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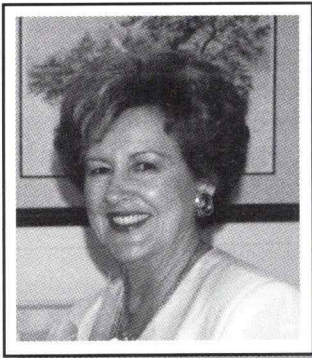


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"NOW IS THE TIME TO TOUCH TOMORROW"

Why F.F.G.C. ?



A few years ago while on tour of all the Districts with then President Beth Wilson and fellow Vice Presidents, I was speaking on "What My Membership in Garden Club Means to Me." I invited audience participation and without exception we heard throughout all the Districts the words, "Friendship - Caring - Sharing." In District V, member Ken Anderson stood up and said: "F.F.G.C. - Finest Friends God Created!"

Ken coined a phrase that will go down in the annals of FFGC History. Garden clubbers are the "cream of the crop." My best friends I met through Garden Club, and I'll bet you did, too!

My membership in FFGC is so precious to me—I can't put a dollar value on it. Besides friendships – there is so much more. I'm going to try to put it into words.

As a member of FFGC: I am an integral part of an organization that is a "Force for Good!" There are approximately 22,500 members in FFGC and that fact alone gives weight to being heard as we continue our work in protecting and conserving our environment, as we educate our members so that they can effectively reach out to their communities to share their knowledge and as we continue our brilliant work with our youngsters who are **OUR FUTURE**.

I am an important part of an organization that operates a Youth Camp for youngsters, grades 3 through 8, in a breathtakingly beautiful, pristine setting in the heart of Wekiwa Springs State Park. We built this camp, you and I, through our donations and matching funds because we care about our young people and we are dedicated to providing each camper with memories that will be treasured throughout their lifetime. Each summer, 104 new kids each week for six weeks, are afforded the opportunity to enjoy and learn about the wonders of nature. Friendships are made with kids throughout the State, many of whom attend on a campership. These kids are our youth gardeners, taught by garden club members, such as yourself. Florida has the largest number of young gardeners **in the Nation** and no other State operates a Camp program such as our Wekiwa Youth Camp. Although the Camp is operated by funds received through camp fees and donations, it's the volunteer staff trained by FFGC sponsored educational programs (such as Blanche Covington Nature Study Course) that allows the low Camp fee of \$100 per week for garden club sponsored children (\$125 for all others). The Chairman (FFGC 2nd Vice President); Building and Maintenance Chairman; Education Development Chairman; Finance Chairman; Registrar; all nature and craft instructors and all licensed nurses are volunteers. Paid staff includes Director and Assistant Director; Waterfront Director; Counselors and Kitchen Staff.

I am a proud member of an organization that is able to offer a fantastic program annually for 10th through 12th graders. The Chairman, the Finance Chairman, the Registrar and all those others who help with this FFGC sponsored program are *volunteer* garden club members. The name of this program is **S.E.E.K (Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge)** Conference for outstanding high school students who are sponsored by a garden club. During this

three-day conference, participants will have the privilege of working "hands-on" with University of Florida personnel who are leaders in various environmental fields.

I could go on and on about the many, many worthy programs FFGC sponsors. Did you know that FFGC awards in excess of \$17,000 a year in scholarships; that FFGC has contributed to buying land and caring for Tiger Creek Preserve longer than any other supporter; that FFGC has supported the horticulture program "Therapy Through Plants" in Florida Correctional Institutions since 1959 and Avon Park Correctional Institution has had three Horticulture Shows; that slide and video programs can be borrowed from Headquarters on a wide range of programs from "Birds" to "Flower Arranging"; that we, as members, are given the choice of a large number of projects involving conservation, horticulture, beautification, landscape design, preservation, restoration and education. I don't know of any other organization that offers so much to its members.

In conclusion, where do my dues go? Dues go into the Operating Fund of the Treasury. To carry on the many programs and projects FFGC offers, there must be a base of operations where data is generated and disseminated and records are housed. I am very proud of our (yours and mine) Headquarters and Staff and invite you to organize a field trip to Winter Park to tour your facility. An appointment can be made with June Richcreek, Office Manager, 1400 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park, 32789-5662. Telephone: (407) 647-7016 - FAX (407) 647-5479. All of us know how the cost of everything - paper, postage, equipment and services have skyrocketed. These increases take a toll on FFGC's budget, just as these increases have affected your personal operating expenses. Raising the dues was not a choice, but a necessity.

For the next two years, at least four issues of **The Florida Gardener**, our main line of communication to our members, will be published each year, an increase of one issue per year. Paper costs continue to rise and it is a challenge for the Editor to keep ahead of the cost increase and stay within the budget. Advertising helps defray the costs and we are always looking for new leads on advertisers.

A few more interesting facts I'd like to share with you:

There are over 100 members on the Board of Directors, representative of every District in the State. The Board is made up of 9 Officers, 12 District Directors and Chairmen. The Board meets at Headquarters five times during each Administration and at two State Conventions. All **Board Members** are responsible for their travel expense, food and housing, as well as the expense incurred in carrying out their duties. Only the President receives a small reimbursement for the many, many activities she attends in her official capacity.

Every Board Member is happy to serve you and your club in any way possible. There is also a Speakers' Register available to you as a FFGC member, listing all those FFGC members available for lectures and demonstrations. We are all here to serve you, the most important person in our universe – a FFGC member. You are needed. We can only succeed with you on our Team. Together we can make a difference!

Happy Holidays to each and every Member and Best Wishes for a New Year of good health and happiness!

Jo Williams



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Editor's Notes...

This calendar year will soon have a finale, a year that has seen many things happen within this inner circle of good friends, The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. We have lost many treasured members, one was Bob Thomas, who brought out the creative spirit in so many designers, and who was such a wonderful friend to the Federation. The many programs that he gave to raise money for Wekiva, his great love of flowers, and his infinite patience with his students. Your Editor met Bob almost 30 years ago when she was a student Flower Show Judge in Illinois, and even then he was transforming flowers into exciting creations. Bob, you will always be with us, you left a legacy of beauty!

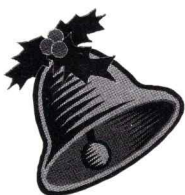
A reception which Sue Pryor (Headquarters Hostess Ch) turned into a real gala affair was held after the September board meeting to kick off our MEMBER-ship drive, and to say farewell to Ellen Griffin, former NCSGC and FFGC president. Ellen, small, but mighty is off to a new location near her daughter. We will miss her, and we wish her well, and hope that she returns occasionally to check up on us.

Members at the reception enjoyed the new look of the "Garden", the Arbor, the new wooden benches, and the new plantings. Our Addie Lou Harris, Ch. of Headquarters and Endowment Trustees and Norma Laforge, Headquarters Landscape and Grounds Chairman were beaming with pride, and well they should have, they spend many hours to ensure that our garden club "Home" is in tip top shape. Why not plan a tour to Headquarters, June Richcreek, Manager, would love to show it off.

There are many events planned for you, Flower Show Schools, Floral Design classes, Tropical Short Course, Flower Shows throughout the state and more. There is something for everyone, whether you are a designer or a plain dirt gardener, there is a niche in which you will fit!!

