

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB January 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the January business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Club Collect. 1st Vice President Bobbie Schoss welcomed all guests and new members.

Bobbie also thanked the Hostesses; Pam Bellman, Peggy Patillo & Judy Lane and the Greeters; Terry Newberry & Mary Ann Jaksina. The January Birthdays were also acknowledged.

JoAnn Quackenbush presented Bobbie & Norm Schoss with a farewell gift check and thanked them for all their dedicated hard work for the club. The Schoss' are moving out of state.

December Meeting minutes were published via email and were also made available on the information table. Corrections were made to the published minutes by the addition of the names of helpers of Decorating the Town. Those names added were Kathy Hoffman, Debbie Barney, Dave Bellman, Carole Baker and Carole DeLisle. The corrected minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hoffman. (See attached for report).

Correspondence:

- o A Thank You from the Academy of Environmental Sciences for our donation of \$156.00 to their school.
- o A Thank You card from Lynn Bassett for the Life Membership Award presented to her in December.
- o A Thank You note from the Friends of the Garden Club for the Award received in December.
- o Kathy Hofmann gave an update on the emails she has received from Lloyd O'Dell on Sheila's condition.
- o An Invitation from the CRGC to attend a Fashion Show & Luncheon, Hearts & Flowers on 2/14/07 at 1:30pm. Cost & 15 pp

Officers Reports:

- JoAnn Quackenbush, President:
 - o Volunteers are needed to create table arrangements for the Installation Banquet in February. Joan Knippen agreed to be Decoration Chairman.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Decorating Committee: Jo Quackenbush for Bobbie Schoss: Pam Bellman, Lynn Bassett, Bernice Rabideau, Sharon Thompson, Bernice Colbath & Jo Quackenbush were thanked for taking down the Christmas decorations.

-Horticulture: Lynn Bassett lead a Q&A period. She also announced the Tampa Spring Expo to be held on Feb 23-24.

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| • Kathy Davis | President |
| • Christine Harnden | 1 st Vice President |
| • Debbie Barney | 2 nd Vice President |
| • Kathy Hofmann | Treasurer |
| • Diane Dowthitt | Recording Secretary |
| • Peggy Pattillo | Corresponding Secretary |
| • Jeanne Henson | Chaplain |

The new slate of Officers was voted on and passed unanimously. Our Installation Banquet (pot luck) will be held on Feb 9 at 12noon, which is our usual meeting date.

NEW BUSINESS –none

AWARDS – Diane Dowthitt presented the Petal Power Award to Cathy Foley for her work on the Butterfly Garden and the Yard of the Year Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The FFGC Convention will be held May 2007 and tickets for the Opportunity Drawing are available for sale from Virginia

The business meeting was adjourned.

Following the business meeting, Fran Thomas presented the program on Earthworms in Aiding the Environment. She brought the materials needed to assemble an earthworm farm and demonstrated how to care and maintain the worm farms.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
December 1 to December 31, 2006

Balance Forward \$ 2416.31

INCOME

Program	71.00
Ways & Means	85.75

Total	156.75
Balance	2573.06

DISBURSEMENTS

Ackn. & Programs	134.02
District dues	18.25
State Dues	45.00
Mulch School Garden	20.87

Total	218.14
Ending Balance	2354.92

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

2006-07
FCGC 2004-2005 Budget

INCOME	Budget	(Over)/Under Budget
Check Book Balance		
Donations		0.00
Donations (Memorial Garden)	100.00	100.00
Dues	800.00	800.00
Programs & Reservations	100.00	100.00
Ways & Means	1,000.00	1,000.00
W&M Plant Sale	4,000.00	4,000.00
W&M Secret Garden Tour		0.00
W&M Fundraiser		
Total Income	\$6,000.00	
EXPENSES	Budget	(Over)/Under Budget
Acknowledge & Programs	700.00	700.00
Civic & Community	100.00	100.00
Dept. of Revenue (Plant Sale)	25.00	25.00
Donations	100.00	100.00
Dues	500.00	500.00
FFGC Meetings & Convention	80.00	60.00
5 Gardens Maint. & Improvemen	750.00	750.00
Jr. Gardeners	100.00	100.00
Camp Wekiva	350.00	350.00
Legislation & Preservation		0.00
Membership/Yearbook	250.00	250.00
Office Supplies & Postage	100.00	100.00
Rent @ 26.50/Each	238.50	238.50
Scholarships	500.00	500.00
Scrapbook & Website	100.00	100.00
Ways & Means	100.00	100.00
W&M Plant Sale	2,000.00	2,000.00
W&M Secret Garden Tour		0.00
W&M Fundraisers		0.00
		0.00
		0.00
Total Expenses	5,973.50	
(Over) / Under	26.50	
Balance Forward	\$6,000.00	

Floral City Garden Club Spring Report For 2007- 2008

This has been my first year as club president and I am so grateful for the input and support of past presidents. I am gradually growing into this job.

We started the year with 54 members. Each month since the September meeting we've had individuals as well as couples join for a total of 27 new members. We are hoping that they will become active in the community gardens, committees and roadside cleanups. We've been blessed with a group of long-term members who are truly committed to volunteering not just for club activities but also in the community. We are very involved in the Floral City Heritage Days every year and also rang the bell two days for the Salvation Army at Christmas time. Also, the club adopted a 2mile stretch of Orange Avenue in 1989 and continue to do roadside cleanup quarterly.

It has been a great year of programs and field trips. Each month the programs have attracted visitors, many who subsequently joined the club. One favorite was the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program. A member was having her yard evaluated to see if it met the criteria. The comments and overall input by the County Extension Agent was very enlightening. It got all of us thinking about that cute little Mexican petunia we planted years ago that has now swallowed up large sections of the flowerbed.

Field-trips included Shalom Garden in Ocala, member garden tours and a big favorite, nursery hopping.

We have five community gardens. Two, the Birds and Butterfly Garden and the Rose Garden are on the Withlacoochee Trail that crosses through town. The Gateway Garden is at the east end of town on Orange Avenue as part of the Welcome to Floral City sign. The fourth is at the Floral City Elementary School where we also share planting and learning activities with ten Junior Gardeners each year. And the fifth, the Memorial Garden had to be taken up due to the new library building project. When the library is completed we are looking forward to creating a beautiful new Memorial Garden.

