

# BLOOMING TALES

## from Terrific Ten

August, 2017



### Direct from the Director: Lynn Jones “Plant New Members”

As garden club members, we begin each club year with anticipation of fellowship, fun, and meaningful projects that contribute to the well-being of our planet. However, as this director reported at the May 2017 Spring District Meeting, FFGC membership has had a 1/3 drop in membership since the early 2,000's. Therefore, this year clubs begin with a challenge: to increase membership in our individual clubs. Each club is different, and each club must attract new members in their own individual way. FFGC has a new and energetic Membership Chairman who we hope will give us new and concrete ideas about attracting and keeping new members.

Thank you to Jupiter Tequesta GC for hosting our spectacular Spring District Meeting on May 3. Those of us at the head table felt like pros with the lovely green fairway behind us. We hope you enjoyed the meeting as much as we did.

Your Director attended a Habitat for Humanity Dedication the next day in Belle Glade where Lisa Ferrano of Wellington GC presented a hose to the Ruiz Family, made possible through

NGC and Ames Tools. Wellington GC had also landscaped the property with native plants. Your Director had not attended a Habitat Dedication for several years and was touched by the ceremony which included the presentation of a Holy Bible to the family. Your director also visited Kat Rahla's (Jupiter Tequesta GC) lovely property on May 14 which was featured on the Mounts Botanical Gardens Annual Garden Tour. Kat's garden is an inspiration to all with her native plants and butterfly and bird-friendly landscaping.

The Palm City Civic Association Building hosted all District X Club Presidents but one (ill at the last minute) on May 25 at our District X Presidents' Meeting. We put faces to names and hopefully received useful information as well as enjoyed good fellowship. Dues reporting continues to be a challenge, but this director will continue to help simplify the instructions. On the same day, Green Schools Chairman Sandra Lagana presented our District X \$250 Judges Choice Award for Gardening to Port Salerno Elementary School at the Green School Awards Luncheon.

This director attended the Installation Luncheon of the Garden Club of Indian River County and purchased a GCIRC cookbook, which she has enjoyed

all summer. Please remember that this director must be INVITED to attend your club's meetings. As this Director traveled up to Vacationland (Maine), a National Consultants Day event was held at FFGC Headquarters in Winter Park on June 7 celebrating National Garden Week: "Water, Water, Everywhere - Will There be Enough to Drink?" Read more about this in this newsletter.

District X will host a "Lunch and Learn" (formerly "Meeting of the Minds") on September 29 at Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. This is for District X Club Presidents and will also be attended by the District X Board and Committee Chairmen. Details will follow.

Our Fall District Meeting will occur on October 6 at St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, sponsored by the Rio Lindo Garden Club. The theme is "50 Shades of Pink" and promises to be a celebration in pink: wear pink to be in the spirit! The cost is \$25 per person, a \$5 reduction from the original cost. FFGC President Claudia Bates and her Tour Team of Vice Presidents will present our morning program and bring goodies to sell from the FFGC HQ Boutique. A new flier and registration form are printed in this newsletter.

Environmental Studies School Course 4 will be held at Pine

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# Coral Restoration Foundation works to restore coral reefs

Coral Restoration Foundation is a nonprofit ocean conservation organization. We are working to restore coral reefs, educating others on the importance of our oceans, and using science to further research and monitoring techniques. CRF is headquartered in Key Largo, Florida with projects throughout South Florida, the Caribbean, and the Pacific. Our grassroots organization utilizes everyday individuals to inspire hope for our reefs.

Over the next three years, CRF is partnering with NOAA and other organizations to conduct an unprecedented restoration effort. The project will restore 8 reefs in South Florida. We will outplant 50,000 corals with high genetic diversity to increase resiliency. This is a model for projects

that can be done on any of the world's coral reefs. To do this it will take a large community effort, including collaboration with other organizations like NOAA, visionary companies and foundations, and the hard work of our volunteers.

Learn more through a visit to CRF's Exploration Center in Key Largo (5 Seagate Blvd). Our center is open to the public and provides an overview on what's happening to coral reefs around the world - from a global scale to what's happening with our local reefs. The information panels at our newly renovated center highlight the efforts of CRF to restore our reefs at a large-scale and offer suggestions for what individuals can do to make a difference for our oceans in their everyday life.

