

Brenda Dyer
President

Tallahassee Garden Club Newsletter

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From the President...

"Autumn is the season that teaches us that change can be beautiful." --Anon

October is here and Fall is in the air. Look at the vibrant colors of the flowers, pumpkins, gourdes, trees and fallen leaves in our landscape, hear the rustle of the leaves and the cheers at football games, feel the crispness in the air as sweater weather draws near and we enjoy the feel of cooler evenings, smell the delicious aromas wafting from the summer dormant kitchens as we taste the comforting soups, stews and homemade fresh apple pies and smell the smoke of wood burning fireplaces. Autumn refreshes, renews and reenergizes the five senses. It is a time to gather the harvest, rake the leaves, begin preparing our yards and gardens for cooler weather and planting spring bulbs for that bright burst of color in the spring. Doesn't Mother Nature have the best crayons?

Irma certainly teased us with her Cat 5 threats but fortunately our area escaped with minimal damage, destruction and power outages. For most of us, she cleaned the dead limbs and debris out of our trees. Our backs may be aching from picking up the debris, but aren't we so fortunate and thankful not to have had the destruction that South Florida, Texas, Puerto Rica and so many of the islands are enduring. Let us keep those suffering from the ravages of the hurricanes in our thoughts and prayers.



Did you have fun attending your September Circle meeting and catching up with garden circle friends and getting your new yearbook? Aren't they beautiful? Now that you've had the opportunity to peruse them, please tell Trishia Finkey how much we appreciate her diligence, time and creativity in preparing the books for us. Special thanks to Mike Parrish for allowing the use of his National Garden Club 1st Place Award-winning photo on the cover. As always, a special thank you to Harvest Printing for their assistance and most generous donation of \$500 towards the printing and graphics cost of the yearbook.

District III meeting is next week in Perry. FFGC officers will be there, and it will be a fun meeting. If you haven't made your reservations, you may call Registrar: Polly White @ 386-688-4256. The cost is \$23 per person and includes morning coffee, etc. and lunch. If anyone needs a ride, please call or email Brenda Dyer (850-251-2001) brendadyer@aol.com. If you've never been to a District III meeting, now is a good time to see how much fun it can be. TGC will be hosting the May 10, 2018 District Meeting and will be needing volunteers.

Please be sure that someone(s) in your circle signs up for the Propagation Presentation Program that Coreopsis is providing for us to get started on our plants for the Spring Plant Extravaganza. Thursday, October 26 10:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. Reservation required – no cost. Jean McElveen - 850-893-9665 - jean.mcelveen@comcast.net

See you at Plant Exchange on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th. **(Please note day change)**. Ann Parramore will be presenting the Horticulture Program "Protecting Your Plants from the Cold".

Sincerely, Brenda M. Dyer, your TGC President

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View from the Board

As October rolls in, the Garden Center and grounds are in full demand, both from Circles and potential renters. When your circle meets, please take time to ooh and aah over the new upholstery on our furniture in the parlor.

Patsy Scott, owner of Tallahassee Decorative Fabric of and Jasmine Circle member, has been an invaluable member of the BOT Design Team. Through Patsy's expertise and the board members' eye for design, we are delighted with the fresh, new look!

Our next project involves improving the handicap ramp. We will begin replacing boards along the railings and repainting the areas that are affected. While outside, we are looking into new outdoor mats to place at the doors exiting to the deck. The new mats will allow water to drain and not become an issue to the boards beneath the rugs.

As we enjoy our meetings at the Center, it is important to remember our responsibilities which are delineated in the Directory. Please remind your circle members to consult and adhere to the Circle Responsibilities when using the Center. One of the most important duties is to double and triple check all doors when exiting to make certain that they are all locked.

Circles continue to support Center related needs. In September, the Board of Trustees was delighted to have received the following donations:

For general operations or Rutgers House needs - \$106 *Sabal Palm Circle*

For parking lot improvement - \$300 *Coreopsis Circle*

For landscape - \$200 *Coreopsis Circle*

For Technology improvement fund or as needed - \$1,000 *Orange Blossom Circle*

As always, thank you for your support of the Board of Trustees and the Center, both fiscally and physically!

Happy Fall. See you around the Center! -- Sue Griner, Chairman, Board of Trustees

In Memoriam

Miriam Sims, member of Sabal Palm Circle and Life Member of FFGC, passed away on September 2, 2017.

Peggy Teague, long time member of Radiance Circle, passed away on September 20, 2017.

These ladies will be truly missed by all of their Tallahassee Garden Club friends.

