

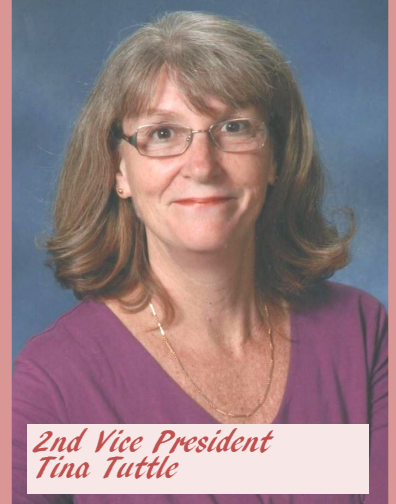
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President's Message



I was overwhelmed with the reception I received during installation at convention in St. Augustine. Never have I been so proud and appreciative for the honor of becoming your President for the next two years. I didn't write an acceptance speech for the occasion, but rather spoke from the heart about how I felt. It was an unprecedented moment in my life, and I am so very thankful for all the good wishes and support.

My comments were described as a journey I began eight years ago when I became a member of the Board of Directors as Chairman for the FFGC Amazon program. I soon became known as Mr. Amazon, and I very much enjoyed promoting the program. Six years ago I was elected as 3rd Vice President at the same time Claudia Bates became 2nd Vice President, and we embarked in a journey with various responsibilities. When asked what I liked the most about my journey, it was easy to reply, the memories.

As 3rd Vice President I had primary responsibility for Ways and Means on the Officers' Tour. Traveling throughout the state and meeting so many members was a special memory. I also remember well moving from one District to the next with many boxes of items we sold to assist in paying for our trip. I found it taxing in effort, and sometimes amusing as I look back. I remember crawling on my hands and knees under tables looking for items in boxes to replace those we sold. Although Claudia Bates was a much better salesperson than I, one memory comes to mind when I sold a mechanical dancing Santa. We were having trouble selling it, so at one District meeting I turned him on and danced with Santa. Much to my surprise, it sold in a few minutes. Sometimes our vehicle was so packed with boxes that I thought there would not be room for me, and I would have to run behind. As the only male member of the Tour Team, I was open to much good-natured ribbing. On one occasion when we were having dinner at a restaurant with other members of the District, a gentleman tapped me on the shoulder and said, "What cologne are you wearing?" The joking never bothered me, and I was happy to be traveling with a great group of Officers.

Another memory and very pleasant one was my participation at Wekiva Youth Camp. The 3rd Vice President is Vice Chairman of Camp and moving to 2nd Vice President the position becomes Chairman of Camp. I spent four summers at camp, two of which I stayed at camp the entire summer. I was always afraid my wife would say when I finally went home "Who are you?" By the way she never did, and she was always happy to see me.

As President I look forward to furthering FFGC missions. As I begin the two years ahead I have made the decision to begin a Help Desk to allow our members and non-members to get in touch with our Horticulture Chairmen to ask questions about horticulture. We are also fortunate to have an expert on the Help Team to answer questions about Floral Design. Give it a try. More information is on our website and on FFGC's Facebook.

My theme is simple, but very important to me. It is "Diversity in the Garden." As we learn from botanical science, plant communities which are for the most part monocultures with one predominant species are subject to stress under certain conditions, and are not as vigorous as Diverse Communities. The same can be said about organizations such as ours. We need to promote Diversity among our membership to insure we maintain vigor and contributions of ideas from members representing diverse demographic ethnicity. My Nell Coe award seeks to promote diversity, and I hope clubs and circles will check the awards section of our website, and enter for the 2-year award.

Our Deep South Garden Clubs' theme is "Get Back to Nature, DSGC." Lena Bateman, newly installed DSGC Director will have more information about her theme on the DSGC website.

And so my journey continues. With your help and encouragement, we will insure that FFGC continues to be a premier organization. We are always mindful of our mission which includes furthering the education of our members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and also to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect for and protection of the environment. All that seems like a formidable task, but I know we are up to the challenge. The success will in my estimation be made easier if we embrace incorporating the ideas and talents of all of our members. We must take an active role in furthering our mission. Don't take a back seat. We need your ideas.

I closed my talk at installation with two words, words worth remembering. DIVERSITY WORKS!

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Al Latina FFGC President
(From the Informal Talk at Installation, April 9, 2019)



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DISTRICT NEWS

District VI

Director: Zetta Gillespie

It has been my pleasure to serve as District VI Director for the past two years.

The clubs all have great leadership within in their own clubs and that makes the Director's job easy and fun. The visits to all the clubs were wonderful and I was treated like Royalty. This experience is one I will remember with happiness and joy. Now I turn District VI over to a wonderful and very active person who I am sure you all will love to work with. Welcome Judi Jodoin !

District VI starts in Flagler County the Northern most part of the District with **Palm Coast**. With over 100 members in their Circles and Clubs, it is a very active garden club. Their Spring Festival is always a wonderful and well attended event coming up next weekend.

Southern clubs. **Indian Harbor Beach Garden Club, Melbourne Garden Club, Titusville Garden Club, Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club**. During this two year term two of these clubs hosted District meeting. It seems we ask them to drive all the way up North for the District Meetings!

West central in Volusia County. We have **Deleon Springs Garden Club**, and **DeLand**, with all their circles and clubs they have over 140 members. We are working to get **Deltona Garden Club** back up and going again.

Central Costal clubs are **New Smyrna Beach Garden Club, South Peninsula GC, Cherry Laurel GC, Garden Club of the Halifax Country, Tillandsia GC, Ormond Beach GC, Magnolia GC, Council of the Halifax GC,s, and Garden Club by the Sea**.

All of these Clubs support their Communities in all sorts of ways. Some work with assisted living or nursing homes either with gardening or taking a little garden cheer to the residents. Some take care of the flower pots along the main streets in their city, Some work at the State Parks in the Butterfly garden or the Nursery. Each has their own special events such as Flower shows. Spring Flings, or Wreath-making events for the community. Habitat for Humanity gets support from most of our clubs, with planting and landscape. Most participate in their city events such as Earth Day, Arbor Day and Christmas displays in Library, and city buildings.

As you can see we stay busy and active in District VI. What a great group of Garden club members we are!

District XI

Director: Jeri Decker

District XI had a very exciting 2018-2019 Blooming Year!

Lighthouse Point Garden Club celebrated their 60th anniversary, "Still Blooming at 60!" was their theme. They had a wonderful luncheon, which many dignitaries attended, including the mayor. The club was honored with a Proclamation, designating April 18, 2019 as 'Garden Club of Lighthouse Point Day'.

On a much sadder note, their club mourns the death of a long-standing garden club member, Ginny Krutek. Between Wisconsin and Florida Ginny was a garden club member for 60 years. She served as **Lighthouse Point Garden Club** president twice and was an FFGC Life Member, in addition she held many chairmanships. She will be missed but always remembered.

The **Garden Club of Coral Springs** will be celebrating their 20th year in October. A magnolia tree will be planted in the city in honor of Marcy DiMare, the club's president for the last 20 years. The **Garden Club of Coral Springs** presented Bee Pin awards and 16 Queen and King pins to active members of the club who attend five of the eight meetings or activities each year and completed five volunteer positions from helping with our annual Garden Fest, Youth gardening, Earth Fest, being a big sister to being active on a committee. Also, they will be hosting the Fall District Meeting on October 16th.

Pompano Beach Garden Club provides floral design and plants for the lobby of the Broward Children's Center, as well as Christmas presents for the children. They keep a seasonally appropriate wreath on the Blue Star Memorial marker in Pompano. The **Pompano Beach Garden Club** had a very successful fund raiser luncheon. Fashions from Stein Mart were the hit of the show. The club also ran a Small Standard Flower show. All the members participated, which helped the

show run smoothly. The club was actively involved in several different city programs; Granny's Attic, Plants and People, Bean and Pepper Jamboree and the Spring Fling .

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club continues educating their members on topics ranging from Bees in Broward to Getting to Know our Fungi, floral design demonstrations. Their youth program continues to thrive with activities in six local schools, culminating each year with a Youth Flower Show.

Lauderdale by the Sea has offered to their commissioner a portable Wildlife Habitat. What a unique idea! They have also supplied orchids that they have attached to the trees going down the main roadway of the city. They look beautiful!

Our **Hollywood Garden Club** members bring plants to give away and exchange at every meeting. Informative speakers and field trips are offered from Florida Wetlands, Bees, and Bananas.

Our District prides itself on community involvement, educating children and adults of all ages. We have committed ourselves to increase our membership and diversify both in our club and our gardens.

Titusville Garden Club – "OUTTA this World!"

By Yvette Boodhoo,
Publicity, Titusville Garden Club

NASA's project scientist for the International Space Station's Gardening in Outer Space experiment returned to share results and challenges of the program to provide sustainable food production for long duration missions. Other programs focused on environmental challenges: ecological benefits of bats, bees and birds as well as restoration projects of the Indian River Lagoon.

