

Floral City Garden Club

Year Book

2009 ~ 2010

Theme: Learning & Growing

Floral City Garden Club
PO Box 833
Floral City, FL 34436

Founded in 1956 ~ Federated in 1958

Club Colors: Pink & Green

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Club Flower: Hibiscus



Motto: "We Grow that we might better live"

Meetings: 2nd Friday September ~ May @ 12:30 PM
@ the Floral City Community Building
8370 E. Orange Ave., Floral City, FL 34436

Affiliations: > National Garden Club
> Deep South Region of the NGC, Inc.
> Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
> FFGC District V
> Floral City Garden Club
Membership: 64



A Note from your President
September 2009

GardenWeed-Em & Reap

Dear FCGC Members:

Welcome back to another year. I hope each of you had a great and healthy summer. In these economic hard times we've been having lately it's nice to go around and see all the u-pick-em places and roadside fruit and vegetable stands throughout our county. I hope you are taking advantage of them. If not, then I hope you are growing something to add to your neighbors tables. It is wonderful eating something you have grown yourself.

I am really looking forward to being your President for the next two years. The things we can accomplish if we put our hearts and minds into it are endless. When I look around at all of the wonderful gardens downtown, and the lovely new grounds surrounding our new library and community building, I feel so proud to call Floral City my home.

This next year I hope to continue with all of the goals that have made this Club what it is today. With your continued love and support who knows what all we can accomplish this year. With our Annual Plant Sale, Secret Garden Tour and the donations for the Santa's Workshop for the girls at E-Nini-Hasse, let's have a very prosperous and giving year.

To all of you and yours I thank you for this opportunity to be included in the names of our past presidents. It's an honor I hope I can fulfill with memories for a lifetime. Thank you.

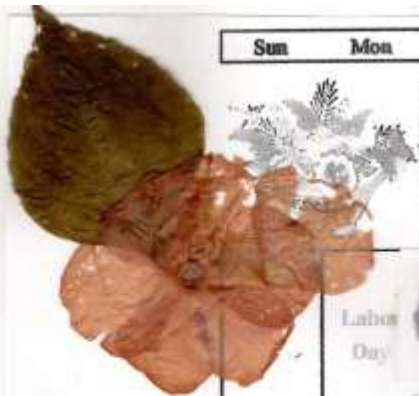
Now, let's get our fingers dirty and Weed-Em & Reap. My love to all of you and here's to a wonderful year.

Sincerely,

Christine Harnden



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Garden club ready for new season

The Floral City Garden Club will start its 2009-10 season on Friday at the Community Building on East Orange Avenue. Social get-together will be at noon. The business meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. with program following at 1:30 p.m.

Even though there have been no meetings over the summer months, garden club members have been staying busy. Cathy Foley and her committee viewed and awarded the gardens of the year award (*Inverness Pioneer*, Aug. 6). Various garden chairpersons have had committee caring for the rose garden, butterfly garden, memorial garden (at the library), garden at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 48 and the school garden. Not only has this work added to the beauty of the center of Floral City, it has given members a chance to keep in touch with one another over the summer. Also, the pre-planning started for the 2010 Secret Garden Tour and the 2010 Plant Sale.

All Floral City Garden Club meetings are open to the public. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us on Sept. 11.

September 2009

Happy Birthday to Ruth Ailes 8, Lynn Bassett 20, Michael Harnden 29

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| 11 | 12:00 PM | Snack & Social Time - Hostesses: Cathi Ayers, Shiela Finch, Cathy Foley & Anne Propp Greeters: Terry Newberry, Deb Barney |
| | 12:30 PM | FCGC Business Meeting |
| | 01:30 PM | Program: Committee Chairmen describe committee activities + Guest Speaker: Owen Carney, recycling coordinator for Citrus County will speak about recycling. |



October 2009 Happy Birthday to Betty Welte 02, Pam Bellman 10, Sharon Thompson 10, Patti Barber 13, Jo Quackenbush 22, Betty Sumner 22, Patsy Neel 29

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| 09 | 12:00 PM | Snack & Social Time - Hostesses: Peggy Patillo, Dianne Rippey, Pat Timmerman & Lola Wasson Greeters: Cathy Foley & Shirley McAllen |
| | 12:30 PM | FFGC Business Meeting |
| | 01:30 PM | Program: A presentation on bromeliads by George Aldridge, Specialist Plants and Things, Ocala |
| | FFGC | Dist V Fall Meeting |

Donation helps co

The Floral City Garden Club met on Sept. 11 with new leadership this year. New president Christine Hamden along with Debbey Barney, first vice president, presided over the meeting.

