

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB Minutes October 13, 2006

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the October business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m and 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. JoAnn welcomed all guests and new members.

Cathi Ayers thanked the Hostesses; Andy Gumakas, Patti Barber, Marcia Beasley, Ginny Andrews and Oweda Harris. She also thanked the Greeters; Terry Newberry and Kathy Hoffman. The October Birthdays were also acknowledged.

Horticulture Q&A JoAnn Quackenbush, in Lynn Bassett's absence, led the Q&A period. Last month JoAnn gave a talk on ergonomic tools and this month made them available for members to try. Grow & Share plants featured: Dutchman's pipe Vine, Pagoda Flower, Narrow Leaf Sunflower, Philippine Violet, Candelabra Plant, Begonias, Cotton Tree seeds, Walking Iris, Black-eyed Susan Vine and an unknown white flowering vine. All free for the taking. Left over seeds were given to Christine Harnden to paste on markers for our plant sale. We'll have grow & share again next month so bring your cuttings, seeds and etc.

September 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).

Correspondence:

- o An email from Kathy on 10/1 that Sheila Odell's husband called to say that Sheila had a heart attack Friday night [9/29] and is in intensive care at Citrus Memorial. No visitors or flowers allowed. She is in good spirits and hopes to be out soon. They did a heart catheterization Monday to see what the problem is. 10/6 Update from her husband Lloyd: Sheila came home from the hospital yesterday. She is resting and sleeping. She has no blockage but they did find a pinched artery. Also they found bleeding from one lung and gave her two pints of blood. Sheila is doing well.
- o An invitation from the Inverness Garden Club to their flower show: "Through the Looking Glass", October 20 1pm – 4pm & October 21 12pm – 3pm @ the First Presbyterian Church 206 Washington Ave, Inverness.
- o A plea from Marcia Beasley for volunteers for Heritage Days Tour Hosts and other positions ... over 80 volunteers are needed so be sure to let her know if you can help out.
- o A new issue of FFGC Dist V: Blooming News was made available on the activity table
- o A Thank You card was received from Eleanor Lash for the memorial gift to Floral City Library honoring her deceased husband Frank Lash.

Officers Reports:

- **JoAnn Quackenbush, President:**

- Diane Dowthitt and I will be representing you at the FFGC District V Meeting at the Gainesville GC on Tue, Oct. 17. If your Committee has anything going on or coming up that you would like me to include in the President's Report; please let me know by this weekend. A composite photo of past events was created for the 8x8" space we have been allotted on the bragging board at the Dist Meeting
- Storage: the executive board was going to look into renting a small storage unit this year, but the budget just wouldn't allow for it. We are therefore in need of some storage space ... if you have a little extra room in your garage or attic and would be willing to store some GC things, please let me know.
- Email: We depend heavily on email to notify members of club events and other announcements. Please be sure you check your email regularly. Emails were sent in August to a couple of members requesting their assistance in covering the Horticulture Q&A during Lynn's absence. No responses were forthcoming. If you have email but don't use it, please notify JoAnn and you will be removed from the group email. Nancy Mirgon will assign an email buddy who can call you with announcements.
- Reminder to members; if a member emails to share something that you disagree with, DO NOT abuse the club group email privilege or "Reply to All" to air your feelings or beliefs with everyone who received the original email. Instead, simply use the delete button or reply only to the original sender to respond or to request that you be removed from their list for that kind of notice.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Landscape Design: Cathy Foley asked for nominations for the Yard of the Year. The deadline is Oct 31. Judging will take place the first week in November.

-Memorial Gardens: Kathy Hofmann thanked all those who watered during the summer break and informed members that the garden still needs watering during the current dry period. A sign-up sheet for the next 6 weeks was passed around for members to volunteer.

-Decorating Committee: Jo Quackenbush, in Bobbie Schoss' absence: Volunteers to create table arrangements for 2 up-coming activities are needed. If you have any creative flower arranging or decorating talent or would like to help or want to learn, please be thinking about ideas we could use and be sure to sign-up next month or let Bobbie know.

- December: Christmas Luncheon: Joan Knippen has volunteered to do all the arrangements single handedly. Thanks Joan.
- February: Installation Banquet

-Historian/Scrapbook: Pam Bellman, current club Photographer, asked all new members and any members who do not have a photo in the Yearbook to make arrangements with her to give her a current photo or have a photo taken for next year's Yearbook.

-Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns: Pam Bellman reported on the last clean up day. Due to a conflict with other Garden Club activities scheduled for the same time, turn out was low and the designated road area was not completely cleaned of litter. The Adopt- A-Highway project is a club sponsored event and all able bodied members are needed to help. This is our 16th year for this project and we are committed to cleaning this 2-mile area 4 times a year.

-Ways & Means:

- Annual Plant Sale: Anne Propp announced a change of location for our 2007 sale. The sale will be held at Adventureland on Hwy 41. Anne brought an example of a hand made stepping stone and requested opinions on the viability of selling the stones at the sale. Member response was enthusiastic.
- Secret Garden Tour (2007). Jo made a call for volunteers to work on this committee. A Chairperson is needed as well to head the committee.

-Website & Internet Liaison: Diane Dowthitt reported on our website floralcitygardenclub.com which has been updated and has a new look. All members were encouraged to visit the website and contact Diane with any comments or suggestions. Members are now able to advertise their business with a business card free of charge. Other businesses can sponsor the website by buying advertising space on the website.

-Yearbook & Programs: (Jo in Carol DeLisle's absence) An updated Yearbook page with listings of new members has been created and was made available on the Activity Table.

New Members are:

- Oweda A Harris
- Donna Thomas
- Kathleen McMillion
- Brian & Josephine Pasby
- Bernice S. Colbath
- Diane Schwartz

Other changes include you should include are:

- Carole Baker's email address has changed to:
acbaker@tampabay.rr.com
- Bobbie Schoss' email address has changed to:
bschoss@tampabay.rr.com
- Ginny Andrews announced her new email address:
sassymargaret@hotmail.com

Special Committees

-FFCG Water Extravaganza: Pam Bellman reported on the meeting she attended at Fanning Springs.

-Chocolate Tasting Fundraiser: Cathi Ayers reported that the fundraiser is on hold for the present time.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - A specially marked envelope was available on the activity table for members to make a donation to the "No Ball AT All" fundraiser for the Academy of Environmental Sciences.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Pam Bellman proposed a new project for our Club. The ladies who make up the "Friends of the Garden Club" are retiring and are no longer able to keep up with the plantings along Orange Ave and the adjoining intersection. Pam, with input from Jo has come up with the idea of "Orange Ave Spots and Pots" as a new Club committee. Members agreed and it was voted on to purchase plants, mulch, etc. to maintain the plantings around town. A motion was made and passed to invite the original ladies to our Christmas Party to thank them for their years of work to beautify downtown Floral City.
- Cathi Ayers informed members of an upcoming fundraiser, "Shop with a Cop" and invited members to donate.

AWARDS - Terry Newberry (for Carole DeLisle) presented the Petal Power Award to Diane Dowthitt for her work on the Website and as Recording Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Committee activity reports, needed for FFGC Dist V Fall meeting (10/17) are due this weekend.
- The Flower Show, "Through the Looking Glass" will be held 10/20-21.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Following the business meeting, member Michael Harndon, presented the program on "Facts and Fables about Plants and Trees"

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
September 1 to September 30, 2006

Balance Forward \$ 2453.98

INCOME

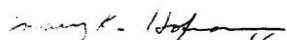
Dues	58.00
Memorial Garden	60.00
Rabbit Berries	119.00
Ways & Means	33.00

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

