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Having held more than 20 annual plant sales, the FFGC Floral City Garden Club claims that this year's Plant Sale was the most attended, most sold, and best organized and most profitable.

A steady crowd of customers pulled up to the Plant Sale site ready to learn about the best plant to select for a specific area and they purchased a broad variety of trees, shrubs, bedding plants and specimen plants.

A majority of the club members were there to set up, assist customers and fold up the tents at the end of the day.

"We could not have had the success we did," said Plant Sale Chair Janie Stewart, "without the use of the Floral City Church of Christ pavilion and lot. They gave us electricity, water, use of the restroom



Photo courtesy of Marcia Beasley

A record number of shoppers visited the FFGC Floral City Garden Club's annual Plant Sale recently to select the best plant for a specified location as described to the club member who helped shoppers with their plant selection. The club is grateful to the Floral City Church of Christ for the use of their large pavilion and to Floral City nurseryman Clint Collins for the large truck full of plants he donated from his nursery. The club claims it was their best sale yet!

and mowed the area prior to the sale."

She continued her praise, "Nurseryman Clint Collins of Floral City is our staunch supporter. This year he gave us a very large truck load of plants. Color Country Nursery,

Canterbury Farms Nursery and Green Isles Farm Nursery all gave us good wholesale prices on the plants we obtained from them for resale. It all worked out to be a very successful event

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and we are grateful to all who provided assistance."

The majority of the Plant Sale revenue is put back into the community by maintaining five highly visibility landscape areas in the downtown area and at the east entryway into the village. A standing goal is to "Keep the Floral in Floral City."

Club members will hear a detailed accounting of the Plant Sale success at the Friday, April 8, monthly meeting at the Community House in the Town Center at noon. This will be preceded by a social gathering at 11 a.m. and a luncheon at 11:30.

Program for the month will be presented by arborist Eric H. Hoyer. Hoyer is a SAF-certified forester

and certified burn manager with the Legacy Forestry Services, a Division of Natural Resources Planning Services Inc. This program is open to the public and free of charge. Questions concerning care and preservation of our local trees are welcome.

President Carol Wood will remind the members of the upcoming Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Convention at Kissimmee

on April 12-14 at which District V is the host; helpers are still being accepted. Call Donna Thompson, District V director, at 352-391-0347 to help. District V spring meeting will be in Lecanto on May 11 and the National Garden Club Convention will be in Orlando May 15-19.

New and long-standing residents alike are welcome to attend and join the club. All who join the club until

May 11 will not be charged for this year's membership. Current members who have not paid dues for the coming year – June 2022 through May 2023 – are encouraged to renew at this meeting.

For more information about the FFGC Floral City Garden Club and its activities and accomplishments, visit www.floralcitygardenclub.com or call President Carol Wood at 813-235-3917.