

Floral City Garden Club

Year Book



Theme: Learning & Growing

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

Founded in 1956 ~ Federated in 1958

Club Colors: Pink & Green ~ Club Flower: Hibiscus



Motto: "We Grow that we might better live"

Meetings: 2nd Friday September ~ May @ 12:00 PM
@ the Floral City Community Building
8370 E. Orange Ave., Floral City, FL 34436



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Floral City Garden Club

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2009-2010

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Dear Lord
Through our endeavors
to cultivate beauty
that Thou hast stored
in seeds of
flowers and trees,
help us cultivate
our own souls
that they may bloom and
live with Thee

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September 2010

Garden club back in season

The Floral City Garden Club will be starting its 2010-2011 season on Friday, Sept. 10, at the community building at 8730 E. Orange Ave.

Social get together will start at noon. The business meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. with a program following at 1:30 p.m.

An extra warm summer has not kept the garden chairpersons from the gardens. They have been busy maintaining the various gardens the club has in Floral City. I saw Judy and Steve Lane working on garden at Corner of U.S. 41 and Orange Avenue a couple of times this summer.

Then there was Cathy Foley and Shirley McAllen caring for the butterfly garden one morning. Kathy Hoffman and crew keep the memorial garden and linear park looking great. Sheila Finch and crew



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maintained the rose garden.

Anne Propp, chairperson of our annual plant sale, has selected the 2011 date of April 9. The Floral City Garden Club will offer a small selection of plants at the art show during the "Spend the Day in Floral City" event planned for Oct. 23.

All Floral City Garden Club meetings are open to the public. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us on Sept 9. For additional information call Christine Harnden, garden club president, at 341 3247.



September 2010

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

October 2010

Program focuses on butterflies

Butterflies, butterflies and more butterflies was the program at the October meeting of the Floral City Garden Club.

Members learned about their hatching, feeding needs and migration. Everyone went away with a new understanding of butterflies and their needs.

The Pedal Power award for October went to the Joan Knippon, who is a member that is always working in the background to do a lot for the garden club. Greeters Diane Little and Peggy Patrillo welcomed everyone as they arrived. A light luncheon was provided by our hostesses and enjoyed by all attending. There were two guests at our October meeting. Membership for this year has already grown by 12 members.

The Floral City Garden Club will once again participate in Santa's Workshop at Camp E-Nini-Hasse. This will be the third year that our club



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has worked with the camp. The garden club had a mini-plant sale in conjunction with Spend the Day in Floral City Day and were able to raise enough funds for a scholarship for a junior camper. Thanks to all who purchased plants for this cause.

The November meeting will be on Friday, Nov. 12, at the community building on Orange Avenue at noon. Gary Maidoff will be the program speaker informing members about "Caring for Florida Gardens."

This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome. For more information call Christine Harnden, club president, at 341-3247.



October 2010 Happy Birthday: 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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November 2010



Program: Gary Maidoff "Caring for Florida Gardens"





It's looking a lot like Christmas

By the time you read this, Diane Freund, Floral City Garden Club decorating chairperson, and her group of 14 will have large red bows on the oak trees that line Orange Avenue in Floral City and garland, bows and candy canes on the gazebo and rail head decking just off the avenue for the holiday season.

Also Pam Bellman, road beautification chairperson, and her crew will have completed



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the roadside clean up on Orange Avenue and Bushnell Road. The flowering plants in the memorial garden and at Linear Park all will make the

center of Floral City festive for the holiday season.

The club's November luncheon was prepared and provided by Patsy Neal, Terry Newberry, Amber Persyn and Jo Arras. Greeters were Diane Dowthitt and Christine Hamden. Great job ladies. Joan Knippon presented the Petal Power award to Dottie Sherman. Anne Propp, plant sale chairperson, was thanked for another successful plant sale

benefiting our scholarship program.

Our December meeting will be a potluck luncheon at the home of Joe and Lona Bassett on Dec. 10 at noon. Rumor has it that Joan Knippon and company might be presenting another holiday skit this year after the luncheon. Be prepared for an enjoyable time.

For information call Christine Hamden, club president, at 341-3247.

December 2010



FCGC Christmas Party Luncheon



December 2010 Happy Birthday to Diane Calfee 04, Cheryl Webster 10, Joe
Matt Jr 13, Bill Webster 13, Diane Schwartz 18, Jeanne Henson 20, Kathy Hofmann 23.



I Really appreciated all the gifts we recieved for our Santa Workshop. I had so much fun! Thank you and I hope you continue to bless us with your gifts.

Sincerely,

FELISIA REESE



Thank You

I want to thank you for
all the gifts you donated
for us to shop with at Christmas.
Me and all my group members
were able to shop for our families
and have presents to bring home.
That was nice of you to do, Thank
you.

Melissa



January 2011

Club prepares for plant sale

The town has been undecorated and the decorations packed away until next year. Cooler weather has come and gardens are resting for a few weeks before springing back to life.

The December luncheon meeting was well attended. Joan Knippon and company present a fun fill skit. Everyone looks forward to Joan's presentations.

The time has come to starting planning for our spring plant sale. This year's sale will be on Saturday, April 9. Anne Propp will serve as plant sale chairperson for the sixth year.

The nominations committee will be starting the ballot for officers for election for 2011-2013. New officers will take office in May.

