

BLOOMING TALES

from Terrific Ten

August, 2016



Direct from the Director: Donna Berger

"Nature's Beauty Surrounds Us"

Fall is fast approaching and we are all wondering where the summer went as plans are in full swing for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. We welcome seven new presidents and thank those who previously served. This past year has truly been a joy for me, and I'm looking forward to serving you this coming year. This Director's term ends in April of 2017.

The Spring District meeting, which was hosted by the District and held at the Kane Center, was well attended. The theme was "Tropical" and the room looked very festive with the bright colors that everyone wore. All sixteen clubs were represented. We had youth speaking to us about their experiences with SEEK and Camp Wekiva, along with information on the Green School program. Seven of our clubs participated in the District X Special Projects and were each awarded \$50.00. Hopefully, during the coming year all of the clubs will participate with a project that they are doing and present them to their District Director.

Your Director had the joy of inducting officers this past spring for the following clubs: Boca Raton, Boynton Beach and St. Lucie West. She also enjoyed the lunches that she was invited to by several other clubs.

A trip was taken by your Director to Anchorage, Alaska to see her

granddaughter graduate from high school. On her return, she got back in the swing of things and on June 20, held a workshop for the Club Presidents and Chairmen. It was well attended and, hopefully, helpful to all who attended.

"Meeting of the Minds" will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at Kingswood Club House in Stuart. A separate invitation will be going to all Club Presidents and District X Chairmen, along with the agenda for the day.

A request has been made to all clubs in District X to apply for at least one award. Detailed information was given at the June workshop by Barbara Hadsell, our District Awards Chairman. If you need advice or help with an award, please feel free to contact her or your Director. Many of the awards have a deadline of November 30, 2016. Remember that if you did something special in your club this past year, you may be able to apply for an award. There is detailed information as well as the listing on FFGC's website, www.ffgc.wildapricot.org. Look under Members and Awards will be listed there. Your Director would love to be presented with at least one for each club at the April convention.

Happy Fall Y'all, District X's Fall Meeting will be hosted by the Boca Raton Garden Club on Thursday, October 13, 2016. Detailed information, as well as the registration form, will be included in this issue. Please

encourage your members to attend and register early.

District X Website: www.districtx.org. Darlene Enzian, our Webmaster, has done a terrific job for the Terrific District X. There are pictures from the 2016 Spring District meeting, as well as announcements of events that are coming up during 2016-17. Schools which are being held by NGC, FFGC and Districts are located in the Upcoming Events section of the website. Please take the time to look at it and also to encourage your members to view it as well.

Camp Wekiva had another successful year and our thanks to all of you who attend camp as a volunteer.

Special thanks to Sally Seftenberg from the Oleander Garden Club for accepting the chairmanship of Habitat for Humanity. Please let Sally know if you have plans or what your club might like to do to support Habitat for Humanity.

There is information being published in this issue on the Environmental School in November and Tropical Short Course in January of 2017.

District X Garden Clubs are all very special and that is why it's so important to support your Officers, Chairmen and especially your club members. This has been said before, but we all must keep the following in mind: Encourage each other, keep focused and, most importantly, have an enjoyable time doing it. Look forward to seeing you all at the Fall District X meeting.

St. Lucie West GC participates in many FFGC projects

The St. Lucie West Garden Club participates in a number of FFGC projects.

Our ladies regularly volunteer at the Botanical Gardens, both in the Office and out in the Bromeliad Garden, which is our permanent responsibility. We also take a Table at the Annual Botanica Festival and make a contribution to the Gardens at the end of the year.



These are the garden club models from our annual fashion show. From left to right: Anna Shulha, Pam Wendell, Gladys Siekierka, Ellabee Scully, Mary Lou Lemaire and Uta McFadden.

We are active in supporting the Wekiva Youth Camp and send at least three young people there each year. Pam Allen has been the Coordinator and volunteer for Camp Wekiva for our club for the past four years.

Our devotion to Save the Chimps continues to grow, as we save our paper rollers, plastic water jars and other goodies for this wonderful community of 300 Chimps. One of our club members, Angela Gardella, organized an evening at the PGA for a Paddle Raffle, and it was well supported by our members.

Although our creation of a Butterfly Garden at the Oxbow Eco Center is now being run by other volunteers, we visit and send a contribution every year. The garden is flourishing and

we visit regularly.

Of course, our major fundraising event, a Luncheon & Fashion Show, provides the funds we send to our five major charities, including the Indian River State College (for worthy students working towards Agricultural Degrees.) This was our finest turnout, with 160-170 guests attending... including Donna Berger, our District X Director.

The SLW Garden Club is truly thriving and ready to expand its efforts next year. We are hoping to join with Rio Lindo in establishing a Blue Star Memorial Marker in SLW. Each of our monthly meetings presents a speaker who can add to the knowledge of conservation and Florida gardening and, of course, we pass the bucket every month for Penny Pines!

