



# Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Award 18ii-Adopt-A-Park

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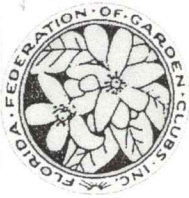
2017-2018

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**Award #:** 32\_ **Category:** 2  
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**Class:** Civic-Civic **Award Name** Park/City Planting

**District:** V **#Members in Club/Circle:** 40 **City:** Floral City **Date:** 2017

**Name of Garden Club or Individual/Group:** Floral City Garden Club, Inc.

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NOTE: Application form is limited to three printed pages, (this page and two additional pages) – front of pages only unless otherwise noted. (No report cover, binders, or plastic sheets allowed.) **Hard copy only; no electronic submissions (unless requested).** Application form will not be returned. Copy entry for your files. Mail entries to FFGC Headquarters unless otherwise noted in the award description to arrive no later than December 1.

**Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.**

1. New project: Yes  x No  Beginning date: March 2017 Completion date: June 2017
2. Have you applied for any other awards for this project? Yes  No  If yes, list other awards applied for.
3. Brief summary and objectives of project
4. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.
5. Project expenses and means of funding
6. Continuing involvement, follow up, maintenance
7. Attach or insert photos, evidence, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn)

3. **SUMMARY AND OBJECTIVES – UPGRADE OF MEMORIAL GARDEN.** The Floral City Garden Club, Inc. (FCGC) has been responsible for designing, planting and maintenance of a public garden in our community for several years. The Memorial Garden is located in the Town Center, which includes several County-owned buildings. The Memorial Garden is adjacent to the Library and is highly visible from the community room. It includes a brick-paved labyrinth. This garden includes trees, perennials and annuals. After several years, a number of the plants in the garden needed to be replaced, either due to age, or size, suitability to the soil, sun, and water conditions. One goal was to upgrade the appearance of the garden by filling in bare spaces; another was to use lower maintenance plants. Newly purchased plants used in this garden include a purple plum tree, five loropetalum, six azalea, three perennial peanut and 12 verbena. A bench was added to the landscape as well. Plants that remain from previous plantings include flax lily, plumbago, palmetto, live oak, amaryllis and canna lilies.

4. **INVOLVEMENT OF GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.** Our club was the recipient of a grant from Keep Citrus County Beautiful Inc. (KCCB) which allowed us to purchase additional and replacement plants for these gardens. The work was done in the spring of 2017. Committee members reviewed the condition of the existing plants, decided which plants should be added or removed and replaced, and made a list of needed plant and auxiliary materials (e.g. mulch, weed cloth, fertilizer, hoses). KCCB purchased many of the plants and garden club members completed the rest of the purchases, planting, weeding, trimming and mulching the garden. The County Grounds Maintenance crews replaced the irrigation system for the Memorial Garden and Library at the same time as the new plantings were completed, thus assisting us with maintenance watering. Seven different club members worked for 52.5 hours on this project, and two high school student volunteers worked for a total of 16 hours as well.

5. **PROJECT EXPENSES AND MEANS OF FUNDING.** The total cost of this project was \$612.69. Of the total, \$295.83 was provided by KCCB, \$251.86 was provided by the FCGC and the remaining amount of



\$65.00 was donated by an individual. Additional plant material was donated by club members with no value assigned

6. **CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT, FOLLOWUP, MAINTENANCE.** The club continues to maintain this garden, with watering, weeding, fertilizing, mulching and trimming. Our annual budget provides funds for garden maintenance for this and other gardens in our community. One club member is assigned as the chair for maintaining this garden and calls for work days from club members as needed.

7. **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS.**

Several photos of the Memorial Garden fall 2017.





Several photos of the Memorial Garden immediately after planting in spring 2017.