January is the month that we celebrate the birthdays of all the members. This year we will be doing something dif-

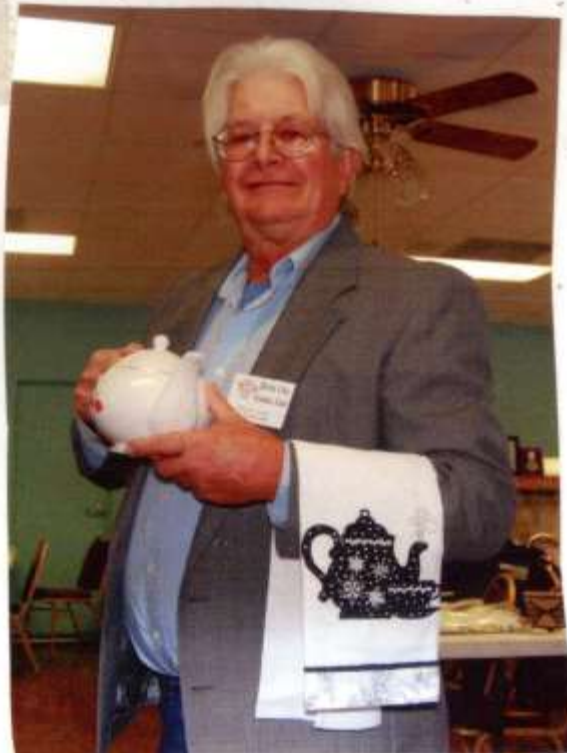


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ferent by having a tea party with hats and china tea cups.

The January meeting will be on Friday, Jan. 14, at noon at the Community Building on E. Orange Ave. Business meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. and program will be at 1:30 p.m. The program will be Susie McCalfe on "Keep Citrus County Beautiful." All meetings are open to the public. For additional information call club President Christine Harnden at 341-3247.

Lona Bassett handles publicity for the Floral City Garden Club.





January 2011 Annual Birthday Party & Hat Tea Party

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

February 2011

Members birthdays celebrated

Hats, gloves and tea cups were in abundance at the January meeting of the Floral City Garden Club as member held their annual celebration of all the members' birthdays.

This was the first time the annual birthday celebration was a tea. From the hats, gloves and tea cups it was huge success. Hostesses for the day were Shiela Finch, Christine Harnden and Lona Bassett. Greeters were Carolyn Stayer and Donna Thomas.

Dottie Sherman presented the Petal Power Award this month to Diane Dowthitt for all the work that Diane does for the club.

Planning was done for the State Convention. Four club members will be attending the State Convention with a number of others helping at



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the convention. Our club will provide a gift basket and 15 door prizes for the convention.

At this time we have one Junior Gardner that will be going to Camp Wekiva this summer.

Our February meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 12, at noon with business meeting starting at 12:30 p.m. February's program will be by Jane Weber entitled "Coffee in your Garden" and will start at 1:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

For additional information call club President Christine Harnden 341-327-3333.

Planning was done for the State Convention.

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February 2011

Happy Birthday to: Dorothy Clark 06, Janis Lehowicz 13, Phyllis Peters 17, Melodie Henderson 21, Marcia Beasley 27, Diane Dowthitt 28



Program: Jane Weber "Color in your Garden"



March 2011



Program provides valuable information

The March program was one of the best I have attended at the Floral City Garden Club. As a newcomer to Florida - less than four years - the information I received regarding what plant stock to acquire and what soil is needed for each plant was invaluable to me. Anyone missing this program missed a wealth of information about gardening.

The club's plant sale plans are well underway and just a few last minute details need to be finished. The plant sale will be Saturday, April 9, at 8599 E. Marvin St., Floral City, starting at 8 a.m. and going until mid afternoon.

This year we are having a drawing for a quilt stitched by one of our members. For more information about our plant sale or the quilt call plant sale chairperson Anne Propp at (352) 560-0047.

On April 12 we will be having one of our quarterly roadside cleanups. Pam Bellman is the chairperson of this program.

The state garden club convention will be April 14 and 15 making April a busy month for club members.

Our next meeting will be



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today at noon with business meeting at 12:30 p.m. and the program at 1:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. Today's program will be Audrey Durr speaking

about Florida lawn care.

For additional information call Club President Christine Harnden at (352) 241-2247.

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Sale preparations



Special to the Pioneer
Floral City Garden Club members Amber Persyn, Anne Propp, plant sale chairman, Bea Rabideau and Kathy Davis are busy potting plants for the 2011 plant sale. This year's sale will be on Saturday, April 9, at 8 a.m. at 8599 E. Marvin St., Floral City. For additional information call Propp at (352) 560-0047.



March 2011

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

April 2011

Plant sale is April 9

The 17th annual plant sale of the Floral City Garden Club will be on Saturday, April 9.

The sale starts at 8 a.m. and will continue until all plants are sold. It'll be at 8599 E Marvin Street, Floral City, under the pavilion just across the street from the Floral City Church of Christ.

There will be a variety of plants ranging from native, home grown to specialty plants. This year there will be a drawing for a handmade

quilt made by one of the members of the Floral City Garden Club. The drawing will take place at approximately 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to see the quilt can see it at the Floral City Library.

For additional information call Chairperson Anne Stopp at (352) 560-0047. The plant sale is the Floral City Garden Club's way of funding the 4

scholarships they award every year.

Also on April 9, just three doors west at Floral City United Methodist Church Hilton Hall, the Friends of the Floral City Library will be holding its Annual Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For additional information regarding the book sale call (352) 729-3671.

Spring sale



SANDRA KOONCE/For the Pioneer

Although the tomatoes are hidden by the flowering plant in the foreground, LaVera Sasser, center, of Inverness is getting advice from Carol Baker, right, on the best variety of tomato plant to buy. Lona Bassett, left, listens.

**Floral City
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Annual
Plant Sale
Saturday
April 9
8 a.m.**

**8599 E. Marvin Street
(pavilion across from
Floral City Church of Christ)**



April 2011 Happy Birthday to Cathy Foley 13, Christine Harnden 20



SANDRA KOONCE/For the Pioneer

Above left, dispensing knowledge as well as selling plants, Garden Club member Linda Bassett shows how a parasitic plant grows inside another plant. Above right, among the cashiers who worked the Floral City Garden Club's annual spring sale last Saturday were, left to right, Kathy Hofmann, Carole DeLisle and Diane Freund. They are looking at one of the garden-related products the club was selling.

