

# BLOOMING TALES

## from Terrific Ten

March, 2019



Direct from the Director: Lynn Jones

### PLEASE WELCOME CAROL COLEMAN AS DISTRICT X DIRECTOR

Carol Coleman of Wellington Garden Club will be installed as our District Director at the FFGC Convention in April, 2019. Please consider attending this annual convention, and don't forget the District X party in my room immediately before the Tuesday, April 9 Installation Banquet! Details are on our District X Website and the FFGC Website. I am registered under my first name, which is Margaret.

### SPRING DISTRICT MEETING AND FFGC DUES

Oleander Garden Club is hosting the Spring 2019 District Meeting at Benvenuto's Restaurant in Boynton Beach on Thursday, April 25. Please support your new District X Director as well as this small club. Information is on our District X Website. And here is this Director's last dues reminder: FFGC dues are due to FFGC by June 1, 2019.

### OCEAN RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

Ocean Ridge Garden Club of Ocean Ridge has re-joined District X and FFGC. Founded in 1966, the club has installed native plantings at the entrance of their Town Hall, established the Town Hall Library and Town Koi-Pond, and placed epiphytic dollar and butterfly orchids throughout the hammock. The club recently wrote and published Gardening Guide for Living on the Barrier Island in 2017.

Immediately after joining in January 2019 they held a well-attended fundraiser gala and will install a Blue Star Marker on Memorial Day at their Town Hall. District X welcomes this active club to our District, bringing our club total to 17!

### FINEST FRIENDS GOD CREATED

When this director joined West Palm Beach Garden Club in 1999 and began attending District X meetings and FFGC conventions, she first heard the phrase "Finest Friends God Created" (which comes from the initials: FFGC.)

Twenty years later, these same words were spoken at our recent garden club meeting: "Finest Friends God Created." How true that is! These garden club friends have supported me through thick and thin, and my District X friends, old and new, have been amazing.

Your director is so grateful! So please remember that phrase: "Finest Friends God Created," as you experience these same moments of gratitude for your garden club friends.



*These and many more are the FINEST FRIENDS GOD CREATED!*

# Garden Club of Ft. Pierce: Conserve, Grow, Share!

by Dotty Greene

Our club theme this year is Conserve, Grow, Share. This unifying motif is blooming each month with the efforts of our leaders and the teamwork of members.

In order to CONSERVE, we must be knowledgeable. Monthly speakers have given us lessons on bonsai, hibiscus, crotons, and native plants.

We'll look at butterflies and moths this month for a March flight of fancy.

Conservation was a highlight of our activities with the City of Ft. Pierce's Great American Clean-Up.

We participated in a tree planting and toured the new water management area, complete with floating islands to filter toxins. Of course, helping with refreshments was the opportunity to be sweet to volunteers.



**Members toured the Indian Hills watershed, celebrating conservation with the Great American Clean-Up.**

We'll offer sweets again after we dedicate a new Blue Star Marker on March 16. With thanks to our Veterans, we will recognize the enormous personal investment of our servicemen who protect our beautiful country. Awareness of their individual sacrifices reminds us that it is imperative to conserve our nation's resources.

Spring is in the air, but GROW is what we do all year long!



**Tree planting at the Great American Clean-up/Arbor Day event unified Ft. Pierce Police Chief Hobley-Burney, Mayor Linda Hudson, past president and Keep FP Beautiful member Shirley Walker, GCFP president Blanca Rancourt and past president and Keep FP Beautiful member Janie Zeeck.**

Our junior gardener team has been working with growing boys. Exciting activities include making pollinator pots, beneficial insect release and using the tools received as a result of the NGC coordinated Ames Tools grant.



**Sonja Femison coaches junior gardeners as they CONSERVE, GROW, SHARE.**

Members also look to small growing things for inspiration, like the Kokedama workshop - interesting, challenging and a ball

of fun for all! We enjoy studying the things we grow by using them in designs. A workshop led by our own member Jeannette Waltz was a great way to grow our creativity! The annual MEGA sale offered loads of our home-grown plants and allowed our treasury to fund our activities.



**Maggie Cook took to small growing things for inspiration, like the Kokedama workshop - interesting, challenging and a ball of fun for all!**

SHARE is the part of the theme that allows us to extend our reach. Some of our members volunteer at Hospice and Heathcote Botanical Gardens regularly. We were happy to give to Heathcote at Christmas by volunteering for the Garden of Lights and decorating the Pioneer House for the event. By noticing beauty in our community we nominated commercial neighbors who shared their handsome gardening with the community and won the Unsolicited Landscape Award.

Up and coming... We invite you to SHARE with our local garden related non -profits at Plants in the Park on April 27th. Buy some plants from our group or another. Enjoy a plant -related boutique. When you have time, please catch us on Facebook and see what we are sharing there. We hope you will be inspired to CONSERVE, GROW, SHARE!

# Garden Club of Indian River County scores successful Gardenfest!

by *Julie Eisdorfer, President*

Once the holiday hubbub calmed down, all hands were on deck working to ensure that the Garden Club of Indian River County's annual Gardenfest! was a smashing success.

On Super Bowl weekend, February 2 and 3, Riverside Park was packed with throngs of happy gardeners with wagons and arms full of beautiful plants and garden accessories. Both days provided interesting topics including how to grow orchids in your backyard, keep bees, grow and cook with herbs and rejuvenate your garden at the *Ask The Experts* tent.

Shortly the planning will begin for next year's event with co-chairs Barbara Russell and Karen Vatland scouring the south to bring together the highest quality vendors available for one of the largest free and friendly garden events in Florida.

Proceeds from Gardenfest! help fund the club's student scholarships and civic development programs aimed at enhancing and preserving Indian River County's scenic beauty.



After many years without one, we are now pleased and proud to have an official Junior Garden Club, in conjunction with the Vero Beach Elementary after school program and the Master Gardeners of Indian River County.

Youth Chairwoman, Fran Robinson meets with enthusiastic 4th and 5th graders each Wednesday to garden, cook and LEARN!

Our 9 circles have all been busy. Making wreaths for Meals on Wheels families, and corsages for the ARC Snowflake Ball, and a tending butterfly garden at a senior housing facility are just a few of the worthwhile activities the members have been involved in.



**Officials - Gathered in front of the Blue Star Memorial Marker dedicated at Vero Beach City Hall on Friday Feb. 22, 2019.**

We also dedicated our Blue Star Memorial Marker at Vero Beach City Hall, the first in Indian River County! More than 75 people, including District X Director Lynn Jones and FFGC Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairwoman Rosita Aristoff, were on hand to participate in the dedication of the marker and listen to the moving military tribute offered by Col. Tony Young, U.S. Army Retired, and a Vero Beach Councilmember, and the stirring renditions of the National Anthem and God Bless America.

Happiest of all on the sunny afternoon was GCIRC Blue Star Memorial Marker Committee member Ann Weir who began the fundraising for the marker at her 95th birthday party last year. How wonderful to see this

# *Piper's Landing past president will be new Assistant District X Director*

by *Rosilynn Barone, President*

We are both pleased and proud that our past president and founder Michelle Maguire has accepted the position of Assistant District X Director! She has a wealth of knowledge to share. We wish Michelle the very best in this new endeavor.



Our January program on floral design, "Creating a Simple Centerpiece" was led by member and floral design consultant, Lois Acinapura. It is our largest event in our program calendar with over 40 attendees. Lois makes floral design fun and easy!

February highlighted Rubin Moran, owner of Matthew landscaping with an extremely informative program on "Bromeliads in the Landscape".

Some members will attend a Mount's Botanical Garden field trip in March where there is a Stickworks exhibit, "Twisted" by Patrick Daugherty on display.

The season has again flown by and it's been interesting, informative, and most of all fun!

# Garden Club of Stuart's Secret Gardens Tour to showcase six unique gardens

by *Sandy Decker*

The Garden Club of Stuart has been busy in the last few months planning our biannual Secret Gardens Tour, "Garden Breezes."

Sandhill Cove Retirement Community generously hosted our Kick Off Party. Six unique gardens at private residences will be showcased March 23 and March 24 with a bonus walk through Possum Long Nature Center.

Many Garden Club members participated at the Stuart Art Fest and Home & Garden Show to give information to the public about the "Garden Breezes" Tour and also to create interest in the Garden Club.

Our club's Arbor Day celebrations

were "Tree"mendous! Martin High School and two Grade schools participated in the festivities with trees planted and seedlings sent home in eager hands.

A New Member Brunch was recently held to acquaint new members with Officers and Committee Members. This was an informal exchange of information held at Sailfish Marina.

The Annual Luncheon on April 1 will celebrate members' achievements, recognize the 4 Scholarship Recipients and Outstanding Student, and have the Installation of New Officers

Our thanks to all outgoing Officers and Chairs as the 2019-2021 Incoming Officers and their designated Chairmen come on board. Congratulations!

# Saint Lucie West GC enjoyed a busy and enjoyable February

by *Co-President Cheri Mabry*

February has been a very busy month for the Saint Lucie West Garden Club.

Two of our members went to Camp Wekiva for Leadership Training.

We participated as a sponsor at Botanica, Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens' Annual two day Plant Sale.

Then on Feb 19, 2019, we hosted our annual fundraiser, Springtime in Paris Fashion Show & Luncheon. 155 ladies enjoyed the afternoon at the Legacy Golf and Tennis Club. Fashions were presented from Patchington and So Unique located in the Harbor Bay Plaza in Stuart. Five of our members were models.



*Co-Presidents Cheri Mabry (L) and Pam Allen (R)*

# Boca Raton GC holds "Mother Goose Flower Show"

The Boca Raton Garden Club held a Flower Show with the theme of "Mother Goose" on March 1 and 2. Turnout was fantastic, and member participation was very high.



Flower Show Chairman, Rebecca Stallard, said, "This flower show is our gift to the community. The attendance and feedback we received made all the hard work worthwhile. People told us that they were amazed at the horticultural offerings - they didn't realize so many different plants could be grown in their backyards!"

Nancy Richards, BRGC President, went on to say, "It was rewarding to see strangers come into our club, look at the flower show displays, then start taking pictures! We invited them back to our next meeting and other club activities, so we hope to garner some new members, as well as interest in gardening in South Florida!"

# Wellington GC, Oleander GC and Pine Jog Environmental Education Center donate to Habitat for Humanity homes

Last July, Lisa Ferrano and Linda DeSanti of Wellington Garden Club and Linda's grandson, Brent helped with landscaping at two Habitat Homes in West Palm Beach. Both homes were built entirely by women as part of Habitat's Women Build program.



The landscaping included two Bahama Strongbark trees donated by WGC and planted in honor of the NGC Flower Show judges who judged the entries in WGC's Flower Show last April.



***Brandy Jordan and her daughter, Destiny, in front of the tree planted by Lisa, Linda and Brent.***

Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches donated two planters, filled with pollinator-friendly native wild flowers.



Pine Jog Environmental Education Center personnel created a native tree and shrub landscape plan and supervised/participated in the landscaping of both properties using money from a special grant obtained by the Pine Jog EEC.



***The home is ready for its new family!***

On Saturday, August 11, 2018 following the dedication and blessing ceremonies, two very excited, happy families moved into their new Habitat homes. The homeowners also received hose reels and hoses donated by NGC, FFGC and Ames Tools. Barbara Hadsell coordinated the donations. Many thanks to all who participated.



***The Auguste family in front of their home shown above***

## Habitat for Humanity

At Habitat for Humanity, we know that families in your community and around the world have the potential to stand on their own. All they sometimes really need is a helping hand, a way to help themselves so that they can build that better life.

There is no typical Habitat family. The families who partner with us to build and improve places to call home come from a variety of backgrounds and are selected at a local level. We partner with teachers, musicians, policemen, pastors, office workers and more. The basis for a family's selection is their level of need for better housing, their willingness to partner with us and work alongside volunteers, and their ability to pay an affordable mortgage.

# District X Environment Chair Revisits Fracking in Florida

by Diane Rice



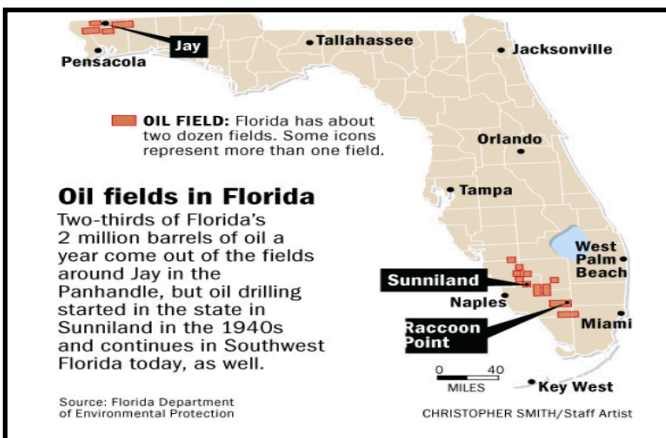
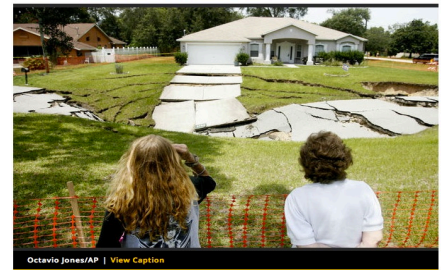
Florida's Limestone - above and below



I have a dream ..... that one day the state legislators would vote into law against all fracking and well stimulation processes ( which includes matrix acidizing and dissolving rock with acid ). Note only New York, Vermont and Maryland have enacted state bans on fracking according to US News as reported by Curt Anderson on March 11, 2019 -- see <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/florida/articles/2019-03-11/senate-panel-votes-to-ban-some-forms-of-fracking-in-florida>.

According to Noah Kuger- M.S., P.G. in his report, "Geology of Florida: Challenges and Risks of Unconventional Oil Exploration" most of Florida sits on sand, limestone and dolomite (as shown in the pictures on the left ) and that this geology is instrumental in providing the groundwater that 93% of all Floridians depend for drinking water. And so if you were to open an oil-capped well and put water, sand and toxic fracking fluids into the well that uses a well stimulation process that breaks up the existing limestone ....then you might sink the ground into a sink hole. Can a company actually create new sink holes in their endeavors to extract minerals from Florida ??? That is what has happened in a Tampa suburb and most believe it is due to Mosaic who operates one of the world's largest phosphate mines.

As shown in the adjacent right picture sink holes causes a drop -<https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/USA-Update/2014/0721/Sinkhole-in-Florida-In-Sinkhole-Alley-another-massive-one-swallows-a-street>. In spite of this and other incidents in FL Sinkhole Alley -- Mosaic is still in operation. Let us now visualize not a phosphate company but oil companies who want to eventually use fracking / well stimulation processes to extract the remainder oil in trapped limestone and continue operations even when households believe their operations cause sinkholes. Just like the instance of Mosaic --- you probably will not be able to get them to stop extracting the minerals - i.e.oil.



The Conservancy of Southwest Florida located in Naples, FL ( <https://www.conservancy.org/our-work/policy/eye-on-the-issues> ) states on the " Eye of the Issues" page : that the state's oil reserves are 1/10th of 1% of the total US oil reserves. Further, the quality of the oil in the Sunniland Tread is poor and not typically used for gasoline and therefore is not worth the risk to our water resources to utilize fracking / water stimulation processes in Florida.

On March 11, 2019 US News report that " Senate Panel Votes to Ban some Forms of Fracking in FL" . "You can't call it a ban unless it bans all forms of fracking," said Kim Ross, executive director of Rethink Energy Florida. "This is a risky proposition" says Democrat Senator Kevin Radar of Boca Raton while Republican Senator Doug

Broxson of Pensacola says, " We have to have that oil production". And now Florida judges ( see: <https://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20190205/court-clears-way-for-everglades-drilling> ) say that decisions have to be made based on Florida law and that FL Dept of EPA improperly relied on an unadopted rule which would prohibit all exploratory drilling in the Everglades. Wait ..... Everglades is a National Park and does this new ruling mean that oil companies can go ahead anyway and drill for oil if we do not get State Law prohibiting it ?

At this point, I want to say that all is not lost when citizens ban together at their local city and county commission meetings to stop the oil permits from being issued. According to Broward County News Release on January 26, 2016 - Broward County banned any type of hydraulic and acid fracturing. It took 10 years for New York state to ban fracking. It took going to local as well as state meetings, making phone calls, writing emails, protesting and being organized to effect change. And just as it happened in New York it can also happen here in Florida I ask that you start by always responding to those Action and Environment Alerts on your emails as we are one of the largest voluntary organizations in FL. Let's share this dream and do it for our children. For more info please visit: [BanFrackinginFL.com](http://BanFrackinginFL.com).

# Don't miss your opportunity to stop the roll back of waterways protection across the nation

On February 14, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officially published its proposal to roll back protections for waterways across the country. Now we have less than 60 days to make our voices heard to protect our water from this Dirty Water Rule.

When finalized, the Dirty Water Rule would replace the Obama-era Clean Water Rule, which helped protect the drinking water of 117 million Americans.

Our rivers, lakes, and bays depend on the streams that feed them and wetlands that filter out pollutants.

Yet the Trump administration's rule would remove Clean Water Act protections for thousands of streams and wetlands.

And it could get even worse: the EPA could rip protections from nearly 60 percent of our nation's streams, putting the drinking water for millions at risk.

The EPA is only giving Americans until April 15th to speak out against the most sweeping attack on clean water in recent memory. And the clock is ticking.

Let's stand up for clean water.

We know that we are louder together, which is why we need to submit as many public comments as possible. Public comment periods are a powerful opportunity to speak out. Each comment is entered into public record, meaning that the concerns raised have to be addressed.

Address your concerns to:  
*Environment America, Inc.*  
1543 Wazee Street, Suite 410,  
Denver, CO 80202,  
(303) 801-0581  
or  
*Federal Advocacy Office: 600  
Pennsylvania Ave SE, Suite 400,  
Washington, DC 20003,*

## 5th annual tree planting at Peaceful Waters Sanctuary in Wellington

*by Kathy Siena - Event Organizer*

Wellington Garden Club and many volunteers planted about 500 various native trees/shrubs along the pathways of Peaceful Waters Sanctuary on Saturday, September 22, 2018 starting at 8:30 AM. The Village of Wellington's Landscape & Urban Forestry Operations staff had 500 holes pre-dug which made it much easier for the volunteers to place the seedlings into the ground. We planted 200 Simpson's Stopper (*Myrcianthes fragrans*) tree seedlings, 100 Myrsine (*Rapanea punctata*), 100 Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*), and 100 Firebush (*Hamelia patens*) seedlings.

This was the Club's 5th Annual Tree Planting event. For the previous 4 years, native trees and shrubs such as Florida Cypress

and Mahogany, were placed along the walkways and waterline at the Wellington Environmental Preserve on Flying Cow Road. We try to coordinate this wonderful community-wide event on National Public Lands Day (NPLD), which is celebrating 25 years of planting and growing resources around our nation. Resilience and restoration of our natural resources is the focus of the National Environmental Education Foundation which created NPLD Day. Wellington Garden Club is nationally registered each year on the National Public Lands Day website.

We were happy to have these very enthusiastic volunteers which included the Boys and Girl Scouts, the Cub Scouts, local High School students

and teachers, Village Council members, St Peters Church pastor Mark Caldwell, our District X Director, Lynn Jones and WGC Volunteers to this yearly event. We were able to get the job done in about one and one-half hours! It was a beautiful, sunny and clear day.

The Village of Wellington has as their focus and goal to maintain the beauty and nature of our surroundings, especially in our nature preserves, by continuously adding native plants, trees and shrubs to the environment. A Proclamation of the event was presented to WGC and read by the Village Vice-Mayor. Wellington Garden Club is honored to be able to give back to our Village in this way as a show of our thanks for a beautiful community to live in.

# Exotic plants are starving our birds

*By Kat Rahla*

Birds need insects to survive. According to entomologist, Doug Tallamy, 96% of land birds are dependent upon insects and spiders for their survival. Native plants (plants that were here before European contact) supply food for our native insects. They are a critical part of our food web. Insects feed on plants. Plants have the right chemical compounds that our native insects have adapted to. The insects eat the leaves and other plant parts. Birds are dependent upon the carotenoids in plants but cannot metabolize the plants themselves. Carotenoids provide immune support, improve sperm production, and enhance birds color which makes them more attractive to potential mates. Baby birds must have soft squishy insects as they cannot eat seeds. Ounce for ounce caterpillars have twice the protein of meat. Growing baby birds need this protein and lots of it! It may take as many as 9000 total caterpillars to raise a clutch of chickadees.

Non-native (alien, exotic plants, plants that have been imported from other places) do not have the chemical makeup that support native insects, therefore are little more than a food desert for wildlife.

Exotic plants = no insects. No insects = no birds.

Some exotics have toxic chemicals that are harmful to insects. One example is the showy red passion vine (*Passiflora coccinea*) which has toxic chemicals that will kill

caterpillars that eat the leaves. Caterpillars are virtually poisoned to death by this plant. Native passion vines contain a level of toxins with which 3 of our native butterfly caterpillars have evolved. The zebra longwing (*Heliconius charithonia*), gulf fritillary (*Agraulis vanilla*), and julia (*Dryas Julia*) all feed on passion vines. Native passion vines insure they are getting the proper food.