TGC's website <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/tgc/k> has links to local online networks; a great resource, as newspapers offer fewer outlets for publicity. It also provides links to gardening articles written for *Florida Today* by Sally Scalera, Master Gardener and UF IAS Extension Agent in Brevard County.

A committed group of volunteers has facilitated rentals of the gazebo and clubhouse for weddings and other celebrations. Card and craft parties have created new opportunities for connecting as a community. Our annual Fancy Hat Tea was a lot of fun and raised funds to send 5 girls and 2 boys to Wekiva Youth Camp.

Clay County Master Gardeners Plant Sale

From Connie Gladding

Florida Clay County Master Gardeners host their annual plant sale Saturday September 7, 2019 from 8:30 am to 2pm at the Extension Office 2463 SR-16 West in Green Cove Springs (next to the Fairgrounds). Free parking and credit cards are accepted. Thousands of plants for sale that thrive in NE Florida. Workshops and demonstrations for children and adults on planters, birdhouses, succulents, daylilies, and plant propagation techniques. A day full of festivities with live music, food trucks, and craft vendors. Master Gardeners will be happy to answer any questions you have on plant purchases and other gardening and lawn topics. All of the plant sale proceeds are used to educate the public in gardening and landscape management.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

NGC GARDENING SCHOOLS:

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NGC GARDENING SCHOOL

Course 1 Nov. 4-5, 2019
Deland

Contact: Jennifer Condo 386-873-2195

NGC GARDENING SCHOOL

Course 1
West Palm Beach Nov. 21-22, 2019
Contact: Michelle Maguire 772-485-3279

NGC GARDENING SCHOOL

Course 2
Deland Feb. 3-4, 2020
Contact: Jennifer Condo 386-873-2195

NGC ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOLS:

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NGC ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL

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New Smyrna Beach Nov. 12-13, 2019
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NGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS:

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NGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Course 3
Ft. Myers Oct. 25-26, 2019
Contact: Vicki Williamson 802-324-3847

NGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Flower Show School
Course 2 August 19-21, 2019

Hosted by Florida Flower Show Judges,
District I

Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church
100 Andrew Jackson Trail,
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561
Flower Show School Chairman,
Linda Henderson: Martylinda@msn.com
Registrar: Judy Keliher MrMrsJFK@aol.com

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FFGC/UF SHORT COURSE

NGC Tri-Refresher June 9 -11, 2019
Gainesville, FL

Contact: Florence Cline 352-332-2309

SHORT COURSE NORTH

Milton, FL Aug. 8 -9, 2019

"All the Things I Love" 9am – 4 pm
Santa Rosa County Extension Services

6263 Dogwood Drive
Milton, FL
Garden Club Members \$50
Non-Members \$65

Lunch included both days
Contact: Sharon Johnson 850-293-4902
Email: sjngc@mchsi.com
Registration Form online at www.FFGC.org

TROPICAL SHORT COURSE

NGC Tri-Refresher
District X Jan. 22 - 23, 2020

Mounts Botanical Garden
West Palm Beach, FL
Contact: Barbara Hadsell 561-635-8809
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FALL SYMPOSIUM

Oct. 27 - 29, 2019

FFGC Headquarters
1400 S. Denning Drive
Winter Park, FL 32789
Registrar: Christy Linke 732-322-8392

A Standard Flower Show

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Feb. 1, 2020
"Presenting Fort Lauderdale" 10am - 4pm
3109 East Sunrise Blvd. Feb. 2, 2020
Ft. Lauderdale, 33304 Noon - 4pm
Contact: Maggie Dunn 954-764-4390
Beth Waldorf 954-520-1449

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEEK Conference 2019

June 17,2019 -10am to June 20, 2019 - 3pm
Chinsegut Retreat and Conservation Center
Brooksville, FL

Fall Tour 2019

District I	Oct. 8, 2019
District II	Oct. 9, 2019
District III	Oct. 10, 2019
District IV	Oct. 11, 2019
District V	Oct. 25, 2019
District VI	Oct. 22, 2019
District VII	Oct. 23, 2019
District VIII	Oct. 24, 2019
District IX	Oct. 18, 2019
District X	Oct. 17, 2019
District XI	Oct. 16, 2019
District XII	Oct. 15, 2019

Deep South Garden Club Convention 2020

Tampa, FL April 13 -16, 2020

Deep South –NGC Tri Refresher

Tampa, FL April 14 -16, 2020
Contact: Inger Jones mjinger@att.net

FFGC 2020 Convention

Tampa, FL April 16 -19, 2020

NGC 2020 Convention

Milwaukee, WI May 12 - 14, 2020

FFGC Fall Board Meeting

Pre-Board Meeting Sept. 9-10, 2019
Board Meeting Sept. 11-12, 2019

FFGC Headquarters

1400 S. Denning Drive
Winter Park, FL 32789

FFGC Winter 2020 Board Meeting

Pre-Board Meeting Jan. 6-7, 2020
Board Meeting Jan. 8 - 9, 2020

FFGC Headquarters

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Winter Park, FL 32789

Garden Club Tune-Up and Repair:

A Tool Kit for Struggling Clubs

By Tina Tuttle, 2nd Vice President



Congratulations to the winners of the recent President's Project #70, Two-Year Membership Incentive awards! Your recruitment methods were so successful, we thought it would be a good idea to **SHARE** those with all clubs and circles in our growing organization.

Green Thumb Garden Club, District I: In September 2017, Green Thumb Garden Club started with 122 members, and now has 147 members. The Green Thumb Garden Club is an extremely busy club with 26 standing committees involved in local and nationwide organizations. They contribute to many associations such as Jr. Gardeners, Boys and Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, the South Walton Turtle Association, South Walton Artificial Reef Association, and contribute to disaster relief, Sharing and Caring, and youth camps to name just a few. Members are ambassadors! They encourage their friends to join by inviting them to meetings and telling them about the club. They held a floral design series and opened up to other clubs. They publicize their events. They welcome all guests and new members by recognizing them at meetings and urging them to become members and become involved. They are in constant contact with members via email and group activities and their Facebook page is constantly being updated. The Membership Chairman is diligent in sending new members information.

All they do has contributed to their standing in their small community and larger area as their reputation has spread, and they are looking forward to our becoming a 501(C)(3) in the near future. They feel this will lend more stature to their organization as a credible and viable community-minded organization.

Port St. Joe Garden Club, District II: The Port St. Joe Garden Club will be celebrating 70 years of gardening on the Gulf coast and has earned a **321% membership increase** over the past two years! The 2017-2018 year began with a membership of only 19. The 2018-2019 year began with a membership of 35 and currently their roster reflects a membership of 80. The success of membership growth and retention in this club can be attributed to several things: **Community Visibility;** Their Facebook page gets the most hits of any page in Gulf county according to the local Chamber of Commerce. *The Star*, the weekly newspaper, features club news in over 70% of its issues. The town boasts two Blue Star Memorial Markers. The club gives a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving high school student. They hold their annual Flower Show during National Garden Club Week. **Dynamic monthly programs** at the garden center are very diversified, interesting and educational. Average member attendance rate is 75%. Annual fundraising projects and mid-August "Meet and Greet" are very successful as well. **Communication** is also a key component of their growth and retention. *E-Vites* are sent out as a monthly reminder of upcoming meetings. The *ListServe* is kept up to date and includes names and emails of **everyone that has ever signed in** at one of the club hosted events. Their Membership Application asks potential members to list special interests and hobbies which help decide monthly meeting topics, field trips and hands-on workshops. Dedicated, new, hard-working members have added a new perspective to an old club. **Community involvement** provides members with various participation possibilities: a float in the Christmas Parade (Hoe, Hoe, Hoe!), re-landscaping a senior citizen and community center. The Port St. Joe Garden Club offers something for everyone! They realized that garden club isn't just for gardeners! This garden club has been able to supply the camaraderie, education and community involvement that retirees and new residents are seeking. Plans to develop more special interest groups to allow members more interaction to build friendships and aid in member retention will be a part of their future activities.

Gardeners Out East, District VIII: Gardeners Out East increased membership by 96%, growing the club from 24 members in summer 2017 to 47 members in spring

2019. The effort to attract new members and retain current members permeates all the club's activities. Lakewood Ranch is a fast-growing community where many new residents are also new to Florida. In terms of membership, their objective is to help build a sense of community within the club and across the many neighborhoods that make up Lakewood Ranch. They also strive to help members feel at home in the county and state. They offer their members a chance to make and deepen friendships; to learn about gardening, floral design and Florida's environmental issues at meetings and on field trips, and to give back to the community through service projects and charitable giving. They have two ongoing service projects in Lakewood Ranch: a Florida-Friendly butterfly garden in Summerfield Park and a Blue Star Memorial Marker at Town Hall. The garden is supported by twice-monthly work days and the Blue Star Memorial is decorated with a wreath and American flags six times a year on days that honor veterans. They promote their club through word of mouth, their website, Facebook and publicity in the media. They encourage members to bring guests to their programs, field trips and especially to the two major social events, the holiday luncheon in December and the season finale in May. Members and guests enjoy the interesting and relevant activities, so they talk about them to old and new friends in their neighborhoods and invite them to participate.