May 2011



Special to the Pioneer
The Floral City Garden Club installs new officers for 2011-2013. From left: Christine Harnden, president; Alice Webb, co-recording secretary; Judy Lane, second vice-president; Sheila Finch, first vice-president; Diane Little, treasurer; Terry Newberry and Cathi Ayers, co-chaplains. Not pictured: Lynn Bassett, co-recording secretary and Amber Persyn, corresponding secretary.



May 2011 Happy Birthday to Carole DeLisle 22, Carole Baker 31

Garden club picks scholarship

The Floral City Garden Club agreed to present this year's scholarship to Shawn Rolland, who will be attending Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College this fall.

April hostesses were Jeanne Henson, Maureen LaMons, Anne Propp, Melodie Henderson and Diane Dowthitt. Greeters were Amber Persyn and Lona Bassett. Our club had a good showing at



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make our annual plant sale a huge success.

Also, our members participated

in our quarterly roadside litter clean-up this month. Thank you to chairperson Pam Bellman and her crew of workers.

May's meeting will be a luncheon at the Inverness County Club.

The main focus of the May meeting will be the installation of our new officers. Our 2011-13 officers will be: Christine Harnden, president; Sheila Finch, first vice president; Judy Lane, second vice president;





JUNE BIRTHDAYS



JULY



AUGUST

Summer Birthdays



Historian

Joan Knippen

Thanks a Lot!



F-foral City

Garden Club!

Angel Fletcher

Jessica Thomas

Shalonda Fox

Kersei Fox

Felisia Reese

~~Beau~~

Thank you
Blessings

Rashane Stevens

Diamond Bright

It meant so much!

THANK YOU
SO MUCH I GREATLY
APPRECIATE IT.
GOD BLESS
YOU.

♡: HEATHER
MAYER.

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> Deep South Region of the NGC, Inc.
> Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
> FFGC District V
> Floral City Garden Club
Membership: 71

www.floralcitygardenclub.com

September 2011

Bonsai is topic for Floral City Garden Club

The first meeting of the season for the Floral City Garden Club will be Friday, Sept. 9, at noon at the community building on East Orange Avenue.

The program will start at 12:30 p.m. and the business meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m. Program for September will be Bob "Bonsai Bob"



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Eskeitz. His first encounter with bonsai was in the 1950s

while serving in the Air Force. He belongs to the Buttonwood Bonsai Society in Florida and is president of Nature Coast Bonsai Society.

Eskeitz uses native mate-

All meetings are open to the public.

rial for his bonsai. Please note the change of time for our programs this year. All meetings are open to the public. For additional information call club President Christine Harnden at (352) 341-3247.

New members join garden club

The first meeting of the season for the Floral City Garden Club was well attended. Our 10 new members were introduced and welcomed at the September meeting.

President Christine Harnden presented the Petal Power Award to Anne Propp and Diane Dowthitt for their work on the website. Our Petal Power Award is a rotating award created and made by past president the late Marie Jones for outstanding service. The award is kept for a month and then the person who received it chooses the following month's recipient.

Greeters were Sandy Vantassel and Anne Propp. Hostesses were Sheila Finch, Carole DeLisle, Sharon Watkins and Lona Bassett.

There was a roadside cleanup on Tuesday, Sept. 28. A busy and fun year is scheduled with moving a butterfly garden to a sunnier location, replanting and weeding of all



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gardens, a mini plant sale on Oct. 23, decorating for the holidays and a formal tea in January for our annual birthday party.

Our Friday, Oct. 8, program will be presented by Bobby Vigiotti from Homosassa Butterfly. Also the Friends of the Floral City Library will attend this meeting to speak on establishing working relationships with both organizations.

The October meeting starts at noon with the general business at 12:30 p.m. and the program starting at 1:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

For additional information call Harnden at 341-3247.



October 2011



Members enjoy learning how to create wreaths

The second meeting of The Floral City Garden Club was a fun and informative program presented by club member Joan Knippen.

Everyone attending had the opportunity to make a grapevine wreath and decorate the wreath. Knippen and Anne Propp provided the grapevines and a number of those attending provided decorations to add to the wreaths.

All finished wreaths were beautiful and makers should be proud of the artistic talent.

The hostesses had a light luncheon based on a Halloween theme.

We had two new members, Mary Lou Blesedell and Tory Montag, and four guests. Welcome, Mary Lou and Tory.

Our Petal Power Award was presented this month to



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me by Judy Lane. I also did the plant of the month report on paperwhites.

County Commissioner Winn Webb and his wife Suzanne attend the October meeting so he could represent the Founders Day Proclamation that the county commission presented to the club for the 55th anniversary (Oct. 12) of the Floral City Garden Club.

Lona Bassett handles publicity for the Floral City Garden Club.

Garden club convenes Friday

The Floral City Garden Club will meet Friday, Nov. 11, at noon at the Community Building on East Orange Avenue.

The program will start at 12:30 p.m. and the business meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. Crystal Raulerson will present the program on haze gardens and hydroponic gardening. Please note the change of time for our programs this year. All meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend our meetings.

For additional information call Christine Harneden, club president, at (352) 341-3247.



Floral City Garden Club Founders Day

The Citrus County Commission presented a proclamation Oct. 11 declaring Oct. 12 as Floral City Garden Club Founders Day in honor of and in tribute to the years of dedicated civic beautification and natural resource conservation and education by the Floral City Garden Club. The Garden Club of Floral City was formed on Oct. 12, 1956, and in 1958 the club joined the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs/National Council of State Garden Clubs, and in 1993 changed its name to the Floral City Garden Club. The Floral City Garden Club originally landscaped the entrance of Floral Park, the library and xeriscape exhibition garden at the Floral City Post Office for Earth Day 1990. In 1989, they joined the county's Adopt-A-Highway program and continue roadside clean up to date. The Club also works with other organizations through monthly meetings and assists the Floral City Heritage Council at Floral City's annual Heritage Days.