It was announced that a donation had been made to the club in appreciation of the gardens in the center of Floral City. Club members voted to use the donation to add more

flowers to the gardens. Thank you went to Steve Lane and Doug Propp for installing the retaining wall around the flowerbed at the corner of U.S. 41 and Orange Avenue.

Under the direction of Anne Propp, we will have a mini-plant sale on Nov. 14 at the Fall Art Show at Forgotten Treasures and Gifts Shop. To donate plants call Anne Propp at 560-0047.



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Cathi Ayers, chairman of the Junior Gardeners, announced the club received thank you notes from two of the Junior



Community gardens

Gardeners that the Club sent to Camp Wekiva.

Tri-chairpersons of the 2010 Secret Garden Tour, Lala Watson, Cathi Ayers and Patsy Neel, announced the 2010 tour would be in the spring and the date would be May 8.

Propp, plant sale chairperson, announced the date of the 2010 Annual Plant Sale would be March 27, 2010.

Hamden announced that

Tuesday, Oct. 13 would be the District V meeting and if anyone is interested in going, speak to her. We will participate in the "Santa work shop" for the girls at Camp E-Nini-Hassee again this year. Also members will be collecting pearls for the Pearls for Angels program.

Sheila Finch, second vice chairperson, introduced Owen Carney, coordinator for Citrus

County Recycling, who gave PowerPoint presentation on recycling and the recycling center in Lecanto.

The Oct. 9 program will be by George Aldridge, who will give a presentation on bromeliads. Club meetings are open to the public. The business meeting is at 12:30 p.m. and program at 1:30 p.m. For more information call Hamden at 341-3247.



Member celebrates 100th birthday

At our November meeting we honored Betty Sumner with cake and cards to celebrate her 100th birthday, which was Oct. 22.

She has been a member of the club since 1991. Glad we could share her 100th birthday and hope we will be able to celebrate a number of more.

Hostesses for November were Lynn Bassett, Kathy Davis, Carol Millard and Sandy VanTassel. Greeters were Deb Barney and Diane Dowthitt.



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This was a busy month for us getting ready for the Floral City Heritage Days. Dec. 1 was the quarterly roadside clean up under the direction of Pam Bellman, civic and community development chairperson. Dec. 2 members

decorated the center of town. Diane Freund, chairperson of decorations for the garden club, made sure we had all the supplies needed to dress Orange Avenue for the holidays.

A drive on Orange Avenue on a sunny day, seeing all the large red bows, is a delight this time of the year. All of our community gardens chairpersons have been busy sprucing up the garden in the center of the town.

The Pedal Power award went to me this month. Thank you to Lace Blue-McLean

who gave an informative presentation on the Three Sisters Spring.

Our December meeting will be a potluck lunch at a member home, and we wish a very happy holiday to all from the Floral City Garden Club.

For additional information about the club contact Christine Harnden, club president, at 341-3247.

Lona Bassett handles publicity for the Floral City Garden Club.



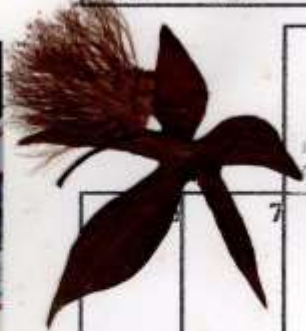
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| | | | | Thanksgiving Day | | Donna Thomas |
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| November 2009 Happy Birthday to Donna Thomas 28 | | |
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| 13 | 12:00 PM | Snack & Social Time – Hostesses: Lynn Bassett, Kathy Davis, Carol Millard & Sandy Van Tassel Greeters: Deb Barney & Lona Bassett |
| | 12:30 PM | FCGC Business Meeting |
| | 01:30 PM | Program: Lace Blue of Citrus County Water Management will give a presentation on the Three Sisters Spring |
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| | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 CHERYL WEBSTER | 11 FCGC Meeting | 12 |
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December 2009 Happy Birthday to Diane Calfee 04, Cheryl Webster 10, Joe Bassett, Jr 13, Bill Webster 13, Diane Schwartz 18, Jeanne Henson 20, Kathy Hofmann 23,