NGC Youth Award

"The Frightened Frog "Youth Award / Club Sponsorship Award: For children in K- 4th Grade, applicant must be sponsored by a NGC garden club

1. First place (\$100), second place (\$75), third place (\$50) and honorable mention (\$25) will be given to a Youth Club, Youth Group or class in addition to a certificate for each award, for the most outstanding project dealing with the conservation of amphibians.

2. A \$25 award will be given to each NGC garden club that sponsors a winning applicant. A Certification of Participation will be given for each sponsor of an award application. Deadline for entry is March 15, 2017 Send completed applications to The Frightened Frog Chairman: Brenda Moore, 1709 Edgewood Drive, Oak Hill, WV 25901 -B_Moore@frontier.com

Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is excited to announce a new grant opportunity for Garden Clubs working with youth clubs or groups planning and planting Pollinator Gardens.

Grants, up to \$200, are available for projects that include educational materials on the vital role pollinators play in nature and youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators. Youth will learn the importance of providing appropriate food sources, nesting areas, shelter, and practicing sustainable gardening practices for pollinators by planning, planting, and maintaining these pollinator gardens.

To apply for a grant, complete an NGC Grant Application, found on the NGC web site <http://www.gardenclub.org/resources/ngc-youth-pollinator-gardens-grant-application.pdf>. Then provide detailed information about the project and submit your request to the NGC Youth Committee Chairman for approval:

Lynne Ehnert, W143 N6828 Aspen Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 or lehnert@wi.rr.com 414-630-1959.

To all Clubs and Circles

If you have not considered starting a Youth Program I would ask that your Board consider this worthwhile project. You can start by appointing a Youth Chairman (I would like to know who you appoint). Then have you or your Chairman make an appointment with the school Principal and present how Garden Clubs can enhance the school program with hands-on science plus the school ground plantings.

There are many awards for projects- some only 3 pages. One school won with the planting of bulbs across the front of the school. The caladium bulbs were donated by a local nursery that had not been sold. Celebrating Arbor Day in January with free trees from the Florida Forestry Department is another idea. The children love to watch the life cycle of the butterfly, the recycling of CD disc and pine cones can be done at a small cost.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of projects done by our Club please contact me. I will be happy to speak at one of your meetings. bocyn2t@aol.com or 772-283-1529 Cyndy Trossbach, Youth Program

Garden Club of Stuart is off and running once again!

The Garden Club of Stuart is gearing up for another jam-packed busy year with interesting workshops, trips, speakers, etc.

Backtracking two months to National Garden Week, the Garden Club of Stuart was recognized by the City of Stuart and the Martin County Commissioners with Proclamations declaring same. Special thanks to Ruth Anne Decker, Joanne Gamba, Jane Mills, Marty Neal, Judi Hubert, and Pinder's Nursery for their arrangements for the libraries, city and county offices.

On October 10, 2016, our own Louise Andrews will be doing a presentation for our members on Flower Show preparation. Our theme this year is "Saturday Matinee"

Our bi-annual Flower Show is being co-chaired by Cindy Doney and Louise Andrews. These two ladies are off and running. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5, 2017, to be held at Martin County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Home & Garden Show and the Martin County Orchid Show.

In November we will have a presentation by Dean Lavallo, owner of PA BBQ Grill restaurants and Sublime Soil. Not only does Mr. Lavallo have a passion for the restaurant business, but he also has a passion for the Earth and recycling. The Sublime Soil Company specializes in the recycling of food waste - taking the concept of farm to table to a new level.

On December 14, 2016 our own Emilie Palmieri will do Fun With Flowers for the Holidays. Emilie will demonstrate flower arrangements that the average Publix shopper can do! Be ready for the holidays. Arrangements will be auctioned at the end of the presentation.

On January 9, 2017 Susan Lerner will do "Transitioning Your Garden to Natives". Susan is President of

the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Native Plant Society, Past President of the Palm Beach Rare Fruit Council, Secretary of Florida Backyard Beekeepers Association and Florida Master Gardener.

Native plants are valuable assets. Learn what to do to integrate natives into your yard. Susan has a wealth of information to share.

On February 13, 2017 "How to Tell Welcome Guests from Unwanted Visitors" will be presented by Colleen Closius who is a Wildlife Biologist & Outreach Specialist at the University of Florida. Colleen will enlighten us with her knowledge about Florida critters - what's in your yard????

On March 13, 2017 Jaxon Rees a Martin County High School student and Camp Weikiva camper and Counselor (in training) will share his experiences from Weikiva. Find out what your money and support can do for our youth!

A workshop on "Making a Succulent Dish" will be held at Pinders Nursery on Friday, January

Oleander GC works with Habitat for Humanity to provide homes for needy

Have You Ever been to a Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication? I am talking about a special ceremony at which an owner takes possession of a newly built home after a year of meeting firm expectations from Habitat for Humanity and contributing equity and sweat labor?

