

## 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 B. 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 and institutions and organizations who 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. They would like a 3<sup>rd</sup> member as back-up photographer on the committee so if you're interested in helping out in that are, please contact one of them. They will also be looking into the possibility of purchasing a camera for the club and will make a proposal to the board this coming year.
- 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 B. 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.

**Helping Hands:** Jo announced, for Debbie Barney, that this committee is extending their services beyond club members to our local community. Phyllis Peters, Hospice Director, said she would be glad to supply names of those under Hospice care needing help.

**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, Loripetalum 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; Landscape 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 and Greg Lively; Conservascape: Joan Knippen; Rock Garden: HD & Lynn Bassett; Water Gardens: Dave & Pam Bellman; New Landscape 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 \$148.41.

### **Awards**

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

The President made multiple awards:

1. Dorothy Clark was presented with a Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Life Membership pin for twenty-four years of active service to the Floral City Garden Club; for serving as Club president for two, two-year terms; she has been actively involved in the Club's Junior Gardener Program since its inception thirteen years ago and served as the Chairman of that committee until recently; and for many years she served the Club and for two years also served FFGC as Horticulture Chairman. Past meetings and workshops have been held at her home when she lived in Floral City on the Withlacoochee River and at her current home in Inverness.

2. Past President, Cathi Ayers, was recognized with the purchase of a brick, inscribed with her name, and placed in the Path of Sunshine at FFGC headquarters in Winter Park, FL, in honor of her numerous accomplishments and on-going projects ... including the Freedom Tree Dedication [Floral City's first ever] Parade to commemorate 9/11 victims and their families, the School Beautification Projects [gardens and educational mural] and the Club's first Secret Garden Tour.
3. FCGC logo key chains were given to recognize members who have participated and assisted in club activities and projects throughout the year.
4. Special Certificates of Appreciation to those she referred to as "super achievers" - her "right" hands to her board and each committee chair in addition to outstanding member volunteers.

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. which was subsequently changed to 6/4 [same time and place].

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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	<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
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