

BLOOMING TALES

from Terrific Ten

March, 2018



Direct from the Director: Lynn Jones

Here is another beautiful edition of Blooming Tales from Cyndie Sable, editor of Blooming Tales and Mary Scheitler, proofreader and distributor. They couldn't do their jobs without articles cheerfully written by District X Club Presidents and Chairmen in the midst of all their responsibilities. Thank you all very much. This District Director hopes that reading our Blooming Tales District X Newsletter gives members ideas and possibilities for each club's unique make-up.

As you know, FFGC dues are due June 1. Each Club President has been given specific payment guidelines from both this District Director and Leia Ward, FFGC Headquarters Manager. As has been emphasized, all communications from FFGC HQ go to the Club Presidents only. The Club President then distributes them to the proper person in their club.

This may be the time when some club members question the importance of being affiliated with FFGC and District X. Look no

further than District X's Tropical Short Course! Where else can participants enjoy 6 lectures and 2 floral design demonstrations at a very good price, surrounded by numerous shopping possibilities and like-minded people.



Go to districtx.org and scroll to "Upcoming Events" and "Educational Opportunities" to see what is offered near and far for members of FFGC and District X. Both District X and FFGC have Committee Chairmen for a variety of activities; these people have been selected to advise us in their respective fields and are anxious to share information. District X Chairmen can be found on districtx.org under "District X Directory."

Our Spring 2018 District Meeting is coming up on Thursday, April 12, 2018, sponsored by Piper's Landing Garden Club at Piper's Landing Yacht and Country Club in Palm City. (See the Registration Form in this publication and note

the deadline.) This Director was treated to a lovely lunch at this club, newly refurbished and very elegant. The members of this small, new club are delighted to host this event and show off their facility and the hundreds of orchids placed in trees by the garden club members throughout the gated community.

The speaker is Carol Cloud Bailey, a popular local columnist who has been in the gardening industry for over 30 years. Please arrive early as each driver must produce their driver's license to enter the gated community.

This Director has attended several events since December 2017 which have been thoroughly enjoyable. Our star event was the Tropical Short Course/Tri-Refresher held for 62 years this year and chaired by Donna Berger, Kathy Siena, and Nancy Richards. Thank you, ladies, for attracting 190 participants to two days of knowledge and fun. District X clubs have held luncheons, fashion shows, plant and antique sales as well as bus trips and "Art in Bloom," and the season is not yet over! Three District Flower Shows are planned for April - find information in this newsletter!

St. Lucie West GC's Fashion Show enjoys success at new venue

Tropical Short Course – was attended by six of our members who helped set up and distribute lunch for all attendees. The speakers were exceptional and Mounts allowed us to view their special sea trash art exhibit called “Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea.” It was really something to see!

Our Luncheon and Fashion Show on February 27, “Fun at the Beach,” was the biggest fund raiser of the year. It was hugely successful! It was attended by 170 women (including Lynn Jones, our District X Director) at our new venue, The Legacy Golf and Tennis Club. Anthony's provided the fashions.



District X Director Lynn Jones and St. Lucie West Garden Club President Pam Allen

The Clewiston Chamber of Commerce treated us to a full day's tour of the Sugar Cane fields. We actually saw (close up) the burning of a section of a field of sugar cane (which is required before harvesting). Then we saw another field which was being harvested with their computerized machines. Never realized how big an operation this was. Highly recommended to any club who hasn't done this trip. There was no cost involved; they provided transportation and



Christina Mann (garden club member) and her friends enjoy fashion show.

a lovely lunch as well.

We are looking forward to having Patrick Dempsey speak about begonias at our March meeting, and on April 5, our members will take a trip to Al's Family Farm to take a tour of a citrus growing and packing plant in Ft Pierce.

Our Master Flower Show Judge, Bea Cooper, will teach us how to make a floral arrangement on a candlestick at our April meeting.

Every year we participate in Earth Day festivities at Oxbow Eco Center, and we always have a great time with the children by providing an interactive craft project relating to ecology.

