

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB January 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Kathy Davis called the January business meeting to order at 12:30 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. On this first meeting of the 2009, we celebrated our club's 53 anniversary as well as all member birthdays for the year with a beautiful birthday cake. Members were encouraged to donate a penny for each year of age to the "penny jar".

Kathy welcomed all guests and new members. She also thanked the Hostesses: Bernice Colbath, Cheryl Webster, Diane Freund & Thelma Noble and the Greeters: Amber Persyn & Lynn Bassett. The January Birthdays were also acknowledged.

December 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. (see attached)

Correspondence: Thank You cards were received from: E-Nini-Hassee for the Christmas Luncheon; Timber Pines GC for use of our Garden Tour signs & Betty Sumner for remembering her 99th Birthday.

Officers Reports: Kathy Davis, President

- The School Garden needs a chairperson.
- The position of President is still open, contact Diane Freund if interested.
- Our club is still collecting labels from Campbell's products to generate money for educational programs.
- FFGC Convention Opportunity Raffle tickets available for \$1.

Barbara Grimes, Dist V Director: Barbara attended our club meeting and gave a personal invitation to our members to attend the 2009 Convention to be held in Daytona Beach on April 15-17. She also reported on district activities. * Camp Wikiva will be holding an Open House on Feb 1. * A Short Course will be held on March 4-5, "Focus on Florida's Future". Four \$250 scholarships are available.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Decorating Committee: Diane Freund announced an "Undecorate the Town" day to be held on Jan 10.

-Junior Gardeners: Cathi Ayers reported that the students made Christmas centerpieces. Barbara, from Flowers by Barbara donated flowers, supplies and lead a demonstration.

-Roadside Beautification & Environmental Concerns: A cleanup day will be held on 1/28.

-Environmental Concerns: Lynn Bassett presented info on an Environmental Studies Course in Ocala. Lynn also asked members to submit a list of all trees planted in Floral City.

-Horticulture: Lynn Bassett held a brief Q&A and gave a short talk on Amaryllis. She announced a Vegetable Growing workshop being offered by the Extension Office. A January gardening guide was emailed to all members.

-Plant Sale: Ann Propp had small to large pots available for the plant sale on April 18th. The sale will be held at the FC Church of Christ.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS –

- Christine Hamden thanked all the members who participated in the Christmas Luncheon held at E-Nini-Hassee.
- Marcia Beasley thanked all the members who helped with FC Heritage Days.

NEW BUSINESS – none.

AWARDS –

- ❖ The Petal Power Award was presented by Ginny Andrews to Peggy Patillo.
- ❖ The Angel Award was presented by Kathy Davis to Sharon Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – A video presentation on "Gardens of the World" will be held in Feb as a benefit fundraiser for the Lake Tsala Gardens Beautification Committee.

A Grow & Share table was hosted by Peggy Patillo.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Program: Going Green: *in the Garden, the Home & the Community* by Audrey Durr. A Rain Barrel workshop will be held by the County Extension Office on Feb 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
December 1 to December 31, 2008

Balance Forward \$ 3924.34

INCOME

Donations 350.00

Total 350.00
Balance 4274.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Program refreshments 105.32
Civic & Community 331.45

Total 436.77
Ending Balance 3837.57

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB **February 13, 2009** **Meeting Minutes**

President Kathy Davis called the February business meeting to order at 12:30 pm. 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.

Kathy welcomed all guests and new members. Special guest, Barbara Grimes, Dist V Director was in attendance. Kathy also thanked the Hostesses: Mary Thorne, Patsy Neel & Charlene Nelson and the Greeters: Melodie Henderson, Jeanne Henson & Terry Newberry. The February Birthdays were also acknowledged.

January Meeting minutes were published via email. The minutes were not available at today's meeting and will be available at next month's meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann. (see attached) Kathy reminded members that membership dues are due now: \$14 single \$16 couple

Correspondence: A Sympathy Card was sent to Patti Barber on the death of her husband Ron.

Officers Reports: Kathy Davis, President

- **Committee Chairs needed:** **Club Historian;** Joan Knippen volunteered. **Secret Garden Tour , still needed.** **Civic & Community;** Pam Bellman volunteered. **Orange Ave Pots & Spots;** Diane Freund (chairman), Sandra Van Tassel (covering when Diane is away), Mary Thorne, Charlene Nelson & Amber Persyn volunteered. **School Garden;** Bernice Colbath & Mary Thorne volunteered.
- Executive Board Meeting held on 2/10.
- River Haven Garden Club is hosting a Lunch & Fashion Show on March 28 and a Cruise in Nov.
- Some plants were removed from the Memorial Garden to be saved for the plant sale.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Legislation & Historic Preservation:** Marcia Beasley reported on a meeting with the County Planners for the Memorial Garden in new Town Center Linear Park re: the gardens and sidewalks. Good progress has already been made and the sprinkler system is in place. We have been asked by the county to consider taking responsibility for the weeding of the entire landscape project. Discussion was tabled until next month's meeting.

