Floral City Garden Club 1984-1985 Yearbook

THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB
FLORAL CITY, FLORIDA
DISTRICT V
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 58

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YEAR BOOK AWARD
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FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

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THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB WAS ORGANIZED IN OCTOBER, 1956, WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 15. BY 1958, MEM-BERSHIP INCREASED TO 18, AND THAT YEAR BECAME A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC. IN 1959, A JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB WAS FORMED. IN 1960. THE FIRST FLOWER SHOW WAS HELD AND THE THEME WAS "IN THE BEGINNING". BY 1961. MEMBERSHIP GREW TO 28 MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN A FLOWER SHOW AT THE CITRUS COUNTY FAIR. THE NEXT FLOWER SHOW WAS HELD AT THE FLORAL CITY COMMUNITY HALL. BY 1962 MEMBERSHIP HAD GROWN TO 35 MEMBERS AND THE THIRD FLOWER SHOW WAS SPONSORED. AS AN ON-GOING PROJECT, THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB AGREED TO LANDSCAPE THE ENTRANCE TO THE FLORAL CITY LIBRARY, NEXT TO THE COMMUNITY HALL. IN APRIL OF 1963. THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB HOSTED THE DISTRICT V MEETING OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS. THE THEME, "BEAUTY IS WHERE YOU FIND IT". IN 1967, SIX MEMBERS OF THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB ENTERED ARRANGMENTS IN THE SUMTER COUNTY FAIR AND ALL WON RIBBONS. BY 1970, MEMBERSHIP ROSE TO 53 AND THE ANNUAL PLANTING OF A TREE ON ARBOR DAY BEGAN AND COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION BECAME A CLUB PROJECT. "A GROW AND SHARE DAY" WAS OFFERED BY CLUB MEMBERS IN 1975, AS AN INCENTIVE TO PEOPLE TO ENHANCE AND BEAUTIFY THEIR PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY, CARRYING OUT THE THEME, "WORKING, LEARNING, SHARING". IN 1978, THE CLUB ADOPTED THE PROJECT OF LANDSCAPING THE ENTRANCE TO THE NEW FLORAL CITY PARK. OUR FIRST FLORAL ARRANGEMENT COURSE WAS GIVEN BY ELINOR BONNIFIELD AND 25 MEMBERS PARTICIPATED. A "THIS IS YOUR LIFE" PROGRAM WITH A FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS LIFE MEMBERSHIP WAS PRESENTED TO ELINOR BONNIFIELD. CERT-IFICATES OF APPRECIATION WERE PRESENTED TO MARIE MORRIS AND LYDIA STEEVES FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CLUB. BY OUR TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, MEMBERSHIP HAD GROWN TO 58. A PLANT RAFFLE WAS STARTED TO ACCUMULATE A WORLD OF GARDEN-ING FUND AND HAS PROVEN TO BE A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT.

ON . . TO . . 1984

COMMUNITY SERVICES

THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE OF PLANTING AND MAINTAINING THE ENTRANCE TO THE FLORAL CITY PARK. EACH ARBOR DAY, A TREE OR SUSTAINING BUSH IS PLANTED WITHIN THE LANDSCAPED AREA. THIS INCLUDES SEMI-ANNUAL TRIMMING, WEEDING AND GENERAL OVER ALL CLEANING UP OF THE AREA. IN APPRECIATION OF ELINOR BONNIFIELD'S UNTIRING DEVOTION TO THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB AND THE COMMUNITY. A MARBLE PLAQUE WITH A BEAUTIFUL INSCRIPTION WAS LAID IN THE PARK, IN HER MEMORY. THE MAINTENANCE OF THE FLORAL PARK ENTRANCE IS A CONTINUING PROJECT.

YEARS AGO, THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB PLANTED SEVERAL PALM TREES ON ROUTE 41, NORTH AND SOUTH OF ROUTE 48 IN THE FLORAL CITY AREA, TO BEAUTIFY THE HIGHWAY APPROACHING THE CITY. CONTINUAL MAINTENANCE OF THESE TREES HAS BEEN AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE FOR THE GARDEN CLUB.

PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS EACH YEAR, FLORAL GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERS TRIM THE OVERGROWN ARBOR-VITAE BUSHES ON ROUTE 48.
THESE BRANCHES ARE USED TO RE-CREATE GOUGHS, SWAGS AND WREATHS
USED TO DECORATE THE FLORAL CITY COMMUNITY HALL. A CHRISTMAS
TREE IS SET UP AND TRIMMED, TO BE ENJOYED BY MANY LOCAL CLUBS
AND GROUPS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SEASON.

EACH MONTH, THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB PLACES AN ARRANGE-MENT IN THE FLORAL CITY LIBRARY. THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE EITHER MADE OF DRY MATERIAL OR FLOWERS, DEPENDING ON THE SEASON.

IN ADDITION, THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB HAS CONTRIBUTED NUMEROUS BOOKS ON GARDENING, FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AND ETC., TO THE FLORAL CITY LIBRARY, IN MEMORY OF THEIR DECEASED MEMBERS. A COMPLETE LIST OF THESE BOOKS IS ATTACHED.

MORE TO COME . . .

COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTINUED

EACH YEAR, IN MARCH, THE CITRUS COUNTY FAIR
ASSOCIATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE GARDEN CLUBS OF
CITRUS COUNTY, (AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS), PRESENTS A STANDARD FLOWER
SHOW. THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB IS A LARGE CONTRIBUTOR
TO THIS PROJECT, WITH TRI-COLOR AND MANY OTHER RIBBON
WINNERS. THE CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION IN APPRECIATION OF THE OUTSTANDING WORK AND UNTIRING EFFORTS OF
OUR MEMBER, ELINOR BONNIFIELD, DEDICATED THE AGRICULTURE
BUILDING, "THE ELINOR BONNIFIELD BUILDING", AN OUTSTANDING
HONOR FOR ELINOR AND THE GARDEN CLUB.



at this time the members will have their annual Membership Tea and Bertaday Meeting. Each of the members contributes to the club 1, cent for each year of their age.

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The business meeting will begin at 120 p.m. The program will include prop and staging for the flower show. Marsha Beasley will give a critique of arrangements.

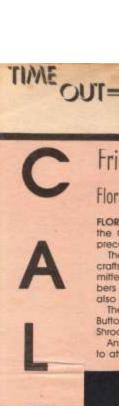
THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB
YEAR BOOK BEGINS WITH
THE JANUARY 1984 MEETING.
FOCAL POINT WAS "OUR BIRTHDAY CAKE", ONE CENT PER YEAR
OF AGE. A VERY INFORMATIVE
AND INTERESTING PROGRAM WAS
GIVEN BY FRANCES SIMPSON ON
ROSES. JANUARY ALSO INCLUDES
THE ANNUAL CLEANING AND REFURBISHING AND TREE PLANTING
IN THE FLORAL CITY PARK ON
ARBOR DAY.

THIS IS A CONTINUING PROJECT.









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Friday, Feb. 10

Floral City Garden Club to meet

FLORAL CITY — The Floral City Garden Club will meet Friday, Feb. 10, at the Community Building in Floral City. The meeting will be at 1:30 preceded by the annual Valentine Sale which will begin at 12:30.

The Sale will include White Elephant Items, baked goods, arts and crafts and plants. This sale is sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee, Margaret Danielson and Doris Sawyer. They request that members bringing sale items, bring them at 10:30. The Board meeting will also begin at 10:30.

The program for the meeting will be an Bonsal conducted by the Buttonwood Bonsal Club of Harnasassa. Chairman will be Evelyn Shroat with Evelyn Schnell, Elsie Hay and Mabel Habbs assisting.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Gorden Club a instead to attend the meeting.



