

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2011

President Christine Harnden called the January 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 January Birthdays were announced. A Tea Party social was held prior to the meeting.

Christine welcomed all guests and new members. She also thanked:
Hostesses: Christine Harnden, Shiela Finch & Lona Bassett
Greeter: Carolyn Stayer

December Meeting minutes were published via email. Approved as written.

Treasurer's report: Kathy Hofmann reported on the financial budget. See attached budget.

Correspondence: * Thank You card from E-Ninni-Hassee for our participation in Santa's Workshop.

President's Report:

- Terry Newberry has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Ballots were distributed to the members for nominations of Officers for the 2011-12 year.

Horticulture Q&A: Lynn Bassett brought info on Caladiums, how to order and a color chart. She also had info available on deer and mole repellants. A Master Gardener from the County is available on the 1st Wed of the month at the FC Library.

Standing Committee Reports: none

Unfinished Old Business - none

New Business – Discussion was held on topic of our club paying the registration fee (\$165 p.p. for 2 days) for 4 club members to attend FFGC State Convention to be held in Ocala on April 14-15. Lynn Bassett made the motion, seconded by Diane Dowthitt. Motion passed by vote.

AWARDS – The Petal Power Award – Dottie Sherman presented the Award to Diane Dowthitt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

Our monthly raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Program: "Keep Citrus County Beautiful" by Susie McCalfe

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
December 1 to December 31, 2010

Balance forward 4629.14

INCOME NONE

DISBURSMENTS

Birdhouse Project	150.00
Floral City Merchants Assoc	50.00
Program	10.00
Refund Dues	17.00
State Dues	164.00

Total	391.00
Ending Balance	4238.14


Mary K Hofmann Treasurer

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FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 31, 2011

BALANCE FORWARD 4075.52

INCOME

WAYS AND MEANS 47.00

TOTAL: 47.00

BALANCE: 4122.52

DISBURSMENTS

PROGRAM 14.00

WEB SITE 116.07

PLANT SALE 12.72

FFGC(NEW MEMBERS) 158.00

TOTAL 300.79

ENDING BAL. 3821.73

Diane Little

DIANE LITTLE
TREASURER

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

Christine welcomed all guests and new members. She also thanked:
Hostesses: Diane Freund, Sharon Thompson & Melody Henderson
Greeter: Sandy Van Tassel

January Meeting minutes were published via email. Approved as written.

Treasurer's report: Kathy Hofmann reported on the financial budget. See attached budget. Membership dues are now due for next year.

Correspondence: Thank You card from the Francis ~~Aline~~ (Bellott) family for the listing in the Memorial Book. A donation of \$100 was enclosed.

President's Report:

- Our April Garden Club meeting date is changed to Thursday, April 7. A wedding is scheduled at the Community Center on our regular date.
- FCGC Convention to be held on April 14-15 in Ocala. Our club has agreed to help and volunteers are needed as Hostesses, working the Registration Tables and in other various ways. Please let Christine Harnden or Lynn Bassett know before March 1st. A sign-up sheet was also passed around at the meeting.

Horticulture Q&A: Lynn Bassett published a February gardening guide via email.

Standing Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Terry Newberry presented the slate of new Executive Board Officers for the 2011-2013 session. Terry Newberry made a motion to accept the slate, seconded by Diane Freund. The slate of Officers will be voted on by the membership at the next meeting. The slate is as follows:

President: Christine Harnden

1st Vice President: Shiela Finch

2nd Vice President: Judy Lane

Treasurer: Diane Little

Recording Secretary: Lynn Bassett & Alice Webb (jointly)

Corresponding Secretary: Amber Perysn

Chaplain: Cathi Ayers, Marcia Beasley & Terry Newberry (jointly)

Plant Sale Committee: Anne Propp reported on upcoming activities for the sale. Repotting parties are planned as well as several buying trips in March. Members with trucks or trailers are asked to help transport plants. Info on dates will be sent via email.

Unfinished Old Business - none

New Business – Our Annual Awards Banquet will be held on May 13 at the Inverness Golf & Country Club. Cost \$12

AWARDS – postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – A road side clean-up is scheduled for 2/15.

Our monthly raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Program: none

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

**FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement**

January 1 to January 31, 2011

Balance forward 4238.14

INCOME

Dist. Meeting 18.00

Donation 3.00

Dues 17.00

Ways & Means 35.00

Total 73.00

Balance 4311.14

DISBURSMENTS

Camp Wekiva 200.00

District Dues 23.00

Program 122.28

Office 29.84

Total 375.12

Ending Bal. 3936.02

Mary K Hofmann Treasurer

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DISBURSMENTS

Camp Wekiva 200.00

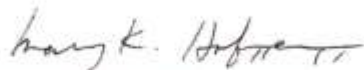
District Dues 23.00

Program 122.28

Office 29.84

Total 375.12

Ending Bal. 3936.02



Mary K Hofmann Treasurer

President Christine Harnden called the March 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 March Birthdays were announced.