On July 30, 2016, four Oleander Garden Club members presented the new owner (Rhonda Wells and her three children) with a large pot filled with native plants. We then joined an audience consisting of financial contributors, construction crew members, Habitat staff and volunteers, West Palm Beach city officials (the Mayor too!) to share fulfillment of Rhonda's promise that the children would have their

13, 2017.

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, a Bus Trip to US Sugar will be held. We will meet with the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce to learn about the area while touring the sugar fields. Lunch will be provided at an area restaurant. Then we will tour (on the bus) the mill area and fruit processing plant. Curious to see what goes on? Join this outing. This is a free trip sponsored by US Sugar outreach.

Deadline for Sign up: October 28. Sign up at the October 10 General Meeting or call Sandy Decker at 772-345-4323.

On April 10, 2017, our Annual Luncheon will be held at Marriner Sands Country Club. Our theme this year is "Spring Bling". A beginners Floral Design class will be offered by Susan Slater at the Palm City Civic Center.

An additional trip and numerous other opportunities for our members are slated for this upcoming year and all are gearing up for a busy and productive Fall Season.

own rooms and a yard where they could play together.

The home, located in Coleman Park, West Palm Beach, was a joint effort of Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County, "Women BUILD by Women Empowering Women," Lowe's Home Improvement, The Breakers, Palm Beach and Iberia Bank.

Habitat believes that a decent and affordable home is full of intangibles that create a framework in which families not only survive but grow into their full potential.

To date Habitat has built 203 houses in Palm Beach County. For more information visit www.habitatpbc.org. Sally Seftenberg District X Habitat for Humanity Chair

Jupiter Tequesta Garden Club has a new advertising brochure to promote itself

During the past season, our club participated in many interesting projects and activities. Among these was a garden at the Jupiter Medical Center Thrift Store. The purpose of this project was to draw attention to and enhance the appearance of their new sign and entrance.

There are some good reasons to feel good about doing this project for the Jupiter Medical Center Thrift Store. During a meeting with hospital representatives, we found out that this thrift store and the hospital gift shop together have contributed \$450,000 to the hospital in the past year.

They have provided special equipment that other hospitals do not have. An example would be a robotic sanitizing unit that sterilizes an entire operating room. The next acquisition that they are working toward is state of the art equipment for reconstructive knee surgery. These things are helpful to the community and pretty good reasons for supporting this organization.

Another project we participated in was the American Cancer Society and JERFSA (Jupiter Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy at Jupiter High School) "Run for Life". Our club borrowed plants and flowers to decorate a tent to serve as a "Moment Garden". This garden was a calm resting place for cancer patients, survivors, and their families.

One of our more memorable speakers during this last season was Dean Lavallee, owner of several

PA BBQ and Grill restaurants in the Palm Beach County area. His business is involved in many innovative projects impacting the



community. They are recycling all waste from the restaurant, growing pineapples in the resulting compost to be used in their recipes, and recycling glass to be used to make decorative dividers for the restaurant as well as other useful items. Lavallee also donates worm castings for school projects. He is employing veterans to run some of these projects. Mr. Lavallee invited our club to visit his recycling site. He also invited us to hold one of our meetings at his old restaurant, and he and his staff provided food.

Another project we were involved in was collecting items (toiletries, writing materials, games, puzzles, food items, and hand written cards, etc.) to be shipped to soldiers on active duty overseas. This was done through the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Program. We also donated patriotic decorated wreaths to them for a Memorial Day celebration. They sent us a very nice letter expressing their gratitude for our help.

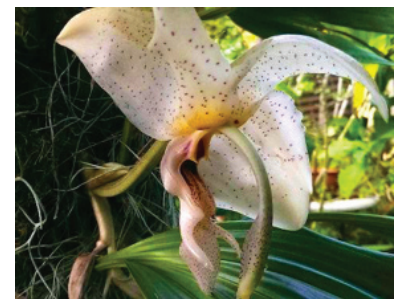
We continue to plant and maintain gardens at the Loxahatchee River Center, at the Jupiter Lighthouse and the

"Plant it Pink" garden at the Foshay Cancer Treatment Center. Our garden club has a new advertising brochure to promote our organization. These were distributed at "Jupiter Jubilee" in which we participated with a booth.

Club members participated in field trips to Jonathan Dickinson State Park, including a boat ride up the Loxahatchee River, and a guided field trip to the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens. This summer, we took a trip to view the labs at Palm Beach State College and purchase plants at their nursery.

We provided college scholarships again this year to 5 students in the Jupiter Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy (JERFSA) who will be pursuing studies in horticultural, environmental, or biological science.

We are looking forward to continuing with many of our projects and also adding some new ones.