## Direct from the Director: Lynn Jones

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Jog Environmental Center in West Palm Beach on November 13-14. Our own District X member, Nancy Richards, is State Chairman of the Environmental Studies School, and District X is proud that this school is being held in our District. A flier and registration form are printed in this newsletter.

Our final District X event will be the District X Judges Council Small Standard Flower Show: "Twas the Night Before....on December 2-3 at Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. Did you know that District X has 6 student judges following 2 years of classes and tests organized by the District X

Judges Council? That's quite an achievement!

Finally, the Tropical Short Course NGC Tri-Refresher, "Tropical Waters," will be held on January 24-25 at Mounts Botanical Gardens of Palm Beach County in West Palm Beach. Our Tropical Short Courses are legendary throughout the state, and are well worth the admission fee. The shopping is quite a draw also!

You have to agree, District X is loaded with activities. This Director is looking forward to attending them with you. Do not hesitate to call or email if you have questions.

# West Palm Beach GC affiliates with Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society

West Palm Beach GC participated in Earth Day on April 22, 2017 at the Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society. Dozens of children were given seeds and paper and plastic "houses" in which to germinate the seeds. Water went everywhere and the kids had a ball!



The Club's Installation Luncheon was held at the "Tropics Cafe" at the Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society. Special guests were Erin Hitsman, Volunteer Programs Manager of the Zoo, and Kathy Siena, District X Assistant Director who installed the 2017-19 Officers.

The Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society is WPBGC's Affiliate. Second VP Shirley Jackson received a FFGC Life Membership, following in the footsteps of mother-in-law Kay Jackson.



WPBGC is looking forward to its 5th year meeting at the Palm Springs Library in Palm Springs. A creative arrangement made by members is displayed every month at the library.

# GC of Fort Pierce energized by new leadership

Garden Club of Fort Pierce's leaders should be exhausted, but instead...they are absolutely energized! In May we welcomed our new officers and honored those who will stay on for another year. Despite the heat and humidity, our officers have really kept us going!



*Newly installed officers remind us that to bloom together we must keep looking up!*

*Treasurer Martha Hornsby, 1st VB Blanca Rancourt, Parliamentarian Shirley Walker, President Janie Zezeck, Asst. Treasurer Vivian Kobe, 2nd VP Sonja Jemison, Corresponding Secretary Suzanne Chartley. Front row Secretary Barbara Dell'Acqua, Chaplain Patty Cawthorne.*

Spring brought the opportunity to enjoy flowers and design at an informal workshop at President Janie Zezeck's house. Some members who don't usually get excited about design were up to their necks in arrangements and continue to bring exhibits to meetings each month. Along with the design theme, a group of members enjoyed a docent tour and tea at Art in Bloom in Vero Beach's Museum of Art. Lovely!

Community projects were next. Members celebrated Arbor Day with a tree planting in cooperation with the Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful group and the City of Ft. Pierce's Public Works. Right away it became time to host our Plants in the Park with local plant-related organizations. Best results ever and great learning process, too! With similar fund-

raisers, we were able to give a generous scholarship to a local entomology scholar entering her graduate studies. Thanks, Scholarship Committee and Ways and Means Committee!

In celebration of National Garden Week, we delivered plants to some of our supporting organizations, and we donated two gardening books to the Fort Pierce Library. Considering the festive occasion, we then went to one of our local restaurants to kick off our annual summer lunch series.



*Second VP Sonja Jemison recognized Junior Gardener Nina Mancuso and family for success with her NGC Protecting Our Pollinators Project.*

This year a new dynamic was added to our summer lunches: tours of members' gardens. What a terrific idea this turned out to be! We had the opportunity to see fabulous gardens and learn about how our members care for their plants.

Who knew that Diane Klevers had a blooming cattleya the size of Kansas? How could we know that JoAnne Holman's huge yard would be so full of bromeliads and all kinds of unique specimen plants? And what a surprise to see quiet Liz Cohen come to full bloom in her garden home, expertly organized for easy propagating and maintaining



botanical interests! Members' gardens will definitely be on the agenda for next year, too!



