUTH GROUPS "The Worlds of Young Ideas"

Youth Rules: 1. (In Spring 1997 issue *THE GARDENER*)

Register with youth Chairman, BARBARA JONES, 17940 GULF BLVD. #3E, REDINGTON SHORES, FL 33708-1154

Youth Horticulture "Land Ho!"

SECTION A. Container grown plants.

Pot not to exceed 12"

Class 1. Blooming Class 2. Foliage

SECTION B. Multiple planting.

Container not to exceed 10".

Class 1. Terrariums Class 2. Dish Gardens

Youth Educational "Sailing Charts"

Juniors: Environmental posters; Smoky, Woodsy, Spunky, Litter & Conversation.

Intermediates: Environmental Poetry

High School Gardeners: Environmental Essay

Youth Design "Sailing Forth"

Minimum of 4 entries in each class

Section A. "Lilliputians" (Juniors)

Junior Achievement Award

Class J-1. "Little People"

Construction of fresh plant materials and/or vegetables. No larger than 12".

Class J-2 "Shells Awash"

All dried design in a shell. Minimum shell size 12".

SECTION B. "Ocean Fury" (Intermediates)

Intermediate Achievement Award

Class I-1. "Isle of Palms"

Fresh and/or dried plant materials using a palm spath as a container. Spath furnished by the committee.

Class I-2. "Churning Seas"

All dried plant material painted for black light.

SECTION C. "High Expectations" (High School)

High School Gardeners Award Accessories not permitted.

Class H-1. "Eastern Winds"

A creative design depicting motion. Fresh and/or dried plant material. Space allotted 36" wide by 30" deep.

Class H-2. "Off to Sea Again"

A creative design staged against a blue background, 24" high (furnished by committee). Space allotted is 30" deep.

ARTISTIC CRAFTS "A Crafty World"

Artistic craft rules

1. Advance registration with MRS. JOHN TABB, 143 34TH AVE., S. JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL 32250, Ph: (904) 246-9004.

Artistic Crafts Designs (4 Entries Each Class)

Class 1. "An Offering"

A tussy-mussy not to exceed 10" in diameter.

Class 2. "A Gift For My Lady"

A wrapped package. Fresh and/or Dry plant materials with other components.

a. Package not to exceed 4"x4".

b. Package not to exceed 12"x12".

Class 3. "Wreaths of Peace"

A wreath not exceeding 6" diameter. Fresh and/or dried plant material with other components.

Class 4. "Clean Sweep"

A door hanging using a decorative broom furnished by the committee. Fresh and/or dried plant materials.

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"THE WORLDS OF GULLIVER"

The State Flower Show is YOUR Flower show...and we need your support. No tickets will be sold and there will be no admission fee. We are depending on the generosity of our clubs, circles and members to help fund the show.

(Information Below)

LOIS WEBER, SCHOOLS AND BACKYARD GARDENING CH. SAYS,

"Present your favorite school a tree or (trees), ones which feed and shelter birds. The last bird count indicates fewer favorites find habitat available. Spark the spirit that may result in a BIRD sanctuary or Nature Trail, and there are AWARDS to clubs which assist in a Nature Trail, Bird or Butterfly Sanctuary."



SIGN FOR THE "VOYAGE" AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LEVELS.

- \$1000EMPERORS & EMPRESSES
 - \$ 500KINGS & QUEENS
 - \$ 100ROYAL COURT
 - \$ 50LOYAL SUBJECTS
 - \$ 25TARS
 - \$10DECK HANDS
- Make check payable to FFGC 1997 State Flower Show and send to: Mrs. Warren Brown, 2617 Andorra Street Navarre, FL 32566-9309

DEEP SOUTH REGIONAL CONVENTION

Huntsville Marriott Hotel March 20-22, 1997 Phone 1-800-228-9290 for Hotel reservations. To register for Convention, contact: Mrs. Kenneth Chesak, 1507 Wind River Dr. Huntsville, AL 35802 (205)883-9449

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Literally Speaking

by Lib

The other day my friend Prissy Bowers from Jacksonville brought me her new book, "*I Eat Weeds*," which she has been in the process of writing for several years. Prissy has been a "nature camp follower" since the O'Leno State Park days (before Wekiva) and is a well known to many of us as an environmentalist an avid nature enthusiast.

