

Minutes of the Floral City Garden Club  
September 21, 2001

10/1/01

The meeting was called to order at 1:00p.m. by our President, Cathi Ayers. We observed 10 seconds of silence in honor of the victims of the WTC, Pentagon and Pennsylvania terrorists attacks 9-11-01.

The devotional prayer was given by Mary Lu Sloop, followed by the Pledge to the Flag and Collect.

Guests and new members, including those who joined near the end of last club year were introduced by an assigned "Big Sister." New members <sup>introduced</sup> are: Nancy Camara, Astrid Dunn, Shirley Granneman, Kathy Leech, Nancy Mirgon, Barbara Sharpe  
Guests were : Carole Delisli , Michael Harnden and Phyllis Peters.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report (5/11/01 - 8/31/01) given by Kathy Hoffmann.  
(see attached)

Cathi read a beautiful thank you letter from Marcia Beasley, expressing her appreciation for the Life Membership she received from club.

Board report.

**Review budget:**

Cathi called attention to several expense items being recommended by the Board for the 2001 – 2002 year budget. These included:

**Roadside clean-up:** Purchase of 5 pick sticks.

**State meetings:** Estimated amount to send President and 1st V. President to State meeting in April.

**Scholarship:** Board has voted to establish scholarship to be awarded to a Citrus County High School senior who plans to major in horticulture, agriculture, botany or environmental studies in line with FCGC goals.

**Bus trip:** for April field trip. Amount is to cover deficit after members cost of \$10 for bus rental.

After brief discussion, the membership approved the budget.

A motion was made and seconded to award a \$500.00 scholarship to John Andrew Korycki.

The Board recommended a donation of \$50.00 to Bryan Smith, who is working on his Eagle Scout project in Holder, that will cost \$1610.00, to build a 33 foot bridge, bat houses, bird and butterfly garden and benches on a half mile nature trail. A plaque will acknowledge donated gift. Approved.

Announcement of change to "raffle" procedure. In the past, we have contacted members to donate items for raffle. Items will now be purchased from "Ways & Means" for raffle. We still encourage any member who wishes to donate additional items.

District Five meeting will be in Gainesville, Monday, October 8th. We will carpool, meeting and leaving for Community Bldg @0730 a.m. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Dorothy Clark described the raffle items prior to a 10 minute break.

Cathi gave brief explanation of how FCGC relates to other levels of Garden Clubs, i.e. FFGC and National.

**Committee Overview:**

For the benefit of new members and to up-date all members, Committee chairmen gave descriptions of each committee, their activities and projects.

**Awards:** Cathi told about the many awards out there that we might look into to see if FCGC qualifies to enter for award/money. We will need to research and document our projects for submission. We plan to enter our "yearbook" for consideration.

**Birds & Butterfly Garden:** Cathy Foley advised that enlargement of current garden is planned, and a sign-up sheet was being passed around for members to help out with the project (watering, feeding the birds, etc). Help is really needed. Cathy explained where the garden is located. Asked for "native" flower donations.

**Civic & Community:** Terry Newberry advised we will be working on Christmas decorations to put up the Monday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 26) for Heritage Days.

**Horticulture:** Dorothy Clark gave some seasonal horticulture information

**Internet:** JoAnn Quackenbush reported on the current status of the webpage.

**Junior Gardeners:** Cathi Ayers described the Jr. Gardener program and passed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist with programs.

**Landscape Design:** In Barbara Milliken's absence, Cathi Ayers advised that yard of the year nominations will be accepted at the October meeting.

**Publicity and Legislation and Historic Preservation:** Marcia Beasley explained purpose of committee is to support preservation &/or reconstruction of "historic" landscapes and sites. Also the construction of traditional designs that would decorate historic homes, buildings or sites, using natural plant materials. We would also support the individual and community endeavors to preserve historic structures and sites. We in Floral City are very fortunate to have an opportunity every year to support the "Blue Banner Tour of Historic Homes" at the Floral City Heritage Days. In the past our club has shown support by supplying costumed hosts at the historic homes, and in doing this the club is recognizing the importance of historic preservation. This assists in educating the public in the value of historic preservation. We do play quite a role in demonstrating this to the County as well as the whole district.

The club has also done the decorations for the Community Bldg. and Gazebo.

**Library:** In Lynn Bassett's absence, Cathi Ayers reported that a bibliography would be provided to members of available library books.

**Memorial Garden/Arbor Day:** Marie Jones requested help for cleaning up and re-planting the garden and a sign-up sheet for a future workday was circulated.

**Ways & Means:** Jeannie Tripp described the Ways and Means fundraiser table.

**Roadside:** In Pam Bellman's absence, an announcement was made and sign-up sheet circulated for Roadside clean-up on Thursday, September 27.

**Wildflowers:** Joan Knippen provided each member with a catalog and described the rewarding results of planting a wildflower garden.

**World Gardening:** Cathi reported that we do not currently have a chairman for this committee.

**Yearbook & Programs:** Sheila O'Dell referred members to their new yearbooks for information on location and programs of future meetings.

A big hand was given for the super job done on the yearbook.

Meeting adjourned @3:00p.m.

Mary Lu Sloop - Recording Sec.

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FCGC meeting – 10/12/01

Meeting called to order by Cathi Ayers/President, at 1:05 p.m, at the lovely home of Eunice and Wayne Duma.

Devotional/prayer given by Laura Hennings, followed by Pledge to American Flag and club Collect.

(no guests)

Minutes read and approved.

Kathy Hofmann gave Financial report, (attached), approved.