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THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, Thursday, March 15, 1984

Citrus People

MARCH, 1984 WORKSHOP WAS A
PRACTICE SESSION ON BASIC
FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
CITRUS COUNTY FAIR, THIS WAS PRESENTED BY
MARIE MORRIS, MARIE JONES AND FRANCES SIMPSON.
THEME WAS "MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC". PROGRAM CONSISTED OF A FIELD TRIP TO THE HOME OF PATTI
LINN, ON AFRICAN VIOLETS. MEMBERS APPROVED A
CONTRIBUTION OF \$50.00 TO THE FLORIDA FEDERATION FOR THE PENAL THERAPY PROGRAM AND \$25.00
TO FEDERATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANTS AT
FEDERATION HEADQUARTERS IN WINTER PARK.





Garden club news

At the March meeting of the Floral Garden Club, Leila White gave the devotions and read a paper on the "Decline of the Forest."

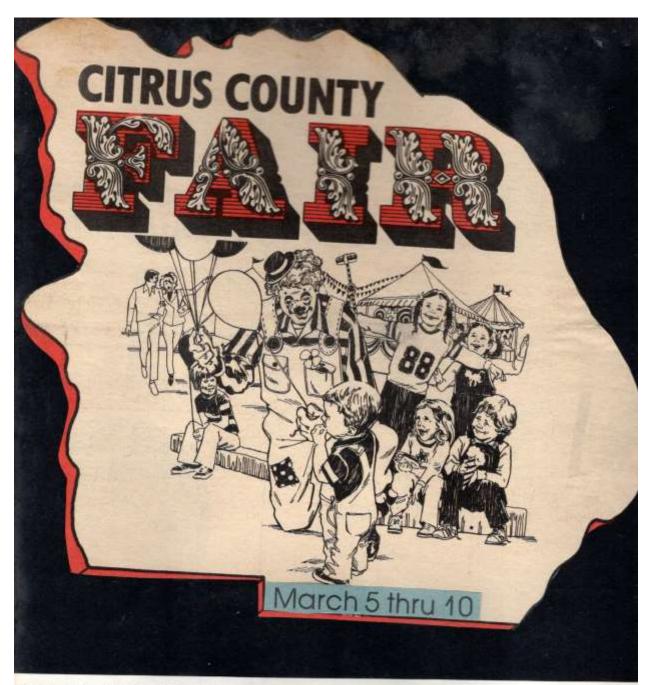
New members, Martha Williams and Doris Davis, were welcomed and given a corsage.

Motions were approved to send \$50 to the Florida Federation fund for the penal program and \$25 to the fund for replacement of plants damaged by the freeze at the Federation headquarters in Winter Park

Murie Morris answered questions on horticulture. The meeting adjourned to go on a field trip to Patti Linn's home to see her African violets.







EACH YEAR THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB PARTICIPATES IN THE CITRUS COUNTY FAIR HORTICULTURE SHOW, BUT 1984 WAS TRIUMPHANT WITHA TRI-COLOR WINNER, TWO FIRST PLACE WINNERS, A SECOND, TWO FOURTHS AND FOURTEEN BLUE RIBBON WINNERS. THE THEMEFOR THE SHOW WAS "MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC, .

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CITRUS COUNTY
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GARDEN CLUBS OF
CITRUS COUNTY

AT THE
ELEANOR BONIFIELD
HORTICULTURE BLDG.
COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
INVERNESS,FL

Music"

ON 5 5 - 10 MARCH 1984 Mon. 1-10 pm. 11 Tue, Wed, Th. 2-10 pm. Fri, Sat. 10-10 pm.

ADMISSION:

\$2.00 Adults \$1.00 Children 1 1

"MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC"



presented

by

FLOWER SHOW OFFICIALS:

CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION and GARDEN CLUBS OF CITRUS COUNTY

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Presenting the Eighth "Standard Flower Show" in cooperation with the Garden Clubs of Citrus County (affiliated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.) and in conjunction with the Citrus County Fair Association.

GENERAL RULES

- ANY CITIZEN OF CITRUS COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER ANY PHASE OF THE SHOW, EITHER IN THE HORTICULTURE OR THE DESIGN DIVISION.
- All classes in Horticulture and Design are open to amatuers only, not those who cultivate plants or arrange designs for profit.
- Plants on the Florida Conservation List which have been legally obtained and are properly named may be used in all Design classes. If grown by the exhibitor, they may be used in the Horticulture Division.
- Exhibits must be placed and exhibitors out of the Horticulture Building by 11:00 a.m. on March 5.
- All exhibits must be passed by the Classification Chairman of the respective divisions before being placed. The Classification Committee is the final authority in disqualifying entries not conforming to the schedule.
- Judging will be on Monday, March 5, 1984, starting at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Doors will be opened at 5:00 p.m. for general admission.
- No exhibit or award may be removed before 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 1984.
- All care will be taken to safeguard exhibits. All
 properties should be marked with name of exhibitor.
 NEITHER THE CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION NOR THE
 FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE WILL ASSUME LIABILITY FOR
 DAMAGE OR LOSS.
- Exhibitors will remove entries between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 11, 1984.

AWARDS

- Two SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS (blue ribbons) will be awarded (one in Horticulture and one in Design) to the exhibitor winning the largest number of awards. Awards to be calculated by the Awards Committee.
- Two CITRUS COUNTY FAIR AWARDS may be awarded. One TOP OF FAIR AWARD (purple rosette and \$5.00) to the to the most outstanding exhibit in the show and one BEST OF THE DIVISION AWARD (red, white and blue) to the exhibit judged to be the finest in the Horticulture Division.
- One AWARD OF MERIT (orange rosette with ribbons attached) may be given to a blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or higher in some sections of Horticulture.
- One ARBOREAL AWARD (green rosette) may be awarded to one of the exhibits in the three classes of the Arboreal Section of Horticulture.
- One CREATIVITY AWARD (purple rosette) may be awarded, if merited, to a design scoring 95 or higher in Classes I, II and III of Design.
- One TRICOLOR AWARD (blue, red and yellow rosette)
 may be awarded, if merited, to a design scoring
 95 or higher in Classes IV, V and VI of Design.

"THERE GOES THAT SONG AGAIN"



DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE

ADDITIONAL RULES:

- Plants must have been in the possesion of and grown by the exhibitor for at least three months prior to the show. Exceptions: Multiple plantings in Section Q must have been grown together for at least six weeks.
- In a given class, exhibitors may enter more than one variety but not more than one exhibit of the same variety.
- One plant of one variety to a container unless otherwise specified in this schedule.
- Plants should be show-worthy, well-groomed (clean-water only), free from disease and insect imperfections, and be in clean, uncovered pots or plain containers.
- Potted and hanging entries must be entered on Saturday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Cut specimens must be entered on Monday, March 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

"THERE GOES THAT SONG AGAIN"

HORTICULTURE SECTIONS

- SECTION A Bulbs, tubers, cromes and rhyzomes (cut specimens, single stem, with foliage only if attached to stem). Lurry dide la
 - CLASS 1. Hippeastrum (amaryllis)
 - Narcissus psuedo narcissus (daffodil)
 - 3. Other meritorious specimens
- SECTION B Annuals, Bi-annuals, perennials (three stems with foliage only if attached to stem)
 - CLASS 4. Petunia
 - Viola tricolor (pansy)
- There after Jime 6. Other meritorious specimens
- SECTION C Arboreal branches (20" maximum)
 - CLASS 7. Flowering tree, shrub
 - a. Cornus (dogwood)
 - b. Nerium (oleander)
 - c. Other meritorious specimens
 - CLASS 8. Broadleaf evergreens (20" maximum)
 - d. Ilex (holly)
 - e. Carissa Grandiflora (boxwood)
 - f. Magnolia
 - g. Other meritorious specimens
 - CLASS 9. Needled evergreens (20" maximum)
 - h. Pinus (pine)
 - i. Picea abies (spruce)
 - j. Juniperus communis (juniper)
 - k. Other meritorious specimens
 - CLASS 10. Fruited/berried branches (20" maximum)
 - 1. Ilex (holly)
 - m. Pyracantha
 - n. Other meritorious specimens
- SECTION D Bonsai (a miniature tree trained to a particular form. A traditional plant art form in Japan).
 - CLASS 11. Formal upright style
 - 12. Informal upright style
 - 13. Slanting style
 - 14. Cascade style
 - 15. Semicascade style

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(con't Horticulture sections)

SECTION E Potted plants in bloom (more than half " Oh what a Beautiful. of the blooms opened).