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Calendar for Upcoming TGC and Other Garden-Related Events

October

10/04	W	10:00 am	Executive Board Meeting @ Garden Center; Pink Lemonade Day
10/06	F		Deadline to register your Circle to create a scarecrow for Maclay Gardens
10/07	Sa	9 am-1 pm	Goodwood Annual Fall Plant Sale
10/12	Th	9:30 am	District III Meeting in Perry, FL
10/20	*F	9:30 am 10:15 am	Plant Exchange: Host circles * Morning Glory, Sweet Bay, Coreopsis Horticulture Program: "Protecting Your Plants From the Cold," Presented by Ann Parramore
10/20	F		Pecan order deadline!
10/26	Th	10 – 11 am	Propagation presentation by Coreopsis Circle
10/28	Sa		Submission deadline for November newsletter!

*** Important Note: The Plant Exchange / Horticulture Program has been moved to Friday, October 20 this month because of a Thursday Rental**

November

11/08	W	10:00 am	Fall General Membership Meeting
11/16	Th	9:30 am 10:15 am	Plant Exchange: Host circles * Gardenia, Wisteria, Nasturtium Horticulture Program: "Plants and Flowers for the Holidays"
11/29	W		Circles will decorate for the holidays the area of the Garden Center they previously selected.

Goodwood Annual Fall Plant Sale

The annual Fall Plant Sale at Goodwood Museum and Gardens will be held Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, rain or shine, at the Virginia McKee Greenhouse. Perennials, shrubs, trees, vines, herbs, houseplants and a variety of winter blooms and veggies will be available for sale! Gardeners know that fall is the best time to plant!! -- Mary Ann Tonnacliff

HOPE Community News



A BAG FOR HOPE QUILT DRAWING

TICKET DONATION: 1 FOR \$1.00 OR 6 FOR \$5.00

1st PRIZE – Tumbling Triangle Quilt

There will also be prizes awarded for 2ND & 3RD place

Drawing to held by the BAG for Hope volunteers on December 11, 2017. Need not be present to win.

This queen-size reversible quilt (80" x 80") and bonus pillow was sewn and donated by a volunteer of A BAG for

HOPE. All ticket donations will be donated to The Hope Community, which is a part of the Big Bend Homeless Coalition. Its mission is to provide temporary shelter and other services to homeless families with children. A BAG for HOPE is a local group of volunteers who support the needs of these children by creating, sewing and selling a variety of household and personal products made from fabric donations. All net proceeds from the sale of these goods are donated to projects benefiting the children who reside at the Hope Community. For more information about this initiative, www.facebook.com/ABagForHOPEtallahassee.



Thanks to Wayne Funderburke at Bill's Signs, the little garden at HOPE Community, which TGC maintains, now lets visitors to the quiet space know why the garden is there.

Thrifty Boutique Garage Sale!



Hooray for holidays, but after they are over and you are putting up your décor, please think of Tallahassee Garden Club's "Thrifty Boutique Garage Sale" on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 9am to 3p at the Tallahassee Garden Club. Buddleia Garden Circle, 10 members strong, is taking this project on.

Now is the time to clean out those closets and drawers. And what about that workshop and garage? Eat that elephant one plastic tub or box at a time!

This is a new concept for a garage sale for our Club. We want less, but better items that we can display artfully and price competitively. We are going to offer appointments to accept items for the sale (you can still drop off items during open times), and we will accept pictures of items to pre-screen so you don't have to haul it down and back. If you want to help, that is great, but there will not be set times for a circle to send members to help.

We still plan to have the Friday before (January 26) "Sneak Peak Sale and Happy Hour. How would you like a \$5 box of everything that you can fit into it? Extended hours allow more fun things to be planned. Maybe special prizes will be given away.

Samples of items that are wanted:

Nice platters, tureens, cookie jars, pitchers, sets of glasses for drinks or wine & serving items; Collectables, plates, dolls, figurines, hankies, etc.; Plants (living); Purses, accessories, scarfs, gloves, hats; Clean, new with tags on &/or slightly worn & very nice designer clothes or coats; Crafting items, unwrinkled scrapbook paper, jewelry findings, paint in little pots, brushes, patterns, yarn, thread, fabric, felt, needles, pins; Nice furniture, chairs, tables, couches, lamps, headboards, shelves, desks, footstools, cabinets, hutches & lawn furniture .

No items:

Plastic sport team, restaurant cups; Mugs, plastic or ceramic, that aren't part of a set; dirty items; Non-useful or non-pretty, out-of-date handcrafted items; Decorative items that are too new to be vintage; Make-up, hairbrushes, lipsticks; Potty chairs; Socks & underwear; Broken, fold up baby strollers.

