

AWARD# 36
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
DISTRICT V
FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB CLASS C
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 # 36 CLASS C NAME OF AWARD Community Service Award

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

In Celebration of Arbor Day and A Memorial to 9/11

Historic Floral City is known for its wonderful canopy of Live Oaks which were planted along the main streets in 1884. As part of an ongoing effort to replace those trees which have died, the Floral City Garden Club, assisted by The Floral City Heritage Council, Junior Gardeners, the local 4-H Club Green Team and citizens throughout our community, planted 2 Live Oaks along Aroostook Avenue. A dedication ceremony took place January 18, 2003 (one of the coldest days of the winter) with a parade, speakers and a great turnout by local citizens. Irrigation of trees during the first month is critical and was performed by property owners.

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 _____

Certificate of Appreciation

THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

**Wishes to extend to you our sincere appreciation for entering
This Book of Evidence**



Joan Pryor

Joan Pryor, President

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

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SUMMARY
INCLUDED ON ATTACHED APPLICATION

Floral City Garden Club (FCGC)

Freedom Tree Project

Floral City residents greatly prize our century old Live Oak trees, which were originally planted in 1884, and identifies our National Historic District. In order to preserve this respected heritage of our community, the Floral City Garden Club along with The Floral City Heritage Council, embarked on a campaign to have each tree carefully evaluated by Certified Arborist, garden club member, Michael Harnden, in an effort to replace trees which had been lost due to disease or storms over the years.

In recognition of National Garden Club's Freedom Tree Program, *"To plant a tree, watch it grow and flourish.."* two sixteen (16) foot Live Oak Trees were purchased by Arborist Harnden, one for the FCGC and one for a couple in the community who wish to remain anonymous. These trees were planted by FCGC members, Junior Gardeners and the Floral City Team Green 4-H Club, along the original downtown area of Floral City on Aroostook Way.

Local residents along Aroostook Way were contacted and joyfully helped with the critical initial watering of the trees. The Floral City Heritage Council assisted FCGC by providing the insurance required by Citrus County Dept. Of Public Works, so that Floral City's first ever parade could be held on January 18, 2003 in celebration of Florida Arbor Day and as a Memorial Tribute to 9/11. The Dedication Program lists the many County and Local Organizations that took part in this parade and dedication which was well attended by local residents on the coldest day of the winter.





FREEDOM TREES PLANTING & DEDICATION



COMMITTEE:

- TREE PLANTING.....Michael Hamden
- TREE RIBBONS.....Marie Jones
- ADMINISTRATION.....Marcia Beasley
- MASTER OF CEREMONY.....Cathi Ayers
- SCHOOL COORDINATION.....Cathi Ayers
- DISTRIBUTE FLYERS.....Chairman: Cathi Ayers
- PARADE LINE UP.....Sandy Mass
- PARKING.....Chairmen: Barry Pendry
and Frank Peters
- SOUND SYSTEM/ PODIUM SET UP.....Pete Hennings
- PROGRAMS FOR SERVICE.....Jo Quackenbush



Appreciation is extended to Marshall's Tree Farm, Morriston, Florida, for providing two Florida # 1 Grade, 3 inch caliper trees at wholesale cost. Marshall's is one of the only tree farms in our general area that grows in accordance with Florida grades and standards.

The two live oaks were installed by Michael Hamden our local Certified Arborist and our Floral City Garden Club volunteer, Frank Peters along with the Floral City Garden Club Junior Gardeners and the 4-H Club Team Green. The first month of irrigation is the most important for establishment. An irrigation program will be provided by property owner, Earl Mitchell and Michael Hamden, Certified Arborist.



Tree planting



KATHY DITCHFIELD/For the Chronicle

Floral City will become even more floral this weekend. On Saturday, the community known for its giant live oaks will officially get two more trees when it hosts its Freedom Trees Dedication. The event will observe Florida's Arbor Day and honor those who dedicate their lives to providing safety to others. The ceremony will begin after a parade featuring civic organizations and clubs. The parade begins at 8805 E. Orange Ave. Members of the Floral City Garden Club will join with the Floral City Team Green 4-H Club to plant two new oak trees at 11 a.m. at Aroostook Way. Aroostook Way will be closed to traffic from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Enter parking areas from Annie Terrace or Baker Street. The groups will plant the oaks as a local observance of the National Garden Club's Freedom Trees program. Members of the Floral City Garden Club recently joined with the 4-H Club members to plant the two trees along Aroostook Way in preparation for the dedication. The Floral City Garden Club sponsors the dedication.