Activities to attract and retain members are coordinated by the program committee, membership committee, community service project committee, Florida Friendly butterfly garden chair, publicity chair, website chair, Facebook committee and the five officers. They encourage members to participate in activities that are sponsored by other District VIII clubs. Within a week of a new member's paying their dues, the president emails a welcome note with a "Frequently Asked Questions" document attached. This five-page FAQ is posted on the club's website and provides information about the club, its website, officers and volunteer opportunities as well as basic information about FFGC and NGC. At a new member's first club meeting, the president presents the new member her name badge and the membership committee chair then welcomes the member to introduce herself to the club. At club events, officers and committee chairs make it a point to chat with new members, introduce them to other members and make them feel welcomed and valued. They make it a point to recognize and thank all members who help make the club function. Virtually everything the club does is intended to retain members or attract new members. They set up carpools on road trips so the newcomers travel with experienced members. They invite new members to help set the future direction of the club. They survey members every May for feedback on their likes and dislikes of the past club year and for suggestions about programs, and community service projects. Every June the club's Board members and committee chairs review the past year's successes and failures and work on a strategy to retain and recruit members in the coming year.



June 28, 2018 visit with Kathleen Hawryluk in Naples for a floral design class.

Tallahassee Garden Club, District III: The objective was not only to increase membership, but also to retain current members. Each of the 627 Tallahassee Garden Club members was encouraged to invite friends to join. They partnered with other community organizations such as Goodwood Garden and Museum, McClay State Park, the Women's club, local schools, senior centers and Tim Tebow Foundation. They made sure that for every project they undertook, Tallahassee Garden Clubs' name was publicized. Members were encouraged to have a buddy system, such as have one current member assigned to a new member and greet them at each meeting, offer rides to events and follow-up on absences and make sure they felt comfortable and welcome.

We hope this Membership Incentive Award recap has been helpful and you have discovered some new ideas for recruiting and retaining your garden club members!

2019 GREEN SCHOOLS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

By Sandra Lagana

Florida Atlantic University's Pine Jog Environmental Education Center's Green Schools Recognition Program has been in existence for the past eleven years. The program's initiative encourages schools by recognizing their efforts toward "going green" and promoting cultures of sustainability which save money, increase employee retention and create an overall sense of well-being on their school campuses and in their communities. The program recognizes public and private schools in Palm Beach and Martin counties that are making strides in the enhancement of school grounds, school sustainability, integrating a 'green' culture in the curriculum, encouraging community involvement, and providing ongoing administrative support.

The School Districts of Palm Beach and Martin counties as well as the individual sponsors listed under Judges Choice Awards combine to help reward successful school programs. The donors of the Judges Choice Awards which include city, county governments and local businesses also include The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, District X, and individual garden clubs within the District; namely, The Garden Club of Stuart, Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches, and the West Palm Beach Garden Club. Over \$13,000 in cash prizes are awarded annually to the top Green Schools and are recognized at the annual Green Schools Award ceremony held at Florida Atlantic University's campus in Boca Raton. This year, the welcome and opening remarks were presented by Ray Coleman, Executive Director of FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, Anne Henderson, Director of Education, and Lauren Butcher, Green Schools Recognition Program Coordinator. Jim Sachett, retired broadcast journalist, was the master of ceremonies. Green School participants are also eligible to win the Green Student, Green Teacher and Green Principal of the Year awards, each receiving a check in the amount of \$500. New this year were two awards for Green Facilities Staff and Green Food Service Staff.

Schools who participate in the Green Schools Recognition Program submit a summary of their activities that meet the requirements of the program. Then, in February, the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center holds a workshop to train the volunteers who participate in the program as judges. Everything is done electronically. Each judge receives two or three applications and each application is judged by at least three judges. Judges evaluate the applications based on a rubric that applies to the six program categories which include: School Grounds Enhancement, School Sustainability, Health and Well-Being, Curriculum Integration, Community Involvement and School Wide Culture. The program coordinator then compiles the data and based on the compilation of the three judges scores, categorizes schools by: Schools of Excellence, Schools of Quality or Schools of Promise. The top three Schools of Excellence are awarded monetary prizes: The school with highest points is awarded \$2,000, and second place is awarded \$1,000 and third place receives \$750. In addition, 30 schools won "Judges Choice Awards" provided by sponsors and donors in the amount of \$250 - \$500 each for 'specialty' area including: habitat improvement, recycling, health and well-being, gardening, green fundraising, transportation, energy conservation, curriculum integration, water conservation, environmental education and solid waste reduction.



Lauren Butcher, (Center) FAU's Green Schools Recognition Program Coordinator, reacts to the standing ovation she received from the program participants when FFGC District X Director, Lynn Jones (Left) presented her with the FFGC Earth Steward Award for her work to protect and enhance our environment, as Molly Sims (Right) looks on.

Since its inception, the program has grown and now includes 129 Palm Beach and Martin County public, private and charter schools in 2019. District X sponsored a Judge's Choice Award in the amount of \$250, which was presented by Sandra Lagana, the District Green Schools liaison to Palm Beach Day Academy for Habitat Improvement. Palm Beach Day Academy has created an "Eco-Garden" which contains xeriscape plants, a bird feeder, a bird bath and a rain barrel. Their outdoor classroom earned recognition as a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat. They have done an exceptional job of creating and maintaining native habitats and connecting them into the school curriculum and activities.

Following is a list of the sponsors and recipients who earned awards for the 2019 school year:

Top Schools: First Place - \$2,000 Bridges Montessori, Second Place - \$1,000 H. L. Johnson Elementary, Third Place - \$750 Whispering Pines Elementary

Judge's Choice Awards: Audubon Society of the Everglades – *Habitat Improvement Award* – Coral Sunset Elementary
West Palm Beach Mayor's Office of Sustainability – *'Green My School' Award* – Grassy Waters Elementary
Eat Better Live Better – *Health & Well-being* – Equestrian Trails Elementary
Environmental Quality, Inc. – *Student-led Initiatives* – Palm Springs Community Middle School

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs - District X – Habitat Improvement - Palm Beach Day Academy

Florida Power & Light – *Energy Conservation* – Elbridge Gale Elementary
'FUN'raising Dollars – *Green Fundraising* – Coral Reef Elementary
Garden Club of Stuart – Gardening – Palm City Elementary
Green Angel – *Bright Start Award* – Hope Center for Autism
Keep Palm Beach Beautiful – *Rookie Green School Award* – Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary ; *Go Native Award* – Atlantic Community High School
Loggerhead Marine life Center – *Blue Leader Award* – Highland Elementary
Loxahatchee River District's River Center – *Water Conservation* – Conniston Community Middle School

Mounts Botanical Garden – *Best Vegetable Gardens* – Everglades Elementary and Timber Trace Elementary.

Oleander Garden Club – Outstanding School Garden – A. D. Henderson & FAU High School

FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center – *Community Involvement*
Jupiter Middle School; *Curriculum Integration* – Crystal Lake Elementary
SDPBC's Environmental & Conservation Services Dept. – *School Sustainability* – Golden Grove Elementary, Limestone Creek Elementary, and Boca Raton Community High School

SEQUIL Systems, Inc. – *Energy Conservation* – Forest Hills Elementary ; *Best of Delray Beach* – Plumosa School of the Arts
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group – *Foot & Pedal Power Award* – Jupiter Elementary
Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach – *Waste Reduction & Conservation* – Sandpiper Shores Elementary and Indian Ridge School
Susan Toth Outstanding Outdoor Environmental Education – Hobe Sound Elementary

West Palm Beach Garden Club – Molly Sims Best Butterfly Learning Garden – Jensen Beach Elementary

Bus One Charter Buses – *Best Green School Video* – Highland Elementary and Boca Raton Community

HS Green Facilities Staff – Patrick Albano – Orchard View Elem. and Benjamin Chapman – Tradewinds MS

Green Food Service Staff – Charlie Peterman and Helen O'Laughlin – American Heritage School

Green Student – Georgia Brooks – Palm Beach Central High School
Green Principal – Diane Rivelli-Schreiber – Calusa Elementary
Green Teacher – Jennifer Drake – West Gate Elementary

DADE CITY PROCLAIMED A “MONARCH CITY USA”



On March 12, 2019, Camille S. Hernandez, Mayor of Dade City, Florida, on behalf of the entire Commission, proclaimed Dade City as a Monarch City USA. The City is joining with the Dade City Garden Club to increase public awareness; urging all residents of Dade City to do their part by planting and protecting native milkweed and Monarch nectar sources. This will insure that the Monarch has the resources necessary to produce successive generations and sustain their spectacular 3000 mile yearly migration to Mexico through our City and our State.