Our fund-raiser this year was our yearly plant sale. Our profit was \$1,557.00 and 6 of the new members came to the club as a result of the plant sale.

This year we were able to award three \$500 scholarships to worthy students as well as send two Jr. Gardeners to Camp Wekiva this summer.

It is good to stop, and look back on the year, and marvel at all we have done and can do together.

Thank you,

Kathy Davis

Floral City Garden Club

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB February 9, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Prior to our regular Business Meeting, Our Installation Banquet was held at 12 noon. Members brought potluck dishes for the luncheon. After lunch, Cathi Ayers hosted the Candlelight Installation Ceremony for Officers-Elect:

- Kathy Davis President
- Christine Hamden 1st Vice President
- Debbie Barney 2nd Vice President
- Kathy Hofmann Treasurer
- Diane Dowthitt Recording Secretary
- Peggy Pattillo Corresponding Secretary
- Jeanne Henson Chaplain

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the February business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Club Collect. 2nd Vice President Carole DeLisle welcomed all guests and new members.

Carole also thanked the Hostesses; Kathy Hofmann & Carole DeLisle and the Greeters; Terry Newberry, Carol Hart & Patti Barber. The February Birthdays were also acknowledged.

January 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. Total donations by our members for Camp Wekiva came to \$334.00. We will be able to sponsor 4 children this year instead of the usual two. (See attached for report).

Correspondence:

- o A Thank You Card from Beatrice Lanphear who included a check for the Memorial garden in memory of her friend Mildred Stranger.
- o A Memorial Card (Sheila O'Dell) from Thelma & Dave Noble, which included a check in honor of Sheila, to be used on the Memorial Garden reconstruction.
- o A Thank You Card from Bobbie & Norm Schoss for the going away gift presented to them at last month's meeting. Informational note: The Schoss' immediately signed the gift check over to the club as a donation to Camp Wekiva!
- o Kathy Hofmann (for Lloyd O'Dell) thanked the club members for their cards, flowers and support in the event of Sheila's illness and passing.

Officers Reports:

- JoAnn Quackenbush, President:
 - o Jo presented the Sharing Board for viewing, which will be taken to the FFGC Water Celebration to be held on 2/23-24.

- o Glissa Voss, who is a member of another Citrus County Garden Club, has invited our members on a bus field trip to the Orlando Home & Garden Flower Show on 3/10. Cost \$24 does not include lunch. The bus will depart from the Fairgrounds at 8:15am. She has offered to come to Inverness to pick up any checks by 2/28. Anyone interested in attending, call Glissa ASAP at 860-0412.
- o The FCGC Board meeting was held on 2/2 at the home of Pam Bellman. The minutes were published via email. Some of the highlights...
 - ❖ Over 35 members attended the Memorial for Sheila O'Dell and participated in a flower procession. Her name will be placed in the Memorial Book noting date of birth, date of death and years of membership.
 - ❖ In honoring a deceased member, the board decided that it would be permissible to use seasonal mixed flowers from members' gardens in addition to a long-stemmed rose. Adding guidelines to the Yearbook for future club flower processions was agreed upon.
 - ❖ Standing Committee vacancies and changes were discussed. Board members identified members who had the necessary skills and talents for the various positions and if you are approached to take on a committee, please know that we felt you would be one of the best for the job.
 - ❖ Upon retirement from the Presidency, Jo has volunteered to take the Memorial Gardens Chair, to be one of the Photographers and to continue to serve on the Publishing & Website committees.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Orange Ave Pots & Spots: Donations of potted Louis Philippe roses have been offered by the Friends of the Garden Club. The board has decided not to use the roses in the pots on the sidewalks due to the thorns posing a possible danger to pedestrians. The roses will be used in future plantings in the renovated Library garden.

-Horticulture: Lynn Bassett lead a Q&A period. She presented info on Citrus Canker, regional pests, seed starting, Hibiscus mold, & the Springs Watershed Protection Act.

-Grow & Share: Peggy Pattillo has agreed to take over managing the grow & share table.

-Junior Gardeners: Cathi Ayers read a hand written note from one of the junior gardeners and Camp Wekiva recipient.

-Website: Diane Dowthitt reported on the Board's decision to continue the Website for the next term. She has received several inquiries about our club and membership through the website. The idea of placing the Yearbook on the website as a means to cut publishing costs was discussed and decided against for now, citing privacy concerns and lack of access for members who don't use computers. Since the Front Page changes frequently, a new web page with links to monthly Front Pages will be added to the website. This will show visitors our activities and photos for each month of the club year.

-Legislation & Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reported that the PDRB approved the wording in the amendment from the FC Overlay District to be sent to the County Commissioners. Members were asked to contact the County Commission to voice their support of the FC Overlay.

-Helping Hands: Debbie Barney reviewed for the members the purpose and scope of this committee. The idea is members helping other members who are ill or in need of assistance.

-Ways & Means:

- **Plant Sale:** Anne Propp & Kathy Davis reminded members to begin planting seeds and cuttings now for the Plant Sale in May. Christine Harnden is planting seeds in start pots and is accepting donations of seeds from members.

Special Committees:

-FFCG Water Celebration Extravaganza: Lynn Bassett reported on the meeting she attended at Fanning Springs on 2/7. Lynn modeled the Water Celebration tee shirt and displayed one of the Gift Bags (and contents) that will be given to attendees of the event. Lynn requested any members planning to spend the night of 2/22 at Fanning Springs let Lynn know ASAP.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS -none

AWARDS – Cathy Foley presented the Petal Power Award to JoAnn Quackenbush, for her dedication to the FCGC. She has served for 8 consecutive terms as an officer of the club and is a tireless worker and supporter of our club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Roadside Cleanup will be held on 2/21 at 8:00am.

Our weekly Raffle included donations given to us by 2 new Floral City businesses; "Off the Beaten Path" Gift Store and "Mom's Heavenly Chocolates".

The business meeting was adjourned.

