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Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon by President Donna Thomas. Twenty-one members and one guest were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all members.

Happy birthday was sung to members who have birthdays this month.

Donna thanked Peggy Blevins and Ginny Bruce for hosting and Dottie Andrews and Jody Cradlebaugh for greeting.

- Kathy Lingusky asked if there were any changes or corrections to January's meeting minutes. There were none, so minutes will be filed as they are.
- Donna introduced Sandy Doughman as our new Treasurer. Sandy then read the Treasurer's report for the month of January.
- Mary Graff talked about Green Isle Gardens Nursery, handed out forms to give members an opportunity to order before the plant sale, and explained special pricing for members. Members were given a few minutes to fill it out. A potting party date was set as February 23rd, 9:00 am, at Kathy Lingusky's house.
- Sign up sheets for plant sale set-up and plant sale were passed around.
- Donna presented gloves in case anybody needed any.
- Donna talked about the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs annual convention. The dates are April 23 and 24. All information necessary to sign up can be found in the publication, The Florida Gardener. Information for the workshops is on the FFGC website.
- Flyers for the plant sale will be available for pick up after the meeting.

Program followed, Fun with Flowers, presented by Donna Thomas.

The business meeting resumed after the program activity:

- Anne Covington with the Florida Artists' Gallery approached Donna and asked if it would be possible to have Club members help them with cleaning up their property on after the freeze. The date would be February 24. The Club uses their greenhouse to store plants for the plant sale, so it was decided, after a discussion, that this would be do-able. Several members committed to help.
- Donna brought up the possibility of applying for a grant from the Florida Native Plant Society. This grant would be \$300 to be used for planting a native garden in Citrus County. One of the requirements would be ongoing care and watering of the garden. It was proposed that we might be able to put a small garden in front of the post office in Floral City. After a discussion, it was decided to table this item and re-visit it at the March meeting. This will give members a chance to think about it.
- The menu for the May luncheon has been set: Strawberry fields salad, fried chicken or grilled fish, roasted potatoes with garlic, roasted zucchini, and blueberry cobbler. The price will be \$16 and the deadline for reservations will be April 27th. Donna will be sending out emails with all the information.
- As a result of a mis-communication, there was no plant for the raffle. It was decided to raffle off a free membership for next year instead, and Shiela Finch was the winner.

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Announcements:

- The next Board meeting will be Monday, March 5, at 10:30 at Donna's house.
- The next general meeting will Friday, March 9. The program will be "Growing Cactus and succulents", presented by Paul Duchesneau.
- Flex time activity next time will be making bug spray and Miracle Grow.
- Plant Sale set-up will be March 23rd.
- The plant sale will be March 24th.
- The next Roadside Cleanup will be Wednesday, February 28, 9:00 am, at the Duval Island boat ramp parking lot. Please let Susie know if you will be able to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm.

Submitted by Kathy Lingusky, Recording Secretary