On a final note, one of our members, Kat Rahla, received an award from American Orchid Society for a primary hybrid Stanhopea. Such a plant had never been registered before with the Royal Botanical Registry and she was given the privilege of naming it. This new orchid is officially called "Kat Rah" Moon Dragon.

Boca Raton Garden Club preparing for their annual Holiday House Craft Bazaar



The members of the Boca Raton Garden Club have been busy designing and creating items for their annual Holiday House Craft Bazaar. Whether you are looking for a beautiful gilded angel, a dazzling holiday wreath, or even a themed Christmas tree, this is the place to shop.

Having a problem deciding what to give to that special friend who is so hard to buy for? Try

our lighted glass blocks wrapped in the ribbon of your choice. They are perfect for Hanukkah, Christmas, birthdays and more.

There will also be many fall items that will dress up any home. Every house needs a smiling scarecrow to greet friends and family. Our centerpieces made out of Clusia leaves will take you from early fall to late winter.

The women have crafted year round items such as embroidered aprons and dish towels for the chef at heart and the avid gardener. Also for sale will be beautiful items made with seashells. While shopping stop by the bake sale

and take home some delicious goodies. Also, see our 2017 collectible ornament. An outdoor plant sale will be going on in our lovely surrounding garden as well. Hundreds of plants, bushes, trees, and garden items will be available.

So please leave your decorating and shopping up to us and visit our annual Holiday House Craft Bazaar on November 10, 11, 12 and 13. Hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Place is the Boca Raton Garden Club, 4281 NW 3rd Avenue, Boca Raton, 33431. Phone number is 561-395-9376. Admission is free.

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. District X



Tropical Destinations 61st Annual TROPICAL SHORT COURSE

Mounts Botanical Garden
West Palm Beach

January 25-26, 2017

Make Tropical Short Course your destination for education, entertainment and enlightenment.

There will be raffles with unique prizes, vendors with that perfect plant or a delightful gift, and a picturesque garden setting for the whole family.

Registration is open to all garden club members, friends and family.

Nancy Richards
Chairman

nancyrichards@gmail.com 561-702-0550

For more information and an interactive registration form go to: www.districtx.org click on "Educational Opportunities".



Milkweed for the Monarchs

By Ann McCormick, District X Butterfly Chairman

How are the milkweeds in your garden growing? Last year I planted 4 species of native milkweed, in a garden with areas devoted to the needs of each. Two species of swamp milkweed plants purchased from native nurseries had a moist area lined with pond liner to slow down drainage. They flowered profusely all summer, and the monarch caterpillars had plenty to eat. Up the hill from them in well drained sandy soil I planted from seed, two species that prefer to grow on dry sandy hilltops. I found lots of seedlings, but only a couple of them grew large enough to flower. Sadly, only one White Swamp Milkweed plant remained this spring, rest of the milkweed that came up in my garden this spring is the exotic milkweed that probably seeded here from other plants in my neighborhood, or lay dormant in the soil from the year before.

This is consistent with the findings of the Florida Milkweed Project that zeroed in on the availability of native milkweed in wild habitats and urban landscapes. They found that not enough is known about how to successfully cultivate milkweed species, and there are not enough native milkweed plants or seeds to meet heavy demand. The Florida Association of Native Nurseries is now documenting propagation techniques with plans for a growers' manual, and as their work finding and collecting seeds in the wild continues both the nursery growers and the Florida Wildflower Seed Cooperative will receive seeds for propagation and sale to the public.

Meanwhile, the Monarchs need to eat. Very limited numbers of NATIVE MILKWEED plants are available from some native nurseries. Our native milkweeds bloom from spring to fall. Please continue to look for them and plant them in your home and community gardens. Request them at your local nurseries, demand sometimes increases supply. If all you can find is Tropical Milkweed go ahead and plant it for the Monarch caterpillars to eat, but please don't let the seeds escape into native areas and preserves. It has become naturalized in some areas of South Florida. The exotic milkweed has not yet become invasive here though there is a problem with it elsewhere. Remember, Brazilian Pepper was naturalized here over 100 years before it was classified as an invasive exotic.

Native milkweed seeds can be purchased at www.seedsource.com and www.floridawildflowers.com. Your chairman has also found native milkweed plants in native nurseries in Melbourne and Boynton Beach. Be sure to ask for the species name and the growing conditions, our natives have very specific growing requirements to thrive.

The Terrific Ten Milkweed for Monarchs Challenge continues. The challenge is to encourage the planting of NATIVE milkweed in members' gardens, and their community gardens. The club or circle reporting the largest number of native milkweeds planted per member will receive a certificate of achievement at the 2016 Fall District X Meeting.

To enter the challenge, by noon on Monday, October 10, 2016, the Monday prior to the Fall District Meeting, email your Milkweed Report to ANNFROMLODI@YAHOO.COM.

Include in your report:

1. number of milkweed plants planted,
2. the native species planted, Latin name,
3. where they were obtained,
4. the total number of club or circle members,
5. the name of your garden club.

Assistance given to other groups counts as well. For example, your club is approached for help obtaining plants for a Boy Scout project. All the plants you help them find count.

District X is the highest contributing district to Penny Pines in Florida

By Susan Hillson, District X Penny Pines Chair

District X was recognized at the FFGC State Convention in April for our outstanding contributions to the Penny Pines Program. As a district, we contributed a total of \$2626.58, which averages out to \$1.76 per member. Wow!

Penny Pines is a National Garden Clubs, Inc. project that is a partnership with the USDA Forest Service to replant forests that have been destroyed by fire or other natural catastrophes.

Under a Conservation agreement, the Forest Service does the planting, using donations made by garden clubs (and other organizations) together with Federal funds.



The FFGC became involved with the Penny Pines Project about five years ago, and has contributed approximately \$25,000 toward the reforestation efforts to date. Of all the states, Florida ranks second only to California in donations today.

Donations from Florida have primarily gone to purchase seedlings for the County Line Wildfire in the Osceola National Forest.

Your Garden Club can participate by contributing \$68.00 (or multiples of) to a Penny Pine plantation. \$68 is the amount needed to order and plant the trees on one acre of forest land. A \$68 donation may also

be made in honor or in memory of ONE individual, organization or theme.

A big THANK YOU to each of you for dropping your pennies in the 'Penny Pines Jar' at your meetings!

Wellington Garden Club wins many awards for their hard work!

Wellington Garden Club is very happy to share some exciting news about Awards. Our members, volunteers, leaders, youth and students all work hard to learn more about gardening in a vegetable garden, how to protect our environment and about leaping into action to save our pollinators and endangered frogs.

With all of this hard work learning and giving back to our community, the students and club volunteers won awards that recognize a job well done by all. Some are the awards received were the NGC Recyclable Sculpture Contest, 1st Place, 4th Grade to Maya Malec, the NGC Presidents



Project "The Frightened Frog" Honorable Mention to Wynnebrook Elementary Jr. Garden Club, The NGC Certificate of Participation in "The Frightened Frog" Presidents Project to the Wellington Garden Club, and the NGC President Project "The Frightened Frog"

Honorable Mention to Binks Forest Elementary School. WGC also took home some FFGC and Deep South awards for Environmental Education, community service, horticulture programs, conservation and youth contests.

WGC sponsored Wynnebrook Elementary school to help them attain the Green School of Quality along with

a generous grant from Pratt and Whitney that helped with their courtyard enhancements and vegetable gardens. Barbara and Tim Hadsell and their team of volunteers were a vital part in helping Wynnebrook attain this status and recognition.

A Blended Kitchen Garden

by Laure Hristov, Horticulture Chair

Blended gardens that incorporate edibles and ornamentals do double duty, giving gardeners a bountiful harvest of fruit, vegetables and herbs and an alternative to turfgrass. The French have been doing it in their potagers (vegetable gardens) for centuries, providing beauty and bounty that enrich their gardens and tables throughout the seasons.



For a dazzling display mix flowering ornamentals and experiment with color and texture. Cover the ground with colorful edibles that are also ornamental, like blue-green cabbage, purple basil, and oregano. Planting organization is the most practical way to approach edibles. I suggest planting these colorful selections in blocks to create a beautiful, quilt-like tapestry.

Use these simple design tips to transform your veggie plot into a beautiful kitchen garden full of color and texture!

1. Arrange bunches of bold color. Vibrant, lush foliage defines a kitchen garden. Plant colorful sections of flowers, vegetables, fruits, and herbs next to one another to achieve a truly dramatic display.

2. Plant snug beds. Rather than planting everything in straight rows separated by expanses of soil, consider creating tight planting patterns that will provide an expanse of attractive edibles.

3. Smooth out the edges. Clean edges and pathways unify garden and home by employing complementary

help define your space. You can also unify garden and home by employing complementary colors and materials (wood and brick, for example).

4. Define your space. Fences, walls, and living borders help frame your garden. Establish a peaceful outdoor retreat by choosing options that best fit your style.

5. Create some filtered light using Loquat Trees, Meyer Lemon Trees, Calamondin Citrus (great for jams) Dwarf Mango, Papaya, Barbados Cherry to name a few.

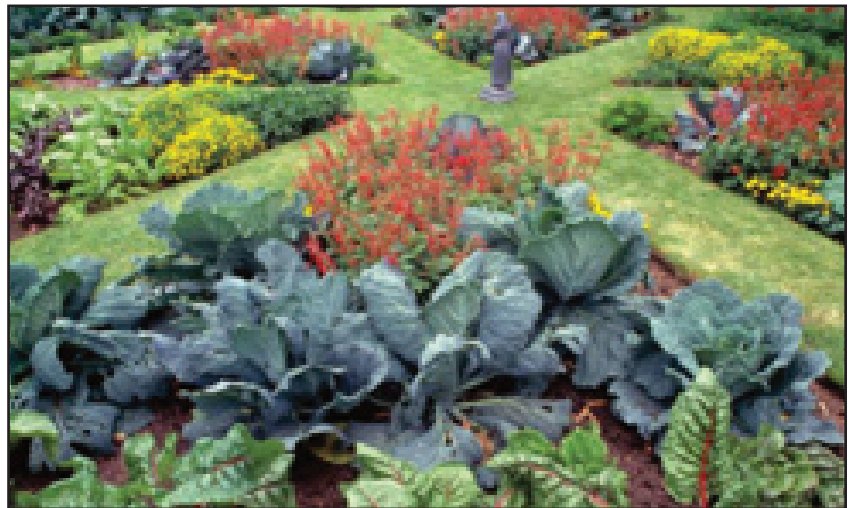
6. Use hedges to border your edibles with plants such as Ilex, Juniper, Hibiscus and Elderberry and Rosemary

7. Herbs with silver foilage: Artemesias, Chives, Ecaulyptus, Sage Tansy, Thyme, Variegated Pineapple Mint

8. Colorful herbs: Aloe, Basils (green or purple) Marigolds, Nasturtium, Pepper (Capsicum), Sage, Society Garlic, Sunflower, Tarragon, Thyme and Brone Leaf Fennel, Salvias

9. Colorful vegetables can be added in decorative pots such as tomatoes, peppers, green beans and eggplant and placed within the beds.

10. Have fun and enjoy the bountiful harvest!



Town and Country GC holds Blue Star Memorial marker service

By Erin Allen, Public Relations Com.

In observance of Memorial Day, the Town and Country Garden Club of Lake Worth held a Blue Star Memorial marker service at Constitution Walk Park to recognize our veterans and their service and sacrifice to our country.

The Blue Star Memorial was undertaken by the National Council of Garden Clubs in 1946 and adopted by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in 1947.

Under the project, U.S. highways could be designated perpetual memorials to the Armed Forces of the United States of America, past, present and future. On November 11, 1964, Federal Highway in Lake Worth was designated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway and the memorial marker was unveiled by the Town and Country Garden Club.

Over the years the marker had deteriorated and become in disrepair. In 2012, under the leadership and sheer tenaciousness of one garden club member, Pat Parr, the marker was restored to its original splendor.

Pat spear-headed fundraising to pay for the marker's restoration and followed the stringent guidelines in place for restoring these national markers. The restoration of the marker was as a result of a partnership between Town and County Garden Club, American Legion Post #47 and the City of Lake Worth.

Garden Club of Fort Pierce is surging with good energy!

Garden Club of Fort Pierce is surging with good energy! See for yourself...

Connecting with our community:

*Two students in garden related studies were plugged in to scholarships.

*80 Fort Pierce Public Works Department employees reset their energy balance with lunch at GCFP. Our thanks for keeping our city green.

*Members generated hospitality for Arbor Day plantings at the Ft. Pierce Police Memorial Garden for Fallen Officers.

*Our multi-club Plants in the Park was a powerful success. Everyone enjoyed shopping and learning about plants from local plant lovers!

*Fundraising dollars were recycled with a donation to Heathcote Botanical Gardens children's garden.

In-House Connections:

*Appreciations are offered to the live-wires of the Awards Committee, the House Committee and the Grounds Committee, as each does positive work that requires focused charge all year long!

*Sweet thanks fit nicely with an end-of-year tea for the outgoing officers who met our energy demands and kept us zapped with purposeful fun activities month after month.

*Transmitting welcome - A sea life themed Installation brought our new officers energy waves of good wishes for an excellent year!

Hot new leadership connection keeps us going and glowing:

*National Garden Week celebration included Ft. Pierce Mayor Linda



Brand new GCFP President Janie Zezek (center) celebrates at City Hall with other club members after receiving the City of Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson's recognition of National Garden Week.

Hudson's proclamation while our members cheered forcefully. We continued momentum with book donations to the library and plant gifts to community supporters.

*Three Dynamic "no agenda" luncheons allowed members to gravitate, sharing plant stories, new ideas for our club and friendly feelings.

*Learning radiated with brilliant adventures to La Maison Fluerie Tropical Garden in Jensen Beach and to the Caladium Festival.

*A glowing group continues to be a bright source for planning and constructing Heathcote's Garden of Lights.

You're ON next ... Plan to connect with us in October:

*Plants are already in their pots, increasing in mass, and treasures from our homes are tapped for best selections to offer at the MEGA Yard and Plant Sale. Mark your calendar, today.

Please join us Oct. 29th to complete our circle of energy, shopping for a good cause!

Follow an easy plan from Robert's Rules of Order to make meetings effective

How would you describe your Garden Club? Is it small, large, meets in a home, public building, effective or wandering aimlessly?

The best way to keep focus—for all size clubs—is to follow an easy plan which is a standard from Robert's Rules of Order: God, Country, Club business.

Start with an Invocation/ Inspirational reading. Next is the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States (remember there is NO COMMA OR HESITATION after 'one nation') and proceed to Club Business. The Minutes and Treasurer's Reports brings everyone up to date and current. Activities/ reports of the Officers come next, followed by Committee reports. Now is the time to clear up Old

Business before going on to New Business.

By beginning your Garden Club year with this "plan" and making enough copies of the "plan" as there are meetings for the year, each meeting will be conducted in an orderly and consistent manner. It is up to the President (Presiding Officer), to follow and stick to the plan.

Members are encouraged to participate.

If there is a project to be introduced and considered, the member says: "I move that we visit xyz on the next rainy day". There needs to be a "second" before discussion starts on the positives and negatives of what

the member 'moved'. It is only fair for members to alternate: one speaks 'for' and then another member speaks 'against'.

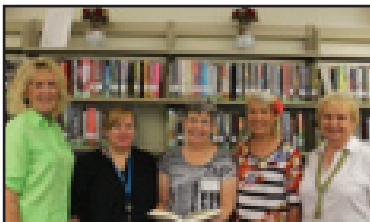
If another member wants to make changes/adjustments to the original motion, that, too, is introduced with the same words: "I move that we visit xyz on the next sunny day". It too requires a "second" before discussion begins.

When it is time to vote, the vote is for the last motion first (as it was amended/changed); it either passes or fails. If it fails, the vote moves to the original motion. If it passes, the original motion is voted with the 'passed change'.

National Garden Week celebrated by several clubs

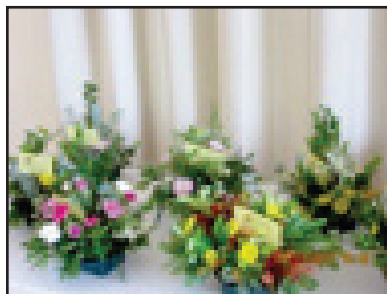
By Twig Morris, District X National Garden Week Chairman

National Garden Week was celebrated in District X with a wide variety of projects by nine clubs in the District. Several of the clubs received proclamations from the mayors of their towns and almost every club delivered floral designs and plants to the municipal offices, nursing homes, libraries and other public places.



Some clubs donated books to their local library; some created library displays to educate the

public about the benefits of garden club membership; while others worked with youngsters creating planting projects to



help them experience the joy of growing plants.

As District X Chairman for National Garden Week, I was very proud to report all these activities to our FFGC National Garden Week Chairman, Andrea



Finn.

Sincere thanks to the following clubs that participated and took the time to send me a write up and photos of their activities: Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Fort Pierce, Stuart, Indian River County, Jensen Beach, Rio Lindo, Town and Country, and Wellington.

November 14 - 15, 2016
Environmental Studies School
Course II

“The Living Earth - Land Related
Issues”

Pine Jog Environmental Education Center
6301 Summit Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Sponsored by Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches
Chairperson: Nancy Richards, 561-702-0550, email:
nancyrrichards@gmail.com
Cost: \$65 + \$7 Exam Fee

This Environmental Studies School covers timely topics that are of interest to all of us in Florida, and the nation. Learning about how to reduce toxic pollutants, new agricultural practices, sustainability issues, protection of coastal zone areas, and how we can garden with nature are just some of the topics that are covered.

Our committee is excited about the instructors who will be teaching the classes. We have high-quality people coming in from all walks of life. These teachers will bring their own special perspective to the course material, and are sure to be very interesting.

To register, simply go to www.districtX.org and look under “Educational Opportunities”. The brochure and interactive registration form are both posted.

Don't miss out on Gardening Study Course III in South Florida on October 26 & 27

We are coming to the end of the summer and that means that autumn will bring us Gardening Study Course III in South Florida.

Our course will take place on October 26 and 27, 2016, at the University of Florida Davie Campus in Broward County. Log on to www.districtx.org and click

on Educational Opportunities for all the details.

The curriculum includes the following topics:

- * *Factors that Influence Plant Growth*
- * *New Plant Development and Evaluation*
- * *Container Gardening- Outdoor*

Houseplant Basics

- * *A Tour of the Horticultural Research Facility.*

Please join us for a fun and educational time. We look forward to meeting you and sharing the knowledge that is being presented to us by our outstanding lecturers.

Oleander Garden Club is small in size but not in accomplishments!

The Oleander Garden Club of the Palm Beaches may be District X's smallest club with 21 members, but it is not small when it comes to award winning recognition of its activities. Not only did the club receive FFGC's Award #51 (Environmental Education Involving Youth) and 1st place for its Yearbook, but also a Deep South Honorable Mention -Yearbook award and recognition at the national level.

Club members and their junior garden club students participated



in NGC's Frightened Frog program and the Juniors received a 2nd place award and \$75 while the Oleander Club received a special participation certificate from NGC's president Sandra Robinson.

Jenson Beach Garden Club wraps up another successful season

Earth Day was again celebrated at the Hoke Library. Earth Day information as well as JBGC handouts were made available to the community. Our Penny Pines jar is just one of the many items we displayed and received questions about. After a donation to Penny Pines, guests were given a raffle ticket for a chance to win a plant. Forty two dollars was donated.

The IFAS recipe for natural insect spray is another handout that is always appreciated, and we have our own reusable grocery bags with our club name and our favorite gloves for purchase. Club members enjoy connecting with the community at this event.

At the April meeting new officers were installed, 21 new members were welcomed and the Penny Pines recipient and the Outstanding Member Awards were presented.

Yvette Goodiel, Horticulture Extension Agent, our guest speaker, spoke to the club about the Master Gardener Program in Martin County. Following the program, husbands,



Gerry Moon, Linda Elliott, Jeanne Alfieri, Dottie Tazsetta, Brenda Hefty

new members and guests joined us for an International Flair covered dish luncheon to end the 2015-2016 season.

This year, through our fund-raising efforts, we were able to present \$3,700.00 in camp scholarships. The same as last year, the monies went to the Environmental Studies Center, The Martin County Parks and Recreation, and Camp Wekiva.

Happy Fall Y'all!

The members of the Boca Raton Garden Club look forward to spending time with you at the Fall District X Meeting. This summer we have been planning for the arrival of our Florida Federation of Garden Club State officers. We hope you all will join us to make them feel welcome.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 13. It will be here before you know it! Send in your registration so you don't miss out on all the fun. This will be a day to share ideas, make new friends, learn more about our federation and, oh yes, do some shopping.

Together we can continue to make District Ten Terrific.

See you all real soon.

*Emilie Palmieri & Grace Johnson
Co-Chairmen*

It has been a busy and rewarding season. Our club was honored to receive recognition from FFGC and the Deep South Region for our year book and FFGC Special Projects Award.

Activities for the summer include luncheons each month and planning the Blue Star Byway Marker Celebration to be held on November 11.

Wishing all clubs a happy and safe summer.



Registration Form

Happy Fall Y'all!

District X Fall Meeting

October 13, 2016

\$30 Registration Fee

Location: Boca Raton Country Club
17751 Boca Club Blvd.
Boca Raton, FL 33487

PLEASE WEAR YOUR OWN CLUB NAME TAG

Please complete a Registration Form for each club member registering.

Forms must be RECEIVED by **September 30, 2016**

Make checks payable to: **Boca Raton Garden Club**. Copy form as needed and mail with \$30 check to:

Peggy Paterra
915 Dogwood Drive
Delray Beach, FL 33483
Phone 561-330-7575
Email: ppaterra@gmail.com

<i>Please print clearly</i>			
NAME:			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
CLUB/CIRCLE:			
PHONE:		EMAIL	

Check each category below that applies to you:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Garden Club Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	District Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	FFGC Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garden Club President	<input type="checkbox"/>	FFGC Former President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garden Circle President	<input type="checkbox"/>	NGC Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	District Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	Former District Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	NGC Former National President
<input type="checkbox"/>	District Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	FFGC Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visitor/ Guest

Continental Breakfast: Assorted pastries, coffee and juice

Lunch: Martha's Vineyard Salad, rolls, fresh fruit/ key lime pie, coffee

Dietary Restriction: (please describe)_____

Fall 2016 Meeting Chairmen

Grace Johnson gracemjohnsoncj@yahoo.com
Emilie Palmieri emiliepalmieri@bellsouth.net



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District X Fall Meeting

October 13, 2016

Hosted by the Boca Raton Garden Club

PLEASE WEAR YOUR OWN CLUB NAME TAG

8:45 Registration

9:30 Call to Order

Visit with the FFGC Tour Team

“Fun with Flowers”

- ♦ Fundraisers for Coral Reef Restoration, Penny Pines, Wekiva,
- ♦ Raffles
- ♦ Vendor items and plants available for purchase

Please complete a Registration Form for each person attending.

Forms must be RECEIVED by September 30, 2016

Registration Fee: \$30

Location:

Boca Raton Country Club
17751 Boca Club Blvd.
Boca Raton, FL 33487

Directions

Take I-95 South to Exit 50—Congress Ave. At the light, you will bear right onto Peninsula Corp. Drive. At the next traffic light, use the left 3 lanes to turn left onto Congress Ave.

After .8 miles, turn right onto Boca Country Club Blvd. At the first stop sign, turn left. Go past the tennis courts and the clubhouse will be ahead of you to your right. Valet Parking available.

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