Also, please patronize our Advertisers, they help to support your magazine, so turn-about is fair. We welcome back Caladium World, grower of magnificent variety of fancy leaf Caladiums that do so well in Florida, and all of the others that help the success of the *FLORIDA GARDENER*.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS,
BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Janne Corbin

It's a
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New
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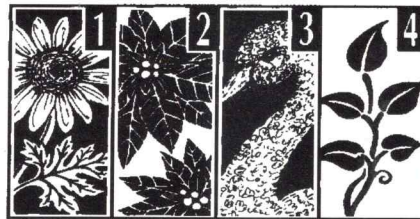


Ski Xtreme World champions ski to the edge in this action-packed show. Expanded **Nature's Way** includes **Reptile Discovery** and **5 New Animal Habitats** with wallabies, alligators,

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Robert C. (Bob) Thomas Remembered 1929-1997

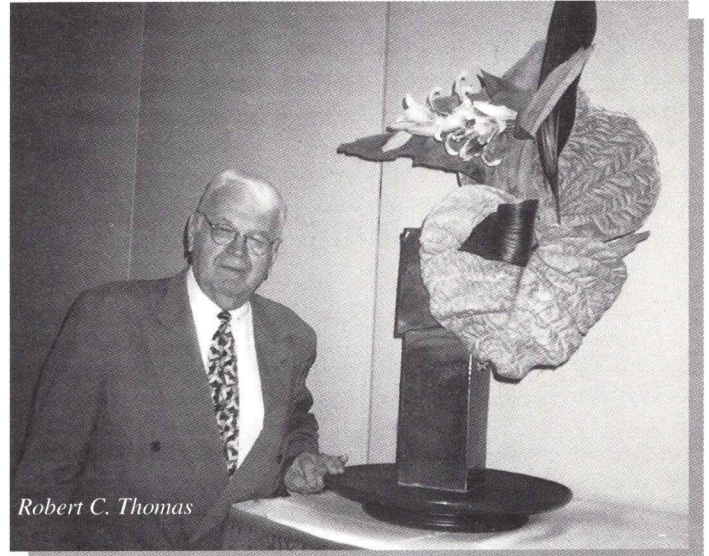
On July 15, 1929 a 13 lb. 4 oz. baby boy was born in Hazel, Kentucky. His name was Robert Thomas. In baby world, he was a giant. At that time who would have guessed that one day he would also become a giant in the world of Creative Design.

He was blessed with a special talent and worked hard to develop it. Soon he began to teach others the art of Modern and Abstract Design. He taught his students to use old material in a new way and to use new material in unusual ways. He suggested they take a closer look at yard trash and discover the "treasures" therein. They were told, "A real artist never copies another's work." and "Originality is merely creativeness expressed by an open mind with vision."

He became very popular and his programs were in demand. Every Spring and Fall he would load up his station wagon with containers and plant material and travel several states doing programs along the way.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and entertained his audiences with funny stories as he created designs. He enjoyed telling them and often began to laugh before he reached the punch line. His audience loved it and laughed with him.

He was a Nationally Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, Flower Show Schools and Symposium Instructor for National Council and an International Lecturer and Author. He lectured throughout the United States, Mexico, Central and South America and the Bahamas. He was founder and director of the American Guild of Flower Arrangers and wrote the Instructors Manual for FFGC's Floral Design Study Courses. He served as Floral Design Chairman for National Council, Deep South



Region and FFGC. He also served on the revision committee of the 1997 Handbook for Flower Shows. At the time of his death he was N.C.S.G.C. International Affiliates Flower Show School Committee Chairman.

The garden club world is deeply saddened by the loss of this marvelous teacher and friend. Bob has taken a giant step to a special garden. He will always be remembered as, in his words, "We continue to see the actual hidden beauty in things that we have never noticed before."

Ann Schandalmayer, Chaplain, F.F.G.C.

Susan Curtis From District III Shares Her Memories of Bob Thomas

Bob loved beautiful things. He loved beautiful houses and loved living in his beloved Rosewood.

He loved antiques. Warm mahogany wood and carefully carved claws on a massive dining table. Daintily painted china dishes and delicately etched crystal stemware. Heavy Baroque silver and early American pewter. All things old and mysterious.

He loved to travel and he loved to collect things on his travels. Peruvian rugs and Guatemalan needlework. Mexican baskets and Mayan pottery. Woolens from Ecuador and gourds from North Carolina.

He loved people. He loved to cajole and laugh. And what a wonderful laugh that was. A generous laugh that belied a generous spirit. Bob had a magical quality of making others laugh and lifting a mood when things became too serious.

He loved Florida. He loved the magnolia and the pine, the azalea and the holly, the palmetto and the cabbage. He could work miracles with hot house roses but equally could astound with backyard wildflowers.

He even loved Steinhatchee with its cracker ways and country folk and seemed buoyed by the warm hospitality he found there.

For Bob dearly loved Garden clubs. He loved the Florida Federation and he loved District III. He loved the national and southern associations and he loved the world organizations. He was loved back wherever he went, and he went everywhere.

But more than anything else Bob loved the beauty in flowers. He loved their colors, their shapes, their perfumes, their leaves and even their stems. He loved to shape them, cut them, mold them, display them, smell them, grow them and most of all to enjoy them. The beauty that he could create from flowers and the imagination and flair with which he did it will be missed.

But never fear, Bob is sprucing up those Pearly Gates, so, St. Peter, get ready for an enormous wreath this Christmas because Bob always does things in a BIG way.

We'll miss you, Bob, but we know you are in the most beautiful place and...you always did love beautiful things!

Susan Curtis

THE FLORIDA GARDENER

Coreopsis

A special "Thank You" to those clubs, circles and individuals who have circulated and signed the petition supporting the proposal for a Coreopsis Specialty License Plate - an effort that began in 1991, after the adoption that year of the Coreopsis as the State Wildflower. We believe that "Now is the time..." for the Coreopsis Specialty Plate to join the Manatee, Panther, Challenger, and the other 35 specialty plates approved by the state legislature.

Monies generated from the sale of specialty plates will be used to sustain, enhance and expand Florida's heritage of native wildflowers. The legislation, when drafted is expected to ensure that all funds generated are directed toward research, education, planting and promoting native wildflowers to the end that they will be protected from extinction.

Specifically, the funds will go toward providing a wildflower research center in Florida, developing a viable wildflower seed crop (all seeds are now grown out-of-state), and further promoting and enhancing our existing "Paths of Sunshine" program.

President, Jo Williams has written, "...together, we can make our mark in history." Surely legislative approval and the subsequent purchase of the Specialized Coreopsis Plate by Floridians will make a mark in history. Then in the year 2000, garden club members can proudly call Florida "A Land of Wildflowers," all because YOU have supported the Coreopsis Specialty License Plate Project.

*Mrs. Robert D. (Beth) Wilson
Chairman, Native Plants and Wildflowers*



All Aboard

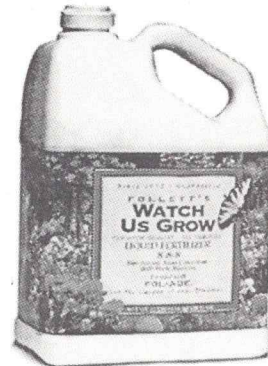
At the September Board Meeting, "Captain" Jo Williams set sail on the FFGC MEMBER-ship beginning an exciting two year adventure to include frequent ports-of-call to increase our numbers of new members, circles and clubs. With "Captain" Jo at the helm, her fellow officers and crew were invited to board for the maiden voyage of the FFGC MEMBER-ship. All former Presidents were granted special boarding privileges.

Ellen Griffin, former FFGC and NCSGC President, was designated Admiral of the FFGC MEMBER-ship not only for her many years of devoted service to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs but for charting a course as NCSGC President as well. Ellen, relocating to North Carolina, was presented an anchor to signify that she will always remain "anchored" to Florida with friendship and love.

Each District Director "boarded" the FFGC MEMBER-ship carrying balloons depicting the number of current members, circles and clubs in her District. As our journey continues, we hope to BRING ABOARD new members in each of the twelve districts.

We know our FFGC MEMBER-ship has an area of interest for everyone: Design, Horticulture, Conservation, Environment, Beautification, Therapy, Youth and Scholarship. Now, we must BRING ABOARD new MEMBERS with these interests. So grab your passport; pack your bags and invite your prospects. We urge

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Pres. Jo Williams & Ellen Griffin, Past FFGC & NCSGC Pres. at reception on the "Patio" in the Headquarter's Garden.

you to WELCOME ABOARD new members as our FFGC MEMBER-ship sails into the sunset on many high seas adventures.

Continued growth of the FFGC MEMBER-ship is required as we chart our course for the future, REMEMBER to make certain that our potential members DO NOT MISS THE BOAT!!

Honors and Awards...

FFGC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 1997-98

Elise Haymans, Chairman, FFGC Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee considered ten applicants for seven FFGC Scholarships for the 1997-98 academic year. The Dr. H. Harold Hume Scholarship in Horticulture of \$1,500 each was awarded to two students. Unfortunately, there were no applicants for the Dr. Taylor Alexander Scholarship in Ecology or the Edna and James Crowl Scholarship in Horticulture, which requires emphasis in, and study of, wildflowers and native plants. Each of these outstanding students receiving scholarships has a strong family and community background and has specific goals set for the future. Financial need has been affirmed and each one has maintained a 3.0 or better average while working and attending school. All, except one who has just graduated from high school, have attended a community college their freshman and sophomore years.

Your, individual club and circle and corporate contributions to the Scholarship Endowment Fund make possible the awarding of these scholarships. Your continued support will ensure the future of this important FFGC program. See the current *Book of Information* for details on making contributions and how to apply for scholarships.

PATRICIA H. DEYO, a Junior at Florida A & M University majoring in Landscape Design & Management, is the recipient of one-half of the **Dr. H. Harold Hume Scholarship in Horticulture**. The single mother of two, Pat works at the Native Nurseries in Tallahassee as well as volunteering in the garden restoration area at the Goodwood Plantation where she is interning. She is enrolled in Landscaping Contracting, Materials & Methods of Construction, Pests of Ornamental Plants & Turf and computer graphics courses this semester. Her special interests are in historic preservation, organic gardening and energy conservation.



Patricia Deyo

The Agnes McIntosh Scholarship in Garden Club Objectives is awarded to BRANDON MOORE of Winter Park. Brandon is majoring in Urban Growth Management at Rollins College/Hamilton Holt. "Highly motivated" are the words used to describe this young man who has maintained a 3.6 GPA while working full time at his own lawn and landscape business. He says he wants to work in the planning field and strive to be the best in that field. Brandon is currently working on a design for Magnolia Bay, a new lakeside community in Winter Park.



Brandon Moore

DANISHA BLOSSAT, is the recipient of the **Mary Jo Clayton Sanders Scholarship** in Environmental Issues. Born in Tallahassee, Danisha has always been in love with the ocean and all that's in it. When other kids wanted to be nurses and teachers, she told her daddy she wanted to be a dolphin doctor. Her horizons have expanded and she now knows that a major in Marine Affairs and Policy at the University of Miami will lead her to her goal of preserving the future of the marine environment. Her Biology Professor at Valencia Community College describes Danisha as having "superb organizational skills and extraordinary character." Her garden club interviewer said she is "dynamite."



Danisha Blossat

JUDY "SUZANNE" TATE, is the recipient of one-half of the **Scholarship in Memory of Dr. H. Harold Hume**. Suzanne is a junior, majoring in Horticulture at The University of Florida. Her family has been in the caladium business and currently grows elephant ears in Highlands County. Suzanne, who was born in Arcadia, plans to continue in that business. While a student at South Florida Community College she received the "Most outstanding Student in Horticulture Award". In her letter of application, Suzanne said, "...one day when I become successful I hope that I am able to set up a scholarship fund for people going into this field."



Suzanne Tate

The George Morrison Scholarship in Landscape Architecture recipient is WILLIAM C. COWARD, a Junior at The University of Florida. His minor is in Environmental Horticulture. Born in Daytona Beach, William attended Daytona Beach Community College, while he operated his own lawn maintenance service as well as working for UPS on the midnight shift. Chad, as he is called, plans to operate a landscape design firm specializing in environmentally friendly services after receiving his degree in Landscape Architecture. Chad is described as having the highest moral and ethical standards which govern his activities and behavior.



William Cowart

The Elizabeth McCullagh Scholarship for students entering college on graduation from high school is awarded to LAURA BETH PLOG of Glenwood. Laura is attending Clearwater Christian College, majoring in Biology, which she plans to teach at the high school level. Born in Ft. Lauderdale, Laura has been home-schooled since the third grade. Laura's ACT scores place her in the top tenth of tested college bound students. Community activities through 4-H have been extensive and she has been active in service projects at DeLeon Springs State Park. The Volusia County proclaimed October 7, 1994 "Laura Plog Day" for her representation at Volusia County events.



Laura Plog

A Legacy of Love

A number of garden club members are leaving some of their inheritance to further the goals and objectives of FFGC. You can leave a portion of your blessing to FFGC through a cash gift, a percentage amount, life insurance, real estate, or other bequest. Through the FFGC Scholarship Endowment Fund and the FFGC Headquarters and Endowment Fund, it can be a gift that keeps on giving. Simply ask your attorney to include a bequest in your will, naming Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. as the beneficiary. For further information, please call Carolyn Schaag, FFGC Chairman of Finance and Investments (561-622-8016.) Your giving is a legacy of love!!!!

Honors and Awards *Continued*

FFGC Scholarship Winners 1997-1998

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Joy
Cunningham

JOY RENEE CUNNINGHAM is awarded the **Scholarship in Garden Club Objectives** in Memory of Velma Gwinn. Joy, who was a member of Rakes and Spades Youth Gardeners for thirteen years, is a former recipient of the Elizabeth McCullagh High School Gardeners Scholarship. She is majoring in Journalism at the University of Florida and plans to focus on the environment in her post-graduation work. Joy has received many of FFGC's Youth Awards while growing up and participated in numerous garden club objective related activities in her home town Ocala. Among other jobs, Joy has worked on the Ocala Star Banner.



Amy
Williams

The **W. Reese Harris Scholarship in Agriculture** is awarded to AMY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, a Senior at The University of Florida, majoring in Agriculture Education with a minor in Agriculture Extension. In recommending Amy, the McIntosh Seedling Garden Club said, "Nearly all the members of the club have known Amy and have watched her grow through the years and have been proud of her achievements and grateful for the services she has given to our community. She is a 'doer' and a leader, a fine role model for all the young people she touches." Amy a McIntosh farm girl, plans to teach in one of the nearby counties.



