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President

Tallahassee Garden Club Newsletter

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From the President…

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If you go back over the newsletters for the past two years, Tallahassee Garden Club members can be proud of the many accomplishments of this administration. Having just returned from FFGC convention in Kissimmee and listened to the many accomplishments statewide, you realize the impact that we, as garden club members, have throughout the nation, the state and our local communities. Help spread the word so everyone will want to be part of this great organization.

Claudia Bates, the 2017-19 FFGC President, pointed out these accomplishments as well as our rapidly declining membership. It's not only us, but other organizations as well, that are losing members. Try, try, try to invite one member to join garden club. If you are a smaller circle, would it be better for you to join forces with another circle? I know we ask so much of you and you are always so generous with your time and talents, but your most important job is to spread the word about TGC everywhere you go.

Tallahassee was represented at convention by 10 members: your president, Brenda Dyer, Joan Stout, Libby Penrod, Gail Hill, Phyllis West, Kathy Carmichael, Carol Hall, Erica Chatham and Jana Walling. The educational workshops and displays were well presented, but the camaraderie is the best part where you share meals and ideas with other members throughout the state.

Remember, the Executive Board meeting in May is **Wednesday, May 24, at 10.** Brenda Dyer and her officers will be installed, with a reception following hosted by Magnolia and Orange Blossom Circles. This would be a good time to bring your new circle chairs and introduce them.

District III meeting is **Thursday, May 18.** Wakulla County Iris Garden Circle is the host club. The registration is on the last page of this newsletter. Plant exchange has been cancelled that day so TGC members can attend.

Thank you for your support. It has truly been my honor to represent you.

-- Helen Purvis, President

Calendar for Upcoming TGC and Other Garden-Related Events

May 2017

05/04	Th	Starts@6 pm	"Collectors and Crooks" at Goodwood
05/05	F	Noon	Friday Lecture Series, "To Bee, or not to Bee..." at Goodwood
05/06	Sa	Starts@5 pm	Kentucky Derby Party
05/07	Su	1-4 pm	Mid-Day Getaway to benefit School of Arts and Sciences
05/06-07	Sa-Su	10am-5pm	Orchid Society Show
05/12	F	Starts@12:30	"Shakespeare Can Be Fun" at Gilchrist Elementary School
05/18	Th	Starts@10am	District III meeting
05/21	Su	2 pm	"Arts in the Garden" at Goodwood
05/24	W	10 am	Executive Board Meeting and Installation of Officers

View from the Board

Party Time: As you know, the fifth annual BOT Kentucky Derby Party Fundraiser is set for Saturday, May 6, 2017. The Board is most appreciative of all who participate by purchasing tickets, sponsoring tables, and providing prizes. Please take the time to express your appreciation for the support from these sponsors and merchants: Margaret and Tom Bryant, Joy and Don Hevey, Bagel Market, Benson's Heating & Air Conditioning, Costco, Flying Bear American Grill, Fresh Market, Grub Burgers, Haute Headz, Kanvas Spa, Lucky Goat Coffee, McGowan's Hops and Grapes, My Favorite Things, Peterbrooke Chocolatier, Pinch a Penny at Bannerman Crossing, Publix Super Markets, Inc., Southern Compass, Super Lube, Table 23, Tallahassee Indoor Shooting Range, Tim Nettles Tallahassee Segway Tours, Trader Joe's, and Wild Birds Unlimited.

Please return all unsold tickets and envelopes to me at the Executive Board meeting on May 24.

Changing of the Guard: As we welcome new members of your BOT, we say farewell to the TGC officers who serve on the board, and to Glenda Todd, who completes her second term as trustee at large. Helen Purvis, Beth Trotman, Libby Penrod and Jo Bowman have served with dedication and were always available to advance the cause of the Center and the landscape.

Glenda Todd has served as secretary for the past six years and has such a flair for making her job seem a breeze. Not only is Glenda glib with a pen, but she always exhibits such grace and poise that are most appreciated in times of making hard decisions. We shall miss her.

Our new members come with a wealth of TGC knowledge and will hit the ground running. We look forward to TGC officers Brenda Dyer, Joan Stout, Patricia Romig, and Susan Weaver joining the Board, and to our newest trustee at large, Ruth Cates, who is joining as the Board secretary.