Cathi advised that the Board has no recommendations/action items to report as there has been no Board Meeting since last meeting. The Officers and the Committee Chairpersons that had requested, gave the following reports:

**District V Meeting** - Cathi advised that she, Jo Ann, Marcia B. and Patti Barber attended the District V Fall Meeting in Gainesville, 10/8, along with 110 other Garden Club members, Federation Delegates and Representatives. Cathi received a current, newly updated "Book of Information", as well as numerous other informative papers that she is sorting through. One item of interest is that the Gainesville Garden Club is having a "Standard Holiday Flower Show" on October 26-27. Anyone interested in attending should contact her, so that plans to car-pool...etc can be set up.

We have been asked to record the trees planted by our Club and/or Club members, including trees planted in individuals own back yards. Marie Jones will have the necessary form to be filled out and submitted to FFGC in March, 2002. Please advise Marie of any trees that you've planted since March, 2001.

**Memorial Tree Campaign** – We discussed and approved a plan to form a committee to develop a plan to present to the Board and Club membership, to preserve our Orange Avenue trees. Our main objective is to interview and select an Arborist to evaluate our existing trees and assist in choosing replacement trees, finding resources: where to purchase? - how much? – This includes prices for trees as well as memorial markers. A publicity plan is needed, and a campaign be implemented. Cheri Boggs, Jeanne Hanson and Peggy Pattillo have volunteered for this committee, but we would like to have two more volunteers to meet Monday, @1:30 at Cathi's home. Mary Lu Sloop and ??? volunteered.

**Meetings/Programs** – Sheila O'Dell advised of meeting/program changes (swap January and February, and January Meeting will be at Community Bldg.

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### Committee Reports –

**Awards:** A lot of hard work and preparation enabled FCGC to submit our yearbook to State and National for Merit Award!

**Civic and Community –** Terry Newberry reports that Christmas decorations are in the works and advised small pine cones are needed. We will be decorating downtown Floral City on Monday, November 26, starting at 8:30 – 9:30, depending on weather.

**Internet –** JoAnn invited volunteers for internet/Web page maintenance.

**Junior Gardeners –** Cathi advised we have a good, enthusiastic group this year and invited everyone to join in a meeting if interested.

**Landscape and Design/Yard of the Year –** Barbara M. circulated list for and additional nominations for YOTY....Nominations may be made to Barbara through October 19<sup>th</sup>. Nominees will be notified by October 22. YOTY committee will meet with Board at meeting October 29. At this time we will go over check list used to assist in judging process. The nominated yards will be visited Oct 31.

**Legislation and Preservation –** Marcia B. filled us in on the status of the "Tree Ordinance". The County Planning, Development and Review Board has advised the Planning Division to "go back and start from scratch" ...and write a NEW ordinance!! Marcia handing out informational material and stressed the importance of our writing, e-mailing our comments and concerns re: preservation of our trees.

**Scholarship -** A check for \$500.00 scholarship has been presented to Jon A. Korycki . A need for the establishment of a committee to publicize this scholarship award and give info for applications and recommendations for yearly award. Mary Sudheimer and Peggy Pattillo volunteered.

**Ways and Means -** It has been requested that a special committee be appointed to organize and coordinate the Cake Walk at this years Heritage Days. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

**Friends of the Garden Club –** A discussion of the recent lease/purchase of downtown property (closed food store and antique store) that will create the need to remove rose bushes from site near Rails to Trails, and relocate, to provide additional parking for these businesses. (Dottie will look into – will check w/Lions Club)?

### Announcements –

**Board Meeting - Moonday, Oct 29 – Cathi's home – 09:30**

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Financial Statement  
September 1 to September 30, 2001

Balance Forward \$5074.35

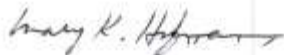
INCOME

Dues	39.50		
Ways & Means	49.00		
		Total	88.50
		Balance	5162.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Dept. of Revenue (for plant sale)	25.00		
FFGC Dues	29.00		
Gift (Eagle scout)	50.00		
Office	8.74		
Rent	15.00		
Scholarship	500.00		
Ways and Means	50.75		
		Total	678.49
		Balance	4484.36

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer



F.C.G.C Meeting – November 9, 2001

Meeting called to order by President, Cathi Ayers at 1:00 pm.

Prayer given, followed by pledge to Flag and Collect.

JoAnn acknowledged guests and introduced new members.

Cathi updated group with report of October 29<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Since there was no quorum at this meeting, no items were voted on. Committee chairman make up the actual Board. If a Board member is unable to attend, they are responsible for sending a replacement. Board meetings are open to all club members.

Cathi advised that there was a discussion as to “what” we/hostesses served at meetings. It was suggested we also have sugar free treat and or veggies...etc.

Reminder: both Jan/Feb meeting will be held at Community Bldg.

**Internet**

Jo reminded us to check out FCGC Web page and explained that the internet is an wonderful for our use, and an excellent way to recruit new members. Jo advised auto decals and FCGC business Cards are available.

**Landscape & Design**

Carol Hart announced that we have added 2 new awards this year for a total of five. YOY – Amanda Mullins, Most Creative – Joan Knippen, Best Sustained – Pam Bellman, Landscape design – Debbie Barney, Best maintained yard – Dorothy Clark. Newer signs are being made. In future, award will be “Garden of the Year”...

**Memorial Garden**

Marie told us of a Celtic statue she would like us purchase for the Memorial Garden, using money given to us by the Family of Mary Pritchard. Vote taken and passed to order statue. Marie advised that we need a workday and have 2 to 3 hours of work to be done before Heritage Days and volunteers are needed. It was decided workday would be November 13.

**Roadside**

Pam announced workday for 0900/29Nov to get roadside cleaned up for Heritage Days.