There was a time when the butterfly was easily recognized by young and old alike as these big orange-winged butterflies that were seen everywhere, from gardens and weedy lots to golf courses. The Monarch was probably the first butterfly we caught as kids! But today, we hardly ever see a Monarch flying around.

After some club research, we now know that in the last 20 years over a billion butterflies have vanished, over 90% of our Monarchs, according to data released by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Monarchs rely on milkweed and nectar plants for their food and home. These plants, especially the native milkweed, have increasingly vanished from our countryside. The good news is that municipalities, community groups of all ages, and individual gardeners can help save the Monarchs with a few simple steps. We can work together right here in Dade City to restore habitat for Monarchs where we live, work, learn, play and worship. The City and the Garden Club envision Monarch habitats (waystations) at public parks, community gardens, schools, churches and municipal buildings.

With our designation of a Monarch City (only the 5th named city in Florida) the City has pledged to work with the Garden Club and the Pasco County Extension Service in Dade City to provide public education opportunities to participants; teaching them how to become official butterfly waystations providing habitats all over Dade City to encourage Monarchs to stop in to pollinate, lay eggs, produce caterpillars that will grow into more Monarch butterflies!

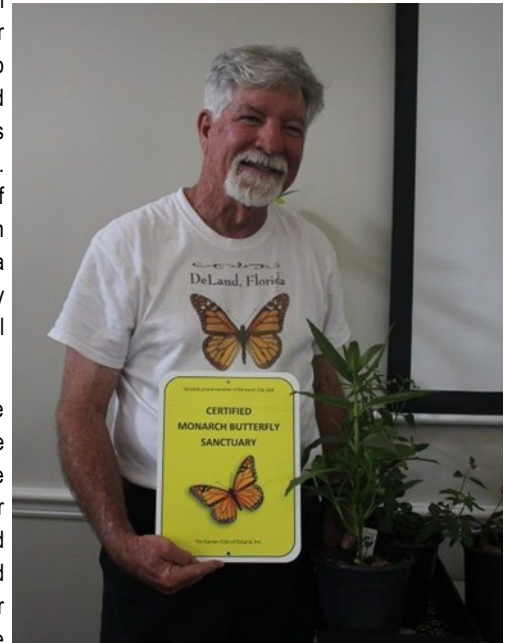
On March 16th, the Dade City Garden Club sponsored a successful seminar and plant sale. This is the first of events and festivals to come that will educate the public on how to create butterfly and other pollinator waystation habitats. Over 45 people gathered to hear our amazing speaker, Jim West, from Deland (the first Monarch City USA in Florida) and to see and learn about the plants they needed to create the perfect Monarch waystation right in their own backyard.

Jim West is a native Floridian and was raised in a family who owned a flower shop, nursery and landscape business. He developed a passion for gardening and as a high-school special needs teacher brought this passion to his students, who would plant over 20 gardens on school campuses. With the designation of Deland as a Monarch City, Jim designed a 1,200 plant butterfly garden installed in Bill Dreggor's Park.

Jim discussed the Monarch butterflies life cycle, migration, and the drastic decline in their population. He listed the exclusive larval food (Milkweed) for Monarchs and also the nectar food flowering plants they preferred. His enthusiasm was contagious and there was a lively Q&A session as everyone was amazed about the ease of creating a waystation in their yard. They were excited about experiencing the life cycle of these beautiful creatures so important to sustaining our food chain. Their voracious appetites lead to increased pollination of our fruits and vegetables.

Last Spring, what began as a discussion among garden club members has evolved into what we hope will be a **movement**. One that will bring together the young and the old, our families and businesses, churches and politicians – all working together to create a successful and spectacular Dade City “Monarch City USA”.

The Florida Gardener gratefully acknowledges the story and photos provided by Sally Redden on behalf of the Dade City Garden Club



FFGC President: Albert (Al) Latina

Theme: Diversity in the Garden

Al has served on the FFGC Executive Board since 2013, when he was elected to the position of Third Vice President.

A man of many talents, Al is known for the many "hats" he wears as he reports on his different areas of responsibility. He is responsible for introducing the Amazon Affiliate Program to FFGC which has proven to be a successful fundraising tool for FFGC. Al served as President and First Vice President of the Temple Terrace Garden Club; each term for two years, and also served in District VIII as Membership Chairman, and National Garden Week Chairman. He was the first recipient of the *Ann Simmons Award* for outstanding volunteer service by a non-resident to the city of Temple Terrace. As a member and officer of the Temple Terrace Preservation Board, Al spearheaded a number of projects that help to preserve the natural beauty of the city.

Al earned his BA and MS degrees in Biology from Florida State University. After graduation, he joined the faculty at the University of South Florida, where he retired after 42 years.



1st Vice President: Marjorie H. Hendon

Marjorie H. Hendon was born and raised in Ft. Lauderdale. She attended Florida State University, where she enjoyed playing French horn in the Marching Chiefs. She also attended Florida Atlantic University, earning her BA in Education. Her Masters in Special Education was earned at NOVA Southern University. She enjoyed 32 years of teaching before retiring and joining the Pioneer Garden Club of Ocala, Inc.



These last two years, as Second VP for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, have been busy. Marge was Chairman of Wekiva Youth Camp, a member of the Finance Committee, and on the Long-Range Planning Committee. If being on those committees didn't open her eyes to the wonderful activities of FFGC, then the other activities that were undertaken would. She was pinned a NGC 4-Star member at the FFGC Convention in 2017.

Marge continues to enjoy her free time. Singing in the church choir, meetings of the camellia society, and her plant business keep her enjoying her community and State. Her number of llamas have gone down from 123 to 14 over a 30 year period, and her chickens provide fresh eggs year round. Four Sister's Foliage, LLC, her plant business, keeps her busy during the Fall and Spring. Her two daughters, their husbands, and little granddaughter often enjoy visiting Grandma at "the Farm".

2nd Vice President: Tina Tuttle

Bettina (Tina) Venettozzi Tuttle is FFGC's second Vice President. She will also serve on the Finance Committee, and Strategic Planning committee, and as Chairman of the Wekiva Leadership Training (WLT) program and Critter Camp. Serves on the Endangered Plants Advisory Council. Tina grew up in Pensacola and earned an AA degree from Pensacola Junior College, a BS from Florida State University in Vocational Home Economics Education. She taught high school Home Ec. for four years before joining the Navy on a dare.



In 1996, she retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander, having served in several capacities including: Barracks Officer, Ordinance Officer, Nuclear Weapons Courier in Norfolk VA, DOD Coordinator for Mardi Gras and Operations Officer in New Orleans, Administrative Schools Officer in Meridian MS, NROTC Curriculum Manager and Midshipmen Summer Training Officer for the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola. She received a Masters' degree in Education from the University of West Florida. In 2015, also from UWF, she earned an Education Specialist (EdS) degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

In addition, her many accomplishments include: Accredited Flower Show Judge 2000, Accredited-Life Judge 2006, Accredited Master 2007, NGC Horticulture Instructor 2003, Flower Show Procedure Instructor 2005, and Symposium Instructor in 2006, Master Gardener and certified Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Advisor for 12 years and has served as Horticulture Chairman. She was appointed to the State Endangered Plant Advisory Council by the Commissioner of Agriculture as the FFGC representative. She was the President for the Florida Flower Show Judges 2011-2013 and an FFGC District I Director 2013-2015. Tina is a thrice-certified consultant: NGC Gardening, Landscape Design and Environmental Consultant (2016) and a Tri-council and 4-Star member. She has served for 9 years as the Chairman for Short Course North and created, "Digging It!", Florida's Horticulture Study Series.

Tina has one married son, Michael, 34, who works with Falcon's Creative in Orlando. Her husband, Art, is also a retired Navy officer and he volunteers at the historic L&N Train Depot in Milton, Florida. Tina says they are owned by three sweet kitties.

3rd Vice President: Christy Linke

Christy and her husband Larry moved from New Jersey in 2007 to Plant City, after retiring from the police world. Her first encounter with FFGC was at Camp Wekiva 10 years ago where she did the 7th grade primitive tent program. That experience had her 'hooked' on Camp Wekiva and all it stands for, going back every year since. She has been a member of the Plant City Garden Club for 11 years where she was President 2012-2014 and 2016 - 2017 and was Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. She served as District VIII Director 2017-2019 representing 23 clubs. Her first FFGC chairmanship was Bees Birds, and Butterflies from September 2011 until September 2015 when she became FFGC Bees State Chairman. She travels to educate the public about the importance of native bees as well as honey bees. She will serve as Secretary of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, Ways and Means and Chairman for Convention 2020. Her other passion is when she became a Flower Show Judge. She has served on the FFSJ elected board for two different terms as Recording Secretary. Christy spends her spare in Tennessee where she and her husband Larry have two sons, Jason and Mark, five wonderful grandchildren, including a set of 3-year-old triplets, and Chase their Quaker Parrot.