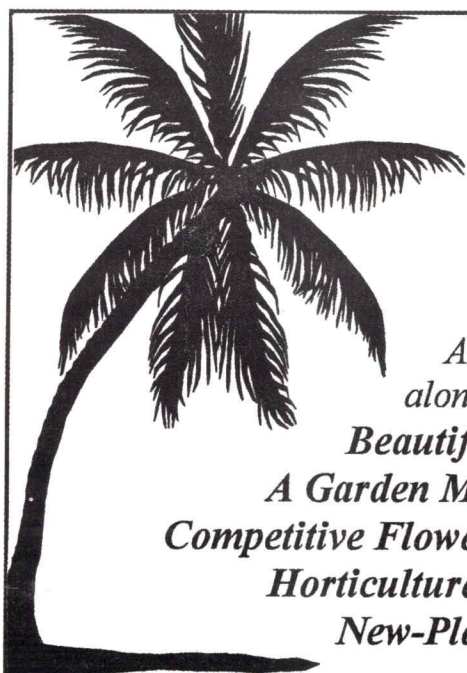
Meg
Whitmer

"Our Rewards"

MEG WHITMER, daughter of Carolyn Whitmer, Asst. Editor of "THE GARDENER", is a former recipient of the **George Morrison Scholarship**.

Meg earned her Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from Louisiana State University in 1981. She is a Registered Landscape Architect and a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and with a partner recently opened "Collective Design", a full service landscape Architecture firm in Stuart, Where she is currently a member of the Stuart GC.

How rewarding that FFGC, through its scholarship program enabled this young woman to achieve success.



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Highlights From The Board of Directors by Lib Harrer

(Where more information might be desired, the name of the chairman had been included in parenthesis after the entry.)

FROM THE PRESIDENT: President Williams urged all members to become "Ambassadors of Membership", with a renewal of "Ask One, Get One." This emphasis is reflected in Award #9 and in the president's choice of membership activity in the Nell Coe Award #61 (2 year award).

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Membership as of September 1997 was 18,041.

DISTRICT NEWS:

- XI An all-youth flower show attracted 2000 youth entries.
- X This district is preparing a brochure entitled "How to Host a District Meeting."
- VIII News Circles were added in Manatee River GC and Tampa Federation; new club in Boca Grand.
- VII Winter Garden announced new club, Bloom'n Grow.
- I Panhandle reported opening of a new Native Butterfly House.

AWARDS: Flower Show awards are listed separately in the new BOI, with new rules applying on shows after December 31. New Native Planting award #44 should be considered in view of Deep South project, "Naturally Native." There will be a new youth award #32, "Classroom Project" (Arlene Hanks).

BOTANICAL GARDENS: There are new gardens at Jacksonville Community College and Avon Park.

STANDING RULES: A new addition to Rule #19 adds three categories to the Precious Metal Status: Ruby (60 years), Emerald (70 years), and Diamond (75 years).

COREOPSIS LICENSE PLATE: DOT has allocated \$30,000 for this project. Petitions for the 10,000 new signees have been circulated. The prognosis looks favorable. (Beth Wilson)

BARTRAM MARKERS: Clubs are asked to inspect current markers for any evidence of damage.

FLORAL DESIGN NEWS: Thirteen clubs are sponsoring Floral Design. There will be a seminar for instructors or would be instructors in January. (Estelle Millican)

SCHOOLS: Three Flower Show Schools - Deland, District X, and St. Petersburg; Gardening Study - Bradenton and Hillsborough County; Horticulture Study - Miami; Landscape Design - Jacksonville. (Check with state chairmen for more information.)

HEADQUARTERS: "Color Our Garden" Program has sparked much improvement on grounds, including new park benches in the patio area; remodeling of the building entrance is in the beginning stages.

ROADSIDE: Preparations are beginning for a Wildflower Workshop in October, 1998.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Eight scholarships have been awarded, four at the University of Florida; one at Clearwater Christian; one at Florida A & M; one at the University of Miami. (Elise Haymans)

TREES: The \$2,200 left over in the award winning Hurricane Andrew Project will be used for trees at Habitat for Humanity houses in the hurricane area. (Ann Schandalmayer)

OUR LOSS: Former FFGC and NCSGC President Ellen Griffin reported that she will be moving to North Carolina within the next few months.

Florida Arbor Day - 1998

January 16, 1998 is the day! Many clubs will be involved with planting trees on this day. Ann Schandalmayer, Hurricane Andrew Tree Chairman compiled the following list which, in addition to offering beauty, shade and design to the landscape, will also offer food and shelter for the birds.

<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>
SOUTH FLORIDA		NORTH AND CENTRAL FLORIDA	
<i>Ardisia escallonioides</i>	Marlberry	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Sugarberry
<i>Busera simaruba</i>	Gumbo Limbo	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood
<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>	Sea-grape	<i>Dipholis salicifolia</i>	Willow bastic
<i>Colubrina arborescens</i>	Coffee colubrina	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash
<i>Dipholis salicifolia</i>	Willow bastic	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash
<i>Ilex cassine</i>	Dahoon holly	<i>Gleditsia aquatica</i>	Water locust
<i>Juniperus silicicola</i>	Southern red cedar	<i>Ilex cassine</i>	Dahoon holly
<i>Lysiloma</i> spp.	Wild tamarind	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American holly
<i>Morus rubra</i>	Red mulberry	<i>Juniperus silicicola</i>	Southern red cedar
<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Wax myrtle	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet gum
<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	Laurel oak	<i>Magnolia grandifolia</i>	Southern magnolia
<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Live oak	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweet bay
<i>Sabal Palmetto</i>	Cabbage Palm	<i>Morus rubra</i>	Red mulberry
<i>Simarouba glauca</i>	Paradise Tree	<i>Nyssa aquatica</i>	Water tupelo
<i>Thrinax</i> spp	Thrinax palms	<i>Nyssa sylvatica biflora</i>	Black gum (tupelo)
<i>Eugenia</i> spp	Stoppers	<i>Quercus laevis</i>	Turkey Oak
		<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	Laurel Oak
		<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Live Oak
		<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	Cabbage Palm
		<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	Pond Cypress
		<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress
		<i>Trema micrantha</i>	Florida trema



The Forest

Once I was deep and silent,
 No axeman heard me fall.
 I clothed the creatures that lived there,
 I sheltered and nurtured them all.
 But the rivers and streams that fed me
 And the rains that fall from the sky,
 Are killing the lovely landscape
 That you have known me by.
 So please gather your friends all around you,
 Replant much more than you do,
 For as much as I need your assistance,
 You need me very much too.
 We need to form a partnership
 To help each other survive,
 The hour grows near and time is short
 If we both hope to stay alive.

—Bettyann Sayre,
 Dade City GC, Dist. VIII

Around The Districts

“Ribault Garden Club Paraded Their Stuff”

District IV's Ribault Garden Club decided to get a head start on a membership drive by joining in an "Opening of the Beaches" parade which was held in Jacksonville Beach. The purpose and aims of this parade was to introduce the public to the many clubs and businesses available at the beaches.

The club's officers rode in a convertible covered with flowers and held a large sign with Ribault Garden Club written on it. Candy was thrown to the parade watchers and the club members followed the car giving out membership information.

The September Membership Coffee was publicized in the local papers and over one hundred were in attendance including local city officials and representatives of the mayors of Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach and Atlantic Beach. So far, ten new members have joined this exciting club.

Doris Dreves, Pres. Ribault GC

The Garden Club Of Lake Wales 1927-1997

The Garden Club of Lake Wales, founded in 1927, officially became a member of The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in 1946. On October 7th, 1997, a Dahoon Holly was planted in the HISTORICAL CORRIDOR of Lake Wales, commemorating 70 years of loving service to the community.