**Ways & Means**

Pam discussed ways to make money. Members agreed they would like to have/buy FCGC tee shirts if we are able to get them made up at a cost that is acceptable. Pam pointed out various raffle items for sale. The “Cake Walk” @Heritage Days will be handled by Marie and should be profitable.

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**Marie** reminded us that Arbor Day is Jan. 18 and to be sure and keep a list of any trees we plant in our gardens/yards.

Cakes, pies or cupcakes must be delivered to Community Bldg. By 0930/1Dec... (no cookies) for Heritage Days Cake Walk. This is one of fund raisers of the year.

**Cathi** advised we are waiting for response to our letters to the two local Arborists requesting proposal to have our trees evaluated.

Our Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a Christmas Potluck. Plant exchange is optional, not to exceed \$10.00.

Letter from Citrus Ridge Library advising a program "Butterflies, Blossoms and Birds" Nov. 29 @2pm, presented by Carol Wynn - Master Gardener.

Garden Club of Ocala is having "Tour of Homes" Dec. 1-2.

Volunteers are needed for Luminaries, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Lynn** advised the Elfers GC in Pasco County GC is having a Flower Show Dec. 15

**JoAnn** reminded us of Pontoon Flotilla, Nov. 15. Cost is \$3.00 per person. Depart boat ramp @10:30, should take approx. 3 hours. Bring your own lunch.

**Marcia** gave update of "Tree Ordinance". Planning Board will e-mail draft of new tree ordinance.

Advised activity on Orange Ave. is the County Engineers surveying for possible sidewalks.

Need four more people tomorrow, Nov. 10, to help with "Maintenance Day" in conjunction with Heritage Council, for the plantings/trees on the State Trail.

Need hostesses for home tours on Heritage Days.

The Citrus County Commission has declared Sat., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, "Flossie Basset Day in Floral City", it is her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Raffle, followed by 10 minute break.

Program on Orchids presented by Marie Witt of Crystal River Orchid Supplies, Inc.

Mary Lu Sloop - Recording Secretary



FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

Financial Statement

October 1 to October 31, 2001

Balance Forward \$ 4484.36

Income

Dues \$58.00

Plant Sale \$25.50

Ways and Means \$83.75

Total \$1673.25

Balance \$4651.61

Disbursements

Office Supplies \$34.44

Dist. V Meeting \$62.00

Mem. Garden Maint. \$100.00

Roadside \$69.92

Ways & Means \$33.81

Total \$300.17

Balance \$4351.44

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer



The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Lu Sloop – Recording Secretary

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**FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Minutes for December 14, 2001**

Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m., following the Holiday Potluck Luncheon @Singing Forrest Recreation Bldg.

Prayer given, pledge to the Flag and club Collect.

Guests were acknowledged.

The financial report was given by Treasurer Kathy Hofmann.

**Acknowledgements:**

Janice Lehowicz, Alice Reed, Betty Sumner and Millie Lyons for hosting the luncheon; JoAnn Quackenbush, Pam Bellman and Terry Newberry for their coordination of the successful Pontoon Flotilla; Marie Jones and Terry Newberry for their efforts in making Christmas decorations for Orange Ave.; Marie Jones for coordinating the cakewalk at Heritage Days. Members who assisted with placing decorations, luminaries and other Heritage Day activities were asked to stand to be recognized for their support of these activities.

**Memorial Tree Committee** received response from both arborists invited to submit a proposal. As elements of both proposals were the same but cost was nearly \$1000 different, a motion was made, seconded and approved to award the bid for survey of the trees to Michael Harnden for \$1850.00. A related motion to ask the FC Heritage Council to share this project with the Garden Club was made, seconded and approved. Cathi will bring this request to the Heritage Council.

Announcements were made regarding upcoming

- flower shows,
- design classes and
- State conferences.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Cathi Ayers, President

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Financial Statement  
November 1 to November 30, 2001

Balance Forward \$4251.44

INCOME

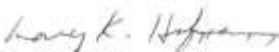
Memorial Garden 10.00  
Ways & Means 50.60

Total 60.60  
Balance 4312.04

DISBURSEMENTS

Office 33.41  
Memorial Garden Maint. 79.38  
Jr. Gardeners 24.05  
Ways and Means 68.60

Total 205.44  
Balance 4206.60

  
Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Financial Statement  
December 1 to December 31, 2001

Balance Forward \$4206.60

INCOME

Ways & Means	193.00	Total	193.00
		Balance	4399.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Programs	25.00	Total	318.77
Memorial Garden Capitol Improv..	273.77	Balance	4080.83
Dues	20.00		

  
Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FCGC Minutes – February 8, 2002

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by Vice President **JoAnn Quackenbush**.  
Laura Hennings gave devotional, followed by pledge to the flag and club Collect.  
JoAnn introduced and welcomed <sup>Ruth Scott</sup> Guest and New Members: Dora Mitchell, Faith Coleman and Betty Welte.

**Announcements:**

Please return name tags to Terry following each meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church will have a Tea/Luncheon 12n – 2p - Feb. 22.

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**Sign-up sheets** will be circulated for members to indicate their interest and willingness to participate in club activities.

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**FFGC raffles** are available for \$1.00.

**District 5 Fashion Show** in Ocala will be March 13. Tickets \$15.00

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**Reminder that Field Trip to Native Plants Nursery** will be April 12. Luncheon at Hillsborough State Park will follow. Charge for bus - \$10.00 and lunch \$6.00.

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**Dues** of: \$ 14.00-Active Member, \$17.00-Inactive Member, \$16.00-Couple membership may now be paid to Treasurer – Kathy Hofmann.

Dorothy Clark gave **Horticulture** presentation on Narrow Leaf Sunflowers and Daisy mums, followed by Q & A.