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Club stays on top of gardens' cleanup

Floral City Garden Club started the new year with an exciting program on bonsai. The hostesses have a light luncheon based on an Asian theme. We had one new member, Carol Kanka, and eight guests. Second Vice President Judy Lane had the new year-books for members.

Our Petal Power Award was reconitioned over the summer by Joan Knippen. Diane Dowthitt, who was the last recipient and the person that had the award reconitioned, presented the Petal Power Award this month to Judy Lane.

Two new segments have been added to this year's program: the "plant of the month" and "fun with flowers." Anne Propp did the plant of the month report on Brazilian Cloak. Lynn Bassett presented the floral design.

The club will had a quarterly roadside cleanup on Sept. 27 under the supervision of Pam Bellman. Members also participated in Floral City Merchant's Bikes & BBQ on Oct. 1 with a plant sale and garden-related items sale.

The chairpersons of our gardens have been busy the past couple of months. Kathy Hoffman has replanted some of the plants at the Memorial Garden and supervised cleanup of the garden. Shiela Finch worked



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on the Rose Garden. Cathy Foley's Butterfly Garden is in full bloom. Judy Lane and husband Steve have mulched the corner garden. Thank you, ladies and crews, for all the work you do keeping our gardens looking great.

Diane Dowthitt set up a Facebook page for Floral City Garden Club this past month. Thank you, Diane.

October is an exciting month for our Garden Club as we will be celebrating our 55th anniversary. The Floral Garden Club was founded on Oct. 12, 1956, joined the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in 1958 and changed its name to Floral City Garden Club in 1993.

October's meeting will be a hands-on program. Joan Knippen will teach us how to make grapevine wreaths. October's meeting will be at noon Friday, Oct. 14, at the community building. The program starts at 12:30 p.m. and business meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.

For more information call Christine at (352) 341-3247.



November 2011

Club members were busy during November

November was a busy month for the Floral City Garden Club. There were gardens to be cleaned.

Kathy Hoffman and crew weeded and cleaned the Memorial Garden.

Sandra VanTassel weeded and added plants to the Pots and Spots. Judy Lane has the garden at the corner of County Road 48 and U.S. 41 spruced up. Pam Bellman had a group doing roadside cleanup.

At the end of the month the Red Bows went on the Avenue of the Oaks and the garland and candy canes at the trailhead under the supervision of Diane Freund. With all the work members have done, the center of Floral City is ready for the holiday season.

November's program was very informative about Haze Gardens and hydroponic gardening thanks to Crystal Raulerson. The hostesses had a light luncheon with Veteran's Day decorations in



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recognition of all veterans.

Judy Lane did the plant of the month on the Christmas cacti and the Fun with Flowers design. It was decided the Floral City Garden Club will have a "secret garden tour" in 2012. The date and additional information will be announced later.

December meeting will be a potluck luncheon at the home of Joe and Lona Bassett.

For additional information call Christine Harnden, club president, at 352-341-3247.

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December 2011





January 2012

Garden club to gather Friday

Floral City Garden Club will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 13, at the Community Building on East Orange Avenue.

The program will start at 12:30 p.m. and the business meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. Program for January will be presented by Matthew Lenhardt, horticulture agent, and Jim Bruno, master gardener from the Citrus County Extension Service, talking about vegetable gardening.

Note the change of time for programs this year. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, call club President Christine Hamden at 352-341-3247.



February 2012

Two projects completed by

The Floral City Garden Club had two projects this month.

We removed holiday decorations and packed away for another year and did a quarterly roadside cleanup. Thank you, Diane Freund and Pam Bellman for being the chairs for these projects and the great job you always do.

January is normally a quiet month because of

weather – just waiting for warmer weather to start work on all of our flower beds. Our annual plant sale will be Saturday, April 14. Members have started potting plants to have ready for the sale. For additional information about the sale, call Chairperson Anne Propp at 352-560-3879.

January's meeting had a good turnout. We celebrated all club members' birthdays.



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Sheila Finch made a birthday cake. Diane Freund did the plant of the month on the sunrise cactus. Marcia Beasley did the floral design

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for the month. Lynn Bassett had the Petal Power Award presented to Willa Heronema.

Another gathering that was held this month was the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Nicholas Ferguson, son of club member William Ferguson.

The Floral City Garden Club donated to Nick's Eagle Scout Project, a chimney sweep tower, and all

club members were invited to attend. Members Duane and Sheila Finch and Joe Bassett and myself attended. Eagle Scout is a great honor for any young man who earns this award, as only five of every 100 boys who join Boys Scouts earn this award. Congratulations, Nick.

Our February meeting will be Feb. 10 at noon at the Community House on East Orange Avenue. The pro-

gram will be Michael Harden on pruning crape myrtles, including time for questions and answers at 12:30 p.m., with the business meeting at 1:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. For more information call President Christine Harnden at 352-341-3247.

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March 2012

Pruning is monthly topic

At our February meeting, members learned how to prune their crape myrtle and other woody plants.

This was a very informative program and we had eight guests attend this program. Thank you to all guests who attended and we hope to see you at future programs.

Scholarship applications for the club's scholarship are available at the guidance of-



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fices of all high schools. Our scholarship is awarded to a high school senior or college student majoring in some aspect of horticulture.

The club had four birdhouses donated for the annual plant sale on April 14. Joan Knippon volunteered to paint all of the birdhouses before the sale. We will also have the first gathering of plants for the plant sale this month, as weather has been unbelievable this winter and there are plants ready for harvesting. Anne Propp will

be our plant sale chairperson again this year. She always manages to assemble a very interesting selection of plants each year.

Our new website is up and running. For more information regarding the club check us out at <http://floralcitygardenclub.com>. Club member Diane Dowthitt spent numerous hours creating our new website and to get it up and running. Thank you Diane, for a job well done.

