

AWARD# 33
THE CLYDE D. WARE AWARD
FOR CIVIC DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT V
FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FLORAL CITY

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

APPLICATION FOR AWARD

DISTRICT # V

DATE OF APPLICATION 11/25/2003

AWARD TO BE PRESENTED IN 2004

AWARD # 33 CLASS NAME OF AWARD Clyde D. Ware Award for Civic Development

APPLICANT'S NAME: Clubs, Circles, Groups of Clubs, Councils and Individuals

NAME Floral City Garden Club

ADDRESS 11404 E. Loon Court

Floral City, FL 34436

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACHIEVEMENT

Floral City Gateway Sign

In a joint effort by the Floral City Garden Club and The Floral City Heritage Council and with approval and financial backing by the Citrus County Board of Commissioners, a Gateway sign, announcing the entrance to Historic Floral City from the east along Highway 48, was created with a native landscaped planting area surrounding the sign. Artwork was created by Floral City Garden Club President, JoAnn Quackenbush. A Dedication ceremony was held on October 18, 2003, during Citrus County Heritage Week. The plants and surrounding area will be maintained by the members of the Floral City Garden Club.

SIGNATURE OF CLUB OR CIRCLE PRESIDENT



ADDRESS 11404 E. Loon Court

Floral City, FL 34436

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LOCAL AWARDS CHAIRMAN

Thelma Noble

8511 E. Orange Avenue, Floral City, FL 34436

Fasten this copy to inside of front cover of Book of Evidence and **BEFORE JANUARY 30th** (unless otherwise specified in individual award)— mail to:

STATE CHAIRMAN OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NAME Deloris Shelton

ADDRESS 920 W. Beach Drive

Panama City, FL 32401

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SUMMARY
INCLUDED ON ATTACHED APPLICATION

Floral City Garden Club (FCGC)
Gateway Entry Sign and Landscaping Project

As part of the Floral City Vision 20/20 Action Plan, the Floral City Garden Club and the Floral city Heritage Council, meet with County Commissioners and the Public Works Department with their plans, site suggestion and estimated costs. Approval was granted for use of the requested property with the County agreeing to pay the cost of the sign construction. All other labor and costs to be taken care of by FCGC and members of both organizations. Maintenance of the plants will be provided for by the Floral City Garden Club.

This Gateway sign announces the entrance into Historic Floral City. Utilizing local materials such as limestone, driftwood, and old cypress dock boards, it was only fitting that it be landscaped by the FCGC using plants native to the area, with Simpson Stoppers featured across the back and Walter's Viburnum in front. Two Flatwoods Plum trees were planted to frame the sign. The local waterfowl and water lily painting on the driftwood was painted and donated by FCGC President JoAnn Quackenbush.

Soil was brought in and all digging, planting, mulching and limestone border was done by the members of FCGC. Initial critical watering was provided by homeowners residing near the sign.

In celebration of the completing of this project a Dedication Ceremony was held during Citrus County Heritage Week with many local residents and county dignitaries attending.

The Dedication Program and Hometown News article lists the many County and Local Organizations that took part in this project and the dedication.

Gateway discussed

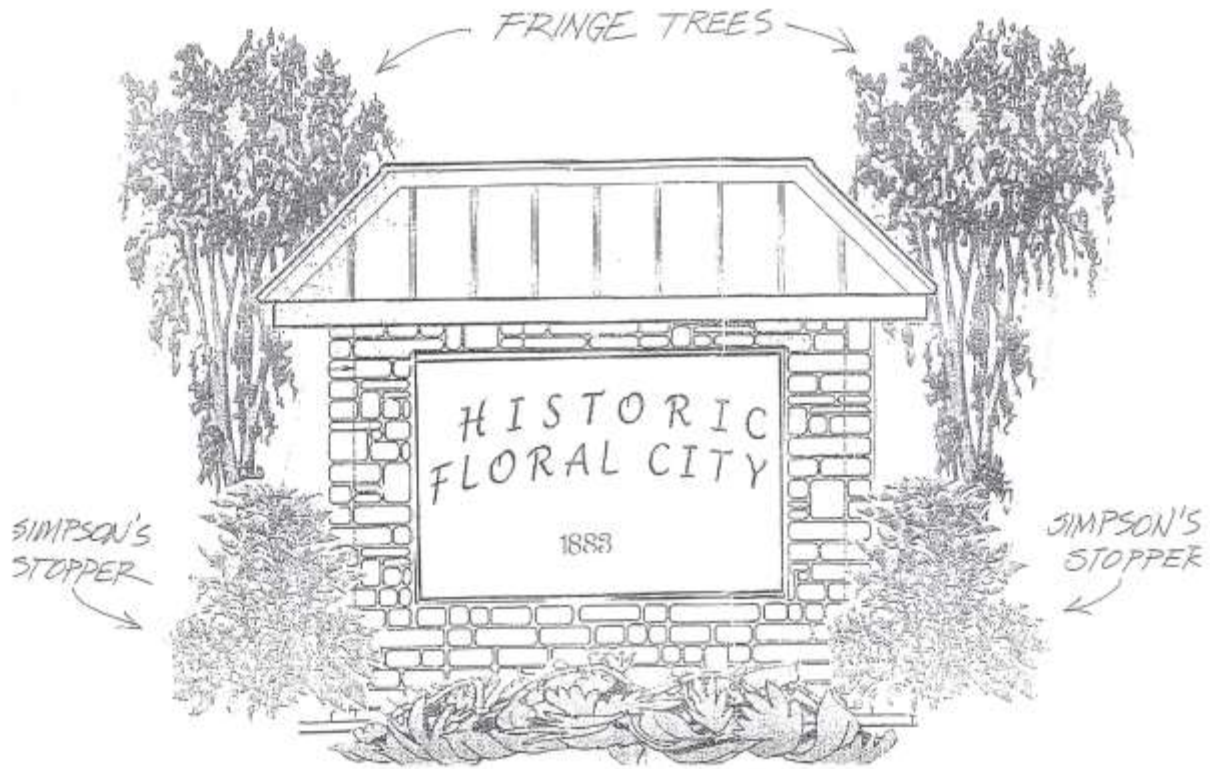


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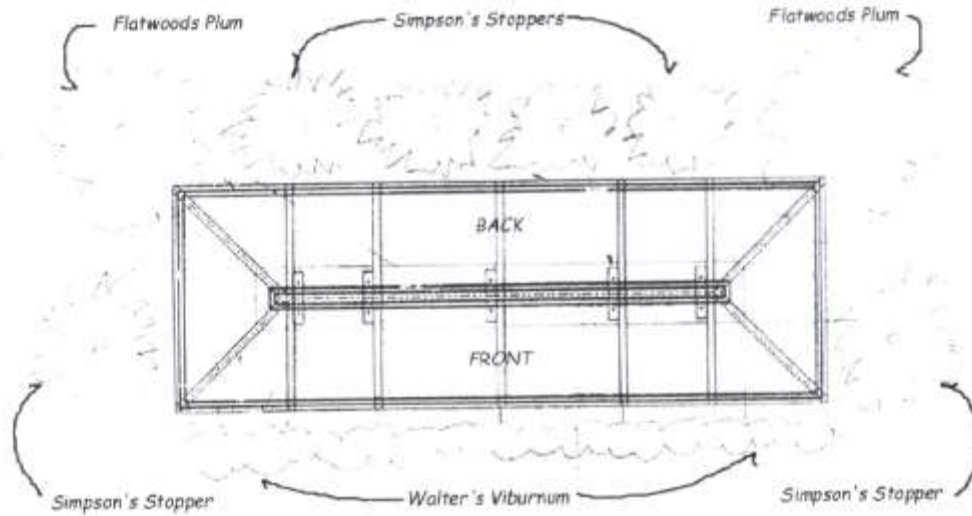
Members of the Floral City Garden Club and the Floral City Heritage Council met recently with county staff to plan for the gateway entry signage at the east end of Historic Floral City on Orange Avenue and County Road 48. Those present were, from left: Ken Frink, public works department director; Walter Eastmond, engineering division; Ken Saunders, assistant county administrator; Cathi Ayers, Floral City Garden Club president; H.D. and Lynn Bassett, members of the garden club and heritage council; and Tom Ritchie, historian for the council. Not shown is Marcia Beasley, council chairman. This project is part of an objective in the Floral City Vision 2020 Action Plan.

COST FIGURES FOR THE FLORAL CITY GATEWAY SIGN

ITEM	DOLLAR OUTLAY	ADDITIONAL VALUE
Board of County Commissioners contracted.....	\$4,800	
Donated:		
Sign:		
Boards and construction.....	N/C	\$75.00
Routing of letters:		
A Floral City Garden Club Donor.....	150	
Sunroasting Systems, Inc.....	N/C	\$100
Floral City Heritage Council.....	50	
Artwork:		
Floral City Garden Club Donor.....	N/C	\$200
Stone work on back of sign (Clark Construction).....	N/C	\$200
Fill Dirt .3 yds.....	N/C	\$ 36
Limerock sign structure and landscaping.....	N/C	\$400
Hauling of rock.....	N/C	\$150
Landscaping:		
Plants:		
Floral City Garden Club Donor.....	150	
Floral City Heritage Council.....	100	
Mulch .3 yds.....	N/C	\$27
Water hoses, connections, storage box (FCHC).....	27	\$50
Misc. supports, supplies, etc. (FCHC).....	55	
Dedication Ceremony costs (FCHC).....	30	
SUB-TOTAL.....	\$5,362.00	1,238.00
TOTAL VALUE OF GATEWAY SIGN.....		\$6,600.00
Estimated manhours volunteered were at least 340		



OVERHEAD VIEW
PROPOSED PLANTINGS
FLORAL CITY GATEWAY SIGN





Construction
of sign begins
paid for
by county funds



Soil preparation
and planting of
Prunus Umbellata
(Flatwoods Plum Trees)
by male members
of
Floral City Garden Club





Prunus Umbellata
(Flatwoods Plum Trees)
purchased & donated
by FC Heritage Council
planted by members of
Floral City Garden Club



Limestone rock
landscape border
gathered and placed
by male members of
Floral City Garden Club
and Heritage Council





Soil preparation
by members
of
Floral City Garden Club



Myrcianthes Fragrans
(Simpson's Stoppers)
& *Viburnum Obovatum*
(Walter's Viburnum)
compact forms
purchased from CFNF
All Native Nursery
donated and planted by
FCGC members





PROGRAM
FLORAL CITY GATEWAY SIGN
DEDICATION
10:00 A.M., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2003

WELCOME.....FRANK PETERS, Emerge, Chairman Gateway Sign
Committee

PRESENT COLORS...JOE HUGHES, Commander of the Honor
Guard for
the Joe Nic Barco V.F.W. Post #225 of Floral City

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.....FRED DANIELS, Commander of the Herbert
Surbler American Legion Post #225 of Floral City

INVOCATION.....REV. LEROY BELLAMY, pastor of the Grace
Temple, Church of the Living God, Floral City

ALTERNATED: REV. MICHAEL THOMPSON,
Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Floral City

SIGN'S BACKGROUND...FRANK PETERS
UNVEILING OF SIGN.....JO ANN QUACKENBUSH, President of
the Floral City Garden Club and
ALLEN "OSSE" BEASLEY, Member Floral City
Heritage Council

APPRECIATIONS.....FRANK PETERS

MUSIC....."America The Beautiful" by a group of residents from
Eckerd's Youth Alternatives, Camp E-Nol-Hassee
lead by counselor, CHIEF CODY

REMARKS...COMMISSIONER JOSH WOOTEN, Vice Chairman
and Chairman "Keep Citrus Beautiful"

A FINAL THANK YOU.....MARCIA BEASLEY, Chairman Floral City
Heritage Council, and a Director of the
Citrus County Historical Society, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....FRANK PETERS...

1. Immediately following this event:
An Old Fashion Ham Dinner and Craft Show is being
held at the Floral City United Methodist Church
on Marvin St. across from the School...All are invited.
Dinner is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
2. The community is invited to hear Tom Ritchie present a
History of Floral City and the Heritage Council will be
offering his 105 page booklet on the history. Tuesday, Oct.
28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Floral City Community Building.
3. The community is invited to a free Old Fashion Picnic in
the Floral Park on Saturday, Nov. 8th from 12 noon to
4 p.m. This is a fund raiser for the Heritage Council by
Council member and picnic chairman Jim Brunswiek

MUSIC....."God Bless America" ...Audience Participation...
Lead by Floral City Team Green 4-II and Floral City Girl
Scouts, Their Leader is PATRICIA UZAR

BENEDICTION...REV. GREGG WOOD, Pastor of the Floral City
United Methodist Church

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED
TO
ATTEND
THE DEDICATION
OF THE

FLORAL CITY
GATEWAY SIGN

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2003
AT
10:00 A.M.

EAST END OF THE
HISTORIC OAKS
ON
ORANGE AVENUE
IN
FLORAL CITY, FLORIDA

PARKING AVAILABLE AT
THE BRYAL ISLAND BOAT RAMP
PARKING LOT

FC 'gateway' sign unveiled

About 100 residents gathered Saturday morning, Oct. 18, to witness the unveiling and dedication of Floral City's "gateway" sign on E. Orange Avenue.

Located where CR 48 makes a wide bend to the left to head due west into town, the "gateway" sign ushers drivers into the southeast part of the county through Floral City's famous canopy of oak trees.

Floral City Heritage Council member Frank Peters opened the ceremony at 10 a.m., followed by the presentation of the colors by the Floral City VFW Honor Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Mary Zavotsky
Floral City Today



Photo by Connie Lloyd/Special to The Gallop Press
Residents, volunteers and county officials were on hand Oct. 18 to dedicate Floral City's new welcome sign.

Peters, who co-chaired the sign project with H.D. Basset, lauded volunteers from the Heritage Council for initiating the project and other civic groups and individuals who worked to make it happen.

Describing the structure itself,

Peters said the limestone is

the same as what was used on the Community Building and the wood came from old dock boards.

"Our town is laid back," he said. "We didn't want anything flashy, so we went with old Florida architecture and the tin roof."

JoAnn Quackenbush, a local artist and president of

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the Floral City Garden Club, did the artwork. Son Router Systems, Inc., of Floral City did the lettering. Clark Construction worked with rock mason Larry Swain to erect the structure. Lynn and H.D. Basset donated the funds for the lettering.

The Floral City Garden Club members donated countless hours and hard work to create the flowerbeds. The owners of the adjoining property and Charles and Jody Garnett are donating the water needed to nourish the garden.

Michael Harnden, a

certified arborist, obtained the topsoil needed and donated his time to supervise the planting of the native Flat Bush Plums.

Ozzie Beasley donated time, expertise and equipment to ready the site. Frank Peters and his wife, Phyllis, donated the plants, which are all native to the area.

Peters praised county personnel for putting the project on their agenda and seeing it through. He called the county government, which funded the construction, "a good partner." Residents of Floral City took on the details and the gardens and will now shoulder the responsibility

of maintenance.

JoAnn Quackenbush and Ozzie Beasley cut the ribbons to unveil the sign.

County Commissioner Josh Wooten called the site "the most beautiful gateway into our county."

"The whole county will benefit from this," he said.

Wooten then expanded on the theme of a partnership between government and residents. He said Floral City was different from other communities that have asked for and gotten signs for their towns in that Floral City residents did not go to county commissioners asking for a handout.

"They asked for just a little bit of funding, and said they would do the rest," Wooten said.

Floral City Heritage Council Chairwoman Marcia Beasley spoke of the support from the Citrus County Historical Society and then introduced the girls from the E-Nini-Hassee Wilderness Camp, who sang "America the Beautiful."





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NOTES OF THANKS

Editor:

On behalf of the Floral City Heritage Council of the Citrus County Historical Society, I would like to express appreciation for the construction and dedication of the new Floral City Gateway Sign at the east end of Orange Avenue, also known as County Road 48.

We thank the **Board of County Commissioners** for the limerock structure to hold the sign and the press for their coverage and photos of the project and the dedication event.

We appreciate the outstanding coordination and direction provided by council member **Frank Peters** and for the generous monetary contribution from **Frank and Phyllis Peters**, and **H.D. and Lynn Bassett**; for the professional in-kind services donated by **Larry Liverman**, owner of **Son Routing Systems Inc.**, **Clark Construction Inc.**, and **Jo Ann Quackenbush**, president of the Floral City Garden Club.

We are grateful for the cooperation and assistance of county staff: Assistant Administrator **Ken Saunders**; director of Public Works **Ken Frink**; director of Community Development **Gary Maidhof**; engineer **Walt Eastmond**; and construction coordinator **Dan Tvenstrup**.

Appreciation is extended to the following members of the Floral City Garden Club for the landscaping: **Jo Ann Quackenbush**, **Thelma Noble**, **Cathi Ayers**, **Debbie Barney**, **Debra Owens**, **Allen Beasley**, **Frank and Phyllis Peters** and certified arborist **Michael Harnden**.

For the wood background for lettering and artwork, we thank **Allen Beasley**, **Ossie A. Beasley** and **Jason Poirier**. Also, to **Tom Ritchie** for his valuable assistance.

A special "thank you" goes to the



Special to the Times

The Floral City Heritage Council of the Citrus County Historical Society unveiled a Gateway Sign at Orange Avenue and Duval Island in Floral City on Oct. 18. Pictured, from left, are the Rev. Gregory Wood, Josh Wooten, Ozzie Beasley, Marcia Beasley, Michael Harnden, Frank Peters, Larry Liverman, JoAnn Quackenbush, Thelma Noble, Fred Daniels, the Rev. Michael Thompson and Joel Hughes.

new property owners adjacent to the sign, **Charles and Jodi Garnett**, their son, **Trent**, and Jodi's father, **Jack Hawkins**, who have generously donated water for landscaping and electricity.

We extend our appreciation to all who attended the dedication and to the following who participated in the ceremony: Commissioner **Josh Wooten**, who is the founder of Keep Citrus County Beautiful; director of County Tourism, **Mary Craven**; the Honor Guard and their Commander, **Joe Hughes** of Joe Nic Barco VFW Post No. 7122; the members and Cmdr. **Fred Daniels** of **Herbert**

Surber American Legion Post No. 225; the Rev. **Michael Thompson** of First Baptist Church of Floral City; the Rev. **Greg Wood** of Floral City United Methodist Church; residents and counselors of **Camp E-Nini-Hassee** and **Eckerd's Youth Alternatives**; and **Team Green 4-H** of Floral City and their leader, **Patricia Usar**.

This Floral City Vision 20/20 Action project was a community-county government partnership with the Floral City Heritage Council, who sponsored the Stewardship Agreement.

Marcia L. Beasley, chair
Floral City Heritage Council