FREEDOM TREES DEDICATION

In Celebration of Arbor Day & A Memorial Tribute to 9/11

(In recognition of National Garden Club's Freedom Tree Program)

Sponsored by
Floral City Garden Club

Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*)

Assisted by
Floral City Heritage Council



into Old Floral City



Floral City 'Freedom Tree' to commemorate 9/11

By Marcia Beasley
Special to The Gallop Press

Shocking events in our lives cause us to remember where we were and what we were doing when the event occurred. Such is the case with Sept. 11, 2001. The tragedy of that day has given us the strong desire to find a way to honor the victims and survivors of '9/11.'

While some communities are placing flags along roadways, the Floral City Garden Club is contemplating a different tribute.

Members of the club's Tree Committee met recently to plan how the club could become a part of the FREEDOM TREES program established by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. to honor victims and survivors of '9/11.'

The program designed by the National Council states the purpose: "To plant a tree, watch it grow and flourish ... It would become a living monument

to our country and demonstrate a meaningful, positive response to a disastrous series of events."

This Freedom Trees Program is a sub-program of the National Council's Two Million Trees Project with a goal to plant 2 million trees nationwide within two years.

During the Oct. 11 garden club meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Floral City Community Building, the Tree Committee will propose that one sizable Live Oak tree be planted on Aroostook Way as a replacement tree for historic oaks lost over the years and as a living monument, Freedom Tree.

This location was selected through the continuing coordination of historic preservation efforts with the Floral City Heritage Council of the Citrus

County Historical Society, Inc.

In March, the two organizations joined forces to contract with certified arborist Michael Harnden for a detailed evaluation study of each of the 127 oaks on

Orange Avenue and Aroostook Way.

These oaks includes the trees that form the basis of the National Historic District for Floral City. Aroostook Way was the original part of town when the village was laid out and surveyed in 1883. The original oaks were planted by the community along Orange Avenue and Aroostook Way in 1884.

Since 1989, replacement oaks for these historic trees have been planted as Arbor Day projects. In keeping with that tradition, the Freedom Tree will also be

planted and dedicated for Arbor Day (this year on Jan. 17, 2003).

For more information about the Freedom Tree planting program or the Floral City Garden Club, call President Cathi Ayers

(352) 627-6345 or Tree Chairman M. Jones at (352) 344-0860.

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Marcia Beasley is the publicity chairwoman for The Floral City Garden Club. She lives in Floral City.





**CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING**
3600 W. SOVEREIGN PATH, SUITE 241
LEICANTO, FLORIDA 34461
(352) 527-5446 • FAX (352) 527-5476

AP# 4084

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2003
TO: Robert Battista, County Attorney
FROM: Steve Dixon, Engineering Design Technician *ESD*
THRU: Ken Cheek, Engineering Services Director *KC*
Kenneth L. Frink, Director, Department of Public Works *KLF*
SUBJECT: RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILIZATION FOR FLORAL CITY HERITAGE COUNCIL/MARCIA BEASLEY TO CLOSE AROOSTOOK WAY IN FLORAL CITY FROM 10:00 TO 12:00 AM ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2003 FOR A DEDICATION CEREMONY AND PLANTING OF TWO LIVE OAK TREES ON FLORIDA'S ARBOR DAY AS A MEMORIAL TO THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 EVENT, AND AS A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO DEDICATED THEIR LIFE FOR OUR SAFETY