CLASS 16. Begonia

> 17. Geranium

18. Other meritorious specimens

"what goes yo Must Come Down" SECTION F Hanging Baskets

CLASS 19. Blooming (grown for the bloom)

> 20. Blooming (not grown for the bloom)

21. Non-blooming

SECTION G Potted Decorative Foliage Plants

"Shy In - Day Out" CLASS 22: Dracaena

23. Beaucarnea recurvata (pony tail)

Other meritorious specimens

SECTION H Potted Santpaulia ionantha (African violets) Single Crown "Cein't she share .

CLASS 25. Single flowered.

26. Double flowered

27. Miniature

28. Vining

SECTION I Potted Santpaulia ionantha (African violets) Double Crown Jea For Swo

CLASS 29. Single flowered

> 30. Double flowered

31. Miniature

32. Vining

SECTION J Succulents (potted, non-hanging, non-blooming)

CLASS 33. Aloe

Schlumbergera bridgesii (Christmas Cacti)

35. Kalanchoes

Other meritorious specimens

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(con't Horticulture sections) SECTION K Succulents (potted, hanging, blooming) Schlumbergera bridgesii (Christmas Cacti) Class 37. Once In alwhite. Kalanchoes 39. Other Meritorious SECTION L Aechmea (bromiliads) Class 40. Potted 41. Mounted 42. Other Meritorious SECTION M Orchidantha (orchids) Margean Class 43. Potted 44. Mounted 45. Cut specimen SECTION N Filices (ferns, potted) "Lany River Nepholepis (Boston) Class 46. 47. Ruhmora adiantoformis (Leather leaf) 48. Other Meritorious SECTION O Filices (ferns, hanging or mounted) Class 49. Nephrolepis (Boston) Platycerium (Staghorn) 50. 51. Other Meritorious SECTION P Palmae and Cycadales (palm and cycads) " Down Amoung The Phoenix dactylifera (Date) Shellaring Class 52. 53. Other Meritorious 54. 200 Wonderfor for Words SECTION Q Plant in Special Containers

Other Meritorious

Unique Planters (driftwood, shells, etc.)

Terrariums

Class 55.



"SOUND OF MUSIC"



DIVISION II - DESIGN

ADDITIONAL RULES:

- In every respect this show will comply with the objectives and requirements for a Standard Flower Show as established by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Incorporated.
- 2. Only one entry per exhibitor in each class.
- 3. There is a limit of four (4) entries in each class.
- Exhibits must be the work of one exhibitor. If unable to exhibit on date of show, the exhibitor must provide a substitute.
- 5. No artificial flowers, fruit or foliage may be used.
- Exhibitors will replace fresh material as needed.
- 7. Plant materials used will be listed on a 3 x 5 card.
- Entries will be placed on MONDAY, March 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Entries must be preregistered by SATURDAY, February 25, 1984 at 6:00 p.m.

"SOUND OF MUSIC"



DIVISION II - DESIGN

Eligible for CREATIVITY AWARD (see AWARDS)

In Classes I, II, and III any type of plant material is permitted. Some painting allowed except on fresh plant material. Staged on black pedestal 14" wide, 14" deep and 36" high. Design may extend beyond the pedestal. Background is a beige wall. Accessories permitted.

CLASS I	"The Music Goes Round and Round"	CLASSES I, II, III are expressive with the title
CLASS I	I "Fascinating Rhythm"	Conformance10 Design25
CLASS I	II "Fly Me To The Moon"	Color15 Distinction15 Creativity20
		Expression15

Eligible for TRICOLOR AWARD (see AWARDS)

In Classes IV, V, VI all exhibits must be made of all fresh plant material. Staged in light green niches 18" wide, 18" deep and 30" high. Placed on tables 30" deep and 29" high covered in natural burlap. Background and/or foreground material is permitted but may not extend beyond table edge. Accessories permitted.

CLASS	IV	"Green Eyes" All green. Fruit and vegetables may be used.	CLASSES IV, V, VI have no specified type of design They are expressive with the title.
CLASS	V	"My Favorite Things"	Design40
CLASS	VI	"Aloha" with oriental feeling	Color Harmony20 Distinction20 Expression20

(Con't. Division II - Design)

CLASSES VII and VIII are 8" maximum and are staged in black shadow boxes with light green interiors. Each box is 10" wide, 10" high and 6" deep. Accessories are permitted.

CLASS VII "Everything Is Beautiful"

All fresh plant material

CLASS VIII "Down By The Riverside"

Dry and/or treated plant ma-

terials using driftwood.

Some fresh plant material,
paint or dye may be used.

CLASS IX and X are 5" maximum and are staged in black shadow boxes with light green interiors. Each box is 8" wide, 8" high and 5" deep. Accessories are permitted.

CLASS IX "Younger Than Springtime"

All fresh plant material

CLASS X "Little Things Mean A Lot"
Any combination of plant

material is permitted.

CLASSES VII, VIII, IX and X are expressive with title.

"Music In The Air"

DIVISION III - EDUCATIONAL

Butterflies, Butterflies by Ann Johnston Insect Control With Oil Of Citrus by Ruth Haynes Asimina pygmaea (pink pawpaw)

Asimina tetramera (four-petal pawpaw)

Asplenium auritum (auricled spleenwort) (fern)

4. Belchnum occidental (sinkhole fern)

Campyloneurum angustifolium (narrow swamp fern)

Cassia keyeniis (Key cassis)

Catosbaea parviflora (dune lily-thorn)

Catopsis sp. (bromeliad)

Cereus gracilis (prickly apple cactus)

10. Careus robinii (tree cactus)

11. Chionanthus pygmaeus (fringe tree or grannygraybeard)

12. Clusia rosea (balsam apple)

13. Coccothrinax argentata (silver palm)

14. Cucurbita okeechobeensis (Okeechobee gourd)

15. Cupania glabra (cupania)

16. Cyrtopidium punctatum (couhornor cigar orchid)

17. Dennstaedtia bipinnata (cuplet fern)

18. Encyclia boothiana (Epidendrum boothianum) (dollar orchid)

19. Epigaea ripens (trailing arbutus)

20. Gualacum sanctum (lignum vitae)

21. Guzmania sp. (bromeliad)

22. Lonopsis utricularioides (delicate ionopsis orchid)

23. Magnolia ashei (Ashe magnolia)

24. Magnolia pyramidata (pyramidal magnolia)

25. Maxillaria crassifolia (orchid) 26. Ophioglossum palmatum (hand fern)

27. Parnassis grandifloria (grasswof-Parnassus)

28. Polyrrhiza lindenii (ghost orchid)

29. Rhododendron austrinum (orange azalea)

30. Rhododendron chapmanii (Chapman's rhododendron)

31. Ribas achinellum (Miccosukee gooseberry)

32. Roystonea elata (Florida royal palm)

33. Sarraconia loucophylla and Scarraconia rubra (pitcher plants)

34. Scaevola plumieri (scaevola)

35. Strumpfia maritima (pride-of-big-pine)

36. Suriana maritima (bay cedar)

37. Taxus floridana (Florida yeu)

38. Tillandsia fasciculata (wild pine broweliad 39. Torreya taxifalia (Florida torreya)

40. Tournefortia gnapholodes (sea lavender)

41. Trillium lancifolium (trillium)

42. Zephyranthes Simpsonii (zephyr lily)



TRI-COLOR WINNER, MARCIA BEASLEY
"GREEN EYES"



BLUE RIBBON WINNER, DOROTHY CLARK
"MY FAVORITE THINGS"



BLUE RIBBON WINNER, MARCIA BEASLEY "THE MUSIC GOES ROUND AND ROUND"



to attend the meeting.