Mrs. Bowers did extensive research in producing a really professional job in this book, while still managing to retain the informality of a friend sharing her knowledge with a fellow garden clubber.

The first half of the book covers almost 70 wild plants, complete with scientific and common names, descriptions of all parts of each plant, where it grows, and how it can be prepared for eating. The second half is a cook book, recipes both tasty and healthful—from date palm French toast to elderberry jam and honeysuckle wine.

This book may be ordered directly from Pricilla Bowers; 4599 Palmer Ave.; Jacksonville, FL 32210 (\$17.95 plus \$1.17 tax and \$3.50 S&H). Tel (904) 388-6808 if you wish to call her about this book.

As you read this review, winter will be just around the corner, and with it a big chance in our landscape here in North Florida. I am therefore happy that author Edith Henderson has chosen the winter season to begin her "walk with you through the garden" in her new book "*Home Landscape Companion*".

According to Mrs. Henderson, a prominent landscape designer and garden columnist in the Atlanta area for many years, winter is the time to begin planning your landscape. It is the time to take notebook in hand as you stroll through the garden, making decisions on what to plant in each area.

As the book progresses through the year, the author guides the reader through each month, discussing the basis of design and plant selection with such provocative titles as "A Feast for the Senses," "Summer Struggles and Triumphs," "Winter Patterns," and "The Magic of Night."

Mrs. Henderson knows plants, and this book, unlike some of the more technical landscaping guidebooks, is about plants. And most of the plants will be familiar to southern readers.

I have enjoyed spending a rainy afternoon with this book, but its not a book to read and give to a friend—unless she promises to return it promptly. It is a reference for each change of season, each month—one to keep around.

Available from your bookstore or from Peachtree Publishers, Ltd.; 494 Armor Circle, NE; Atlanta, GA 30324—

ca. \$19.95 plus S&H.

After years of famine in the area of Florida gardening books, there appears to be new interest among writers in the possibilities of gardening in our state. Among those writers is Monica Brandies, a Tampa area resident and author of several Florida books, who has chosen to write on "*Herbs and Spices for Florida Gardens*."

Regardless of the number of herb books on your bookshelves, if you are an herbalist and if you live in Florida, this inexpensive paperback 247 pages with line drawing illustrations) would be a good addition.

Beginning with a general chapter on herbs in Florida, the author tells how to use Florida herbs and spices for fragrance, for flavor, for health, for beauty and for garden enhancement. She is specific on choices of herbs for each section of Florida, and in culture and easiest propagation for each listing. Interesting visits with expert herbalists from around the state bring her information literally "down to earth".

Mrs. Brandies concludes with a Plant by Plant Directory, a common and botanic names cross reference, a listing of gardening books on Florida, and some relevant ads, including one from the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs inviting the reader to "join a garden club." Good for you, Monica Brandies.

This book is available at stores and nurseries, or by mail from B B Mackey Books; P.O. Box 475; Wayne, PA 19087. For garden club orders, please call Betty Mackey (610) 971-9409.

As Christmas approaches and you look for gifts for your gardening friends, consider *The New Gardener—A Practical Guide to Gardening Basics* by Pippa Greenwood, well-known English gardening writer. This book would make a beautiful gift.

An introduction on how to use the book, plus a detailed Table of Contents, help the reader easily find the information desired. With opening chapters on planning, planting, and garden basics (especially good for the beginner), this beautiful book continues with nine chapters on how to create ideal gardens—the shrub border, water garden, the edible garden, container gardens and many more. Over 750 color photographs will help guide the reader in any specific project.

The New Gardener contains all the information one needs to begin a garden or to transform an existing one. It is beautiful, inspirational, and a good reference, despite the fact that many of the plants which grow well in Florida are not included in the gardens described. For practical use, keep your nursery catalog nearby for suitable substitutions.

From Dorling Kindersley, Tel: (212) 213-4800. \$24.95 plus S&H.

CORRECTION

The correct name for the new director of the Mounts Botanical Garden is: Mr. Mark Jetter.

Highlights From The Board Of Directors

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

FFGC President Marion Hilliard reported that she has been appointed to the I-75 Highway Corridor and Beautification Pilot Task Team - the immediate goal of which is a reduction of the 1048 existing billboards along the I-75 corridor.

The landscaping and the construction of Information Kiosks at the three new Welcome Centers (I-10, I-75, and I-95) is underway. These projects are partially funded by a PETALS grant.

WITH THE DISTRICTS:

XII-The theme of the Metropolitan Flower Show was "Happy Birthday Miami...Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"—a tribute to the city's centennial celebration.

XI-A new Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was installed, with plants to landscape the surrounding area.

X-One Club is presenting a monthly landscaping Awards Plaques to deserving residents in recognition of time and effort spent in beautifying their property.

VIII-This district now has 100 butterfly gardens and 95 butterfly sanctuaries. A memorial gift is being planned for long time FFGC Board member Alice Hall, who died this summer.

VII-The entrance to Camp Wekiva has been planted with native plants, a district PETALS project. One club contributes a garden club article each month to the local newspaper.

VI-This district held a Presidents' Workshop in which the flyers in the Presidents' Kits were thoroughly explained.

V-This district continues to emphasize youth work, claiming the most youth awards in Florida (25) last year.

IV-Clean-up projects with the city officials been instigated by one club. The Garden Clubs of St. John's Co. Council has been reorganized to become The Garden Club of St. Augustine, with eleven circles.

III-This district is striving to conserve natural resources by planting natives to attract birds and butterflies in urban areas.

II-The district has planted in the last year over 3000 crape myrtle and 2000 dogwood trees. One club invited a physical therapist to instruct them in the proper way to bend, weed, and plant to prevent back problems.

I-A quilt is being raffled off at the District meeting, proceeds to go to the scholarship fund. Many members helped clean up local beaches in September as part of the National Beach Cleanup Day.

CLUBS TAKE NOTE:

The State Flower show, "World of Gulliver" which will be held at Ocean Center Daytona Beach, April 15-17, need entries as well as monetary donations.

It is suggested that clubs sending students to SEEK ask the parents of those being sent to deposit with the club \$25 to be returned to the student upon arrival at the University.

New Videos at Headquarters include one on "Wildflowers of the Eastern Forest" and one on "How to Prepare a Book of Evidence."

The FFGC Roadside Chairman would like pictures of roadside beautification done by a club, the DOT, or a cooperative effort.

Clubs planning a flower show should notify the FFGC Flower Show Consultant as soon as possible to avoid possible conflicts with other nearby clubs.

Garden Centers need not be separate buildings; they can be "mini" centers—in a church, public building, mall, or corner of a store—any place to store information on gardening and garden clubs.

Clubs planning to give a Life Membership might ask all donors to write a friendship note which could be placed in a "love book" to be presented with certificate membership.

As of September, seven districts have contributed their quota to the FFGC Scholarship Fund.

A free Woodsy Owl Environmental Education Leader's Kit is available from the US Forest Service Dept.: PO Box 1963, Washington D.C. 20013, or from your local US Forest Service.

Clubs are asked to plant trees that attract birds. A flyer is provided in the Presidents' Kit to record your count.

Avon Park is the only penal institution in which FFGC is actively involved. Monetary donations are welcomed, or if you live nearby, plants, seeds, pots, etc.

The Landscape Design Critics would like suggestions for their unsolicited awards in each district.