Incoming 2019-2021 Officers await Installation

Treasurer: *Jana Walling*

Jana Purvis Walling has been a member of Tallahassee Garden Club for 30+ years. She was Chairman of Jasmine Circle during several terms and Circle Treasurer for numerous years. Jana served as President of Tallahassee Garden Club 2009-2011, and served as its Treasurer for three years preceding her term as President. She has been on the FFGC Board since 2011, serving as SEEK Finance until 2015, and then serving as the Scholarship Endowment Chair until 2015. She is currently serving on the FFGC Finance Committee and has been since the beginning of the 2015-2017 term. She serves as Treasurer of the District III Flower Show Judges and served as FFGC Recording Secretary during the 2017-2019 term.



Jana has served as a member of the Board of Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Inc., a Tallahassee house museum and gardens. She served as Chair of the Board during 2013-2015. Jana has also served as a member and Treasurer of the Friends of Maclay Gardens, a support group for the Alfred B. Maclay State Park. She assists University Lutheran Church and Student Center with their payroll and tax filing. Jana is a graduate of Florida State University and was a Florida Certified Public Accountant for over 30 years. She retired from State of Florida government after 32 years of service. She and her husband Ken have two grown sons, a wonderful daughter-in-law, and two adorable grandsons.

Recording Secretary: *Linda Feifarek-Johnson*

Linda was born and raised in West Palm Beach and enjoyed a career with AT&T and Southern Bell as an Electronics Technician. She was always interested in gardening, so after retiring and moving to Steinhatchee in 2000, she sought to learn about the North Florida garden. Shortly after joining the Steinhatchee Garden Club, she became First Vice President, then President.

She has served on most of the committees and held every officer position in her club at least once. She has taken the Master Gardeners course and had the first yard in Taylor County certified as a Florida Friendly Yard. After her husband passed away in 2016, she was asked to become District Director. She readily agreed and has fallen more in love with FFGC. Linda had been secretary of HOG (Harley Owners Group) for three years in West Palm Beach and also served as secretary of the Steinhatchee Community Projects Board for ten years, so feels she has had the experience to become the Recording Secretary of FFGC. She will also be serving as Amazon liaison, because, as she says "as one of their best customers, I feel qualified for the position".

As well as getting her hands dirty in the garden, she enjoys working with the local PAWS (Pets Are Worth Spaying) where she has been a member for the past seven years. Linda has been adopted by two kitty fur babies who showed up one day at her doorstep. Occasionally, she finds enough free time to ride her Harley.



Corresponding Secretary: *Ingrid Velez*

Ingrid was born in Washington D.C., raised and educated on Long Island, New York and started her government career as a Secretary in the Department of Defense in 1965. She switched careers in 1974 and went to work for the US Department of Transportation as an Air Traffic Controller working at New Haven, Islip - MacArthur, Pompano Beach and Ft. Pierce Airports; and had a four-month detail to St. Croix Airport in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She retired from government service in 1997.

She found out about FFGC in 2006, when she joined the Brooksville Garden Club. She served as Corresponding Secretary, Vice-President and the President of Brooksville Garden Club. She has been Chairman of Garden Path Bricks and Florida Gardening Magazine Coordinator. In 2010 she "found" Wekiva Youth Camp and the camp has become her passion. She is on the Wekiva Committee, sets up the Camp Office and volunteers two weeks each summer. She now has taken on the task as the Coordinator of Wekiva Volunteer Training every February.

She and Skip have been married for 42 years and have rescued abandoned and abused Dobermans since 1980. They are presently "owned" by three Dobermans and a Doxie.



Parliamentarian: *Carolyn Lowry-Nation*

Carolyn began her affiliation with Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in 2012. She founded Gardeners Out East Garden Club in Lakewood Ranch in 2014 with the required ten members. It was her desire to experience what her mother had experienced for 50 years belonging to a garden club based on friendship. GOE has flourished and has created a true sense of pride for Carolyn in addition to long lasting relationships.

FFGC ranks at the top of Carolyn's priority list. She has served as President of Tri-Council of FFGC, as well as, Earth Steward Chair. In 2018, she completed the five units of study within the allotted time, to become a Registered Parliamentarian and currently is in the process of completing her Professional Registered Parliamentarian status.



Enthusiastic convention-goers join in the fun!



**93rd Annual
FFGC
Convention
in
St. Augustine
Florida**

Hats off to Convention Coordinator Cissy Richardson for her work on delivering a very successful 93rd Annual FFGC Convention.



Incoming district Directors , Leslie Montwid , District IX (Left) and Carol Coleman, District X. (Right) pause for the camera.



Incoming Officers and District Directors await installation



JoAnn Guise, Protocol Chairman receives an orchid in recognition of her service from Outgoing President Claudia Bates

Convention Photo Highlights!



The 2020 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar Designers



**Cover Design by Margaret Kirkpatrick, Sweetwater
Oaks Garden Club, District VIII**



Vendors display their wares....one of many participating vendors.



Former President Sue Angle (L) presents outgoing President Claudia Bates (R) with a gold medallion commemorating her service as President of FFGC.



Outgoing FFGC President Claudia Bates



Sue Angle introduces incoming FFGC President Al Latina



Outgoing president Claudia Bates passes on the reins of office as she affixes the President's pin to Al Latina's lapel.



Floral Arrangement in honor of Claudia Bates by Elaine Parisi

FFGC IS TURNING 100!!

As many of you know, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs was begun in April of 1924. **Our 100th birthday** is coming and we are planning a celebration that will last all year long! You only turn 100 once and we want to make it a memorable event for all our garden club members.



2024 will be here before you know it and so we have been making plans for the past two years and have included ideas, programs, and projects ranging from a new logo, a published 100-year history, a commemorative sculpture, an art contest, a centennial quilt, planting of centennial trees, recognition of members born in 1924, and, of course, a big birthday cake with lots of candles!! We are hoping to turn back the price of convention registration and subsidize each district celebration as well!! But we need your help!

Like any event, before you can put plans in place, they have to be **funded**. A 100th Celebration budget was submitted to the FFGC Finance Committee in April and the concept and categories were approved. Since *this is our own celebration* and funds must be raised quickly to put all plans into motion, we are asking **members, clubs, circles, districts, organizations and sponsors** to purchase or pledge a candle on the birthday cake. The top tier candles will be **\$1,000**. If 100 members, clubs, circles, districts, organizations or sponsors will reserve a candle on the top of the cake, we will have \$100,000 toward our goal of \$200,000. If members, clubs, circles, districts, organizations or sponsors wish to purchase or pledge a decoration on the next tier of our cake, we are asking 1,000 members, clubs, circles, districts, organizations or sponsors for a donation of **\$100** to bring another \$100,000 toward our goal of \$200,000. Most members, clubs, circles, districts, organizations and even some sponsors do not have \$1,000 to contribute on a moment's notice. So, we offer you the opportunity to pledge your support and pay over the next four years.

First, I want to thank the wonderful individuals and groups who donated when the plan was first announced at convention. Your generosity and enthusiasm for this project are most inspiring! One donor said, "The 100th sounds like fun!", another said, "I love FFGC and want to support her 100th birthday!"

What's in it for you?? Please allow me explain what you will personally get for your donation! If you or your group gives \$1,000, you will receive a new 100th logo pin and t-shirt, the 100-year history book with your name listed as a contributor, upfront seating at all events, your name on the commemorative sculpture, and a fancy birthday dinner! If you or your group gives \$100 you will automatically get a new 100th logo pin and your name in the 100-year history book as a contributor! We will accept donations in any amount...even \$19.24 to commemorate our birthday year!

Many new logo items will be made available in the next few years for purchase and these will help support the funding of our celebration as well. We ask that you present this request for pledge or funding to your club, circle, district, organization or sponsor when next you meet.

Checks may be made out to 'FFGC' with 100th in the memo line, and mailed to our new treasurer, Jana Walling, 2121 Olivia Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308-6164. You will receive an IRS tax letter for your donation. We thank you in advance! It's going to be an AWESOME celebration!



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2020

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<https://ffgc.org/> or contact
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NEW Florida Ornament on sale now!!

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2019-2021 Club Yearbook Information



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Tri-Council Of FFGC
2018-2021



Inger Jones, President

Greetings from the TRI-COUNCIL!

The cheerleaders for the Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Schools.

Our consultants are sharing all the information learned from University professors and leaders in their fields the challenges that we face in our state. As consultants we are excited to have at our disposal scientific data to explain to our members, our community and our local and state officials the challenges that affect all of us who enjoy breathing the air, drinking and playing in our beautiful waters and enjoying our diverse beautiful landscapes.

It is our mission to educate members. It is up to us as to know the 'affects' of good or bad that ripple through our state...we are all are connected so we are all affected.

We will be adding school dates on FFGC website (www.ffgc.org -select Classes) for upcoming year as soon as our State School Chairman receive the information. Tri-Council is here to help you, all you need to do is ASK!

Inger Jones, President

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Wellington Garden Club's 5th Annual Tree Planting

Peaceful Waters Sanctuary, Wellington, Florida

by Kathy Siena - Event Organizer

Wellington Garden Club members and volunteers planted approximately 500 native trees/shrubs along the pathways of Peaceful Waters Sanctuary in Wellington, Florida on a beautiful, sunny Saturday morning, September 22, 2018. Staff from the Village of Wellington's Landscape & Urban Forestry Operations pre-dug the holes which made it much easier for the volunteers to place the seedlings into the ground. The selected seedlings to plant at the preserve were (200) Simpson's Stopper Tree (*Myrcianthes fragrans*), (100) Myrsine (*Rapanea punctate*), (100) Elderberry (100) (*Sambucus canadensis*) and (100) Firebush (*Hamelia patens*). Each of these varieties can be grown as shrubs or as trees.

This was the Club's 5th Annual Tree Planting event. For the previous four years, native trees and shrubs including Florida Slash Pine, Mahogany and Cardinal shrubs were placed along the walkways and waterline at the Wellington Environmental Preserve. We try to coordinate this wonderful community-wide event on National Public Lands Day (NPLD), which celebrated 25 years of planting and growing resources around our nation. Resilience and restoration of our natural resources is the focus of the National Environmental Education Foundation which created NPLD Day. Wellington Garden Club is nationally registered each year on the National Public Lands Day website.



WGC 5th Annual Tree Planting 2018 at Peaceful Waters Sanctuary



WGC 5th Annual Tree Planting 2018 Volunteers

These very enthusiastic volunteers included the Boys and Girl Scouts, the Cub Scouts, High School students and teachers, Village Council members, friends from St Peters Church, our District X Director, Lynn Jones and WGC Volunteers. With all this support and help, we were able to get the job done in a couple of hours! After the tree planting, the children enjoyed learning about putting out forest fires from the Florida Forest Rangers using the Pumper Hose on their big truck. Next year's event is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019.

The Village of Wellington has as their focus and goal to maintain the beauty and nature of our surroundings, especially in our nature preserves, by continuously adding native plants, trees and shrubs to the environment. In fact, a Proclamation of the event was presented to WGC and read by the town's Vice-Mayor. Wellington Garden Club is honored to be able to give back to their community in this way as a show of our thanks for a beautiful village to live in.



MORE ABOUT NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY:

National Public Lands Day is a holiday observed annually on the 4th Saturday in September. The purpose of this holiday is to encourage people to get out and enjoy the public land and also promotes the conservation of public lands. On this day, many volunteers all over the United States head out to their National Parks to do some good. On this day, many federally managed lands waive their fees. This day is the biggest single-day volunteer effort for public lands.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994. It started as a volunteer effort to improve and help maintain federally owned land in the United States. When it was first started, it had three sites and 700 volunteers. Today, it has grown to include thousands of volunteers and many different sites.

Find out more about National Public Lands Day on the U.S. Forest Service website: <https://www.fs.fed.us/visit/npld>

When is National Public Lands Day?

This year (2019)	September 28 (Saturday)
Next year (2020)	September 26 (Saturday)

Above Information excerpted from www.fs.fed.us/visit/npld

AWARDS: 2018-2019 PRESENTED AT THE 93RD ANNUAL CONVENTION - ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

- #1 Blanche Capel Covington Leadership Award**
Inez T. Brooker, Gainesville Garden Club (Dist. V)
- #2 Outstanding Service Award**
Lisa Hudson, Navarre Garden Club (Dist. I)
- #3 Leadership Award**
Kathryn (Kat) Spieker, Valparaiso Garden Club (Dist. I)
- #4 Award of Excellence for a Club**
Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Inc. (Dist. VIII)
- #5A Special Achievement Award**
Pioneer Garden Club (Dist. V)
- #5B Special Achievement Award**
Linda Elliott, Jensen Beach Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #7 Certificate of Distinguished Service to a State President**
Valerie Seinfeld, The Garden Club of Deland (Dist. VI)
Barbara Hadsell, Oleander Garden Club, Wellington Garden Club (Dist. X)
Inger Jones, Garden Club of Lighthouse Point, Inc.
Cissy Richardson, Camellia Garden Club of Winter Haven
- #8 Garden Club of the Year Award**
Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Inc. (Dist. VIII)
- #10 Mentoring Award**
Sandra Sherman, Azalea Garden Club of Pace (Dist. I)
- #11 Yearbook Award**
(1) Alligator Creek Garden Club (Dist. IV)
(2) Garnier Beach Garden Club (Dist. I)
(3) Steinhatchee Garden Club (Dist. III)
(4) Bartram Garden Club (Dist. IV)
(5) Davis Islands Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
(6) Lakes and Hills Garden Club (Dist. VII)
(7) Tallahassee Garden Club (Dist. III)
- #12 Newsletter Award**
(1) Garnier Beach Garden Club (District I)
(2) Miami Beach Garden Club (Dist. XII)
(3) Live Oak Garden Club (Dist. III)
(4) The Garden Club of DeLand, Inc. (Dist. VI)
(5) District IX of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
- #13 Publication Award**
(1) Azalea Garden Club of Pace (Dist. I)
(3) Live Oak Garden Club (Dist. III)
(4) The Garden Club of DeLand, Inc. (Dist. VI)
- #14 DePalma/Sillik Website Award**
(2) The Bartram Garden Club (Dist. IV)
(3) Manatee River Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
(4) Garden Club of Palm Coast, Inc. (Dist. VI)
- #14A Facebook Award**
(2) Milton Garden Club (Dist. I)
(3) Manatee River Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
(4) Garden Club of St. Petersburg, Inc. (Dist. VIII)
- #15 Garden Therapy Geriatric & Exceptional Award**
(1) Miami Lakes Garden Club (Dist. XII)
(2) Wildflower Circle of Garden Club of Jacksonville (Dist. IV)
(3) Garden Club of Cape Coral (Dist. IX)
- #17 Decoration of Historic Building Award**
(1-A) Dianthus Circle, Garden Club of St. Augustine (Dist. IV)
(2-B) Coral Pines Garden Club (Dist. XII)
(3-A) Garden Club of Orange Park (Dist. IV)
(4-A) Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (Dist. VIII)
- #18 Historic Preservation Award**
(2) Sweet Bay Garden Club (Dist. I)
(3) Garden Club of Cape Coral (Dist. IX)
(4) Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (Dist. VIII)
- #20 Year's Horticultural Programs Award**
(4) Wellington Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #22 Horticulture Special Project Award**
(2) Piper's Landing Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #29 Community Service Design Award**
(A) Bartram Garden Club (Dist. IV)
(B) Temple Terrace Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #31 The Madira Bickel Civic Achievement Award**
Lakes and Hills Garden Club (Dist. VII)
- #32 Park/City Planting Award**
(3) Punta Gorda Garden Club (Dist. IX)
- #36 Community Service Award**
(1) Daisy Circle Gainesville Garden Club (Dist. V)
(3) Winter Park Garden Club, Inc. (Dist. VII)
(4) Lakes and Hills Garden (Dist. VII)
- #37 School Grounds Beautification Award**
(2) Las Adelfas Circle of St. Augustine Garden Club (Dist. IV)
- #39 Arbor Day Celebration Award**
(1) Daisy Circle Gainesville Garden Club (Dist. V)
(2) Windermere Garden Club (Dist. VII)
(4) Wellington Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #40 Arlington Dolly Morris Award**
Janet Wain, Garden Club of Indian River County (Dist. X)
- #43 Blue Star Memorial Marker Award**
(A) Garnier Beach Garden Club (Dist. I)
- #46 Garden Tour Award**
(1) Hibiscus Circle of Dade City Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
(4) Lakes and Hills Garden Club (Dist. VII)
- #47 Habitat for Humanity Award**
(2) Bartram Garden Club of Amelia Island (Dist. IV)
(3) Garden Club of Cape Coral (District 9)
(4) Wellington Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #48 Flowering Tree**
(3) Winter Park Garden Club (Dist. VII)

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AWARDS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18)