Chairman for the meeting is Frances Moore with Juanita Cole and Jennie Moore assisting



MAY, 1984, WAS AN EXCITING MONTH FOR THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB MEMEBERS. IT WAS OUR HONOR AND PLEASURE TO HOST THE DISTRICT V MEETING OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS FOR THE SECOND TIME. MEETING WAS HELD AT THE COOPER STATION RESTAURANT IN INVERNESS. CHAIRMAN FOR THE AFFAIR WAS DOROTHY COLARUSSO, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF FLORAL GARDEN CLUB. GLORIA HORNING, DISTRICT DIRECTOR, PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. THE THEME "WILDFLOWERS" WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE LUNCHEON PROGRAMS. NAME TAGS AND TABLE DECORATIONS. PENNANTS WERE MADE FOR EACH CLUB ATTENDING, TO GUIDE THEM TO THEIR TABLES. A FLORAL GARDEN CLUB BANNER WAS HOISTED HIGH FOR ALL TO SEE. ALL OF THE ABOVE WERE DESIGNED AND CONTRIVED BY CLUB MEMBERS. ATTENDANCE WAS JUST UNDER 200, FLORAL GARDEN CLUB TOTAL 25, GAINESVILLE 22, DUNNELLON 21, OCALA 18, BEVERLY HILLS 12, AND SO ON. AN HONOR WAS BESTOWED UPON MARIE MORRIS, A PAST PRESIDENT OF GLORAL GARDEN CLUB, WITH THE PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE MARIE MORRIS HAS CONTRIBUTED FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP, BY GLORIA HORNING. SO MUCH OF HER TALENT AND TIME TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS OF THE CLUB. IT WAS AN HONOR WELL DESERVED.

Sunday, May 20, 1984. Citrus County (Fla.) Chronicle, Page 17A

Floral Garden Club hosts

Floral Garden Club of Floral City hosted the 5th District Spring Meeting of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Tuesday, May 8, at the Ft. Cooper Station Restaurant

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. A.L. Horning, district director, of Homosassa Mayor O.J. Humphries of Inverness opened the meeting with "In the Garden." The invocation was given by Mrs. Edward Bailey president of Rainbow Lake Garden Club.

Mrs. J.D. Crockett, president of Floral City Garden Club, welcomed the visitors and the response was given by Mrs. A.W. Gude, president of Dunnellon Garden Club.

Mrs. Hugh C. Simmons, state president of the FFGC, of

Gainesville, spoke on the program theme "Janus, take a peek." Mrs. A.F. Williams, 1st vice president of FFGC gave her ideas for retaining members. Mrs. Dursie Ekman. 2nd vice president FFGC spoke on awards, themes for the year and award booklets.

Mrs Kenton Haymans 3rd vice president FFGC spoke on the "Road-side" Senate Bill 817, that will ban installation of billboards and encourage use of alternate methods of advertising. She urged members to write to their senators and congressmen supporting these bills.

Twenty-two area garden clubs were represented at the meeting. Each president told of their club's accomplishments during the past year.

Mrs. Horning announced that the State Flower Show will be held in Jacksonville next year on April 13 and 14th

Special awards were presented to the following clubs: Beverly Hills. Crystal River. Dunnellon. Floral Garden Club. Four Seasons. Gainesville. High Springs. River Haven. Citrus. Inverness. Newberry. Pioneer. Silver Springs Shores and Rainbow Lakes Estates.

Mrs. Marie Morris of Floral City was honored for her many years of service to the Floral Garden Club and the Community with a Lifetime Membership by her club.

Dunnellon and Floral City tied for the attendance record.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Mrs. Ross E. Ankrom, (Virginia)

Mrs. Frances Burrows

Mrs. James D. Jones (Marie)

Mrs. Edward L. Clark (Dorothy)

Mrs. Kenneth R. Henning (Constance) Decorations

Mrs, Harry Johansen (Bernice)

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FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC. DISTRICT V SPRING MEETING

MAY 8, 1984

THE FLORAL GARDEN CLUB

FLORAL CITY, FLORIDA

9:00 Registration & Hospitality Call to Order: Mrs A L. Horning, 9:30 District Director Honorable, O. J. Humphries, Mayor Inverness, Florida Invocation: Mrs. Edward Bailey, Pres. Rainbow Lakes Garden Club Pledge to Flag: Mrs. Gustave Harrer, President, Gainesville Garden Club Welcome: Mrs. J. D. Crockett, Pres. Floral Garden Club Response: Mrs. A. W. Gude, President, Dunnellon Garden Club 9:45 PROGRAM: JANUS, TAKE A PEEK Mrs. Hugh C. Simmons, President, FFGC Mrs. Augustus F.Williams, Ist Vice President, FFGC Mrs. Dursie Ekman, 2nd Vice President, FFGC Mrs. Kenton H. Haymans, 3rd Vice President, FFGC 10:45 State Chairmen Reports District Chairmen Reports Club Presidents Reports and Recognition of Clubs

Short recess before lunch

12:00 Lunch Blessing: Mrs. John C.
Assistant District Director a
President, Pioneer Garden Clu
1:15 Business
Election of Nominating Commit
for District V
Presentation of Awards & Cert

Invitations to host District
Announcements

Table and Door Prizes Courtesy Resolution:

Mrs. Charles Haven, President Cedar Key Garden Club

2:00 Adjourn and Benediction

" I Too May Be More"

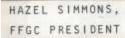
Butterflies bear witness to the power of fragile things; on wings like morning-glory petals they flutter over oceans and mountain ranges. Butterflies are flowers that dared to fly. Like rainbows, they say God to me; what made them must be something that ma things just to make them beautiful. Would you even believe in them if all you knew was caterpillars? When I see butterflies they lift me on their tissue-paper wings! I too may be more than my crawl discloses.

By James Dillet Freeman

Over plea



GLORIA HORNING, DISTRICT V DIRECTOR







BETTY WILLIAMS, FFGC 1ST VICE PRES.











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Mrs. Dorothy Colorusso Rt. 1, Box 5205 S. Florence Terrace Floral City, Fl. 32636

Dear Dorothy,

It's been over three weeks since we were in Floral City, but I still remember with pleasure the wonderful meeting! Since that time I've visited six other districts and gone to Albuquerque, New Mexico to the National Council Convention—thus the delay in writing you.

I appreciate so very much every thing which was done for the meeting—the beautiful dinner party, the fellowship, and the arrangements made for the meeting. The hall looked so pretty with all the decorations, and I thought the pennants were just great! That's the first time that has been done, and I thought they added excitement to the meeting.

Thank you Dorothy, for helping to make the District V meeting a happy occasion.

Most sincerely,

Hazel Simmons

Plant Seed - Discover Life

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Charlotte Sustek

Floral Garden Club to gather at picnic

The last meeting of the season for the Floral Garden Club will be a picnic on Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Floral Park.

Food will be furnished by mem-

bers, "Laird through White,"
Marcia Beasley has chosen
herbs as her topic for the 1:30 p.m. business meeting.
Chairman is Bernice Johansen

with Melba Parton, Toni Myers, Belva Biaylock and Marian Fletcher assisting.

Members are asked to bring their own table service, a card table and chair.

There also will be a work party at \$:30 a.m. at the park the same

Citrus People

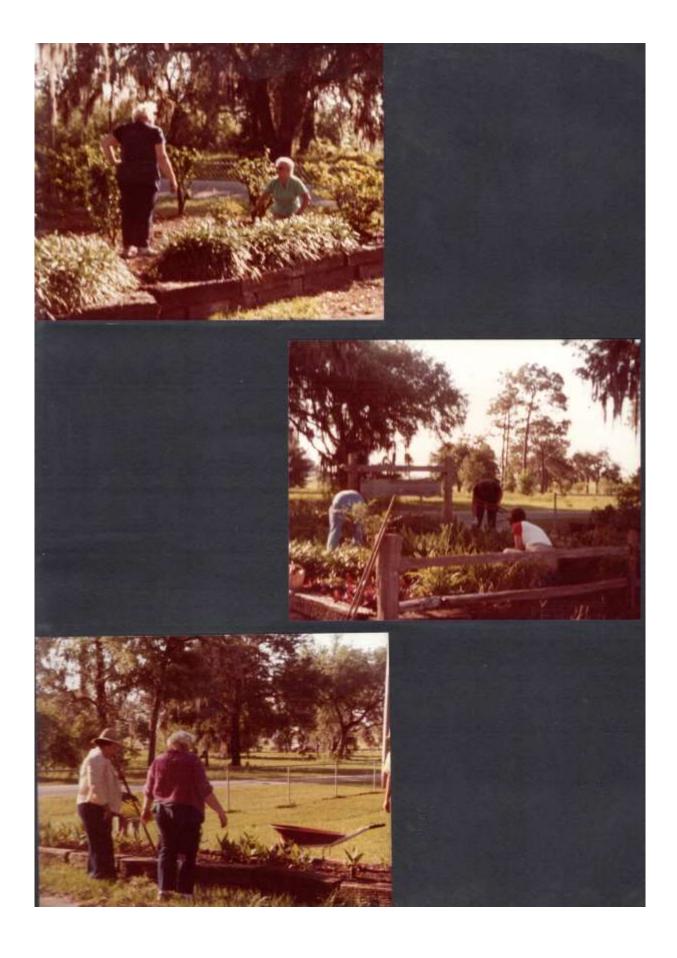




MAY 11, 1984 MEETING CONSISTED OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL WEEDING, TRIMMING AND CLEAN UP OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE FLORAL CITY PARK, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A PICNIC. A DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM WAS PRESENTED BY MARCIA BEASLEY ON "HERBS", WHICH INCLUDED COLORFUL POSTERS, SAYINGS AND MANY USEFUL ITEMS FOR THE HERB USER.











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Garden Club takes a special field trip

City went on a field trip to McKethan Park at their last meeting recently They were taken on a 1.5 mile conducted tour of the Nature Trail by one of the Foresters who imparted much information about the forest.

After a box lunch, homemade cookies and cool drinks were provided by the committee. Virginia Ankrom, chairman with Dorothy Sherman and Frieda Pontsler assisting

Margo Crockett, president, presided at the business meeting Jean Titus gave an appropriate devotion for the setting, Linda Morgan, Girl Scout Leader from the Floral City School was introduced and spoke briefly asking the Club's support for the Girl Scouts.

Marie Morris fielded the horticulture questions. She said that any

The Floral Garden Club of Floral trees or large shrubs that are to be moved this winter should be "rootpruned" from one to three months beforehand. The plant drawing was won by Lillian Boettcher

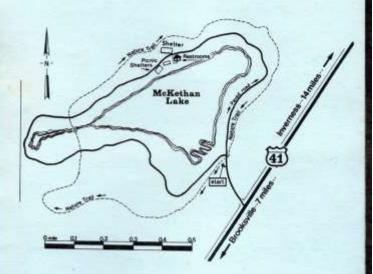
The next meeting on Friday, Nov. 9 will begin with a workshop on Thanksgiving and Christmas designs at 9:30 at the Floral City Community Building.

McKethan Lake **Nature Trail**

Withlacoochee State Forest







Smokey says:

"Take only pictures leave only footprints"

McKethan Lake Nature Trail

The plant life which is found along this two mile trail is typical of a bottomland, hardwood hammock and Longleaf Pine-Turkey Oak timber type. The area consists of many species of trees, shrubs, vines, grasses and wildlife. An unusual feature of the trail is the presence of four species of southern pine: Longleaf, Slash, Loblolly and Sand.

Also present are many wildlife species. The more common mammals one may observe are white-tailed deer, raccoon, cottontail rabbit, grey squirrel and armadillo. A complete list of bird species is impossible to name, so we suggest you start one of your own as you stroll down the trail. For your convenience, 24 points of interest on the trail have been identified.

The trail is divided into two sections, and the approximate time it takes to complete the trail is one hour. Please do not destroy or remove any of the vegetation. Your assistance in keeping the trail free from litter will be appreciated.

Station 1

This small tree is a wild orange. A close examination of the tree will reveal the spines which are characteristic of this species. The fruit is the traditional orange with a thick skin and a bitter taste. The fruit is sometimes used to make preserves.

Station 2

This tree is commonly called Bluebeech or American Hornbeam, identified by the muscular appearance of the trunk. This species is generally considered to be a weed tree because it seldom attains a height over 30 feet. The wood is extremely tough and for that reason is used for tool handles.

Station 3

This area is representative of a bottomland hardwood stand. This stand of timber represents the end result of many years of vegetative progression, from open field to grasses, shrubs, pines and hardwoods. If left unbothered by man or natural disasters (fire, insects or wind damage), this stand will remain unchanged.

The parallel rows of holes encircling this Sweetgum were caused by the work of the Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, a migratory bird that resides in Florida during the winter months. The bird feeds on the living wood and the sap in the tree. Insects attracted by the sap are also eaten.

Station 5

No southern hardwood forest would be complete without the Southern Magnolia. It is easily identified by its large, shiny leaves which remain on the tree year-round. The wood is used for veneer and cabinet work. It is more widely known for its beautiful, white flowers which bloom in the spring.

Station 6

Here you have walked into a different forest type. Can you notice any change in vegetation since the last station? You have walked from a bottomland hardwood area up a ridge and are now in an upland hardwood location. What tree at this station is indicative of this change?

Station 7

The Resurrection Fern growing on these oaks can be found on many Florida Hardwoods. It derives its name from the unique way it acts under varying weather conditions. If moisture is available, the fern turns a lustrous green. However, under conditions of drought, it completely reverses to a drab brown. Let the rain fall again and it almost magically changes back.

Station 8

The tree indicated at this station is a Sweetgum, highly prized as an ornamental shade tree. It exhibits rapid growth, thick shade, and spectacular autumn coloration. In addition, note the presence of Palmetto.

Station 9

This is a Flowering Dogwood easily identified by its alligator skinned bark and its small, rather bushy appearance. The Dogwood is prized as an ornamental because of its fall coloration and white blossoms in the spring. The bright red Dogwood berries are also an excellent source of food for wildlife.

American Beautyberry is a shrub that grows well on a variety of forest sites. The real trademark of the plant is the purple colored berries which mature from August to September. The berries are readily eaten by quail, deer and other wildlife.

Station 11

This irregular shaped shrub or small tree is a Gum Bumelia or False Buckthorn. This tree can be easily recognized by thorns on the branches and the dull rusty-brown color of the underside of the older leaves.

Station 12

The Devils-Walkingstick is a shrub or small tree whose stem or trunk is covered with prickly spines. Hugh compound leaves give the appearance of an umbrella-like crown. This species occurs in hammocks, moist thickets along streams and on low ground in hardwood forests. Follow the trail across the bridge and into the woods on the other side to continue your walk.

Station 13

This large tree is a Mockernut Hickory. It grows on high ground and is identified by its tight bark, branches of five to seven leaflets, and typical thick husk nut. The wood, because of its hard nature, is used for handle stocks and is an excellent fuel for smoking meats.

Station 14

This fallen decaying tree completes the natural life cycle in the forest. This tree died of old age and was invaded by a host of fungus and insects. These agents aid in rotting the wood, returning minerals and nutrients back into the soil for future generations of trees.