Hostesses for the month were Bea Rabideau, Kathy Hoffman and Sandy VanTassel and they did a valentine theme and a great luncheon. Joan Knippon did the plant of the month on trillium. Marcia Sley did a selection of

miniature floral arrangements. I did the floral design for the month with heart-shaped oasis and red carnations to keep with a Valentine's Day theme. The Petal Power award was presented to Duane Finch.

The next meeting will be March 9 at the Community Building on E. Orange Avenue. Our program will be presented by Jerry Wetherington about rainforest botanicals. The program will start at 12:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

The club had four birdhouses donated for the annual plant sale on April 14.

For additional information call club President Christine Harnden at 352-341-3247.

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April 2012

The next two months will be busy months for the Floral City Garden Club.

Cathi Ayers, scholarship chairperson, will be announcing the scholarship recipient(s) in mid-April.

■ April 14 will be the 18th annual plant sale. The sale, under the direction of chairperson Anne Propp, will start at 8 a.m. and will continue until all the plants are sold. This year there will be a drawing at 2 p.m. for a stained-glass stepping stone handmade by one of our members' husband.

The plant sale is held at the pavilion across the street from the Floral City Church of Christ at 8599 E. Marvin St, Floral City. As always, there will be a variety of plants ranging from native, home-grown to specialty plants. For additional information contact Anne at 352-560-0047. The



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plant sale is our club's way of funding the scholarships we award each year.

■ Later in April will be our quarterly roadside cleanup under the direction of Pam Bellman. The roadside cleanup for this quarter will be held on April 24 at 8:30 a.m. We hope to have a great turnout of member to help.

■ In May the Floral City Garden Club and the Floral City Heritage Council in partnership will present "A Garden Tour with Historical Overtones, including Art, Music and a Chocolate Tasting" on Satur-



Members of the Floral City Garden Club prepare plants for the club's 18th annual plant sale on Saturday, April 14, at 8 a.m. at the pavilion, 8599 E. Marvin St., Floral City. Members working are: Kathy Hofmann, Lynn Bassett, Bea Rabideau, Diane Douthitt, Carole Delisle, Amber Persyn and Anne Propp. Funds raised are used for scholarships. For additional information contact Anne Propp, chairperson, at 352-560-0047.

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day, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again on Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. Advance tickets are available by calling 352-726-7740. This event is co-chaired by Cathi Ayers and Marcia Beasley.

■ March's Petal Power Award

was given to Shiela Finch. Hostesses were Joan Knippen, Ginny Andrews, Terry Newberry, Mary Lou Slopp and Lorene Schumacher. Greeters were Willa Heronema and Millie Lyons. The Plant of the Month was beauty berry pre-

sented by Diane Little, who also did the floral design for the month.

■ April's meeting will be held on Friday, April 13, at the community building on East Orange Avenue at noon. This month's program will be by Debe Johns of Debe's Garden

and she will talk about growing and cooking with herbs. The program will start at 12:30 p.m. and will be open to the public. The business meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m. For additional information contact Christine Harnden at 352-341-2137.



May 2012

Season gets under way for Floral City Garden Club

The Floral City Garden Club installed its new officers at the May meeting and they hit the ground running this summer planning for an exciting year.

September will start off as a busy month for the garden club with the September program being Bob (Bonsai Bob) Eskeitz.

Members will be doing a roadside cleanup on Sept. 27 and participating at the Floral City Business Association's Bikes and Barbecue event on Saturday, Oct. 1, selling plants,



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garden-related item and gift items.

Officers have made some agenda change by moving programs to 12:30 p.m. and business meetings to 1:30 p.m. Also added to the agenda will

be a monthly plant report and a floral design presentation. Some of this year's program will discuss how to make grapevine wreaths, pruning, vegetable gardening, cooking with herbs just to name a few. On Oct. 12, we look forward to celebrating the 55th anniversary of the Floral City Garden Club.

Judy Lane, second vice president and her committee, will have updated yearbooks to hand out to members at the September meeting.

All club meetings are held on second Friday of each month at the Community Building on East Orange Avenue (County Road 48). All meetings are open to, and we welcome, the public. Meetings start at noon with social time before the 12:30 p.m. program.

For additional information call Christine Hamden, president, at (352) 341-3247.

Lona Bassett handles publicity for the Floral City Garden Club.



April was a busy month for the Floral City Garden Club members. Our plant sale was a huge success again, thanks to the hard work of chairperson Anne Propp.

Cathy Foley and Shirley McAllen have been adding plants to the Butterfly Garden, Sandy VanTassel has add colorful plant to the pots and spots containers. Lynn Bassett has added some colorful plants to the Memorial Garden, Judy Lane has done some planting at the garden at the corner of County Road

48 and U.S. 41 and Marcia Beasley was seen doing some pruning and cleaning of roses on the north side of the trail. Diane Dowthitt keeps busy updating our new website monthly. Thanks, ladies, for the continuing work you do for our club.

Debe Johns presented a very informative and helpful program on cooking with herbs and I am sure that all attending learned a number of helpful hints for cooking in the future. Hostesses for the month were Carole Delisle, Diane Dowthitt and



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myself. Greeters were Amber Persyn and Bea Rabideau. The Petal Power Award was presented to Michael Harnden.

Three scholarships

We discussed and decided to present scholarships to

three high school seniors this year and one to the only applicant for Camp Wekiva. Recipients will be announced at our May meeting when checks will be presented to the scholarship awardees.

Another busy month

May will continue to be busy for our club as we will be presenting Floral City's Garden Tours with Historical Overtones – Art, Music and Chocolate Tasting in conjunction with the Floral City Historical Council.



