

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

November 10, 2006, Meeting Minutes

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the November business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Club Collect. JoAnn welcomed all guests and new members. New members; Kathy Baker, Hazel Stype and Betty Welte (rejoined). Special guest, Brian Aldrich, a landscape gardener specializing in historical gardens, volunteered his services for the Orange Ave Spots & Pots project in downtown Floral City.

Cathi Ayers thanked the Hostesses; Kathy Davis and Anne Propp. She also thanked the Greeters; Terry Newberry, Nancy Mirgon & Pam Bellman. The November Birthdays were also acknowledged.

Horticulture Q&A JoAnn Quackenbush, in Lynn Bassett's absence, led the Q&A period. Jo displayed flowers currently in bloom in her garden as well as cuttings and seedpods. Additional cuttings and seeds were available on the grow & share table.

October Meeting minutes were published via email and were also made available on the information table. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hoffman. (See attached for report). One highlight of the report; Dr. Toby, of the Floral City Animal Hosp. Donated \$50 for the Pots & Spots project.

Correspondence:

- o An email from Cathi Ayers was forwarded to all members, detailing her Mom, Bette Ayers progress from recent surgery. She also thanked everyone for the cards and prayers received.
- o An email from member Thelma Noble informing members that Tom Dyer was offering free items after cleaning out his wife Carol's art studio.

Officers Reports:

- JoAnn Quackenbush, President:
 - o A musical program is still needed for our Christmas program, and anyone having any contacts was urged to let Jo know ASAP.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Decorating Committee: Bobbie Schoss announced plans to "Decorate the Town" on Monday 11/27 at 830am and to please bring scissors.

-Landscape Design: Cathy Foley announced the winners for the Yard of the Year.

- o Awards:
 - BEST YARD OF THE YEAR: HAZEL STYPE
 - BEST CREATIVE DESIGN: JANICE GOSMAN

- BEST FLORAL DISPLAY: DIANE SCHWARTZ
 - BEST VARIETY GARDEN: KATHY DAVIS
 - BEST IMPROVED GARDEN: SHIRLEY MCALLEN
 - BEST NATURAL GARDEN: MARY ANN LEE
 - BEST LANDSCAPE DESIGN: STEVE AND JUDY LANE
- Runners up receiving Honorable Mention
 - Mary Ann Jaksina
 - Kathy Thomas
 - Business in back of Vet's Office
 - Jean & Mike Potter
 - Minnie Minnis
 - Joanie Weatherly
 - Shirley Engel
 - Earlene Gaylord

-Legislation & Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reported on the upcoming Heritage Days and the need for 5 more volunteers to act as hostesses at individual homes on the Home Tours. Costume pickup will be held on 11/13 from 2:30 – 5 pm.

- Memorial Gardens: Kathy Hofmann presented a lock-box for the garden shed at the garden which was donated by Donna Thompson. Kathy's husband, Bernie built a new base for the Labyrinth sign after the old base rotted. Our Labyrinth is one of the places in Florida included in a GPS game that travelers seek out and sign a log sheet when they visit.

-School Garden: Kathy Davis announced a weeding day planned for 11/13 at 9am. Volunteers must stop in the School Office to sign in and have a picture ID.

-Rose Garden: Diane Dowthitt reported that a weeding crew, including herself, Jo Quackenbush, Pam Bellman and Bobbie Schoss spent a morning clearing the garden and pruning the rose bushes. Pam returned later to apply weed preventer. Mulch will be obtained and spread at a future date.

-Orange Ave Spots & Pots: Pam Bellman reported that 12 members have signed up to be on this committee. Dave Bellman installed a water drip system with timer to water plants in front of Dr. Toby's Vet Office. She donated \$50 to help with the costs. Dave Bellman & Michael Harndon will be installing curbing at the corner of Orange Ave and Hwy 41 with DOT permission so that corner can be landscaped. Pam reported that it is not financially feasible to connect city water to this area at present. Debra Barney and Oweda Harris pruned some of the rose bushes around town. Dave Noble and Frank Peters have completed 4 benches for downtown and have 4 more planned.. The "Friends of the Garden Club" (four ladies), will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at our Christmas Luncheon for all their hard work and years of dedication in maintaining gardens around town. The Friends donated \$200 for the Spots & Pots project.

-Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns: Pam Bellman announced a clean up day scheduled for 11/29 at 9am.

-Ways & Means:

- **Annual Plant Sale:** Kathy Davis gave the members a pep talk on the need to start plants now for the Annual Plant Sale. Home grown plants are much in demand and save the club money rather than purchasing nursery grown plants. Kathy gave the members tips for wintering the home grown and Joan Knippen volunteered to care for any home grown over the winter if members bring them to her. Christine Harden reminded members to collect and save seeds for the Seed Sticks to be sold at the sale.

Special Committees

-FFCG Water Celebration Extravaganza: Pam Bellman reported on the meeting she attended at Fanning Springs on 10/31. A theme was set: "Lets Plan Our Water Future" and a Budget of \$30,000 was estimated after receiving reports from the individual committees. Our club has committed to a \$100 donation. A website will be created at celebrate-water.com Jo has volunteered to create a photo collage sharing board for FFGC Dist V and asked for other volunteers to help. The next meeting is planned for 11/15.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS -none

AWARDS - The Award will presented at the December meeting due to the recipient's absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Community Center on 12/8 at 12noon. Optional gift exchange limit is \$10. Members were asked to bring individual place settings.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Following the business meeting, Richard Zimik, the "Rosarian", presented the program on Roses. He brought cuttings as well as examples of grafting supplies, which he used in demonstrating grafting techniques.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

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Financial Statement
September 1 to September 30, 2006

Balance Forward \$ 2453.98

INCOME

Dues	58.00
Memorial Garden	60.00
Rabbit Berries	119.00
Ways & Means	33.00

Total	270.00
Balance	2709.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Ackn. & Programs	7.96
District Meeting	30.00
Dues	46.00
Memorial Garden	150.00
Rent	106.00
Ways & Means	14.02

Total	353.98
Ending Balance	2370.00

Mary K. Hofmann, Treasurer