



Members of the Floral City Garden Club are captured here taking a break from maintaining the Floral City Community Garden. This Garden is one of six landscaped areas in Historic Floral City that is planted and cared for by the Garden Club. Left to right is Lynda Hood, Carol Kanka, Kelley Wood, Skip Lamoureux, Janie Stewart, Ralph Johnson, Marcie Mason and not pictured Chris McIntire who took the photograph.

PETSCAPING: KEEPING PETS SAFE IN THE HOME LANDSCAPE

Beginning the second Friday of September, the Floral City Garden Club will be getting back into the swing of monthly meetings. The 2022-23 meetings will begin on Friday, 9 September with a social gathering at 11:00 am in the Community House in the Floral City Town Center. Ralph Johnson will greet all attending. Donna Thomas and Carol Kanka will host the member/guest Potluck Luncheon at 11:30 and the public program will begin at 12:00 noon. The program is titled: “Petscaping: Keeping Pets Safe In The Home Landscape.”

The Garden Club extends a special “thank you and welcome” to volunteers of the Okaloosa County Master Gardeners. They will be presenting a subject matter that may often be overlooked when planning and maintaining the home landscape. The question being, “Is the landscape pet friendly?” The program highlights common pet-toxic plants as well as other things to watch for when maintaining the home landscape such as fertilizers, mulch, compost pile, etc. We have not seen this topic discussed and are looking forward to becoming informed on how to protect our furry loved ones.

Co-President Janie Stewart will be reviewing the many projects the members have been to accomplish over the summer and presenting plans for the coming year. The Club is very active in maintaining the six community landscape areas in town. Those areas include the Flowers and Fountain at the corner of US 41 and CR 48, the Trailside Butterfly Garden beside the Withlacoochee State Trail the Floral City, Community Memorial Garden on the west side of the Library, The Gateway Sign area at the east end of Orange Avenue and the National Hernando De Soto Marker at the Duval Boat Ramp Parking Lot. This early summer the Club added a new landscape area and that was the sign at the Historic Duval-Metz House on the corner of Orange Ave and Old Floral City Road.

Pay a visit to the Inverness Depot on Saturday, 10 September when the Chronicle will be holding its Annual Home Show. They have invited the Floral City Garden Club to participate. The Club will be offering advice on care of plants and seeking new members and donations for their many community projects. In return, they will be giving donors a potted plant.

New residents and long-standing residents alike are welcome to attend the meetings and programs and to join the Club and help “Keep the FLORAL in Floral City.” For more information about the FFGC Floral City Garden Club and their activities and accomplishments visit www.floralcitygardenclub.com or call Co-President Janie Stewart at (954) 557-5982.