In Memory



Dorothy Clark

February 6, 1924 - June 8, 2010

Joined 1980

President 1987-89

1991-93

Golden Book 2001

Life Member 2005



Elizabeth "Betty" Sumner

October 22, 1909 - June 6, 2011

Joined 1991

First Active Centenarian



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Year Book

2012~ 2013

Theme: Learning & Growing

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



Founded in 1956 ~ Federated in 1958

Club Colors: Pink & Green ~ Club Flower: Hibiscus



Motto: "We Grow that we might better live"

Meetings: 2nd Friday September ~ May @ 12:00 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: 73

www.floralcitygardenclub.com

Floral City Garden Club



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OUR GARDENS, OUR MEMBERSHIPS, OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Letter from the presidents desk

As my last year with you as your president, I wish you all the dirtiest of fingers and the heartiest plants and blooms. We are starting off this year with a bake sale for the girls “Santa’s workshop” at camp E-Nini Hassee, which I hope will be a huge success. Then it’s time to plan our Christmas Party which this year we will be having at the Withlapopka Community Center. So get out those cookbooks to plan on a really great dish to share. Then it is full speed ahead into our annual Plant Sale, which of course is a huge success year after year thanks to those that plan, grow and buy. Then it will be May and time for me to say goodbye to all as your president and wish those that will be taking over, an awesome time over the next two years.

We are not sure yet where the May banquet will take place so if any of you have any ideas please come and talk to me about it.....Now let’s go get those fingers dirty, those plants planted, smell the blossoms and have a wonderful year. I am looking forward to all the programs and fieldtrips we have planned for all of you this year.

Christine Harnden
President Floral City Garden Club

September 2012

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ORCHID GROWING TIPS FROM DR. CHARLES THOMAS



September 2012

Happy Birthday to: Frank Peters 5, Ruth Ailes 8, Lynn Bassett 20, Paul Agius 25, Michael Harnden 29

14	12:00 PM	Snack & Social Time - Hostesses: <u>Anne Propp</u> Donna Thomas, Lona Bassett, Alice & Greg Webb Greeters: Diane Dowthitt & Tory Montag
	12:30 PM	Program: Dr. Charles Thomas, Orchids
	01:30 PM	FCGC Business Meeting Floral design presentation: Alice Webb



October 2012



Club to participate in Bikes and BBQ

The Floral City Garden Club will meet on Friday, Oct. 12, at noon. Guest speaker will be Debe Johns discussing propagation at 12:30 p.m.

The September meeting had a light attendance as our snowbirds have not returned but those attending enjoyed a great program on orchids. Everyone receive an orchid to take home.

Club President Christine Harnden appointed Donna Thomas as treasurer.

Hostesses for the day were Anne Propp, Donna Thomas, Alice and Greg Webb and Lona Bassett. Greeter was Diane Dowthitt.

The Petal Power was given to Donna Thomas by Anne Propp in appreciation of Thomas stepping forward



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when an officer was needed.

The floral arrangement for September was done by Alice Webb. Alice used a clear cylinder vase, lights and dried plants to make an arrangement that could be adapted to any holiday.

The Floral City Garden Club will be participating in the second annual Bikes and BBQ event on Oct. 6. The Floral City Garden Club will be selling finger desserts at the

Bikes and BBQ to raise money to support the Santa's workshop at Camp E-Nini- Hassee, a project the Floral City Garden Club has supported for the past three years.

Remember our meeting will be Friday, Oct. 12, at the Community Building on East Orange Avenue and is open to the public. Program is at 12:30 p.m. and business meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. We are looking forward to reconnecting with members and looking forward to meeting new members and guests.

For information contact Harnden at 352-341-3247.

Lona Bassett handles publicity for the Floral City Garden Club.



October 2012 Happy Birthday to: Betty Welte 02, Pam Bellman 10, Sharon Thompson 10, Patti Barber 13, Ron Reichederfer 14, Jo Quackenbush 22, Lorene Schumacher 11, Patsy Neel 29

12	12:00 PM	Snack & Social Time - Hostesses: Sandra VanTassel , Carol Baker, Melanie Henderson, Karen Savela, Carole DeLisle Greeters: Carol Millard & Kathy Hofmann
	12:30 PM	Program: Debe Johns, Propagation
	01:30 PM	FCGC Business Meeting Plant Report:
01	09:00 AM	Roadside clean-up: Litter Patrol (for Bikes and BBQ)
15		District V Meeting - Gainesville

November 2012

Floral City Garden Club enjoys theme luncheon

November's hostess of the Floral City Garden Club served a delicious Halloween-theme luncheon. Those hostesses were Carole Baker, Carole Delisle, Diane Dowthitt and Melanie Henderson. Our greeter for the month was Kathy Hoffman. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done.

The Petal Power was given to Lona Bassett by Donna Thomas in appreciation of Lona's work on the yearbook.

Our participation in the Bikes 'n' BBQ to raise money to support the "Santa's Workshop" at Camp E-Nini Hassee was a success, with just under \$200 raised. This is a project the Floral City Garden Club has sup-



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ported for the past three years.

Floral City Garden Club will be having a busy two months coming up with decorating the town for the holiday, another roadside cleanup, a field trip and planning for their holiday luncheon.

The Litter Patrol had its quarterly roadside cleanup at 9 a.m. Oct. 1. This is a community project chaired by

Pam Bellman.

Our November program speaker will be Jane Weber about azaleas and camellias. She is a professional gardener and consultant. Semi-retired, she grows thousands of native plants.

Remember, our meeting will be Friday, Nov. 9, at the Community Building on East Orange Avenue and is open to the public. Program is at 12:30 p.m. and business meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Garden Club President Christine Harnden at 352-341-3247.

Lona Bassett handles publicity for the Floral City Garden Club.



November 2012 Happy Birthday to: Donna Thomas 28, Maureen LeMons 28

9	12:00 PM	Snack & Social Time – Hostesses: Cathi Ayers, Patsy Neel, Tory Montag, Terry Newberry & Patricia McClendon Greeters: Patricia Barber & Sandra VanTassel
	12:30 PM	Program: Jane Weber, Azalea's and Camellia's
	01:30 PM	FCGC Business Meeting Floral Design: Shirley McAllen and Donna Thomas
26	09:00 AM	Decorate the Town for Holidays (meet at Community Building)
27	09:00 AM	Roadside Cleanup: Litter Patrol (For Heritage Days)



Two new members join club

We welcomed new members Mary Lou Eaton and Lorretta Pratt to the Floral City Garden Club at the November meeting.