No Program was held this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
January 1 to January 31, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 2354.92

INCOME

Birthday Money	20.97
Camp Wekiva	334.00
Memorial Garden	75.00
Ways & Means	71.41

Total	501.38
Balance	2856.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Ackn. & Programs	234.98
Maint. Mem. Garden	180.00
Junior Gardeners	5.00

Total	419.98
Ending Balance	2436.32

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

March 8, 2007

Meeting Minutes

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the March business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Club Collect. 2nd Vice President Carole DeLisle welcomed all guests and new members.

Carole also thanked the Hostesses Dottie Sherman, Joan Knippen & Bea Rabideau and the Greeters; Terry Newberry, Carol & Kathy Baker & Bernice Colbath. The March Birthdays were also acknowledged. The FC Garden club's 50th Anniversary was also celebrated with a special home baked and decorated Birthday cake, made by Bea Rabideau.

February Meeting minutes were published via email and were subsequently amended to include donations to our February raffle from 2 new FC businesses. The corrected minutes were made available on the information table. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was given by JoAnn in the absence of Kathy Hofmann. (See attached for report).

Correspondence:

- o A Thank You Card from the O'Dell family.
- o A Thank You email from Debbie Barney for all the cards, food and get well wishes sent to her after her surgery. She reports that she is walking now with much less pain and hopes to attend the next FCGC meeting.
- o An email from Bobbie Schoss with her new address and contact info.
- o An Invitation to the Black Tie & Blue Jean Dinner, a fundraising event for E-Nini-Hassee on 3/31. Cost \$50
- o An Invitation to the McIntosh Garden Show & Plant Sale on 4/7 at the Van Ness Park.

Officers Reports: none

Standing Committee Reports:

-Legislation & Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reported on the upcoming BOCC meeting on 3/13 (Historic Overlay District) and the need for a good showing from FC residents.

-Ways & Means:

- **Plant Sale:** Cathy Davis urged everyone to start plants in pots for the sale. Home grown plants are sought after by the public and are very profitable for the club.
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FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
February 1 to February 28, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 2436.32

INCOME

Dues	84.00
Camp Wekiva	30.00
Memorial Garden	113.00
Ways & Means	85.25

Total	312.25
Balance	2748.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Ackn. & Programs	8.64
Camp Wekiva	740.00
Office Supplies- Stamps	15.30
Plant Sale Bldg rental	35.00
Ways & Means	44.54

Total	843.48
Ending Balance	1905.09

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB April 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the April business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect. 2nd Vice President Carole DeLisle welcomed all guests and new members.

Carole also thanked the Hostesses Christine Hamden, Alice Sawyer & Bette Ayers and the Greeters: Terry Newberry, Carol Hart & Diane Schwartz. The April Birthdays were also acknowledged.

March Meeting minutes were published via email and were subsequently amended. The corrected minutes were made available on the information table. The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann. (See attached for report).

Correspondence:

- o A Thank You note from Marlene Korycki for the donation made to the Memorial Book, in her husband, John Korycki's honor.
- o A Thank You email from Pam Bellman after her recent hospitalization.
- o An Invitation to the Keep Citrus County Beautiful volunteer appreciation social to be held at the Beverly Hills Receptions Center on 4/22. Marcia Beasley and Lynn Bassett will be attending to represent FCCG.
- o An April Gardening email was sent to all the members from Horticulture Chair, Lynn Bassett.
- o Call to District Meeting from FFGC to be held at Citrus Hills Golf & CC on 5/16. Anyone wishing to attend please notify JoAnn Q.
- o The annual FFGC state convention will be held in Orlando on May 4-5 at the Rosen Centre Hotel.
- o The Four Seasons Garden Club will hold a flower show, "Shangri-La" on April 28-29 at the FI Museum of Natural History.
- o The Blue Star Marker, Archer Rd, Gainesville will be dedicated by the Seedlings GC on 4/14.

Officers Reports: JoAnn Quackenbush:

- Announced next month's Awards Banquet. Awards will be presented after the covered dish Luncheon. The luncheon will start at 12 noon. Members are asked to bring their own table service.
- Club dues for next year are now due: Single \$14, Couple \$16, Inactive \$17. Please use the envelope provided or mail your dues to Kathy Hofmann before the May meeting.
- All club members are asked to complete a survey and return it to JoAnn ASAP. Member input is very important in the future direction of the club and its activities. Any members not renewing are encouraged to also complete the survey to give feedback on the reasons for not coming back next year.

- Email users were asked to make sure that club emails are not being stopped by spam blockers. Several emails have been bouncing back as undeliverable. Members are asked to keep the club informed of email changes.
- New Members were asked to have their pictures taken for the Yearbook.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Horticulture: Lynn Bassett discussed some of the points in her April Gardening email sent earlier to all members. She also discussed the continuing issue of water quality and management currently before the County Commissioners. She encouraged all GC members to express their opinions to the PDRB before the June meeting of the Watershed Project. She also made available information on the newer septic systems.

-Ways & Means: Plant Sale: Kathy Davis reviewed the plans for the Annual Plant Sale to be held in May.

- ❖ A list was passed around for volunteers to work on the day of the sale. For those with home grown, they were asked to clean up the plants and identify the plants to be ready for sale.
- ❖ Anyone with access to a truck or trailer for use in hauling plants please contact the committee. Plants can be picked up from members on Fri 5/4.
- ❖ Assistance is needed on Fri 5/4 with setting up the sale at Adventureland.

-Scholarship: Cathi Ayers reports on two applications for the Scholarship Award were received. Unfortunately, neither met the criteria for the award and therefore were denied by a vote of the members.

-Trees & Arbor Day: Due to limited funds, it was decided by a vote of the members to replace the Live Oak tree with a less expensive Fringe tree to be planted this year for Arbor Day.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - JoAnn reported on plans to complete the school mural. Paint still needs to be purchased and a specific date planned. Members interested in helping out, please contact JoAnn.