- #51 Environmental Education Involving Youth Award**
(1) Garden Divas Circle - Garden Club of Jacksonville (Dist. IV)
(4) Garden Club of St. Augustine (Dist. IV)
(5) Barbara Hadsell of Oleander Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #52 Environmental Education Involving Community Education**
(2) Navarre Garden Club (Dist. I)
- #56 Butterfly Conservation Award**
(1) Garden Divas Circle - Garden Club of Jacksonville (Dist. IV)
(2) Garden Club of Cape Coral (Dist. IX)
(4) The Garden Club of DeLand, Inc. (Dist. VI)
- #57 Bird or Butterfly Sanctuary on School Grounds Award**
(2) Miami Beach Garden Club (Dist. XII)
(3) Garden Club of Cape Coral (Dist. IX)
- #58 Promoting Bees Through Knowledge**
(A) Ginnie Geiger of Dade City Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #61 Nell Coe Award**
(3) Garden Club of Indian River County (Dist. X)
- #62 Mary S. Compton Award for Publicity**
(1) Brooksville Garden Club (Dist. V)
(2) Floral City Garden Club (Dist. V)
(3) Live Oak Garden Club (Dist. III)
- #63 Garden Center**
(3) Garden Club of Orange Park (Dist. IV)
- #64 Library Award**
(A) Port ST. Joe Garden Club (Dist. II)
(B) Piper's Landing Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #65 Convention Delegate Award**
Sue Meyer of Port St. Joe Garden Club (Dist. II)
- #66 National Garden Week Award**
(1) Garnier Beach Garden Club (Dist. I)
(4) Dade City Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #69 Digital Photography Award**
(A) Birds and or Butterflies
Holly Yocum, Pioneer Garden Club (Dist. V)
(B) Landscaped Florida Garden
Holly Yocum, Pioneer Garden Club (Dist. V)
(C) Florida Wildflower
Holly Yocum, Pioneer Garden Club (Dist. V)
(D) Flowering Tree Growing in Florida
Sue Killion, Lemon Bay Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
(F) Other Plants
Michelle James, Davis Island Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #70 President's Project - Membership Incentive Award - 2yr**
(A) Gardeners Out East (Dist. VIII)
(B) Port ST. Joe Garden Club (Dist. II)
(C) Green Thumb Garden Club of Santa Rosa Beach (Dist. I)
(D) Tallahassee Garden Club (Dist. III)
- #71 Ella Joyce Boals Program Award**
Clermont Garden Club (Dist. VII)

- #73 Public Program Award**
(2) Bartram Garden Club of Amelia Island (Dist. IV)
(3) Valparaiso Garden Club (Dist. I)
(4) Dade City Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #74 Year's Program Award**
(B) Pioneer Garden Club of Ocala (Dist. V)
- #75 Fun with Flowers Program Award**
Dade City Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #76 Fun with Flowers Series Award**
Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (Dist. VIII)
- #78 Parks and Grounds Program Award**
Garden Club of Orange Park (Dist. IV)
- #GS-1 Girl Scout Arbor Day**
Wellington Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #82 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar Cover**
Margaret Kirkpatrick, Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club (Dist. VII)
- #83 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar Inside Cover Crystal Award**
Denise Crutchfield, New Smyrna beach Garden Club (Dist. VI)
- #84 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar Back Cover**
Barbara Jacobson, Lemon Bay Garden Club (Dist. VIII)

Flower Show Achievement Awards - Barbara May, Chairman

- #101 Council Standard Flower show**
(A) District VIII Judges Council
(B) District VI Judges Council
- #102 Small Standard Holiday Flower Show**
(A) Plant City Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #106 Standard Flower Show Staged in A Public Building**
(A) Wellington Garden Club (Dist. X)
- #107 Club Standard Flower Show**
(D) The Garden Club of St. Petersburg (Dist. VIII)
- #110 Small Flower Show**
Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (Dist. VIII)
- #111 Horticulture Specialty Flower Show**
Lemon Bay Garden Club (Dist. VIII)

Flower Show Related Awards Mary Silas, Chairman

- #120 Flower Show Focal Area Award**
(B) Lemon Bay Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #121 Flower Show Staging - Design**
(A) Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (FFGC)
(B) Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (FFGC)
- #122 Standard Flower Show Schedule**
(C) Sarasota Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
(D) ST. Petersburg Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #123 FFSJ Tricolor Award**
Barbara Jacobson, Lemon Bay Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #124 Floralia II Designer's Choice Award**
Sue Angle, Sarasota Garden Club (Dist. VIII)

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AWARDS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19)

- #125 Award of Distinction**
Mayfair Hydro (Dist. XII)
- #126 Esther Brosche Educational Exhibit Award**
Christy Linke, Plant City Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #127 Table Artistry Award**
Jan Griffin, Plant City Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #128 Petite Award**
Gail Carson, St. Petersburg Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #131 Dish Garden**
Elaine Schwietzer, Lemon Bay Garden Club (Dist. VIII)
- #132 Grower's Choice**
Carol Ralph (Dist. X)

Deep South Award Winners 2018-2019 Jennifer Condo, NGC/DS Chair

- Garden Club of Cape Coral - District IX**
Award # 1 Aiii School Grounds Improvement, First Place
Award #16 Aiii Butterfly Conservation, First Place
Award #3 Aiii Historic Preservation and/or Preservation, First Place
- Sweet Bay Garden Club, District I**
Award #3Aii Historic Preservation and/or Preservation, Second Place
- Lakes and Hills Garden Club, District VII**
Award #3Aiv Historic Preservation and/or Preservation, First Place
Award #33-A6 Yearbook, First Place
- Dade City Garden Club - District VIII**
Award #5Aiv Public Relations, First Place
Award #10 Aiv Special Achievement, First Place
- Navarre Garden Club - District I**
Award #7 Aii Litter Control, Second Place
- Garden Club of Winter Park - District VII**
Award #9 Aiii Tree Planting, First Place
Award #18 Aiii Adopt-A-Park, First Place
- Garnier Beach Garden Club - District I**
Award #10 Ai Special Achievement, First Place
- Overall Winner \$100.00**
Award 33-A2 Yearbook HM
- Wildflower Circle of the Garden Club of Jacksonville - District IV**
Award # 10Aii Special Achievement, Second Place
- Wellington Garden Club - District X**
Award #11 Aiv Horticulture Award, First Place
Award # 25 Aiv Arbor Day, First Place
- Garden Club of Indian River County - District X**
Award # 12 Aiv Landscape Design, First Place
- Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Inc., District VIII**
Award #13 Aiv Historic Preservation and Restoration, First Place
Award #24 Deep South Garden Club of the Year, Third Place
Award #30Aiv Small Standard Flower Show, First Place
"Celebrating 90 Years"
- Garden Divas Circle - Garden Club of Jacksonville - District IV**
Award #15Ai Environmental Education, Second Place
- Miami Beach Garden Club - District XII**
Award #16Aii Butterfly Conservation, Honorable Mention

- The Garden Club of DeLand - District VI**
Award # 16 Aiv Community Action, First Place
Overall Winner \$50.00
- Daisy Circle, Gainesville Garden Club, District V**
Award # 19Ai Community Action, First Place
Award 25Ai Arbor Day, Second Place
- Piper's Landing Garden Club - District X**
Award #19 Aii Community Action, Second Place
- Garden Club of Orange Park - District IV**
Award #19 Aiii Community Action, Second Place
- Temple Terrace Garden Club - District VIII**
Award #19Aiv Community Action, First Place
- Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**
High School Gardeners, First Place
- Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**
Award # 22B Intermediate Gardeners, First Place (Overall Winner \$50)
- Punta Gorda Garden Club - District IX**
#23Aiii Conservation, First Place
- Windemere Garden Club - District VII**
Award # 25 Aii Arbor Day, First Place
- Award #28 Deep South Garden Clubs ,Inc. "Mentor of the Year"**
Kat Spieker of the Valparaiso Garden Club, District I - FFGC
- Florida City Garden Club - District XII**
Award # 31-A2 NGC Publicity Press Book, Third Place
- Alligator Creek Garden Club - District IV**
Award #33-A1 Yearbook, HM
- Steinhatchee Garden Club - District III**
Award 33-A3 Yearbook, Second Place
- Bartram Garden Club - District IV**
Award 33-A4 Yearbook, Third Place
- Davis Island Garden Club - District VIII**
Award 33-A5 Yearbook, First Place
- Tallahassee Garden Club - District III**
Award 33-A7 Yearbook, Third Place
- NGC High School Essay Contest**
Christiana Hewlett, 10th Grade, Fourth Place
Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club - District XI

Ella P. Woods - Paths of Sunshine - Glenda Dawson, Chair

- 1. FDOT District 2 - "Chiefland Milkweed Study" with University of Florida SR24 North of Bronson and SR 122 South of Williston. FFGC District V.**
Chiefland Maintenance joined with UF in a research study, led by Dr. Janet C. Daniels to improve overall pollinator habitat and to assist the reproduction cycle of Monarchs by improving their migration habitats.
- 2. District 6 "Spanish Needle Task Team" Trail-City of Miami, five block site between SW 117th Ave. and SW 172nd Ave. (FFGC District XII)**
The Spanish needle pilot project is groundbreaking for FDOT, helping to increase awareness of the plant's ecological significance, and leading the effort to change the Department's and the public's perception of this plant from an undesirable weed to the beautiful no-cost native wildflower that it is.
- 3. FDOT District 3 "Maintenance - HWY 77" near Bay County/ Washington County Line. FFGC District II.**
This project began in 2015 and is impressive for its environmental awareness and Conservation of one of Florida's beautiful threatened native plants, the Gulf Coast Lupine.