By planting exotics (plants that are not native to this area) we are starving our wildlife of vital food. Not only that, we may be encouraging non-native insects that have inadvertently been introduced to our area. One example is the non-native white fly. One species, the ficus white fly has become very destructive to the common exotic ficus used for hedges. This has caused many homeowners and HOAs to apply toxic chemicals that are harmful to our environment. These chemicals will also kill beneficial “bugs”.

Exotic plants = unwanted pests = toxic spraying = killing beneficial insects.

Consider replacing these exotic plants with native plants. Jamaican caper, native crotons, and firebush are a few alternative choices. These plants will add food and shelter for wildlife and are low maintenance. You will find the more diversity you have in your yard the more you will minimize pests and feed the birds.

One of the best trees for insects is the oak tree. Oaks provide

food for over 500 larval species of caterpillars. It is a feeding “hub” for wildlife, but you don’t see the damage to the trees as birds keep the populations under control. In contrast, crepe myrtle provides almost nothing to the food web. By adding native plants to your landscape you can help ensure the food supply for birds and other wildlife.

Start by adding a few natives where you can, then consider removing exotic plants where possible and replacing with natives. Little by little we can make our yards and gardens bird friendly and that equals human and pet friendly!

For more information read *Bringing Nature Home* a book by Dr. Douglas Tallamy, this book is required reading for the FFGC Environmental Studies class.

Buy plants sourced locally, avoid big-box stores

Some local sources are:

Meadow Beauty nursery 561-601-9673

Indian Trails nursery 561-641-9488

Native Choice nursery 561-756-4370

Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC) is a great resource for plants for your area by zip code. [www.regionalconservation.org](http://www.regionalconservation.org)

Google IFAS native plants for more information for links to native resources.

Or contact me, Kat Rahla, [missinglilacs@aol.com](mailto:missinglilacs@aol.com)

Boynton Beach Garden Club

Presents

## ‘ART IN BLOOM’

A fun flower show where fresh flowers  
interpret colorful art of the  
students from Plumosa School of the Arts

Friday, April 12, 2019 a special evening reception  
from 5:00 – 7:00

And Saturday, April 13, 2019  
10:00 – 5:00

Vote for People’s Choice



Schoolhouse Children’s  
Museum & Learning Center

129 East Ocean Avenue  
Boynton Beach, FL

561-736-2909 or 561-779-8777

# FFGC District X Spring Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2019

## Spring Into Action

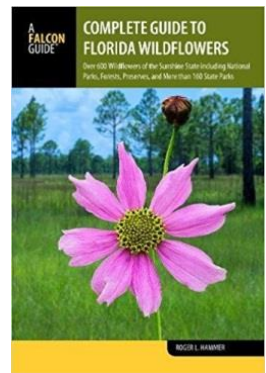
YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THESE TWO OUTSTANDING

### GUEST SPEAKERS

#### Roger Hammer

**"Creating Natural Corridors for Birds & Butterflies"**

**ROGER IS A NATURALIST, PHOTOGRAPHER, SPEAKER AND AUTHOR RECOGNIZED BY THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY AND AUDUBON SOCIETY WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS. HIS INFORMATIVE AND HUMOROUS PRESENTATION WILL FOCUS ON THE ROLE OF HOME GARDENS IN CREATING HABITAT AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS FOR BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES, MOTHS AND OTHER URBAN SPECIES.**



#### Mayfair Hydro

**"Designs from the new Flower Show Handbook"**

**MAYFAIR IS A NGC ACCREDITED LIFE JUDGE WITH SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE IN DESIGN AS WELL AS ORCHESTRATING FLOWER SHOWS TO INCLUDE SIX YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE METROPOLITAN MIAMI FLOWER SHOW AND SEVEN YEARS WITH THE FFGC MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SHOW AT EPCOT.**



### **Benvenuto Caterestaurant**

**1730 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY**

**BOYNTON BEACH, FL 33458**

**HOSTED BY OLEANDER GARDEN CLUB OF THE PALM BEACHES**

**CHAIRMAN: BARBARA MADSELL, 561-635-8809, CALL OR TEXT**

**SEE INTERACTIVE FLYER AND REGISTRATION FORM FOR DETAILS**

**[WWW.DISTRICTX.ORG](http://WWW.DISTRICTX.ORG) UPCOMING EVENTS—SCROLL DOWN TO APRIL**

**COST: \$41 DEADLINE TO REGISTER: 4/18/19**

*Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.*  
**DISTRICT X SPRING MEETING**