NEW BUSINESS -none

AWARDS -Joan Knippen presented this month's Petal Power award to Bea Rabideau for baking the beautiful cake last month in honor of the club's 50% Anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -none.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Carole DeLisle introduced Pamela Morgan Lund, who presented a program on care and propagation of African Violets. She brought along examples of plants and various planting mediums. Leaf starts were given to interested club members.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
March 1 to March 31, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 1905.09

INCOME

Dues	2.00
Memorial Garden	10.00
Ways & Means	22.75

Total	34.75
Balance	1939.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Total	0
Ending Balance	1939.84

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB May 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The FCGC Annual Awards Banquet (held prior to the regular business meeting).

Terry Newberry gave the invocation before the luncheon. Special guest, Patricia Kittleman, who is a Democratic candidate for FL State Representative, was in attendance. All the members and guests enjoyed a delicious potluck luncheon.

AWARDS

- Cathi Ayers presented Scott Woythaler with the FCGC Marie Jones Scholarship Award. Scott, his father and a friend, joined us for the luncheon banquet.

- President JoAnn Quackenbush presented Cathi Ayers with a Life Membership in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. This letter from Gloria Blake, FFGC was read.
 - *Dear Cathi: The members of the Floral City Garden Club are presenting you with a Life Membership in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Through the years in which you have been a member of the Floral City Garden Club you have served as President, First Vice President, Recording Secretary, Installation Officer, Junior Gardeners Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, School Beautification Project Chairman and coordinated the Freedom Tree Planting with a dedication ceremony and parade. Besides all this you have served District V as Membership Chairman from 2003-2005. Congratulations as you are certainly deserve of this honor. Sincerely, Gloria Blake, FFGC*

- JoAnn recognized all those members who joined during the past club year: Oweda Harris, Donna Thomas, Kathleen McMillion, Bernice Colbath, Diane Schwartz, Pat Timmerman & Susie Brunswick.

- JoAnn went on to present awards to all Garden Club Officers and volunteers who have served during the past club year.

- Lynn Bassett presented out-going President, JoAnn Quackenbush with a Life Membership in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. JoAnn has served tirelessly over the past years, holding positions as 1st Vice President (2yrs), President (4yrs), and Website Designer. JoAnn has used her artistic talent by painting a scenic wildlife mural at the FC Elementary School. She also painted the beautiful Floral City entrance sign. JoAnn's myriad contributions to FCGC were applauded and much appreciated by the members.

Business Meeting

President JoAnn Quackenbush called the May business meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect. 2nd Vice President Marcia Beasley welcomed the guests. Jo Ann Quackenbush introduced the new member, Susie Brunswick. And, also thanked the Hostesses: Bernice Colbath, Jeanne Henson & Diane Dowthitt and the Greeters: Terry Newberry, Cathy Foley & Cathi Ayers. The May Birthdays were also acknowledged.

April Meeting minutes were published via email and were subsequently amended. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann. Highlights: Plant Sale profit \$1400, with more monies expected after post sale 5/12. (See attached for report).

Correspondence:

Marcia Beasley & Lynn Bassett representing FCGC attended the Volunteer Appreciation Social on 4/22. During today's meeting, Marcia presented the Certificate of Appreciation to FCGC from Keep Citrus County Beautiful.

Officers Reports: none

Standing Committee Reports:

-Horticulture: Lynn Bassett published a gardening guide for the summer months via email with a copy available on the activity table. Lynn also gave some tips on watering plants through the present drought.

-Butterfly Garden: Cathy Foley reminded members of the need to water the garden and feed the birds over the summer months.

-Trees & Arbor Day: On Sat 4/28 a fringe tree was planted in the memorial garden. Michael and Christine Harnden donated the tree. Members in attendance for the planting: Kathy Davis, Bernice Colbath, Jo Quackenbush, Christine Harnden, and Pam Bellman. Michael Harnden and Lynn & H.D. Bassett also helped but were unable to attend the 4/28 planting.

-Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns: Next clean-up date scheduled for 5/23 at 8am.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS -

NEW BUSINESS -none

AWARDS -JoAnn Quackenbush, in Bea Rabideau's absence, presented this month's Petal Power award to Anne Propp for all her hard work with the Plant Sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- Marcia Beasley announced a BOCC workshop planned in June and stressed how important participation by FC residents is to the outcome.
- On Sat 5/12, there will be a half price sale of remaining plants from the Plant Sale to be held at the Fire Station.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

No program was held this month.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
April 1 to April 30, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 1939.84

INCOME

Dues	346.00
Refund Website	5.00
Raffle	13.00
Ways & Means	158.00

Total	522.00
Balance	2461.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Ack. & Programs	10.00
Post Office box rental	26.00
Plant Sale	409.26
Raffle	13.00
Ways & Means	45.05

Total	503.31
Ending Balance	1958.53

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

September 14, 2007

Meeting Minutes

President Kathy Davis called the May business meeting to order at 1:00 pm, which was held at the home of 2nd Vice President Deb Barney. Jeanne Henson gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect. The President then welcomed all guests and new members.

Kathy also thanked the Hostesses Christine Harnden and Deb Barney and the Greeters: Alice Sawyer and Joan Knippen. The October Birthdays were also acknowledged.

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

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann. The final tally for the Annual Plant sale was a profit of \$1976.05 (See attached for report).

Correspondence: Peggy Patillo reports that she has resumed sending Birthday cards to members. Thank You cards were also sent to all Plant Sale helpers.

Officers Reports:

Kathy Davis, President

- The annual Awards ceremony to be held in May. Input was requested regarding preferable locations to hold the ceremony and whether to have a pot-luck meal versus catered.
- Vacancies still exist for the Chairman of the Decorating Committee, Secret Garden Tour and the Civic & Community Development committees. Members were asked to consider volunteering for these openings.
- The subject of Fundraisers was discussed. In light of not holding the Secret Garden Tour this year, members were asked to propose alternate fundraising ideas.

Christine Harnden, 2nd Vice President

- Asked for a volunteer to take over the Activity Table at the monthly meetings. Kathy Baker volunteered for this task.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Landscape Design: Cathy Foley requested all YOY signs to be returned to her at the next meeting as she prepares for this year's nominations. Members were asked to submit nominations for Yard of the Year awards. All categories of gardens will be considered such as vegetable gardens, water gardens, landscaping, flowering gardens, and Florida friendly gardens.

