

The Gazette

Council of Garden Clubs of the Halifax District

May 2016



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Ladies,

The Council exhibit at the Home & Garden Show at the Ocean Center on April 2-3 was an outstanding presentation of floral design, horticulture, and club activities. Five students who had just finished units 7, 8 & 9 of the Floral Design School entered designs for the exhibit along with instructor and flower show judge Penny Decker and Design Class Chairman and flower show judge, Becky Lindhorst. Tillandsia President Carolyn Bacci, Cherry Laurel past president Eleanor Callon, and Halifax Country Master Gardener Myrna Moore entered horticulture exhibits. Myrna, Pat Sample and Stephanie Susetska judged the landscape competition for the News-Journal \$1000 prize.

I want to thank all of these ladies for participating, and especially thank Pat Crowley for chairing the hostess committee and all the garden club members who volunteered to serve as hostesses.

We received many nice compliments from the public and several names of prospective new members. Congratulations to all of these ladies for a job well done!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Annual Luncheon May 4th. Our special guests will be Margaret Lyon, Council President 1954-55 and Ann Tate, Council President 1974-1975. Come help us honor these longtime members.

Elaine Tindell, Council President



FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS 2016 CONVENTION



*But the thrill we've never known
Is the thrill that'll catcha
When you get your picture
On the cover of the FFGC 2017 Calendar.*

Congratulations Andrea Finn for your award winning floral design gracing the cover of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' 2017 calendar!!! We all knew you are a great floral designer, now everyone else will too.

Floral designs by Ann Tale and Becky Lindhorst are also featured in the calendar. Calendars are available for purchase for \$7.50.

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The FFGC Annual Convention in Lake Buena Vista was a packed two and a-half days of business meetings with reports of committee chairmen and district directors along with workshops, a flower show, awards, lunches and dinners, vendors, socializing and floral designs everywhere. Even the guest room lamps looked like they could be auditioning to be a floral design base!



CLUB PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

CHERRY LAUREL GARDEN CLUB President Kathleen Pruett

Cherry Laurel members contributed to the Daytona Beach News-Journal Home Show by providing six of the eight floral designs, horticulture examples and hostesses for three days.

The annual luncheon and installation of new officers is set for May 11th at Halifax Plantation Golf Course Tavern by the Green.

Members were educated and entertained by Urban Horticulture Extension Agent Joe Sowards as he spoke on Florida Friendly Landscaping explaining the nine major principles of using low maintenance plants and environmentally sustainable practices.

MAGNOLIA GARDEN CLUB President Linda Heikkila

President Linda Heikkila that members sold the 'flower' garden décor plates at the Ocean Center Home Show on Friday and Saturday of the show.

Master Gardener Dodi Ulery gave a presentation entitled "Florida Container Landscaping" at their last monthly meeting.

The club is planning a yard sale on May 7th at the Finney Garden Center that will include plants, the decorative plates, gardening and household items, and baked goods.

SOUTH PENINSULA GARDEN CLUB President Stephanie Susetka



Several members attended the FFGC State Convention in Kissimmee. President Susetka did an invitational design honoring State Recording Secretary Carolyn Schaag.

The South Peninsula Garden Club officers have agreed to remain for an additional year. The April program featured Sandra Hudson speaking on "Companion Planting". Our final meeting of the year will be A Tea on May 13th at Hotchkiss House. We have invited some potential new members to join us.

TILLANDSIA GARDEN CLUB President Carolyn Bacci

Tillandsia members delighted 35 senior residents with Easter baskets filled with candy, stuffed bunnies and eggs they decorated at the Sarah House in Ormond Beach. Ladies were given hats, the men were given ties and all joined in singing "In Your Easter Bonnet" and "Here Comes Peter Cottontail."

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Finance

On March 26th, members of the club put in the landscaping of a Habitat for Humanity home for a Veteran. They will attend the Dedication Ceremony April 18th. The club has donated to the District VI project to sponsor a Blue Star Marker at the new National Memorial Cemetery at Cape Canaveral, as well as to the NGC's Penny Pines Program.

Two students are being given S.E.E.K. scholarships and members of the club will attend the Conference's Final Day Activities to meet the students on June 15th at Silver Springs State Park.

Tillandsia offered a \$1,000 Scholarship for the Fall Semester to a student at Daytona State College studying in the Environmental Science Field.

The Club's President and Recording Secretary will spend one day at the FFGC 2016 State Convention being held in Kissimmee.

At the Daytona Home and Garden Show, Tillandsia set up a table with their photo poster boards that highlighted the club's activities and community projects. The club's 3 Habitat for Humanity Awards and some Horticulture Ribbons awarded were also shown. This display satisfied District VI Director, Kathleen Terlizzo's request for clubs to showcase what they do in order to encourage others to join a Garden Club as part of a Membership Drive. Carolyn Bacci entered a variety of plants in Horticulture and several members of the club volunteered to hostess the show. Tillandsia Club Member Pat Crowley was chairman of the show.

This month's club meeting on April 14th will start with a tour and speaker at the Gardens of the Ormond Memorial Art Museum, followed by lunch at Stonewood.

Club news of recent activities was sent to District VI Director, Kathleen Terlizzo, to forward to "*The Gardener*" for publishing in their Summer Issue before the deadline date of April 15th.

VOLUSIA GARDEN CLUB President Angelina Katzenstein

Volusia Garden Club members had a field trip to Flagler Agricultural Museum with a guest speaker from the Agricultural Extension and a tractor tour of the property.

Jay Thurrott will give a slideshow featuring bromeliads from a recent trip to Australia and New Zealand at the next monthly meeting.

President Katzenstein noted that Volusia Garden Club was the oldest garden club in the area.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Officers, club presidents, and committee chairmen are reminded to have their written end of the year reports ready for the annual meeting. Please email your reports to Secretary Carolyn Bacci at cbacci@aol.com for inclusion in the May minutes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY STATE CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Daytona Beach Resort & Conference Center

LUNCH & LEARN AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER

Thursday, August 18, 2016

Noon

Central Park, Ormond Beach

DISTRICT VI FLORIDA FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

"Games People Play"

Friday, October 28, 2016 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 29, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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