January minutes read and approved. Members advised copies of Nov-Dec minutes available @Activity table

Financial report from Kathy Hofmann (attached) and approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Legislation/Marcia** - Advised of Auto tags by Florida Wildflower Federation. *Success FED*  
Tree ordinance should be finished in two weeks. All streets in Floral City were added to proposed ordinance. The first hearing will be March 7, in Lecanto. *Put into New Fund.*

**Memorial Garden/Marie** – Marie advised cost of sign: \$ 128.35, plus set-up - \$ 60.00, total \$199.65. Motion made and seconded to approve funds. Marie will order sign. Marie will get bids/estimates for maintenance of garden.

**Trees/Marie** – Reminder to list any trees you've planted between March, 2001 – 3/8/02. Give to her and she will submit form.

**Plant Sale/Lynn Bassett** –

Lynn advised there will be a meeting of Plant Sale committees, and sub-committees will be set up for Plant Sale.

Marie Jones/Jo will head up sale of "baked goods & coffee".

Home Grown – Cathi – will be @Lynn's house.....we will provide soil, if needed.

Educational – Lynn

Wildflowers – Doris Knippen

Nursery – Lynn, Mary Lu & Kathy Hofmann

Publicity – Jo Ann

Set-up – Lynn

Clean-up – Cathi

Cashiers - ?

There will be no art/craft vendors.

Meeting adjourned.

Program: Arborist – Michael Harndon - "How to select good plants from nursery" & "The right place for the right plant"

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Financial Statement  
January 1 to January 31, 2002

Balance Forward \$4080.83

INCOME

Ways & Means 97.52  
Dues 20.25

Total 117.77  
Balance 4198.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Ways and Means 6.86

Total 6.86  
Balance 4191.74

  
Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

**FCGC minutes – March 8, 2002**

**Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.**

Prayer, Pledge to the Flag and Club Collect.

**Minutes read** and approved.

**Treasurer's report read** and approved. (See attached).

**Introduction** of New Member, Lauri <sup>A</sup>Kanka and Guests: Betty Ayers and Bonnie ?.

**Announcements:**

**Reminder:** Today is the your last opportunity to choose which committee you would like to serve on for the Plant Sale. If you do not sign up for a committee, you will be assigned to one.

Raffle tickets to be drawn at FFGC convention are available.

Tickets available for Ocala Garden Club Luncheon/Fashion Show, 3/13.

Calendar passed around for sign-up for watering of Memorial Garden. (once a week).

**Reminder:** The Budget Committee will be meeting early in April. If you/Committee has a request for fun from next years budget, turn in to Treasurer.

Lynn Bassett has been asked to represent FCGC at the State Convention in April.

May meeting will be held at FC Community Building.

**Horticulture Report** – Lynn Bassett:

Presented "Blue Eyed Grass.

Lynn attended the "Deep South Environmental Workshop" and passed out printed informational material concerning the critical Water Emergency in the State of Florida. Topics included: How can we can make better use of our irrigation systems, to better conserve water, what plants and how to plant...zone planting.....etc. Use of Native plants. Use of recycled water.

**Acknowledged Hostess: Marcia Beasley.**

**Standing Committees:**

**Junior Gardeners:** Cathi acknowledged Carol Hart and Cathy Foley for their help with Jr. Gardeners projects.

**Legislation and Preservation:**

Marcia advised first meeting for rewrite of Tree Ordinance was supposed to be March 7. Due to a technicality the workshop will be rescheduled. Our FCGC was well represented and numerous people wer there in favor of the rewrite, All the builders were there. It was very discouraging. They stated that what v really want is for builders NOT to come in and "clear cut" the acreage. Michael Harndon spoke as a Cert. Arborist. Marcia brought out that builders tend to put in trees with no thought of maintaining them. This i currently not required but, will probably be added. Next hearing should be the first part of April.



**Memorial Garden – Marie Jones:**

Sign was approved, will need mounting.

**Roadside Clean-up** scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers always needed.

**Wildflowers:** Habitat brochures distributed by Joan Knippen.

**Plant Sale:**

Lynn advised reported there will be 3/20. Reminded those doing home grown plants that soil is available. Committee members will be going to local nurseries to get prices and see what is available. Lynn asked members to sign list for requested plants/foliage wanted for sale. Michael Harndon will be our Education speaker at sale.

Cathi advised the FC Community Bldg. Has been rented for our <sup>meeting</sup> date, 4/27. A discussion of other options for another site or date. Agreement reached that we could move date up a week, to 4/20. Cathi will check and advise.

**Home Grown Presentation – Minnie Minnis**

Minnie gave a talk and demonstration of Do's and Don't's, and how to prepare and mark plants for Plant Sale.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Program to follow after 5 minute break.

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Financial Statement  
February 1 to February 28, 2002

Balance Forward \$4191.74

INCOME

Ways & Means	56.00
Dues	286.00
Bus Trip	120.00
Fashion Show	60.00

Total 522.00  
Balance 4713.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Jr. Gardners	3.05
Memorial Garden Maint.	99.82
Rent	42.40
Birds & Butterfly	30.00
Civic & Community	111.63
Friends of the Garden Club	200.00
Ways and Means	14.46
Plant Sale	78.01
Wekiva Youth Camp	250.00

Total 829.67  
Ending Balance 3884.07

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer



**FCGC minutes – April 12, 2002**

Following our **Field Trip** to the **Native Plant Nursery** in San Antonio, and prior to luncheon at **Hillsborough River State Park**, a brief, informal meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Prayer given by Laura Hennings, followed by Pledge to Flag and Club Collect.

**Reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's report were waived.**

**Introduction** of New Members and Guests (including representatives of Native Plant Society, Sugarmill Woods and Beverly Hills Garden Clubs). (Jackie Ross, Carol Dyer, Jim/Teddi Bierly & Al/Joan Lippman)

**Announcements:**

**Review of details for upcoming Plant Sale, April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Reminder:**

Sign-up for watering of Memorial Garden. (once a week).  
Dues are being accepted, payable to Treasurer.

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**Reminder:** Budget Committee will meet April 29<sup>th</sup>, at Cathi Ayers @9:30. If you/Committee has request for funds, please turn in to Treasurer for upcoming budget – 2002-2003 .

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Lynn Bassett will represent FCGC at the State Convention next week.

May meeting will be held at FC Community Building.

**Horticulture Report** – Lynn Bassett distributed handouts.

**Acknowledged Laura Hennings for her organization of Field Trip and Luncheon.**  
**Laura introduced Kim Tenille – Park Ranger who will conduct Nature Walking tour of Park grounds.**

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon for luncheon.

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Minutes for May 10, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

In the absence of the chaplain, the President gave a brief prayer followed by the pledge to the American Flag and club Collect.

- Eight guests/new members were acknowledged.
- Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved without correction.
- The financial report was made by Treasurer, Kathy Hofmann --
- Announcements were made and attention called to the information/sign-up table.

The President made acknowledgments to individual members who worked on the Plant Sale and club gardens throughout the year. Presented with flowers or corsages were: Lynn Bassett, JoAnn Quackenbush, Kathy Hofmann, Marcia Beasley, Dorothy Clark and Minnie Minnis, and Marie Jones. (Absent for acknowledgment were Mary Lu Sloop, Laura Hennings, Phyllis Peters). Michael Harnden was acknowledged for his assistance with the sale, his donation of an oak and a palm, and his educational presentation.

The following members were acknowledged with a commemorative bookmark: Carol Hart, Nancy Mirgon, and Barbara Sharpe. Absent for this acknowledgment were Cheri Boggs, Nancy Camara, Eunice Duma, Joan Knippen, and Terry Newberry.

A report from the Board's meeting of April 29 was given by the President. The Board has discussed two fund-raiser activities for the coming year: a garden tour of recipients of garden club awards and the previously discussed t-shirt project. These will be delegated to ad hoc committees for further development and recommendations to the membership.

The proposed budget for 2002-2003 was presented by the Treasurer. A motion made by Lynn Bassett to approve the budget was seconded. There were no questions or discussion and the budget was approved.

In absence of the Yard of the Year committee chairman, Barbara Milliken, the President gave a report on that committee's meeting and recommendations for changes and additions in award titles, time of year for nominations and presentation of awards. (See attached). Members were requested to make nominations now for awards in September.

The President announced two meetings scheduled for the summer: June 18 for a regular Board meeting and August 6 for a work/fun day to catch up our club scrapbooks.

Lynn Bassett gave a report on her attendance as a club delegate to the FFGC state convention in Cape Canaveral.

Michael Harnden reported that the initial tree evaluation has been completed and he is available to answer questions. A community meeting will be scheduled and open to the public for presentation of Michael's report.

The meeting was adjourned and Sheila O'Dell introduced the speaker from Master Gardeners who presented a program on care of roses.

## FCGC Minutes –September 13, 2002

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by President Cathi Ayers.  
Devotional, followed by pledge to the flag and club Collect.  
Cathi welcomed all members, and thanked Hostesses, Faith Coleman & Nancy Camara, as well as Greeters.

JoAnn introduced and welcomed 2 Guests, Deb Owens & Alice and New Member: Bud Parrish.

Printed Minutes from May meeting were circulated.  
Financial report given and approved.

### **Announcements:**

"Grow & Share", plus Ways & Means table noted.  
Citrus Garden Club having Homosassa River Cruise, tickets \$16.00, see Cathi.  
District 5 meeting Oct. 22 in Ocala, Pioneer Garden Club. Luncheon \$15.50. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Inverness Garden Club Home Flower Show, Oct. 25, 1 – 4p.  
Board Meeting Oct. 7, Committee chairmen & all members welcome to attend.  
Terry Newberry reviewed this year's Awards.

### **Introductions:**

Committee Chairmen were introduced and gave brief overview of their committees, inviting those interested to sign up.  
Marie Jones advised a Committee is needed for Memorial Tree.  
Joan Knippen advised that now is the time to start seeds for wildflowers.  
Cathi advised Junior Gardeners will meet 9/16 @10am.  
Awards: (Patsy Neel & Barbara Milliken) Special committees appointed for Special Projects.  
"Secret Garden & Tea Tour,(Carol Hart & Cathy Foley) need volunteers for this fundraiser.

### **Fund raising ideas discussed:**

Floral City bottled water.  
Heritage Days Cake Walk  
Cookbook???  
Pontoon Flotilla – JoAnn.

Break, followed by "Gardening Tips" from our members:  
Marcia Beasley, Pam Bellman, Phyllis Peters, JoAnn and Dawn Waltonbaugh.

*Hayden*

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 2002

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB MET AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AT 12:30 FOR SOCIAL GATHERING AND REFRESHMENTS SERVED BY HOSTESSES JOAN KNIPPEN AND CAROL DeLISLE.

AT 1:05 PRESIDENT, CATHI AYERS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

THERE WERE 32 MEMBERS AND 2 GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE. THEY WERE MET BY GREETERS DEBBIE BARNBY AND SHIRLEY GRANNEMAN.

THE CLUB COLLECT AND PLEDGE WERE RECITED. CAROL HART GAVE THE INVOCATION.

IN THE ABSENCE OF SECRETARY, MARY LU SLOOP, MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WERE NOT READ.