-Memorial Gardens: Kathy Hofmann thanked all members who watered the garden during the summer break. The county has taken over the mowing of the garden lawn areas which is a savings for our club of \$30 for each mowing. Jo Quackenbush will now be taking over as Chair of the Memorial Garden.

-School Garden: Kathy Davis asked for volunteers to help with some touch up painting needed on the school mural after renovations done on the a/c systems. Kathy also asked for a volunteer to take over as Chair of the committee.

-Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns: Pam Bellman announced the next clean up day on Sat., Sept 22 at 8:00am. Carol Hart reported that the Florida Highway Dept. has agreed to sow Wildflower seeds along Hwy 41 this year.

-Orange Ave Spots & Pots: Pam Bellman asked for volunteers to take over the corner spot at Hwy 41 & 48. Appropriate plant types for this challenging location were discussed. Judy Lane and Kathy Davis volunteered to adopt this corner.

-Scholarship: Cathi Ayers introduced Elsworth Farr, age 10 yrs, who attended today's meeting with his parents. Elsworth was a scholarship winner to Camp Wikiva this summer. He thanked the members for the opportunity to attend the camp and brought examples of garden projects he created while at camp. Elsworth was also a past Jr. Gardener.

-Birds & Butterfly Garden: Cathy Foley thanked all those members who helped with the garden over the summer.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS -none

AWARDS -The Petal Power Award was postponed this month in the absence of the past winner, Anne Propp.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- Upcoming FFGC, Dist V Conference to be held in Lake City on 10/9/07. Anyone wanting to attend the cost is \$18.
- An Invitation from the Inverness GC to a Card Party & Luncheon to be held on 10/12/07 from 12-3pm.

A Grow & Share table was hosted by Peggy Patillo and Oweda Harris.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Deb Barney introduced Debbie Hooper, from the Citrus County Extension Service. Ms. Hooper presented a program on the Florida Yards & Neighborhood Program. Components of a Florida Friendly yard were presented (irrigation, invasives, organic pesticides & herbicides, natives and wildlife habitat). Ms. Hooper was able to use Deb Barney's yard to illustrate the various components needed. Deb Barney will be going through the application process for recognition for her yard.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
May 1 to May 31, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 1958.53

INCOME

Dues	161.00
District Meeting	36.00
Plant Sale	2861.40
Ways & Means	65.00

Total	3123.40
Balance	5036.93

DISBURSEMENTS

Ack. & Programs	15.88
District Meeting	54.00
FFGC dues	374.00
Mowing Mem.Garden	180.00
Plant Sale	441.09
Replace stolen wagon	127.00
Scholarship	500.00

Total	1691.97
Ending Balance	3389.96

Plant Sale	
Income	2861.40
Expenses	885.35
Profit	1976.05

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

October 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes

President Kathy Davis called the October business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Cathi Ayers gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Club Collect. Christine Harnden welcomed new members Lona Bassett and Sheila Finch. There were no guests.

President Davis thanked the Hostesses Carole Delisle and Donna Thomas and Greeter Nancy Mirgon. The October Birthdays were also acknowledged: Pam Bellman, Sharon Thompson, Jo Quackenbush and Thelma Noble.

Horticulture Q&A - Lynn Bassett, horticulture committee chairman, e-mailed the October horticulture information to the membership and a copy was on the information table. There was no question and answer period.

September Meeting minutes were published via email and were also made available on the information table.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the treasurer, there was no report made.

Correspondence: Corresponding secretary Peggy Patillo reported **condolences sent to the family of Alice Wooten and to Jim Bierly.**

Officers Reports:

President Davis reported on the District V meeting held in Lake City on October 9th.

- Flower Design schools being offered; encouragement for club members to attend and to consider a standard flower show in the future.
- FFGC opportunity drawing tickets
- Camp Wekiva leadership training will be held in February 08.
- Campbell's soup labels can be turned in to the president at club meetings to benefit Camp Wekiva.
- March Short courses to be held at Plantation Inn in Crystal River include an Environmental Study Course, Backyard Wildlife and Pine Needle Weaving.

The President also reminded members to keep the yearbook inserts with by-laws, etc. each year and not to discard with previous year program & calendar. She also reminded members to check the yearbook calendar each month for important information about meetings and other club activities.

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Standing Committee Reports:

-**Landscape Design:** Cathy Foley requested nominations for Yard of the Year and stated that nominations did not have to specify a category but must include the homeowner's name and phone number.

-**Legislation & Historic Preservation:** Marcia BEasley circulated a sign-up for Heritage Day hostess and reported that the historic Dunn home is celebrating its centennial, so special activities will be taking place there on Heritage Day. A new event will be a pie bake-off contest with dignitary judges to be held in Hilton Hall. Proceeds will go to support Methodist church outreach programs.

- **School Garden:** Cathi Ayers, Berniece Colbath, Kathy Davis and Pat Timmerman did weeding and pruning in the school garden on October 8th.

-**Rose Garden and Orange Ave Spots & Pots:** Nine volunteers weeded, pruned and planted the rose garden, the potted plants and the corner of US 41 and CR 48 on September 26. They were Cathi Ayers, Lona Bassett, Pam Bellman, Berniece Colbath, Kathy Davis, Christine Harnden, Kathy Hofmann, Judy Lane and Jo Quackenbush.

-**Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns:** Ten volunteers participated in Roadside Clean-up on September September 22. They were Lona and Joe Bassett, Marcia and Ossie Beasley, Pam and Dave Bellman, Kathy Davis, Thelma Noble, Anne Propp and Jo Quackenbush. Chairman Pam Bellman reported on a letter from the Adopt-a-Highway program regarding plans to participate in the annual "Make a Difference" Day on October 27. The club agreed to schedule another roadside clean-up for that day.

- **Website:** Jo Quackenbush reported on the current updates on our website. She advised of a new feature which would be the inclusion of a favorite flower in bloom each month with a link for how to grow it. For October the featured flowers are Stans. Tecoma "Yellow Bells" and Mexican sage.