OF INTEREST:

Past FFGC President Hazel Simmons Hodges was honored by the governor's Keep Florida Beautiful Commission at a recent dinner in Clearwater for her efforts in the field of Roadside Beautification and the establishment of Florida's "Paths of Sunshine" Highways. Hazels also served on the Florida Highway Beautification Council.

Camp Wekiva added to its staff an assistant director and a security person. A Jr. Ranger program was introduced as a pilot project during the 1996 summer camp season. Parents were given a flyer on garden club membership.

FFGC gave nine college scholarships this year; one Florida student won a NCSGC scholarship.

An answering machine has been installed at FFGC Headquarters in Winter Park.

The National Gardening Association offers youth gardening grants to groups with at least 15 children for food gardens and beautification projects. Check your *National Gardening Magazine* for details.

Members of AAA in six Florida cities can get a pamphlet, "Florida Heritage Driving Tours," featuring historic treasures.

Lib Harper, Ch.
Minutes Resumé

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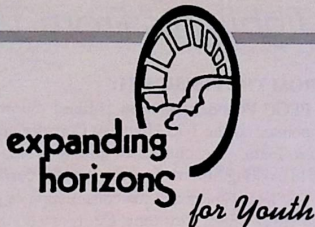
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Week 3	June 29 - July 5	Grades 3rd - 7th
Week 4	July 6 - July 12	Grades 3rd - 7th
Week 5	July 13 - July 19	Grades 3rd - 7th
Week 6	July 20 - July 26	Grades 3rd - 6th & 8th

(Important - the above grades refer to the grade completed in 1996/1997 school year.)

We welcome participation without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin.

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- \$100.00** Camper paid for by a F.F.G.C. garden club/circle or member together with a garden club/circle or member check
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- \$10.00** Canteen and Special Events Fee must be paid by parents and **MUST BE SENT** with the registration form.

SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS are offered to 7th and 8th graders and are limited to 16 recommended and carefully screened applicants in each session.

Cash donations are welcome year-round. Make checks payable to FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp and send to the **Camp Finance Chairman**, Grace Coax, 672 Cayuga Dr., Winter Springs, FL 32708-5603.

For additional information contact **Camp Chairman**, Gloria Blake, 3616 N. Indian River Dr., Cocoa, FL 32926-8704, telephone (407) 636-1299.

REGISTRATION FORMS may be ordered by sending the registration request form listed below or by writing the

Camp Registrar: Margaret Kirkpatrick
481 Wildwood Oak Circle
Longwood, FL 32779-3395
(407) 788-6850 (calls will be returned collect)

District Directors will have a limited number of forms available. Forms will be at FFGC Headquarters.

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3616 N. Indian River Dr., Cocoa, FL 32926.

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FFGC President, Marion Hilliard, Sam Lemheney, Walt Disney World and Katie Moss Warner, Director of Disney's Horticultural and Environmental Initiative. President Marion Had just presented them with a Presidential Citation for the partnership in sponsoring the Epcot Flower and Garden Festival in which talented designers from FFGC participated. Through this joint endeavor, FFGC was awarded the prestigious Bronze Seal at the National Council of State Gardens Clubs convention.

Ever see your name in print? You can if you are one of the Wildflower enthusiasts who contributed to the ten-year taxonomic study on Florida's Wildflowers. The late Dr. Fanny-Fern Davis, in her capacity as State Wildflower chairman in 1979, initiated a statewide study on the flowering dates and locations of Florida's wildflowers. The overwhelming response from FFGC members led to the positive identification of over 2,100 species of wildflowers in an extraordinary diversity of habitats, from Pensacola to Key West. Dr. Davis' dream of completing a study that would spark the interest of Floridians in finding more, learning more, and saving more native plants has come to fruition with the publication this year of *The Flowering Dates of Florida's Wildflowers*. Her contention that "Wildflowers are like people: the better you know them, the more interesting they become" is certainly true in Florida, where we can enjoy their beauty and study them all year long.

