

Minutes - FCGC Meeting - May, 2003

Meeting called to order @1:10.
Pledge to Flag, club Collect and Invocation.

President welcome all members and guests.
Thank you to Patsy Neel for arranging our delicious luncheon/meeting at Inverness Country Club. Acknowledgement, with appreciation went to: Bette Ayers and Lynn Bassett for the lovely and original table decorations.

Minutes and Financial Report read and approved. Members reminded that dues are due.

Announcements:

Workday at school scheduled for May 9th
Signup sheet passed around for Butterfly Garden and Memorial Garden.
Planning meeting for 'Secret Garden Tour' will be @Carol Hart's home, May 16th @10a.m.
Lynn has Garden Guides for June-July-August.
Dawn Waltonbaugh will host a summer program on Pest Control.

Committee Reports:

Lynn thank one & all for help with Plant Sale. A BIG success! Handed out carnations.

Outgoing President - Cathi acknowledged with thanks and gifts her officers and Committee Chairpersons.

Installation of new Officers by Marcia Beasley.

Thanks to Marcial
Petal Power was awarded to Christine Hamdon, who advised she is giving it to Pam Bellman for safe keeping this summer.

New President-JoAnn closed the meeting.

Best wishes extended to all present for a wonderful, happy, healthy and safe summer....till we meet again in September!

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

Balance Forward \$5041.69

INCOME

Dues	288.50
Luncheon	90.00
Ways & Means	33.00

Total 411.50
Balance 5453.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Birds & Butterfly	7.00
District Meeting	15.50
District V Dues	20.75
State Dues	507.00
Jr. Gardeners	42.40
Luncheon	330.00
Memorial Garden	55.28
Capitol Improvement	
Memorial Garden Maint.	100.00
Office Supplies	37.00

Total 1114.93
Ending Balance 4338.26


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

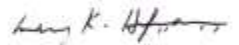
June 1, 2003 to August 31, 2003

Balance Forward \$4338.26

Income	June	July	August
Ways & Means			60.00
Donations Memorial Garden	20.00		10.00
Dues	17.00		
			Total 107.00
			Balance 4445.26

Disbursements	June	July	August
Programs		150.00	
Division of Plant Ind.			25.00
FFGC Supplies			18.50
Office Supplies			195.97

Total 389.47
Ending Balance 4055.79



Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
September 2003
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the clubs collect. The invocation was given by Mary Lu Sloop. The President acknowledged the greeters: Christine Harnden and Thelma Noble, and the Hostesses: Bette Ayers, Shirley Granneman, Sheila O'Dell and Marie Jones.

First Vice-President, Debbie Barney, welcomed guests, who were presented with seed packets, and new and returning members: Margaret Young and Peggy Patillo.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached).
Recommendation was made from the Board to approve the proposed 2003-2004 budget. A motion to approve was made by Terry Newberry and seconded by Marie Jones. The motion passed.

The President reported a new procedure for review of minutes. General meeting minutes will be published via e-mail within 2 weeks of the meeting. E-mail buddies are asked to print the minutes and send them to their phone buddies. If an e-mail member is not able to do this, let the President know and she will see to it that the non-e-mail member(s) receive a copy. Mary Lu Sloop suggested that a copy of minutes also be posted at the next meeting for review in the event of requested corrections.

The President announced Bette Ayers' resignation as secretary. The Nominating Committee was unable to fill the vacancy. Cathi Ayers volunteered and was, in accordance with By-Laws, appointed by the President.

Phyllis Peters resigned her position of First Vice-President as she has returned to work full time. In accordance with By-Laws, Debbie Barney moved from Second VP into this position. The Second VP position remains vacant at this time.

The President announced that the District V Director, Reva Pachefsky requested that FCGC host the District V meeting in April and the Board recommended the club agree to do this. After discussion, the motion was made by Mary Lu Sloop and seconded by Carol Hart. The motion passed.

The President called the members' attention to the committee sign-up sheet and the two newly established committees: Helping Hands chaired by Debbie Barney and Scholarship chaired by Cathi Ayers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Thelma Noble is the new chairman of this committee. She requested that committee chairmen review her new list of available awards from FFGC, Deep South and NGC that she will publish by next meeting. Thelma will meet with chairmen to discuss award requirements, application deadlines, etc. She invited others to be part of the

committee and announced that FFGC is sponsoring an awards workshop in Ocala in November.

Historian: Our new historian is Nancy Mirgon. Nancy called members attention to the updated scrapbook on display and requested that members who take photos of events provide her with copies with descriptive information.

Helping Hands: Debbie Barney is chairing this new committee established to assist members with short-term special needs such as transportation, meals, household chores, pet care or gardening/watering. The committee will also help match members needing longer term help with those interested in working for a fee. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Internet/Website: Diane Dowthitt has assumed this role. She reported that the FCGC website is currently in the process of being updated. The Chronicle has been contacted and they have agreed that updates will be done in a timely manner.

Legislation and Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley gave an update on the new gateway sign which will be complete in time for dedication on October 18, which is the final day of the weeklong first annual Citrus County Heritage Week. Artwork for the sign was painted and donated by JoAnn Quackenbush, plants are being donated by Frank and Phyllis Peters, and cost of the lettering for the sign was donated by H.D. and Lynn Bassett.

A special legislative report was made by Bobbie Schoss regarding the current situation with developers in the Crystal Oaks area and the threat to gopher turtles living there. Bobbie shared the text of a statement she made on behalf of FCGC requesting that the gopher turtles be relocated rather than destroyed. (Attached)

Photography: Request was made for back-up photographers for occasions when Gloria Uhl, chairman of this committee, cannot attend meetings/events. Christine Harnden volunteered.

Roadside Beautification: Next scheduled clean-up is 9/24 @ 9 a.m.. A gift certificate will be hidden somewhere along the roadside to be "discovered" by a helper.

Telephone/E-mail: Reminders to all e-mail members who have a phone buddy, to alert Nancy Mirgon, telephone chairman, when they will be out of town so that phone buddies don't miss out on important communication.

Ways & Means: Bobbie Schoss is new chairman of this committee. She announced that we would have a special item for raffle for the Christmas luncheon and aksed for show of hands for ordering 2004 FFGC calendars, as well as for interest in a Kentucky Derby or other theme party as a fundraiser.

Yearbook: Debbie Barney pointed out changes and new items in the newly published yearbook and asked members to report any additional items they would like to see included.

Horticulture: Dawn Waltonbaugh stood in for Gloria Uhl. She gave gardening tips for September.

Special Committees Reports

Secret Garden Tour: Carol Hart, chairman of this committee, gave update and urged all members to sign-up for one of the many opportunities to help with this fundraiser scheduled for October 11.

School Beautification: The initial flowerbed was completed over the summer. Helpers were acknowledged. Next phase of project which will include a mural and other plantings will begin when weather is cooler.

District V Host Committee: JoAnn will chair the committee. Members thus far are: Cathi Ayers, Marcia Beasley, Marie Jones, Thelma Noble, Diane Dowthitt, Terry Newberry and Bobbie Schoss. Others are welcome and needed.

NEW BUSINESS

JoAnn brought a recommendation from the Board that FCGC support Camp E Nini Hassee's fundraiser campaign by purchasing a brick for the walkway which is a \$250 level of support. The brick will be inscribed to acknowledge FCGC as donor. Christine Harnden made a motion to accept this recommendation and Terry Newberry seconded. The motion was approved.

AWARDS

Petal Power Award was presented by Jo Ann in absence of Pam Bellman, the last recipient of the award, to Dawn Waltonbaugh for the summer program she hosted at her home and presented on Integrated Pest Management.

The President's Award was given to Mary Lu Sloop for organizing the summer garden tour to Betty Eicher's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District V Fashion Follies, Tuesday, November 11 at Pioneer GC \$15; Reservations due by 10/28. Contact Kathy Hofmann

A Plant Sale will be held at Rainbow Springs State Park, October 19 and 26 and will include gardening seminars.

Save empty computer printer ink cartridges for FC Elementary. Bring them to Cathi Ayers.

The meeting was adjourned and the program was introduced by Debbie Barney.

PROGRAM

The program on Birds & Butterflies was presented by Joan and Al Lippman representing the local Audubon Society as well as Central Florida Native Plant Society. The power point presentation was very interesting and stressed the importance of protecting habitat.

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

Balance Forward \$4055.79

INCOME

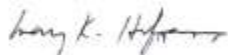
Dues	42.00
Fashion Show	30.00
Garden Tour	150.00
Memorial Garden	90.00
Refund FFGC	8.00
Ways & Means	29.20

Total 349.20
Balance 4404.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Donation Camp E Nini Hassee	250.00
Memorial Garden Maint.	100.00
Rent	132.50
Ways and Means	93.05

Total 575.55
Ending Balance 3829.44



Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
October 10, 2003
Minutes

The regular meeting of the Floral City Garden Club was called to order at 1 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. The invocation was given by Terry Newberry and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. The President acknowledged the greeters and hostesses. First Vice-President, Debbie Barney, welcomed guests and new and returning members.

September meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail earlier in the month and extra copies were available for review prior to the meeting. There were no corrections and the minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached). There was no discussion.

OFFICER REPORTS:

The president reported that Lynn Bassett has volunteered to fill the vacant position of second Vice-President when she is in Floral City.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Civic and Community Development: In absence of Phyllis Peters, the president expressed appreciation to Michael Harnden, Thelma Noble, Cathi Ayers, Debra Owens and Ossie Beasley for their assistance in creating the garden around the new Floral City gateway sign.

Internet/Website: Diane Dowthitt reported that the FCGC website calendar, officers and committee list are now current.

Junior Gardeners: Dawn Waltonbaugh gave an informative report on Jr. Gardener activities.

Legislation and Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reminded everyone of the Gateway sign dedication on 10/18, made requests for hostess volunteers for Heritage Days and announced availability of a new t-shirt celebrating Citrus County Heritage Week.

Memorial Garden: Kathy Hofmann thanked everyone who has helped with garden maintenance and reported there would be no new projects in the garden until the town center project is under way. Her husband is exploring possibility of repairing existing benches.

Ways and Means: Bobbie Schoss displayed the "throw" to be raffled at the garden tour and offered tickets to members at the meeting. An opportunity drawing for a second throw will be held at the December luncheon. Tickets will be available at November and December meetings.

World Gardening: Dawn Waltonbaugh made a report on the Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO) which works actively to find solutions to global hunger issues. ECHO is based in North Ft. Myers and is open for field trips.

Horticulture: Gloria Uhl gave a brief report on the Arbor Day Foundation, provided hand-outs on pruning and announced that we would have a video program on proper pruning techniques later in the year.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secret Garden Tour: Carol Hart, chairman of this committee, expressed appreciation to everyone who worked on the tour which was scheduled for the day after this meeting.

District V Host Committee: JoAnn asked members to sign up for one of the sub-committees on the sign-up sheet.

AWARDS

The Petal Power Award was presented to Bobbie and Norm Schoss for the action they've taken on behalf of the club to save the gopher tortoises being threatened by development.

The President's Award was given to the members who worked on the Secret Garden Tour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General announcements were made regarding upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned and the program was introduced by Debbie Barney.

PROGRAM

The program on Integrated Pest Management was presented by club member and master gardener, Dawn Waltonbaugh.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers
Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
November 14, 2003
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. The invocation was given by Chaplain, Mary Lu Sloop, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. The President acknowledged the greeters, Nancy Mirgon and Patsy Neel, and the hostesses, Cathi Ayers and Norma Ditmars. First Vice-President, Debbie Barney, welcomed guests and 4 new members: Carole J Baker, Diane Freund, Linda Florio-Sosnicki and Alex Sosnicki.

October meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail and extra copies were available for review prior to the meeting. There were no corrections and the minutes were accepted as written.

Correspondence received by the President was reported and included a thank-you from Camp E-Nini-Hassee for the donation of \$250 towards the construction of the camp's aquatic center and a request from District V for a raffle item valued at not less than \$35 for the state convention.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached). Income during the month of October was \$3477.84, which included proceeds from the Secret Garden Tour. Disbursements were \$642. Ending balance: \$6665.28.

OFFICER REPORTS:

The president displayed a FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB banner made for the club by her son for just \$26, and showed a sample of display boards purchased for the purpose of making semi-permanent table displays for those events where such displays are needed or appropriate. She also reported that she will be donating her time and materials for creating a painted "card" to displayed downtown during Heritage Days and described her idea for making this multi-purpose, as well. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with creation of the signs.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: In the absence of Thelma Noble, Awards chairman, the president reported attendance at an Awards workshop held the previous week. She

asked all members participating in any club projects to save receipts, notes, publicity and photographs for documentation to be used in creating Books of Evidence for award applications.

Civic and Community Development: In absence of Phyllis Peters, the president reported on the Gateway Dedication held on October 18 and requested volunteers to meet at the Gateway Gardens at 8 a.m. on December 1st to help weed.

Ways and Means: In the absence of chairman Bobbie Schoss, the president announced that we are expanding our Ways and Means items in advance of the two spring events, the annual Plant Sale and the District V meeting we are hosting. She asked members to contact Bobbie if they have ideas for items that would likely sell well.

Special Committees Reports

District V Host Committee: JoAnn advised that volunteers are still needed for a variety of tasks. The meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church. Chairmen appointed thus far are as follows: Marie Jones - Favors; Program cover and Name Tag design - Jo Ann Quackenbush; Food - Bobbie Schoss, Margaret Young and Diane Dowthitt; Club Sales - Cathi Ayers and Thelma Noble; Table Decorations - Bette Ayers, Lynn Bassett and Patsy Neel.

Heritage Days: Volunteers to be hosts in historic homes are still needed. Costumes for hosts may be picked up at Marcia Beasley's home between 2-4 p.m. on Monday, November 24.

Historic Oak Tree Seedlings: Lynn Bassett and JoAnn Quackenbush potted up 2 dozen oak seedlings found growing under historic downtown oaks. These will be available for purchase during Heritage Days. Anyone who sees additional seedlings that can be removed from the ground and potted should call Lynn.

School Beautification Project: Cathi Ayers reported that a workday was held on 11/12 and the following members were present: Lynn and H.D. Bassett, Brian Pasby, Frank Peters, Barry Pendry, Jo Ann Quackenbush and Cathi Ayers. The new flower bed planted in July was groomed and an area was excavated for a small patio, bench, arbor and shrubs. The next workday is scheduled for Thursday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Cathi Ayers also reported on the club's participation at the school's Hoedown Festival on November 8. The club took in approximately \$137, \$10 of which went back to the school PTA. In addition to Ways & Means items, the following club members donated plants or other items for this event:

Bette Ayers, Cathi Ayers, Lynn Bassett, Dorothy Clark, Joan Knippen, Laura Hennings, Dawn Waltonbaugh, Jo Ann Quackenbush. Booth volunteers were: Cathi Ayers, Ed and Dorothy Clark, Christine Harnden, Thelma Noble, Jo Ann Quackenbush, Norm and Bobbie Schoss and Dawn Waltonbaugh.

Library Arrangements: There are still many open months for volunteers to make dried or contrived flower arrangements to display in the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Bassett, chairman of the Annual Plant Sale, asked members to be potting up plants now and caring for them through the winter for our homegrown offerings at the sale.

Cathi Ayers suggested that the club forego the plant sale this year in light of the financial success of the Secret Garden Tour and the anticipated volunteer work going into the District V meeting. There was discussion and an informal show of hands regarding this suggestion. The Board will take the suggestion under consideration.

AWARDS

On behalf of Bobbie Schoss the Petal Power Award was presented by the president to Debra Owens for her work in selling opportunity drawing tickets for the throw which was given away at the Secret Garden Tour.

The President's Award was given to the members (and spouses) who worked on the Gateway Garden: Cathi Ayers, Thelma Noble, Debra Owens, Frank Peters, Ossie Beasley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General announcements were made regarding upcoming events.

- Sunday, November 30: 100th birthday party honoring Flossie Bassett to be held from 2-4 p.m. at the Community Building
 - Monday, December 1: 8 a.m. Gateway Gardens weeding
 - Monday, December 1: 9 a.m. Decorate the town - meet at Community Building
 - Wednes. December 3: 9 a.m. Roadside Clean-up - meet at Community Building
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- Friday, December 5: 4:30 p.m. Luminary placement - meet at the Church of Christ vacant lot on corner of Orange and Church.
- Saturday, December 6: 10 am - 4 p.m. Heritage Day and Historic Homes Tour
- Saturday, December 6: 6:30 p.m. Decorated Boats parade leaving from Sunshine Lodge
- Sunday, December 7: 2 p.m. Acoustic Folk Series at Community Building \$8

The meeting was adjourned and the program was introduced by Debbie Barney.

PROGRAM

The program titled "Stop! Don't Throw that Away!" was presented by club member Marie Jones, who gave an inspiring and fun demonstration of numerous ways to re-use materials which are typically thrown away.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers

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

Balance Forward \$3829.44

INCOME

Dues	28.00
Fashion Show	15.00
Garden Tour	3195.34
District Meeting	30.00
Ways & Means	209.50

Total 3477.84
Balance 7307.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Dues	45.00
District Meeting- Fash. Show	105.00
Jr. Gardeners	18.08
Programs	18.70
Office Supplies	77.70
Secret Garden Tours	377.52

Total 642.00
Ending Balance 6665.28

Profit for Garden Tour 2967.82


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
December 12, 2003
Minutes

Following the annual Holiday Luncheon, the meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush, who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. The President acknowledged the hostesses, Janis Lehowicz, Millie Lyons, Alice Reed and Betty Sumner as well as the members who decorated the tables: Bette Ayers, Carol Hart, Kathy Hofmann, Jo Quackenbush and Bobbie Schoss.

November meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail and extra copies were available for review prior to the meeting. There were no corrections and the minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached). Income during the month of October was \$523 and disbursements were \$291.33. Ending balance: \$6896.95.

Correspondence received by the President was reported. A request was received from the President of the Friends of the Library, Mary Ellen Zavotsky, asking if FCGC might change the date or location of our March meeting so the FOL can use the community building to set up for their book sale the next day. After brief discussion, this request was denied by the GC membership but it was agreed that we would make every effort to be out of the building by 3 p.m. and that members who are free would stay to assist the FOL.

The president announced that a District V host committee meeting will be held January 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Marie Jones which was subsequently changed to January 19. A full board meeting will be held January 30 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Debbie Barney. Items on the agenda for the board to consider include proposed: purchase of a pricing gun; increase of the Scholarship Fund; support of a World Gardening project; two new downtown gardens and maintenance of existing gardens; new quarterly news letter; yearbook advertising; membership classified advertising; and. new downtown holiday decorations. A committee was appointed to check into new town decorations and report at the Board meeting. Committee members are: Cathy Foley, Carol Hart, Laura Hennings, Shirley McAllen, Barbara Milliken, Bobbie Schoss and Mary Lu Sloop.

The president announced that Dave Noble is the new co-chairman of the Civic and Community Development Committee. Marcia Beasley, chairman of the Historic Preservation committee, reported that Heritage Days and the historic home tours were well attended and thanked Garden Club members for their volunteer time. There were no other committee reports.

The Petal Power Award was presented by Debra Owens, last month's recipient, to Shirley McAllen for her participation in numerous club and community volunteer activities.

The President's Award was given to the members (and spouses) who participated in the school beautification project, decorating downtown, roadside clean-up and set-up and decorating for the luncheon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General announcements were made regarding upcoming events which were scheduled for the next day, so will not be repeated here.