Special Committees

- Secret Garden Tour: Cathy Foley has agreed to chair the next SGT which will be held in the autumn of 2008. She shared several ideas for tickets and programs and circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

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UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS -

- Debbie Barney reported on the outcome of last month's program which was on her application for certification through the Extension Service's Florida Yards and Neighborhood program. Debbie's yard was not certified due to the invasives. The report she received included recommendations for replacement plants.
- The May banquet was discussed with options of catering, pot-luck and going to a restaurant being considered. A suggestion was made for information gathering to be presented at next meeting and a vote taken at that time. Christine Harnden will report back on caterers and Pam Bellman will report on restaurants.
- President Davis brought up the school mural which needs some attention due to replacement of old air conditioners. Bellman Painting will supply paint. Volunteers were Lona Bassett, Judy Lane and Sharon Thompson, but we are in need of a volunteer to coordinate the project.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cathi Ayers brought a request from the school PTA for the Garden Club to donate a basket of goodies of our choice for the annual fundraiser silent auction. She will send an e-mail with more details about the auction prior to next meeting.

- Debbie Barney alerted the club members who planned to go on a field trip to Shearer's nursery next Friday that she had been advised they would not be able to purchase plants. Discussion followed regarding possible alternatives to include the tree farm near Duval Island and Connie's nursery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

The new Homosassa Library will host a standard flower show by the Homosassa Garden Club on April 25 and 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 at which time the raffle was held.

Program:

Program Chairman Debbie Barney introduced Theresa from Shearer's Nursery who described the process of seed planting, nurturing and transplanting for wholesale distribution. She brought several flats of plants including petunias, snapdragons, winter veggies and herbs, as well as hanging geranium pots, for which the nursery is well-known. All plants were given away to club members.

October minutes were recorded by Cathi Ayers.

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
September 1 to September 30, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 2832.19

INCOME

Dues	58.00
Memorial Garden	30.00
Ways & Means	45.25

Total	133.25
Balance	2965.44

DISBURSEMENTS

FFGC dues	73.00
Office supplies & postage	19.33

Total	92.33
Ending Balance	2873.11


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

November 9, 2007 Meeting Minutes

President Kathy Davis called the November business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Jeanne Hensen gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Club Collect. Christine Harnden welcomed new members Melody Henderson. Several guests were also welcomed.

President Davis thanked the Hostesses Carole Baker & Jean Potter and Greeters Marcia Beasley & Donna Thomas. The November Birthdays were also acknowledged: Laurie Kanka & Donna Thomas.

Horticulture Q&A - Lynn Bassett, horticulture committee chairman, e-mailed the November horticulture information to the membership and a copy was on the information table. A brief question and answer period was held.

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

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hofmann gave the financial report for September & October.

Correspondence: Corresponding secretary Peggy Patillo reported no correspondence this month.

Officers Reports: President Davis reported on the meeting held for Committee chairs 10/31. Members were also asked to refer to the Book of Information for descriptions and responsibilities of the different committees. New members who do not have email will need to be assigned a "phone buddy". President Davis announced the formation of a new monthly recognition award to be called "Garden Angel". Also:

- Opportunity drawing for District 5: Many very nice prizes will be raffled off in April. (Tickets were sold during the meeting).
- Salvation Army: Members were asked to volunteer to be Bell Ringers on Dec 12 at a location of our choice. (Many members expressed an interest and a sign-up sheet was passed around).
- Christmas Party: A person is needed to chair the decorating committee. (Diane Freund volunteered).

Standing Committee Reports:

-**Landscape Design**: Cathy Foley reported on the progress of the Yard of the Year Awards. Twelve gardens will be judged on 11/16 with the winner to be announced soon.

-**Junior Gardeners:** Cathi Ayers reported that more volunteers are needed for this popular school program. (A sign-up sheet was passed around.)

-**Legislation & Historic Preservation:** Marcia Beasley reported on the progress of the annual Heritage Days celebration upcoming on 11/30 & 12/1. Two hostesses are still needed for the Home Tours. The Avenue of the Oaks will be closed on 11/30 from 5:30-9:00 pm.

- **School Garden:** Plans are still underway to complete the painting of the 2 new a/c units to incorporate them into the school mural. (Lona Basset volunteered to chair this committee).

-**Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns:** Pam Bellman announced that a special clean-up day has been set for 11/17 prior to Heritage Days.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - Cathi Ayers reminded members that donated items are still needed for the FC Elementary School's upcoming Silent Auction.

NEW BUSINESS - none

Awards-

- ❖ **Petal Power:** Anne Propp awarded to Cathy Foley & Carol Hart for accepting the task of chairing and coordinating the Secret Garden Tour.
- ❖ **Garden Angel:** Kathy Davis awarded to Lona Bassett who just recently joined the club and who immediately jumped in to help on many activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- o A new shop is opening in FC called "Flowers by Barbara". The building on the corner of Orange Ave and 41 is being renovated to house the flower shop, a bike shop and an ice cream shop.
- o The Gainesville Garden Club will host a Floral Design Workshop on 11/29. Cost \$14.

The meeting was adjourned and the monthly raffle was held.

Program:

Program Chairman Debbie Barney introduced a representative from Connie's Nursery who gave the program on Trumpet Flowers.

*Respectfully Submitted by:
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary*

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
October 1 to October 31, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 2873.11

INCOME

Dues	31.00
Ways & Means	27.00

Total	58.00
Balance	2931.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Pots & Spots	36.55
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Total	36.55
Ending Balance	2894.56

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

Meeting Minutes December 14, 2007

The Floral City Garden Club's annual Christmas Luncheon (pot-luck) was held before the business meeting.

Prior to the business meeting, The Floral City Garden Club was presented with **The Pride Award** by Frank and other members of the Keep Citrus County Beautiful organization in recognition of all the community gardens we donated and maintain. [Memorial Gardens, Bird and Butterfly Garden, Gateway Garden, Rose Garden, School Garden, Trail Garden and Orange Avenue Spots and Pots] Photos were taken in front of the memorial garden.

In President Kathy Davis' absence, 1st Vice President Christine Harnden called the December business meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Jeanne Hensen gave the Invocation. The 1st Vice President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Club Collect. Christine Harnden welcomed all guests.