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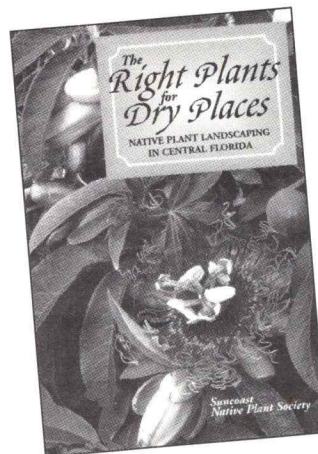
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“The Plant Lady of Navarre”

Edith Robison, District I, who was honored a few years ago for having the most native plants in a single landscape (over 500 total species) with most of them being natives, reports that Hurricane Opal inundated her landscape with sea water at an estimated depth of 5 feet for 36 hours. Following the storm, Master Gardeners and the County agent, Dan Mullins evaluated the damage. This was a rare, valuable opportunity to study the effects of salt water on the total landscape and the many different plant species. Thirty-nine species of plants, or 25 percent showed no ill effects. Some within this group are: Coral Honeysuckle, Red Oleander, Yaupon Holly, Pittosporum, Rephioleipsis, Cabbage Palm, Saw Palmetto, Cape Honeysuckle, Confederate Jasmine, Daylilies, Stokesia, Society Garlic and Cherokee Bean. Some were damaged moderately, some severely damaged but only 20 of the 155 different species died. The results of this study are being compiled. This date should be very helpful to residents of the coastal areas.

*Carolyn Whitmer,
Assistant Editor*



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Views and Reviews by Ginny

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season! The following five books, in my view, are worth considering for your reading pleasure, knowledge and gift giving ideas.

MALCOLM HILLIER'S COLOR GARDEN: DK Publishing, Inc., 95 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016 - \$29.95 plus tax. Phone: 1-888-342-5357. Brilliant explicit study of color. Text instructs how to balance color, form and texture, guiding you into trying your own combinations with seasonal plants. Year-round ideas stimulate your creative juices. Color is the key word! Is your garden ready for a colorful makeover?

THE RIGHT PLANTS FOR DRY PLACES (NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPING IN CENTRAL FLORIDA): Great Outdoors Publishing Co., Inc., 4747 28th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33714 - Paperback \$12.95 plus tax. Phone: 1-800-869-6609.

Descriptions of forty trees, shrubs, ground covers, wildflowers and vines that are tolerant of Central Florida's dry seasons and hot wet summers are colorfully cataloged with common and botanical names, taxonomic family, natural habitat, growth habits, growth rates, water requirements, light, soil, etc. All aspects of plants are completely outlined and include reference guides and plant sources. This is an excellent definition of a native plant: "A plant is native to Florida if it was present here in 1513 When Juan Ponce de Leon arrived or if it arrived after 1513 by non-human means such as air, animal or sea drift." Now I know what a NATIVE plant really means! Established Native landscaping, requires little maintenance and gives great joy. Simple, direct information with no guess work!!

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Hardie Newton's background as a Master Gardener and professional flower arranger, aids the telling of this lovely tale of her move to the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. This joyous embrace with nature flows with her peppered reflections on her spiritual ties with the land and colorful photos. Hardie merges flowers and philosophy through the four seasons with multiple helpful hints and glowing descriptions. (50 enumerated on one page.) The Blossom Gallery completes Hardie's story with her "Favorite Forty" in large, glorious color. Noted also are conditions needed for growing, practical use in arrangements, and blossoms availability through florists.

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Books reviewed are available at Headquarters Library.

Fridge Quotes:

"Once on the lips, forever on the hips."

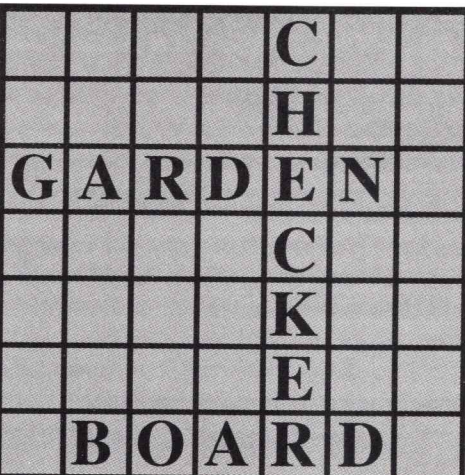
"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Ben Franklin.

"Word of evil deed travels a thousand miles before good news leaves the gate." Confucius.

Until next issue, I'll be reading for you,

(Virginia Mraz, Book Reviews Ch. is a Master Flower Show Judge, and a Landscape Design Critic.)

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AFFILIATES NEWS

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota will have Holiday Celebration with seasonal floral displays on the grounds and their annual decorated Holiday House. (Dec. 5 thru Jan. 4) Museum Exhibit: A World of Orchids, Botanical illustration. (Jan. 9 thru Feb. 22) Behind the Scenes tour. (Jan. 17) (941-366-5731)

Leu Gardens, Orlando, announces the annual Spring Plant sale on March 28-29, 1998, besides fun and unusual plants for sale, the spring event will feature book signings by Tom MacCubbin, noted Horticulturist.

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Correct date is: JANUARY 22-25, 1998
 WHERE: Newfound Harbor Seacamp on Big Pine Key in the Florida Keys
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 QUESTIONS: Contact Joyce Thompson, REGISTRAR
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DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION

Will be held in Natchez, Mississippi at the RAMADA HILLTOP INN on March 4-6, 1998. The Mississippi Judges Council and the Natchez GC will stage a flower show in conjunction with convention. Make hotel reservations directly with the Ramada Inn, (1-800-256-6311) For Convention information, contact Mrs. Scott Kimbrell, 110 N. Temple Rd., Natchez, MS 39120. (Room rates \$60 per night) Great opportunity to see the Antebellum plantations.

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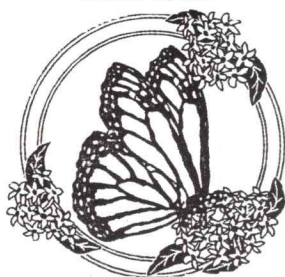
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REMEMBER

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COMPUTER GOOF!

Please Note
 There was an error in Fall 1997 Florida Gardener Checkerboard "Flower Show Awards"
 It should read:
 Revisions in the 1997 Handbook for Flower Shows, effective 1997 have been incorporated.
 The Florida Gardener Assistant Editor apologizes for this error.



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Originality.....	30
Neatness.....	20
Total.....	100

Wekiva-1998

BOYS WEEKS

- Week 1 June 14 - June 20 - Grades 3rd - 6th & 8th
- Week 2 June 21 - June 27 - Grades 3rd - 7th

GIRLS WEEKS

- Week 3 June 28 - July 4 - Grades 3rd - 7th
- Week 4 June 5 - July 11 - Grades 3rd - 7th
- Week 5 June 12 - July 18 - Grades 3rd - 7th
- Week 6 July 19 - July 25 - Grades 3rd - 6th & 8th

(Important - the above grades refer to the grade completed in 1997/1998 school year.)

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Camp Registrar

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WEKIVA VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Date: February 20-22, 1998

Time: Friday 1:00 P.M. - Sunday 12:00 noon

Place: Wekiva Youth Camp, Wekiwa Springs State Park

- What:**
1. Explore and practice the camp curriculum in crafts, nature, 7th and 8th grade.
 2. Time will be provided to plan and prepare programs for the upcoming camp session.
 3. Information on advanced teaching strategies for working with campers.
 4. The volunteer/counselor relationship — how to make it work.
 5. Understanding the legal aspects involved in working with children.

Who: All interested people and volunteers who plan to work at Wekiva Youth Camp next summer. If you have never been to camp this is your opportunity to "experience Wekiva" including a campfire and camp songs.

If you plan to come please fill out the form below and return by January 10, 1998 to Gloria Blake, 3616 N. Indian River Drive, Cocoa, Fl. 32926. Additional information including schedule, what to bring and cost to attend will then be mailed to you.

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CAMP DATES for 1998 camp - June 14- July 25

Areas of choice to work in while at camp. Please check.

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Units 3-6

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PROGRAM

Thursday, January 29, 1998

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee
 8:45 a.m. **Presiding:** Mrs. Edward Schaag (Carolyn),
 1st Vice-president FFGC
Welcome: Mrs. Patty Prange, Director Dist. X
Greetings: Mr. Clayton Hutcheson,
 Director Palm Beach County Extension Service
Response: Mrs. O. Edgar William (Jo),
 President FFGC
- 9:00 a.m. **"What is an Orchid and What Shall I Do
 With It?"**
 Speaker: John T. Opel
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
 10:45 a.m. **"Hibiscus, Florida's Colors"**
 Speaker: Mr. Luc Vannoorbeeck
- 12:00 p.m. Walk thru Mounts Botanical Gardens to Lunch
 1:30 p.m. **Presiding:** Mrs. Richard Blake (Gloria)
"Flowers, Fun and Fancy"
 Speaker: Mr. Anthony Todesco, Floral Designer

Friday, January 30, 1998

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee
 8:45 a.m. **Presiding:** Mrs. Bob Pryor (Joan),
 3rd Vice-president FFGC
Greetings: Mr. Mark Jeeter,
 Mounts Botanical Gardens Director
Welcome: Mrs. O. Edgar Williams (Jo),
 President FFGC
- 9:00 a.m. **"Showy Wildflowers of South Florida"**
 Speaker: Mr. Chuck McCartney
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
 10:45 a.m. **"With Crotons It's Always Autumn"**
 Speaker: Mr. David McLean
- 12:00 p.m. Walk thru Garden to Lunch
 1:30 p.m. **Presiding:** Ms. Rita Hilton, Treasurer FFGC
"Flowers, Fun and Fancy"
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<input type="checkbox"/> Friday only	\$13.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	\$4.00
TOTAL _____			

Continuing Education

Flower Show Calendar

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Dec. 5 & 6: "TIS THE SEASON", Bay Bouquet, Clearwater, Dunedin, Palm Harbor & Top of the Bay Garden Clubs, Holiday Flower Show at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church, 2602 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, 12/5, 1:30-4:00, 12/6, 9:30-3:00. Call 813-785-9477.

Dec. 12 & 13: "ISLAND HOLIDAY", Estero GC of Ft. Myers Bch. 12/12, 12-6pm, 12/13, 9-3pm at Ft. Myers Bch. Library 2755 Estero Blvd. 941-325-8368.

Feb. 7 & 8: "ORIENTAL SPLENDOR", Venice Area Orchid Society, Inc. Orchid Show at the Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave. in Venice 2/7, 1-5, 2/8, 10:00-5:00, call 941-923-7706.

Feb. 14: "ANNUAL HOME & GARDEN TOUR", The Naples Garden Club, Depart Naples Depot 1051 Fifth Ave. S. Call 941-262-1272 mornings.

Feb. 20, 21, & 22: "THE PALM BEACH TROPICAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW", The Horticulture Society of South Florida in Downtown West Palm Beach on Flagler Dr. between Evernia & Banyan Sts. Advance tickets \$6.00 Garden Club members and Senior, \$7.00 General Admission. Children free. Call 561-655-5522 for tickets.

March 6 & 7: "THE WAY WE WERE", Clermont GC, Clermont Garden Center.

March 6 & 7: "THE 9TH ANNUAL HOME AND GARDEN TOUR", Venice area Garden Club. 941-488-5272.

March 14-15: "HAPPY HOLIDAZE" Sarasota Garden Club - Mun. Auditorium, 801 N. Tam. Tr. Sarasota. 3/14 1-5pm, 2/15 12-5pm.

March 18: "SURFING THE NET WITH FLOWERS", Sunset Park Garden Club, at 4624 Browning Avenue, Tampa. 3/18 2-8 PM.

March 19 & 20: The Brooksville Garden Club Flower Show at First Presbyterian Church, 250 Beele Ave., Brooksville.

March 20-21: Lemon Bay GC, Englewood 3/20 2-5pm, 3/21 10-4pm, 475-0143.

March 21 & 22: "MANATEE COUNTY HERITAGE DAYS", Manatee River Garden Club, 3120 First Ave. West, Bradenton, Florida in conjunction with Manatee County Heritage Days.

March 27, 28, & 29: Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Inc. will hold its Spring Flower Show at the Garden Center 2629 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, call 813-336-4502.

March 27 & 28: "PASSPORT TO THE WORLD", The Bellair Garden Club at the Garden Club. Call 813-586-5497.

March 27 & 28: "OUR FAVORITE Pastimes", The Garden Club of St. Petersburg in cooperation with The Stuart Society of the Museum of Fine Arts Annual Garden Tour at the Garden Center, 500 Sunset Drive, South; St. Petersburg, 3/27 1-4pm, 3/28 9am-4pm. 813-823-8395.

March 28 & 29: "A JOURNEY THRU SPRING", Homosassa River and Riverhaven Garden Club at the Riverhaven Community Center in Homosassa. 3/28 1-4pm. 3/29 12-4pm.

April 3 & 4: "CELEBRATE WITH FLOWERS", The Dade City Garden Club, at the Woman's Club. 4/3, 1-6PM, 4/4, 9am-3pm.

April 3 & 4: "TABLES, TABLES, TABLES", Azalea GC Sumter County GC Bushnell Comm. Center 4/3 2-6pm, 4/4 10-4pm.

April 9-11: Lake County Council, Lake County Fairgrounds, Eustis, FL.

April 18 & 19: "THE PLEASURES OF SPRING", Venice Area Garden Club at Woodmere Park, 3941 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice, featuring horticulture. No admission.

May 8 & 9: "SAY IT WITH MUSIC", the Spring Hill Garden Club at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6193 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill. 5/8, 1:30-5PM, 5/9, 10-3PM. Call 352-688-6828.

FFGC Legislative Day At The Florida Capitol March 23-24, 1997

Our LEGISLATURE DAY in 1998 will be a little different than last year. Our program will be less structured, giving us more time to visit our Legislators.

We will again be housed at the Double Tree Hotel, 101 South Adams Street, Tallahassee 32301 - Phone 850-224-5000 or 1-800-222-TREE. We have a block of only 25 rooms (2 double beds) at a cost of \$109.00 per room. When making your reservations, please indicate FFGC in order to receive this rate. Cut off date is February 21, 1998.

Registration desk will be in the hotel lobby on Monday from 1-2 p.m. Several tours are planned for Monday afternoon and they include HAVANA'S ANTIQUE DISTRICT, (just 12 miles away), MUSEUM OF FLORIDA HISTORY, THE OLD CAPITOL and if enough interest is shown we will again tour the GOVERNOR'S MANSION. Our cars will only be needed for the Havana trip. All other tours will be by the Downtown Trolley. Our hospitality room will be in the hotel from 6-7 p.m., followed by a Dutch-treat dinner.