*Garden tour host Liz Cohen (center) describes Desert Rose seed characteristics.*

Filling out the summer calendar included a visit to the Caladium Festival- educational and inspiring! Up and coming in late August will be a propagation workshop to prepare for future fundraisers.

Now it is time for YOU to mark YOUR calendar, please: Plan to attend the MEGA Indoor Yard and Plant Sale on Saturday, October 28, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Garden Club of Ft. Pierce, 911 Parkway Drive (Georgia and 10th St.), Ft. Pierce. Hope you can come to our sale to find gently used treasures inside, great buys on plants outside and an opportunity to share some garden energy among friends!

# District X demonstrates strong commitment to honoring our veterans

The last year has been quite an active one for the garden clubs of District X in regard to the Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers program.

On November 11, 2016, the Jensen Beach Garden Club dedicated a new Blue Star By-Way Marker at the historic Stuart Welcome Arch along County Road 707.

Just one week later on November 18, District X collaborated with Districts XI and XII to dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth on State Road 7. Now a Blue Star Memorial marker stands at all nine of the state's national cemeteries.

With funding fully provided by the West Palm Beach Elks Lodge #1352 the Oleander

Garden Club placed two By-Way Markers on the Elks' property off Belvedere Road. The March 19, 2017, ceremony unveiled the first



Gold Star Marker in the state of Florida.

On April 2, 2017, the Rio Lindo Garden Club dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker on Veteran's Memorial Boulevard in Port St. Lucie. This one is particularly significant as

it has been 40 years since a new highway marker has been dedicated in District X.

We were honored to have FFGC President Arlene Rand participate in the dedication ceremonies in Lake Worth, West Palm Beach and Port St. Lucie.

The Garden Club of Fort Pierce has recently ordered a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker to be placed in their newly renovated Veterans Memorial Park. This marker, as well as the Jensen Beach, Lake Worth, and Port St. Lucie markers,

was funded in part by an NGC Sage and Roses award received by Jeanne-Marie Parkes (Garden Club of Stuart).

All of this activity demonstrates District X's strong ongoing commitment to honoring our veterans.

## Garden Club of Stuart celebrates its 80th anniversary in joining the FFGC

The 2017-2018 year marks the 80th anniversary of the Garden Club of Stuart joining the FFGC. One of our prestigious founding members, Mrs. Anne Leach, grew up on the family waterfront estate on the Indian River, now known as the Mansion at Tuckahoe. The early Garden Club of Stuart held meetings at the Mansion.

The Spring 2018 Annual Luncheon will be held at the Indian Riverside Park Pavilion which is part of the former property of the Leach Family.

Our new Officers are excitedly undertaking their responsibilities. We have many stimulating programs, trips and workshops planned including floral design. An innovative, hands-on series of Horticultural classes will be offered to educate of members while having fun!

At the end of school year event that celebrated the Smokey the Bear and Woodsey Owl Poster Contest, former District X Director, Joan Graff, was awarded an Achievement Certificate for her 21 years of service at Bessey

Creek Elementary School.

Floral Design arrangements by six creative members were displayed in the counties Public Libraries during National Garden Club week.

Information for the 2017-2018 Yearbook is currently being compiled. The end result will be anxiously received and appreciated by all members.

The Garden Club of Stuart is fortunate to have many members with expertise and information willing to share.

# New President of the Garden Club of Indian River County continues club's busy schedule

by Julie Eisdorfer, President

As the new President of the Garden Club of Indian River County, I can tell you even the summer is not a slow period in the garden club world.

Our new board, installed on May 17, is busy planning for an active year ahead. A Christmas topiary boxwood workshop is scheduled for Friday, December 1; pre-registration required.

Development of our 26th collectable Christmas ornament is also underway, and it is sure to be much sought after once the fascinating subject is revealed.

In addition, planning for Gardenfest! *Nature's Marketplace* is also gearing up. Be sure to visit Riverside Park, Vero Beach, February 3 and 4, for great plants and gardening accessories. The support and involvement of all of our 9 circles help this annual event continue to thrive and grow.

At our clubhouse, our Garden Club gardens continue to impress, thanks to the hard work of our members and our monthly garden work days, continue even through the heat of summer.