1st Vice President Harnden thanked the Hostesses Judy Lane & Ruth Ailes as well as Greeters Terry Newberry, Oweda Harris & Mary Ann Jaksina. The December Birthdays were also acknowledged: Alice Sawyer, Nancy Mirgon, Kathy Baker, Carol Kanka, Diane Schwartz, & Kathy Hofmann.

Horticulture Q&A - Lynn Bassett, horticulture committee chairman, e-mailed the December horticulture information to the membership and a copy was on the information table. Lynn provided info on:

1. Environmental Workshop to be held at The Plantation Inn in March
2. FI Roadside Beautification program has eco-type seeds available now

November Meeting minutes were published via email and were also made available on the information table.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hofmann gave the financial report for November. (see attached)

Correspondence: Corresponding secretary Peggy Patillo read a Thank You letter received from Marcia Beasley. Marcia thanked the membership for participating in and fostering the success of the 2007 Heritage Days celebration in FC.

Officers Reports: none

Standing Committee Reports:

-Landscape Design: Cathy Foley announced the winners of the YOY Awards:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ➤ Yard of the Year | Cathy Foley |
| ➤ Most Improved | Richard & Doris Lane |
| ➤ Best Manicured | Ray & Willa Heronema |
| ➤ Best Landscape | Elmer & Sue Wagner |
| ➤ Best Conservascape | Carol Hart |
| ➤ Best Floral Display | Bill & Betty Bishop |
| ➤ Best Commercial | Off The Beaten Path (Denise Ball) |

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

Awards-

- ❖ **Petal Power:** Cathy Foley presented the award to Diane Fuend for taking over the Decorating committee and for her "Decorate the Town" activities.
- ❖ **Garden Angel:** none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Christine Harnden announced that Lona Basset will be holding a painting party on 12/17 at the FC Elementary School to paint the new A/C units (to better blend in with the Mural).

The meeting was adjourned and a Plant Gift Exchange was held.

Program: Christmas Carols lead by Bette Ayers & Cathi Ayers.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

Financial Statement
November 1 to November 30, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 2894.56

INCOME

Dues	44.00
Ways & Means	75.00
Opportunity Drawing	20.00

Total	139.00
Balance	3033.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Dues State & District	65.50
Opportunity Drawing	20.00

Total	85.50
Ending Balance	2948.06

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
February 1 to February 28, 2007

Balance Forward \$ 2436.32

INCOME

Dues	84.00
Camp Wekiva	30.00
Memorial Garden	113.00
Ways & Means	85.25

Total	312.25
Balance	2748.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Ackn. & Programs	8.64
Camp Wekiva	740.00
Office Supplies- Stamps	15.30
Plant Sale Bldg rental	35.00
Ways & Means	44.54

Total	843.48
Ending Balance	1905.09


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FFGC District V Report May 2007

Submitted by Marcia Beasley & Lynn Bassett

Another Club Year comes to a close as we review our activities since the last District Meeting:

In November the Club finalized their "No-Ball-At-All" fund raiser for the Academy of Environmental Science by raising funds with a no event ,donations only campaign. In December the Club decorated the town for Heritage Days and placed giant Red Bows on the historic oak trees lining Orange Avenue then donned period costumes to act as host and hostesses for the Annual Blue Ribbon Tour of Historic Homes the first Saturday of December. The Christmas Luncheon provided an opportunity to exchange show-quality plants or garden related items among the members while members were entertained by the Lytle Family. Appreciation was given to special guests known as "The Friends of the Garden Club" who were honored for their years of work in the town's beautification.

January's program drew a wide audience of visitors as Fran Thompson convinced the group about the benefits of earthworms to our environment and demonstrated how to grow them. Many went home with 50 earthworms to begin farming. The Junior Gardener Chairman reported that there were four students interested in attending Camp Wekeiva this year and since the club had only budgeted for two members voted to send all four by "passing-the-hat" which was quickly filled with donations of \$334.00 for two more students to attend.

February found the members sadly in need of honoring their First Vice President. Thirty five club members participated in the Club's Floral Procession at funeral home and her name was placed on a special page in the Community Memorial Garden Book of Remembrance. At this February meeting our newly elected officers were installed so that all members could attend the installation banquet, but they did not take on the roles until the end our May meeting. Along with Lynn Bassett, other members worked on and participated in the successful District V Water Extravaganza at Fanning Springs.

In March the club was honored to have the newly elected president of the Inverness Garden Club give an informative program on raising African Violets. later in the month the Club was recognized and honored by the Keep Citrus Beautiful organization for the Floral City Garden Club's 17th year with the Adopt-A-Highway program. Now, that is 2 miles of roadside clean up 4 times a year!!! And there is still trash to be cleaned-up!

The Community Memorial Garden Chairman and members attended the presentation of the design plans for the Floral City Library and learned that the new entrance will face our Memorial Garden with the Labyrinth creating the focal point.

Our Annual Plant Sale was held the first of this month at a new location due to the uncertain time frame for the Library plans and members provided the majority with lovely, quality home grown plants. Our closing meeting on the 11th of this month was our annual Awards Banquet with our-going president Jo Ann Quackenbush recognized all the members who had worked for the club during the year. Two Life memberships to FFGC were presented one to Cathi Ayers and then the members turned the tables and honored out-going President Jo Ann Quackenbush with a Life Membership in FFGC. Jo Ann has done an outstanding job for the past four years as club president and served on the Board for years before becoming president.



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March 26, 2007

Floral City Garden Club
P.O. Box 833
Floral City, FL 34466

Keep Citrus County Beautiful will be hosting a recognition ceremony at the Beverly Hills Recreation Association at 77 Civic Circle, on April 22, 2007 between the hours of 1:00-4:00 p.m. to give awards to participating Adopt A Highway groups (see attached sheet). Please let KCCB know how many from your group will attend. We hope to see you there!

As a reminder, the Great American Cleanup is a national event organized by Keep America Beautiful. This annual event runs for the months of March, April, and May. The local affiliate, Keep Citrus County Beautiful, teams with the Citrus County Division of Solid Waste Management to encourage community groups to plan and carry out a cleanup or beautification event to coincide with the national effort. Keep Citrus County Beautiful will provide information on how to organize an event and how to apply for a waiver of tipping fees at the landfill.

To find out how to participate, please call KCCB at 746-9393 (leave a message) or Solid Waste Management at 527-7670.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Metcalfe,
Director

cc: Glenn W. McCracken, Director, Dept. Public Works
Michael K. Arnold, Assistant Director, Dept. Public Works
30 day file
KCCB

4780 East Stagecoach Trail
Floral City, Florida 34436
March 26, 2007

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
P.O. Box 833
Floral City, Fl. 34436

Dear Floral City Garden Club,

Thank you for your sincere condolences regarding my husband and father to John Andrew and John Mark. We appreciate your warmth in this matter.

Thank you for thinking enough of our family in this community; especially of John, to acknowledge his passing in a personal way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlene H. Korycki". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marlene H. Korycki

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

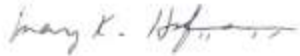
June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007

Balance Forward \$3389.96

Income	June	July	August
Dues	42.00		17.00
Memorial Garden			10.00
			Total 69.00
			Balance 3458.96

Disbursements	June	July	August
Bldg. Rental	159.00		
Division of Plant Ind.			25.00
Mem. Garden Maint.		120.00	75.00
Yearbook Printing			162.77
Website			85.00
			Total 626.77
			Ending Balance 2832.19

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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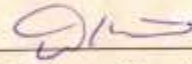
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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Presented April 2007



Mike Colbert, President



Josh Wooten, Executive Director

Dear Mrs. Ayres, and ^{Garden} club members,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness. This will be such a great opportunity for me this summer. Ever since I was very little I have loved the outdoors. From the bugs to the reptiles and the flowers and all the different types of plants. I really enjoy the different things that I have been learning. I told my mom that I wish the Junior Garden Club met at least once a week. This has been better than any other after school program I have been to. To have the hands on learning is wonderful. I love to be a part of this very few that are able to attend the Garden Camp. I am so excited and I can't wait for summer to come.

Sincerely,
Ellsworth Farr

Floral City Garden Club receives KCCB award





LAURA LEE PUTZBACK/Special to the Pioneer

Keep Citrus County Beautiful (KCCB) recognized the Floral City Garden Club at its Volunteer Appreciation Social on April 22. Josh Wooten, KCCB executive director, and Mike Colbert, president, gave Marcia Beasley an award honoring the club for its 17 years as an Adopt-A-Highway participant. More than a dozen Floral City Garden Club volunteers maintain a two-mile stretch of the community's roadway.

Garden club gathers for final meeting

As the 2006-07 club year ends, members of the Floral City Garden Club will gather on Friday, May 11, for the closing meeting and Annual Awards Banquet.

Lunch will be served at noon by hostesses Bernice Colbath, Jeanne Henson and Diane Dowthitt from the assortment of food items prepared and brought to the event by the culinary talented members.

Each member shall furnish their own plate and tableware and a serving piece for their dish. Beverages will be furnished by the hostesses.

A review of the Annual Plant Sale will be given to the members by Plant Sale Chair Kathy Davis.

Out-going President Jo Ann Quackenbush will present the Awards and recognize all members who have worked toward

the goals of the club during the year. Members will give special commendations to the retiring officers. At the end of the meeting, the Officers-Elected and installed will assume the leadership role of the club for the next two years.

They are: President Kathy Davis, First Vice President Christine Hamden, Second Vice President Debbie Barney,

Treasurer Kathy Hofmann, Recording Secretary Dianne Dowthitt, Corresponding Secretary Peggy Pattillo and Chaplain Jeanne Henson.

For more information about the Floral City Garden Club which meets monthly on the second Friday from September through May visit the web site: www.floralcitygardenclub.com or call Davis at 726-5733.



Special to the Pioneer

Five members of the Floral City Garden Club gathered recently in front of the Old Fire Station to initiate the club's 18th year in the Citrus County Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up Program. Those shown are from the left: Pam Bellman, Roadside Chairman; Anno Propp; Kathy Davis, President; and new members Lona and Joe Bassett.

Floral City garden club cleans up

This fall begins the 18th year for the Floral City Garden Club to be a part of the Adopt-A-Highway program for Citrus County. They were recognized for their efforts by the Keep Citrus Beautiful organization in

May of this year.

For more information about the Floral City Garden Club and to view photos of recent projects please visit www.floralcitygardenclub.com or call President Kathy Davis at 726-5733.

Membership is open to all and visitors are welcome to the monthly meetings held at noon on the second Friday of September through May in the Floral City Community Building.

Club prepares for a new season

By Marcia Beasley
Special to the Pioneer

Your garden can be bursting with bloom as we head into the fall and winter seasons.

Attend the Oct. 12 program of the Floral City Garden Club at 1:30 p.m. and learn the secrets of growing lush fall annuals from Teresa of Florida Contract Growers.

Formerly known locally as Shearer's Nursery at 7667 County Road 575 off County Road 48 east of Floral City. This nursery has been one of the sources of premier plants for the garden club's annual plant sale in the spring. Join club members on the Oct. 19 and tour the nursery. We will be meeting to carpool from the Duval Island boat ramp parking lot (east end of Orange Ave.) and leaving there

at 10 a.m. Visitors are cordially invited to attend the October meeting of the Club and be greeted at noon in the Floral City Community Building by members Jean Potter and Carole Baker.

Refreshments will be served at noon by hostesses Diane Schwartz and Donna Thomas. A business meeting will be called to order by President Kathy Davis at 12:30 p.m. and followed by the program. A "Grow 'N' Share" table will be set up by member Peggy Patillo to accept the plant cuttings, starts, seeds and bulbs brought in by members to be share with all in attendance free of charge.

So many of our gardens in the Floral City area have benefited by the items gained through this "Grow 'N' Share" program! Members of the club will have attended the District V meeting of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs on Oct. 9 at Lake City and will be reporting to the club.

More about our club and membership forms call President Kathy Davis at 726-5733 or membership chair Christine Harnden at 341-3247.

Marcia Beasley is the public relations chair for the Floral City Garden Club.