

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
March 10, 2006 Minutes

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the March business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect. 1st Vice President, Bobbie Schoss acknowledged the hostesses Kathy Davis, Anne Propp and Ginnie Andrews as well as the greeters Terry Newberry, Debra Owens and Ginnie Andrews. March birthdays were also acknowledged.

Bobbie Schoss welcomed 2 new members as well as all guests. Special guest, Judy Greenberg, District V Director, presented FCGC with the first issue of the new District V Newsletter. Our President, Jo Quackenbush designed some of the graphics for this issue. Ms. Greenberg also discussed upcoming National Garden Week.

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

Treasurer's report was omitted in Treasurer Kathy Hoffman's absence. (See attached for report).

Correspondence: An invitation was received from Camp E-Nini-Hassee for a Black Tie/Blue Jeans Banquet and Fundraiser to be held on April 1 at 8pm. Cost \$35. RVSP sign up cards available.

Officers Reports: President JoAnn Quackenbush reported on the President's Luncheon in McIntosh, she attended on 2/3/06 at the invitation of Judy Greenberg, Director Dist V. There is a request for volunteers for several activities:

- Two volunteers to be part of the Planning Team for the Water Festival to be held on 2/24/06 near Chiefland. Lynn Bassett and Pam Bellman volunteered.
- Two volunteers to help set out table arrangements for the Convention Luncheon in Orlando on 5/27/06. No volunteers came forward at the meeting. Anyone interested may contact Jo Quackenbush.
- One volunteer to be a NGC Convention Hostess (5/27/06), interested in Dining Room, Meal Facts/Tables, Tours, Meal Seating/Tickets, Greeter, Vendors/Educations or Workshops/Seminars. No volunteers came forward at the meeting.
- A volunteer to organize a Habitat for Humanity Walk-A-Thon Gardening Project. Any monies raised would be given to FFGC at the convention (5/27/06) and then be shared between districts in the state for Habitat for Humanity. No volunteers came forward.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Birds & Butterflies:** Cathy Foley and Shirley McAllen thanked those who helped with weeding and mulching the Butterfly garden.

- **Junior Gardeners:** Kathy Davis reported that the Stepping Stone craft project was completed and will be placed in the school garden. The stones were available for viewing.

-Landscape Design: Cathy Foley reported that it was time for nominations for Fall Garden YOY Awards. She requested last year's winners please return the signs to her by the May meeting.

-Legislation & Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reported that rezoning of Lot 44 for higher development in Floral City was defeated. She also reported on progress of the Town Square project. The first phase will be the development of a parking lot behind the Community Center. The current parking area in front will be converted into a park-like setting.

-Ways & Means:

- Secret Garden Tour: Bobbie Schoss reminded members that the position of Chairperson of the 2007 committee is still vacant and that a volunteer for this important position is needed.
- Annual Plant Sale: Lynn Basset announced a Plant Sale workday scheduled for Fri., 4/7. Lynn developed an impressive Activity Board with flow charts, timeline and sign up lists for helpers. Joan Knippen requested that homegrown plants be delivered to the Fire Station for cleaning and pricing.

-Publicity: Marcia Beasley expressed disappointment that her submissions of articles are often not published in the local press.

-Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns: Pam Bellman announced a roadside clean up scheduled for 3/23 at 8am. A Brunch will be held afterwards at Thelma Noble's home.

- Yearbook & Programs: Carole DeLisle reported on the 3/9 trip to the Butterfly Museum in Gainesville. Carole also announced a trip to the Azalea Festival at Ravine Garden State Park in Palatka. A \$20 fee will be charged for transportation by bus, which leaves at 8:30am. Call Barbara Petersen at 746-1869 for more info. On March 23, a workshop will be held on Pressed Flowers at Whispering Pines Park at 10am. There is no cost for this event. Call Pat Schultz at 726-4680 if interested in attending.

Special Committees - none

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS none

AWARDS - The Petal Power Award was postponed until next meeting due to absence of this month's recipient.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- The Homosassa River Garden Club called to invite us on a bus tour to Leu Gardens on 4/17 at 7:30am. The cost is \$25, which includes bus and entry fee. For reservations please call Lottie 382-0985 or email ibelovit@tampa.rr.com
- Michael Harnden announced a Live Oak tree planting in honor of National Arbor Day to be held on Orange Ave. on 4/28 at 6:00pm

- The Ocala Master Gardeners Plant Sale will be held on March 11 & 12. Thelma Noble is planning to attend and has room for 3 others.
- Membership dues may be paid now through April. An envelope is available on the Activity table for anyone wanting to pay dues today.

The business meeting was adjourned.

There was a Grow & Share and Question & Answer period held by Lynn Bassett before the regular meeting.

After the business meeting, Sandy Ceders and Roy Williams of the Buttonwood Bonsai Club presented the program on Care and Pruning of Bonsai. Several other Bonsai Club members also attended, they brought with them a large variety of specimens as illustration.

Hme tours were held following the program at the gardens of Minnie Minnis, Carol DeLisle, Jeanne Henson, Bette Welte and Diane Freund.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

**FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
February 1 to February 28, 2006**

Balance Forward \$ 2987.23

INCOME

Ways & Means	64.00		
		Total	64.00
		Balance	3051.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Ackn. & Programs	93.91		
Office Supplies	20.70		
Plant Sale	14.36		
		Total	128.97
		Ending Balance	2922.26

Mary K Hofmann, Treasurer