The meeting was adjourned to sing carols led by Bette Ayers and Mary Lu Sloop.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Balance Forward \$6665.28

INCOME

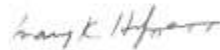
Dues	44.00
Garden Tour	218.00
Ways & Means	261.00

Total 523.00
Balance 7188.28

DISBURSEMENTS

District Meeting	3.24
Programs	43.46
Office Supplies	39.45
Ways and Means	205.18

Total 291.33
Ending Balance 6896.95


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
January 9, 2004
Minutes

The January meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush, who then gave the invocation in the absence of chaplain, Mary Lu Sloop, led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. The President acknowledged the hostesses and greeters: Lynn Bassett, Nancy Mirgon, Diane Dowthitt, Kathy Hofmann, Alice Reed and Bobbie Schoss. Vice-President Debbie Barney welcomed Colleen Coleman, daughter of member Faith Coleman, who was the only guest.

December meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail and extra copies were available for review prior to the meeting. There were no corrections and the minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached). Income during the month of December was \$159.75 and disbursements were \$400.50. Ending balance: \$6656.20 (Statement attached)

Correspondence received by the President was reported.

- Acknowledgment for \$250 donation to Camp E-Nini-Hassee from Susan Senger, Director of Development at Eckerd Youth Alternatives
- Thank you from Friends of the Garden Club for \$200 donation
- Invitation from Riverhaven GC for members to attend "Antiques, Brie and Thee" on February 20 from 3-7 p.m.
- Note from Barbara Milliken advising that she is changing to inactive status because she and husband plan to build a new home this coming year.
- Note from Gloria Uhl resigning as Horticulture Chairman and photographer
- Note from Shirley Granneman resigning membership due to her husband's illness.
- Request for donation from Eckerd Youth Alternative Camp E-Nini-Hassee
- Request for donation from Promotions Chairman of Camp Wekiva

Officers Reports

The President reported:

- pages from the President's Kit have been routed to appropriate chairmen and copies are available to anyone interested.
- there are numerous educational opportunities through FFGC which are available to members
- due to numerous requests and suggestions for donations a list of all requests will be provided to the membership at the next meeting for the purpose of member input by means of priority numbering.
- the Board decided to forego the annual plant sale this year because of the volunteer work that is needed for hosting the District meeting in April. Members are still requested to nurture homegrown plants for the District meeting sales.

Standing Committee Reports

Awards: Chairman Thelma Noble reported that applications have been submitted for two awards, one each for the clubs' participation in the Gateway Sign garden and the Freedom Tree event last January.

Birds & Butterflies: Chairman Cathy Foley announced that a new birdbath ^{is to be} was purchased.

Civic & Community Development: The president reported for Chairman Dave Noble. Consideration of the request by "Missy's Health Nook" and "Sparacino's Produce" to help create gardens in front of these businesses has been tabled at this time as the property is up for sale.

Helping Hands: Chairman Debbie Barney asked that members volunteer to take a prepared meal to the Bellman's as Pam has a broken arm. Any member who has boxes suitable for packing for moving, please let Debbie know.

Memorial Gardens: Chairman Kathy Hofmann reported that she is looking into cost of repair and/or replacement of benches. Also, new septic system at the Masonic Temple resulted in destruction of some plants, but we will not do any replacements until spring.

Ways & Means: Chairman Bobbie Schoss reported that FFGC calendars were not ordered this year and asked if anyone wanted them to be ordered at this point. There were no requests. She also called attention to the "Good Bugs, Bad Bugs" field guide available for fifty cents.

Horticulture: Lynn Bassett, who has assumed co-chairmanship of this committee since Gloria Uhl's resignation, reported. January guides were available and the Tampa Bay Flower Show Expo in Pinellas County scheduled for January 22 - 25 was announced.

Special Committee Reports

Downtown Decorations Committee: Carol Hart reported for this committee. An electric company has been contacted regarding the possibility of sponsorship of lighted decorations. The committee is recommending focus on lights for the commercial area specifically the gazebo, the fence bordering the trail and some of the trees in that area.

Unfinished Old Business

The Board discussed the suggestion to solicit/accept advertisements for the yearbook and decided to do this on a donation basis for the yearbook updates which will be published in August. Members may advertise or contact businesses who might be interested. Copy should go to Jo Ann and donation to Kathy Hofmann.

The suggestion made last month to purchase a pricing gun was recommended by the board. A motion was made and passed.

Cathi Ayers asked that members who have items appropriate for the ten FFGC convention door prizes we are to donate and/or for the raffle item, which must be valued at \$35 or more, please contact her. She also asked for a motion that she be permitted to spend an average of \$5 per door prize for any remaining door prizes we don't receive as donations. A motion was made and passed.

New Business

Friends of the Garden Club have requested that the Garden Club assume responsibility for maintenance of the rose garden they planted adjacent to the trail across from the Butterfly Garden some time ago. Illness and physical limitations are making it difficult for them to maintain. Thelma Noble and Diane Dowthitt volunteered.

Suggestions to publish a periodic newsletter and to establish some form of classified advertising for members were presented. Cathi Ayers volunteered to do a trial newsletter if others will assist and Diane Dowthitt agreed to set up a classified advertising format for e-mail.

Awards

Shirley McAllen chose to present the Petal Power Award to Carol Hart.

The President's Award was acknowledgment of all members who helped with Heritage Days and with "un-decorating" downtown.

Announcements

Members were asked to save decorative tissue boxes for Marie Jones who is using them to make table favors for the District meeting.

Members were directed to check the Florida Gardener for numerous events and educational opportunities.

The annual membership survey of suggestions and ideas will be created and distributed early this year to give everyone time to complete and return before May. Members who have questions they would like to be included on the survey should get them to Jo Ann.

A District V host planning committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Marie Jones.

Adjournment and Program

The business meeting was adjourned and Program Chairman Debbie Barney introduced Jane Weber, owner of a native plant nursery ~~Citrus Springs~~ ^{Dunedin}, who gave an informative and interesting presentation on the Coontie.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Balance Forward \$6896.95

INCOME

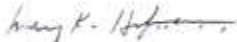
Garden Tour	96.00
Ways & Means	63.75

Total	159.75
Balance	7056.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Civic & Community	51.76
Friends of the Garden Club	200.00
Memorial Garden Maint.	60.00
Office Supplies	22.24
Ways and Means	66.50

Total	400.50
Ending Balance	6656.20


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
February 13, 2004
Minutes

The February meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. Nancy Mirgon gave the invocation in the absence of chaplain, Mary Lu Sloop, and President Quackenbush led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. The President acknowledged the hostesses and greeters: Kathy Hofmann, Cathy Foley, Debbie Barney and Dawn Waltonbaugh. First Vice-President, Debbie Barney welcomed two guests: Carolyn Millard and Jacqueline DeTorres.

January meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail and extra copies were available for review prior to the meeting. Several corrections were noted and made and the minutes were then accepted.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann. Income during the month of January was \$84.07 and disbursements were \$439.22; ending balance: \$6301.05 (Statement attached). The treasurer also gave advance notice of collection of dues for next year.

Correspondence received by the President was reported.

- Invitation to attend a Fashionable 1890's Luncheon at Plantation Resort on February 20.
- Invitation to attend a Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication on February 25.
- Invitation to attend Camp E-Nini-Hassee's 35th anniversary celebration on February 28.

Officers Reports

The President reported for the Board.

- Receipt of a notice of recall for any purchase of potpourri containing scented pinecones from India. Potpourri should be returned to place of purchase. Wood-boring beetles have been found in the pinecones.
- Inventory will be taken of GC items in storage at the Community Building. The President asked that any member storing GC items make an inventory and provide the list to her. Also, the aprons with the GC logo cannot be located.
- A show of hands was requested for members intending to participate in the floral arrangement workshop for the March program. All materials will be provided.
- The April meeting field trip to Angel Gardens in Gainesville will carpool from the Duval Island Boat Ramp leaving at 8:30 a.m.
- A sign-up sheet was routed for the May meeting Homosassa River Boat Tour and Luncheon
- A request was made that ideas for a FCGC Poster Display be submitted to the President.
- A District V Host committee meeting is scheduled for February 27.

Standing Committee Reports

Awards: Chairman Thelma Noble reported that Books of Evidence were mailed and have been received at FFGC for two awards, one each for the clubs' participation in the Gateway Sign garden and the Freedom Tree event last January. Thelma and Faith Coleman were applauded for their work in putting together the BOEs.

Birds & Butterflies: Chairman Cathy Foley announced that a new birdbath was donated by Diamond Enterprises. It has been ordered and will be in a few weeks. She requested that the donation be listed on the club webpage. The secretary sent a thank-you to Diamond Enterprises.

Helping Hands: Chairman Debbie Barney thanked members who provided meals to Pam Bellman during her recovery from a broken elbow and for members who donated boxes to assist Marie Jones and Bobbie Schoss in their upcoming moves. She reminded members to call her with any special help needs.

Horticulture: Lynn Bassett announced that a group of natural gardening tips was brought in by Dorothy Clark and would be on display at the information table. She also reminded members to be growing and grooming homegrown plants for sale at the District V meeting.

Legislation: Bobbie Schoss read a letter sent to the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of FCGC stating concerns for the preservation of gopher tortoises in Citrus County. She reports that the Board has responded favorably to the public sentiments expressed about burying the tortoises alive in the process of new road construction and is considering changes in county policy.

Scholarship: Cathi Ayers reported that publicity has gone out to the newspapers and high schools.

Trees and Arbor Day: In Marie Jones' absence, the President reported that we will be observing National Arbor Day, Saturday April 10 by planting two trees. Members who have planted any trees since last March should provide Marie with a count. The current FFGC President, Joan Pryor, is awarding certificates to anyone who plants a tree that will bloom during her administration's "America's A Blooming" program. Applications need to be submitted by February of 2005.

Ways & Means: Chairman Bobbie Schoss reported that a new order of citrus spray has arrived and is available.

Yard of the Year: Carol Hart announced that nominations are being accepted for the five yard of the year categories and passed around sheets for members to complete and return no later than the April meeting.

Special Committee Reports

Downtown Decorations Committee: Cathy Foley reported that there has not yet been a response from the electric company. The committee found a best price for extra large velvet bows at \$4 per bow in cases of 36 with a discount to be offered depending on number ordered. There was discussion regarding storage of bows, if purchased, and longevity of the bows relative to cost. The committee will report again when the number of bows needed and final price are determined.