Donations

- In other news, the dining room has gotten a little brighter thanks to Marion Dunn. Thank you, Marion, for purchasing the lovely torchiere lamps. What a difference they make when one is trying to read an agenda or minutes!
- A great big thank you to Beth Desloge, who gifted the Center with two lovely oriental rugs. What makes these even more special is that they were her grandmother's rugs, TGC's beloved Beth Moor. Such a special gift from Beth and her sister and a great way to honor her grandmother's memory in TGC.
- The Upholstery Fund continues to grow. Holly Circle contributed $100 towards this effort. Thank you, ladies.
- Ivy Daisy Circle made a very generous donation to the Tallahassee Garden Center of $600. On behalf of all of us, thank you!
- Memorial ($100) - Babies' Breath Circle in memory of Clara Jane Carroll Smith. For those of us who had the great pleasure of knowing Clara Jane, you know that words cannot describe her. She was, in every sense of the word, larger than life and left an imprint on everyone she met.

If Wishes were Horses… As your Circle ends its year, please keep your Garden Center in mind. Among our remaining wishes and short term goals are:

- Repaint entire hallway, dining room wall that abuts the parlor and hallway to sunroom ($1,800 estimate).
- Refurbish and repaint all wooden handrails and deck/handicap ramp boards where needed ($5,000)
- Reupholster loveseat in Trophy room, settee in back foyer ($610 needed)
- Improve parking lot lighting and continue to study improvements to parking lot area and upgrade parking lot with plants, re-grade parking areas, and sod northern most Gadsden Street embankment (unknown amount)

Have a great summer. We look forward to seeing you in September. -- Sue Griner, Chairman Board of Trustees

The Tallahassee Garden Club invites you to

A Kentucky Derby Party

At the Historic Rutgers House

507 North Calhoun Street

Saturday, May 6th, 2017

Cocktails and Betting: 5:00 pm

Run for the Roses: 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

$75 per person/$750 for a reserved table for eight

proceeds to benefit the Rutgers House

In addition to a reserved table with sponsor recognition,

each guest at your table will receive a

2017 Kentucky Derby Mint Julep glass

Cash bar

The favor of your reply is requested by April 21, 2017.

Name: _____

____ attending @ $75 per person = $_____

____reserved table for 8 @ $750 (please list guests)

____I cannot attend but wish to make a donation.

Enclosed is my check made payable to Tallahassee Garden Club Board of Trustees. Mail to Sue Griner, Chairman, 507 North Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

At the April Horticulture Program, Phyllis West opened her presentation on Pollinators by asking the audience to name four pollinators that start with the letter "B". What are they?
(answer on page 5)

Easy & Yummy Kumquat Cookie Recipe

Your newsletter editor is always looking for new ways to use fruits and vegetables from our garden. Luckily, I happened upon some cookies made for a joint Magnolia / Buddleia meeting by Brenda DeVolentine, a member of Buddleia!

1 Box Krusteaz Meyer Lemon Cookie mix. Make according to package directions, but also add ¼ Cup Kumquat puree!

From Your Treasurer…

Dues! Thanks to all the Circles who completed their dues reports and sent in their checks and new member information by the April 30th deadline.

As our fiscal year nears a close, your circle might have funds to donate. If your circle wants to donate to the many projects of the Tallahassee Garden Club, your check should be made payable to TGC and sent c/o TGC Treasurer to 507 North Calhoun, Tallahassee, 32301-1231. If your circle wants to donate to the Garden Center, the check should be made payable to TGC – BOT and sent c/o BOT Treasurer at that same address. Either way, your donations are appreciated and put to good use!

-- Submitted by Jo Bowman, TGC Treasurer

Scenes from the Historic Marker Dedication

Beth McGrotha joins the Proctor family in front of the historic marker.

Beth McGrotha speaks with Secretary of State Ken Detzner.

David F. Lee and TGC President Helen Purvis unveil the marker.

David F. Lee, Judy Lee and David Lee inside the TGC

Guests and TGC members listen to TGC President Helen Purvis.

Helen Purvis and Ken Detzner admire the historic marker.

Some of TGC past presidents at the marker

Lila Eubanks, David F. Lee, and Nell Carlile

The TGC dining room, decorated and set for the historic marker dedication

Helen Purvis, Michael Hart, and Ken Detzner

A guest joins Nell Carlile and Beth McGrotha in admiring the marker.

Thanks to Penny Gilmer for providing these photos!

Scenes from the FFGC Convention

Scholarship display by Helen Purvis

Design by Helen Purvis

Jana Walling
Recording Secretary

Jana Walling was installed as the FFGC Recording Secretary!

Design by Jana Walling

Design by Kathy Carmichael

Invitational Floral Design, by Phyllis West

Penny Pines Recap

This is what we can look forward to!