November's hostess of the Floral City Garden Club served a delicious luncheon.

Our hostesses were Cathi Ayers, Patsy Neel, Terry Newberry and Diane Little.

The greeters for the month were Sandy VanTassel and Patty Barber.

Thank you, ladies, for a job well done.

The Petal Power award was given to Diane Freund in appreciation of her work on the decorations for the town for the holiday season.

This year, Freund not only supervised decorating of Floral City center Nov. 26,



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but also located and purchased additional bows and garland for the linear park in the town center. Orange Avenue has a festive look for the holidays, thanks to Freund and her helpers.

The Flower of the Month was presented by Donna Thomas. She did a wonderful, lively and informative presentation on chrysanthemums.

Our website is www.floralcitygardenclub.com,

and is maintained by Diane Dowthitt, who does a great job with our website.

The Litter Patrol had its quarterly Roadside Cleanup Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. – a community project chaired by Pam Bellman. Susie Metcalfe graciously volunteered to supervise roadside cleanup this month for Pam Bellman, who was visiting family. Thank you for filling in for Pam.

Our November program speaker was Jane Weber

about azaleas and camellias. Our December meeting will be a potluck luncheon

Friday, Dec. 1 at the Witlapopka Community Center at 1104 Flounder. There will be no program this month and a short business meeting will be held at lunch. For additional information contact President Christine Harden at 352-341-3247.

Orange Avenue has a festive look for the holidays, thanks to Freund and her helpers.

Lona Bassett handles public

for the Floral City Garden Club.

December 2012

December 2012 Happy Birthday to: Barbara Trimble 7, Joe Bassett 13, Kathy Baker 18, Carol Kanka 18, Jeanne Henson 20, Kathy Hofmann 23,

10	9:30AM	Field Trip to Midway Nursery This is a Garden Club outing to the Nursery owned by members Ron and Eding Reichelderfer. Members wanting to carpool should meet at the Community Building parking lot (meeting location) at 9:00AM.
14	12:00 PM	FCGC Christmas Party: Potluck Luncheon at Withlapopka Community Center Hostesses: <u>Christine Harnden</u> , Shiela Finch, Judy Lane, Lynn Bassett Greeters: Anne Propp and Lona Bassett
	01:30 PM	FCGC Business Meeting





January 2013

F.C. Garden Club to convene Jan. 11

The Floral City Garden Club will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 11, at the Community Center, East Orange Avenue. The program starts at 12:30 p.m. and the business meeting follows at 1:30 p.m.

At the January meeting, the club will celebrate members' birthdays with a cake. Marcia Beasley will present a slide show of floral designs from the 1980s consisting of 20 horticulture and 20 floral designs.

The program, with Jan Caldwell and Laurie Vitt, will be about "Garden Surprises, Racers, Leapers and Crawlers in the Florida Landscape."

All meetings are open to the public. For more information, call President Christine Harnden at 352-341-3247.

Club Notes

area, a snowbird or have lived here for years, all are welcome for a good time. For more detailed information regarding your area of interest(s), email citrussnowbirds@gmail.com, or call Tony at 352-341-4407.





January 2013 Annual Birthday Party

Happy Birthday to: Dottie Sherman 22, Joan Knippen 25, Cathi Ayers 27, Shiela Finch 29

03	9:00 AM	Un-decorate the Town (meet at the Community Building)
11	12:00 PM	Snacks and Social Time: Hostesses: Joan Knippen , Ginny Andrews, Willa Heronema, Barbara Trimble & Bea Rabideau Greeters: Donna Thomas & Cathy Foley
	12:30 PM	Program: Jan Caldwell & Laurie Vitt, Garden Surprises; Racers, leapers and crawlers in the Florida Landscape.
	01:30 PM	FCGC Business Meeting Floral Design: Marcia Beasley
28	09:00 AM	Roadside Cleanup: Litter Patrol

February 2013

Hummingbirds topic for garden club

February's program for the Floral City Garden Club was presented by Dr. Joan Bradshaw of the Extension Office on hummingbirds.

I am sure that everyone present learned something new about hummingbirds.

Hostesses for the month were Diane Freund, Kathy Hofmann, Betty Welte, Willa Heronema, Barbara Trimble and Judy Lane. Greeters were Alice Webb and Lona Bassett. Petal Power Award was given to Cathi Ayers by Lynn Bassett. Alice and Greg Webb volunteered to chair the Birds and Butterfly garden. Thank you Alice and Greg for taking over this garden for the Floral City Garden Club.

Our officers for the 2013-14 year were installed at the February meeting. President will be Lona Bassett, first



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vice President, Anne Propp; second vice president, Judy Lane; treasurer, Donna Thomas; recording secretary, Lynn Bassett; corresponding secretary, Amber Persyn. Thank you ladies for agreeing to serve as our officers for the next two years.

Persyn, plant sale chairperson, gave an update on the plant sale reminding members to start harvesting home-grown plants for our plant sale on April 6. Anyone that has home-grown plants they would like to donate to the Floral City Garden Club for the plant sale should call

Shiela Finch at 352-726-9261. Finch will arrange for someone to harvest the plants for the club. Mark your calendar to attend our annual plant sale. This event is sponsored by the *Citrus Chronicle*.

March meeting will be on Friday, March 8, at the Community Building, 8730 E. Orange Ave. The program will be about roses by Chris McMillan. The meeting starts at noon with the program at 12:30 p.m. and the business meeting will be at 1:30 p.m.

The Floral City Garden Club's programs are open to the public. For additional information contact club president, Christine Harnden, at 352-341-3247.