The last event this year will be held at one of our member's homes, Margo Kelly's farm in Ft. Pierce. We have an annual pot luck lunch and clothing auction. Each member brings up to 5 items from their closet (in good condition) to auction off starting at \$1. We usually raise about \$150, not to mention the fun we have! This money goes to Camp Wekiva and all clothing not sold is donated to a local women's shelter.

Tropical Heat Wave comes to South Florida



No, it's not a strange weather event that is bringing a Tropical Heat Wave to South Florida next month- it's the Wellington Garden Club's NGC Standard Flower Show at the Mall at Wellington Green on April 14 from 10 AM to 7 PM and April 15 from 10 AM to 5:30 PM.

The show promises to be filled with exquisite floral designs, incredible horticulture, botanical arts, education and youth entries that convey the essence of the tropical paradise in which we live.

Some of you in District X clubs have already entered in both design and horticulture, but for those who haven't done so yet, you still have time. Entry deadlines have been extended until all classes are filled so check out the show schedule at www.wellingtongardenclub.org.

To enter Horticulture, fill in the Horticulture registration form posted on the website and send to the address on the form. For Design, contact Caroline Kessman, Design Entries Chair at ckessman@gmail.com or call 561-324-8320 to check availability.

Boynton Beach Garden Club finishes busy year with Spring Tea

by *Mary Scheitler*

Our final meeting of this year is May, closing with the installation of our new officers, a potluck luncheon, and remembering what an active year we had. We will also meet twice this summer for lunch to catch up on what we've been doing. We had 7 new members join the club, bringing our count to 48.

Some of the programs throughout the year included one on orchids for our gardens, another on the Everglades Restoration program, Bromeliads, Growing Roses in south Florida, and Farmer Jay.

Our annual bus trip this year was to the Fruit & Spice Park in Homestead along with two other stops. We had several 'carpool' trips, too: one to Kravis to see the "King & I," Tim Hadsell's Gardens, and Solid Waste Authority Tour.

Our third "Fun with Flowers" was a success, and those who attended went home with a lovely arrangement that they made themselves.

"Art in Bloom" was again held at the Children's Museum, with an evening reception and all day on Saturday, where 12 members created floral arrangements that were inspired by children's paintings. This is always a fun event.

Each Saturday after

Thanksgiving we visit Rustic Retreat, a retirement home for veterans, bringing them each a poinsettia, along with donuts, and any magazines or books we collected from members for them. We also participate in Wreaths across America in December, held at the South Florida National Cemetery.

Each year we do a member's garden tour, visiting three different gardens. BBGC also participated in Boynton Beach's annual parade in December.

On March 14, Boynton Beach Garden Club will have celebrated our club's 80th Anniversary. Arrangements were made for a lovely luncheon at Benvenuto's. One activity the committee had arranged for us was playing plant bingo. This has been planned as a special celebration for our members for a fun afternoon, no work involved, other than the committee's wonderful job of planning. We look forward to many more years of our involvement with FFGC.

Our last event, another fundraiser, is our "Spring Tea," coming up on April 11. The cost is \$15, and we prepare everything. Just let us know you'll be attending and we will set everything up for you and your guests. The registration form is on districtx.org and a flyer/registration is also in this

newsletter. We realize it is the day before the district meeting, but we assure you that you'll have a fun afternoon and all you need to do is just bring yourselves.

We thank the current officers, especially our President, Joan Grace, for all they've done the last two years, and look forward to another amazing two years when our new officers will make their plans; and we thank our members for their participation to make our club the success it has become.

Another successful Tropical Short Course!

We were very pleased with the turnout at Tropical Short Course on January 23 and 24, 2018. There were 201 registered, and we hope that all who attended enjoyed the speakers, lunch and the exhibits at the Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County.

The Tropical Short Course Committee thanks all the clubs for helping to make this event a success. Check out the pictures that were taken on Wednesday and Thursday on our District's website: www.districtx.org.

Keep an eye out for the 63rd Tropical Short Course in 2019. Donna Berger, Chairperson
Kathy Siena, Assistant

Garden Club of Fort Pierce blooms

Thanks to many hands, GCFP has recovered well after a vandalism incident on 12/26 which made our building unusable. In fact, with the support of the City of Ft. Pierce, creative club members and garden friends like you who wished the club well, GCFP is blooming again!

Members worked hard to adjust planned activities, giving the City enough time to find the precise materials to repair our historic building. The City even provided a new carpet- what a great post-Christmas gift! They also generously cooperated when our ingenious president Janie Zezeck requested the use of the Ft. Pierce Yacht Club for the Penny Decker design presentation sponsored by the Judges Council (scheduled for our club house). We'll be giving back to the City of Ft. Pierce with an upcoming luncheon for all Public Works employees plus participation in the Great American Cleanup and Arbor Day activities. Much appreciation to all who helped us!

With Valentine's Day in sight, some of our group ventured to Coastal Wholesale Flowers to see what exotic flowers might be available. Members came back with beautiful components for designs, creatively inspired. A stop for lunch "with a West Palm view" was a crowd pleaser, too.

Regular meetings included the study of bees with Andy Harrell of the Treasure Coast Beekeepers. It was fascinating to learn about the many species, their habits and adaptive skills. In February we were thrilled to learn about Begonias. Patrick Dempsey inspired every member with his witty explanation of



Treasure Coast Beekeepers President Andy Harrell, GCFP 2nd VP Sonja Jemison and Asst. Treas. Vivian Kobe hold the key to a sweet life- honey!



Getting ready for April 28th Plants in the Park! Sonja Jemison, Janie Zezeck work with newer members Maggie Cook and Anne Kern to prepare items for sale.

begonia care and his generous cuttings and plants for sale. What a treat! Ongoing projects with Hospice garden, scholarship committee and junior gardeners are continuing with dedicated workers planting seeds for growth.

Speaking of growing, a propagation workshop took place in February - mostly outside - to



Getting ready for April 28th Plants in the Park! Vivian Kobe digs in to propagate!

protect the new carpet. Those plants plus others from previous workshops and members' gardens will be on sale at our annual Plants in the Park, Saturday, April 28. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. a dozen non-profit plant-related societies will have plants for sale, information booths and raffle items available to raise funds for their projects. This year we will also have a boutique indoors with garden items for sale. Please mark your calendar and plan to come see us!

West Palm Beach Garden Club joins Facebook and paints rocks to entice new members

West Palm Beach Garden Club, in keeping with the District X Director's focus to promote membership, has done several things that it has never done before to attract new members. First of all, WPBGC is now on Facebook! WPBGC members also painted rocks with the club's address on the back of the rocks (thanks to St. Lucie West



GC for inspiration!), and has continued their "Yard of the Month" sign award to a worthy landscape in West Palm Beach with a WPBGC contact phone number on the sign. (We discovered that a letter to the yard owner was better received than a knock on the door!) The recipients have been thrilled to be honored for their hard work in their yards.



The club has enjoyed guided tours of the "Washed Ashore" Exhibit at the Mounts Botanical Gardens in West Palm Beach and of FPL's Manatee Lagoon in Riviera Beach. They have sent monetary donations to Gene Joyner's "Unbelievable Acres"

Garden Club of Stuart celebrates 80th anniversary

The Garden Club of Stuart has been observing its 80th Anniversary at the General Meetings with historical tweets and informational insights that recount the founding days. The Annual April Luncheon will be a celebration that will culminate this event. The luncheon will be held on the former property of the founder and 1st President of the Garden Club of Stuart, Mrs. Leach, with a tour of her former home, The Mansion at Tuckahoe, now on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Satin Leaf Circle recently received a Proclamation from the Town of Sewall's Point recognizing their community service in designing, planting, and maintaining the median of a traffic circle. This energetic group of



members beautified a barren area that is now enjoyed by their community.

A Horticultural Course recently concluded after a series of 4 workshops. The workshops were planned and presented by a group of dedicated members. The programs included South Florida Horticulture Basics, Field Trip to the Master Gardener Shade House, Winter Vegetables & Herbs; Native Pollinators and Succulents & Bromeliads.

A recent Arbor Day Program gave out 250 seedlings at a local school. Also 6 trees were planted with students and teachers looking forward to the shade that would be provided in the future.



Left to right: Carol Carnevale, Irene Simpson at "Washed Ashore" Exhibit at Mounts

and the Palmetto Elementary School Butterfly Garden, both West Palm Beach gardens hard hit by Hurricane Irma.

The club has continued its monthly work at the Palm Beach Zoo. The club helped fund and plant the Zoo's Butterfly Garden 10 years ago, and Sandra Arlund has recently received the Zoo's "Quarter Century Award" for 25 years of Volunteer Work where she has worked on horticultural projects as well volunteering at various areas of the zoo. Sandy is also President of the Begonia Society of the Palm Beaches.

Piper's Landing GC plants orchids to beautify their city

by Rosilynn Barone, President

Piper's Landing GC was pleased to support Florida Arbor Day as we gathered to plant a pink weeping hibiscus in our community.

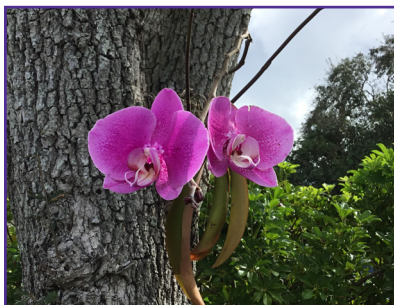
Our very well-attended January club program was Floral Design V conducted by member and floral designer, Lois Acinapura.

In February, several of the members participated in the community's Bi-Annual Art Show displaying both beautiful art pieces as well as floral arrangements.

Also in February, our newest Master Gardener, Jackie Valentine, conducted a most informative program on "Florida Friendly Landscaping". We look forward to a field trip to explore McKee

Botanical Garden in Vero Beach in March.

Club members completed the last installment of our 2-year



garden club special "1,000 Orchid Project" to beautify Piper's Landing. Orchids are our passion, and many can be seen peaking out of the crooks of trees along streets and walking paths.

Their gentle beauty enhances our community.

It is truly an educational experience on many Saturday mornings to join past-president Michelle Maguire with ladders and fishing wire to learn planting and installation techniques of several different types of orchids.

District Director Lynn Jones was hosted for lunch recently in preparation for the Thursday, April 12th Spring Meeting "Orchids & Opals".

She took time sharing ideas for the upcoming meeting and viewing not only our Orchid Project but our busy butterfly garden as well.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Want to become a judge for the Green School Recognition Program?

FAU's Pine Jog Environmental Education Center held a workshop in February to train individuals who would be judges for the Green School Recognition Program for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Approximately fifty people were in attendance, of which several were from Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' District X. The coordinator of the Green School Recognition Program, Lauren Butcher, was the presenter and, once again, did an exceptional job of explaining the program and its purpose.

The process to become a Green School is quite extensive. First, a Green Team at a school must be assembled to document all of their green initiatives. Second, personnel involved in the process must attend a workshop to learn how to become a Green School. Last, they need to submit a completed application to FAU Pine Jog to be considered for

Green School Recognition and special awards. All public and private schools in Palm Beach and Martin counties are eligible to apply.

The Green School Recognition Program is coordinated by FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center and partners with Palm Beach County and Martin County school districts.

New to the Green School Recognition Program is the Green School Ambassador Program, which will provide an experienced mentor to help a school achieve their green school goals.

Over \$13,000 in cash prizes is awarded annually to the top Green Schools. These schools are also eligible for Green Seed Money which are grants up to \$300 that are awarded the following fall of each school year to help pay cost of their projects.

In May, the annual Green School

Awards Event is held to recognize schools and their achievements, each receiving a certificate and banner. Participants are also eligible to win \$500 awards for Green Student, Green Teacher and Green Principal of the year.

This program has proven to save schools money, increase employee retention and create an overall sense of well-being in a school. The Green School Recognition Program also encourages students to take responsibility and become environmentally conscious citizens.

Over the ten year period since this program began, it has gone from 20 schools submitting applications to 110 schools in 2016 - 2017. It recognizes schools that are making strides in school grounds enhancement, school sustainability, curriculum integration, community partnerships and administrative support.

Help the environment by redoing your garden with Florida native plants

We have lost so much of our native Florida landscape due to development. This is happening all over the world. It is naive to expect wildlife will survive without places to live, and without food supplied by plants. If we look at the food web, we see that removing any one part makes a dramatic change in the outcome.

By removing a large chunk of that web, and substituting exotic plants and exotic insects, it is easy to see that we could be making a catastrophic error. Insects eat plants or other insects, and pollinate our plants. Birds eat insects and so on.

Now, take a wild area, level the plants to the ground and remove them. Build houses and pave over the land. Plant a few trees that aren't supposed to live here. Put in turf grass that requires water, fertilizer, and chemicals to treat for disease and insects. We have just destroyed all hope of maintaining a balance that was originally so perfect!

For every action there is a reaction. Most of us learned this axiom in grade school. We learned how important sun, water, and air is. We learned how we need to protect the environment, respect the environment, and yet we go about our lives never taking this to heart. If you aren't part of the solution you are part of the problem.

Don't despair! Change can happen! You can make a difference! These words are reassuring to you, I hope. There is a solution. Plant native plants! This happened before, with the

harvesting of native Coontie plants in the wild. The Coontie is the only food of the Atala butterfly larva. Coontie plants were all but gone and so was the Atala butterfly. It took many years, but slowly the Coonties came back. Landscapers liked the look and started using them everywhere. Guess what, the Atala butterfly found them. The butterfly hadn't been spotted in years and was thought to be extinct. So, you see choices we make CAN make a difference.

Start planting natives, but native plants of your region- plants that were here before we intervened. Renew your landscape and make it welcoming to our native wildlife. An Oak tree can provide food and shelter for hundreds of species. Who knew? We don't see the damage to the tree because the birds will come and eat what lives there and create balance.

1. Take inventory of your plants in your "yarden" (as I like to call mine).
2. Remove anything that is invasive. Check out the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council Invasive Plant Lists.
3. Consider removing exotic plants (meaning not native to this country) that attract insects not native to our region i.e. Snow on the Mountain, Oleander, and any other exotic plant that is not a vital part of your landscape. After all, you may be wasting valuable land that could be providing for wildlife.
4. Find out which plants are native to your region. Check on the Internet. IFAS native plants, IRC

(put in your zip code), Audubon (also by zip code), Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) and many more sites provide this information.

5. Find which nurseries have true Florida native plants not just "Florida Friendly" plants found in big box stores. This is a wonderful opportunity to support small business and buy local!

6. Attend events that offer native plants. Make friends with people who share native plants. Join your local FNPS chapter.

I hope you will take positive steps to renew your "yarden". You won't be disappointed. You will start to see the birds and butterflies returning.

Many of us have learned so much on this topic from Dr. Douglas Tallam, an entomologist from University of Delaware. He has written a book, **Bringing Nature Home**, in which he explains the importance of the relationship of insects coevolving with native plants and wildlife. Once you hear him, you will remember him! He made a life changing impact on me and everyone that I know who has heard him. Google him, and watch videos that people have posted of him on YouTube. Please, come and hear him yourself! Yes, he is coming to FAU Boca Campus soon!

Save the date: May 16, 2018
Arrive at 6pm
Program starts at 7pm
More info to follow!
Stay calm and plant natives!

Milkweed and Monarchs by Ann McCormick, Butterfly Chairman

Did you know that Tropical Milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) can potentially harm the Monarch Butterfly? It's not normal for Monarchs to be breeding in Florida in the winter. If it were, there would be Milkweed native to Florida that blooms during the winter months to feed their caterpillars. There are 21 species of Milkweeds native to Florida, they die back to the ground and do not bloom during the winter. Tropical Milkweed, native to Mexico and Central America, blooms during the winter months when our natives do not. We have introduced this weedy perennial to our state to keep Monarch butterflies in our gardens year round. The use of Tropical Milkweed in our gardens encourages monarchs to overwinter in Florida instead of migrating, making them more susceptible to *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha*, a protozoan parasite that infects the leaves of Tropical Milkweed. OE spores are then picked up on the bodies of adult butterflies and infect their eggs. Infected larvae may fail to develop completely and die during the pupal stage, or may emerge from the chrysalis as very weak or deformed adults.

Tropical Milkweed is readily available at the big-box stores because it is easy to grow. However, commercial growers often treat these plants with systemic insecticides to keep pests off of them, giving them a better appearance in retail nurseries. These chemicals can be very toxic to Monarch larvae, increasing mortality rates. Research at the Florida Museum of Natural History is documenting the effect of various insecticides on Monarch caterpillar mortality. This information will help growers produce the best native plants possible without harming Monarch caterpillars.

The Florida Museum of Natural History, along with partners such as the Florida Native Plant Society and the Florida Association of Native Nurseries are working together to increase native Milkweed production through sustainable collection of seeds from wild populations, and the testing of propagation methods in order to develop and share best practices.

Three species of Milkweed native to Florida are available for purchase at Florida native nurseries:

- * **Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)** is bright orange and 12-15 inches high, it grows naturally in sandy habitats and adapts well to dry landscapes.
- * **Pink Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)** has pink to rose-colored blossoms and 24-48 inches tall, grows in moderate to moist sunny habitats.
- * **Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias perennis*)** has white to light pink flowers and grows about 24 inches tall, prefers moist to wet soil and adapts to shady locations.



To find native Milkweed:

- * Look for **Plant sales at your local chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society**. For example, the Martin County Chapter of the FNPS is holding their sale in conjunction with the UF/IFAS Martin County Master Gardeners Plant Sale at the Martin County Fairgrounds on April 21 from 9am to noon.
- * **Visit www.PlantRealFlorida.org** to locate a native nursery near you.
- * **Request that your local garden center carry native**

Garden Club of Indian River County is busy planning standard flower show, Impressions of Vero

by **Julie Eisdorfer, President**

In January, the Garden Club of Indian River County (GCIRC) was proud to be a sponsor of the Pelican Island Audubon's symposium, Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future. Designed to promote native plant and Florida-friendly landscapes, the symposium also focuses on protecting the Indian River Lagoon, attracting birds and wildlife and protecting our native pollinators.

As anyone who was lucky enough to attend this year's Gardenfest! knows, it was the biggest and the best ever! Held each year on Super Bowl weekend in beautiful Riverside Park under the majestic live oaks, it is a gargantuan effort that takes the full involvement of our membership and many, many



Karen Vatland & Barbara Russell receive Certificates of Recognition from the City of Vero Beach.



months of planning. The 17th annual Gardenfest! drew garden and plant lovers from throughout

Florida.

On February 20, co-chairs Barbara Russell and Karen Vatland were honored by the Vero Beach City Council for their efforts in pulling off yet another successful Gardenfest!

Now, all members are focused on preparing for our upcoming flower show. Impressions of Vero, an NGC standard flower show, will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8, at our Garden Center in Vero Beach. An added plus is that attendees along with taking in our show will be able to see our beautiful garden as well. We hope our District X friends will come out in force to support us. More information is available at www.gardenclubofirc.org.

Celebrate National Garden Week in your community

By **Twig Morris, District X National Garden Week Chair**



National Garden Week will be here before we know it. The following information is from the NGC website. There are lots more ideas on the NGC web page to help you celebrate National Garden Week with your club members.

Please remember to send photos and a write up to me at the end of the week so I can share with our District Director, FFGC and NGC what District X clubs have done to celebrate

this wonderful week. My email is: twig_morris@hotmail.com

Join NGC clubs across the country and celebrate National Garden Week, June 3-9, 2018. Promote the NGC objectives of beautification, education of environmental efforts, gardening, and involvement of Garden Clubs in your community. This week is an opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members, and work with other groups to be part of those efforts.

Be creative! Share the value and efforts of Garden Clubs with your community! Encourage members of your community to be involved! Interest potential members! Publicity is the key to

the promotion of National Garden Week.

From the NGC website, you can download the National Garden Week proclamation. By inviting the mayor to sign this proclamation, you have a photo opportunity to submit to the local newspaper to kick off the week. Share a photo and write up your National Garden Week activities in your local newspaper.

During National Garden Week, NGC Consultants: Landscape Design, Environmental and Gardening Study, are encouraged as a council or individual to plan a program, workshop or activity to share their knowledge.



RENEWAL: Going Native

A photographic exploration of Florida native plants

The Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (PBCC FNPS) is seeking sponsors for Renewal: Going Native, a large-scale photo exhibition of museum quality imagery of Florida's native flora. The exhibit is being mounted and hosted by the Palm Beach Photographic Centre in its beautiful museum/gallery in downtown West Palm Beach.

The size of the exhibition will depend on the level of financial support. We hope you will be among our supporters.

Renewal: Going Native will feature up to 100 Florida native plant images by well-known native plant photographers from Palm Beach County and throughout the state. The exhibition will include images from 20" x 24" to mural size, ranging from intimate portraits of individual plants, to wildlife interactions, to natural and planned landscapes.

The three month exhibition will run from May 14 through August 4 (evening reception date to be determined), and is expected to attract many viewers, as the opening coincides with PBCC FNPS' Annual Native Plant Auction at Mounts Botanical Garden, a presentation by acclaimed entomologist Dr. Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*, at FAU's Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium in Boca Raton, and the Florida Native Plant Society's annual conference in Miami.

Renewal: Going Native will be a celebration of the City of West Palm Beach's recently revised landscape ordinance that highlights and rewards the use of native plants in public and private landscapes.

The exhibition will be an opportunity for the public to appreciate the beauty of Florida's native plants and the birds and pollinators who depend on them, and will vividly demonstrate PBCC FNPS' proclamation, "Native plants are the gateway to sustainability."

PO Box 221933 West Palm Beach, FL 33422
palmbeach@fnpschapters.org 561-247-3677 www.palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

IMPRESSIONS OF VERO

An NGC Standard Flower Show

Presented by

GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

**2526 17TH AVENUE
VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018
12:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018
Noon- 4:00 P.M.**

TICKETS - \$5.00



*Boynton Beach Garden Club
Invites You and Your Friends to Our
Spring Tea*

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, From 1:00 p.m. To 3:00 p.m.

1010 South Federal Highway

Boynton Beach, Florida

Cost: \$15.00



Join us for a lovely afternoon along with our wonderful homemade sandwiches, desserts and teas. We will have a 50/50, door prizes and plant sale.

Individual reservation form with check (made out to BBGC) are due by April 2, mailed to Mary Scheitler, 81 Cedar Circle, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. Questions, email her at scheitlerm@bellsouth.net.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Club _____

List table mates or seat me at a group table _____

_____ How many at your table _____

Do you want us to seat you _____ Amount enclosed _____

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

DISTRICT X

CALL TO DISTRICT X SPRING MEETING

April 12, 2018

- TO:** All District X Garden Club Members, Clubs, Circle & Council Presidents
District X Officers and Chairmen
FFGC Officers and FFGC Chairmen
FFGC Former Presidents and Former District Directors
FFGC President and Vice Presidents
- DATE & TIME :** Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:30 AM
- PLACE:** Piper's Landing Yacht and Country Club
6160 SW Thistle Terrace
Palm City, Florida 34990
- COST:** \$36.00 Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch
Make checks payable to "Piper's Landing, Inc."
- FINAL DEADLINE:** Saturday, March 31, 2018. No Refunds after March 24, 2018
- REGISTRATION
& COFFEE:** 8:30 to 9:15 AM
- CALL TO ORDER:** 9:15 AM
- PROGRAM:** Carol Cloud Bailey, Horticulturalist and Columnist: "There is No Such Thing as a Stupid Garden Question!"
- REPORTS:** Chairmen & Presidents scheduled to report: Chairmen 2 minutes. Presidents 3 minutes.
Give two copies of report to District Recording Secretary; keep one for your file.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Those wishing to have announcements made at the District Meeting are asked to send their requests in writing to the Director-Elect no later than Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Registration Form & Directions are located on District X Website: www.districtx.org

Lynn Jones, District X Director

Registration Form
FFGC District X Spring Meeting

Orchids and Opals

Thursday April 12, 2018

Hosted by Piper's Landing Garden Club
Piper's Landing Yacht & Country Club
6160 SW Thistle Terrace
Palm City, FL 34990

Registration at 8:30 am. Program begins at 9:15 am.

Guest Speaker: Carol Cloud Bailey

There is no such thing as a "stupid" garden question!

Complete a Registration Form for each club member registering. Copy this form as needed.

- Forms and checks must be **RECEIVED by March 31, 2018**. An additional \$5.00 will be charged after the 31st. No refunds will be given after March 24th.
- Interactive Registration form available on districtX.org. Fill in form, print and mail with check.
- Make check for **\$ 36.00** payable to "Piper's Landing Inc."
- Mail Registration form and check to: **Registrar: Susan Stewart**

4940 SW Parkgate Blvd. Palm City, FL 34990

Susans2art@gmail.com (301) 320-4551

Name _____

Address _____

Club/Circle _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please check each category that applies to you. You may check more than one category.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member | <input type="checkbox"/> District X Chairman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FFGC State Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Former District X Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FFGC Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FFGC Former State Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Circle President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District X Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate (designated by Club President) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District X Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |



PIPER'S LANDING
Yacht & Country Club

Continental Breakfast and Buffet Lunch will be served

Please note any dietary restrictions: _____

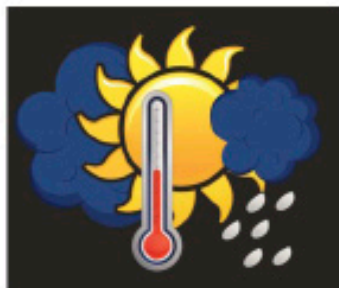
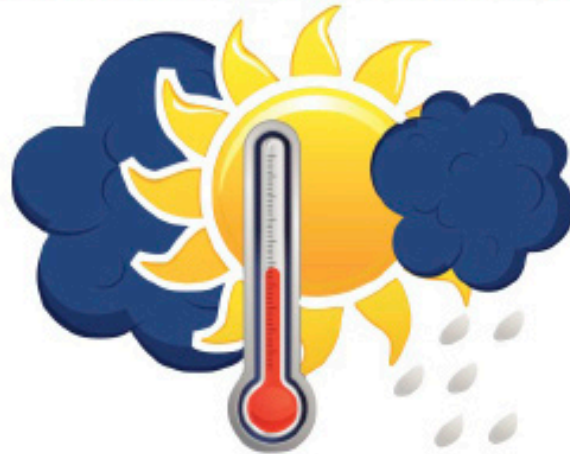
Valet Service will be available.

WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

PRESENTS

"Tropical Heat Wave"

AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW



SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018
10 AM - 7 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018
10 AM - 5:30 PM

AT THE MALL AT WELLINGTON GREEN
10300 W. FOREST HILL BOULEVARD
WELLINGTON, FLORIDA 33414

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