TGC has collected a grand total of $512.92 for the Penny Pines project. The money has been sent to the state representative. After our FFGC Annual Convention, I will have a report with more details on how the money will be used throughout the state. KUDOS to all!

Thank you for your wonderful support.
-- Erica Chatham,
Penny Pines Chair

Answer: Bees, Bats, Butterflies, and Birds

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ON THOMASVILLE ROAD PTSA PRESENTS

Mid-Day Getaway

SUNDAY MAY · 7 · 2017 FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM
TALLAHASSSEE GARDEN CLUB CENTER
507 N CALHOUN STREET
SILENT AUCTION · FOOD · MIMOSA BAR
RETAIL POP-UP BOOTHS · PRESENTATIONS

LADIES, BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A FUN-FILLED, RELAXING LADIES AFTERNOON!
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Special thanks to our event sponsor Tallahassee Garden Club

-NAME:_____
EMAIL:_____
OF TICKET(S) _____ @ $20 = $_____
DONATE A TICKET FOR TEACHER/STAFF _____ @ $15 = $_____
TOTAL PAYMENT $_____
PLEASE SELECT PAYMENT OPTION:
___ PAID VIA CREDIT CARD AT SQUAREUP.COM/STORE/SASPTSA
___ CHECK ENCLOSED (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "SAST PTSA")
___ CASH ENCLOSED

Tallahassee Orchid Society

51st Annual Orchid Show and Sale

Plant sales, Art Exhibit, Potting Supplies, Bonsai Displays

May 6th, 2017 10 AM – 5 PM
May 7th, 2017 10 AM - 5 PM

Doyle Connor Agricultural Center
3125 Connor Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Free admission

Tallahassee Orchid Society Facebook or
www.tallyorchid.org or Harriett 850-320-6566

Goodwood's May Events

Collectors & Crooks
Thursday, May 4th
6 PM at the Carriage House

Come enjoy a Louisiana-inspired dinner while listening to Tom Whitehead and FBI Special Agent Randolph Deaton tell how they identified a team of crooks forging Clementine Hunter's art and brought them to justice.

Mr. Whitehead, an author and recognized expert on Clementine Hunter's work, was a personal friend of the artist. Today, he owns one of the largest collections of her work, including the paintings on loan for Goodwood's current exhibition. Special Agent Deaton has over 18 years of investigative experience with the FBI. Deaton is a Relief Supervisor for the FBI, a member of the FBI's Adjunct Faculty Program, and a FBI certified Police Instructor and Interview and Interrogation instructor. Recently, Deaton received the honor of being selected as one of the newest members of the FBI's Art Crime Team.

Collectors and Crooks will be held in the beautiful Carriage House on the grounds of Goodwood Museum and Gardens beginning at 6:00 pm. John Gandy will set the stage for the Louisiana-inspired evening, which starts with a Zydeco band and drinks on the patio. Chef Billy of Rutabaga Café will serve dinner and desserts with his signature farm to table flair. Beer and wine will be served alongside sweet and unsweet tea. Tickets -- $50 for non-members and $45 for members -- can be purchased at the door or online at Goodwoodmuseum.org. For more information please call (850) 877-4202.

Friday Lecture Series
Friday, May 5
Noon in Jubilee Cottage

"To Bee, or not to Bee..."
Join Tony Hogg, of Full Moon Farm in Monticello and President of the Florida Beekeepers Association, as he explains some of the factors behind the decline of honey bees while enlightening the audience about bee keeping and bee ecology.

Arts in the Garden
Sunday, May 21
2-6 PM at the Carriage House

Voces Angelorum returns to Goodwood Museum & Gardens for an afternoon of music and art on Sunday, May 21. Come and enjoy an art show and sale featuring the works of local artist Pattie Maney, hors d'oeuvres, wine and a concert program of poetry set to music. Stroll the grounds, enjoy some wine, and browse the artwork beginning at 2:00pm. Concert begins at 3pm, followed by food. Wine bar will be open throughout the afternoon, and art show and sale will continue until 6pm.

Please join us for the

'Shakespeare Can Be Fun!' Celebration

Gilchrist Elementary School

May 12, 2017

12:30 - 1:00 Shakespeare Literacy Cabaret- Mingle with students in the Shakespeare Garden as they showcase their 'Shakespeare Can Be Fun!' portfolios.

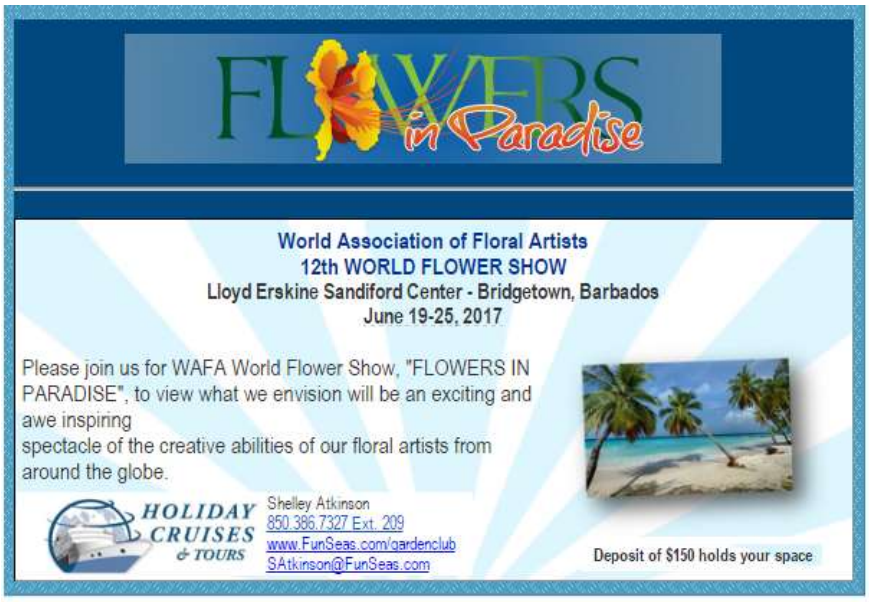
1:15 - 2:30 The Leon High School Thespians will perform

'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

RSVP: stewartm@leonschools.net

Made possible by a grant from the Leon County Schools Foundation, the Tallahassee Garden Club, Magnolia Circle, Lea Marshall and the Leon High School Thespians.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy summer.



You are cordially invited to attend our

Magic of Butterflies

FFGC Spring District 3 Meeting
Hosted by the Iris Garden Club of Wakulla County
At the new Wakulla Environmental Institute
Thursday, May 18, 2017

Location: Wakulla Environmental Institute,
170 Preservation Way, Crawfordville, FL 32327
The driveway is located across from Mt. Olive PB Church on US319 app. 3 miles south of Crawfordville.

Registration and Coffee: 9:00-10:00 AM; Meeting will begin at 10:00 AM
Cost::$22.00

Reports: Presidents allowed 3 minutes, Chairpersons 2 minutes

District Ways and Means Raffle: Each club please donate a raffle prize. Proceeds will help fund District lll expenses. Please bring and donate any unwanted jewelry for District lll to sell to help support FFGC youth projects. Also, bring Campbell soup labels for Camp Wekiva.

Announcements: Those wishing to have announcements made at this district meeting are asked to send the information in writing to the director no later than May 8th, 2017.

Driving Directions to the Wakulla Environmental Institute:
From Tallahassee: Drive south on US 319 (Crawfordville Hwy., South Adams St.) The entrance driveway to the WEI is located app. 3 miles south of downtown Crawfordville, directly across from the Mt. Olive PB Church. Look for signs for the event. Park on the gravel parking area or under the solar panels across from the building's entrance.

From Perry and points east: Take US 98 west. Turn right at the yellow blinker light at US 98 and Spring Creek Hwy.(CR 365) Turn left at MLK Memorial Rd. There is a left turn lane at this intersection and a 45 mph speed limit. MLK Memorial Rd. will take you to the stoplight by the Wakulla County Courthouse. Turn left at this intersection (US 319). The entrance driveway to the WEI is located app. 3 miles south on US 319, directly across from the Mt. Olive PB Church. Look for signs for the event. Park on the gravel parking area or under the solar panels across from the building's entrance.
Let's save the paved parking spaces for our mobility challenged members.

Make Checks payable to: Iris Garden Club
Mail to: Carrie Hess, Registrar
112 Lake Ellen Circle, Crawfordville, FL 32327
Phone: (850)566-0403
Deadline for reservation: May 8, 2017

For further information:
irisgardenclub.wakulla@gmail.com

Please complete the registration form and send it with the check(s).

Registration Form for May 18, 2017 FFGC District lll Meeting
Please fill out and mail with check(s).

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____

Garden Club_____ Email_____

Check all spaces that are applicable.

____FFGC Officer _____District Director _____Club Member
____FFGC Chairman _____District Chairman _____Guest
____Former FFGC President _____Club President
____Former District lll Director _____Circle President

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____

Garden Club_____ Email_____

Check all spaces that are applicable.

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