February 2013

Happy Birthday to: Charlene Nelson 09, Janis Lehowicz 13, Phyllis Peters 17,
 Greg Webb 18, Melodie Henderson 21, Mary Agius 22, Marcia Beasley 27,
 Diane Dowthitt 28

08	12:00 PM	Snack & Social Time - Hostesses: <u>Diane Freund</u> , Kathy Hofmann, Cathy Foley, Betty Welte & Carol Millard Greeters: Janis Lehowicz & Alice and Greg Webb
	12:30 PM	Program: Joan Bradshaw, Hummingbirds
	01:30 PM	FCGC Business Meeting Plant Report:

March 2013



Floral City Garden Club's

Annual
Plant Sale
Saturday
April 6th 8 a.m.

8599 E. Marvin Street
(pavilion across from Floral City Church of Christ)

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Plant sale preparations



Special to the Pioneer

Members of the Floral City Garden Club get plants ready for the club's 19th annual Plant Sale Saturday, April 6, at 8 a.m. at the pavilion, 8599 E. Marvin St., Floral City. Members working are: Kathy Hofmann, Lynn Bassett, Bea Rabideau, Diane Douthitt, Carole Delisle, Amber Persyn and Anne Propp. Funds raised are used for scholarships. For additional information contact Amber Persyn at 352-860-1985. This is a Chronicle-sponsored event.

March 2013

Happy Birthday to: Duane Finch, Sr. 1 , Bernice Colbath 3, Carol Hart 3, Bea Rabideau 6, Shirley McAllen 9,

08	12:00 PM	Snack & Social Time - Hostesses: Sharon Thompson , Marcia Beasley, Diane Dowthitt, Patty Barber & Amber Persyn Greeters: Bernice Colbath & Willa Heronema
	12:30 PM	Program: Chris McMillan, Roses
	01:30 PM	FCGC Business Meeting Floral Design:
25	09:00AM	Roadside clean-up: Litter Patrol



Thanks to contributors

The Floral City Garden Club thanks the Citrus County *Chronicle* for their sponsorship and publicity of the 2013 Plant Sale. Your article on April 5 stressing the use of the proceeds to fund student scholarships was right on target.

The FCGC also wants to express our appreciation for the invaluable contributions of area businesses: Color Country Nursery, Midway Wholesale Nursery and Rainforest Botanicals.

FCGC wholeheartedly thanks every one of our clients, without your support The 2013 Plant Sale would have been a non-event.

We appreciate very much your assistance and contribution to our efforts to better our community.

Floral City Garden Club
2013 Plant Sale Committee



April 2013



FC Garden Club to gather Friday

The April meeting of the Floral City Garden Club will be at noon Friday, April 12, at the Community Center, 8370 E. Orange Ave.

The program will be presented by Steven K. Davis, the Extension Service's Florida Yards and Neighborhoods coordinator and a landscape designer. The program starts at 12:30 p.m., with a business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Christine Harnden at 352-341-3247.



April 2013 Happy Birthday to: Alice Webb 11, Cathy Foley 13, Christine Harnden 20

12	12:00 PM	Snack & Social Time - Hostesses: Shirley McAllen , Diane Little, Susan Metcalfe, Cary Stayer & Bernice Colbath Greeters: Shiela Finch & Joan Knippen
	12:30 PM	Program: Michael Harnden
	01:30 PM	FCGC Business Meeting Plant Report:
29-30		FFGC Convention, Ft Myers



Special to the Pioneer

Floral City Garden Club members Bea Rabideau, Bill Ferguson, Sandy Van Tassel, Carole Baker, Marcia Beasley, Amber Persyn, Cathi Ayers, Lynn Bassett, Diane Freund, Lona Bassett, and Mary Lou Eaton recently received the Keep Citrus County Beautiful January 2013 Pride Award. The Keep Citrus County Beautiful Board of Directors was represented by Susie Metcalfe, Erin Ray, Pati Smith and Randy Messer.

Garden club honored for efforts

Keep Citrus County Beautiful presented the January 2013 Pride Award to the Floral City Garden Club at a recent meeting of the club.

The plaque was bestowed in honor of 24 years continuous service by garden club members as an Adopt-a-Highway group.

They have done at least four roadside litter cleanups along Orange Avenue in Floral City from the intersection of U.S. 41 to Trails End Road.

The Floral City Garden Club meets on the second Friday of each month (ex-

cept June, July and August) at the Community Building in the Floral City Town Center.

Meetings start at noon with a light lunch, followed by an educational program and a business meeting.

To find out more about the club, contact President Lona Bassett at lonabassett@yahoo.com.

The FCGC will hold their annual plant sale on Saturday April 6, starting at 8 am. The location is 8599 E. Marvin St in Floral City, just one block north of Orange Avenue in the pavilion across from the Floral City Church

of Christ.

The Solid Waste Management Division is the County agency responsible for managing the Adopt-a-Highway program.

It provides signs, safety vests, grabbers, and trash bags to Adopt-a-Highway groups and dispose of the collected materials. Volunteers provide the labor that helps keep our roadsides clean.

Call 352-527-7670 to add your group to the volunteer list.

There are many roads still available for adoption.

Keep Citrus County

Beautiful recognizes an individual, group or business each month that exemplifies taking pride in our community by cleaning up litter or illegally dumped items, promoting recycling and proper waste disposal, fixing and sprucing up buildings in need of attention, or landscape maintenance and planting to beautify or nourish our communities.

If you would like to nominate someone for a future Pride Award, please contact KCCB at keepcitruscountybeautiful@gmail.com or by leaving a phone message at 352-746-9393.

May 2013



May 2013 Happy Birthday to: Willa Heronema 5, Carolyn (Cary) Stayer 5, Bill Ferguson 10, Carole DeLisle 22, Diane Little 26, Carole Baker 31

10	12:00 PM	Awards Banquet - Location to be announced Hostesses: Greeters:
	01:30 PM	Business Meeting



IN MEMORY



Janis Lehowicz

February 13, 1925 -

April 4, 2013

Joined 1991

Melodie Henderson

February 21, 1946 -

May 22, 2013

Joined 2007