Station 15

This is a cluster of Tree Sparkleberry characterized by its bushy appearance and small leathery oval leaves. Tree Sparkleberry is an understory plant found on moist soils. The bark is suitable for tanning leather and the plant is an excellent source of food for wildlife.

You have just walked from a natural forest cover to a planted Loblolly plantation. These trees were planted in 1960 as a means of producing both pulp and sawtimber size trees. This plantation was established for experimental purposes.

Station 17

This is another example of agricultural land usage. This privately owned land has been cleared and is now used as an improved pasture. Now you have seen three types of land usage: the natural forest, a planted pine plantation and an improved pasture.

Station 18

If you look carefully you can see that many of these Laurel Oaks serve as den trees for grey squirrels. The Division of Forestry's timber management program requires that such trees be left standing for wildlife food and shelter.

Station 19

This is an example of a trunk rot caused by bacterial disease. This disease, affecting oaks primarily, probably causes the greatest monetary loss to the hardwood lumber industry. Spores are carried by wind, infecting trees that have been damaged by fire, wind breakage or any other natural or man-made causes. The spores land on exposed wood, germinate and begin to decay the tree.

Station 20

This Longleaf Pine stand is an example of man's interference with nature. The ground under these pines is being invaded with hardwoods. Left undisturbed, this stand will eventually be inhabited with hardwoods because fire is a necessity for the regeneration of pine. In a natural environment, a wildfire would have swept through and killed the hardwoods and allowed the pines to regenerate themselves but man has kept wildfire out of this area.

Station 21

This sand pine joins the longleaf in growing well on this sandy soil. Note that the two needles in each sheath are shorter than the slash or longleaf. The small cones can persist on the tree for up to four years. When conditions are right, the cones open and the small winged seeds are widely dispersed by the wind.

The small spon ground are known suited to growth o. are very fragile so ple ke clumps of vegetation on the indeer Moss. This lichen is well v. sandy soils of this area. They not disturb.

Station 23

The green or blue-green plants on this log are lichens. Their unique feature is that they are composed of two distinct plants, fungus and algae. The algae produces the food materials and the fungus renders protection for the two. Lichens can be found on the bark of living or dead trees as well as barren rocks. Lichens have no detrimental effect on living trees. Do not confuse the lichens with the mosses which are green and grow in close conjunction with lichens.

Station 24

This Live Oak was chosen as a point of interest because of its skeleton-like appearance. This very old Live Oak is typical with its widespreading limbs, forming a broad, round-topped crown.



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Bulletin Board

THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, Thursday, November 8, 1984

Garden Club

The Floral City Garden Club will meet Friday at the community building. The club will have a workshop on Thanksgiving and Christmas designs at 9.30 a.m. and a board meeting at noon. A social hour will begin at 1 p.m. and be followed by the regular business meeting at 1.30.

Doris Sawyer will talk on the "Origin of Flowers." Members also will critique three arrangements.

Chairman for the meeting will be Marion Fletcher, with Margaret Macleod and Dorothy Sherman assisting. Anyone wishing to join the club is invited to attend.

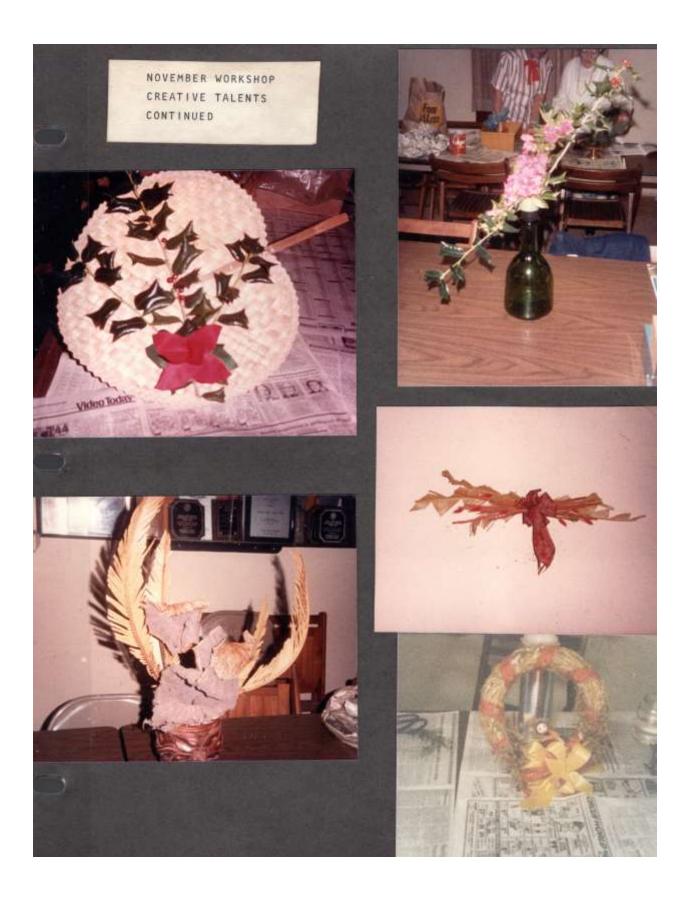


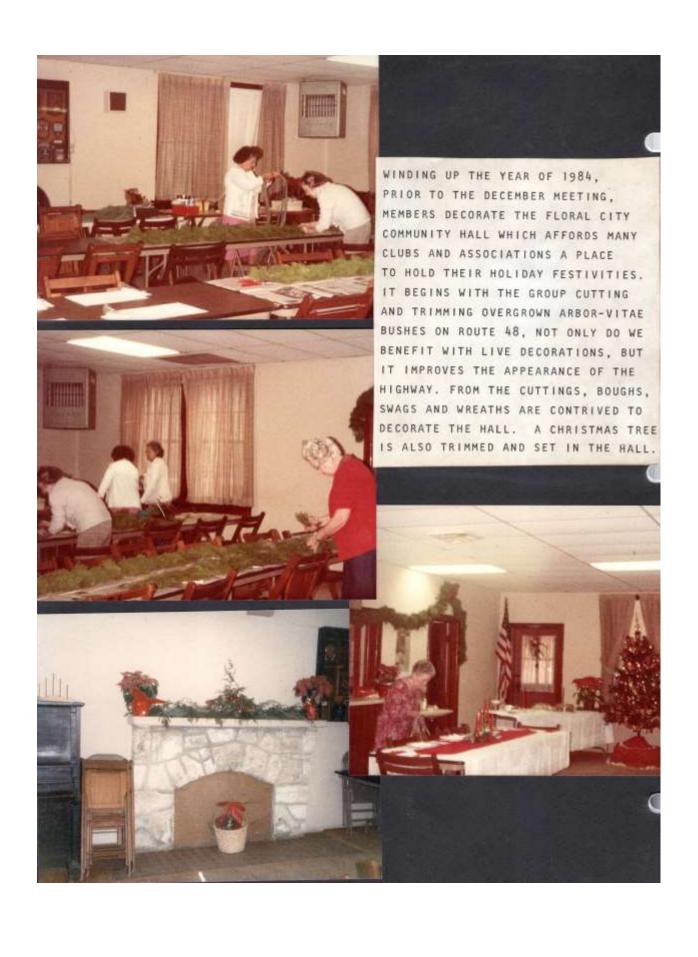
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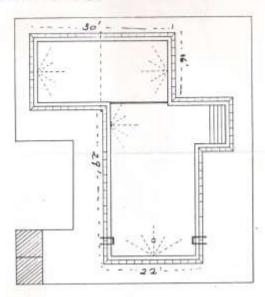






May 9, 1984

Dear Friends of Kids and Camp,



At last, the construction of our pool at Wekiva Youth Camp has begun. Between the completion of the engineering drawings and the first dig seemed like forever. As of today, the concrete HAS BEEN poured and backfill is commencing.