Nominating Committee: Terry Newberry announced that Bobbie Schoss will accept the position of Second Vice-President, vacated when Debbie Barney moved into First Vice-President position after Phyllis Peters resigned. Bobbie's acceptance of this office is contingent upon someone else assuming responsibility for Ways and Means and will take affect in June.

School Beautification Committee: Cathi Ayers reported that the wall which has been designated for a mural is scheduled to be painted with the base coat of shades of blue on or about April 2 hopefully by girls from Camp E Nini Hassee. After that, club artists will be enlisted to paint the mural.

Unfinished Old Business

FFGC Convention There was question about the discussion at the January meeting regarding the club sending delegates to FFGC convention. The January minutes did not reflect if a motion had been made and voted on. A new motion was made to send up to three members, as this is the number of voting delegates we are permitted based on membership.

Old Birdbath Marcia Beasley gave an interesting history regarding the concrete birdbath that is being replaced in the Butterfly Garden. It was donated in memory of a previous member, Eleanor Bonifield, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1982. Over the years it was used in numerous garden club and rose society events. It was placed in the Memorial Garden when the garden was first established but was subsequently knocked over and the fountain figurine broken off. The remaining basin was moved to the Butterfly Garden, but due to the difficulty in keeping it clean because it is so heavy, it is now being replaced. The club voted to let Marcia have the old birdbath rather than discarding it. Pam Bellman currently is storing the fountain portion of this piece.

New Business

Friends of the Garden Club have invited FCGC, along with other community groups, to set up display and/or sales tables outside the community building on March 20, the day of the book sale. The club agreed this would be a good idea and the following members volunteered to assist: Cathi Ayers, Pam Bellman, Linda Florio-Sosnicki, Christine Harnden, Kathy Hofmann, and Patsy Neel.

Awards

Carol Hart presented the Petal Power Award to Janis Lehowicz, Alice Reed and Betty Sumner, the sisters who are always supportive of club activities and responsive to requests for assistance. The President's Award was acknowledgment to Michael Harnden and Gloria Uhl for their work in creating the video for today's program.

Announcements

Members were asked to save decorative tissue boxes for table favors for the District meeting. Nancy Mirgon has been assisting Marie Jones in making the favors and additional volunteers were requested.

Events mentioned during the President's report were re-iterated along with a reminder about the February 20, Riverhaven GC "Antiques, Brie and Thee" on February 20.

Adjournment and Program

The business meeting was adjourned and Program Chairman Debbie Barney introduced Michael Harnden who demonstrated proper pruning techniques in a video filmed by Gloria Uhl.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers 

Financial Statement
January 1 to January 31, 2004

Balance Forward \$6656.20

INCOME

Birthday Fund:	\$ 21.32
Ways & Means	62.75
TOTAL	\$ 84.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Programs and Acknowledgments	\$ 294.03
Office Supplies	135.88
Ways & Means	9.31
TOTAL	\$ 439.22

ENDING BALANCE \$6301.05

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
January 1 to January 31, 2004

Balance Forward \$6656.20

INCOME

Birthday Fund	21.32
Ways & Means	62.75

Total	84.07
Balance	6740.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Programs & Acknowledgements	294.03
Office Supplies	135.88
Ways and Means	9.31

Total	439.22
Ending Balance	6301.05

Mary K. Hofmann

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
February 1 to February 29, 2004

Balance Forward \$6301.05

INCOME

District Meeting	30.50
Dues	121.00
Programs	180.55
Secret Garden	15.00
Ways & Means	147.57

Total 494.62
Balance 6795.67

DISBURSEMENTS

District Meeting	6.00
Jr. Gardeners	7.33
Office Supplies	16.02
Rent	79.50
Ways and Means	185.04

Total 293.89
Ending Balance 6501.78



Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

**FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
APRIL 9, 2004
MINUTES**

The April meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM by President JoAnn Quackenbush following a tour of Angel Gardens and a video of Camp Wekiva. JoAnn gave the invocation and led us in the club collect. Debbie Barney welcomed Reva Pachefsky, District V Director of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Mickey Rosser and other guests.

March meeting minutes were published via email on 3-17-2004 and a copy is available if your phone buddy didn't call or send them to you. There were no corrections. The minutes will be filed as published.

Treasurer's report was given by Jo Ann Quackenbush in the absence of Treasurer, Kathy Hofmann. Income during the month of March was \$923.15 and disbursements were \$911.27; ending balance is \$6,513.66. (Statement attached)

Correspondence received by the President was reported:

We received the "Call" from Reva Pachefsky... all those planning to attend the District Meeting must register by 4/16. The cost is \$15.00. If your not already working on the meeting, come and enjoy the day. Marcia will give a guided tour of Floral City's historic district when the meeting is over ... it's free and you're welcome to join us.

Jo Ann received a letter from Nina Ring asking who would like to order a District V pin and suggested that we wear it to all garden club functions and especially to the Convention. They will send us pins on consignment so anyone who doesn't already have one can wear it and then order it. She says they are lovely, have a tie-tack fastener and are only \$3.00 each. Email notification was sent out on 3/25. Jo Ann ordered 10 ... 6 are sold and 4 are available. If you bought one or if you would like one please see Jo Ann.

Email from Cathi Ayers concerning the Floral City Elementary School: A special celebration is being planned for students who have demonstrated reading achievements this year. The teachers planning this event are searching the community for some volunteers, so I agreed to send this information on to club members. On April 30th from 8:30 - 2:30, or anytime in between, we need volunteers to help the students (all ages), build wooden space shuttles and helicopters. Mostly we need hands to help hold pieces and parts. We put together models and those small hands will need help hammering and following directions. Any amount of time commitment will be welcomed! Please let Cathi Ayres know if you'd like to help with this project at the school. (Unfortunately this is the same day as the District Meeting ... if you are not involved in that and would like to help out at the School, please contact Cathi.)

Inverness Garden Club is inviting us to go on a bus trip with them:

RSVP and pay by 4/1 ... email was sent to you on 3/25 hope you had a chance to sign up ... if not, it might not be too late if they still have seats on the bus ... you can call Geri Morgan at 726-1726 if you are interested in attending.

- Event: Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo
- Date: Wednesday 4-28-2004
- Cost: \$24.00 which includes transportation and admission (tip for driver not included).
- Time: 8:00 AM - Departure from Inverness - 5:00 PM is estimated return
- Subject to change
- Place: behind the "Votek" on Montgomery Street, Inverness
- Bring: your own lunch

Officers Reports

Correction "Whose on 1st?"
There is a change in our officers for next year ... Debbie Barney and Bobbie Schoss have chosen to swap positions .. Bobbie will be 1st VP and Debbie will be 2nd VP.

The winner of our PC drawing last month (Mary Ann Jaksina), declined the prize. In light of the fact that no other non-email members wanted it, we awarded to the only person who expressed an interest in it: Carol Hart.

Standing Committee Reports

Birds and Butterflies - Cathy Foley - Someone dug up Pentas that we had planted in the butterfly garden.. President Quackenbush authorized the purchase of replacement plants.
The garden has been planted and weeded.

Landscape Design - Carol Hart - Last chance for nominations for Yard of the Year. The awards will be presented next month.

Library - Lynn Bassett - Lynn Bassett suggested that the books not being kept for reference be placed on the W&M table for sale and then those not sold, be donated to the FOL Sale next year. Lynn and Debbie B., and anyone who wants to volunteer will go through the books to determine which ones should be kept for reference.

A motion that we sell all but the reference books at our W&M table and donate the unsold books to the FOL Sale next year passed.

Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns –Jo Ann Q. for Pam Bellman
Our roadside clean-up has been rescheduled to next Wed., 4/14 ... if you are able to help, please meet at the FC community Building at 9:00 AM.

Trees & Arbor Day – JQ for Marie Jones - FCGC will observe the National Arbor Day Celebration with the planting of two trees. Marie Jones is looking for a couple of "Gardening Angel" volunteers to dig through the old RR gravel or alternative planting sites ... you will be advised via email as to the date and time if you would like to participate.

Special Committee's Reports and Appointment of Committees

District V Host Committee – Jo Ann Quackenbush

- **Volunteers:** We will email a reminder notice to all volunteers just in case your memory is as bad as mine and you can't remember what you signed up to do or bring.
- **Bring muffins** at 8:00 AM the day of meeting
- **Need 10 buckets** of greenery conditioned for two days ... see Lynn Bassett
- **Chairman of the day:** Dorothy Clark has volunteered to fill this position
- **Time Keeper:** Cathi Ayers has volunteered
- **Committee to Approve Minutes:** Cathi Ayers and Kathy Hofmann have volunteered
- **FFGC W&M:** Joanne Boone, President and Jeanne Davis of Citrus Garden Club have volunteered
- **Volunteers Still Needed:**
 - 1 person for the Committee to approve minutes
 - 1 or 2 people for Tellers
 - 2 Greeters: 1: Mary Ann Jaksina 2:
- **Friday 4/16/2004** is the next District Host Committee Meeting at Terry Newberry's at 9:30AM

School Beautification Project – Cathi Ayers:

- Bellman Painting has offered to donate paint and supplies needed to start the educational mural at Floral City Elementary School
- The following Work Days have been scheduled:
 - For applying the sealer: Wednesday, April 14 – Thursday, April 15 – Thursday April 22
 - For applying the base coat: Monday, April 26; Monday, May 3; Wednesday, May 5; Monday May 10 and Wednesday May 12

FOL Book Sale: Cathi Ayers reported that we made \$198.00 after deducting the \$77.00 paid for plants that Dawn picked up to supplement our homegrown plants

Awards

- **Petal Power Award** – will not be presented this month because the presenter and recipient are both absent
- **Presidents' Award** – Dawn Waltonbaugh for the idea to get nursery plants for the FOL Book Sale, then picking them up and delivering them to the community building.