After review of the above subject, this office has no objection to the closure of the above mentioned County road right-of-way with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant is responsible for all cost of placement and removal of the signs and road barricades.
2. The applicant is responsible for any liabilities incurred due to the placement of the signs and road barricades.
3. Signs shall not be placed within ten (10) feet of the pavement edge.
4. Signs shall not be placed within a visibility triangle as described by the Citrus County Land Development Code.
5. Proof of liability insurance shall be provided to the County Attorney's office at time of application in the amount of \$1,000,000. Combined limits coverage, together with an endorsement, showing Citrus County as an additional insured. Notice of cancellation shall be given at least 30 days prior to the date of cancellation.
6. Local fire chief shall be notified of the road closure.
7. Applicant will be responsible for traffic maintenance and safety markings in accordance with M.U.T.C.D. and F.D.O.T. Standards.
8. Applicant is responsible for removing all signs and barricades from the right-of-way at the end of the event.
9. Approval of this project does not relieve the applicant for the responsibility of acquiring all other necessary and appropriate approvals or permits, i.e., Sheriff's Department, Fire Rescue and E.M.S.

Inventory: Two Sixteen Foot Live Oak Trees
Road Closed Signs
Barricades
(To be provided and installed by Citrus County Road Maintenance)

CSD:edm

cc: Richard Wm. Wesch, County Administrator
Jerry Schaeff, Code Enforcement Officer, Community Development Division
Marcia Beasley, Floral City Heritage Council, One Courthouse Square, Inverness, FL 34450

Permission granted by
Citrus County Department
of Public Works
to plant trees and
to close Aroostook Way
January 18, 2003
honor of
Florida's Arbor Day
Parade and
Dedication Ceremony
Memorial to
September 9, 2001 Event



*Floral City
Heritage Council*

*One Courthouse Square, Inverness, Florida 34450
(352) 786-7780 (F.O.C.) www.ocf1.com*

January 7, 2003

Board of County Commissioners
111 E. Main Street
Inverness, Florida 34430

Dear Chairman;

The Floral City Heritage Council respectfully requests permission to close Aroostook Way in Floral City from 10:30 to 12:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 18, 2003 for the purpose of conducting a dedication ceremony.

Working with Floral City Garden Club on a state and national Garden Club program, we are assisting the Floral City Garden Club in planting two live oak trees on Florida's Arbor Day as a memorial to the event of 9/11/00 and as a tribute to those who dedicate their life for our safety.

Two sixteen foot live oak trees at a cost of \$190.00 each are being donated to the county. One tree is from the Floral City Garden Club and the other is from an couple in the community who wish to remain anonymous.

Aroostook Way is a short two block street off Orange Avenue and seldom is there traffic on it. It is bisected by Marvin Street and Jefferson Street. These cross streets need not be closed off. The ceremony will be conducted between these latter two streets. There are only two homes being lived in and they will be accessible from Jefferson Street.

A map is attached for your viewing. Thank you for your consideration and permission.

Sincerely,

Marcia L. Beasley
Marcia L. Beasley, Chairman



FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

6540 S. Duval Island Road
FLORAL CITY, FLORIDA 34436
(352) 637-6345, e-mail: cabp@tampabay.rr.com

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Marcia L. Beasley, Dedication Chairman (726-7740)



FREEDOM TREES DEDICATION

ON
FLORIDA'S ARBOR DAY
A
MEMORIAL TO THE EVENT OF
9/11/01
A

TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO DEDICATE
THEIR LIFE FOR OUR SAFETY

A COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT
ON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2003

AT 11:00 A.M.

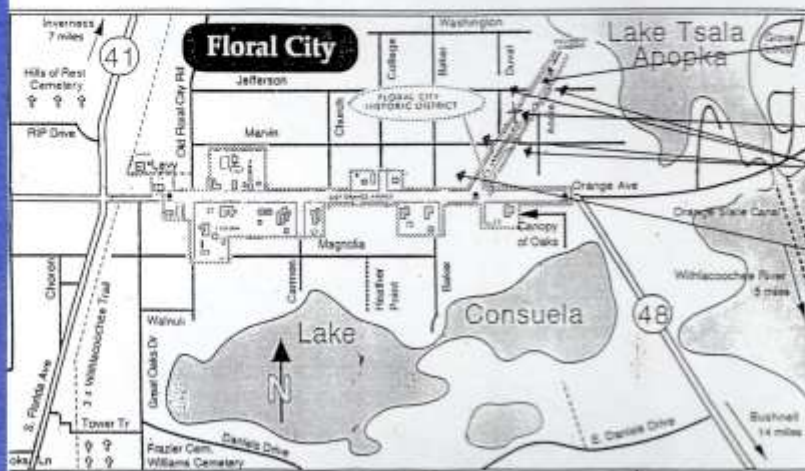
LOCATION:

AROOSTOOK WAY

IN
FLORAL CITY'S OLD,
ORIGINAL PART OF TOWN

SPONSOR: FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

MAP FOR THE FREEDOM TREES DEDICATION



- AROOSTOOK WAY will be closed to traffic from 10:30 to 12:00 noon
- LOCATION OF THE DEDICATION
- PARKING
Enter parking areas from either Annie Terrace or Baker Streets
- STAGING FOR PROCESSION
Participants only park here: Behind 8805 E. Orange Ave. Park perpendicular to fence and to wooded area, leaving center to stage procession

//// = Floral City National Historic District
□ = Buildings on the National Register

Floral City loves a parade



GEORGE HUTCHENS/Chronicle

Members of VFW Post 7122 march down Aroostook Way in Floral City Saturday.

Community honors 9/11

GEORGE HUTCHENS
ghutchens@
chronicleonline.com
Chronicle

A crisp, clear day in Floral City Saturday made for perfect small-town parade conditions.

The day made the Floral City Garden Club's Tree Committee — and a number of civic groups and clubs — event even better.

Marcia Beasley, a Floral City community leader, said Saturday's parade was the first of its kind in the storied town's history.

The event paid homage to honor the victims and survivors of 9/11 with the planting of two 15-foot live oak trees on Aroostook Way.

More than 100 residents turned out in jackets on Saturday, and many remarked that they wished the town had more parades.

“ I haven't ever seen anything like it. ”

Leroy Bellamy
pastor, Grace Temple Church
of the Living God.

“I've been here for 90 years, and I haven't ever seen anything like it,” said Rev. Leroy Bellamy, of the Grace Temple Church of the Living God, during his convocation.

The Eckerd's Youth Alternative Camp E-Nini-Hassee, led by Ann Ruth McGreggory, the music director, sang a lovely rendition of “America the Beautiful.”

The parade included a block-long procession of honor guards of the town's Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post, Floral City Fire and Rescue, Floral City Elementary Safety Patrol, and Citrus County Sheriff's Office Patrol clubs.



PROGRAM

Freedom Trees Dedication

Saturday, January 18, 2003

Aroostook Way between Marvin & Jefferson Streets

WELCOME:Cathi Ayers, President, Floral City Garden Club

PROCESSION:Joe Nic Barco V.F.W. Post #7122, Honor Guard
Grand Marshal: Vivian Puckett Higgenbotham, Past Postmistress & Community Leader
Herbert Suber, American Legion Post #225
Floral City Fire & Rescue, Citrus County District V, Bob Bessler, Chief
Floral City Fire & Rescue, Citrus County District V, Auxiliary
Floral City Elementary School Safety Patrol
Sheriff's Department Community Patrol Unit #5
Sheriff's Department Explorers Club
Sheriff's Department Motorcycle & Bicycle Units

PRESENT COLORS:Joe Nic Barco V.F.W. Post #7122 Honor Guard, Peggy Peardon, Acting Honor Guard Commander

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:
Herbert Suber American Legion Post #225, James Kehoe, Commander

INVOCATION:Reverend Leory Bellamy, Pastor, Grace Temple Church of the Living God

MUSIC: "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"by Eckerd's Youth Alternatives Camp E-Nini-Hassee,
Ann Ruth McGreggory, Music Director

SPEAKER:H. D. Bassett, member Floral City Heritage Council, descendant of early settler, John
Paul Formy-Duval and a retired commercial airline pilot.

READING: "TREES" by JOYCE KILMERLaura Lee Ritchie, Citrus High School Junior and native of Floral City

MUSIC: "GOD BLESS AMERICA"Audience Participation lead by the Floral City Team Green 4-H, Tricie Uzar, Leader

BENEDICTION:Phil Horne, III, Minister of Youth & Music, First Baptist Church of Floral City

RETIRE THE COLORSfollowed by all those in the PROCESSION