As you well know, there are a million jobs still left to do before we can say...go swim! Besides the pool and deck, the plumbing and electrical work...between the pouring of the deck and the building of the bath house...after inspections and approvals, there is still a fence to build, a gate to lock and who knows what else.

Our schedule from the various contractors leds us to believe that we will have the pool open at the beginning of camp...unless, of course, the proverbial creek rises.

All of this is happening because you and yours care about kids and camp. You have always been there for us when Wekiva had a need. Garden Club members can do ANYTHING. We have in the past... and we are now.

Very special thanks from us and from the kids who learn so much at Wekiya.

Singerely,

Jean Bates Villareal Wekiva Building Chairman DONATED BY FLORAL GARDEN CLUB AS MEMORIALS AND DONATED THROUGH FLORAL GARDEN CLUB BY INDIVIDUALS

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS WORLD GARDENING PROGRAM WITH CARE JUNE 1983 - APRIL 1984

During the past year, the National Council of State Garden Clubs, under the leadership of Mrs. Lyle Johnsrud, President, and Mrs. Alf Walle, Jr., World Gardening Chairman, has continued a tradition of helping people in need develop the capability of improving their lives. The World Gardening Program with CARE has sponsored projects on three continents. While techniques varied, the objective was the same: to make more food available in Third World countries.

Niger and Haiti are on different continents, but they share a serious problem. Both are agricultural countries, both are handicapped by soil erosion. Niger, land-locked in central West Africa, is populated by nomadic tribes and farmers. Land use is intense in the Maggia Valley where the population density is 52 persons per third of a square mile, very high considering the demands of agricultural production, grazing, and the need for feel wood. This concentrated pressure on natural resources, accompanied by intermittant drought, has caused environmental deterioration to the point where only a few scattered trees are left to protect the land. As a result, crop productivity has declined seriously.

Joining with the Waters and Forest Service of Niger, CARE is providing a solution to the problem by helping local people to plant millet stalks as windbreaks in sand dunes and then plant tree seedlings over a yard apart in double rows. The World Gardening Program with CARE provided seedlings and some of the materials necessary to establish village woodlots. The projects area covers about 14,820 acres of land that can now be cultivated for food production.

Haiti means "green island" in the local language, but by 1975 Haitian mountains were almost completely bare and the country as a whole was only about 9 percent wooded. Soil erosion is now considered a chief cause of poverty as local people have been crowded on to mountain slopes where food production is a difficult proposition at best. The land is unproductive due to deforestation caused by drought and the continuing search for firewood.

The World Gardening Program with CARE is designed to help 2,000 Haitian families plant trees among their crops in order to protect the land. This agroforestry technique yields forest and food products which rural families need desperately. Last year, half a million seedlings were grown and distributed to villagers who planted them under the supervision of project monitors trained by CARE's agronomists and foresters.

People in Bangladesh face a different problem. The land was not being used productively. During the past year, members of Garden Clubs have helped subsistence farmers and sharecroppers increase local food availability as well as supplement their meager income. Rice is the traditional crop, but there are months when it is not under cultivation. Working through CARE's Kashimpur Agricultural Development program, Garden Clubs are providing 518 farmers with seeds, sprayers and fertilizers to cultivate plots that are sometimes only quarter of an acre in size. They are learning to make full use of the land by planting vegetables, potatoes and cassava when rice is not being grown.

For many years, Costa Rica make remarkable economic and social progress, especially between 1950 and 1977. In 1978, a steep decline in the price of coffee, the chief Costa Rican export, led to a severe reversal of the gains that had been made. When oil prices doubled, inflationary pressures brought about unemployment, lower living standards and a marked increase in malnutrition. By 1982, it was estimated that 58 percent of the population had barely enough money for basic foods and very little for clothes and housing; Costa Rica became a food importer despite its agricultural potential.

CARE addressed the problem by encouraging farmers to grow soy beans. CARE's agronomists assist farmers in every aspect of cultivating and marketing their crops. World Gardeners are providing seeds and fertilizers for this project which produced over 1,800 tons of soy foods last year. Distribution of soy-based food was made to mothers and preschool children in danger of mainutrition and to government shops which serve the poorest segment of the population.

Many rural Guatemalans are descended from Mayans, whose highly developed civilization disappeared in the I500's. Scholars suggest that primitive agricultural methods such as cutting and burning large areas of forest to clear the land were responsible for reduced soil productivity and acute food shortages. Whatever the reason for the disappearance of the Mayans, their descendants still clear the land in the same way. At least half the forests in Guatemala have been cut down in the past 25 years.

CARE, cooperating with the National Forestry Institute of Guatemala, is promoting soil and conservation methods which lead to increased food production. Under the direction of Forest Institute agents and Peace Corps Volunteers, farmers and local community leaders are learning to establish tree nurseries and replant seedlings such as white and red pine, fir, alder, and eucalyptus. Apples, peach, citrus, and other fruit trees have been introduced, adding nutritional and incomegenerating components to the program.

In the past year, approximately 25 acres of hilly land have been terraced for food production, 712 acres of contour ditches have been dug to establish rain filtration systems, 4,847 cubic yards of compost bins have been built and 2.4 million tree seedlings were grown in 60 project nurseries. About 980 demonstrations were given to highlight the importance of land management. Garden Clubs provided seeds and gardening equipment for distribution to the farmers.

The World Gardening Program with CARE has provided seeds and agricultural tools to elementary schools in the Philippines, helped Peruvian families grow cabbages, cauliflowers, carrots, onions, lettuce and celery; provided some of the materials needed to build a water system in Jambe, Indonesia, and supplied seeds and tools for school gardening projects in Chile. Egyptians who fish in High Dam Lake are cultivating fruit and vegetables for the first time to improve their nutritional status, thanks to Carden Club assistance, and Belizean school children received some of their gardening supplies through the generosity of Garden Club members.

Once again, members of the National Council of State Garden Clubs can be pleased with the progress being made through their World Gardening Program with CARE. Having identified serious worldwide problems, members have taken action to provide solutions. CARE is deeply grateful to be the organization selected to implement this important humanitarian effort.

CADE - Relize

Lush, fertile farmland lies unused and fallow in many areas of Belize, part of an unproductive cycle of slash burn farming. Yet, this small Central American country suffers serious food shortages and rising unemployment.

As in other developing nations, the reasons for not making optimum use of land and other resources in Belize are complex. Several years ago, educators and government planners realized that the school system was partly to blame because it fostered a negative attitude toward farming. As a former British colony, Belize inherited an academic system in which children study a curriculum totally removed from their rural environment. With no opportunity to learn agricultural skills, farming offers a bleak future. Many young people drop out of school and leave their rural homes hoping to find jobs in the city. But unskilled, most of them join the growing ranks of the urban unemployed.

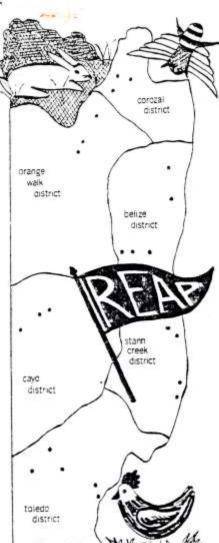
In 1976, CARE and the Belizean Ministry of Education, with help from the Ministries of Natural Resources and Social Services, U.S. Peace Corps and Heifer Project International, designed an experimental program called REAP (Rural Education and Agriculture Project) to stimulate agricultural awareness in rural primary schools.

The REAP curriculum integrates agricultural skills, like vegetable gardening, marketing and animal husbandry, with traditional subjects. Trooping out to their school gardens, students use mathematical skills to plant seeds. Back in the classroom they calculate percentages based on germination rates and record production statistics and marketing results. They write poems and compositions about their experiences which appear in newsletters exchanged with other schools.

