

Barbara Dell'Acqua receives the Pillar of Pride Award from the Garden Club of Fort Pierce

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BARBARA DELL'ACQUA was honored by the Garden Club of Fort Pierce with the Pillar of Pride award because of her many contributions and endless hours of dedication leading our Ways and Means Committee.

A snippet of history on how Barbara became so involved: In 2007, a group of wonderful new recruits, including our esteemed Barbara, came down our lovely garden path. Each one was "willing" to do her part to help.

After a little experience, much pleading, begging and coaxing, limelight-shy Barbara graciously accepted the role as head of the Ways & Means Committee. She continues to lead a team of fine members, but clearly, with each passing year, it's been Barbara who has taken Ways and Means to new heights of efficiency and organization.

She manages in-house raffles, our fall Mega Yard and Plant Sale and the comprehensive plotting of Glidden Park for our spring multi-club Plants in the Park event. She coordinates advertising and having signs and banners placed. She covers all the bases making sure everything is on track. Her excellent planning motivates all members to participate fully in these events. Because of her incredible efforts, the Garden Club of Fort Pierce has the resources to support itself and all its educational and charitable endeavors.

Much thought and consideration was given on how best to reward Barbara for her achievements, the



Barbara Dell'Acqua, Pillar of Pride, gives instructions for a fundraiser to Suzanne Carnell.

thoroughness and commitment she gives the Garden Club of Fort Pierce. The result: with pleasure and pride of all the members of the Garden Club of Fort Pierce, Barbara Dell'Acqua was presented with the Pillar of Pride award for her extraordinary service to this club.

She received the formal Florida Federation certificate and pin, club gifts of plants and flowers and... a very handsome rake ... to assist her in raking in all the money at our future events. Congratulations, Barbara Dell'Acqua, Pillar of Pride!



A rake is the perfect gift for Ways and Means Chairman Barbara Dell'Acqua (center). Past Presidents Elena Shelton and Dixie Parkin get the last laugh. They were the ones who drafted Barbara and mentored her along the way. Clearly Pillar of Pride Barbara enjoyed accepting the formal FFGC Award as well!

We've had a wonderful winter in Fort Pierce "Blooming Together"!

Meetings:

January: Fun birthday party theme with cake and balloons made a sweet setting for our speaker, Kimberly Helms, on beautiful Cactus and Succulents.

February: Karinluisa Calasant spoke on Palms and Pocket Size Paradise. Hostesses were over-the-top with Chinese New Year decorations. The Year of the Rooster provided an extravaganza of flowers, fans, oranges, lanterns, dragons and roosters.



GCFP Treasurer Vivian Kobe usually handles money. Here, she works with a different kind of green, under the creative guidance from workshop leader Rebecca Meuse.

Workshops conducted by creative members:

Brand new member Rebecca Meuse brought a thousand new twists to our designs by teaching Creative Techniques of Leaf Manipulation.

Back by popular demand, member Sylvia Contreras led a Propagation Workshop - productive hands on learning for all attendees.

Travels:

Even with all these good things at home, we always need some adventures: Tropical Short Course was a treat!

Spring trips will include Art in Bloom at Vero Museum of Art and later a tour of Morikami Gardens.

Sharing:

Please plan to join us for continued fun at our annual Plants in the Park! Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Glidden Park, home of the Garden Club of Ft. Pierce. A dozen non-profit plant-related groups will join together for a fundraiser.

Free: Learn what's going on in the plant world in our area. Great Buys: Plants for sale! Each group will go home with proceeds to support projects. Location: 911 Parkway Dr. (Georgia and 10th Street) Fort Pierce. Info: 772-559-2602



Propagation leader Sylvia Contreras (second from left) admires the work of Virginia Baer, Suzanne Chartley, GCFP President Janie Zezeck, Diane Orme and Georgia Davis.



Decorations for Feb. theme: Chinese New Year