

**FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB**  
**January 13, 2006 Minutes**

After Lynn Bassett presented the pre-meeting Horticulture Q&A Session, the January business meeting / Annual Birthday Party was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President JoAnn Quackenbush. Terry Newberry gave the Invocation and Eulogy for Alice Reed and Nita Cole, both long-time members who passed away recently. The president then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect. The president then acknowledged the hostesses Joan Knippen, Patty Barber and Ginny Andrews and the greeters Terry Newberry, Cathy Foley and Shirley McAllen. January birthdays were also acknowledged.

**December 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 read from Judy Greenberg, Director of FFGC, who attended last month's meeting with her mother and aunt.

\*An Invitation was received from the Hommosassa River GC to attend an Arbor Day Dedication at Stage Stand Cemetery on Rt. 19, Hommosassa Springs on Fri., Jan 20, 2006 @ 2PM. RSVP 382-2792 or 382-5867

\*A newsy email was received from past member Barbara Milliken.

**Officers Reports** - none.

**Standing Committee Reports**

- Birds & Butterflies: Shirley McAllen reported that the committee is planning to wait until the threat of freeze is over before planting new native plants and putting down mulch.

- Decorating Committee: Jo Quackenbush reported in the absence of Bobbie Schoss that 3 storage boxes were purchased to store holiday ribbons at a cost of \$8.99 each. The remainder of the decorations are being stored in large trash bags which are deteriorating and need to be replaced. Discussions were held about discarding old, discolored and tattered decorations. A thank you was given to all those who helped with "Un-decorating the town".

- Yearbook & Programs: Carole DeLisle reported on the field trip to Richard Coffman's orchid greenhouse. The Tampa Flower Show scheduled for January has been cancelled.

- Ways & Means: Lynn Bassett announced a meeting for the Plant Sale committee on Jan. 19 at 10:00 am to be held at her home. Red caladium bulbs were passed out to volunteers willing to plant them and grow them for the sale.

- Horticulture: Lynn Bassett presented info of a 7-week program on "Gardening in Florida" offered by WTI and the FL Master Gardeners starting Jan 26. The classes will meet on Wed evenings from 7-9pm in the Media Center of the WTI. Cost \$25.00 for all 7 or \$5.00 for an individual class. Further info can be sought online at [www.wtionline.cc](http://www.wtionline.cc). Lynn also reported on 2 new botanical gardens in our area, the American Botanical Garden in Ocala and the Spring Hill Botanical Garden in Spring Hill. The Lew Gardens Camelia Show will be held on Jan 23.

- Legislation & Historic Preservation: Matcia Beasley thanked all those who participated in Heritage Days and announced the upcoming Heritage Days quarterly meeting to be held on Tues., Jan 31 at 7pm.

- Scholarship: Cathi Ayers reported that letters have gone out to all the high school counselors advising them of the availability of our FCGC scholarship.

- Trees & Arbor Day: Jo Quackenbush reported for Michael Harnden in his absence. Michael has suggested a Fl Dogwood be planted on the Withlacoochie Trail as our contribution to to celebrate Arbor Day. After much discussion it was decided by a vote of the members to plant a Live Oak to replace one recently cut down on the Avenue of Oaks.

**Special Committees** - none

**UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS** - Jo Quackenbush suggested that Eulogies for club members become part of the historical record. This was voted on and passed by the members.

- Cathi Ayers mentioned that several members have suggested that it would be nice to have two holiday bows on each tree on the Ave of Oaks so that they can be seen by traffic approaching from either direction. It was decided that the Decorating Committee will look into the cost of purchasing more bows and report back to the membership.

**AWARDS** - The Petal Power Award was presented by the last recipient, Nancy Mirgon to Terry Newberry for her contribution of sewing and donating the very useful gardening gauntlets to the club.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Janis Lehowicz thanked all the members for their cards, flowers and visits during her sister Alice Reed's illness and recent passing.

- Sheila O'Dell encouraged the members to save and bring to our meetings Campbell's soup can labels to be given to the Wekiva Youth Camp who collects them for fund raising activities.

- Thelma Noble reported that long-time Citrus County resident and owner of a local garden nursery, Farmer Foley has recently retired. He supplied many plants to garden club members over the years and will be missed.

The business meeting was adjourned.

A Grow & Share was held by Lynn Bassett (before the business meeting) with an emphasis on frost protection for vulnerable plants and best times for transplanting plants in your garden.

After the business meeting, a program on Proper Pruning was presented by Kathy Davis.

No home tours were held.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary



FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB  
Financial Statement  
December 1 to December 31, 2005

Balance Forward \$ 3184.32

INCOME

Dues 58.00

Ways & Means 96.75

Total 154.75  
Balance 3339.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Ackn. & Programs 50.00

Dues 45.00

Total 95.00  
Ending Balance 3244.07

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer