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*A GARDEN TOUR WITH HISTORICAL OVERTONES
including art, music and chocolate-tasting*

SATURDAY, MAY 19

10:00 - 4:00

AND

SUNDAY, MAY 20

NOON - 4:00

Tickets: \$20

Advance Tickets: \$15

Floral City's popular Garden Tour returns with a new twist! Each of the eight distinctive gardens will feature historical highlights of the area. Local artists will display and have art for sale. In the Heritage Museum tour patrons will be treated with a delightful selection of chocolate desserts to sample along with music and an opportunity to explore the museum.

*For ADVANCE TICKETS contact Marcia Beasley @ 726-7740
DAY OF TOUR - purchase at the Floral City Community House
Orange Avenue in the Town Center*

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WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL FUNDRAISER EVENT!

Profits from the Garden Tour will support the community projects of both the Floral City Garden Club and the Floral City Heritage Council.

Garden Club projects include maintaining community gardens, sending children to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Camp Wekiva, providing one or more college student scholarships in the amount of \$500 - \$1000 and planting replacement oaks along the historic "Avenue of Oaks."

Heritage Council projects include design and construction of new exhibits in the museum, hosting the annual Heritage Days event the first Saturday of December and supporting community historic preservation.

Our most grateful appreciation goes out to the homeowners, the artists, the musicians, sponsors, volunteers and exhibiting organizations and businesses who have donated their time, service and hard work to make this event a success.

Tour Committee:

Garden Club co-chairs:	Cathi Ayers Patricia Neel
Heritage Council co-chairs:	Marcia Beasley Frank Peters
Garden Docent co-chairs:	Lynn Bassett Amber Persyn

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. YOUR TOUR TICKET IS REQUIRED FOR YOU TO ENTER EACH GARDEN.
2. Each guest will be provided with 3 individual tickets to be redeemed at the chocolate-tasting.
3. The chocolate-tasting will be from 12 - 4 Saturday and from 1 - 4 Sunday.
4. You may visit gardens in any order.
5. RESTROOMS are available in the Community House.

Thank You for Coming!

*We Hope You Enjoy Your Tour
As Much As We Have Enjoyed
Planning It*

THE GARDENS

In line with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs goal "to cooperate with other organizations in the furtherance of Federation objectives," the Garden Club has joined forces with the Heritage Council for this tour. This partnership has been a rewarding experience for members of both organizations.

The tour includes three favorite gardens from previous years, as well as five new gardens. The properties range from single residential lots to small acreage.

HISTORICAL OVERTONES

As you enjoy your tour, be sure to take a moment to read the information displayed on podiums near the entrance to each garden. These displays describe the background and historical interest for each location.

The research for and creation of the historical displays are provided courtesy of the Heritage Council.

**GARDEN 1 – 8050 S. BEDFORD ROAD
OWNERS: HARVEY AND ASTRID DUNN
ARTISTS: FLORIDA ARTISTS GALLERY**

Situated among the pines, this stately two story home was built in 1907 as a Field House for owners and stockholders of the Mutual Mining company to meet and do business. Entering through the jasmine-covered arbor, guests are actually approaching a side-entry to the home. Roses, hydrangeas and flax plants shield the base of the house. Following the bricked walkway around to the front entrance of the home, a variety of potted plants, especially herbs, can be seen. Wander around the west side of the house and come up the back steps to a flagstone courtyard graced with impatiens, begonias, tea olives, bromeliads and more. Admire the fence-line bed as you leave this lovely garden.



GARDEN 2 - 8481 E. ORANGE AVENUE
OWNERS: GENE AND AMANDA MULLEN
ARTIST: AMANDA MULLEN



Many locals know this property simply as "Amanda's Garden" where the Mullens' generously open their gardens during Heritage Days the first Saturday each December. A wayside seating area, lush with foliage and colorful blooming plants offers a spot for passersby to rest. Just beyond this is an almost-hidden vegetable garden. The elevated garden outside the entry porch is a feast for the eyes as well as for butterflies and hummingbirds. Beyond the camellia grove planted by her mother - or through the first wooden gate - Amanda's creativity is evident high and low and in hidden corners, around a pool, along curving pathways, through a maze of gates. Unusual exotic plants and less common varieties of familiar ones abound.

GARDEN 3 - 8560 E. ORANGE AVENUE
OWNERS: BILL AND JANET WEBER
ARTISTS: FLORIDA ARTISTS GALLERY

In the very heart of old Floral City, shaded by two of the ancient oaks, sits one of the community's most beloved historic homes. Entering the property at the back of the house from the side street (Carmen), the owner constructed (picket-by-picket) fence surrounding the vegetable garden is an eye-catcher. Wander through themed gardens around the west side of the house to appreciate the streetside views where a grove of camellias, which Bill grafts himself, offer winter blooms, and mature azaleas bordering the sidewalk hearken springtime each year. The frontyard fountain garden is home to coonties, gallardia, shrimp plant and snapdragons.



GARDEN 4 – 9230 E. KENOSHA COURT
OWNERS: DOUG AND TRINA WELIN
FEATURED ARTIST: RALPH FLEMING – BASKET-WEAVING



Along the Welins' front walkway, guests are welcomed by coral honeysuckle climbing the lamppost, bromeliads, tri-color ginger and knockout roses leading to the entry way fountain. Hidden around a back corner of this lakefront home, Trina's Butterfly Garden has been lovingly created to provide host as well as nectar plants to a wide variety of butterflies. She also provides "nursery" protection from predators for caterpillars. In addition to the focal butterfly garden, the Welins' home features orchids hanging from and shaded by a large ligustrum, a staghorn fern mounted to a trellis, and numerous varieties of gingers and bromeliads.

GARDEN 5 - 9130 E. BELLA VISTA COURT
OWNERS: BILL AND SUSIE METCALFE
FEATURED ARTISTS: ALIDA LANGLEY - QUILTS

The Metcalfes have created gardens and landscaping to include a wide-ranging variety of seasonal annuals, perennials, decorative grasses, Florida native plants, fruit trees, palms and vegetables. A wisteria arbor supports two different varieties with roses banking the arbor base. Stone borders, large rocks, shells and other unusual pieces add decorative interest. The vegetable gardens begin inside the screened pool area and extend outward in a series of terraced beds. From the brick walkway, a pine bark path framed by a grove of cypress invites a visit to the dock.



GARDEN 6 - 9041 BELLA VISTA COURT
OWNERS: FRANK AND PHYLLIS PETERS
FEATURED ARTIST: DIANE CALFEE - PHOTOGRAPHY



Enter the picket-outlined gateway to arrive at this three acre haven which elicits a special sense of serenity. With waterfront on three sides of their property, the owners, who are committed to protecting the environment, have cleverly and artistically applied conservation techniques with considerable thought given to preservation of the shoreline. A short way inside the entry is the raised vegetable garden enclosed with wire farm fencing where the summer garden has recently been planted. ~ Don't miss the sheltered fern, low ginger and bromeliad garden nestled under oak trees at the far left of the property when facing the water. The Peters have planted over 100 trees of many in the 10 years they have owned this property, creating a lovely park-like setting.

**GARDEN 7 – 9097 E. BELLA VISTA COURT
OWNERS: LAURIE AND CAROL KANKA
ARTIST: CATHERINE UNDERWOOD – STEPPING STONES**

Concealed behind a row of male holly trees and crepe myrtle and beyond the formal landscaping of this home is a well-orchestrated example of how to landscape when building codes require that a house lot be raised above the flood plain. Besides the specimen plants which include a 25-year-old Ti plant brought from Hawaii, this property features stone steps situated in terraced mondo grass leading through a bank of Asiatic jasmine, a side bank of more than 30 varieties of day lilies and a screenroom where, instead of a swimming pool, the owners created a protected garden area accented by a fountain. A plant propagation area is maintained in an attractive manner by placement of starting pots in the ground.



GARDEN 8 - 8140 S SHADOWBRIGHT PLACE
OWNERS: KAREN STRECKER AND HANK FELIE
ARTIST: CHRISTINE RANDLE - ORIGAMI



The first owner of Shadowbright, Edward Porter St. John, gave it this name after walking under the old oaks in the moonlight. Even the dappled sunlight during the day reflects the appropriateness of the name. The stone cottage, the garage and the main house are nestled in a myriad of island gardens featuring many new plantings by the owners of less than a year, as well as ferns, bromeliads, bamboo, azaleas, and gingers planted by previous owners. Experience the enchantment of Shadowbright!

THE HERITAGE HALL MUSEUM AND COUNTRY STORE

The Floral City Heritage Hall Museum is located at the Town Center, one block east of U.S. Hwy. 41, 8394 E. Orange Avenue. Floral City Heritage Council has developed this Old Floral City Fire Station into a museum, which is managed by Council volunteers.

The first gallery is devoted to old, historic photographs of the area, some from the mid 1880s. Small exhibits on the history of the 127-year-old "Avenue of Oaks", and on an estimated 1,000 year old cypress tree, also, may be viewed.

The second gallery features the current rotating exhibit, "*Phosphate Discovery: The Gold Rush of Florida*," a diorama of the village as it looked 100 years ago and the '56 Pineola Train Wreck exhibit.

A Library/Media Area has comfortable seating for viewing DVD histories and for researching from books, photos and papers or just for visiting.

A stroll through the Museum's Country Store is a trip to the past providing an opportunity to purchase unique items reflective of the diverse history in our area.

Every Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. volunteers staff the Museum and Museum "Country Store" Individual requests to open the museum at other times are welcomed. Contact Frank Peters at (352) 860-0101 or the-fchc@hotmail.com and visit www.floralcityhc.org

THE ARTISTS

Thank you to all of the artists whose time, effort and talent have provided additional interest to our tour.

Florida Artists Gallery www.floridaartistsgallery.com

Gallery phone: 352-344-9300

- **Ann Covington** – watercolor and acrylic paintings, greeting cards
- **Barbara Kerr** – watercolor paintings, greeting cards
- **Elvira Kuchling** – Stained Glass
- **Joan Swetland** - watercolor and Pysanky (Ukrainian eggs)
- **Linda Ryan** – Wire Sculpture Jewelry
- **Lois Moore** - watercolor and acrylic paintings, greeting cards
- **Nadina Piehl** - etched glass
- **Susan Strawbridge** – watercolor paintings and greeting cards

Alida Langley - Quilting and sewing arts

352-726-1989

angel955@embarqmail.com

Catherine Underwood – stained glass design in stepping stones and benches, birdhouses

637-1937 Floral City, FL 34436

ARTISTS – CONTINUED

Christine Randle – Origami

352-795-3905 Crystal River, Florida

csrandle@me.com

Diane Calfee - Photography

813-967-5580 PO Box 175 Floral City, FL 34436

www.dianecalfeephotography.com

Ralph Fleming – Basket-Weaving

352-564-0295

Rfleming2@tampabay.rr.com

MUSICIANS

Special thanks to the musicians for providing an extra touch of ambience for the chocolate-tasting:

Saturday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

"Double Trouble"

Jim Davis

Cellist

Mariah Dixon

Violinist

Sunday, 1p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dorothy Wilson

Concert Pianist

COMMUNITY HOUSE EXHIBITS

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations for providing exhibits in the Community House during the tour:

The Buttonwood Bonsai Club

Debe's Garden – Herbs

Earthworm Castings Organic Fertilizer

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Keep Citrus Beautiful

**Little Red Trucking, Mushroom Compost and
Mulch**

Michael Harnden, Certified Arborist

Pay It Forward Foundation

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Note: **You may visit gardens in any order you wish.**
CH = Community House

DUNN: 8050 S. Bedford Road - From the CH, head west to the traffic light and proceed through the light to a stop sign. Turn left on Bedford and follow the road as it curves back to the right. Dunn house is on the right just before the road curves again back to the left.

MULLEN: 8481 E. Orange Avenue – From the CH, turn right on Orange Avenue from Old Floral City Road. **You may park in the fenced yard of the first home (Heritage House Bed and Breakfast) on the left (North) side of the avenue.** The Mullen house is the next house east of the B&B. **This home is also within walking distance from the CH.**

WEBER: 8560 E. Orange Avenue -The Weber home is approximately a block east of the Mullen home on the south side of the avenue. It sits on the corner of Orange and Carmen, which is a side street available for parking. Or, you may walk from parking for the Mullen home or the CH.

WELIN, METCALFE, PETERS, and KANKA: All of these homes are on Duval Island. From the CH, head east on Orange Avenue one mile to the first left after exiting the oak canopy – Orange Avenue To Duval Island Drive. After crossing the bridge at the boat ramp, continue on Duval Island Drive.

WELIN: 9230 E. Kenosha Ct. Turn off Duval Island Drive onto Grove Circle, which forms a T with Kenosha Court. Follow Kenosha to the cul de sac. The Welin home is on the left side of the court.

METCALFE, PETERS, KANKA – All three of these homes are at the very end of Duval Island Drive through the gate to Bella Vista Court, approximately 2 miles from the bridge.

STREAKER/FELIE HOME: 8140 S. Shadowbright Place – From the CH, head east on Orange Avenue which becomes CR 48 to Daniels Road – the first road to the right after leaving Floral City. Shadowbright Place will be the first dirt drive on the right.

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Susan Prinz, The Gardening Artist
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MAP of GARDEN LOCATIONS

The Floral City Gardens

The numbers on the map are for location only. You may visit the gardens in any sequence you wish.



1. Dunn Garden: 8050 S. Bedford Rd.
2. Amnada's Garden: 8481 Orange Ave.
3. Weber Garden: 8560 Orange Ave.
4. Welin Garden: 9230 Kenosha Ct.

5. Metcalfe Garden: 9130 Bella Vista Ct.
6. Peters Garden: 9041 Bella Vista Ct.
7. Kanka Garden: 9097 Bella Vista Ct.
8. Streaker Garden: 8140 Daniels Rd.