Christine welcomed all guests and new members. She also thanked:

Hostesses: Terry Newberry, Joan Knippen, Mary Agius, Mickey Hunt & Mary Lou Sloop.
Greeter: Shiela Finch

February Meeting minutes were published via email. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Kathy Hofmann reported on the financial budget. See attached budget. Membership dues are now due for next year.

Correspondence: none

President's Report:

- Our May meeting will be the Awards Banquet to be held at the Inverness Golf & CC. Members are asked to dress in a "floral theme". Seating will be grouped by birthdays.

Horticulture Q&A: Lynn Bassett published a March gardening guide via email.

Standing Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Terry Newberry presented the slate of new Executive Board Officers for the 2011-2013 session. A vote was taken of the membership and the slate passed as presented.

President: Christine Harnden

1st Vice President: Shiela Finch

2nd Vice President: Judy Lane

Treasurer: Diane Little

Recording Secretary: Lynn Bassett & Alice Webb (jointly)

Corresponding Secretary: Amber Perysn

Chaplain: Cathi Ayers, Marcia Beasley & Terry Newberry (jointly)

Plant Sale Committee: Anne Propp reported on the progress of the Annual Plant Sale to be held on April 9th. Set up at the site is planned for Friday, April 8th. A beautiful spring quilt, made by club member Bea Rabideau will be raffled at the sale. The quilt will be on display at the FC Library until the sale date.

Unfinished Old Business - none

New Business – none

AWARDS – postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April meeting date change! The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7th.

Our monthly raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Program: Jane Weber gave a presentation with plant samples on “Color in Your Garden”

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
February 1 to February 28, 2011

Balance forward 3936.02

INCOME

Birthday Money 15.83
Dues 36.00
Luncheon 24.00
Memorial Garden 110.00
Ways & Means 60.00

Total 245.83
Balance 4181.85

DISBURSMENTS

Memorial garden 152.37
Plant Sale 100.00
Program 41.92

Total 294.29
Ending Bal. 3887.56

Mary K Hofmann

Mary K Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2011

Vice President Shiela Finch called the April 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 April Birthdays were announced.

Shiela welcomed all guests and new members. She also thanked: Hostesses: Diane Dowthitt, Maureen LeMons, Jeanne Henson, Anne Propp and Melodie Henderson. Greeter: Amber Persyn

March Meeting minutes were published via email. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Kathy Hofmann reported on the financial budget. Membership dues are now due for next year.

Correspondence: none

President's Report:

- Our May meeting will be the Awards Banquet to be held at the Inverness Golf & CC. Members are asked to dress in a "floral theme".

Horticulture Q&A: Lynn Bassett published an April gardening guide via email. Lynn asked members to consider volunteering to prepare a short presentation for each month's meeting starting next year. Members may choose the plant and month to present. A sign up sheet was available.

Standing Committee Reports:

Memorial Garden: Kathy Hofmann gave a brief history of the Memorial Garden and yearly additions of plant materials. Suggestion made for hiring an occasional gardener for weeding, etc.

Scholarship Committee: Cathi Ayers proposed increasing the scholarship amount to \$1000. Sharon Thompson made a motion, seconded by Cathi Ayers; motion passed. Cathi reported that 12 applications were received this year. After consideration by the committee, Cathi recommended Shawn Roland. He lives in FC, plans on going to an Agriculture College and to focus on teaching children about farm life.

Plant Sale Committee: Anne Propp reported on the Annual Plant Sale to be held on April 9th. Set up at the site is planned for Friday, April 8th. Home grown plants can be brought to the pavilion on Friday. A beautiful spring quilt, made by club member Bea Rabideau will be raffled at the sale. Helpers are still needed for both days, a sign up sheet was passed.

Unfinished Old Business - none

New Business – Lona Bassett will chair the Hostess committee.

AWARDS – postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – * Roadside Cleanup on 4/12. * A FFGC pin was found in the hall after last month's meeting. * Member Bea Rabideau, won 3 prizes at the Citrus County Fair for her hand-made quilts and sewing items.

Our monthly raffle was held.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Program: Audrey Durr gave a presentation on "Florida Lawns"

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
March 1 to March 31, 2011

Balance forward **3887.56**

INCOME


Dues **435.00**
Luncheon **216.00**
Memorial Garden **10.00**
Plant Sale **45.00**
Ways & Means **73.50**

Total **779.50**
Balance **4667.06**

DISBURSMENTS

Plant Sale **334.59**
Program **20.00**

Total **354.59**
Ending Bal. **4292.47**



Mary K Hofmann Treasurer

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB **May 13, 2011** **Meeting Minutes**

The Awards Banquet was held at the Inverness Golf & Country Club. Cathi Ayers conducted the Installation of New Officers for the 2011-2012 club year.

Shawn Rowland, this year's Scholarship winner, attended the banquet accompanied by his mother.

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

A brief business meeting was held.

- Christine gave a report on the recent Convention held in Ocala. A Short Course is planned for June 8 & 9. This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Short Course.
- Lona Bassett presented the Hostess & Greeter calendar for next year.
- Vacancy: Awards Chairperson
- Board Meeting to be held on June 10th at Treasurer Elect, Diane Little's home

No program was held. This the end of our Garden Club Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how much I enjoyed being the Secretary for the FCGC these past 4 years. We have a wonderful club full of wonderful members and I wish the best for the incoming Secretary, Lynn Bassett.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dowthitt, Recording Secretary

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
Financial Statement
April 1 to April 30, 2011

Balance forward 4292.47

INCOME

Dues 155.00
Luncheon 96.00
Plant Sale 1945.40
Ways & Means 49.75

Total 2246.15
Balance 6538.62

DISBURSMENTS

State Meeting 480.00
Office Supplies 72.97
Plant Sale 79.00
Refund luncheon 12.00
Scholarship 1000.00

Total 1643.97
Ending Bal. 4894.65

Quilt brought in 312.00 included in total

Plant Sale total 1990.40
Expenses 513.79
Total Profit 1476.61

Mary K Hofmann Treasurer

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Mary K. Hofmann
Treasurer
April 30, 2011

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 1 TO JUNE 30, 2011

BALANCE FORWARD 4468.65

INCOME

DUES 88.00

MEMORIAL GARDEN 20.00

TOTAL: 108.00

BALANCE: 4576.65

DISBURSMENTS

LUNCHEON REFUND 12.00

MEMORIAL GARDEN 29.65

FLOWERS 33.91

TOTAL 75.56

ENDING BAL. 4501.09

Diane Little

DIANE LITTLE TREASURER

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 1 TO JULY 31, 2011

BALANCE FORWARD 4501.09

INCOME

DUES 54.00

TOTAL: 54.00

BALANCE: 4555.09

DISBURSMENTS

OFFICE SUPPLIES 25.00

FFGC GALA LUNCH 180.00

DUES REFUND 17.00

TOTAL 222.00

ENDING BAL. 4333.09

Diane Little
DIANE LITTLE TREASURER

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AUGUST 1 TO AUGUST 31, 2011

BALANCE FORWARD 4333.09

INCOME

DUES 34.00

MEMORIAL GARDEN 10.00

FFGC GALA LUNCHEON 180.00

TOTAL: 224.00

BALANCE: 4557.09

DISBURSMENTS

DIV. OF PLANT RENEWAL 25.00

LIONS CLUB RENTAL 185.50 (7MONTHS)

WAYS AND MEANS 27.65

YEARBOOK PRINTING 284.88

FCGC GIFT/AWARD 100.00

TOTAL 623.03

ENDING BAL. 3934.06

Diane Little

DIANE LITTLE TREASURER

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB

Date: September 9, 2011, Meeting Minutes

Light refreshments were served from 12:00 PM until 12:30 when the Program began. Hostesses were Shiela Finch, Amber Persyn, Shirley McAllen, Mickey Hunt, Gloria Drook and Eding Reichelderfer. Greeters were Anne Propp and Cathi Ayers.

President Christine Harnden called the Floral City Garden Club business meeting to order at 1:30 PM after Bonsai Bob from the Buttonwood Bonsai Club gave a very interesting talk. Terry Newberry gave the Invocation. The President then led the membership in the Pledge and the Club Collect and welcomed all guests and new members.

Club members' birthdays were acknowledged.

The May Meeting minutes were published via email and were also made available on the information table. A correction was made to the April minutes that the VP led the Pledge.

Treasurer's report: Diane Little

\$4,333.⁰⁰ was the balance brought forward and \$3,934.06 is the present balance. Diane reminded committee chairs to have their requests for the budget by the board meeting, Sept. 20.

Correspondence: Amber Persyn

- o Thank you note from Betty Sumner's family
- o Get well card to Patti Barber
- o .Get well card to Melodie Henderson

President's Report:

Discussed the new Year Book with all of the hard work done by Lona Bassett and Judy Lane.

Told members of the new Suggestion Box that is on the Information Table and encouraged its use.

Encouraged members to enjoy the completed Chimney Swift

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tower that the club helped sponsor for an Eagle Scout badge.
Bikes and Bar-B-Que Fund Raiser was discussed and
Passed Out Sign Up Sheets for Work and for Plant Requests.
Mentioned the E-Nini-Hassee Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on
~~September~~^{October} 19, 4-7PM, to be held at the camp.
Reminded members of the Board meeting to be held on Sept.
20, from 10AM until noon at Diane Little's house.

Other Officer Reports:

First VP: Judy Lane requested that any changes in the yearbook information be emailed to her and that she would send it to the members. She also gave a big thank you to Lona Bassett.

Second VP: Shiela Finch read the newly designed Greeter instructions and encouraged members to help guests and new members.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Gardens: It was mentioned that the Memorial Garden needs some weeding with volunteers sought and the possibility of hiring help for the weeding was mentioned.

Decorating Committee: [vacant]

Environmental Concerns-Amber Persyn talked about Eating Locally Grown Foods and how some area farms have Farm Share boxes each week with farm memberships.

Grow & Share: Judy Lane reminded members of the plants that were brought in and gave tips on growing them.

Helping Hands:[Vacant]

· **Historian:** Joan Knippen

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- **Horticulture: Plant Reports:**
Anne Propp gave a report on Brazilian cloak plant. She has one growing at her house and showed photos of a beautiful red plumed plant that, she says, survives frost.
 - **Junior Gardeners:** Cathi Ayers read a note from the student that we sent to Camp Wekiva this summer which showed that she definitely enjoyed the experience! She was very enthusiastic in the letter.
 - **Landscape Design:** vacant
 - **Legislation & Historic Preservation:** Marcia Beasley
 - **Publicity:** Lona Bassett
 - **Roadside Beautification :** Pam Bellman emailed her report which was read by President Chris. The next Roadside Cleanup is Sept. 27, at 8:30 AM. The report is filed.
- Scholarship:** Cathi Ayers wrote letters to all of our previous scholarship recipients since we are celebrating our 55th year as a club and received two letters in response. These students did, indeed, major in some area of Horticulture/Environment or Agriculture and are now working in those fields, which shows that the students that received the money definitely put it to good use.
- **Ways & Means:** There are some tee shirts that are available for purchase as well as continuing the door prizes each month. The Bikes and Bar-B-Que is also a Fund Raiser.
 - **Website:** Anne Propp and Diane Dowthitt have a new and beautiful home page on our website. It was applauded.

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Ad Hoc: The proclamation about our celebrating our 55th birthday this year has been sent to the County Commissioners and we were all encouraged to attend the Commissioners' meeting when it will be read and proclaimed. That time is yet to be determined but members will be notified via email.

The door prize raffle tickets were drawn and even some guests won prizes.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

Joan Knippen, who will be directing the making of wreaths at the October meeting, suggested items that members could bring to the meeting to decorate the wreaths.

A Volunteer Sign-Up sheet for Heritage Days was passed around. They will be needed for a three hour block of time.

FLORAL DESIGN: An Oriental Touch floral design was done by Lynn Bassett.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: None

AWARDS - The Petal Power Award was given by Diane Dowthitt to Judy Lane. The award has been re-conditioned by Joan Knippen and is looking lovely.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Citrus Garden Club Fashion Show on October 20, was announced. Contact person is Marian at 352-419-4275.

ADJOURNMENT: CHRIS at 2:45PM

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Bassett, Secretary

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Report

From: "Cathi" <cabp6540@tampabay.rr.com>
Subject: **membership**
Date: August 29, 2011 12:39:18 PM EDT
To: "Christine Harnden" <ctine34436@yahoo.com>, "Shiela and Duane Finch" <shielafinch@yahoo.com>, "Judy Lane" <stejud@embarqmail.com>, "Amber Persyn" <shrimp002@gmail.com>, "Lynn Bassett" <ReadinLady@ix.netcom.com>, "Diane Little" <dwdi26@aol.com>
Cc: "Carol Delisle" <sunnycarole@hotmail.com>

To our illustrious :-) Executive Board:

As membership chairman and two members who volunteered at the Board meeting to work on membership ideas, Shiela Finch, Cathi Ayers and Carol Delisle met on 8/29/11. The following ideas were discussed:

Items in **blue** should be considered for the September meeting agenda. **Red** should probably be discussed at the next Board meeting.

1. **An instruction sheet for Greeters** to be kept with the name badges and sign-in sheets with a specific reminder that one of the two greeters is responsible to spend a few minutes with guests (those not accompanied by an existing member) and to introduce them to at least one member, help them find a seat, etc. Generally, to make them feel welcome and comfortable. Cathi volunteered to type this up for review/approval.
2. **"Hospitality" members**: This would be a list of members who would welcome being asked to sit with guests and help them get acquainted. Greeters would have this list and know that they could call upon any of these members. We can pass a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. Cathi will prepare it.
2. **Follow-up calls**: For each guest, a follow-up phone call within a week after the meeting should be made to acknowledge their visit to our club, invite them to return (or if they joined at the meeting, to welcome them as a new member), etc. Again, to make them feel welcome and recognized. Carol Delisle volunteered to do this, but she will not be at our September meeting.
3. **Membership forms**: Should be sitting out at the greeter and/or information table. (We may already be doing this, but none of us knew for sure).
4. **Brochures** for our local businesses and Heritage Hall: We'd like to see a committee designated to bring 2-3 brochure designs for voting by the board and membership and, once completed, to have a supply of brochures in any of our local businesses that would accept them.
5. **New Residents contact**: We discussed the idea of joining together with the Heritage Council and Friends of Library (our three civic organizations) to discuss the possibility of a combined effort to welcome new residents and to extend invitations to join any or all of the groups. Sort of a "welcome wagon" concept: Garden Club could provide seeds or a small plant, FOL a current library newsletter, Heritage Council a small item from the Country Store along with membership forms and a welcome note. Representatives of the three groups could work out details and present them to their respective groups.
6. Not discussed, but just remembered: We do have a club **Suggestion** box, so we should remind members to use it and we welcome additional ideas for making guests feel welcome and for encouraging/supporting new members.
7. Not discussed at this meeting, but mentioned by some at the Board meeting: We used to **present new members with a flower**. Should we resume this?
8. Also not discussed, but things keep popping into my head: Through the years, there has been on-again/off-again discussion about some sort of an **"orientation"** of sorts for new members to "enlighten" them about things we old-timers know about and take for granted: Our affiliation with FFGC and what that means, District V, our committees and hope that new members will sign-up for at least one of them, etc. Ideas for how to accomplish this are invited: e.g. a "mentor/sister" ?? a quarterly lunch at one of our homes for all new members and just 2-3 "old" members ??

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

BALANCE FORWARD 3934.06

INCOME

DUES 36.00

TIP JAR 10.00

WAYS AND MEANS 68.50

TOTAL: 114.50

BALANCE: 4048.56

DISBURSMENTS

CORNER GARDEN 21.58

BBQ EVENT 183.26 (JARS AND ANNUALS ONLY)

RENTAL SPACE FOR BBQ 20.00

DISTRICT V LUNCHEON 75.00

PROGRAM SPEAKER 20.00

TOTAL 319.84

ENDING BAL. 3728.72

Diane Little

DIANE LITTLE TREASURER

OCTOBER MINUTES 2011

The Floral City Garden Club's meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM after seasonal refreshments were served. The Invocation was given by Cathi Ayers, the Pledge of Allegiance was said and the President introduced Win Webb, one of the County Commissioners (who grew up in Floral City) and his wife, Suzanne. Mr. Webb read the proclamation honoring the club for 55 years of participation in the education, beautification and conservation of this county. He also shared some remembrances of some of the women who were among the founders of the club. After singing Happy Birthday to the club, Mr. Webb blew out the candles and the muffin cake was passed around.

Then Joan Knippen and Ginny Andrews helped the members with making a grapevine wreath. The results were shown, applauded and appreciated! Thank you, Joan and Ginny!

After the workshop the President called for order and the business meeting began with the approval with two corrections of the September meeting. Chris gave thank yous to the October hostesses and greeters as well as to those who attended the County Commissioner's meeting (where the proclamation was read) and the workers at the October 1, Bikes and Bar-B-Que fund raiser. Two new members, Tory Montag and Mary Lu (Red) Blesedell, and renewing member, Patsy Neel were recognized as were the guests from two other Citrus County garden clubs and a Floral City Friend of the Library officer. Chris mentioned the District Meeting that eight from our club attended and thanked the attendees. Diane Little recounted some amusing happenings at the meeting where many at the Floral City table were door prize winners! The workers who participated in the September Roadside Cleanup were thanked and the club members reminded about the November 28, Roadside Cleanup that is coming up. November 29, is the day for decorating the village for Heritage Days so people were encouraged to put that date on their calendar! The Decorating Chair will be recuperating from an operation so there will be a big need for people to fill in in her absence.

Vice-President Judy Lane reported about the items sold at the Bikes and Bar-B-Que and that the sale prices are now lowered and the items will be on sale at our meetings. She made a sample of one of the gift jar recipes passed around and had the spice tea mixture available for tasting/making on the refreshment table. The Treasurer will be taking the money for the gardening gloves.

Diane Little made the Treasurer's report with the Balance Forward being \$3934.06 and the Present Balance \$3728.72. She also gave praise to Kathy Hofmann for her previous years of being Treasurer!

Amber Persyn, Corresponding Secretary, sent thank yous to two families who donated many plants for the Fund Raiser Bikes-and Bar-B-Que, the Welins and the Joe Bassetts.

The President called for volunteers for the Standing Committees, particularly the Awards Committee. She explained what the committee does and how the club could win cash awards from documenting our activities. There were no volunteers. Community Gardens always need work and Kathy Hofmann gave a thank you to the H Bassetts for donating paying a worker to weed the Memorial Garden before the Fund Raiser on October 1.

Judy Lane reminded people about the plants that are available outside on the Grow and Share Table and thanked the people who donated plants and brought them to the meeting.

Joan Knippen, Historian, mentioned that she had finished the scrapbook and it was passed around for people to see.

Lynn Bassett mentioned an excellent article from the newspaper about fertilizing lawns and applying preemergent herbicides and then Lona Bassett gave a report on the bulbs, Paper Whites. These are bulbs that we can grow here in Florida and for continued blooming she recommended planting bulbs each week for several weeks so that when one group stops blooming, the other group will begin.

Cathi Ayers mentioned that a leader for the Junior Gardeners is needed. She will send the letters out to the school, but needs to have a contact person before sending the letters out.

Diane Dowthitt talked about the website being taken down. No payments had been made for the site and if we use that one we need to vote to authorize the payment. It was also mentioned that we can put a link to our site on the FC Merchants Association website.

Chris and Diane discussed the monetary result of the Bikes and Bar-B-Que which has yet to be totally finalized since we are still selling the products at the club meetings. The plants were all sold but some of the money is still coming in.

The motion was made to rejoin the FC Merchants Association by Sharon Thompson and seconded by Chris and after some discussion the motion passed.

The November Board Meeting will be held on Nov. 1, from 10Am--12PM at Diane Little's house. Volunteers for the Floral Design of the Month were sought. Diane Little will present one in January.

Marcia Beasley mentioned having some car pools to go to the Mt. Dora Garden Tour on November 5, with lunch at the Garden Gate in Mt. Dora which is owned by Floral City people. It might be that they could be persuaded to open a similar establishment here in the village. Contact Marcia about details.

Guest Libby Wentzel encouraged members to attend the October 17, meeting of the Crystal River Garden Club which will be meeting at the Crystal River Preserve with a talk on bromeliads and ferns. She also invited us to attend any of their meetings which are held on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Chris told us of the Luminary Walk to be held on 11/11/11 in the village in the evening. It will be well lit for the walk from the Art Gallery past the Country Store to Forgotten Treasures and the Pink House and should be fun to be outside at night.

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Long Time Service Award went to Kathy Hofmann with sincere appreciation from the club and a standing ovation! A dining out gift was given to Kathy. Judy Lane gave the Petal Power award to Lona Bassett for exemplary volunteerism. The door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 2:30PM by the President.

Respectfully submitted,
LLB, Secretary

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION
FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB FOUNDERS DAY

WHEREAS, the Floral Garden Club of Floral City was formed on October 12, 1956. 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 Club's objectives have been civic beautification, improvement of roadsides and parks, conservation of natural resources, advancement of landscape and floral design, the study of horticulture and gardening, and cooperating with other organizations in furthering these objectives; and

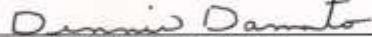
WHEREAS, the Floral City Garden Club originally landscaped the entrance to Floral Park, the library and developed a xeriscape exhibition garden at the Floral City Post Office for Earth Day 1990. In 1989 they joined the county's Adopt-A-Highway program and continue roadside clean up to date. Since 1990 they have contributed much to this community by establishing the Community Memorial Garden with brick Labyrinth; gardens at the elementary school, on the State Trail and in the downtown area, among many other projects. Since 1991 the Club has planted many replacement oaks for lost historic trees; and

WHEREAS, the Floral City Garden Club encourages community involvement through numerous flower shows; annual decoration of the village for Christmas; programs free to the public; annual plant sale and promotion of the use of native plants; and sponsorship and scholarship opportunities for students. The Club also works with other organizations through monthly meetings and assists the Floral City Heritage Council at Floral City's annual Heritage Days.


NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 12, 2011, 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.

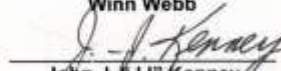


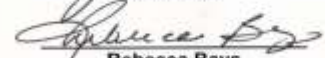
EXECUTED this 11th day of October 2011


Chairman Dennis Damato


Winn Webb


Joe Meek


John J. "JJ" Kenney


Rebecca Bays

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FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 31, 2011

BALANCE FORWARD 3728.72

INCOME

DUES 51.00

BBQ EVENT 331.00

MEMORIAL 10.00

RAFFLE 61.00

WAYS AND MEANS 81.00

TOTAL: 534.00

BALANCE: 4262.72

DISBURSMENTS

BBQ EVENT 163.36 (GLOVES)

BBQ EVENT 19.43 (SPICED TEA)

TOTAL 182.79

ENDING BAL. 4079.93

Diane Little

DIANE LITTLE TREASURER

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS, CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING "FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FOUNDERS DAY" ON OCTOBER 12, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Floral Garden Club of Floral City was formed by 15 members on 12 October 1955 as the second Garden Club in the county 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. Adopting the National Council's and the Florida Federation's objectives the Club's objectives have been civic beautification, improvement of roadsides and parks, conservation of natural resources, advancement of landscape design and floral design, the study of horticulture and gardening plus cooperating with other organizations in furthering these objectives, and

WHEREAS, the Floral City Garden Club attains the objectives of civic beautification, roadside improvements and landscape design by originally landscaping the entrance to Floral Park, the Library and developing a xeriscape exhibition garden at the Post Office for Earth Day 1990. In 1989 the Club was the first Garden Club in the county to join the county's Adopt-A-Highway program and continues roadside clean up to this day. Since 1990 the Club has established the Community Memorial Garden with brick Labyrinth, gardens at the Elementary School, on the State Trail and in the downtown area: planned and landscaped the Gazebo Site on the Trail and planned, planted and maintains the landscaping at the Gateway Sign. Since 1991 the Club has planted many replacement oaks for lost historic trees, plus planting annual Arbor Day oak trees and two special Freedom Oak Trees in 2002 all within the National Historic District and downtown. The Club further encourages sound landscape design through their "Yard of the Year Awards" program for Floral City properties and

WHEREAS, the Floral City Garden Club meets the objectives of the advancement of floral design, study of horticulture and gardening, conserving natural resources and cooperating with other organizations by presenting numerous Standard Flower Shows including more than a half dozen in the past at the annual County Fair, by placing floral designs in the Library, by annually decorating the village for Christmas, by providing programs free to the public, by conducting an annual plant sale and promoting the use of native plants, by establishing the long standing Junior Gardeners program, painting a mural of native plants and wildlife on the wall of the Floral City Elementary School, sponsoring students annually to the Florida Federation's summer nature Camp Wekiva, and giving college scholarships to qualifying students studying horticulture, botany, agriculture, environmental sciences or related subjects. The Club, also, cooperates with other organizations to attain objectives by holding monthly meetings in the historic Lions Club, hosting District V meetings, assisting with the annual Federation meeting and by assisting the Floral City Heritage Council with costumed hosts for the annual historic home tour and Camp E-Nini-Hassee with Luminarias at Floral City's annual Heritage Days.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, does hereby proclaim "Floral City Garden Club Founders Day" for October 12, 2011 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Commissioners of the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, have hereto subscribed their names and have caused the official seal of Citrus County, Florida to be hereto affixed in the City of Inverness on this 11th day of October 2011.

NOVEMBER MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club's November meeting began with an extremely varied and delicious luncheon by hostesses Cathi Ayers, Patti Barber, Marcia Beasley, Patsy Neel, and Alice Webb. The Veteran's Day theme was used and special thanks were given to the club's three veterans, Marcia Beasley and Shiela and Dwayne Finch. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by President Chris Harnden. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the club Collect with the Invocation by Terry Newberry.

The speaker was Crystal Rawlerson from Haze Garden Hydroponic store here in Floral City. She discussed Hydroponics, What is it? How is it done? Where does one obtain the materials? What can be grown with hydroponics, the lighting involved in growing hydroponically, cloning with a root trapper, specific growth encouragers, the dangers of mold while growing hydroponically and answered questions from several club members.

After a short break when the speaker ended, the meeting was recalled to order and thanks were given to the hostesses and greeters, Shirley McAllen and Cathy Foley and our repeat guest, Barbara Schembri, was welcomed. The minutes of the October meeting which were emailed to members were approved. Treasurer, Diane Little, gave the Treasurer's Report with the Balance beginning \$3,728.72 and ending at \$4,079.93 with the money made from the booth at the Bikes N Bar-B-Q being \$534. Corresponding Secretary, Amber Persyn, reported K. Hofmann's thank you note and that she'll be sending get well cards to Bill Ferguson and Diane Freund.

