

**District V Meeting ~ Fall 2004**  
**Floral City Garden Club**  
**President's Report**

We ended last year on a quiet note ... after hosting the Spring District V Meeting, Historic Tour and Plant Sale and State Convention Door Prizes in April; we relaxed in May with a River Boat Tour of Crystal River followed by our own little awards luncheon. Key chains with our club flower and logo were presented to recognize to each person who contributed their time and talent to make our year such a success.

This year we enhanced our motto "Garden as You GrOw" and "GrOw as You Garden" because it naturally follows that you will. We had a very eventful summer ... we even had to cancel our September meeting due to hurricanes Frances & Jeanne ... thankfully Charlie & Ivan missed us and we are hoping Matthew will too. We are also very thankful and pleased to announce that our treasured Avenue of Oaks suffered very little loss ... only a few limbs and branches that won't even be noticed.

Summer Projects:

1. The School Beautification Project: Phase II - The Wall ... an educational mural featuring native wildlife, plants and trees progressed nicely during early summer months but we had to discontinue work on it until the weather cools off. This is a portion of our progress on it so far ... the wall is too wide and too close to another building to get a full picture, but a giant live oak, Mimosa and wildflowers fill the left side [not pictured]. The school butterfly garden completed last year in Phase I sits just east of this building.



2. Our Memorial Gardens were enhanced with the addition of more flowering plants and shrubs, a trellised coral honeysuckle vine and 2 weeping bottle brush trees.

Fundraisers:

1. Our Secret Garden Tour with Art was to be held the first weekend in October ... the Committee worked and planned all summer for this event, but in September it had to be cancelled due to hurricane damage and clean-up work. The committee does plan to contact homeowners to see if it is feasible to reschedule sometime this club year or if it will have to be postponed until the following club year.
2. Our Annual Plant Sale is scheduled to be held April 9, 2005 from 8AM – Noon.

Community Involvement: Our club will again be assisting the Floral City Heritage Council with volunteers bedecked in early 1900's costumes for the following public events:

1. A historic skit held at the Old Courthouse Building: 1:00 PM on Tuesday, October 19, 2004.
2. Historic homes tour guides for Heritage Day: 10:00AM – 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 4, 2004.

Ya'll come!!!