FINANCIAL REPORT WAS GIVEN BY TREASURER, KATHY HOFFMAN.  
INCOME \$147.00, DISBURSEMENTS \$41.95, ENDING BALANCE \$3119.54.

PRESIDENT CATHI MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
HOMOSASSA RIVER CRUISE ON OCTOBER 16 AND INVERNESS GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW ON OCTOBER 25.  
JO ANN QUACKENBUSH GAVE A REPORT ON THE PONTOON FLOTILLA

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SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 15. IT WILL LEAVE THE DUVAL ISLAND  
BOAT RAMP AT 10:00A. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOV. 2.  
TICKETS ARE \$8.00 IN ADVANCE, \$10.00 AT THE BOAT RAMP. BRING  
A BAG LUNCH. YOUR TICKET WILL BE YOUR NAME TAG.

#### BOARD MEETING

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT TERRY NEWBERRY RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN OF  
CIVIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THIS POSITION MUST  
BE FILLED A.S.A.P. DEBBIE BARNEY AND SHIRLEY GRANNEMAN  
VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THE XMAS DECORATIONS.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE NAMED TO BE THE NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE: MARY LU SLOOP, SHEILA O'DELL, AND TERRY NEWBERRY.  
MOTION BY PHILLIS PETERS SECOND BY PAM BELTMAN. APPROVED BY  
VOICE VOTE.

PAISY NEEL HAS AGREED TO CHAIR THE COMMITTEE FOR THE  
INSTALLATION LUNCHEON.

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN:

GARDEN AWARDS: CATHY FOLEY REPORTED ORDERING 7 NEW SIGNS  
MADE FROM AN ATTRACTIVE, LONG-LASTING MATERIAL. A SAMPLE OF  
WHICH WAS PASSED AROUND.

PRESERVATION: MARCIA BEASLEY ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE  
HOSTESSES FOR HERITAGE DAYS.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: KATHY HOFFMAN THANKED ALL WHO WATERED  
DURING THE SUMMER. A WORKDAY WILL BE SCHEDULED IN NOVEMBER

TO PREPARE FOR HERITAGE DAYS. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO REPLACE THE OLD TRELIS AND INSTALL A NEW OVAL SIGN.

ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION: PAM BELLMAN ANNOUNCED A CLEAN UP DAY FOR DECEMBER 3. VOLUNTEERS TO MEET AT THE COMMUNITY BLDG @ 8:30. PICK UP STICKS/GLOVES/ VESTS AND LICENSE PLATES WILL BE PROVIDED.

TREES AND ARBOR DAY: MARCIA BEASLY REPORTED ON THE "FREEDOM TREE" PLANTING PROJECT AND LINEAR PARK. A MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 9:00A, OCTOBER 21 IN LECANTO. MARCIA PROPOSED THE FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB SPONSER 1 TREE. THE TREE WOULD BE PLANTED ON AROOSTOOK ON ARBOR DAY, JANUARY 18, 2003. MICHAEL HARNDEN CAN PURCHASE A GRADE 1-A LIVE OAK FROM MARSHALLS NURSERY FOR \$190.00. A MOTION TO PROCEED WAS MADE BY CATHY AYERS, SECONDED BY GLORIA UHL AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. MICHAEL HARNDON VOLUNTEERED TO PLANT AND WATER THE TREE FOR THE FIRST MONTH.

WAYS AND MEANS: PAM BELLMAN REQUESTED ON NEW ITEMS FOR SALE. SHIRLEY McALLEN MADE AND DONATED BAGS w/GARDEN CLUB LOGO. COST \$10.00. AMANDA MULLENS DONATED OSMOKOTE. 1-1/4LB. BAGS COST \$3.50. MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN DONATED A FREE MASSAGE AND MARY LU SLOOP WILL DONATE A CHRISTMAS WREATH. THESE WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF. PAM ALSO REPORTED THE "ORANGE SPRAY" IS AVAILABLE. NEW THIS MONTH, MEMBERS WILL HAVE THEIR ARTWORK



AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. 10% WILL GO TO THE CLUB.

OTHER BUSINESS: BEBBIE BARNEY HAS A BOOKCASE FOR OUR LIBRARY BUT IT NEEDS WHEELS.

LAURIE KANKA SHARED SOME IDEAS FROM HER MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUB.  
DOROTHY CLARK & JO ANN QUAKENBUSH EXCHANGED TIPS.

CATHY FOLEY PASSED A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR BUTTERFLY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS.

GLORIA UHL ASKED EACH MEMBER TO BRING 1 12-INCH TAPER CANDLE, RED, WHITE OR GREEN FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY DECORATIONS.

THE BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK AT 2:00P. MEMBERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE WAYS & MEANS TABLE, THE GROW & SHARE OR WALK OVER TO THE MEMORIAL GARDEN.

2:15 MEETING RECONVENED

SHEILA O'DELL INTRODUCED FELLOW MEMBER, NANCY MIRGON. SHE PRESENTED AN ENLIGHTENING AND ENTERTAINING PROGRAM ON BEGONIAS.

2:50P MEETING ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

SECRETARY PRO TEM

*Larry Newberry*

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Financial Statement  
October 1 to October 31, 2002

Balance Forward \$3119.54

INCOME

District Meeting	46.50
Boat Ride	88.00
Dues	17.00
Ways & Means	131.00

Total 282.50  
Balance 3402.04

DISBURSEMENTS

District Meeting	77.50
Dues	18.00
Legis. & Preservation (bookcase)	37.10
Memorial Garden Maint.	30.00
Programs	45.29
Office Supplies	101.69
Junior Gardeners	2.98
Rent	53.00
Reimbursement	11.75
Ways & Means	139.54

Total 516.85  
Ending Balance 2885.19

*Mary K. Hofmann*

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

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## FCGC Minutes – November, 2002

Meeting called to order by President, Cathi Ayers.  
Invocation given by Laura Hennings, followed by Pledge to the Flag and Club Collect.