-**Plant Sale:** Anne Propp sent around a sign up sheet for committees.

-**Butterfly Garden:** Cathy Foley asked for additional volunteers.

-**Horticulture:** Lynn Bassett made available a signup sheet for the Short Course on Environmental Studies. Deb Barney & Carole Baker volunteered to be contact support for vegetable gardening. Deb Barney gave a short informational talk on Crown of Thorns propagation.

-Unfinished Old Business – NOMINEES: Diane Freund presented the slate of nominees for election of club officers. A motion was made by Lynn Bassett, seconded by Terry Newberry to accept the nominees.

- ❖ **President: Christine Harnden**
- ❖ **Vice President: Deb Barney**
- ❖ **1st Vice President: Sheila Finch**
- ❖ **Recording Secretary: Diane Dowthitt**
- ❖ **Treasurer: Kathy Hofmann**
- ❖ **Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Thompson**
- ❖ **Chaplain: Kathy Davis**

-New Business – May Awards Banquet to be held at the Inverness Golf & Country Club on May 9th at 12noon. Menu options were discussed and voted on. Cost \$12.

Awards –

- ❖ The Petal Power Award was presented by Peggy Pattillo to Pam Bellman.
- ❖ The Angel Award was presented by Kathy Davis to Sheila & Duane Finch.

Announcements –

- Camp Wikiva is in need of donations of reusable totes.
- Floral City Art Show & Book Sale will be held on March 21.

A Grow & Share table was hosted by Peggy Pattillo.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Installation of FCGC Officers for 2009-10 was held with Barbara Grimes, Dist V Director officiating.

*Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary*

**FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
January 1 to January 31, 2009**

Balance Forward \$ 3837.57

INCOME

Dues	30.00
Birthday Money	41.45
Ways & Means	42.00

Total	113.45
Balance	3951.02

DISBURSEMENTS

Program refreshments	24.29
Civic & Community	23.32
Ways & Means	14.00

Total	61.61
Ending Balance	3889.41

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB March 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Kathy Davis called the March business meeting to order at 12:30 pm. 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.

Kathy welcomed all guests and new members. Kathy also thanked the Hostesses: Deb Barney, Ginny Andrews, Marcia Beasley & Anne Propp and the Greeters: Lona Bassett, Mary Thorne & Terry Newberry. The March Birthdays were also acknowledged.

February Meeting minutes were published via email. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann. (see attached) Kathy reminded members that membership dues are due now: \$14 single \$16 couple

Correspondence: A Thank You card was received from Pauline Shisler.

Officers Reports: Kathy Davis, President

- Collections of Campbell's labels resulted in 236 points for schools for Camp Wikiva.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Legislation & Historic Preservation:** Marcia Beasley reported on the final stages of the New Town Center. The old rose garden at the Memorial Garden will be moved to new locations. May 1st will be the official opening celebration for the new library.

-**Scholarship:** Cathi Ayers reported that fewer qualified applicants applied this year. At this point, only one \$500 Scholarship will be awarded.

-**Plant Sale Publicity:** Lona Bassett had advertising fliers available for the Plant Sale to be posted at local businesses.

-**Horticulture:** Lynn Bassett sent monthly gardening tips via email.

-**Junior Gardeners:** Cathi Ayers reported that 3 or 4 students are interested in attending Camp Wikiva. An outing is planned to visit the vegetable garden of Carole Baker and then pick strawberries at Ferris Groves.

-**Landscape Design:** Cathy Foley reminded members to be on the lookout for appropriate gardens for this year's Yard of the Year Awards.

-**Roadside Beautification:** Litter pickup planned for March 25th.

-**Telephone:** Nancy Mirgon will no longer be chairing the committee. Melodie Henderson volunteered to chair the committee.

-Community Gardens: New plants purchased for Orange Ave Spots & Pots. Lantana to be planted in the corner garden at Orange Ave & H41.

-Unfinished Old Business - May Awards Banquet to be held at the Inverness Golf & Country Club on May 9th at 12noon. Members have the option of 2 entrees. Vegetarian entrees also available. Cost \$12.

-New Business – none

Awards –

- ❖ The Petal Power Award was presented by Pam Bellman to Kathy Hofmann.
- ❖ The Angel Award was presented by Kathy Davis to Sandy Van Tassel.