In Fanny-Ferns handy reference book, the beauty of Florida's wildflowers is captured in ink by nationally-recognized artist Mary Ruth McCracken in her botanical illustrations of each of the twelve district wildflowers. This was made possible through a NCSGC/Shell Oil PETALS grant.

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Course V: Feb. 25-27, 1997

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Tallahassee, FL 32311-4533
Ph. (904) 878-5810

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APRIL 15-17, "THE WORLDS OF GULLIVER", Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Ocean Center Daytona Beach Florida

APRIL 19-20

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

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Tuesday, April 8 - Registration, Cabinet meeting, hear FFGC Pres. Marion Hilliard speak to the Cabinet, Attend House and Senate Sessions Luncheon on the 22nd floor of the Capitol, Walking Tours of old Capitol & Museum. Registration Fee: \$12.00 which includes Continental Breakfast and Luncheon on Tuesday. Send to: Mrs. Alfred Cone, Dist. III Treas. Route 3 Box 579, Perry, 32347, (904) 584-5288. WATCH THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE FLORIDA GARDENER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WHO ATTENDED BEFORE.

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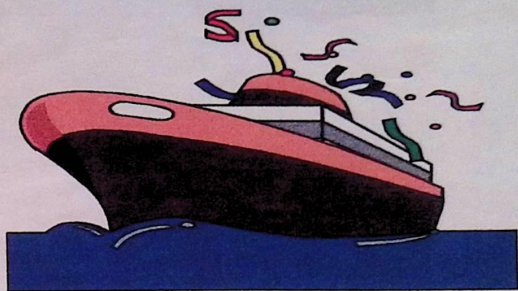
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Club President, Starr Fisher goes Online to check out this month's Gardening Tips with Tour Chairman, Rose Butman

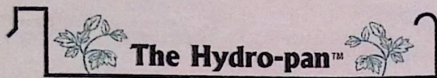
If you want to know what is going on in the Federation Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale (FGC), all the information is at your fingertips! Whether you're interested in the history of the club, their speakers bureau, design classes, meetings, flower shows, Camp Wekiva, or special events like their upcoming House and Garden Tour; all the details are logged in their website on the Internet. Using the Southeast Florida Library Information Network, Inc. (SEFLIN), FGC has become

a preferred provider of Garden information and has been given their own web page.

Chatting about gardening is not the only connection this progressive club has made to the community. They are networking in many other ways. The Bonnet House Historic House Museum is located across the road from the FGC meeting place. This 35 acre subtropical estate, once the winter residence of Frederic and Evelyn Bartlett, contains a unique plantation style home surrounded by grounds ranging from a saltwater marsh and mangroves to a freshwater slough and hardwood hammock where birds, fish, monkeys and other wildlife are protected. FGC applauds the efforts made by this preservation society and the Bonnet House supports FGC. FGC will be at "A Plant Affair at Bonnet House" on October 12 and 13. In turn, The Bonnet House will sponsor a Garden Tea following the FGC 1997 House & Garden Tour.

To find out more about the Tour or other projects of the FGC look them up on the Net. If you live in Broward, Dade or Palm Beach County, call your local library for the toll free phone number and you can access the information free as a "visitor" or with your personal Free-Net Login ID. Go to the main menu and select #8 Home, Garden & Daily Living. Federated Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. will appear as #1. If you have an Internet provider, access to the FGC web page can be made through www.sometime.com in January.

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Honors And Awards

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 1996-1997

Nine exceptionally talented and deserving Florida students have been selected as winners of the 1996-1997 FFGC Scholarship. One of these is a renewal; the other eight are first time recipients. Each was selected on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, character and commitment to career.

Mrs. Leo C. Rich, Ch. Scholarship Committee

SUSAN LYN JENSEN, University of South Florida, Majoring in Biology, (Ph.D -1997) 4.0 GPA for the past two years

CHRISTINE RUTKOWSKI, Florida State University, Majoring in Geology and Environmental Science (Masters 1998) 4.0 GPA graduate of William and Mary in 1994 Magna cum Laude.