President welcomed all in attendance and thanked the Hostesses and Greeters.

JoAnne introduced New members and guests: Marge Tarango, Carol Hayward, Mary Bolt, Jo Cradlebaugh, Diane Douthit and Norma Ditmars.

Minutes and Financial report read.

### Announcements:

December meeting will be a Holiday Potluck Luncheon at Singing Forest.

Pam Bellman reviewed sale items for Ways & Means.

JoAnne advised details of Pontilla.

HO HO HO & State Conference Opportunity Tickets Citrus available for Citrus GC 12/15.

Pioneer GC Holiday Home Tour 12/7-8, Ocala.

Yancey's holding Community "Get Acquainted" event 11/23 from 9-1p.

Lynn Bassett showed horticulture reference books: Hortus & Exotica.

Gloria Uhl advised "Butterfly" program to be held in Inverness.

Thanks to Dyer for handpainted book shelf.

### Board Report:

Cathi reported on District V meeting, 10/22 in Ocala.

### Standing Committee Reports:

Cathy Foley advised signs are here & read awards.

Marcia advised of Heritage Days,

Pam advised roadside cleanup & Holiday decorations. Need volunteers.

Marie encouraged tree planting. Advised Arbor Day coming up.

Lynn advised a "foster" project...this year "Vines". Meeting, Jan, 2003.

Phyllis needs artist for school beautification.

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Financial Statement  
December 1 to December 31, 2002

Balance Forward \$2800.71

INCOME

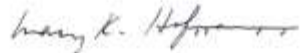
Dues	14.00
Memorial Garden	20.00
Ways & Means	34.00

Total 68.00  
Balance 2868.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Bus Trip	137.50
Civic & Community	39.22
Dues	65.00
Jr. Gardeners	32.50
Ways & Means	4.67

Total 278.89  
Ending Balance 2589.82



Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2003, FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cathi Ayers, at one o'clock after a pleasant thirty minutes of visitation and delicious treats hosted by Marie Jones and Christine Harnden. Patti Barber and Michelle Chamberlain greeted members and guests and facilitated with the name tags. The Pledge and the Collect were said, then Cathi welcomed everyone and thanked the hostesses. First Vice President, Joann Quackenbush introduced the guests and the new members. There were three guests and two new members, Alice Sawyer and . Plants were given to the guests and new members.

The President then gave some acknowledgements for participation in the "undecorating" after Christmas, especially Pete Rondot who had completed the entire south side of Orange Avenue. The Petal Power Award was given to Bette Ayers for exceptional work on the decorations for the Christmas Luncheon.

The Joy in Gardening pin was given by the President to Dawn Waltonbaugh for all of her participation in club activities, particularly in the Junior Gardeners work.

After the President read the minutes from the December meeting and they were approved as read. Kathy Hofmann, Treasurer gave the financial report showing a \$2,589.82 balance.

The details for the April 11 meeting/trip were discussed and cost announced. All were encouraged to go to see the Florida Botanical Gardens with our members having first come for the bus tickets. Afterwards the trip will be opened to spouses, friends or other Garden Clubs. The District V Horticultural Extravaganza, Feb. 25, with two well known speakers, Steve Curl and Harold Goforth will be an opportunity for new Florida gardeners to learn from experienced gardeners about Camellias and particular concerns for Central Florida gardeners

Members were encouraged to consider becoming the Ways & Means Chairman. This is a very necessary position for the club. Several people have been filling in for Pam who has been chair for many years and who is unable to serve this year.

Marcia Beasley discussed the joint project of our Tree/Arbor Day/Preservation committees with the Heritage Council. She passed out the flyers that need distribution and gave us the details of the Procession. Workers are needed for helping with parking, speaker's stand, distributing programs, and other coordination and members are asked to see her for specifics. A copy of the program is attached to the minutes.

Committee reports were given with Marie Jones mentioning that we have one more month to report our tree plantings for the FFGC report.

Lynn Bassett, Horticulture, discussed Evergreens and encouraged members to know and plant evergreens.

Since January is FFGC birthday month, our president did an unusual acknowledgement of birthdays--having one member read interesting information about each month and asking members having birthdays in that month to stand for applause. We sang "Happy Birthday" to each other after the readings. We had all put in our pennies for each year of our ages during the refreshment period. Some rather than tell their ages pretended to be 100.

After a short break, Shiela O'Dell, Second Vice-President, introduced our speaker, Gloria Beauchamp, from the Hillsborough State Park, a Park Service Specialist and Ranger. Gloria is particularly interested in eliminating invasive species from Florida, particularly from the state parks. She brought with her

some examples of invasives, Crotellaria or Rattle Box and Coral Ardisia. She also brought with her several native plants which if someone could identify they could have. Fortunately our club members knew all of these plants--Red sage(salvia), climbing asters, Hamalia or Fire Bush, and Walter's viburnum. The viburnum was so lovely that it was included for a door prize!

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Gloria discussed the advantages of growing native plants which included less cost, less care, withstanding Florida weather, and attracting wildlife. We were invited to visit the Hillsborough State Park's Wildlife Garden with 200 plants which has been done with children and adult volunteer's help. She gave us application forms for volunteering to help. To conclude her talk she asked for questions which were numerous.