And, as the accompanying picture attests, the Garden Club of Indian River County continues to demonstrate its commitment to our community. On June 19, a check was presented to McKee Botanical Garden to underwrite the Pollinator Garden in the new Children's Garden currently being developed.



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## RECOMMENDED FIELD TRIPS AND SPEAKERS

Who do you trust more to recommend a really fun field trip for your garden club than another garden club member? Or how about a really frank recommendation for a speaker who brings lots of plants to display or sell and can actually run a power point without technical assistance? Ask your District X Garden Club Presidents!

Five District X Garden Club Presidents reported on field trips and speakers at our Spring District Meeting. Their recommendations are as follows:

**Speakers:**  
Solid Waste Authority (West Palm Beach). Field trips are also incredible, and must be scheduled way in advance

**Field Trips:**  
\*Bonnet House and Gardens (Fort Lauderdale)  
\*Butterfly World (Coconut Creek) was a repeated favorite, with a

document-led tour

\*Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens (Coral Gables)

\*Flamingo Botanical Gardens & Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary (Davie)

\*Gene Joyner's Unbelievable Acres Botanical Gardens (West Palm Beach) was a repeated favorite

\*Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation (Fort Pierce)  
La Maison Fleurie Tropical Garden (Rio/Jensen Beach)

\*Manatee Lagoon, an FPL Eco-Discovery Center (Riviera Beach) was a repeated favorite

\*Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens (Delray Beach)

\*Society of the Four Arts Garden (Palm Beach)

\*Tropical Ranch Tropical Gardens (Stuart)

**Overnight Bus Trips:**

Naples GC Flower Show in Naples Botanical Garden (Naples)

All above destinations have web sites.

# A reminder on the order of business for meetings

Hopefully each of you is able to use a computer. Before this Garden Club year gets in full swing, create a standard AGENDA outline/form for both your Board Meeting and your General Meeting. Each month, all you need to do then is go to the correct form, copy and paste it to a new file, and either fill in via computer or print the form and fill in with your handwriting that YOU can read.

For the Board Meeting, your Club would likely skip numbers 2, 6, and 10. So easy.

## General Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order (one bang of gavel).
2. Invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America (one



nation under God).

3. Minutes/highlights read by Recording Secretary: Any Corrections to the Minutes? If not, the Minutes stand approved as read OR Are there any further corrections? If not, the Minutes stand approved as corrected. (Secretary notes corrections in margin with red ink).
4. Next Business in Order is the Financial Report of the Treasurer: Any questions regarding the Financial Report? If not, it will be filed.
5. Reports from Officers.
6. Recording Secretary gives the

- Report of the Executive Board.
7. Next Business in Order is Reports of the Standing Committees.
8. The following Special Committees will report.
9. Is there any New Business?
10. The Program Chairman will present the Program for today. Express thanks/appreciation after the Program.
11. Are there any ANNOUNCEMENTS?
12. Is there any further business to come before this meeting? Hearing none, the meeting will be adjourned.
13. The meeting is ADJOURNED (one bang of gavel).

Have a great year!

Questions: (jtguise@yahoo.com)  
Jo Ann Guise, District X 2017-19  
Parliamentarian

## NGC Plant America Community Project Grants for Individual Clubs!

The new 2017-19 President of National Garden Clubs is Nancy Hargroves, and the major theme for her administration is “Plant America,” which is strongly focused on gardens and gardening. This focus includes horticulture, garden design, community service, as well as Blue Star plantings, community gardens, neighborhood plantings—every type of garden. NGC clubs especially distinguish themselves by their gardening projects in local communities.

In order to financially support the activities of the clubs of National Garden Clubs, NGC is establishing a new grant program called “Plant America

Community Project Grants” This will be a permanent fund with grants being awarded during each two-year administration. The first grants will be given during the 2017-19 administration. Individual garden clubs that are members of National Garden Club, Inc. may apply for funds up to \$1,000 for the direct expense of projects. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2017, with all money awarded in January 2018. Projects must be completed by June 2019. Final reports are due 2 months after project completion or no later than July 1, 2019.

For details, go to [gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america-community-project-grants-asp](http://gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america-community-project-grants-asp)

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IS NO  
LONGER  
COLLECTING  
LABELS OF  
ANY KIND!

# St. Lucie West GC enjoys a busy year

One of our more popular fundraiser events for the last several years is a Pot Luck Lunch and Clothing Auction. We raised approximately \$150 by auctioning off members clothing. The clothing that is left over goes to either a woman's shelter or Am Vets.

Our garden club participated in the Oxbow Eco Center's Earth Day Festival. We had a booth where children would make bird feeders from pipe cleaners and Cheerios.



*Earth Day – making bird feeders*

Mayor Oravec's office in Port St. Lucie was really surprised when we delivered a beautiful floral arrangement (thank you Bea Cooper) to city hall for National Garden Week. We also stopped at the Port St. Lucie Community Center and displayed another floral arrangement for their front desk. Our club received a Proclamation from the City.

Two of our members attended the Wekiva Leadership Training weekend in February. This year we sponsored 3 children to attend Wekiva Youth Camp and donated \$100 for each child. One of our members, who has volunteered for the last 5 years, participated again for one week this summer in the crafts program and had a wonderful time!

Rocks are a BIG thing now!

A group of our members got together and painted a bunch of rocks to be distributed throughout the city with our club's name and contact number on the bottom. Maybe we can increase our membership this way when someone picks up the rocks!



*Painted St. Lucie Rocks*

We've almost completed our Programs for the coming year and are looking forward to a fun, educational, and profitable year!

# Jensen Beach GC installs Blue Star Marker

A Blue Star Memorial Marker honoring the armed forces was installed and dedicated by the Jensen Beach Garden Club in November. It was a beautiful ceremony with a large attendance thanks to our committee lead by Brenda Hefty and Carol Moschetti. District Ten Director and board members, local dignitaries, boy scouts and veterans were in attendance.

The Program and Trips Committee arranged many trips to gardens in the area. The club enjoyed "Orchids in your Landscape", "Our Friendly Natives", grafting hibiscus, landscape design basics from Laure Hristov and much more. Trips to Mounts Botanical Gardens, Fairchild Tropical Garden, Green Cay Nature Center and the Society of the Four Arts

Garden kept the club members busy.

Jensen Beach Garden Club has two annual fundraisers a year. This year "Pot O' Gold Bingo" led by Linda Elliott and Wendy Gomez was a huge success. Nine games of Bingo were played and many raffle prizes were awarded. The ever popular and very successful plant sale was held in April. The monies generated by these two activities allowed the club to present checks to Martin County Parks and Recreation, Environmental Studies Center and Camp Wekiva for their summer camp programs.

Earth Day and Arbor Day were celebrated at the Hoke Library with a table display and club members offering information about the day and our club's activities. Calin Ionita from the

Florida Department of Agriculture spoke at our January meeting rounding out our celebration of Arbor Day. The club also sent enough money for "Penny Pines" to plant two acres of seedlings.

April brought the club to its closing meeting and installation of new Board Members. Gail Rounds and Diana Burr were installed as Co-Presidents. New members were recognized and two Outstanding Member Awards were presented to Brenda Hefty and Tina Reagan.

As usual, the Hospitality Committee did a great job with the themed luncheons and seasonal decorations.

The club has luncheons during the summer months which help to keep our members connected and to catch up on garden club news.

# ATTENTION HOLIDAY SHOPPERS!

The Boca Raton Garden Club will be holding its annual Holiday House Craft Bazaar and Plant Sale on the first weekend of November. Shoppers will find both holiday-themed items as well as year-round designs.

FYI, this year the Chairmen have added a natural twist to the show. Many items will be made from nature's bounty. We have hand painted wooden signs, elves made from pinecones that would

put a "Pottery Barn Christmas" display to shame, magnolia leaves transpired into lovely white flowers and even rocks painted to look like ladybugs. So, if you like the traditional or the natural look we've got you covered. Also, stop by our bake sale table. All the goodies are hand made by our members.

When you are through shopping inside, step into the club's garden for the Plant Sale. With the help

of our members, the sale gets bigger and better each year. We not only have a wide variety of plants but some unusual and one-of-a-kind yard ornaments: all at a great price!