Announcements –

- Floral City Art Show & FC Library Book Sale will be held on March 27.
- District IV Spring Meeting "Spring for Tomorrow" will be held on 4/27 and hosted by the Homosassa River Garden Club.
- Rabbit Berries available for sale, cost \$8.50 per bag.
- Extra hostesses needed for next month's meeting. Betty Welte & Sharon Thompson volunteered.

A Grow & Share table was hosted by Peggy Pattillo.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Program: Robert Knight & Bernadine Flood Nichols from Citrus County Water Resource Dept to discuss and answer questions on the Citrus Resource Plan, water conservation & storm water management.

*Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary*

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
February 1 to February 28, 2009

Balance Forward \$ 3889.41

INCOME

Dues	60.00
Luncheon	72.00
Memorial garden	95.00
Tip Jar	8.00
Ways & Means	45.00

Total	280.00
Balance	4169.41

DISBURSEMENTS

Ack. & Programs	28.06
Jr. Gardeners	15.02
Plant Sale	20.88

Total	63.96
Ending Balance	4105.45


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB April 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Kathy Davis called the April business meeting to order at 12:30 pm. 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.

Kathy welcomed all guests and new members. Kathy also thanked the Hostesses: Sharon Thompson, Betty Welte, Jeanne Henson and Carole DeLisle & the Greeters: Diane Freund and Judy Lane. The April Birthdays were also acknowledged.

March Meeting minutes were published via email. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hofmann. (see attached) Kathy reminded members that membership dues are due now: \$14 single \$16 couple

Correspondence: A Thank You card was sent to Robert Knight & Bernadine Flood Nichols, last month's program speakers. An invitation was received from the Inverness Garden Club for their upcoming Flower Show 4/24-25 @ Lakes Region Library.

Officers Reports: Kathy Davis, President

- We have been asked to provide a floral arrangement for the official dedication ceremony of the new Floral City Library on May 1st. Marcia Beasley volunteered.
- District V Spring Meeting "Spring for Tomorrow" will be held on 4/27 and hosted by the Homosassa River Garden Club. Chris Harnden and Lynn Bassett will be attending.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Memorial Garden:** Marcia Beasley & Kathy Hofmann reported on the many things needed to be done before the library opening ceremony. Roses and other plants need planted and the labyrinth needs to be power washed.

- **Scholarship:** Cathi Ayers reported that only 1 application was received, however was from out of our area. The issue of college scholarships will be revisited after the plant sale and budget update.

- **Plant Sale:** Anne Propp reported on progress of the plant sale committee. Plant stock has been purchased. Please clean up and label home grows. Set up on Friday.

- **Horticulture:** Lynn Bassett: sent monthly gardening tips via email and will report at Dist V the number of trees planted locally.

- **Junior Gardeners:** Cathi Ayers led a discussion with the membership regarding sending 5 children to Camp Wikiva this summer. Cost \$200 per student. Sharon Thompson made a motion to send all 5, seconded by Diane Freund. Motion passed.

-Unfinished Old Business - none

-New Business – none

Awards –

- ❖ The Petal Power Award was presented by Kathy Hofmann to Marcia Beasley.
- ❖ The Angel Award was presented by Kathy Davis to Judy & Steve Lane.

Announcements –

- FCGC Awards Banquet to be held on May 8th at the Inverness Golf & Country Club.

Our monthly Raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Program: Jan Silik, Vice President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and Chairman for Camp Wikiva gave an informational talk and presentation on Camp Wikiva; this year's theme "Flying Wild - Owls & Birds".

*Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary*

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
March 1 to March 31, 2009

Balance Forward \$ 4105.45

INCOME

Dues	302.00
Luncheon	228.00
Opportunity Drawing	13.00
Ways & Means	53.00

Total	596.00
Balance	4701.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Ack. & Programs	15.11
Office supplies	18.00
Plant Sale	12.00
FFGC Convention	20.00
Pots & Spots	67.42
Opportunity Draw	13.00

Total	145.53
Ending Balance	4555.92


Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB **Sept 11, 2009** **Meeting Minutes**

President Christine Harnden called the September business meeting to order. Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect. The September Birthdays were announced.

Christine welcomed all guests as well as new member, Bill Ferguson. She also thanked: Hostesses Anne Propp, Cathi Ayers, Cathy Foley & Shiela Finch
Greeters: Terry Newberry & Deb Barney

May Meeting minutes were published via email. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report : Kathy Hofmann reported on the financial budget. See financial statement attached. FFGC has raised the dues for state membership, however our Board voted to keep FCGC membership dues at the current rate.