Cathi thanked the speaker and showed us the attractive Suggestion Box that'll be out at each meeting. After having fun seeing who won the door prizes, with no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bassett, for MaryLou Sloop, Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Financial Statement  
January 1 to January 31, 2003

Balance Forward \$2589.82

INCOME

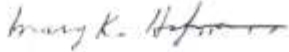
Boat Trip	32.00
Bus Trip	208.00
Dues	28.50
Ocala Trip	6.00
Ways & Means	127.96

Total 402.46  
Balance 2992.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Freedom Tree	201.40
Memorial Garden	50.00
Capital Improvements	
Office Supplies	29.79
Rent	79.50

Total 360.69  
Ending Balance 2631.59

  
Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

### FCGC Meeting – February 14, 2003

Meeting called to order @1:30, following first part of program by Laura Hennings on flower pressing & printing. (Betty Eichler gave presentation on drying flowers...following business meeting & break.

Our President, Cathi welcomed guests and thanked our Greeters, Cathy Foley & Shirley McAllen and Hostesses. Thanks to Hostesses Mary Fess & Dottie Sherman for refreshments.

V.P. JoAnn acknowledged Guests and introduced New Members, Brian & Jo Pasby.

“Petal Power” Award was presented to Bette Ayers.

“Joy in Gardening” pin was presented to Thelma Noble.

#### General Announcements :

**April 11<sup>th</sup> Bus Trip to Fla. Botanical Gardens** in Largo will depart Floral Park @8:30 a.m., cost \$16.00. We have .... Seats left. We should return bt 4-4:30 p.m.

Sign up and pay Kathy Hoffmann.

**Roadside clean-up is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.** Debbie Barney will coordinate in Pam Bellman's absence.

Minutes read and approved.

Financial report read and filed.

Mary Lu read Nominating Committee slate of officers.

President – JoAnn Q. , 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Phyllis Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Debbie Barney,

Treasurer – Kathy H., Secretary –Bette Ayers. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was accepted by unanimous “aye” vote.

Cathi reported that the Board recommends we offer a \$500.00 Scholarship. Motion made & seconded. All approved. Phyllis Peters will assist in reviewing applications.

Plant Sale - Lynn B. gave a report on upcoming Plant Sale, ....

Reminded members to give her their “wish list” for plants they are interested in .

Need help.



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**Committee Reports:**

**Arbor Day** – March 7. Give list of all trees planted to Marie.

**Secret Garden Tour** – Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - Carol Hart – Need help. Meeting 10a.m.

March 7th @ Kathy Foley's.

**Butterfly Garden** - Kathy F. advised help needed for weeding.

**Freedom Tree event** – Floral City's first parade. Unfortunately, due to freeze, the tree we planted...died. Michael Harndon purchased a new one and planted it.

Minutes – March Meeting - 2003

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.  
Invocation by Mary Lu Sloop, followed by Club Collect.

**President** welcomed members and guests and thanked Frank and Phyllis Peters for hosting meeting at their lovely home. Thanks also to Barbara Miliken and Laurie Kanka for the delicious refreshments and to our Greeters, Nancy Mirgon and Phyllis Peters.

**JoAnne** introduced guests and new member, Jo Pasby.  
Asked if there were any members who are ill or have any special concerns we should be aware of?

**Gloria Uhl** presented Petal Power Award to The Harnden's.

Minutes read and approved.  
Financial report from K. Hofmann. Approved.

**Announcements:**

This is the last day to make reservation for Floral Design Workshop in Ocala.  
Tickets - \$15.00.

**Reminder** that April meeting is field trip/bus trip to Florida Botanical Gardens.

**Reminder** that May meeting will be luncheon and Installation of New Officers.

We will meet at 12:00 noon at the Inverness Golf & Country Club and lunch will be served at 12:30. Cost \$10.00, contact Patsy Neel for reservations.

**Committee Reports:**

Lynn Bassett reviewed plans and gave progress report for our Plant Sale.  
Thanks to Marcia Beasley for the wonderful publicity for this event.

Carol Hart reviewed plans for "Secret Garden Tour", upcoming in October. Next meeting will be May, 16<sup>th</sup> @ Carol's.

Debbie Barney advised next roadside cleanup will be April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Development presentation** given by Frank Peters and Pete Rondot. We were shown downtown survey, Vision Action Plan and long term plan for Community Bldg., library and parking, including planting charts with impressive illustrations. H.D. Bassett will be checking into new sign.

State Convention will be April 29-30 & May 1.

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JoAnne Q. reviewed surveys that were handed out to those not online. All were asked to fill them out and return asap so that we may use them as reference when planning next years meetings, programs and events. We strive to meet the needs of our members and present the type of things that are of interest all.

Dues are now being accepted.

After a break, Gloria Uhl gave a most interesting and informative presentation on Vegetable Gardening.

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Financial Statement  
March 1 to March 31, 2003

Balance Forward \$2556.99

INCOME

Bus Trip	256.00
Dues	264.00
Luncheon	120.00
Memorial Garden	30.00
Ways & Means	81.00

Total 751.00  
Balance 3307.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Jr. Gardeners	27.51
Office Supplies	3.00
Plant sale	899.81
Refund Bus Trip	16.00

Total 946.32  
Ending Balance 2361.67

Cost of Plants 1475.81

Plant Sale	3431.15
Ways & Means	73.00
Beverage Table	20.80
Total	3524.95

Total Profit 2049.14  
*2078.14*

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

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FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Financial Statement  
April 1 to April 30, 2003

Balance Forward \$2361.67

INCOME

Bus Trip	192.00	
Dues	170.00	
Luncheon	90.00	
District Meeting	46.50	
Ways & Means	93.80	
Plant Sale	3470.15	
		Total 4062.45
		Balance 6424.12

DISBURSEMENTS

Bus Trip	467.63	
Bus trip refunds	48.00	
Refund tree	190.00	
FFGC	23.30	
District Meeting	77.50	
Plants	576.00	
		Total 1382.43
		Ending Balance 5041.69

  
Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer