

January Minutes January 14, 2012

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance were led by President Christine Hamden following a lovely fruit and salad luncheon. Terry Newberry provided our Invocation.

Treasurer's report was "summed-up" by Christine, showing a balance of \$4,075.52.

A letter from Lowe's Garden Shop was received requesting our members who have an interest to apply for a seasonal position working sales in the garden shops. Anyone interested can get a copy of the letter from Christine or go to Lowe.com/career or call 352-860-5800.

Christine suggests that we ask the camp girls to help us sell baked goods at the 2012 Bikes and Bar-B-Q festival. We've been asked by the festival committee to have a bakesale booth. We also hoped to have money---apart from our regular club account---for the camp Christmas store. Christine suggests we give proceeds from the bakesale to the camp. This solves both issues! No vote taken, but all seemed in agreement.

A group of club members will go through our Christmas decorations to determine what needs revamped, thrown away or replaced. This will happen in the spring---date and time pending.

Remember 2-14-12 for the Girls' Camp Ice Cream social at 1:30PM

Remember 3-10-12 Brooksville Art Festival

Our next roadside cleanup day is 1-24-12. Meet at the dock parking lot at 9AM.

Diane Freund gave a very informative demonstration about Holiday Cactus varieties.

Marcia Beasley demonstrated how to create a basic triangle arrangement. She ended up with a stunning palm, goldenrod, sunflower and iron plant piece, suitable for any setting.

Our guest speaker was Master Gardener Jim Bruno who works out of the Citrus County Extension office. He gave us many ideas on year-round gardening in Florida.

The Petal Power Award was presented to Willa Heronema.

The next Master Gardener class is being held in May of 2012. Those interested should contact Anne Propp.

Our Floral City Heritage Museum always welcomes volunteers. The training day is soon. If you would like to volunteer, contact Marcia Beasley to register.

The meeting was adjourned by Christine.

Alice Webb - Secretary

FEBRUARY MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club meeting was held on February 10, 2012, at the Community Center and began with a light lunch at noon prepared for the club by Bea Rabideau, Sandy Van Tassel and Kathy Hofmann. Janice Lehowicz, and Peggy Pattillo were Greeters.

At 12:30PM President Chris Harnden called the meeting to order and then the Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect were said. Cathi Ayers, Chaplain, gave the invocation.

The Program was Michael Harnden, Certified Arborist, giving a talk about Pruning, Especially Woody Plants. He showed us how NOT to do crepe "murder" and donated some plants to be used for our door prizes. He also urged us to remember to clean our equipment while working with plants and especially with pruning. Morinaga trees were of special interest to Michael and he has planted some to see how they fare in the Floral City area. These trees provide numerous benefits for people—chemical, business, as well as beauty.

After a break the Business Meeting of the club began with the President welcoming seven visitors, thanking the hostesses and greeters and checking with the Corresponding Secretary about mail and/or cards sent to members who are having physical problems.

Then Diane Freund, Decorations Chair, discussed the condition of the decorations that we are using for Christmas. She had discussed with the Chairman of the Heritage Council the possibility of both groups sharing the costs of the fabric decorations. After some discussion a motion was made by Cathi Ayers and seconded by Chris Harnden to check with the Heritage Council to see if they are willing to share. The motion carried. More discussion about this topic will be done at the March Board Meeting.

The stepping stone that was made by Elmer Rabideau and donated to the club to be used for a Fund Raising prize was discussed as were the prices for the tickets. They are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. Be a had brought the stone to show the club in January.

The Treasurer's Report was given with the closing balance of \$3,821.73. The cost of the web site was given as \$116.07 for two years.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Vice-President Judy Lane mentioned that the 41-48 corner garden wall of bricks were heavily damaged but that she and her husband would repair it. The work will be done at night because of the danger of heavy daytime traffic!

Joan Knippen presented a program about Trilliums as part of the Horticulture report. She has grown them for 5 years here in Floral City but mentioned that they

do need deep acid soil and total shade. They do multiply and she brought a couple of trays of plants to share with club members. She mentioned that they had been used for medicinal purposes by the Indians and early settlers. Lynn Bassett mentioned and showed some Gardening books that have been donated to the Floral City Library that might be particularly helpful to club members.

Cathi Ayers, chair of Secret Garden Tour, spoke about the Tour and reiterated that the date is still May 19 and 20th, but that the Community Building will be unavailable so the Heritage Museum building will be used for the chocolate extravaganza. She mentioned some of the plans that are already being put into place and encouraged everyone to sign up to work either before or during or after the Tour since MANY people will be needed!

Cathi also mentioned a Fund Raiser for a project that some of the club members work on--Blessings in a Backpack---to be held on Saturday, March 10, in Lecanto. There are some leftover birdhouses from some given to the Heritage Museum's Country Store and if someone would like to decorate/paint them, they are available. Joan Knippen will be the contact person for that. Cathi also mentioned the gift of rootings of star begonias as plant sale items and requested that people check the Grow and Share table outside.

Marcia Beasley brought out a Floral display of miniature arrangements. She showed the Hogarth curve in one arrangement and discussed that exhibits need a backdrop for a flower show and a base for the bowl/vase or a niche where they can be seen. Arranging miniatures can be very tedious so be prepared to be patient while working on them.

Next Lona Bassett did a Fun With Flowers arrangement for Valentine's Day. She had a heart shaped oasis inside a low clear glass vase and showed how she staggered the next items of greenery and then flowers.

Kathy Hofmann spoke next about the need to budget some money for a helper to be hired to help with the work in the club gardens. Lona Bassett made the motion and Shiela Finch seconded to set aside \$400 until December to pay for help. The motion carried.

Bill Ferguson requested that the club add the chimneyswift tower garden to their list of club gardens as he remembered that the club said when voting the money to help build the tower. There was discussion about whether the club voted to maintain the garden or just to help fund it. This was referred to the board meeting to be held in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM by the President and the drawings for the Door Prizes were held.

Lynn Bassett, Secretary

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FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
February 1, 2012 to February 29, 2012

BALANCE FORWARD	3821.73		
<u>INCOME</u>			
WAYS AND MEANS	63.00		
NOTE CARDS	3.75		
MEMBERSHIP DUES	19.00		
MEMORIAL GARDEN	10.00		
		TOTAL:	95.75
		BALANCE:	3917.48
<u>DISBURSMENTS</u>			
SPEAKER FEE	20.00		
PLANT SALE	35.63		
JANUARY SUPPLIES	35.46		
		TOTAL	91.09
		ENDING BAL.	3826.39

Diane Little
DIANE LITTLE
TREASURER

MARCH, 2012, MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club's March meeting was held at the Floral City Community Center on March 9, 2012. Socializing began at noon as the members nibbled on St. Patrick's Day fare. At 12:30 President Christine Hamden called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect were said. Chaplain Terry Newberry gave an Irish prayer for the Invocation.

The Speaker was Jerry Wetherington who spoke on "Rain Forest Botanicals" featuring ferns as his main topic. He gave us lists of cold hardy ferns and showed us examples of those ferns. Helpful tips on dealing with growing ferns were given such as "when watering ferns, don't water just a little". Soaking in a pot is a good way for the ferns to get enough water. Mr. Wetherington took questions throughout the talk and at the end. He also had some plants that were available for club members to purchase.

After a short break for the members to purchase the plants the President reconvened the meeting at 1:30 PM. She welcomed guests and thanked the Hostesses and Greeters as well as giving birthday greetings to members who are celebrating in March.

Chris asked again for members to put suggestions for the club into the Suggestion Box which she held up to remind us. The District Meeting and State Convention Meeting dates were given and members encouraged to attend, although the state meeting ends on the date of our club's last meeting before summer.

She brought up the topic of possibly paying for our light lunches since more members eating means more food for the hostesses to prepare and sometimes the food runs out even if the hostesses have prepared for more people than usually attend our meetings. The Tip jar hasn't been making a dent into the cost of preparing food for the club. She then passed out surveys for members to fill out giving their opinions on how to handle the cost for luncheon as well as more information about how each member is interested in participating in the club activities. This information will be used to try to improve on members' participation as well as improving the flow of the meetings.

The online minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report gave \$3,826.39 as the ending balance for February, 2012. Vice-President Judy Lane told us about the new member packages that will be given. The packages will be a zipper pouch with a packet of seed, pen and pad and gardening gloves in it.

The Community Garden committee's report was given by Chris. It had been questioned if the club was to care for the Chimney Swift Garden that we contributed to. She said that the Board recommended that the club not take on an additional garden to care for. This motion was discussed and a vote was taken. The result was to accept the Board's motion and not add another garden.

Diane Freund gave the Board's recommendation that we budget \$225 to match the Heritage Council's donation for purchasing materials for town decorations for Christmas. The motion passed.

Diane Little presented the Horticulture talk about Beautyberry and Carolina Wild Petunia.

Cathi Ayers mentioned that she has received several applications for the college scholarships that we give each year. The committee will be meeting to discuss a decision on who the recipients will be. She also mentioned that a former Jr. Gardener who is in Middle School has requested a scholarship so that she can return to Camp Wekiva. She moved that the club send this student, Donna Thomas seconded, the club voted and the motion passed.

Joan Knippen talked about the painting of the donated bird houses and tool boxes that will be sold at the Plant Sale. The committee is meeting on Wednesdays to work on this project.

Diane Dowthett mentioned that links can be added to our new website and that we can upload information that might need to be included.

Plant Sale Chair, Anne Propp, gave out a signup sheet and discussed the need for participation in some upcoming "Potting" parties to prepare plants for the sale.

Unfinished Business had the club voting on the motion made by Kathy Hofmann that the proceeds from our participation in the Bikes N Bar-B-Q be given to Camp E-Nini-Hassee for the Santa's Workshop. The motion was seconded by Cathi Ayers and after discussion the motion was passed.

Diane Little did an Ikebana floral design with homegrown materials. She discussed the principles of Ikebana as she did the design.

Dwayne Finch, last month's recipient of the Petal Power Award gave this month's award to Shiela Finch. He mentioned that he knew how much work Shiela has done and wanted her to receive the award!

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 by the President.

L. Bassett, Secretary

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FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MARCH 1, 2012 TO March 31, 2012

<u>BALANCE FORWARD</u>		3826.39
<u>INCOME</u>		
WAYS AND MEANS	44.00	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	178.00	
GLOVES	24.00	
		<u>TOTAL</u>
		246.00
		<u>BALANCE</u>
		4072.39
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
SPEAKER FEE	20.00	
FEBRUARY SUPPLIES	18.31	
SCHOLARSHIP	200.00	
FFGC	12.00	
		<u>TOTAL</u>
		250.31
		<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
		3822.08

Diane Little

DIANE LITTLE
TREASURER

APRIL 2012 MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club met on April 13, 2012, at the Community Center. After a light salad and dessert luncheon from noon until twelve-thirty the meeting was called to order by the President, Chris Harnden, and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect were said. Cathi Ayers gave an Invocation encouraging us in these busy times to appreciate and make some time for silence. We then had a few moments of silence all together.

The Speaker, Debe Johns, was introduced and she gave a fun and educational talk on Herbs which involved having members identify one of the herbs that she had placed on our tables and tell how we grew and used the herb. We were able to purchase the herbs on our tables and some from the supply that she brought to the meeting. We learned about some less well known herbs such as salad burnett, tansy and comfrey.

After a break Shiela Finch reconvened the meeting since Chris was having some difficulty speaking. Shiela welcomed guests and two new members and thanked the hostesses and greeters. We also sang Happy Birthday to several of our birthday members.

It was mentioned that after the meeting members were encouraged to go to the pavilion where the plant sale is being held to purchase their plants since they will be working the day of the sale. The District and State Garden Club meetings were mentioned and members encouraged to attend.

The Minutes stood as sent online and the Treasurer's report had an ending balance of \$3,822.08.

The Environmental Concerns mentioned the concerns that state garden clubs have with the possible loss of sensitive environmental areas and waterways and how some clubs have adopted waterways to keep track of and help keep clean and clear.

Grow and Share, Judy Lane, mentioned that donations have been small lately and encouraged members to bring in cuttings and small plants. She also mentioned what plants are available on the table at this meeting.

Horticulture's Lynn Bassett encouraged members to keep aware of the difficulties that the County Commissioners are having with the budget and the possibilities of certain bureaus that are helpful to gardeners being cut severely or eliminated. The meeting date for this discussion was given and members asked to attend and/or email or write the commissioners with their opinion.

Cathi Ayers gave a talk about Aptenia and had a hanging basket which she donated for a door prize. It has a small rose bloom and is a ground cover but does not like a lot of water.

Another Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for April 24, and many members attending will make less work for all.

Cathi Ayers told of the 12 applications for our scholarships and gave the recommendation from the Committee that had three VERY good applicants. A motion was made by Cathi to supply one scholarship of \$1,000 with two \$500 scholarships. It was seconded by Chris Harnden. After discussion it was voted to approve the motion, giving three scholarships this year.

Joan Knippen reported that several members and husbands have worked on painting the donated birdhouses and tool boxes to be sold at the Plant Sale. Diane Dowthitt reminded members to email her any photos or information to go on the web site.

Lona Bassett reported on the Plant Sale since Chair, Anne Propp, was at the Pavillion organizing the plants. Members took the plants to the Pavillion at 8AM and the cleaning/pricing and naming of the plants is going on before the plant inspection in the afternoon.

Cathi Ayers, Sharon Thompson and Marcia Beasley spoke about the plans for the Secret Garden Tour giving the members a rundown on what is going on with the planning for the Tour. Sharon was requesting people to take tickets and greet people at each garden and Marcia reminded members of who had signed up to bake chocolate goodies for those two days. She also discussed the music that will be at the event at the Museum. 40% of club members have signed up to participate already. L. Bassett asked for people who would like to be garden docents to see her to sign up.

Shiela Finch gave the Petal Power award this month to Michael Harnden who has helped so much with plants, presentations and trailer usage for the club.

Our new member, Fred Schultz, told about his mushroom compost business and had a sample of it that was passed around. The First Blueberry Festival will be held in Brooksville the first weekend in May. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM.

Lynn Bassett

FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
APRIL 1, 2012 TO April 30, 2012

<u>BALANCE FORWARD</u>		3822.08	
<u>INCOME</u>			
WAYS AND MEANS	51.50		
MEMBERSHIP DUES	329.00		
GLOVES	24.00		
DONATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP	100.00		
MEMORIAL GARDEN	20.00		
PLANT SALE	1878.50		
		<u>TOTAL</u>	2403.00
		<u>BALANCE</u>	6225.08
<u>DISBURSMENTS</u>			
SPEAKER FEE	20.00		
APRIL SUPPLIES	9.00		
PLANT SALE	426.71		
MEMORIAL GARDEN	55.45		
CORNER GARDEN	15.49		
P.O. BOX	44.00		
DISTRICT V MEETING	40.00		
		<u>TOTAL</u>	610.65
		<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	5614.43

Diane Little
DIANE LITTLE, TREASURER

May, 2012

MAY MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club's May meeting was held in the Community Center on May 11, 2012, with an end of the year potluck honoring the Scholarship recipients and their families.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and the club collect the Invocation before the meal was given by Terry Newberry and we all enjoyed a brief time of conversation and dining.

After the meal the three students, Jennifer Br^{SP}anner, Tess Rivenbark and Joseph Wilder received their scholarships from Cathi Ayers, Scholarship Committee Chair and each thanked the club for helping with their continuing education. Each one will be majoring in a horticultural or ecological field.

After the students and their families left Shiela Finch, Vice President called the meeting to order. She welcomed guests and our new member, Karen Sevilla. Karen was given a plant as a welcome to the club.

We acknowledged our members' birthdays and thanked the hostesses and greeters.

Shiela reminded members that the Suggestion Box was available and we checked it to find that it has, indeed, been used. The suggestion will be read and discussed at the next board meeting.

The minutes that had been sent online were approved and Diane Little gave the Treasurer's report with \$3,822.08 as the brought in balance and \$5,614.43 as the closing balance. The increase was primarily from the Plant Sale.

Vice President Judy Lane asked for ideas for next year's programs and was complimented on her work getting such good programs for this year. She also mentioned that there were some plants for Grow and Share.

Kathy Hofmann, Community Garden Chair, mentioned the weeding party that is taking place this evening at 6:30PM. We are preparing the gardens to be ready for the visitors that the Secret Garden Tour will be bringing in to town.

Lynn Bassett, Horticulture Chair, discussed the change in the member participation in Floral Design and Plant Talks. Those two topics will be alternated beginning in September with a Plant Talk, followed by a Floral Design in October, etc. She passed around a sign up sheet for member participation. She also encouraged members to check for leaks in their water lines since one very tiny leak can lose an amazing amount of water. This costs the homeowner more and the community will be losing unnecessary water.

More gardening gloves have been ordered since our last supply has only one pair of gloves left.

Secret Garden Tour Chairs, Cathi Ayers and Marcia Beasley gave us the latest information on how the plans for the Fund Raiser are going. Since some of our

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members were concerned about doing the Tour with another group she gave us an idea of how many members from both groups were already signed up to work or are already working on this Fund Raiser which showed that we are, indeed, being helped very much by the addition of the other group since in some areas there were more volunteers from that group than even from the FCGC members. She encouraged members who couldn't physically participate to purchase tickets for themselves or friends or family which would be another way to help. It was also mentioned that these fund raisers are the way in which we obtain funds to be able to give the wonderful scholarships as we presented to the students at this meeting. Marcia went over the plans for the chocolate tasting and finalized the list of members who are taking chocolates to the Museum to be served at the tasting. Several questions were asked and answered about technical details so that members would know what is going on.

We tabled the discussion on paying for lunches and the results of the survey from the March meeting

Shiela mentioned that Chris had asked for anyone who is baking for the Bikes and Bar-B-Q in October to let her know so that plans can be made for that effort. Shiela also told the club that they were to go to Pam's shop to pick up gifts that Chris has for everyone.

Petal Power award was given to Anne Propp for her volume of work on the Annual Plant Sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 2PM

Lynn Bassett, Secretary

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club meeting on September 14, 2012, began at Noon with a Light luncheon prepared by our Hostesses. Our Greeters had the sign in sheet and our name tags for us and for our guests.

At 12:30 the President, Chris Harnden, called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect were said before Chris introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Thomas, who brought orchids and gave us a lot of information about the different types and how to care for these beautiful plants.

He donated several orchids, gesneriads and a hanging Maidenhair fern for our door prizes and showed photos of some fantastic plants from all over the world that he has in his collection. After the talk we were allowed to purchase plants as well as have him identify the free baby orchids that he brought to give to us. Many of these were from seeds from countries where the environment has been so drastically changed that these orchids no longer grow. Dr. Thomas's connection to the UF Botany faculty enabled him to purchase some of the seeds and in so doing save the plants.

After the talk and a break Chris began the business meeting with the Invocation delivered by Terri Newberry. She welcomed members back after the summer and welcomed our guest Mary Lu Eaton. She also thanked the Hostesses and Greeters and gave Birthday Wishes to our September birthday members. She told the club of her appointment of Donna Thomas to the position of Treasurer after the previous Treasurer, Diane Little, had to step down for personal reasons. Chris took this time to pass around sign up sheets for members to let her know the type of cookie that they will bake for the Bikes N Bar-B-Q event on October 6. She asked each member

Floral City Garden Club
Financial Statement
September 1 through 30, 2012

Balance Forward \$4,816.80

Income

member dues	\$104.00	
Memorial	\$20.00	
sale - gloves. Jar	\$34.00	
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	
Total		\$158.00

Disbursements

Dr.Charles Thomas - speaker fee	\$20.00	
FFGC membership dues	\$102.00	
Yearbook 2012-2013	\$276.16	
District 5 meeting fees	\$60.00	
Supplies	\$159.78	
Total		\$617.94

Ending Balance \$4,356.86

Bake Sales at Bikes and Barbeque \$184.50

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Member Sign in Sheet

Christine Hauden

DWANE Finch SR

SHIELA Finch

Alice Webb

Donna Thomas

Willa Heston

Sandra VanCassel

Carole Baker

Anne Propp

Melodie Henderson

Judy Lane

Lona Bassett

Diane Little

Lynn Knippen

Pattie Bryden

Marcia Beasley

Larry Thurman

Carolyn Sherman

Tatsy Neel

Amber Persyn

Lynn Bassett

Secretary 2012

OCTOBER MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the club collect after enjoying a particularly delicious light lunch and before the talk given by Debe Johns about Propagation of Plants/Herbs. Debe mentioned rootings, cuttings, division and layering and showed examples of herbs that could be rooted by those various methods. She also told us about places where we could get seeds and after her talk made the herbs that she had used in her talk available for purchasing. Debe always gives us good information and has many different varieties of herbs that are not commonly sold.

At the break between the speaker and the business meeting door prize tickets were sold and the drawing of numbers took place.

At 1:41 the business meeting began with the President, Chris Harnden, welcoming guests and new members, thanking the hostesses and greeters and recognizing members with October birthdays. Chris reported that \$184.50 was made for the E-Nini-Hassee camp's Santa project and that there were cookies and fudge left from the bake sale. Some will be frozen and can be used for future events.

Notification of the death of a former District V Chairperson's husband was given to the club and Chris had Marcia Beasley introduce Lisa Drum of the Floral City 4-H club who requested guidance for a garden that the 4-H group is planning for a local daycare center. They have workers but if our club has plants that we can share and/or work with them as they plan this garden next spring. They'd like to have the garden awaken the children's sense of smell and touch as well as being visually attractive. Diane Little is interested in working with this group and the request will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The Secretary reported that she had corrected an error in the minutes that were sent via email and that was approved.

Donna Thomas, Treasurer, told the club about the additions and subtractions from our treasury with \$4, 356.86 being the balance brought forward.

Vice-President Judy Lane reminded members of the Field Trip to Midway Nursery that is planned for Monday, December 10, 2012. We will meet behind the Community Building at 9AM to car pool. Wear outside clothes. Lona Bassett reported for the Decorating Committee with Chair Diane Freund's message that 72 bows have been purchased for Heritage Days decorations and 38 bows, 4 wreaths and more garlands are yet needed. These materials are being purchased with funds from both the Garden Club and the Floral City Heritage Council. Amber Persyn mentioned the talk to be given by Cynthia Barnett on October 15, from 6-9PM at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park Headquarters on US 19. Ms Barnett has written books giving information about difficulties that the state of Florida is having with keeping our waters clear, clean and available for our citizens. She encouraged us to attend this meeting.

Lynn Bassett discussed some of the items that were in the October Garden Guide that is sent via email. The floral designer for the month had a hand operation and was unable to do her design.

The Roadside Beautification (Pickup) is set for November 27, to clean up the roads before Heritage Days. Please put this on your calendar. More people are needed to cover all of the roadsides that are in our care.

A request was put out for a member to represent our club at the FCMA since we are members. Sharon Thompson will check her schedule to see if she will be able to fill this post.

A request for a committee to discuss and define a policy for including our non ambulatory members in our yearbook—if they choose to be included. Cathi Ayers, Donna Thomas, Marcia Beasley and Lynn Bassett agreed to work on this committee.

Lona Bassett was given the Petal Power award for this month for outstanding work on this year's yearbook. Reminders were given about the District V meeting on October 15, 2012, and the State Convention, April 28-30, 2013, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:20PM.

Lynn Bassett
Secretary

MEMBERS
SIGN IN SHEET
OCT 12TH 2012

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Kathy Hoffmann
ANNE PROPP
CAROLE BAKER
MELODIE HENDERSON
Diane DOWTHITT
CAROLE DELISLE
DONNA THOMAS
CHRISTINE HARNDEN
Bill Ferguson
Lenny Ayers
Marta Bradley
Pattie Barber
Shirley French
Betty Kette
Sue McCalfe
Lynn Newbury
Pattie Ayers
~~Mary~~ Mary Sullivan (Visitor)
Cathy Ayers
Kathy Keel
Aunt De Lu
Amber Peryn
Dottie Sherman
Diane Little
L. Bassett
Travis Thompson

GUESTS
SIGN IN SHEET
OCT 12TH 2012

MARY SULLIVAN WITH BETTE AYERS
Lisa Daughn

NOVEMBER MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club's November meeting was held on the 9th of the month at the Community Center in Floral City with thirty-five members and three guests attending. The hostesses served a patriotic delicious light luncheon while members and guests enjoyed visiting together before the meeting was called to order by the President, Chris Harnden. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the club collect and the Invocation by Terry Newberry was given before Jane Weber's talk on Azaleas and Camellias.

Jane mentioned the three types of camellias: reticulata, sassanqua and japonica as well as mentioning some different types of azaleas: Fashion, red ruffles and the very large growing types. She also mentioned the new ever blooming Encore azaleas which she finds to do very well here in Florida. Many questions were answered and we were very glad to have the advantage of having such good information about plants that are staples for Florida landscapes.

After the program was a short break and the door prizes were given.

At 1:40PM Chris called the meeting back to order and welcomed three guests with two new members, Mary Lou Eaton and Loretta Pratt. They were given a welcome package from the club. Thanks were given to the Hostesses and Greeters and Birthday greetings were sung to our November birthday people.

Queries about the missing Hibiscus painting and the club's tea service were raised, information about the Christmas luncheon to be held at the WithLa Popka Community Center was given and about the Luminary Art Walk. The Art Walk will be Nov. 9, from 6-8PM and a donation jar for the Santa Workshop at E-Nini-Hassee will be out on the table where cookies and drinks will be available for attendees. *at the Heritage Museum*
Having a business card for club members was also discussed. Lona Bassett has an app which enables the cards to be printed but a design is needed. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

After meeting clean up crews are needed to leave the building in good shape after we use it. This will relieve the hostesses from having to be both early for set up and late for clean up. January members to help are Judy Lane and Barbara Trimble, February's members are Susie Metcalfe and Diane and Bette Welty. March members are Bill Ferguson and Lona Bassett. April member signed up is Donna Thomas.

The Secretary's minutes which we sent out online were corrected and approved. A printed copy of the minutes is on the information table at each meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given with \$4,356.86 brought forward and the ending balance of \$4,268.86.

Several members or spouses have been ill and they were mentioned to have get well wishes sent to them by the Corresponding Secretary. A mention was made of where people could send donations for the people in New Jersey and New York who are suffering with the losses from the Sandy hurricane.

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Judy Lane reminded club members of the Field Trip to Midway Nursery on December 10, with the meeting time of 9:15 AM at the parking lot behind the Community Center.

Diane Freund, Decorating Chair talked about the meeting time on November 26, for putting the bows on the trees and decorating the pavilion. Please be at the Community Center at 9AM. Several donations from club members have helped with having plenty of garlands and wreaths for decorations. These donations are greatly appreciated. The signup sheet was passed around for help in scheduling the decorating. The plastic hooks for the trees aren't in yet so when they are available they will be exchanged for the metal hooks that have been being used to hold the bows on to the trees. The club does not want any lightening to hit the metal hooks and damage the beautiful old oaks!

Under Horticulture Lynn Bassett, chair, had posed a question about Camellias in the Garden Guide and Susie Metcalfe answered the question and received a small prize. Donna Thomas then presented an excellent program on Chrysanthemums. Donna was very funny as she described some of her frustrations as she was growing these attractive autumn flowers! Chrysanthemums vary greatly in size and type but often in Florida they can be difficult to grow or to re-bloom after the first year. Often the size of the later blooms is much smaller than when the plant was purchased. Heavy fertilization MAY be the answer to obtaining larger blooms. Donna is considering having mums just for the season and enjoying them while they last.

Cathi Ayers, chair of the Special Committee about Perennial Friends gave a report of the committee's meeting. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting but the report specified qualifications for inclusion as a Perennial Friend and how the club would go about finding members who would be interested.

Marcia Beasley showed members the new pamphlet for the Memorial Garden that she has prepared. This pamphlet tells about the garden and encourages people to donate money to the Garden Fund in memory of a loved one or in honor or someone. The money is used to purchase plants or supplies or help to keep the Memorial Garden healthy and attractive.

Under Ways and Means the Door Prize committee requests a week's notice if a member is donating something for the door prizes. Donations are appreciated but the committee would like to have a certain number at each meeting.

Under Unfinished business the recommendation by the board to not pay for lunches was discussed. Members were reminded to submit receipts to the Treasurer, Donna Thomas, and the Tip Jar Money will go into the treasury for use in paying the club members' bills. The Tip Jar will be passed around the room rather than having it on the serving table. There was discussion but no action taken on the board's recommendation.

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Diane Freund reported for

Sharon Thompson, the club's representative to the FCMA, reported on the results of the Bikes-N-Bar-B-Q. There were between 12-14 vendors and 200 plates of bar-b-q were served. That was the result of a lot of work by many groups. The FCMA is sponsoring the Luminary Art Walk to be held Nov. 9, 2012, and Dudley Calfee is the new president.

More discussion about donating plants for the 4-H garden in 2013 will be held when the group has some idea of what plants they will be using in the garden(s). Diane Little will work with the group helping design the garden(s).

New business opened with a motion by Lona Bassett that we "appoint a committee to look at organizational problems that could be corrected by adding standing rules and revising the existing by-laws." The motion was seconded by Diane Freund and after discussion the motion passed. Lona Bassett will chair the committee. Volunteers were Sandy Van Tassel, Donna Thomas, Lynn Bassett and Marcia Beasley.

The April Annual Plant Sale dates were discussed but not set. April 6, or April 13, are the possible dates. The need for an overall Chairman was mentioned but with no takers. Publicity for the sale needs to have the dates for inclusion in newspapers and other media.

A question of using the large "Christmas card" in front of Amanda's house was raised and the general consensus was to use the card this year and to consider having another made for next year or to sponsor a card.

Some announcements were made about area garden club trips and tours that our members might want to take and reminders of the FFGC State Convention to be held in Ft. Myers in April.

The Petal Power award was given by Lona Bassett to Diane Freund for her "pedaling back and forth between North Carolina and Florida with bows and garlands by the hundreds" for the decorations for Heritage Days. A lot of work has been done by Diane.

Adjournment by the President at 3PM.