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| 01 | 9:00 AM | Roadside Clean-up: Litter Patrol |
| 02 | 9:00 AM | Decorate the Town |
| 04 | FCHC | Heritage Days |
| 05 | 10A - 04 P | Historic Home Tours |
| 11 | 12:00 PM | FCGC Christmas Party Luncheon |
| | | Hostesses: Marcia Beasley & Patsy Neel |
| | | Greeters: Judy Lane & Bea Rabideau |
| | 01:00 PM | FCGC Business Meeting |





Holiday is busy time for members

By Lona Bassett
Special to the Pioneer

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With the litter picked up, the bows and candy canes hung throughout the center of town, the flower beds spruced up and with help hosting in costume, the Blue Banner Home Town for Heritage Days done it was time for members to relax.

December's garden club meeting was a potluck lunch-

eon held at the home of members Joe and Lona Bassett. Hostesses for the luncheon were Patsy Neel and Marcia Beasley while greeters were Judy Lane and Bea Rabideau.

After a delicious luncheon and a short business meeting member Joan Knippon had

arrange entertainment for the group. With the support of 12 other members Joan arranged a short skit of the Twelve Day of Christmas which was enjoyed by all attending.

Jan. 4 found club members back doing civic responsibilities when they met with Decoration Chairperson Diane Freund to undress the center of town and pack away the bows and candy canes for another year.

Jan. 8 will be Floral City

Garden Club's first meeting of 2010. The meeting will be at the community building on E. Orange Ave at noon. In the program will be "Barbara" who will hold a class on flower arranging. As January tradition we will hold the annual birthday party for all members.

All meetings are open to the public. For additional information call Christine Harnden, club president, at 341 2137.



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| | | | | | 1 HAPPY BIRTHDAY | 2 |
| 3 FCGC Undecorate the town | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 FCGC Meeting | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Florida Arbor Day | 15 | 16 |
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January 2010 Annual Birthday Party

Happy Birthday to Dottie Sherman 22, Deb Barney 23, Pat Timmerman 24, Joan Knippen 25, Cathi Ayers 27, Shiela Finch 29

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| 04 | 9:00 AM | Un-decorate the Town (meet at the Community Building) |
| | 12:30 PM | FCGC Business Meeting |
| | 01:30 PM | Program: "Barbara" will hold a class on flower arranging |



February 2010



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| 14  Valentine's Day | 15 President's Day | 16  | | 18 | 19 | 20 |
|  |  | 22 Washington's Birthday | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26  |

February 2010

Happy Birthday to: Dorothy Clark Oo, Janis Lehowicz 13, Phyllis Peters 17, Melodie Henderson 21, Marcia Beasley 27, Diane Dowthitt 28

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| 12 | 12:00 PM | Snack & Social Time - Hostesses: We will ask for volunteers Greeters: Gloria Drook & Patsy Neel |
| | 12:30 PM | FCGC Business Meeting |
| | 01:30 PM | Program: The Citrus County Extension Office will give a presentation on gardening |
| 17 | 9:00 AM | Roadside Clean-up: Litter Patrol |
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March 2010

Happy Birthday to Duane Finch, Sr. 01 , Bernice Colbath 3, Bea Rabideau 6, Shirley McAllen 9, Peggy Pattillo 25, Carol Hart 30,

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| 12 | 12:00 PM | Snack & Social Time - Hostesses: We will ask for volunteers Greeters: Lynn Bassett & Diane Calfee |
| | 12:30 PM | FCGC Business Meeting |
| | 01:30 PM | Program: "Strange Tomatoes" by Bill Ferguson |
| 27 | 8:00 AM | Plant Sale |

March 2010

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**Floral City
Garden Club's
Annual
Plant Sale
Saturday
March 27
8 a.m.**

**1599 E. Marvin Street
(pavilion across from
Floral City Church of Christ)**



Preparing to peddle plants



Special to the Chronicle

Floral City Garden Club members preparing for the annual plant sale are: Bill Ferguson, harvesting home grown; Sheila Finch, dish gardens; Mary Bamford, plant arrangements; Lynn Bassett, horticulture; and Lona Bassett, publicity. The plant sale will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at 8599 E. Marvin St., Floral City. For additional information, call Plant Sale Chairwoman Anne Propp at 560-0047.