On Tuesday we can leave our cars in the Hotel's garage and walk 1 1/2 blocks to the Capitol for a continental breakfast, planned Cabinet Meeting and Senate Session. These events should end at approximately 11 a.m.; allowing us at least an hour to visit our

Legislators or enjoy the tour not taken on Monday. Luncheon will follow at the Capitol.

Please register me for the following:

Governor's Mansion Tour (Monday afternoon only) _____

Havana Antique Tour _____ (Monday only)

Museum of Florida History _____

Old Capitol Tour _____

I will arrive on Monday _____, on Tuesday _____

Registration Fee \$15.00 (includes hospitality, cont. bkfst. & Luncheon)

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Please make check payable to FFGC, District III and mail to Registrar, Helen Purvis, 2111 Olivia Drive, Tallahassee 32308-6164. 850-878-6891.

QUESTIONS? Contact Laura Mock, Legislation Chairman - 850-584-7181.

Houseplants Require Careful Selection And Care

by Martha Hall

What is a house plant? It is a plant that will tolerate the climate inside a house when given the proper setting. God never made a house plant; man brought plants inside the house and found out that he liked them inside.

The plant industry refers to them as foliage plants. There is an estimated four-billion dollar wholesale foliage industry in Florida. This means that there are lots and lots of foliage plants grown. So which ones to choose?

To help homeowners select, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Science has grouped these plants according to their adaptability to light.

The groups are: Low light - plants sitting six or more feet from a window; medium light - plants sitting three feet from a window; and high light - plants resting in or very near a window.

How to buy a foliage ("house") plant

First, select the spot where the plant will rest. Check the light and decide on the height needed. Now, match the light to your choice of plants and purchase the size needed.

Care Of House Plants

Bring the plant home and set it outdoors in the shade. Drench with water twice, about 15 minutes apart. Let drain and bring indoors.

The above procedure is to wash away excess fertilizer and salt in the potting soil, and is very important to the future well-being of your new plant.

What keeps indoor plants healthy? Correct potting soil, light, water, fertilizer and temperature are the major factors in the health of your indoor plants.

For potting soil, the soil in the pot at the time it was purchased is usually very good.

Water when top soil in the pot feels dry to the touch, or use a water meter. Most indoor plants like to be damp, but not wet. Put enough water on the plant to drain out the holes in the bottom the pot. Do not let water stand in the saucer.

Fertilize house plants four times a year with Osmocote, being very careful to use no more than the recommended amount for the size of the pot. A little less might be better.

Liquid fertilizer is fine if applied monthly. Indoor plants do not tolerate as much fertilizer as outdoor plants, so cut the recommended amount by 50 percent or less.

Ideal temperature for house plants is 60 to 75 degrees; tolerated temperatures can range from 40 to 85 degrees.

Occasionally house plants have some setbacks. The most common signs of trouble are:

- Brown tip on leaves - usually a sign of too much fertilizer or too little water;
- Yellowing and leaf dropping - attributed to poor drainage and/or too much water;
- Weak growth, spindly looking - the plant does not have enough light.

There are other existing plants that will live indoors temporarily, and I use that word loosely, meaning anytime from two weeks to two months.

Bromeliads are beautiful indoors and will last from the bloom until the bloom dies. After that put the bromeliad outside, lightly fertilize and leave in the shade. Usually it will throw a "pup" to bloom the following year.

Antheriums are spectacular. The two varieties in our area are the large-leaf plant with bright red blooms and the small-leaf plant with pink blooms named Lady Jane.

If you receive it in bloom, keep it inside while the bloom lasts, usually about a month, then place outside in the shade or in a screened area.

If the soil has sifted out of the pot and the roots are showing, fill in the base of the leaves with spagnum moss, lightly fertilize and hope for growth and a bloom.

Crotons are nice indoors, but most varieties need a few weeks outdoors after residing indoors for about six weeks.

Small trees also are picturesque indoors. Try **portacarcus**, **citrus**, especially **calamondum**, **loquat**, **gumbo limbo** and **sea grape**.

All these will grow in one to three-gallon pots. Loquats will live by a window indoors, but the others need rotating in and out.

If you are potting, use commercial potting soil plus 1/3 perlite. Measure proportions to have it correct. After potting a plant, leave it in a saucer overnight. NASA has made a study on the benefits of plants filtering air in homes and commercial buildings. The effort you give caring for living plants in the home is worthwhile and may well help keep you healthy.

Martha Hall is a master gardener with the Hillsborough Co. Cooperative Extension Service. She lives in Boca Grande and Tampa, and is the Beacon's gardening columnist.

LOW LIGHT PLANTS (POPULAR VARIETIES)

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Aglaonema</i>	Silver evergreen, pewter evergreen, Chinese evergreen
<i>Epidistra</i>	Cast iron plant
<i>Chamaedorea palm</i>	Parlor palm, bamboo palm
<i>Dracaena</i>	Corn plant

MEDIUM LIGHT PLANTS

<i>Ficus benjamina</i>	Patio fig
<i>Ficus decora</i>	Rubber plant
<i>Ficus lyrata</i>	Fiddle leaf fig
<i>Philodendron</i>	Philodendron
<i>Spathiphyllum clevelandii</i>	Spathiphyllum
<i>Chlatheus</i>	Peacock (kin to prayer plant)

HIGH LIGHT PLANTS

<i>Araucamea heterophylls</i>	Norfolk Island Pine
<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i>	Ponytail palm
<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i>	Croton
<i>Saint Paula ionantha</i>	African violet

Gardening Therapy - Exceptional/Geriatric

GERIATRIC GARDEN THERAPY:

GERIATRIC GARDEN THERAPY: Probably you learned about plants, butterflies and birds from your parents or grandparents, who instilled in you a love for gardening. Garden Therapy is your opportunity to share that love with senior citizens who can no longer have their own yard, or who live in apartments or nursing homes. They seldom hear a bird sing or see a butterfly. In your neighborhood there are homes and senior citizen centers who would welcome a visit from your club members. There are many activities using plants, dried or pressed flowers, etc., that seniors can enjoy with your help. Call these groups and undertake a once-a-month session! You will share the joy you bring into their lives.

EXCEPTIONAL GARDEN THERAPY: This is for people of all ages with many different handicaps including blindness, physical or mental problems and loneliness. You can share some time to help! Call local groups and offer. Hospitals and schools usually enjoy volunteers. They will be glad to schedule a time for your visit.

National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., publishes a very helpful book: "*Garden Therapy Manual*", which is available from Membership Services.

*Iris Anderson,
FFGC Chairman*

SUGGESTIONS FOR GARDEN THERAPY PROJECTS:

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Begin a garden in a nursing home and then interest the patients in caring for the plants. Those who respond will become interested in following other activity projects.

Water gardens in bottles or jars are a source of constant delight - an easy way to teach plant propagation and to share plant material at very little expense.

Teach the individuals to make terrariums, dish gardens and landscape gardens in the foil lined boxes.

Provide window boxes and materials for planting to enable the shut-in to experience the joy of gardening.

The handicapped love to give as well as receive. Help them to grow gift plants - or vegetables to share with friends.

Herbs can be grown, then packaged as gifts. This is a marvelous project for the unsighted. Programs could be given on the history, folklore and use of herbs through the ages.

Plant propagation through the use of cuttings, seeds, ground and air layering and other means can be an interesting program for all patients.