Correspondence:

- Thank You card from a camper we sponsored to Camp Wikiva.
- Dr. Toby, a FC Veterinarian donated \$50 towards the upkeep of the Orange Ave Pots & Spots.

President's Report:

- 2 Committee chair vacancies remain: Awards & Nominating
- The Board approved renting a table at the Fall Art Show in FC. Cost \$25
Members were asked to donate plants to sell on that day. Nov 14.
- FFGC Dist V meeting will be held in Gainesville on Oct 13. Cost \$17
- A "Santa's Workshop" is again being held at Camp E-Nini-Hassee this year and members were asked for donations to support this event.

Standing Committee Reports:

-Memorial Garden: Kathy Hofmann and Marcia Beasley reported on the condition of the new linear park. Approval was given to purchase colorful annuals for the planting beds. A person sentenced to perform community service has been working in the gardens pulling weeds.

-Plant Sale: Anne Propp announced the date for our annual plant sale will be March 27, 2010 She will be manning a plant sale table (with volunteers) on Nov. 14, at the FC Fall Festival of the Arts.

-Grow & Share: Judy Lane volunteered to be co-chair with Peggy Patillo for the Grow & Share table.

-Horticulture: September growing guide was emailed to members by Lynn Bassett. Deb Barney gave a presentation on the Devil's Backbone (Pedilanthus) plant. Lona Bassett donated a plant for the presentation which was raffled after the meeting.

-Landscape Design: Cathy Foley announced she is unable to continue chairing this committee and asked for a volunteer replacement.

-Legislation & Historic Preservation: Marcia Beasley reported that this year is the 125th Anniversary of the creation of the Avenue of Oaks. Commemorative t-shirts will be for sale at the Country Store & Museum.

-Secret Garden Tour: Cathi Ayers reported on the committee progress planning next year's event. The best date in spring to hold the event was discussed. 3 gardens have been confirmed so far.

-Jr. Gardeners: Planning meeting on 9/16.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS -

- Pam Bellman reported on a new Mural Project for downtown FC (hardware store wall). A local artist will paint the mural for a total cost of \$2800. \$2246 has already been collected by donors and local businesses. The board gave approval for our bank account to be used as an escrow account for the funds.

AWARDS – The Petal Power Award – none presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- Deb Barney asked all members to please check the new yearbook for hostess and greeter assignments.
- Christine Hamden asked members for donations of any old pearls or costume jewelry. These will sent to St. Petersburg for a service project aiding girls in school.

The business meeting was adjourned.

No program was held.

Respectfully submitted
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
May 1 to May 31, 2009

Balance Forward \$ 5302.15

INCOME

Dues	46.00
Plant Sale	238.00

Total	284.00
Balance	5586.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Ack. & Programs	55.00
Butterfly Garden	8.70
Luncheon	344.00
Memorial Garden	137.45
Plant Sale	44.26
Rabbit Berries	46.00
Rent	212.00
State Dues	458.00

Total	1305.41
Ending Balance	4280.74

Plant Sale	
Income	2582.75
Expenses	699.57
Profit	1883.18

Mary K. Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB December 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**The monthly business meeting was held following a Christmas Luncheon (pot-luck) held at the home of Lona Bassett. A large and enthusiastic membership celebrated together in the lovely surroundings. Joan Knippen directed a skit, Twelve Days of Christmas, that was enjoyed by all.*

President Christine Harnden then called the December business meeting to order. Mary Lu Sloop gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christine welcomed all guests and new members. She also thanked Lona & Joe Bassett for hosting the Christmas Luncheon. She also thanked assigned hostesses Patsy Neel and Marcia Beasley.

November Meeting minutes were published via email. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report : Kathy Hofmann gave the budget report.

Correspondence: none

President's Report: Requested a vote to donate \$200 to Santa's Workshop (an E-Nini-Hassee program). Vote passed by the membership.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Special thank you to Bill Ferguson for his help working on the community gardens.
- Diane Freund thanked all who helped Decorate the Town for Christmas.
- Volunteers needed for January meeting: Diane Freund, Sharon Thompson, Amber Persyn & Melodie Henderson volunteered.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

The business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
November 1 to November 30, 2009

Balance forward 3609.24

INCOME

Dues 28.00
Plant Sale 685.00
Ways & Means 40.00
Start up cash 50.00

Total 803.00
Balance 4412.24

DISBURSMENTS

Linear Gardens 50.00
Memorial Garden 27.30

Total 77.30
Ending Balance 4334.94

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Prev. 2938.00
Paym. 1400.00
Ending Bal. 1538.00

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