The President's comments included announcements about the Art Walk to take place in Floral City, sign up sheets for working at Heritage Days and passing a box around for personal donations to purchase items for Santa's workshop at Camp E-Nini-Hassee. One hundred and eleven dollars was collected for use for gifts for the Workshop. She mentioned that there have been no suggestions put into the Suggestion Box and reminded members that it is there for ideas that members want to bring something to the attention of the officers of the club. She also brought up the Board recommendation that the club not donate \$200 to purchase items for the Santa's Workshop. The motion was discussed and voted on and passed. Club members can still donate gifts or cash at the December meeting.

Environmental Concerns Co-Chair, Amber, mentioned the biodegradable trash bags that are available and encouraged their use.

Under Horticulture Ginny Andrews brought in an unidentifiable plant which had small blooms shaped like a hot air balloon. We will work on identifying the plant.

Old Business was about the Bikes N Bar-B-Que and the request for the club to have desserts/sweets for sale at the next year's event. Anne Propp moved and it was seconded that if logistics work out, the club will participate by providing baked goods at the 2012 Bikes-N-Bar-B-Q. The motion was passed.

For New Business Cathi Ayers presented information leading into the Board recommendation to join with the Heritage Council in holding the Secret Garden Tour on Mother's Day in 2012.

Frank Peters, chair of the Heritage Council, also spoke and encouraged the co-operative venture and mentioned his cognizance of the history of the Secret Garden Tour and respect for the Garden Club's idea and work on these events. He mentioned his experience in being a host home on several tours and mentioned how with the help of the Heritage Council members, the tour can add the historical element which will draw additional attendees.

Much discussion took place about possible conflicts on Mother's Day and an amendment to the original motion was made and seconded to omit the specific date of Mother's Day and just say that the co-operative venture will take place in 2012.

Again there was a lot of discussion. The vote was called and the amendment to the motion was passed.

This made the motion read that the Floral City Garden Club will join with the Heritage Council to hold the Secret Garden Tour with Historic Overtones and Chocolate Finale in 2012. The motion passed and the specific date will be determined by vote at the December meeting of the club.

Marcia Beasley reported on the Garden Tour in Mt. Dora which was attended by several of our members. She said that several ideas were ones that might be useful for our Secret Garden Tour and that our members had discussed various aspects of the tour after the luncheon in Mt. Dora.

Judy Lane presented the Horticulture Plant of the Month which was a Christmas cactus. She likes the plant because it is long lived and shows color when others slow down. Proper light and limited watering are necessary for the blooming of these plants. They like 50% to 60% humidity and a 30 day rest after Christmas. There are a variety of cacti of which some are Thanksgiving bloomers and others are Easter bloomers along with the Christmas blooming ones.

Judy then did the Floral Design for November which was in a turkey shaped vase which she filled with an assortment of dried flowers, grasses and gourds.

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After the raffle for the door prizes the President adjourned the meeting at 3PM.

Lynn Basset

and will share it.
About \$70 was collected from members' donations for using for gifts for
the Santa's Workshop at Camp E-fair-Hope.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

DECEMBER MINUTES

The December Floral City Garden Club meeting was held at the home of Lona Bassett on December 9, 2011. After the Invocation by H.D. Bassett, the club members and guests enjoyed the potluck luncheon prepared by the members. There were approximately forty people in attendance.

At 12:30 the business meeting began with Shiela Finch presiding in Chris Harnden's absence due to illness. The minutes were corrected and approved and Diane Little gave the Treasurer's report. The ending balance was \$4,125.60.

Amber Persyn, Corresponding Secretary, mentioned receiving a card from the family of Barbara Keesling acknowledging the donation that a club member had made to the Memorial Garden in Barbara's name. The Decorating Committee reminded members of the UNdecorating time which is on the first Tuesday in December at 9AM.

Amber Persyn and Lynn Bassett reported about their experiences at the Environmental Studies Course that they attended in November. Roadside Cleanup date for January is the 24th at 9AM at the Duval Island Boat Launching Area Parking Lot.

Cathi Ayers, Scholarship Chair, received another response to her letters to former scholarship winners. This respondent did receive his degree in Forestry and is working with a timber company now learning about prescribed burns for forests. He was, of course, appreciative of our help with his expenses while he was in college.

Diane Dowthitt mentioned the problem with the website and the possible cost to the club of \$75 a year for one that she has found. This matter will be put on the agenda for the board meeting in January.

Unfinished business had the matter of the date for the Secret Garden Tour to be decided. The two possible dates were announced and the vote taken and May 19-20, 2012, was decided as the date that the Garden Club will present to the Heritage Council for its agreement. Lona Bassett, former Petal Power winner, gave the award this month to Lynn Bassett. The award was passed around for members to see