Thursday, November 2, from noon to 3:00 PM  
Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Sunday, November 5 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## ***Environmental Schools, Course 4 packed with information every Floridian should be aware of!***

Environmental Schools, Course 4, which focuses on water and related issues, will be held November 13 and 14, 2017, at Pine Jog Environmental Education Center in West Palm Beach.

This course will be packed with information that every Floridian should be aware of! As we all know, water surrounds our state, but clean water is a precious commodity. This is a chance to learn more about the

science behind the issue of water management.

Our instructors are superb, including professors from the University of Florida, representatives of local conservation groups, an FAU student who spent part of her summer catching and tagging sharks, and a sea turtle specialist. All instructors are passionate about their subjects, and enjoy sharing their knowledge.

Courses in Environmental Schools can be taken in any order. You have seven years to complete the courses to become a National Garden Clubs, Inc. consultant. Consultants who wish to refresh are invited to attend to maintain their good standing status. With the strong interest in environmental issues, this writer feels sure that more courses will be offered in the near future.

## **School time is Youth Gardener time**

Hope everyone has enjoyed this summer even though for most of us it has been a hot time. Now it is school time and Youth Gardeners. It is time to contact your schools and youth organizations to set up a youth gardening program. I have found if you gear your youth activities to mesh with what is being taught in the classroom you will receive support.

Starting the year with the Conservation Pledge reinforces the school Green Program. Introducing the state tree, bird, flower and butterfly

will mesh with State history. Teaching how to press flowers will teach the parts of the plant, induce students to go outside to collect specimens, teach how to preserve the plant material, and if you use these materials to make a collage or bookmark they will be learning about area, space and use their artistic talent to make a creative design.

A simple floral design from greenery collected from the surrounding area or their yard complemented by a few colorful flowers from the grocery store in a recycle can

again reinforces multiple uses of materials and recycling. The use of seeds opens a whole new area of science from planting and growing to food for animals and environmental awareness.

Getting and keeping volunteers is a problem. Giving your volunteers confidence to work with the youth is a key. Providing easy lesson plans for each session will help. Should any club want more information please contact me at bocyn2t@aol.com or 772-283-1529.

Cyndy Trossbach, Youth Chairman



*Welcome to Wellington  
Garden Club's Annual  
Beach Cleanup & On Site Bar-B-Q*  
in conjunction with :

-Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful-  
International Coastal Cleanup Day

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017**

Place: Ocean Inlet Park

6990 N. Ocean Blvd.  
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

Time: 8:00 AM - 1 PM at the inlet park  
7:30 AM - Carpool from St. David

More info later.

Directions: Take I-95 to Boynton Beach Blvd -Go East- X Bridge -to A-1-A / Ocean Blvd -turn left or North. Pass Hammock Park -- turn in to Inlet Park OR

Take I-95 to Lantana. Go East X Lantana Bridge to A-1-A/ Ocean Blvd. Go South. Turn into Inlet Park.

Meal includes: 1 hamburger or 1 hot dog chips, watermelon, salad & lemonade. You can bring your own soda and we will provide ice & cups. Price: \$7 pp. Adv. payment reserves your hamburger and souvenir T-shirt. You can bring your own vegetarian hamburger and we will cook it for you.

Bring check or cash to Wellington Garden Club first meeting - Sept. 5th or mail by Sept 10th. to Diane Rice at 14909 Horseshoe Trace Wellington 33414 . Make checks payable to Wellington Garden Club. You can email me at: [Diane@pbccleanup.info](mailto:Diane@pbccleanup.info) .

Need 5 gallon empty paint buckets if free.



# NATIONAL CONSULTANTS DAY Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

As part of a NGC's new initiative to feature National Consultants Day during National Garden Week, the four Councils of FFGC presented a program at FFGC Headquarters on June 7, 2017, titled "Water Water Everywhere, Will There Be Enough to Drink?"

The event drew over 50 participants from 7 of our 12 Districts. Participants began the day with a tour of Leu Gardens led by director Robert Bowden and one of his horticulturists, sponsored by the Gardening Consultants Council. The rains held off, and all were able to reconvene at Headquarters for a presentation by Teresa Watkins, author and recognized leader on environmentally-friendly land-



scapes.