The gifts of nature are always available. A seed mosaic made by a patient of any age can be a work of art, or a gift of love when they make it for someone else.

Simple corsage making may be a real achievement for arthritic hands. If the making of the corsage is beyond their ability, the patient can at least hold and wear the flowers and enjoy the beauty and fragrance of them.

The art of simple flower arranging brings great satisfaction to the handicapped.

Dry petals from gift bouquets to teach patients to make sachets and potpourri for gifts.

Pomander balls made of apples, oranges, lemons, cloves and orris root and a bit of ribbon are easy to make and will give lasting satisfaction to the patient who creates one.

Press wild and garden flowers and foliage for use on note paper, Christmas cards, pictures or plaques.

Hanging baskets or hanging bottle gardens can be made and enjoyed by everyone.

Mobiles made of dried materials are inexpensive and interesting to patients of every age.

Aquariums are great fun to make and are a constant delight as the patient cares for and watches with interest the beauty of the movement of golden fish and graceful aquatic plants.

Use discarded items as containers to teach methods of conservation and litter control.

Corn husks can be dried in the summer to make dolls, flowers or wreaths for Christmas.

Use the materials of nature to teach wreath making, door decorations, etc. for the holidays.

Mary Baldasan District VIII Garden Therapy Ch., shared this list of ideas with members at the last District mtg. Mary is a member of the No. Tampa Garden Club. The Club has been involved with MacDonald Training Center in Tampa for some 30 years making corsages for these "SPECIAL" people to wear at their christmas banquet.

Friendship

(verses 1 and 2)

*Cultivate a friendship,
As you do a garden bed;
Nourish, feed and watch it grow,
With help and nice things said.*

*Smile, it's like the sunshine
Needed for the flowers,
Loving hands to tend and care,
Soft rains and sun-filled hours.*

—Ruth Moyer Gilmore

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Meals-Wednesday, April 29

7:00 AM Breakfast "Touching Tomorrow With Our Future Leaders"	11.00	_____
12:30 PM Luncheon "Fruits of The Tropics"	16.00	_____
7:30 PM Banquet "Color In The Tropics"	25.00	_____

Meals-Thursday, April 30

7:00 AM Breakfast "Sunrise In The Tropics"	11.00	_____
12:30 PM Luncheon "Rhythm In The Tropics"	16.00	_____
7:30 PM Banquet "Tropical Splendor"	25.00	_____

OPTIONAL

Tuesday, April 28, 8:30 PM EARLY ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Wednesday April 29 SPOUSES Cruise The Intracoastal Waterway

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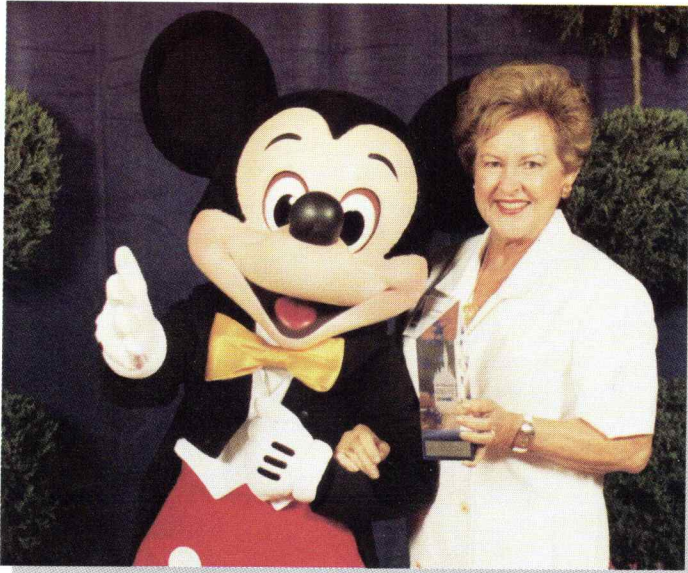
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DEADLINE April 14, 1998. Make checks payable to FFGC, Inc. 1998 Convention. One form per person. Send to Mrs. Robert E. Mills, 9735 S.W. 138th Street, Miami, FL 33176. Prices on meals include tax and gratuity. No cancellations or refunds after April 14, postmark. For more registration forms, please make copies. No provisions for special meals 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.

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"Hugged by Mickey!"



By invitation of Walt Disney World Co., President Jo Williams and First Vice-President, Carolyn Schaag, attended the 26th Annual Community Service Awards Ceremony on September 25, 1997. The theme of the ceremony was "HERCULES", the latest Walt Disney movie, and the moderator was a 30 foot statue of Zeus. In the words of Zeus, "Heroes are not measured by their physical strength, but by the size of their heart. The true heroes of the Universe are the Volunteers."

A beautiful trophy and a check for \$3,000 was presented to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs for WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP 1996. Carolyn Schaag was the Chairman of the camp at that time and completed the application for the Award. Although the trophy and check were presented to Jo Williams on behalf of the FFGC, the real accolades go to each and every member of FFGC. Wekiva Youth Camp is your Camp, You, the members, make it happen.

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There will not be any workshops on Thursday afternoon (April 30) so decide which Tour you would like and make your selection on the registration form, (please include your check with your registration check).

Tour I Fun shopping at the SWAP SHOP. Transportation By Trolley via Fort Lauderdale Beach. (Minimum 38) Cost \$11.50

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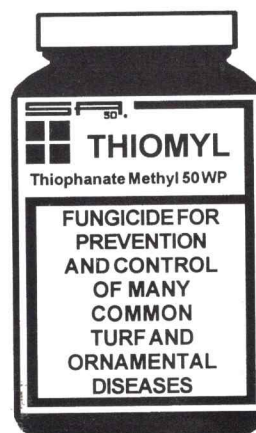
POWDERY MILDEW appears as slightly blistered red areas on the upperside of leaves. The white growth will later appear. The leaves will become twisted and deformed. Older leaves will probably be unaffected. Flowers and young stems will also be covered with white fungal growth. This disease usually occurs in the months of cool nights (high humidity) and warm days (low humidity). The leaf surface must be moist for germination but only for 2 hours. Most of the infection occur from airborne spores.

RUST goes unnoticed in the spring. Early in the infection, rust may be seen with a magnifying lens. In the summer, the plant becomes covered with a red-orange coating that distorts leaves and injures canes. The initial infection occurs during the winter but the symptoms are not apparent until it is too late. Rust is air borne, entering the stomata when humidity (moisture on leaves) is high and the temperature is low (around 62 F) Rust is usually not seen because fungicides used in the spring prevent this summer infection.

VERTICILLIUM WILT starts as wilting of leaves at the tips of young stems and a yellowing of lower leaves. Later the cane will wither and die. The disease is easily confused with a thirsty plant during the midsummer but the wilt is accompanied by black marks on the cane. Some leaves will appear brownish and chlorotic. Some leaves will appear deformed. This fungus is different because it is "soil borne". The infection comes from the ground therefore a soil active fungicide like THIOMYL is suggested.

DOWNY MILDEW caused by symptoms similar to powdery mildew on the underside of the leaves. What is different is the dark irregular and yellow areas that develop on the top side of the leaf. Leaves are very quick to fall off. In Florida, we will only see downy mildew during the winter months after some cold, damp nights.

BOTRYTIS BLIGHT or Cane blight appears as black spots on brown, dead canes. This same fungus will wilt bud quickly with black areas and a brown halo.



For best results, alternate fungicides and use SPREADER-STICKER.

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