L. Bassett
Secretary

Nov. 9, 2012

Member Sign in Sheet

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Mirko Henderson
 Denis Schomig
 Bill Ferguson
 Gene De Lisle
 Diane Leonard
 Bev Rabideau
 Karen Savola
 Sandra Van Yassel
 Anna Thom
 Sheila Finck
 Duane Finck Jr.
 Patricia Barber
 Lona Bassett
 Christine Handge
 Betty Butler
 Diane Dowthitt
 Larry Newberry
 Patty McClendon - Guest?
 Susie Melcalfe
 Victoria Montag
 Alice Wells
 Louisa Pratt - new
 Judy Lane
 Barbara Trimmer
 Mary Lou Eaton - new
 Diane Little
 Peggy Tattilo
 Joan Krugger

Jimmy Anderson
 Ron + Edling Reichelderfer
 Amber Persyn
 Carli Ayers
 Sandy Neal
 L. Bassett

DECEMBER, 2012, MINUTES

The Floral City Garden club had a Christmas luncheon at the With-La-Popka Community Center for its December meeting. Chris Harnden, President, called the meeting to order shortly after noon and after the Pledge, Club Collect and Blessing of the Food by Cathi Ayers, Chaplain, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal from dishes brought by members.

During dessert time a skit was presented with Cathi Ayers as Narrator, Joan Knippen, Director and Writer, and members of the club representing flowers of each month with costumes and hats exemplifying each flower and the qualities that have been associated with it. There were some shy flowers who surprised us at the end of the program and each month's representative did a good job. The hats were fabulous and the skit was enjoyed immensely by the attendees.

After a break Chris recalled the meeting to order, thanked the With-la-popka Center for allowing us to use it, acknowledged members' December birthdays and named the guests that attended. She discussed the \$247.50 which was collected for the Santa's Workshop gifts for Camp E-Nini-Hassee, told of circumstances which allowed her to purchase around \$600 worth of items and how 19 girls wish lists were completed. All of the co-operation and donations are appreciated and Chris, personally, wanted to thank club members.

The next board meeting is to be held at Chris's house at 10AM on January 7. It is an open meeting.

Appreciation was given to Eding and Ron Reichelderfer for opening their nursery for the field trip on December 10. Around eight members made the trip and found some wonderful plants. Thank you, Ron and Eding.

The Minutes were approved with the corrections made and the Treasurer's report given. \$4,168.86 was brought forward and after expenses the ending balance was \$4,110.36. Donna mentioned how she was noting the club expenses for the gloves for new members.

Mention was made of members Carol Hart and Janis Lehowitz who are in Arbor Trails Rehab Center and would appreciate cards and prayers and visits.

Susie Metcalfe was introduced as the new Chair of the Roadside Cleanup committee and everyone was reminded that the next clean up date would be Monday, January 21, 2013. We meet at the Duval Island Parking Area at 9AM. Wearing sturdy shoes and having a rolling garbage can would be recommended. Pik-Sticks and extra large garbage bags are provided, but if you have those and can bring them it would help.

Undecorating the town will be on Wednesday, January 3, 2013, and if anyone can stay later and help with working on repotting the large containers at the vet's office, it would be appreciated.

L. Bassett moved that April 6, 2013, be set as the date for the Annual Plant Sale. Cathi Ayers seconded and the motion passed. Anne Propp and Lynn Bassett will put together a job description for Plant Sale Chair and get it to members so that we can encourage someone to become the Chair of this important fund raiser.

The Petal Power Award was given to Amber Persyn by Diane Fruend acknowledging her hard work in helping with the town decorations and many other areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 2PM.

Lynn Bassett
Secretary

Attendees ✓ 30

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Carol McQueen (guest)

Cary

Virginia Bruner } (G)
 Karen Gavela }

Jeggy Pattels

Joan Kruppen

Wayne & Shita

Alice; Greg Webb

Paula Crew - ^{Guest}

Loletta Platt

L. Bassett - guest - HDB

Amber Persyn & Harvey

Bea & Elmer Robideau

Srinda & Duane Finch Sr.

Marcia Bearly

Tory Montag

Bette Ayers

Suzie Metcalfe

Diane Little

Cathi Ayers

B

Christie Haucke

Donna Thom

(G) Beryl Jean Thompson

Lona Bassett

Cathy De Lise

Diane Freund

Mildred / Jensen

Sandra Van Hoosel

~~Carol~~

Carole Baker

(G) Anita Shepard

Diane Rowlett

Ron + Eding Reichelderfer

3 husbands (not mine)

6 guests

35

30 members