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APRIL 25, 2019

***“Bulbs and seeds may create our gardens, but Youth helps them to grow”***

**To:** All District X Garden Club Members, Circle and Club Presidents, District X Officers and Chairmen, former NGC & FFGC Officers and Board of Directors & former District X Directors

**Host:** Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches: Chairman Barbara Hadsell

**Location:** Benvenuto Caterestaurant, 1730 North Federal Highway, Boynton Beach, FL 33458

**Program:** Roger Hammer presenting “Creating Natural Corridors for Birds and Butterflies” and Mayfair Hydro presenting Designs from the new Flower Show Handbook

**Cost:** \$41.00 includes meeting program and lunch

(See [districtX.org](http://www.districtx.org/upcomingevents.html) for registration form and speaker biographies) <http://www.districtx.org/upcomingevents.html>, Scroll to April

**Registrar:** All reservation forms and check must be received by April 18, 2019 (checks for \$41.00 made to the Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches) must be sent to:

Tula Villavaso  
268 Flamingo Drive  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

**Time:** Registration and Refreshments: 8:30 A.M.

Business meeting 9:30 A.M.

**Call to Order:** 9:30 A.M.

**Menu:** Food Choices: Chicken Breast Marsala, Seared Salmon with white wine & dill sauce, Vegetable Penna

Dessert Choices: Seasonal Fruit Plate, Warm Chocolate Lava Cake

# Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and the University of Florida Short Course Bees, Butterflies and Blooms June 9-11, 2019 Gainesville, Florida

## Program:

**Sunday, June 9, 5:00-7:00PM** Registration & Welcome Reception. Spring Hill Suites-Marriott. View Bats Leaving Bat Houses on UF Campus at Sundown (Transportation on your own.)

**Monday, June 10, Morning:** Bus Tours to UF Bee Research Lab and UF's Butterfly Rainforest.

**June 10 afternoon:** at the Gainesville Garden Club 1350 NW 75 St., Gainesville, Fl. 32605. Sessions on Attracting Butterflies and the Wings over Florida Project; Pollinators and Native Bees; Invasive Exotic Plants Identification: Concerns and Control.

**6:00 - 9:00 PM** (Separate Registration required) Dinner and Design Program by Elaine Parisi at Gainesville Garden Club

**Tuesday, June 11: 9 AM-3 PM** Sessions on Native Plants for Your Landscape; Florida Wildflowers; Florida Friendly Landscaping and Your HOA; Caladiums: Their History and Use in Your Garden; Including Edibles in Your Landscape

**Lodging:** Spring Hill Suites-Marriott 4155 SW 40 Blvd. Gainesville, Fl. 32608. 352 376-8873 \$104.00 per night for King or Double suites. Use code FGCC for group rate until 5-11-19

Be sure to indicate "FFGC/UF Short Course" Ask for Marcia or Lynn

## Registration: Deadline May 31, 2019 (Limit 100)

*Please Print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_ Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check All That Apply

FFGC Past President \_\_\_\_ Exec. Board \_\_\_\_ MasterGardener \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

All Categories Includes the Welcome Reception on 6/9, bus travel, Monday & Tuesday lectures and lunches.

\_\_\_\_ \$75 FFGC Members

\_\_\_\_ \$95 Non Members

\_\_\_\_ \$40 FFGC Members 1 day \_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_ Tuesday.

\_\_\_\_ \$55 Non-Members 1 day \_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_ Tuesday

\_\_\_\_ \$35 Dinner and Design Program by Elaine Parisi, Monday Evening 6:30-9:00 PM.

This is a National Garden Club Approved Tri-Refresher: (\$5 fee per area collected when registering)

Check all applicable if renewing: Environmental \_\_\_\_ Gardening \_\_\_\_ Landscape \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_ Check #

## Make checks payable to District V FFGC/UF Short Course

Mail to Rose Kimlinger, Registrar 1046 NW 125 Drive, Newberry, Fl. 32669 rmkimlinger@cox.net 352 332-3577 Florence Cline, Chair ladybugflorence2@gmail.com 352 332-2309