Sponsored by the Landscape Design Council, attendees received valuable information for their own "water-wise" gardening efforts and were able to purchase many of the plants they had just seen at a plant sale set up by Marge Hendon, FFGC 2nd V.P.



and nursery owner.

Following lunch, the Environmental Consultants Council introduced Drew Martin, an NGC Environmental Course instructor and active member of the Sierra club who challenged the group with "Water is a Many Faceted Issue—Where Do We Go From Here?" And to complete the day, all enjoyed the floral design interpretations of "Cascade" by Betty Moore, Barbara Willey and Margaret Kirkpatrick, sponsored by the Judges Council. Two guests, potential members, attended, and the day was not only a big success but hopefully a prototype for these kind of events around the state.

Eight members of District X attended this event: Donna Berger, Sandy Decker, Barbara Hadsell, Melissa McSulla, Deborah Reaves, Diane Rice, Gloria Blake, and Susan Slater.

District X members Barbara Hadsell and Gloria Blake were two of three co-chairmen of this event. Gloria Blake is the new Vice President of the FFGC TriCouncil and President of the FFGC Environmental Consultants Council.

## *District X Landscape Awards are highly regarded by recipients*

The District X Landscape Awards are given each year at the Spring Meeting to beautiful landscapes that have been nominated by garden club members from Vero Beach to Boca Raton.

The four categories eligible for the award include Small Businesses, Public Facilities, Private Facilities and Private Residence of Merit. The nominees are judged by a panel consisting of NGC Landscape Design Consultants, NGC Floral Design Judges and other NCG members using the NGC School's Standard for Evaluating Landscape Design criteria.

The landscape must be visible from the street and have been completed for at least a year. NGC garden club members are not eligible for the award. These awards are unsolicited, so winners are presented with a framed certificate at an event by the sponsoring garden club. The entry form, evaluation form and other information can be found on the District X website or you can contact Mary Kaub, District X Landscape Design Award Chairperson, at Mbkaub@aol.com.

This year's winners were:

*Small Business Winner: Hartnett Building Group, Ft. Pierce nominated by the Garden Club of Ft. Pierce*

*Public Facility Winner: Kiwanis Park for Children, Stuart, nominated by the Garden Club of Stuart- Tabelaia Circle*

*Private Facility Winner: Lakefield West, Wellington, nominated by the Wellington Garden Club*

*Private Residence Winner: Sissy Castellanos, Clewiston, nominated by the Green Thumb Garden Club*

# 50 SHADES OF *pink.*

## Registration Form

# FFGC District X Fall Meeting

Friday October 6, 2017

Hosted by Rio Lindo Garden Club of Port St Lucie

at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens

2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd, Port St Lucie 34952

- Complete a Registration Form for each club member registering. Copy this form as needed.
- Registration will be limited to 136 attendees total. Registrations received after 136 total has been met will be returned.
- Forms and checks must be RECEIVED by September 27, 2017. There is an additional \$5.00 charge to those who register after the 20th. No refunds will be given after September 20.
- Interactive Registration form available on districtX.org. Fill in form, print and mail with check.
- Make check for \$25.00, payable to 'Rio Lindo Garden Club of PSL'
- Mail Registration form and check to Registrar:

Darlene Enzian

3156 SW Bridge St, Port St Lucie FL 34953

denzian@gmail.com

315.408.8443

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Circle \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

- ⇒ Member
- ⇒ FFGC State Officer
- ⇒ FFGC Chairman
- ⇒ FFGC Former State Chairman
- ⇒ District X Director
- ⇒ District X Officer

- ⇒ District X Chairman
- ⇒ Former District X Director
- ⇒ Club President
- ⇒ Circle President
- ⇒ Delegate (designated by Club President)
- ⇒ Guest

Box Lunch choice—check one:

- Vegetarian Salad     Cobb Salad w/chicken     Turkey/swiss wrap     Ham/cheddar wrap

# Overnight bus trip to Key Largo is now a reality!

Dear Garden Club members, spouses, friends and family

Our dream of a bus trip overnight to Key Largo is now a reality! Please mark your calendars and save your pennies for this wonderful trip. It will be a fun, educational, handicap-friendly mini vacation open to members and friends. Invitations are being sent to all garden clubs in District X, Xi and XII so first come, first serve.

A BIG thank you to Sandi Shapiro, who for many years was our FFGC Tour and Travel chairman, for setting this trip up for us. She is now the Executive Director of the Miami Botanical Garden and still found the time to use her travel agent skills to get us phenomenal accommodations. Thanks also to our new member Jim Richardson who is our registrar for this event.

## Fruits, Spices, Natives and Coral

A Tour to the Florida Keys, October 12-13, 2017

Presented by Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches



**Space is limited to 50 guests - Register Now!**

- ❖ Travel via motor coach, easy pick up locations in Palm Beach & Miami-Dade.
- ❖ Tram tour of Redland's Fruit and Spice Park with Lunch at The Mango Café.
- ❖ Visit 'Botanic Gardens at Kona Kai,' an ethnobotanic teaching garden.
- ❖ Overnight accommodations at Hilton Key Largo Resort, set in a native hammock.
- ❖ Welcome cocktail with sunset BBQ dinner at the Resort.
- ❖ Presentation at Coral Restoration Foundation's Exploration Center—no scuba required!
- ❖ Water view Lunch at Snook's Bayside Restaurant, a Keys favorite.
- ❖ Wine & Cheese on board during the return trip.

**All-inclusive rate – \$295.00 per person – based on double occupancy**  
**Arranged by Sandy Shapiro Tours**



Fruits, Spices, Natives and Coral  
A Tour to the Florida Keys, October 12-13, 2017  
Presented by Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches  
Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club Member - Y/N – Which Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions:

Check payable to: Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches

Mail check and completed form to:

Jim Richardson

606 N Palmway

Lake Worth, FL 33460

[Rjimbo1937@aol.com](mailto:Rjimbo1937@aol.com)

561-493-2923

Additional Questions - Contact Barbara Hadsell 561 635 8809

Full Payment required at registration.

Terms & Conditions: non-refundable after Sept. 21, 2017



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc  
District X

**62nd Annual Tropical Short Course  
NGC Tri-Refresher**

*“Tropical Waters”*

**Mounts Botanical Garden  
of Palm Beach County  
West Palm Beach**

**January 24-25, 2018**

Registration is open to all garden club members, friends and family to enjoy great speakers, raffles, vendors, and to visit the beautiful Mounts “Windows on the Floating World-Blume Tropical Wetland Garden” and the “Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea” exhibit.

**Donna Berger, Chairperson**

**bergerdx2015@gmail.com**

**772-286-4718**

Go to <http://districtx.org/> for information and registration forms. Click on “Educational Opportunities”.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

FFGC DISTRICT X ~ 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL TROPICAL SHORT COURSE

*Tropical Waters*

*NGC TRI-REFRESHER - Master Gardener Continuing Education*

*January 24 - 25, 2018*

*Mounds Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Florida*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$60 Complete Two-Day Course, FFGC /NGC Members *(add \$10 for Late Registration)*

\_\_\_ \$70 Complete Two-Day Course, No FFGC/NGC Affiliation *(add \$10 for Late Registration)*

\_\_\_ \$35 Wednesday Only - FFGC Member *(add \$5 for Late Registration)*

\_\_\_ \$40 Wednesday Only - No FFGC Affiliation *(add \$5 for Late Registration)*

\_\_\_ \$35 Thursday Only - FFGC Member *(add \$5 for Late Registration)*

\_\_\_ \$40 Thursday Only - No FFGC Affiliation *(add \$5 for Late Registration)*

***Late Registration postmarked after Jan 11, 2018 ~ No Refunds after Jan 18th***

***Box Lunch included each day of registration ~ Numbered seating by date of registration***

**NGC Tri-Refresher** (Check each that applies)

\_\_\_ \$5 - Landscape Design Consultant

\_\_\_ \$5 - Gardening Consultant

\_\_\_ \$5 - Environmental Consultant

Master Gardener:

\_\_\_ Continuing Education

6 hours credit for  
both days (No Fee)

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION.

Make Checks Payable to: FFGC - District X

**Mail Form and Check to our Registrar: Bobbi Ziegler**

**8837 Via Brilliante**

**Wellington, FL 33411-6529**