April 2010

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| 4 Daylight Saving Time Begins | | 5 | | 6 | 7 "We-Go" Birthday | 8 |
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Cathy Foley



Special to the Pioneer
Florist City Garden Club members prepare for their 2010 annual plant sale at the pavilion located at 4599 E. Marvin St. in Florist City. This year's sale will take place on Saturday, March 27, at 9 a.m. at the same venue. Garden club members are pictured here.

April 2010 Happy Birthday to Cathy Foley 13, Christine Harnden 20, Maria Knoop 25

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| 09 | 12:00 PM | Snack & Social Time - We will ask for volunteers Greeters: Sheila Finch & Jeanne Henson |
| | 12:30 PM | FCGC Business Meeting |
| | 01:30 PM | Program: A presentation by Sandy Seeder, Citrus Co. Bonsai Assoc. |
| 14 | 9:00 AM | Roadside Clean-up: Litter Patrol |
| | FFGC | Convention |

May 2010



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May 2010 Happy Birthday to Carole DeLisle 22, Carole Baker 31

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| 14 | 12:00 PM | Awards Banquet @ the Community Center Hostesses: We will ask for volunteers Greeters: Carole DeLisle & Carolyn Stayer |
| | 1:00 PM | FCGC Business Meeting |
| | 01:30 PM | Program: Awards Ceremony |



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DUANE FINCH SR. Special to the Pioneer
Inez Brooker, right, District V director of the Florida Federation of Garden Club Inc., presents Christine Harnden, president Floral City Garden Club, with a platinum certificate for 50 years of outstanding service as member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. on April 9. The first meeting of the Floral City Garden Club was held October of 1956. Ruth Blankenship was elected president that year with a roll of 15 members.



Growing and sharing all

Inez Brooker, District V Director, was present at our last meeting and presented the Floral City Garden Club a platinum award for 50 years. Brooker stated she could remember when the Floral City Garden Club was chartered. The first meeting of the Floral City Garden Club was held in October of 1956. Ruth Blankenship was elected president that year with a roll of 15 members.

On April 14 the garden club had one of its four annual roadside

cleanups. This fall will be 21 years our garden club has been doing roadside cleanups. Dorothy Clark and Marcia Beasley started this project in the fall of 1989.

Anne Propp, plant sale chairperson, presented the Pedal Power award to Bill Ferguson for all his help with the plant sale.

Judy Lane let members know that this month we have a wide selection of plants on the Grow and Share table. Now we have warmer weather the plants are sprouting and some



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need to be thinned out. Also Judy will be doing the cleanup of the flowerbed at the corner of U.S. 41 and County Road 48 and would appreciate any help that can be given.



through the years

This is the time of year that all the garden club's flowerbeds will be needing attention and we will be busy as we have five community gardens and the "pots and spots."

Floral City Garden Club welcomed three new members this month.

Those members were Jo Arras and Vicky and Stan Fisher. We welcome them and I am sure they will be a

wonderful addition to our garden club.

The garden club awarded scholarship this year to Nicholas Fray.

The garden club awarded one scholarship this year to Nicholas Fray.

This is the only application that was received that met the environmental requirements.

We have so long to some members as have traveled north for the summer to return this fall.

Summer Birthdays

June: Ginny Andrews 1, Millie Lyons 3, Diane Freund 8, Sandra Van Tassel 9,
Anne Propp 19



June National Garden Week

July: Bud Neel 02, Judy Lane 7, Ossie Beasley 10, Ken Thompson 16,



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August: Lona Bassett, Jr. 11, Bette Ayers 13, Kathy Davis 23, Lola Wasson 23, Terry
Newberry 25,



BY:
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Historian 2009-2010