Drawing – There was no drawing this month

Announcements

- The next District Host Committee Meeting will be held on Friday 4-16-2004, at 9:30 AM at Terry Newberry's home
- District Meeting Set-up – volunteers should be at the First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 29th.
- District Meeting volunteers should be at the First Presbyterian Church at 8:00 AM on Friday, April 09, 2004.
- Our next full board meeting will be held on Friday, May 7th at 9:30AM, at Debbie Barney's home
- Don't forget if you haven't already done so, to make reservations for the May Awards Banquet and Riverboat Tour at the Homosassa Riverside Resort ... the cost is \$20.00 for the whole day or \$12.00 for the luncheon only financial assistance is available (please call Kathy Hofmann). You won't want to miss it.
 - We will carpool from the Duval Island Boat Ramp at 11:00 AM. If you are only attending the banquet you will need to make arrangements to get there. The address is: 5297 S. Cherokee Way, Homosassa. If you are driving, Jo Ann has a couple of Maps available.
 - Riverboat Tour starts at 12 Noon
 - Lunch begins at '1 PM

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Henson for Cathi Ayers

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
March 1 to March 31, 2004

Balance Forward \$6501.78

INCOME

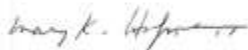
District Meeting	250.00
Dues	231.00
Programs	128.75
Plant Sale	278.40
Ways & Means	35.00

Total 923.15
Balance 7424.93

DISBURSEMENTS

District Meeting	40.00
Butterfly Garden	7.32
Office Expense	.83
Programs	195.50
State Convention	667.62

Total 911.27
Ending Balance 6513.66



Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
March 12, 2004
Minutes

The March meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush following a floral arrangement workshop program presented by local florist, Barbara Ramsey. Chaplain Mary Lu Sloop gave the invocation and President Quackenbush led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. The President acknowledged the hostesses and greeters: Joan Knippen, Terry Newberry, Alice Sawyer, Shirley Granneman and Marie Jones, as well as members with March birthdays

February meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail. Secretary Cathi Ayers reported the corrections she received and the minutes were then accepted.

Treasurer's report was given by Cathi Ayers in the absence of Treasurer, Kathy Hofmann. Income during the month of February was \$494.62 and disbursements were \$293.89; ending balance: \$501.78 (Statement attached).

Correspondence received by the President was reported.

- Invitation from Riverhaven GC to join them in a bus tour to Kanapaha Gardens on 3/20 - Kanapaha is having a spring festival with crafts, etc. that week-end and the following week-end on 3/27 will have a program on use of digital photography in nature.
- Receipt of \$100 from Brannen Banks in response to a request for a donation to assist in defraying costs of the District V Spring meeting.
- Note from Thelma Noble with an update on Carol Dyer's condition as well as a mailing address at the nursing home: Carol Dyer, Room 124 - Glen Oaks Health Care - 1100 North Pine Ave. - Clearwater, 33756
- The club received an invitation to attend the induction ceremony of Brian Smith as an Eagle Scout. Our club made a donation to Brian for his Eagle Scout project several years ago.

Officers Reports

The President reported for the Board.

- Carol Hart has agreed to assume chairmanship of the Ways & Means committee for next year and would welcome a co-chairman.
- Michael Harnden has offered to do another program which would be a demonstration video in response to specific questions from the membership. If you have ideas/questions for Michael regarding care of woody plants, e-mail them to him at treedoc@netsignia.net.
- The April meeting field trip to Angel Gardens in Gainesville will carpool from the Duval Island Boat Ramp leaving at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$6.25 which includes lunch. Vice-President Debbie Barney advised that we will have our regular business meeting at the pavilion at Angel Gardens. A sign-up sheet was routed for both the April meeting
- A sign-up sheet was also routed for May meeting Homosassa River Boat Tour and Luncheon.
 - meet at boat ramp at 11
 - boat tour is at noon
 - lunch at 1pm
 - meeting will be during lunch after the first course is about over
 - cost is 20.00 for boat tour and lunch or \$11.95 for lunch only

Standing Committee Reports

Yard of the Year: Carol Hart reminded membership that nominations are being accepted for the five yard of the year categories and provided nomination forms for members who didn't receive one last month to complete and return no later than the April meeting.

Special Committee Reports

Downtown Decorations Committee: Shirley McAllen reported for the committee. Shirley displayed a sample large red bow that was purchased and is being tried out for weather resistance. If it holds up well, a recommendation will be made for purchasing sufficient quantity to use for downtown trees.

FCGC Booth at Friends of the Library Book Sale: Members were reminded to groom and bring homegrown plants to Lynn Bassett's between Wednesday and Friday of this coming week. There are still spots open for workers at two of the three hour shifts.

District V Host Committee: The President requested volunteers to serve as pages at the meeting. Terry Newberry and Mary Lu Sloop volunteered. Additional volunteers are needed to work at the FFGC W&M table at the meeting.

Pam Bellman reported on donations from businesses to put in a favor bag for all guests and asked for suggestions of other businesses which might have advertising type items such as pens, notepads, etc.

The next host committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 26 @ 9:30 a.m. at the home of Bobbie Schoss.

Awards

The Petal Power Award was presented by Janis Lehowicz to Kathy Hofmann for her work as Treasurer, with Junior Gardeners, the Memorial Garden and other club activities.

The President's Award was acknowledgment to Cathi Ayers for coordinating arrangements for the club booth at the FOL sale.

Announcements

- Remember to complete and turn in your club survey for the Board to use in plans for next year
- 3/21-23 FFGC presents a Spring Symposium in Deland
- 4/29: 11 a.m. at Presbyterian Church - Volunteers to set-up and decorations for District V meeting
- 4/30 9 a.m. District V meeting
- 5/7 9:30 a.m. at Debbie Barney's - Full Board meeting
- 5/14 Final meeting of the year. Homosassa Riverboat tour (optional) and luncheon @ Homosassa Riverside Resort.

Drawing

After the opportunity drawing, an additional drawing for a Personal Computer donated by Gloria Uhl was held. The winner was Mary Ann Jaksina who was not present.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
February 1 to February 29, 2004

Balance Forward		\$6301.05
INCOME		
District Meeting	\$ 30.50	
Dues	121.00	
Programs	180.55	
Secret Garden Tour	15.00	
Ways&Means	<u>147.57</u>	
TOTAL	\$494.62	
BALANCE		\$6795.67
DISBURSEMENTS		
District Meeting	\$ 6.00	
Junior Gardeners	7.33	
Office Supplies	16.02	
Rent	79.50	
Ways & Means	<u>185.04</u>	
TOTAL	\$293.89	
ENDING BALANCE		\$6501.78

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
District V Spring Meeting
April 30, 2004

The Spring meeting of District V of FFGC met at the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, Inverness, Florida on April 30, 2004 and was hosted by Floral City Garden Club, Floral City, Florida.

District Director Reva Pachefsky presided and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Harvey Dunn of Floral City read Bible verses about the creation of God's garden and followed the Bible verses with the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Marcia Beasley, Floral City Garden Club, Retired Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army.

Mr. Josh Wooten, Chairman of the Board of Citrus County Commissioners brought greetings to the meeting from Citrus County.

Jo Ann Quackenbush, President of the Floral City Garden Club extended a welcome to everyone present and the response was given by Judy Miller Greenberg, Assistant Director of District V.

The following members were appointed by the Director to serve on a committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: Kathy Hofmann, Chairman, and Cathi Ayers.

Appointed to serve as tellers for this meeting were Cathi Ayers as Chairman, and Kathy Hofmann and Thelma Noble.

The Director appointed Cathi Ayers as timekeeper.

Emma Short of the Gainesville Garden Club had not yet arrived at the meeting to give the report for Lorene Junkin, Chairman of the Committee appointed to approve the minutes of the fall District V Meeting and the District Director reported that they had been approved by the committee.

The District Director introduced those seated at the head table:

Nina B. Ring, District V Treasurer, FFGC National Garden Week Chairman, President-Elect of the Gainesville Garden Club and member of the Four Seasons Garden Club.

Marie Williams, District V Secretary and member of the Four Seasons Garden Club.

Judy Miller Greenberg, District V Assistant Director and President of the Seedlings Garden Club in Mc Intosh.

Janice Hanel, District V Parliamentarian and member of the Citrus Garden Club.

Dorothy Clark, the Chairman of the Day

Jo Ann Quackenbush, President of the Floral City Garden Club.

Joan W. Pryor, FFGC President, Deep South Board of Directors and member of the Dade City Garden Club, and

Herself as District V Director and member of Four Seasons Garden Club.

Past District V Directors present were introduced:

Andrea Fuller, Inverness Garden Club, District V Flower Show Coordinator
Dottie Bishop, Pioneer Garden Club, FFGC President's Kits Chairman, FFGC
Convention 2004 Vice Chairman, District V Legislation Chairman
Gloria Horning, Homosassa River Garden Club
Camilla Weems, Gainesville Garden Club and Four Seasons Garden Club.

State and District Chairman who had not previously been introduced were introduced:

Carol Brown, Garden Club of Crystal River and the Lake City Garden Club,
FFGC Convention 2004 Vice Chairman, FFGC Gardening Consultants' Liaison, Former
FFGC District IV Director

Liz Shaw, Four Seasons Garden Club, FFGC Historian, Minutes Resume, District
V Trees Chairman

Marjorie Turner, Gainesville Garden Club, FFGC Water Gardening Chairman,
District V National Garden Clubs Special Project Chairman, District V Water Gardening
Chairman

District V Chairmen:

Awards – Donna Lou Bracken, Gainesville Garden Club
Deep South Unified Project – Geraldine Snipes, Lake City Garden Club
Horticulture – Eileen Ferguson, Pioneer Garden Club
Membership – Cathi Ayers, Floral City Garden Club
News Releases, Publicity – Mary Lois Forrester, High Springs Garden Club
Ways & Means – Fran Mc Cain, Citrus Garden Club Co-Chairman

The District V Financial Report was read by Nina B. Ring, District V Treasurer:

Beginning Balance (10-13-2003)	\$ 3,330.25
Receipts	<u>5,854.41</u>
	\$ 9,184.66
Disbursements	<u>3,057.61</u>
Ending Balance (4-30-2004)	\$6,127.05

She reported that the net proceeds from the Fall Fashion Show held on November 11, 2003 were \$1,868.22.

Emma Short, Past District Director of District V arrived and was recognized by the District V Director.

The District Director introduced Mrs. Joan Pryor, FFGC President. Mrs. Pryor complimented District V on the State Convention that was held in Gainesville on April 19th to the 21st and recognized the convention committee members. She announced that there would be a wrap up meeting on May 24th at Pioneer Garden Club and requested the committee chairmen to turn in information and reports on the Convention. Mrs. Pryor spoke about the youth activities that FFGC is involved with during the summer. She announced the Gardening and Design Seminar in Gainesville on June 2nd to 4th and the trip to California for the Rose Bowl Parade. Mrs. Pryor invited everyone to join the "Red Daisy Society". Tote bags that were left over from the Convention are for sale. Floral City Garden Club was complimented on the decorations at the meeting and Mrs. Pryor thanked them for hosting the District V Meeting.

Kathy Hofmann, Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported that total registration was 85 and the voting strength was 42 members. It was moved that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of this District Meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Prior to the nomination of a District Nominating Committee, Marie Williams, District V Secretary, read Article XVII – Districts, Section 3 – Elections, (a). District Nominating Committee, numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 that applied to the election of the nominating committee.

Nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee were Claudia Bates, Joanne Boone, Dottie Bishop, and Ethel Rice. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the nominations be closed. Because there were four members nominated, the delegates voted to fill the three positions on the Nominating Committee. The tellers retired to count the ballots.

The District Director reported that State and District Chairman reports will be filed.

Donna Bracken, District V awards Chairman reported on the awards won at the State Convention. The BOE's were on display for members to look at. FFGC President Joan Pryor requested all Clubs to start work on their BOE's for awards now and not to wait until they are due.

JoAnn Quackenbush presented a Life Membership to Dorothy Clark and recognized Cathi Ayers for her service to Floral City Garden Club.

Cathi Ayres, chairman of the tellers reported that Dottie Bishop, Joanne Boone, and Ethel Rice were elected to serve on the District V Nominating Committee. The members of the Nominating Committee will meet to elect a Chairman and report the chairman's name to the District Director.

The Chairman of the Tellers moved that the ballots be destroyed and the motion was seconded and carried.

The District Director introduced the District V Clubs and members present at the meeting.

Reports were given by the Club's Presidents as follows:

Jackie Powell, Homosassa River Garden Club
Mary Ulyat, Garden Club of Crystal River
Nina B. Ring read Marguerite Ruth's Trails and Greenways report and the Gainesville Garden Club report. All other reports will be filed.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:10 A.M. The blessing was presented by Mary Lu Sloop, Chaplain of Floral City Garden Club. Cathi Ayers announced the centerpieces on the table were for special individuals whose bread plate had a special mark on it.

The District Director announced that lunch would be served at 12:00 noon and requested all members to be back at that time.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:55 P.M. The District Director thanked Floral City Garden Club for the delicious lunch and the girls and young man from Camp E-Nini-Hassee for the excellent service.

The District Director announced that a gold bracelet was found at the Convention and asked those present to advise those who attended the convention but were not present at this meeting.

Judy Miller Greenberg, Assistant District Director, read the following announcements:

1. Fall Symposium – November 9th through November 11th
2. FFGC Nominating Committee Meeting – December 9th
3. Rose Bowl Trip – December 30, 2004 through January 2, 2005
4. Tropical Short Course – January 24th and 25th, Boca Raton
5. Legislative Day in Tallahassee – April 11th and 12th, 2005
6. High Springs Garden Club – Annual Plant Sale May 6th, 2005 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.

7. Coreopsis License Plate \$15.00 to Florida Wildflower Council and a sowing machine. The Florida Wildflower Foundation able to help sell license plate and offer promotional materials
8. National Garden Week - June 7th to 12th, 2005
9. The Clubs were requested to pick up their BOE if one was submitted for the awards
10. Members were asked if they would like the District to organize a special program on water gardening. The members agreed that this would be of interest to them
11. Members were asked if they would like a President's summit to be arranged for the District. The consensus of the members were that this would be helpful
12. Gainesville Garden Club Flower Show - May 7th and 8th, 2004

Cathi Ayers of the Floral City Garden Club reported on the District Meeting.

Jo Ann Quackenbush, President of Floral City Garden Club recognized all those who helped with the meeting.

Judy Miller Greenberg invited everyone to attend the District V Fall Meeting, a Victorian Garden, on October 11th, 2004. Those who have Victorian Era apparel were requested to wear them to the meeting.

The 50-50 prize, raffle prize and various door prizes were won by members.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Marcia Beasley will address the members who are taking the Floral City Historic District Tour. Members not taking the tour were asked to visit the Plant Sale before leaving for home.

Secretary

APPROVED:

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB - Revised & distributed by e-mail
April 12, 2004
Minutes

The April meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush following a tour of Angel Gardens in Gainesville and a video of Camp Wekiva. JoAnn gave the invocation and led the club collect. Debbie Barney welcomed Reva Pachefsky, District V Director of FFGC, Mickey Rosser and other guests.

March meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail on 3/17/2004 and a copy is available. There were no corrections requested. The minutes will be filed as published.

Treasurer's report was given by JoAnn in the absence of Treasurer, Kathy Hofmann. Income during the month of March was \$923.15 and disbursements were \$911.27; ending balance: \$6513.66 (Statement attached).

Correspondence received by the President was reported.

- The "call" to attend the District V meeting was received from Reva Pachefsky.
- Notice from district treasurer, Nina Ring, promoting purchase of District V pins on sale for \$3.
- Invitation from Inverness GC to join them in a bus trip to Florida Botanical Gardens

Officers Reports

The President reported for the Board.

- Changes for the coming year in the Executive Board: Bobbie Schoss will be First Vice-President; Debbie Barney will resume her elected position as Second Vice-President, which was graciously covered by Lynn Bassett after Debbie moved to First VP when Phyllis Peters resigned.
- The PC donated by Gloria Uhl was given to Carol Hart after none of the people whose names were drawn wished to accept it.

Standing Committee Reports

Birds and Butterflies: Pentas recently planted were dug up and taken; replacement plants were authorized by the President. Garden has been re-planted and weeded.

Yard of the Year: Carol Hart offered one last opportunity for nominations. Awards will be announced at the May meeting.

Library: Lynn Bassett suggested that books not being kept for reference be placed on the W&M table for sale and then those not purchased by the next FOL sale in December, be donated to FOL. A motion was made and passed to this effect. Lynn and Debbie B invited volunteers to join them in deciding which books to keep.

Roadside Beautification: Clean-up was rescheduled to Wednesday, April 14 at 9 a.m.

Trees and Arbor Day: JoAnn for Marie Jones - Two trees will be planted to observe the national Arbor Day Celebration. E-mail will be sent out to advise of date/time/location for anyone who would like to participate.

Special Committee Reports

District V Host Committee: The President reviewed the following

- Volunteers: An e-mail reminder will go out to remind volunteers what they signed up for
 - Muffins: Those who volunteered for tea or muffins - bring to church at 8 a.m. day of meeting
 - Needed: Ten buckets of greenery cut and conditioned for two days for centerpieces. Contact Lynn
 - Additional volunteers are needed.
 - Set-up volunteers should be at First Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. on 4/29
- Next host committee meeting at Terry Newberry's 4/16 at 9:30 a.m.

School Beautification Project: JoAnn reported:

- Bellman painting has donated all paint and supplies for the project
- Workdays have been scheduled as follows: 4/14/ 4/15/ 4/22 for sealer; 4/26/ 5/3/ 5/5/ 5/10/5/12 for base coats.

Friends of Library Sale: After deducting \$77 for plants purchased from Scherer's, the club netted \$198 at the FOL community event.

Awards

The Petal Power Award was not presented.

The President's Award went to Dawn Waltonbaugh for the idea and pick up of plants from Scherer's for the FOL sale.

Announcements - not already reported:

- Next full Board meeting at Debbie Barneys, 5/7 @ 9:30 a.m.
- 5/14 Final meeting of the year: Homosassa Riverboat tour (optional) and luncheon @ Homosassa Riverside Resort. We will carpool from Duval Island boat ramp parking lot @ 11 a.m. Tour begins at noon; luncheon at 1 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Henson for Cathi Ayers

Financial Summary
March 1 to March 31, 2004

Balance Forward		\$6501.78
INCOME		
District Meeting	\$ 250.00	
Dues	231.00	
Programs	128.75	
Plant Sale	278.40	
Ways&Means	<u>35.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$ 923.15	
BALANCE		\$7424.93
DISBURSEMENTS		
District Meeting	\$ 40.00	
Butterfly Garden	7.32	
Office Expense	.83	
Programs	195.50	
State Convention	<u>667.62</u>	
TOTAL	\$911.27	
ENDING BALANCE		\$6513.66

District V meeting Report by C Ayers

Everyone here who was present at the District V meeting on April 30 knows what a resounding success it was. For those of you who were unable to be a part of the planning and final accomplishment of this event, I just want to share a few of the highlights.

After months of preparation by the committee and numerous last minute communications between Jo and the district people, we were able to set up the fellowship hall at First Pres Church on Thursday. We were there from 11 to about 3, arranging tables, setting up displays, making centerpieces, chopping fruit, washing lettuce, and on and on, but when it was all done, the room was really breath-taking: from the beautiful pastel color table cloths to the May Pole flower centerpieces to the elegant floral design in the beautiful green vase used to both camouflage and decorate the podium area and numerous other special touches.

On Friday, the big attraction as guests arrived was the wonderful display of plants for sale outside the main entrance to the church. The plant sale committee negotiated with Color Country to provide plants on a consignment basis and worked days in advance to organize, price and label homegrown plants - and, I will say thank-you here to everyone who brought home-growns - The plant sale was a highlight for our guests.

Inside, guests were efficiently registered, offered an array of breakfast treats and beverages and each received a "goody" bag with donations from local businesses. Prior to the meeting being called to order, guests were able to shop at Ways & Means and buy tickets for the opportunity drawing which included six wonderful items - four of which were donated by club members.

Everything went smoothly during the meeting, even though something we were assured in advance had never happened at a District meeting before, occurred for this one: We had to have a ballot vote rather than a voice vote for the nominating committee because a nomination came in from the floor in addition to those the Director had already asked.

Lunch was another highlight. The food was wonderful and the service by young ladies from Camp E Nini Hassee was, as always, exceptional. The hershey's kisses mice on top of the cheesecake were a big hit.

Following the meeting, about 30 of the guests drove to Floral City for a walking tour of our historic district.

We had both District and State Officers present at the meeting as well as representatives from most of the clubs in our district which goes from Lake City in the north through G'ville, Ocala, Cedar Key, Williston, Dunnellon, etc down to the clubs in Citrus.

Compliments were flowing throughout the day and have continued to come in. I think all of us, as members of FCGC, can feel a sense of pride for a job well done. Even if you were not able to participate directly, your membership in this club supports our projects and events such as this. Let's give ourselves a hand.

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
 Financial Statement
 April 1 to May 6, 2004

Balance Forward \$6513.66

INCOME

District Meeting	1095.00
Dues	90.00
Programs & Reserv.	186.40
Donations Memorial Garden	35.00
Plant Sale	257.25
Ways & Means	240.45
Raffles	270.00
Refund Rental Co.	240.82

Total 2414.92
 Balance 8928.58

DISBURSEMENTS

District Meeting	1937.07
Camp Wekiva	175.00
Custodian Presby. Church	50.00
Presby. Church Donation	200.00
Jr. Gardeners	42.34
District V Paym.	89.00
Office Expense	70.00
Programs & Ackn.	337.34
Memorial Garden Maint.	134.11
Refund diff. lunch & dues	3.05
Ways & Means	205.39

Total 3243.30
 Ending Balance 5685.28

District Income 2142.70
 Expenses 2286.64
 Loss of 143.94
 Fed 30+ people free

Actual Bal. 5824.90
 Overage of 139.62

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

Mary K. Hofmann

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
May 7 to June 1, 2004

Balance Forward \$5824.90

INCOME

District Meeting Refund	8.05
Dues	147.00
Programs & Reserv.	179.95
Donations Memorial Garden	10.00

Total 345.00
Balance 6169.90

DISBURSEMENTS

Civic & Comm. Christmas	148.41
Jr. Gardeners	15.88
Dues	417.00
Office Expense	59.90
Scholarship	1000.00
Programs & Ackn.	814.09

Total 2455.28
Ending Balance 3714.62


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
May 14, 2004
Minutes

The May meeting was called to order by President JoAnn Quackenbush following a boat tour of Homosassa Springs and luncheon at Nature Coast Resort. The prayer/invocation was given by Mary Lu Sloop prior to the meal. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the club collect.

April meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail on 5/10/2004. There were no corrections requested. The minutes have been filed as published.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Kathy Hofmann. (Statement attached).

Correspondence received.

- Thank you from Mary Zavotsky, President of Friends of Library, for our participation
- Thank you notes from Reva Pachefsky, Joan Pryor and Inez Brooker for the district meeting
- Thank you notes from FFGC representatives for our assistance with door prizes and donations to the FFGC convention "yard" sale.

Correspondence sent: Thank you notes to community businesses, institutions and organizations which made donations in time, service and tangible items or money to the District V meeting.

Officers Reports

The President reported for the Board on recommendations and decisions made at the Board meeting of May 7.

- Next year's fundraisers will be another Secret Garden Tour and our annual plant sale.
- The club has rented a P.O. Box so that there will be a consistent, on-going mailing address for FCGC
- First VP, Bobbie Schoss, and JoAnn plan to set up a new member orientation class to be held once or twice a year to familiarize new members with club goals, committees, website, events & activities.
- The Historian and photography committees will be combined
- Webmaster, Diane Dowthitt, is researching other options for our website host. Consideration for this is to allow us quicker/easier access to update, ability to have on-line forms, and a "members only" password section in which we could post our directory and private classifieds.
- The idea of business sponsors with paid advertising in the yearbook and on the webpage was discussed at the board meeting and a proposed schedule of cost for each size ad will be presented over the summer.
- A nominating committee to identify members for the slate of officers to be elected in March/April of 2005 was presented and approved by voice vote: Terry Newberry, Sheila O'Dell, Thelma Noble and Shirley McAllen.
- A new Trees Committee chairman has been appointed: Michael Harnden
- Cathi Ayers reported that a canopy tent had been purchased for future use with plant sales and other events. The purchase was authorized by the president when Cathi contacted her from a one-day sale at Sears. The regular price of the tent was \$199 and it was purchased for \$84 on sale.

JoAnn and Nancy Mirgon represented FCGC at the state FFGC convention in Gainesville April 19 - 21. Nancy has written a report of the events, meetings and workshops they attended and it is being distributed by e-mail.

Standing Committee Reports

Memorial Gardens: Kathy Hofmann sent around a sign-up sheet for summer watering. A request was made that a thank-you note be sent to Cecile Von Battenburg for her assistance in the garden over the last few months. Marcia Beasley reminded members of the opportunity to make donations in memory of friends or family.

Scholarship: Cathi Ayers, committee chairman, reported that she and JoAnn presented the scholarship to Laura Lee Ritchie at the Citrus High School senior awards ceremony. Laura Lee was chosen by the scholarship committee (JoAnn, Cathi, Kathy Hofmann, Bobbie Schoss, and Lynn Bassett) from a field of six applicants. Because the scholarship was not awarded last year, the \$500 was rolled into this year's so that Laura Lee received \$1000.

Trees and Arbor Day: Arbor Day was celebrated in April with the planting of 2 weeping bottle brush trees, lorapetalum shrubs and other small plants in the Memorial Garden.

Yard of the Year: Cathy Foley announced the winners and honorable mentions for the Garden Awards: Best Overall: Debbie & Joe Barney; Creative Design: Wilbur & Grace Thrush; L&scape Design: Frank & Laurie Kanka; Conservascape: Mary Neron; Front Yard Design: Bette Ayers; Gardening by Propagation: Bunk & Minnie Minnis; Business Award: Tarawood. Honorable Mention: Unique Specialty Garden: Cathi Ayers; Flower Gardens & Creativity: Lisa nad Greg Lively; Conservascape: Joan Knippen; Rock Garden: HD & Lynn Bassett; Water Gardens: Dave & Pam Bellman; New L&scape Design: Jim & Lynda Fenton; Butterfly Garden: Joe & Jackie Ross; Best Manicured: Lloyd & Sheila O'Dell; Best Sustained: Frank & Phyllis Peters.

Special Committee Reports

District V meeting: Cathi Ayers gave a brief summary of the preparation day and meeting day for members who were not there for either.

School Beautification Project: Cathi Ayers reported that she, JoAnn and Pam Bellman have begun work on the exterior mural and asked for additional volunteers to assist. Members who volunteered were: Marcia Beasley, Diane Dowthitt, Jeanne Henson, Patsy Neel and Bobbie Schoss.

Christmas Decorations Committee: Cathy Foley made recommendation for the committee that the club purchase 36 of the bows displayed at the March meeting at a cost of (was this \$48.41 or \$148.41 - can't read my writing).

Awards

The Petal Power Award was presented by last recipient, Kathy Hofmann, to Bobbie Schoss for her untiring and cheerful efforts with coordination of the luncheon for District V.

The President made multiple awards of FCGC logo key chains to recognize members who have participated and assisted in club activities and projects throughout the year. In addition, she awarded Special Certificates of Appreciation to those she referred to as "super achievers" - her "right" hands.

After the president made her awards, she was acknowledged by the club for her dedication and work and was presented with a gift certificate to a local spa.

Announcements :-

- Next full Board meeting at Bobbie Schoss's , Friday 5/28 @ 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
October 8, 2004
Minutes

The October meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush who welcomed everyone back after our extra long summer break which, due to Hurricanes, extended the break through our usual start-up in September. JoAnn then gave the invocation in the absence of chaplain, Mary Lu Sloop, led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the club collect. The President acknowledged the hostesses and greeters: Bette Ayers, Dorothy Clark, Carole Delisle, Kathy Hofmann, and Nancy Mirgon. October birthdays were also acknowledged.

First Vice-President Bobbie Schoss welcomed guests and re-newing members: Cathy Davis, Dora Mitchell and Carol Baker.

May meeting minutes were read by secretary, Cathi Ayers. Two corrections were made: The commercial landscape award was given to Capital City Bank. The Petal Power Award was made jointly to include Diane Dowthitt with Bobbie Schoss.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached).

Correspondence received was reported by the secretary :

- Thank you notes from Laura Lee Ritche for the scholarship award and from Jo Ann Quackenbush for the gift certificate given at the May meeting.

Officers Reports

The President reported:

A proposal made by the Board to the membership via e-mail and phone contact last June which would change the installation banquet for new officers from May to January or February requires an amendment to the By-Laws. The presiding board would continue in office through May, but the officers-elect would have those remaining months to learn their new jobs. A proposed revision in wording was presented to the membership. Marcia Beasley made a motion, which was seconded. By-laws changes require a one month advance notice to the membership prior to voting. The proposed change will be voted on at the November meeting.

First Vice-President, Bobbie Schoss:

Requested that members look over the new yearbook pages and notify her of any errors. She pointed out the change in order of information and suggested that members re-arrange the divider tabs.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislation and Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reminded everyone of upcoming County Heritage week activities and of FL Heritage Days and requested volunteers for historic home hostesses.

Internet/Webpage: Diane Dowthitt reported that our new independent webpage is up. The address is www.floralcitygardenclub.com.

School Garden: Cathi Ayers requested volunteers to help complete the mural and to weed/maintain the garden.

Ways and Means: Carol Hart drew members' attention to a variety of new items available at the W&M table.

October 2004
Minutes

Special Committee Reports

Secret Gardens Tour: Thelma Noble initiated discussion regarding whether or not the club wanted to reschedule the garden tour which was cancelled after hurricane damage to many of the gardens. The president requested that the Tour committee discuss options for rescheduling after talking with garden owners and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

Nominating Committee: Sheila O'Dell reported that the committee has not yet been successful in identifying members to fill the positions which will be open. Bobbie Schoss has agreed to continue as First Vice-President. Kathy Hofmann will consider continuing as Treasurer.

Old Business - None brought forth.

New Business

Kathy Hofmann initiated discussion about continued membership in Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. There appears to be strong opinion on both fronts of this issue. The president agreed that there would be time designated at remaining meetings of this year for statements and discussion prior to consideration for a vote.

Awards

Bobbie Schoss and Diane Dowthitt chose to present the Petal Power Award to Frank Peters.

Announcements

- The Fall District V meeting is being held on 10/11 in McIntosh.
- Inverness GC is hosting a flower show at First Presbyterian Church 10/15 and 10/16
- Citrus Extension Service classes for October were announced
- Former member Lois Bennett's husband recently passed away. Lois has colon cancer and has moved.
- Grow and Share table was set up outside the building.

Adjournment and Program

The business meeting was adjourned. The President announced at the beginning of the meeting that our program by member and certified arborist, Michael Harnden, was cancelled due to the heavy workload Michael is attempting to handle following the two hurricanes which passed through our area. JoAnn invited members to stay and chat about their hurricane experiences and efforts to restore damaged gardens.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers

Financial Statement
May 7 - June 1, 2004

Balance Forward \$5824.90

INCOME

District Meeting Refund:	\$ 8.05
Dues	147.00
Programs and Reservations	179.95
Donations Memorial Garden	10.00

TOTAL \$ 345.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Civic and Community (Christmas)	\$ 148.41
Jr. Gardeners	15.88
Dues	417.00
Office Expense	59.90
Scholarship	1000.00
Programs & Acknowledgments	814.09

TOTAL 2455.28

ENDING BALANCE \$ 3714.62

Financial Statement
June 1 - August 31, 2004

Balance Forward; \$ 3714.62

Income	June	July	August	
Dues	30.00	36.00		
Advertising		100.00		
Garden Tour			15.00	
TOTAL				\$ 181.00
 Disbursements				
Civic & Comm. Dev			163.89	
Division of Plant Ind.			25.00	
School Garden			28.60	
Memorial Garden Mt.	140.00			
Secret Garden Tour			122.56	
Ways & Means			23.27	
Website	95.40			
Yearbook Printing		65.51	20.00	
TOTAL				\$ 684.23
ENDING BALANCE				\$3211.39

Financial Statement
September 1 - September 30, 2004

Balance Forward; \$ 3211.39

Income

None

Disbursements

Dues - FFGC	30.00
Dues - District	15.25
Memorial Garden Mt.	205.00
Secret Garden Tour	17.10
Yearbook Printing	157.42

TOTAL \$ 424.77

ENDING BALANCE \$2786.62

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
Sept. 1 to Sept. 30, 2004

Balance Forward \$3211.39

INCOME

None

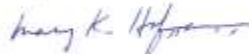
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Balance 3211.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Dues FFGC	30.00
Dues District	15.25
Memorial Garden Maint.	205.00
Secret Garden Tour	17.10
Yearbook Printing	157.42

Total 424.77
Ending Balance 2786.62

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer



FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
May 7 to June 1, 2004

Balance Forward \$5824.90

INCOME

District Meeting Refund	8.05
Dues	147.00
Programs & Reserv.	179.95
Donations Memorial Garden	10.00

Total 345.00
Balance 6169.90

DISBURSEMENTS

Civic & Comm. Christmas	148.41
Jr. Gardeners	15.88
Dues	417.00
Office Expense	59.90
Scholarship	1000.00
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Total 2455.28
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Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

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FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

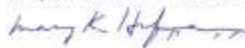
June 1, 2004 to August 31, 2004

Balance Forward \$3714.62

Income	June	July	August
Dues	30.00	36.00	
Advertising		100.00	
Secret Garden			15.00
			Total 181.00
			Balance 3895.62

Disbursements	June	July	August
Civic & Commun.			163.89
Division of Plant Ind.			25.00
Jr. Gard. Garden			28.60
Mem. Garden Maint.	140.00		
Secret Garden Tour			122.56
Ways & Means			23.27
Web site	95.40		
Yearbook Printing		65.51	20.00
			Total 684.23
			Ending Balance 3211.39

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer



FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
November 12, 2004
Minutes

The November meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. The invocation was given by chaplain, Mary Lu Sloop, and Jo Ann led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. First Vice-President Bobbie Schoss welcomed new member Cathy Davis and guests Becky Towne, *Ann Propp* and *Jessie*. Jo Ann acknowledged the hostesses and greeters: Shirley McAllen, Patsy Neel, Diane Freund, and Kathy Hofmann. November birthdays were acknowledged.

October meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail and a copy available on the information table. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached).

Correspondence: None reported

Officers Reports

President Jo Ann Quackenbush:

Jo Ann represented FCGC at the District V meeting held in McIntosh on October 11. FCGC received a "Gold Certificate" for being part of FFGC for 40 years as well as a check for \$100 which was a thank-you gift to each District V club for their community work and assistance with hosting the FFGC convention last April. JoAnn also received the new President's Kit with items she will be distributing to appropriate committees and Opportunity Drawing tickets for the 2004 FFGC Convention which sell for \$1 each.

First Vice-President, Bobbie Schoss:

Reported about the newly formed FC Youth and Family Council Advisory Committee whose mission is to provide more community opportunities for youth and families. The next meeting will be Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge.

Second Vice-President Debbie Barney:

Asked for volunteers to help with decorating tables for the Christmas pot-luck luncheon.

Asked for a show of hands of those who would be interested in attending an extra program for a slide show on bromeliads.

Standing Committee Reports

Civic and Community Development: Cathy Foley reported the Decorations committee has scheduled downtown decorating for Monday, November 29. Meet at the Community Building at 9 a.m.

Legislation and Historic Preservation: Debbie Barney, for Marcia Beasley, reminded everyone of upcoming Heritage Day activities circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers for historic home hostesses.

Internet/Webpage: Diane Dowthitt reported that, in addition to our new independent webpage, the Chronicle webpage is still up, and that the Chronicle has offered us a reduced rate for our webpage which we will take advantage of when the new independent page expires.

School Garden: Cathi Ayers requested volunteers to help complete the mural and to weed/maintain the garden with the next workday scheduled for Monday, November 15 at 8 a.m.

Ways and Means: Carol Hart drew members' attention to a new opportunity for members to bring small "yard sale" type items which they might be planning to donate to one of the thrift stores to sell at club meetings. All proceeds would go to the club. Carol also showed items donated from Floral City Antiques for this month's opportunity drawing.

November 12, 2004
Minutes

Special Committee Reports

Secret Gardens Tour: Thelma Noble reported for SGT co-chairmen Dave Noble and Frank Peters. Of the garden owners receiving awards last year, eight have agreed to be on the tour, one undecided and one not yet reached. The majority stated a preference for a Fall tour.

Old Business

The proposal for an amendment to the By-Laws which was presented at the October meeting was reviewed. The President called for a vote and the amendment was passed unanimously. (See attached page).

New Business

- Cathy Davis announced that Citrus Memorial Hospital is looking for volunteers to care for the outside potted plants if any of our members would be interested.
- Christine Harnden, reporting for Michael Harnden, Trees and Arbor Day chairman, that Michael was proposing that the club plant one or two trees for Florida Arbor Day in January and that the trees be designated in honor/memory of recently deceased long time FC residents Flossie Bassett, Reverend Bellamy and Anita Roy. Michael has offered to match whatever amount the club approves to spend on the trees. A motion was made and passed to purchase two trees to be planted on Orange Avenue as replacements for trees already lost or currently in severe decline with the club contributing \$200 towards the purchase of the trees.
- Thelma announced that the Nobles' yard just received the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods award from the County Extension Office. She encouraged club members to pick up an application and said that the extension agent has said that most any yard which receives the FYN award will qualify for the National Wildlife Federation's Wildlife Habitat award.

Awards

The Petal Power award went from Frank Peters, via Diane Dowthitt to Dave Noble for his work on the Secret Garden Tour.

Announcements

- Reminder of downtown decorating 9 a.m. on Monday 11/29 & Roadside Clean-up Wed 12/1
 - Reminder of need for hostesses/hosts for historic homes tour as well as the Heritage Hall Museum which will be in the Old Fire Station during Heritage Days.
 - December 3 - Luminaries and caroling
 - December 4 - Heritage Day and Historic Homes tour
 - December 10 - Annual Christmas potluck luncheon at Singing Forest (directions in yearbook)
- Bring placesetting. Optional plant or garden-related item for gift exchange. Spouses or friend welcome.

Adjournment and Program

The business meeting was adjourned. After a brief break, Master Gardener and former FCGC member, Dawn Waltonbaugh gave a program on growing herbs and their use in cooking.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers

Financial Statement
October 1 - October 31, 2004

Balance Forward:		\$ 2786.62
Income		
Dues	28.00	
Ways and Means	58.00	
TOTAL		86.00
Disbursements		
District meeting	15.00	
Refund Garden Tour	15.00	
Rent for Oct & Nov	53.00	
Ways & Means	112.56	
TOTAL		195.56
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 2677.06

(Attachment to November 12, 2004 minutes)

Amendment to By-Laws

Underlined words reflect changes

Under the heading of Officers:

1. Officers of this club shall be President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Officers shall be elected every two (2) years and shall serve for a two (2) year term.
3. A committee, appointed by the President at the end of the first year of the Administrative Term, shall nominate all officers.
4. The new slate of Officers is to be presented at the December Meeting, and elected by two-thirds vote of active membership present at the January meeting.
5. Officers Elect shall be installed at the February Meeting (or a special installation meeting/luncheon as determined by the Board each year) and shall assume the full duty of their respective office at the close of the final (May) meeting of the year.

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
November 1 to November 30, 2004

Balance Forward \$2677.06

INCOME

Dues	14.00
Ways & Means	161.00
FFGC	100.00
Memorial Garden	60.00

Total 335.00
Balance 3012.06

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Postage	14.80
Ways & Means	108.12

Total 122.92
Ending Balance 2889.14


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer