

SEPTEMBER 2003 MEETING

___ 1PM Call to Order ~ Pledge of Allegiance ~ Collect

___ Invocation > Mary Lu Sloop

___ Special Thank You to:

Greeters: Christine Harnden & ~~Pam Bellman~~-Thelma Noble

Hostesses: Shirley Granneman, Bette Ayers, Sheila O'Dell

___ Welcome: Debbie Barney:

Welcome Guests [flower seed packets < Ways & Means] &

New Members [gifts < Ways & Means]

___ Minutes of the May 2003 meeting > substitute f/ Cathi Ayers: Additions or Corrections?

Correspondence

Officers' Reports

___ Treasurer's Report > Kathy Hofmann:

___ Budget > Kathy Hofmann

___ President's Report > jq

___ Announcement re: Minutes: future meeting minutes will be published via email within 2 weeks of each meeting. We would like the email buddies to print the minutes and send them to your phone buddy and we will provide the stamps. If you are unable to send them, please let me know and I will make arrangements to get a copy to them. Then at the meeting we would only ask for corrections rather than having to read them.

___ Bette Ayers has resigned as recording secretary. The Nominating Committee was unable to find anyone willing to fill the vacancy, but our own Cathi Ayers volunteered to do the job, so in accordance our By-Laws I've appointed Cathi Ayers to fill the vacancy.

___ Phyllis Peters found it necessary to resign as 1st Vice President because of her new day job; so, in accordance with our by-laws the 2nd Vice President [Debbie Barney] will assume the duties of the 1st Vice President.

___ Committee News: We have a new sign-up sheet included in your yearbook for anyone who would like to join a standing or special committee ... And we've added 2 New Standing Committees this year:

Helping Hands: Chaired by Debbie Barney

Scholarship: Chaired by Cathi Ayers.

___Reva Pachefsky, District V Director, requested the Floral City Garden Club host the spring 2004 District V Meeting. The Board recommends we accept this great fund raising opportunity to show off our club and quaint little town. It will require a lot of work and the whole club will be involved in one way or another.

Motion 2nd Discussion Aye/No

Executive Committee Reports

Standing Committees' Reports ... will the following Chairmen please line up at the podium to give your report in the following order:

___Awards > Thelma Noble

The FCGC does a lot of outstanding work which is never recognized or considered for an award because we rarely apply for them. I will be preparing a list of awards that are available for your yearbook. Committee Chair should review this list when it is published and let me know if we are or will be working on any project that could qualify for an award. I will be meeting with the chairmen to discuss the award requirements and deadlines and gather information to prepare a book of evidence. FFGC is sponsoring an awards workshop coming up in Ocala this November. If this is a committee that any of you think you might be interested in, please let me know.

___Historian > Nancy Mirgon

The new Scrapbook has been prepared and is on display at the back table along with prior years scrapbooks. If you haven't seen them, take a moment to go through some of them. If anyone takes pictures of events that you would like to include in the scrapbook, please get the pictures to me with labels [who, what, when].

___Helping Hands > Debbie Barney

This committee was established by the Executive Board this year [2003] for the benefit of FCGC members ... a contact to call when short-term assistance is needed to cover illness, injury, family emergency or vacation. The committee will arrange for volunteers to help members with things such as:

Transportation [to/from meetings, doctor appointments, pharmacy or store];

Meals

Household chores

Gardening or watering

Pet Care

If you need help, please call.

This committee will also provide names of members who are available to help other members with limited physical capabilities needing long-term assistance with similar chores for a fee [agreed upon between the parties involved]. Gardening in this category would also include mowing, edging, weeding and etc.

Sign-up sheet /// what are you willing to do?

Volunteers

Paid Helpers

___ Internet / Website > Diane Dowthitt

We are in the process of updating the FCGC website and it should be completed in the very near future. If you do not know the website address [URL] it is www.nccentral.com/fcgc . We are looking into possibilities of putting the website with another web hosting service and will let you know the results of that research at the October meeting.

___ Legislation & Historic Preservation > Marcia Beasley

Floral City Sign Dedication Sat 10/18/2003@ 10:00 AM ... this event is not in your yearbook calendar so be sure to mark it down.

Special Report > Bobbie Schoss: The gopher turtles report, letter & meeting

___ Photography > Nancy Mirgon or jq f/Gloria Uhl

Back-up Photographers – This committee is chaired by Gloria Uhl, but is in need of a back-up photographer or two when one or the other is unable to attend a function.

___ Roadside Beautification > Debbie Barney or jq f/Pam Bellman

Our first roadside clean-up is Wed 9/24/2003 @ 9:00 AM. This is a club sponsored activity and everyone able to help should try to come on out and help. We will have a special gift certificate hidden in a specially marked envelope with the club logo on it along a section of our road, so be sure to come out and join in the search for it and pick up some trash as you go along the way. We often go to Shamrock's afterward to a cool drink together. For you newer members who haven't had the opportunity to join in the fun, we have this job down to a science. Pam will give you a vest, trash bags and a pik stik if you don't already have one. You will be more comfortable if you wear water-proof shoes and jeans or other long pants in case

the grass is long. Bring a trash can on wheels [preferably square] if you have one. And another handy tool is a small bucket.

___Telephone > Nancy Mirgon

Telephone Buddy/Email Buddy: As you can see, we are really counting heavily on you who have email to read it promptly, contact your telephone buddy if you have one and reply as necessary ... for both of you unless she/he is out of town. This is a vital function of our club ... we thought it would help eliminate the Telephone Committee but we have found it necessary to re-establish that committee to cover absences. The program on integrated pest management and Betty Eicher's Garden Tour were missed by some phone buddies who said they were never contacted by their email buddy and by some email buddies that never read their email [maybe on vacation???]. We really need everyone's cooperation on this.

If you have a phone buddy and are going out of town, please notify the telephone committee so that your phone buddy can be called if needed during your absence.

If you are a phone buddy and will be going out of town, please notify your email buddy so they don't call you unnecessarily.

If you have been assigned to phone buddy but do not wish to call them, please let us know so that we can assign them to someone else.

If you have email but don't want to use it please let us know ... we'll assign an email buddy to you so you can be informed of what's going on in the club.

___Ways & Means > Bobby Schoss

___It's time to order the new FFGC 2004 Floral Arrangement Calendars. I need to see a show of hands to find out how many we should order. #___

___Derby Party or Alternative Party

What it is, how much it will cost, and where it will be [if known]

If we have it is anyone interested in attending

___We're going to have a special drawing for December and we'd like to know which one you prefer ... you will be able to purchase tickets anytime between now and the December meeting:

___A framed print for \$70. The board decided to buy the larger one [\$130] for the spring 2004 Dist V meeting drawing [show picture], or

___A throw for \$40 [show picture]

___Vote: who would prefer the print ... or who would prefer the throw ...

___Yearbook > Debbie Barney

Miscellaneous Instructions: In this yearbook we are including new or changed instructions for Hostesses, Greeters, Email/Telephone Buddy System, the Annual Birthday Party, Grow & Share, Raffle, Community Building Use, Community Gardens, Petal Power Award and President's Award [formerly Joy in Gardening]. Please be sure to read them when you get your new yearbook put together. If you can think of any other instructions that we need to add concerning things we do and take for granted that you know when you don't, please let us know.

___Horticulture > Dawn Waltonbaugh for Gloria Uhl

September gardening

Q&A

Special Committees' Reports:

___Secret Garden Tour > Carol Hart

Date, Time, Cost & Plans

___School Beautification > Phyllis Peters or jq f/Cathi Ayers

Garden completed: The plants were put in the last week of July. Twelve workers came from the camp, along with Frank Peters and I. Earlier work days to prepare the bed for planting had help from: Jo, Thelma, Gloria and her husband, Frank and Phyllis, Michael H. and his daughter, Debbie Barney, Lynn B.

Mural project to begin when the weather is cooler.

___Dist V Meeting Committee > jq: I will chair this committee and those that have already agreed to help include: Cathi Ayers, Marcia Beasley, Marie Jones, Thelma Noble, Diane Dowthitt, and Bobbie Schoss. If anyone else is interested or willing to help, please see me after the meeting or fill out the District Meeting Committee section on the committee sign-up form in your new yearbook. The first committee meeting has been scheduled for **Saturday, October 18 at Thelma's house immediately following the Floral City sign dedication.**

B R E A K !!!

Unfinished [old] Business:

New Business: jq

FCGC has been a long-time supporter of Eckerd Youth Alternatives Camp E-Nini-Hassee [which means "Her Sunny

Road"]. It is the only all-girls therapeutic wilderness facility operated by EYA and is also a license substance abuse treatment center and where these girls learn the skills required to build effective relations, take responsibility for their choices and understand the consequences of their behavior. It was established in 1969 and is located on 860 acres in Floral City. The camp houses 60 girls and there is 49 staff members who share the responsibilities helping these young ladies reach their goals and get a second chance at life. They want to build a pool and need financial help doing it. The brochure offers gift opportunities outlined below:

- \$25,000 Name the Bathhouse
- \$10,000 Name the Picnic Shelter
- \$ 5,000 Fence Panel
- \$ 1,500 Trees
- \$ 1,000 Picnic Tables
- \$ 500 Tiles around the pool [12x12]
- \$ 250 Bricks for the walkway**
- \$ 100 Friends of ENH
- \$? Other Amount

Based on the assistance the camp has provided the GC in the past and our desire to support the camp, the Board is recommending a donation in the amount of \$250 to Camp E. to assist in their fund-raising project for a pavilion. This donation would be recognized by placement of a brick with an inscription in the walkway.

Motion 2nd discussion
Aye/No

Awards: [photos]

___ Petal Power Award by jq f/Pam Bellman

Dawn Waltonbaugh for the great summer program on integrated pest management

___ President's Award: jq

Mary Lu for organizing and coordinating the Summer Garden Tour to Betty Eicher's

Announcements & Reminders: jq

___FFGC has invited us to attend their annual fund raiser ... Fashion Follies II, to be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at the Pioneer Garden Center 4331 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL. 11:30 AM arrival/check-in, 12PM Luncheon. The cost is \$15.00 and reservations are due by 10/28. Kathy Hofmann has the sign-up sheet ... please see her if you are interested in attending. FFGC is also looking for 2 volunteers to model clothes in the fashion show. Thelma Noble has agreed to be one of the models. Would anyone else like to volunteer?

___There will be a plant sale at Rainbow Springs State Park in the main building on Oct 19 and Oct 26 from 9 to 3PM. There will be master gardener seminars for anyone attending. If you wish to enter the park beyond the main bldg there is a \$1.00 charge. [Debbie Barney]

___PC Users: for those of you who don't refill your inkjet cartridges, please save them and bring them to Cathi for the schools' fundraising project. [Cathi Ayers]

___Reminder: Floral City Sign Dedication is scheduled for 10AM Sat 10/18/2003

___Reminder: Our first roadside clean-up is Wed 9/24/2003 @ 9:00 AM.

___Reminder: As you trim back your bushes and plants remember to pop up a couple for the Sprint Plant Sale.

___Reminder: Grow & Share: Everyone be sure to visit the Grow & Share Table and help yourselves to the plants members brought for you.

Drawing > Bobbie Schoss

2PM Program introduced by Debbie Barney: Birds & Butterflies by Jim Bierly, Audubon Society

Meeting is Adjourned/Time:
