

## FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

March 11, 2005

### Minutes

Prior to the business meeting being called to order, the President asked members to take their seats so that Horticulture Chairman, Lynn Bassett, could present information on two plants she purchased for re-sale to members and to consider for the plant sale. These were the Florida Heat-Tolerant Fuschia and the Flowering Maple [Abutilon], both potted in hanging baskets. Lynn also provided information on a wide variety of Ginger plants available for purchase for the plant sale and passed around a catalog for members to identify ginger types they would like to order. This was also a "trial" for beginning our meetings earlier to allow more time for horticulture sharing.

The March meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. The invocation was given by chaplain, Mary Lu Sloop, and Jo Ann led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. There were no guests to welcome. Jo Ann acknowledged the hostesses Patti Barber, Thelma Noble and Bobbie Schoss and greeters Diane Dowthitt, Kathy Hofmann and Terry Newberry. March birthdays were acknowledged.

**February meeting minutes** were distributed by e-mail and a copy made available on the information table. The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's report** was given by Kathy Hofmann (see attached).

**Correspondence:** A thank-you note was received from the Friends of the Garden Club for the \$200 check the club provided for planting supplies for the commercial area of Floral City.

### Officers Reports

President Quackenbush reported:

- The Installation Banquet on Friday, February 25 at the Inverness Golf & Country Club was well attended. Officers-elect, who will be in training for the next few months and will assume their new positions after the May meeting, were given plants that represent their position during the installation program presented by Shirley McAllen.

- President's Kit pages from FFGC were distributed to the appropriate committee chair at the planning meeting. Committee chair are asked to return the originals to Jo to keep in the binder for reference.

- Bobbie Schoss is researching Earth Day to see if there are any events or programs the garden club might like to participate.

Bobbie Schoss has also agreed to chair our World Gardening

Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary-elect, took minutes at the March 7 Planning meeting and reported those minutes to the membership, as follows:

- Flotilla - Planned for 1<sup>st</sup> week in June. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Open to FCGC members and guests only. Cost \$10, an increase due to the cost of gasoline. If you have a pontoon boat or know someone who does, please advise Debbie Barney

- \*Town Center Project -The Garden Club is committed to helping with the landscaping for this project. Frank Peters is responsible for the plans. We would like to coordinate upgrading our Memorial Garden with the project, i.e., new regulation park benches, limestone rock for edging, electric power and maybe a water fountain.

- Awards luncheon - Our last meeting of the year, May 13 will be a pot-luck banquet at the community building where awards will be presented to club members. Committee chairs are urged to identify those members who have helped them this past year and are deserving of an award.
- Yearbook - Committee chairs are asked to review the committee descriptions in the yearbook and submit changes or additions by the May meeting.
- Committee Chairs - Chairs are asked to write a paragraph outlining their plans/goals and budgets for next year. Committee chairs who will be retiring next year are asked to try to find a replacement.
- Horticulture - Planning committee members were unanimous in expressed desire to focus more on horticulture at monthly meetings by short presentations and a question and answer period.
- Monthly Meeting Time Change - To allow for a question and answer time as well as an increased focus on horticulture, it was suggested that our monthly meeting start at 12:30.
- Field Trips - Lynn Bassett agreed to develop a list of field trips for flower shows, festivals, workshops, etc to ascertain club interest. These would be planned for days other than regular meeting dates.
- Secret Garden Tour - Dave Noble presented a budget of \$800 for the SGT, of which a balance of \$677 will need to be budgeted for next term. Holding the SGT in September rather than October was discussed but no decision made.
- Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Membership - Two members will be asked to make presentations at the April meeting ... one on the pros and one on the cons of continued membership.

#### Standing Committee Reports

- Awards - JoAnn encouraged members to look at the various awards available to individual club members from FFGC and National Garden Clubs, Inc. and to submit names of members who we might recognize. Please e-mail names of any nominees to JoAnn.
- Horticulture & Plant Sale - Chairman Lynn Bassett called on Homegrown Plants Chairman, Joan Knippen who requested that all homegrown plants be delivered to the Fire Station between 9a.m. and noon on Thursday, April 7. They do not need to be labeled or priced. The HG committee will do this. - Kathy Hofmann read out the current list of volunteer names and added others. - Pam Bellman gave a report on the rabbit manure she is acquiring for the plant sale.
- Junior Gardeners and School Garden - Cathi Ayers reported on programs the JGs have had this year and invited members to come observe and/or participate at 2:45 on the second Monday of each month. Cathi announced that Kathy Davis has agreed to assume chairmanship for the School Garden. Kathy set up Monday, March 14 at 9 a.m. for the next work day.
- Legislation and Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reported that a Tree ordinance hearing is to be held at 3:15 on Tues April 12th. She provided all members with printed information suggesting ways the membership can express their support for the ordinance by phoning, e-mailing, faxing, and/or attending the meeting. While members were being encouraged to make their voices heard, Lynn Bassett suggested that calls be made to the Extension Service requesting that the current location be maintained as a satellite office after the move to the new facility in Lecanto.

- Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns: Pam Bellman advised of a roadside clean-up on 3/23 meeting at 830a.m. at the Community Building and reminded volunteers to bring gloves.

- Scholarship: Cathi Ayers - Letters announcing availability of the \$500 scholarship have gone to all Citrus County high schools.

- Trees & Arbor Day: Jo Ann reported for Michael Harnden: Sat 3/19/2005 at 10AM we will join Michael Harnden, Certified Arborist & Tree Committee Chairman, to plant two live oaks, one donated by the garden club which will be planted on the corner of Orange & Annie and the other donated by Michael & Christine which will be planted on the corner of Orange & Fannie. Meet at the Duval Island Boat Ramp parking lot.

#### UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS

The only old business relates to the question of continued membership in FFGC which will be taken up at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS : None to report

#### AWARDS

- Petal Power Award went from JoAnn to Shirley McAllen for the wonderful job she did installing the new officers.

- Presidents' Recognition to Bobbie Schoss who made the banquet arrangements and to Dorothy Clark, Bobbie Schoss, Diane Freund, Faith Coleman, Jackie Ross, Shirley McAllen for the installation banquet floral arrangements.

Announcements - Previously mentioned events were reiterated.

#### Adjournment and Program

The business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Ayers

Financial Statement  
February 1 - February 28, 2005

Balance Forward: \$ 2597.14

Income

Memorial Garden	20.00
Dues	28.00
Luncheon	330.00
Ways and Means	9.00

TOTAL 409.75

Disbursements

Friends of GC	200.00
Gifts & Flowers	65.65
Dues to FFGC	36.00
Luncheon	374.00

TOTAL 675.65

ENDING BALANCE \$2331.24