Children in REAP schools learn every phase of food production from clearing undergrowth to harvesting crops, skills that will be useful to them as adults. Mrs. Ethel Santos, mother of one REAP student, commented: "My boy has benefited a lot, because even

after he left school, he went to train at the 4H center and he raises his own chickens and vegetables, making his own money. REAP started him on this career and stirred his interest."

REAP students also do well in regular academic subjects. Miss Ninette Galvez, Principal of the Blackman Eddy REAP School, reported: "It has been observed for the past three years that scores obtained in the Primary School Leaving Examinations have been higher in REAP schools than in non-REAP schools. REAP, therefore, helps and adds to the learning experiences of the children. It does not overlook other subject areas. In fact, it emphasizes them, making them more relevant to the children."



This mad of Belize, showing the location of REAP schools, appears on the dover of the REAP newsjetter.

The potential of every nation is in its children. Whether the future will be one of growth or stagnation is largely determined by what they learn (or do not learn) from their parents, teachers and the world around them. REAP has become a major force in reshaping the nation's educational system. First tested at eight schools, REAP prove so successful that it will be extended to 100 of the 150 rural primary schools in Belize by 1985. Dr. Romeo Massey, CARE Curriculum Consultant for REAP, best sums up the project's possibilities: "If the same spirit of hard work, cooperation and sacrifice for the general good continues to pervade the program, there is every reason to believe that REAP can continue to progress and add a bright new dimension to the education and lives of rural primary school students in Belize."

_The REAP Newsletter __

The REAP newsletter is an important part of the REAP program. Both students and teachers can share their experiences, participating actively in the program's development. Here are some excerpts from past issues:

Yesterday all the Std. VI children went to the garden. This was an important and expected day because we were going to plant our first in the garden. All the nursery beds were ready.

First we broke the soil so that it gets soft. Then we refine it with the trowels, rakes and hand tools. Next we put some wet grass in the bed. The grass was getting rotten. We mixed it so that the organic matter provides nitrogen.

After this, we put some fertilizer. We put 20 grams of fertilizer for one sq. meter. The beds were 3 yds. long. So we used about 60 grams. The method that we applied was called "Broadcast." We spread it evenly. Then we used a rake to bury the fertilizer so that the plant eats it.

Next we made seven rows to plant only onions. We used two handspans and one finger wide to remove the distance apart. Then we plant the onion seeds. We spread it evenly in the rows. We covered it with fine soil. Then we but some water on it.

Lastly, we found some dry grass and out it on the beds to help the water so that it stays down. Finally, we washed the tools.

3y: Carlos, Student San Marcisco School

Green Tomato Relish

- Select green tomatoes.
- 2. Wash them.
- Cut green tomatoes into small pieces.
- 4. Measure tomatoes.
- 5. Add 12 cup sugar to each cup of tomato.
- Add 3 tblsps. vinegar for each cup.
- Add is teas, salt for each cup.
- 8. Some peppers at choice.
- One onion (large, cut into squares).
- By: Elizabeth Coleman, Student Little Flower School

I AM KING OF ALL FRUITS - KING OTTO AVOCADO.



I like to give you all the vitamins I can so eating me plain with a sprinkle of salt and a squeeze of lemon juice is just royal!

Rural Education and Agriculture Project CARE - Belize

Belize, formerly the colony of British Honduras, is a small Central American country located on the Caribbean Sea between Mexico and Guatemala. As a colony, it was valued as a rich source of mahogany, rosewood, pine and ironwood. Over the years, forests have been badly over-exploited which, coupled with natural disasters such as hurricanes, has endangered many species of trees. The great agricultural potential of the land was virtually ignored. Farming was even discouraged as it competed with the lumber industry's interest in local labor forces. As a result, Belize is seriously handicapped by rising unemployment and food deficits, forcing the government to import a great deal of food which it can ill-afford.

Until recently, the school system in Belize contributed to a traditionally negative attitude toward agriculture. The country inherited an academic system of education emphasizing subjects geared to examination which should, in theory, lead diligent students to university careers. In practice, it produced a situation where rural primary school students studied a curriculum totally removed from their environment and frequently led to a dead-end.

Although eighty-nine percent of the population is literate, half of all primary school students do not pass final examinations. Only forty percent of those who graduate go on to junior high and high schools. With only limited opportunities to learn modern techniques, farming offers a bleak future. Many young people drop out and leave their homes in the hope of finding better jobs in urban areas. Unskilled, they join large numbers of unemployed between the ages of fifteen and thirty.

CARE has been working in Belize since 1962, helping the government establish programs designed to produce adequate food supplies and, at the same time, provide employment opportunities.

During the past few years, CARE and the Ministry of Education, as part of a Rural Education and Agriculture Program (REAP), developed a curriculum geared to the interests and needs of rural communities. At REAP schools, academic subjects are integrated with health care and agricultural skills such as marketing, vegetable gardening, planting and animal husbandry. For example, students use mathematical skills to calculate seed and germination rates and record production statistics and marketing results. To provide authentic conditions for technical training, the schools are situated on farms where students learn every phase of food production from field preparation to harvesting crops. As these new skills and awareness extend beyond the students to their families, the program should improve the quality of life in rural areas and eventually eliminate the need to import food.

An evaluation of REAP's pilot phase, prepared by Dr. Romeo M. Massey, the CARE/Belize Curriculum Consultant, concluded: "The Government of Belize and the participating international organization undertook an ambitious task when they launched REAP. Their goal was to revolutionize rural primary education in the country, no small task by anyone's standards. Many of the techniques which were utilized had never been used in Belize before, while others were invented as the need developed. Most of the project's objectives were reached or surpassed.

Although still in its infancy, REAP appears to be in robust health and have a bright future for growth and achievement."

Questionnaires sent to participating teachers, students and parents support the finding. Responding to the question "Have you (has your child; has your student) benefited from the new agricultural program at the school called REAP?" Francis Harrera, teacher at the Bermudian Landing School said: "My students have benefited greatly from the REAP program. Not only have they achieved much in agriculture, but in all other school subjects. They have acquired skills which enable them to be more physically and mentally prepared." Mrs. Ethel Santos, parent of one REAP student commented, "My boy has benefited a lot, because even after he left school, he went to train at the 4H center and he raises his own chickens and vegetables, making his own money. REAP started him on this career and stirred his interest."

Eleven-year old Edelma Marin of San Narciso's Roman Catholic School, described the program. "We have our own garden at San Narciso School. All the children in school are interested in gardening because we produce our own vegetables...carrots are very very good for the eyes. All the other vegetables are good for our health....if all schools produce vegetables, then we would have healthy children. We hear today that our country's greatest resource is our children...let us have healthy children for a better Belize. This can be done through REAP."

Initially, the program was tested at eight schools in the Belize, Stann Creek and Toledo Districts and enjoyed tremendous success. This year, REAP will be expanded from the current 23 to 65 rural primary schools in all six districts.

In July 1982 REAP entered a "National Phase." During this period, District Councils are being formed to help community groups become more involved in the program. The Belize Teachers' College is incorporating REAP philosophy and teaching methods into its curriculum so that more suitably-trained teachers will be available. CARE continues to supply many schools with seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and tools, and help build storage units for produce, but the program administration will be transferred gradually to the Ministry of Education. By 1985, REAP will extend to 100 of the nation's 150 rural primary schools.

REAP will benefit more than those people directly involved in the program. Wider use of modern farming techniques will help tap the nation's great agricultural potential, eventually eliminating the need to import food. These new skills and awareness are expected to extend beyond students to the daily lives of their parents, generally improving the quality of life in rural communities.

Through REAP, CARE has made the future challenging for teachers and students alike as they establish an educational format on which so much depends. The program's possibilities for the future are best summed up by the last paragraph of Dr. Massey's report. "If the same spirit of hard work, cooperation, and sacrifice for the general good continues to pervade the program, there is every reason to believe that REAP can continue to progress and add a bright new dimension to the education and lives of rural primary school children in Belize."