You get the idea! But please refer to Garage Sale Donation Guidelines below. It is easy and appreciated. Let the decluttering begin! One woman's slightly used "stuff" is another's treasure. We don't want no stinking trash!

Garage Sale Donation Guidelines

THE GOOD (in Good or Better Condition) - YES	THE BAD - NO	AND THE UGLY – VERY N O
Plants (living)	Broken, old toys	Plastic sport team, restaurant cups
Board games	Dusty items	Plastic straws
Nice dishes in sets or otherwise	Old, broken electronics	Plastic yogurt cups
Unopened Dry goods (in packages)	Non-vintage, old & dirty Christmas decor	Food
Nice platters, tureens, cookie jars, pitchers, sets of glasses for drinks or wine & serving items	Old, non-vintage phones	Books & magazines
Collectables, plates, dolls, figurines, hankies, etc.	Old & dirty clothes	Mugs, plastic or ceramic, that aren't part of a set
Antiques & vintage items	Non-vintage coffee & other cans	Trash
Nice furniture, chairs, tables, couches, lamps, headboards, shelves, desks, footstools, cabinets, hutches, lawn furniture	Broken dolls & dirty stuffed animals	Dirty items
Jewelry, costume or fine	Mugs that say "I love my Gran"	Tangled Christmas lights
Purses, accessories, scarfs, gloves, hats	Dirty sheets, pillow cases, towels with stains & holes	CD's and movies on tape
Clean, new with tags on &/or slightly worn & very nice designer clothes or coats	Non-useful or non-pretty, out-of-date handcrafted items	Used candles
Recently used evening clothes in fine condition (worn once or less)	Dusty silk flowers & plants	Mattresses & used bed pillows
Kitchen utensils	Items with holes	Dirty dog bowls
Framed art, paintings or pictures	Broken grills	Worn out American flags
Garden items, benches, tools, birdhouses, bird baths & pots	Board games & cards with missing parts	Tote bags from grocery store, gym, doctor & other businesses
Crafting items, unwrinkled scrapbook paper, jewelry findings, paint in little pots, brushes, patterns, yarn, thread, fabric, felt, needles, pins	Decorative items that are too new to be vintage	Unidentifiable items

Linens, sheets, hand towels, place mats, tablecloths, napkins, curtains	Obsolete, non-collectable items	Broken umbrellas
Working light fixtures	Items that need to be recycled	Smelly items
Flatware, stainless, gold or silver	Plastic utensils	Old computers
Working tools, modern, vintage & antique	Broken lamps & shades with holes	Broken, fold up baby strollers
Nice holiday décor, spring, patriotic, Christmas, Halloween	Anything that anyone would find offensive	Car seats older than 2 years
Working small appliances, blenders, mixers, crock pots, toasters	Non-working radios	Non-flat screen TV's
Art pieces, coffee table décor, clocks, mirrors	Metal mugs that keep drinks hot or cold	Old, non-compatible printers
Sporting goods, balls, bats, clubs, fishing equipment	Old, obsolete garden information books	Alarm clocks
Clean suitcases & backpacks (no broken zippers)	Old worn out tires	Baby beds
Nice & new baby items	Old calendars	Make-up, hairbrushes, lipsticks
Nice dog crates & carriers	Vacuums that don't suck & that smell like dogs	Medicines
Coolers without holes	Beer, wine or spirits	Potty chairs
Clean rugs	Broken wheelchairs	Shoes
Running, functional vehicles	Anything you would not buy	Underwear
Time share week at beach	Rusty items	Broken items
Building supplies, nails & screws in boxes, boards, hinges, paint in unopened cans with labels, windows & doors	Used paper plates	Old, dirty trash cans
Bicycles without flat tires	Worn out stuff	Stuff that should be thrown away
In good condition canes, walkers, shower seats	Tapes	Used combs
Unopened cleaning supplies	Dried up Playdough	Sticks & leaves
Polished silver, gold, pewter & brass items	Socks	Curlers

Are You Receiving Your TGC Newsletter?

If you are a Circle or Committee Chair and are not getting the monthly TGC newsletter, please send Carolyn DiSalvo an email at didicarol5@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list. The Circle Chair and at least one other member should be receiving the newsletter. If one or the other is out of town, the other person can send it out immediately to all circle members. If you have members who do not receive emails, be sure to give them a printed copy at circle meetings.

Pink Lemonade Day

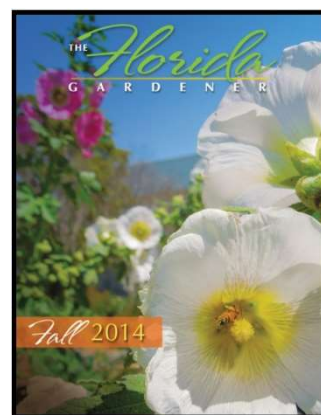


October 4th is Pink Lemonade Day in Tallahassee and TGC will be painting the town pink along with many other organizations, businesses and individuals. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Most of us have been touched in some way by cancer going through it ourselves, with a family member, a friend or a co-worker. It has touched women and men alike.

The Executive Board meeting will be honoring Pink Lemonade Day in Tallahassee by asking everyone to wear at least a touch of pink. Pink comes in many, many shades just as there are many, many ways cancer has touched all of us. Erica and Joan will be furnishing our pink decorations, refreshments will be pink and we will be accepting donations for the Joanna Francis Living Well Fund.

FFGC Florida Gardener Magazine

The Florida Gardener Magazine is now available online. Go to the FFGC website and sign in. If you have not created a profile on the site, simply create one by putting in your email and a password. This allows you to get to all member sites that are not available to the public. Once you have logged in just click on The Florida Gardener Magazine and you can read it online. You will still receive the publication in your mailbox. If you are not receiving the Florida Gardener Magazine, please let Susan Weaver or Brenda Dyer know. Circle Chairs please check with your members to make sure all are receiving it. New members should receive their first copy in October.



Circles will be signing up for the areas in the garden center that they wish to decorate for the holidays on Wednesday, November 29th.

Don't Forget to Return Your Pecan Order by October 20!



Attention Pecan Sale customers! We hope that you are appealing to friends, family, business associates and anybody else, to buy the wonderful pecans being sold by TGC members. Remember, the order submission deadline is Friday, October 20 at noon.

TGC Project at Lee's Place

By Penny J. Gilmer

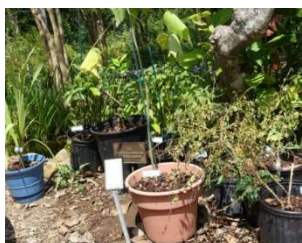
Lee's Place, a non-profit organization to help people in grief, has a building, a garden and a gazebo that were damaged by the hurricane in September 2016. The building roof was fixed shortly thereafter, and the hardscaping is almost done. The Tallahassee Builders Association rebuilt the gazebo.

The TGC Nasturtium Garden Circle (with 11 members all Master Gardeners) developed a TGC project at Lee's Place starting in the spring 2017 to improve the garden and help maintain the garden. Lee's Place is near the TGC at 216 Lake Ella Drive, across from Mad Dog Café. So far we have had two workdays in the garden there.



When we go to the TGC Plant Exchange and Horticultural programs we get plants for Lee's Place, in addition to plants for our own yards. For instance, I won a beautiful Encore Azalea at the Horticultural Program in April, which I donated to Lee's Place. We planted it in September (see photo at left)—this plant blooms off and on all year.

Judy Renwick, one of our members, donated a tree to honor her husband, Michael Renwick, who died of cancer this past year—it is a *Glyptostobus pensilis* (Chinese swamp tree) that her husband had bought but didn't get to plant) (see photo at right).



Because the hardscaping was not done yet when we were there in September, we repotted plants in containers to larger ones with new potting soil mix until we get to plant them next time (see photo at left).

Any member of the TGC could help there. Our garden circle has donated four workdays per year to Lee's Place. Beth Tedio of Lee's Place is our contact there: beth@leesplace.org. If you have any questions, contact me at gilmer@chem.fsu.edu.

September Photos



TGC President Brenda Dyer presented Trishia Finkey with lovely flowers in appreciation for publishing a wonderful TGC Yearbook! Exec. Brd. Mtg. on Sept 15



Gina Jogan, flower judge instructor; presented "Lunch & Learn" Sept. 27

SCARECROWS IN THE GARDENS



Registration Deadline October 6, 2017
It's not too late if you hurry!

If you plan to present a report at the Executive Board Meeting, please print/copy the attached form to include your information and pass it to the Recording Secretary after you give your report.

YOUR SUBMISSION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TGC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES:

Please help the TGC Recording Secretary in her need to report facts accurately in the minutes. If you plan to present a report at the meeting, please print/copy this form to include your information and pass it to the Secretary after you give your report.

Many thanks!

Meeting date: _____ **Person Submitting** _____

SUBJECT: _____

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