NICOLE MARIE BRUCE, University of Florida, Major, Environmental Science (B.S. 1997) GPA 3.57, on President's List for Academic Excellence and on Dean's List Jan-Aug. 1995.

WANDA JONES, University of Florida, Major, Ecology and Conservation. (Ph.D. 1999) GPA 3.4, Has done research in Everglades of South Florida and in Kenya and Tanzania in East Africa.

WESLEY E. HIGGINS, University of Florida, Major, Horticultural Sciences (M.S. 1997) GPA 3.95, Graduate of University of Southern Mississippi, Worked this summer at Lew Botanical Gardens in England.

WILLIAM MASON HOY, Lynn University, Major, Behavior Sciences and Environmental Studies (B.S. 1997) GPA 3.0, has worked extensively with children, giving programs on Entomology and Environment.

AGNES FARRIS, New College of University of South Florida, Major, Environmental Studies and Biology. (B.A. 1997) A recipient of Scholarship from Sarasota G.C., worked at Myakka State Park and completed an internship at Old Westbury Gardens in New York State.

Laurie Ann Estes, Valencia Community College, June graduate of Poinciana High School in Kissimmee with a 3.78 GPA. Member of National Honor Society. She wants to become a Botanical Geneticist.

ERIC B. BISH, University of Florida, Major, Horticultural Sciences, (Ph.D. 1997) Three time winner in FFGC Scholarships, A National Council winner for '96-97, Served as UF ambassador and was part of SEEK's Conference for FFGC.

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Cash Award for the most Adult Awards won by the district (Total of NCSGC, Deep South and FFGC Awards won)

Hazel Simmons Hodges Honored

Hazel Simmons Hodges, past president of FFGC (1983 - 1985) was awarded the Annual Highway Beautification Partnership Award at the 1996 Environmental Public Service Awards Banquet on October 24, 1996, held at the Bellevue Mido Resort Hotel, Clearwater, FL.

Gary Henry, staff coordinator for the Department of Transportation said this about Hazel when nominating her for this award.

"Mrs. Hodges was a member of the FFGC when I began working for the department in 1971 and was one of the first FFGC members with whom I had the opportunity to work. Her knowledge and foresight helped guide the department's wildflower and beautification programs through the very difficult '70's and 80's when funding was just about non-existent. Mrs. Hodges was president of the FFGC in 1983 - 1985. During her last year as president she heralded the designation and adoption of Florida's roadsides as "*The Paths of Sunshine*" by the FFGC and the Florida Legislature. She was also instrumental in the development and establishment of the FFGC/FDOT Paths of Sunshine Awards Program which recognizes outstanding wildflower efforts by FDOT Maintenance Units. In 1987 Governor Bob Martinez appointed her to the Florida Highway Beautification Council as the FFGC representative where her understanding of highway beautification and organizational abilities contributed immensely to making the \$1.5 million grant program a success. In 1995, Mrs. Hodges resigned from the council and all of her FFGC duties due to health problems and has been dearly missed. Her legacy continues here at the Department with the Wildflower Program and the Florida Highway Beautification Council."



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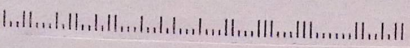
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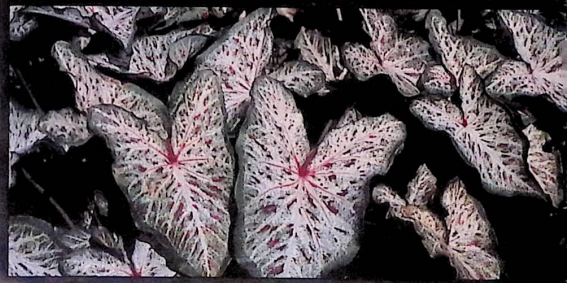
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