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Junior Gardener Awards - Marci Wilcox, Chairman

J-1 Junior Design Award

- A Sage Hutcherson
Ribault Garden Club, Dist. IV

J-2 Youth Flower Show or Youth Section of Adult Standard Flower Show

- A Whispering Pines Elementary
Boca Raton Garden Club Dist. X
- C Greenacres Cares Jr. Garden Club
Oleander Garden Club of Palm Beaches Dist. X

J-3 School Grounds Beautification

- B Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV

J-5 Birds at School

- A-C Miami Beach Garden Club Dist. XII

J-10 Classroom Project Award

- A Ms. Allison's and Ms. Heather's K Class
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV
- B Dirt Diggin Gators Junior Garden Club
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I

J-11 Litter Control Poster Award

- B Emily Gipson
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
- C Lily McBride
Citrus Garden Club Dist. V

J-12 Land Trust Essay Award

- A William Jones
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
- B Ian Newgent
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
- C Lily Simmer
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV

J-13 Nature Poster Award

- A Ms. Buchanan's K Class
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV
- B Shalimer Elementary TAG
Garnier Beach Garden Club Dist. I
- C Sprigs Junior Garden Club
Citrus Garden Club Dist. V

J-14 Water Conservation Poster Award

- A Victor Tarlev
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
- B Payton Moore
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
- C Colton Wilson
Citrus Garden Club Dist. V

J-15 Louise Adams for Wekiva Youth Camp Report

- A Jordan Emely
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
- B Sophia Duckett
Davis Islands Garden Club Dist. VIII

J-16 Field Trip Report Award

- C Stars Junior Garden Club
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII

J-20 Junior Horticulture Award

- A Stars Junior Garden Club
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
- B Reach 5th Grade Class
Citrus Garden Club Dist. V
- C Stars Junior Garden Club
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII

J-21 Poisonous Plants Award

- B Dirt Diggin' Gators Junior Garden Club
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I

J-23 Children's Gardens Award

- B Lauren Armstrong
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I

J-24 Wildflower Folder

- C Ashley Mays
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
- D Kelly Berry
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
- F Madison James
Davis Islands Garden Club Dist. VIII
- G Kaylynn Roddenberry & Lily McBride
Citrus Garden Club Dist. V

J-27 Tree Award

- A Cole Steinberg
Davis Islands Garden Club Dist. VIII
- C Tristyn Davis
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
- D Jillian Johnson
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
- E Anna Lucas
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
- F Ashley Mays
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
- G Lily Simmer
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV

J-30 Margaret Y. Pace Birds Seen in Florida Award

- B Kelly Berry
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I

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**Junior Gardener Awards cont.
Marci Wilcox, Chairman**

- J-31 Birds in Florida Award**
B Dirt Diggin' Gators
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
C Ms. Humphries Class
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV
D Palm Harbor Montessori Junior Garden Club
Palm Harbor Garden Club Dist. VIII
- J-32 Butterfly Conservation Award**
A Mrs. Lockwood's Class
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV
B Palm Harbor Montessori Junior Garden Club
Palm Harbor Garden Club) Dist. VIII
- J-33 Butterfly Award District**
A Quinn Ek Dahl
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV
B Cindy Lin
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
D Ian Newgent
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
E Jordan Emely
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII
F Lily Simmer
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV
- J-34 Reptile and Amphibians Found in Florida Award**
A Kelly Berry
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
B Ryan Slone
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
- J-35 Garden Insects Found in Florida Award**
B Kelly Berry
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
- J-36 Shells in Florida Award**
A Michael Olsen
Citrus Garden Club Dist. V
B Kelly Berry
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
C Jeannalynn Illescas
Citrus Garden Club Dist. V
- J-40 Junior Achievement Award**
A Dirt Diggin' Gators
Navarre Garden Club Dist. I
B Davis Islands Junior Garden Club
Davis Islands Garden Club Dist. VIII
C Stars Junior Garden Club
Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club Dist. VII

**Smokey Bear Poster Contest
Sue Bennet-Bara, Chairman**

- First Grade:** Madilin Pisana
Venice Area Garden Club Dist. VIII
- Second Grade:** Walton Cooper
Green Thumb G. C of Santa Rosa Beach Dist. I
- Third Grade:** Iris Carroll
New Smyrna Beach Garden Club Dist. VI
- Fourth Grade:** Carter Kinne
Venice Area Garden Club Dist. VIII
- Fifth Grade:** Stewart Bray
Steinhatchee Garden Club Dist. III

**NGC & Deep South Youth and FFGC
High School & Intermediate Gardeners
Sandra Lynch, Chairman**

National Poetry Contest

- First Grade:** Johannes Guess, J. Allen Axson School
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV
Deep South First Place
- Second Grade:** Nick Villegas, J. Allen Axson School
Ribault Garden Club Dist. V
Deep South First Place
- Third Grade:** Aniya Baskerville, J. Allen Axson School
Ribault G. C.- **Deep South HM** Dist. IV
- Fifth Grade:** Lily Simmer, Valley Ridge Academy
Ribault Garden Club Dist. IV
Deep South First Place
- Sixth Grade:** Kylee Reaves, New River Middle School
Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. Dist. XI
Deep South Third Place
- Seventh Grade:** Rylee Robbins, Indian Ridge Middle School
Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. Dist. XI
Deep South HM
- Eighth Grade:** Thatcher Harrison, New River Middle School
Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club Inc. Dist. XI
Deep South Third Place
- Ninth Grade:** Isabella Elstein, Wellington Community High School
Wellington Garden Club Dist. X
Deep South Second Place

National Youth Sculpture Contest

- Sixth Grade:** Peyton Daly, Somerset Academy Boca Raton
Ft. Lauderdale GC Inc. Dist. XI
Deep South First Place
- Seventh Grade:** Rylee Robbins, Indian Ridge Middle School
Ft. Lauderdale GC Inc. Dist. XI
Deep South Second Place
- Eighth Grade:** Kabrey Bettis, Nova Middle School
Ft. Lauderdale GC Inc. Dist. XI
Deep South Second Place

National High School Essay Contest

- Tenth Grade:** Christiana Hewlett
Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club Inc. Dist. XI



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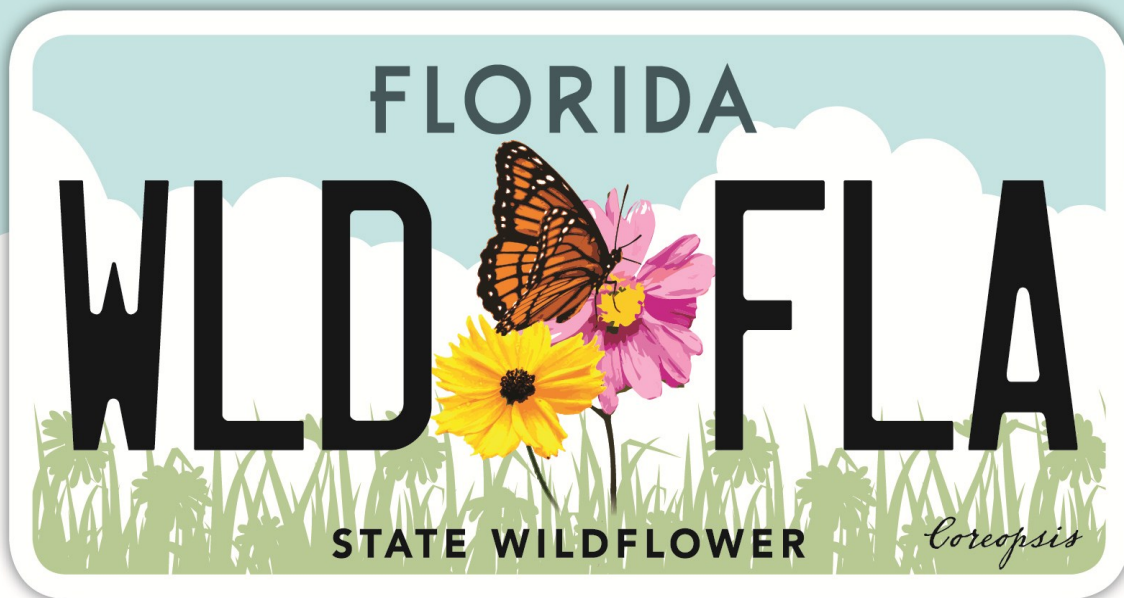
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