



From the President...

"Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul." ~ Luther Burbank

Viva La Florita

Long Live the Land of Flowers
(Theme from FFGC Convention)

Stunning floral arrangements of all shapes, sizes, colors and designs were a delight to the eye. TGC members participating in the Flower show were Helen Purvis and Jana Walling. Designs honoring all FFGC Officers were on display in walkways and lobbies, Lana Arnold honored FFGC Recording Secretary, our own Jana Walling, with a gorgeous creative orchid design. So proud of our ladies and their accomplishments.

Representing you at Convention were Carol Hall, FFGC H & E Chair and TGC Parliamentarian; Jana Walling, FFGC Recording Secretary; Helen Purvis, FFGC Scholarship Chair; Joan Stout, 1st VP TGC; Erica Chatham, 3rd VP TGC; Sue Griner, BOT Chair; Brenda Dyer, President; Phyllis West, Coreopsis Circle; Kathy Carmichael, Past President, Horticulture Chair, Coreopsis Circle. TGC won the award for most trees planted this past year. 98, 820 trees.

Things we learned:

New Fundraiser you're going to love. Whole Foods Company recycles corks to Save the Oceans and Save the Forests and will pay 2¢ per cork. Save your corks, we will turn them in once a year and get \$\$\$\$. Corks take little room to store. If you know someone in the restaurant or bar business, ask them to save corks for you. They may want you to pick up more than once a year. Enjoy a glass of wine and help save the oceans and forests.

Plant America: **Plant America** is a program to encourage the planting of native plants, shrubs and trees. A Grant Program that provides funds to clubs and organizations to help with their projects. P. Allen Smith is supporting this project donating items in 3 different categories to NGC. These three items are on the NGC web site and will be shipped at their designated planting time for your area. All proceeds from this will go to **Plant America**. Check it out.

A new tradition was started. Every time a cell phone rang, buzzed or chirped during a meeting the owner had to pay \$10 which will go to **Plant America**. Quite a bit was collected and National Garden Club President, Nancy L. Hargroves, was so excited how easy it was to raise funds for this project. Another good fundraiser.

Great speakers: Buddy Lee representing Southern Living Plants and developer of Encore Azaleas gave us lots of great tips for our yards. Some of us were fortunate to win one of his plants as a door prize. Bonnie Satterwhite spoke to us on Organic Gardening with the organic "tone" products from Espoma. Espoma products are all natural and have been around for over 80 years. Espoma products are sold at all local nurseries.

TGC hopes to have Buddy Lee and Bonnie Satterwhite speak to TGC members next year.

Our ladies enjoyed attending lots of workshops on Design in Botanical Arts, Southern Living – Your Yard is a Canvas, Fun with Flowers, Making the perfect Garden, Membership Recruitment, How to Apply for an Award, Social Media, Hummingbirds, Youth Programs, etc. We were busy ladies with no lag time.

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District III, with Helen Purvis as Convention Chair, will be host for FFGC 2019 Convention in St. Augustine next year. Mark your calendars for **April 6 – 10, 2019**. We will be counting on many of you to help with this event. It takes a village.

Speaking of hosting an event: TGC is hosting the District III meeting on **Thursday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m.** If you are a member of TGC, you are a member of District III. The District is composed of 7 clubs: Steinhatchee, Live Oak, Wakulla, Perry, Madison, Monticello and of course Tallahassee. There are two District meetings a year in May and October. It has been 3 years since the last one in Tallahassee. Most of you have never been to a District meeting. Those who have been going for years thoroughly enjoy the day. We carpool and begin with registration, morning coffee, etc., meeting, program and lunch followed by wonderful opportunity drawings and making purchases from our ways and mean table.

Well ladies, here's what's happening in Tallahassee on May 10. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. on the rear patio/entrance. Coffee, hot tea, Satsuma juice (provided by Fl-Ga Citrus) and a bite to eat will be served in the dining room. The meeting will be in the Ballroom. Opportunity Drawings from each club will be on display in the Trophy Room. In the Sun Room: The Ways and Means Tables (remember that costume jewelry you have been donating) will be available to you for a donation (all is profit and goes to Camp Wekiva and SEEK); Sabal Palm will sell gloves; Jane Driggers will have her pop-up table of Patriotic items, and Bag of Hope.

Our Speaker will be Dale Aldridge from Florida Georgia Citrus, Inc. Farm. As you know, citrus growers are moving further north because of citrus greening(disease) in south and central Florida. He will speak on growing citrus in North Florida followed by a question and answer period. Florida Georgia is providing Satsuma juice for our enjoyment, he will have some of their jams, jellies, syrups and juices to sell.

Our meeting follows, led by District III Director Linda Johnson from Steinhatchee. Lunch will be served at noon on the grounds of the garden center. There will be a large tent in the front yard with tables and chairs and tables with umbrellas on the patio. Tables will be decorated by the circles using the pails you were given at the last Executive Board meeting. Lunch will be served. After lunch, we will return to the Ballroom for door prizes, opportunity drawings, etc. There will be an orchid sale on the patio. 132 orchids have been donated to TGC and will be available for \$5.00 each.

This should be a lovely outing for a Spring Day, fellowship, education, shopping, good food, fun! Make your reservation now through your circle treasurer who will then send one check to Susan Weaver, TGC Treasurer. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 4. Cost is \$23.00.

If you came to the Spring Flower Show and Plant Extravaganza you know that we could not have had a better day. It was glorious outside. The Flower Show was the best." Dinner and a Movie" was such a great theme. Everyone jumped right into the spirit of things with the themes, Rebel Without a Cause, Gone With the Wind, Star Wars, City Lights, et cetera. Ladies the designs were spectacular. The Horticulture was also amazing. There are lots of green thumbs in garden club. Thanks Lana and Dwight, the Judges Council, Coreopsis Circle and all who helped for a job above and beyond well done.

Outside the Plant Extravaganza was packed right up until closing. Lori Bush did an amazing job. Lots of plants for sale, great demonstrations, fun for adults and kids, face painting, rock painting, planting "kitty" containers which taught children and adults how to plant, music, popcorn, snow cones, food truck, games, circle booths, Daylily Society, Leon County Extension Office, Bee keepers, Phyllis and Gail 's Bee House demonstrations and talks, and soooooooooooooo much more. Special thanks to Lori and her family members who worked so hard. Kudos to all the circles and individuals who made the day such a success.

-- Brenda Dyer, President

In Memoriam

The Tallahassee Garden Club extends its condolence on the death of

Pat Jacobus, member of Sabal Palm Circle

View from the Board

Changing of the Guard

It's hard to believe that this will be my last View. The past six years have flown by and I have had the pleasure of working with wonderful TGC volunteers. Thank you to all present and past BOT members and to our fabulous Venue Director, Beth McGrotha. You always answered the calls for help and shouldered your responsibilities with smiles on your faces and songs in your hearts!

Our faithful Property Trustee, Margaret Bryant, also ends her final term. Margaret has served BOT as Landscape Trustee, Chairman, Board of Trustees and most recently Property Trustee for a combined total of over 15 years. She has been the Center's biggest cheerleader, always advancing the cause of the Center and its landscape. Margaret will be greatly missed, but I bet she'll still volunteer whenever and wherever needed!

New BOTTERS (as I have affectionately called our group) will hit the ground running. Incoming Chairman, Andrea Willett, comes with a wealth of knowledge and a love of all things TGC. Ruth Cates, who has served with distinction as BOT Secretary, will move into the Property Trustee's position. Having served as Board Secretary, Ruth comes with familiarity of the ins and outs of life at the Center. The newest trustee at large, Tara Boyter, is joining as the Board Secretary. Tara has served as her Circle's secretary and has an expansive background in reducing the facts to pen and paper. They will be welcomed by continuing board members, BOT Treasurer Marilyn Larson, BOT Landscape Trustee Lana Arnold, TGC President Brenda Dyer, TGC 1st Vice President Joan Stout, TGC Recording Secretary Patricia Romig and TGC Treasurer Susan Weaver.

Donations

General Operations (\$ 45) - Saima Furiato proceeds from Spring Membership Meeting Pop up shop
Memorials (\$50) - Sabal Palm Circle in memory of Patricia P. Jacobus

New and Improved

The Trophy room furniture is no longer the red headed step child to the lovely furnishings in the Parlor. Take a look at the new upholstery that graces the loveseat and chairs. As always, these improvements were made possible by donations from several Circles. Thank you!

Demo Finalists again

We are very excited to announce that for the second year in a row The Tallahassee Garden Club is one of the two finalists in the Tallahassee Democrat's Demo Competition for Best Wedding Venue. Between now and June 14, 2018, the public has the opportunity to purchase tickets to attend the event where the winner will be determined based on the number of votes it gets at the event itself. Ticket prices are \$20 each. For more information and to order tickets, visit the Demo website at <https://tickets.tallahassee.com/e/the-demo-awards>. Last year, we won first place. Let's do it again!

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

Short-Term Goals (2018-19 year)

- Repaint garbage gazebo and the former "shop".
- Add wall sconce lighting or lamps to front hallway to improve lighting.
- Continue to improve condition of grounds through voluntary donations for hired work.
- Add rental sign rider to existing sign on Gadsden Street entrance.
- Repair/replace windowpane in parlor.
- Repair or replace fireplace covers in all rooms.
- Establish a Storage Solution fund for the cost of adding additional storage inside the Rutgers House.
- Install water faucet in bed at Carolina/Calhoun intersection.
- Continue to fund the technology improvement fund.

Have a great summer. Andrea and the Board look forward to welcoming you back in September.

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

May Calendar

05/07	M	9:00 am	Board of Trustees
05/10	Th	10:00 am	TGC Hosts District III Meeting
05/12	Sa	9 am-1 pm	Spring 2018 Open House & Plant Sale, UF/IFAS Leon County Extension on Paul Russell Rd.
05/17	Th	9:30 am 10:15 am	Plant Exchange: Host circles *Jonquil, Hibiscus, Budleia Horticulture Program, "Composting": Mark Tancig, IFAS Extension, Master Gardener
05/19	Sa	9 am-5 pm	Maclay Gardens Tour of Gardens
05/21	M	10:30 am	President's Council
05/23	W	10:00 am	Executive Board
05/30	W	COB	Deadline for Yearbook Information



Tallahassee GARDEN CLUB

Presents

Tallahassee's "Top Floral Designers"

Win a chance to receive a Gift Certificate for \$250 worth of flower arrangements, in any denominations you want, from three of the Top Floral Designers in Tallahassee.

There will bill be THREE Prizes Drawn!

\$5 per ticket or Three for \$10

Florist are:
Blossoms Florist
Missy Gunnels Designs
Hilly Fields Florist & Designs

See Joan Stout (544-0976) for tickets
Thank You

Our Goal, 91 New Members *Gift Cards, \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10*

We're winding down our Garden Club year, and I have a few requests that we need to work on before summer break.

You've all been so wonderful by increasing our club membership total and helping us reach our goal of 91. We have 76 new members as of today, just 15 members short!

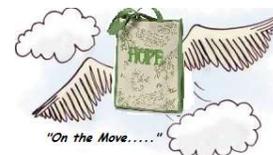
If you have a new member set to join *next* year, please don't hold their checks, get them in. She will count in our tally as joining *this* year even though her dues will still be for next year. As always, I appreciate you all so very much!

Last but not least, our "Top Floral Designers Gift Cards" (see left) are selling like hot cakes! Please call me if you need more tickets. We have a GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY to sell 1,000 tickets and fund our many important TGC budgeted items including scholarships!

-- Joan Stout (850-544-0976), TGC 1st Vice President

A Bag for HOPE and the Traveling Suitcase!

A *Bag for HOPE* Traveling Suitcase filled with unique, hand sewn items will be available to visit your circles again next year. Our volunteers will deliver and pick up the suitcase and supply \$\$ to make change. You display the merchandise, sell it, and enjoy the rewards of your purchases and the knowledge that you are helping to provide play equipment and learning materials for the children who live temporarily at HOPE Community with their families. Our goal is to provide a space for healthy exercise and for study opportunities after school.



If you wish to schedule the Suitcase or to make donations of fabric to A *Bag for HOPE*, please contact me.
-- Submitted by Libby Penrod, 850-566-2117 or libbypenrod@comcast.net

Some Fashion Show Photos



Congratulations to “Dinner and a Movie” Flower Show Winners

A big shout out to all the winners for simply entering a prized plant or making a design for the Flower Show! Anyone who takes the time to enter is a winner in anyone’s book.

Let’s give Jane Meadows a big “healthy” round of applause for winning the top award in Horticulture for her home grown ornamental kale. Vegetables were the stars, as two other Award of Merit winners were vegetables! The ballroom was full of prize winning plants!

How about that “Rebel without a Cause” by Joan Stout in the new Exploration – Freedom of Style design section? Did you see Jana Walling’s buffet table blue ribbon winner? It was the epitome of southern style.

You go Jeanell Moore (a first-time enterer) and her mom, Neil Carlile for getting the blue for a companion design that was from a galaxy far, far away! Was there a Storm Trooper there too?

Pat Williams has an eye for a beautiful scene. Her photography took several blue ribbons and won the overall photography excellence award in the new Botanical Arts Section. Carol Hall illuminated us all with her stunning blue-ribbon design City Lights – Sin City!

A special red carpet was rolled out for Mina Bloodworth, Kathy Carmichael, Gail Hill and that busy, busy Lori Bush who entered the Challenge section and made gorgeous designs on the spot, not knowing what containers and plant material that they would have to use until they got to the show. These courageous women took the grand prize in guts. They get all the glory! That was the hardest section to judge, according to, well, the judges!

Didn’t you just want to sit down for dinner and a movie with Erica Chatham’s functional tray? Her design was an ice cream sundae of white mums, topped with a red rose bud cherry. How clever was that?

The Design Excellence Award went to Chris Parrish for her new Cascade design featuring orchids. Her “Gone with the Wind” cascade had all the approval of Scarlet O’Hara’s ghost who was rumored to be standing in the corner of the dining room, looking lovingly at the design. Or was that Sue Griner?

Thank-you to all who helped, set-up, identified, cleaned up, participated, entered a design, showed off their horticulture and came and admired the show. Let’s have second helping of “Dinner and a Movie.” Makes me hungry...what’s on TV tonight? Smell the popcorn? – Submitted by Lana Arnold



Erica Chatham



Horticulture entries



Chris Parrish won Design Excellence Award



Jana Walling



STORM TROOPER



“Psycho”



Mina Bloodworth



Joan Stout



Pat Williams (Photography)



Horticulture winner



Jeanell Moore



Carol L. Hall



Carol Cooper



Jana Walling



Lori Bush



Penny Gilmer



Joan Stout at the Membership table



Buttercup's Laura Harrod & Rita Healy w/Sid Cooper



TGC President Brenda Dyer



Hibiscus' Ruth Cates and two other members



Visitors painting "kitty" planters



Ruth Cates with her lovely greeting cards



Joan Stout, Margie Von Stein, Chris Parrish



Marilyn Larson with her daughter & granddaughter



Mother & daughter face-painting



Penny Gilmer & Officer Hernandez at 15 min. gardener booth





Junior Gardening Photos

Thought you would enjoy these pictures of our carrots. I'm glad that I decided to plant the carrot seeds in the container- it really worked! The children were thrilled. They ate some today and will eat some tomorrow also. One little girl asked if she could take the tops to her rabbit. The snap peas are also flourishing. Instead of buying frames for them to climb on, I used sticks that I found in my yard (working really well- kids could see the tendrils curling around the sticks). – Submitted by Kathy Law



Enthusiastic 2nd Grade carrot harvesters!



Bunny rabbit smorgasbord!

Spring 2018 Open House & Plant Sale, Saturday, May 12, 9 am-1 pm, UF/IFAS Leon County Extension, 615 Paul Russell Road. Guided garden tours, Kid's activities, Ask-A-Master Gardener and various other information and educational booths. Plant sale includes native Milkweed (Asclepias) plants on which Monarch butterflies lay their eggs. – Submitted by Marilyn Larson



A passion flower at the Rutgers house. The passion vine is host plant for the Zebra Longwing and Gulf Fritillary eggs and larvae.



Rutgers House sweet rose-covered gazebo



Gardenia Circle's April Meeting at the Backwoods Crossing Garden and Restaurant



Gardenia's Luisa Fairweather setting up their booth for the Plant Extravaganza



Gardenia's Caroline Brewster, Jeanell Moore, and Amanda Peterson at the Plant Extravaganza



Next Generation Gardeners



Tallahassee Garden Club is very proud of Pierce Ryan, son of Cindy Ryan, a member of Magnolia Circle. Pierce, who has been coming to garden club meetings and events with his mother since he was an infant, just completed his Eagle project at Tall Timbers Research Center! Pierce has been in scouting since the 6th grade. His project consisted of planting 1,330 Longleaf Pine Tree saplings for the Tall Timbers Research Station. He successfully planned out his project, recruited volunteers, purchased the materials needed and acted as the foreman for the project. The Longleaf Pine is a native to this area and offers many advantages to wildlife and improves the habitat for a number of endangered species of birds. Pierce was also able to raise enough funds to cover his project's expenses as well as donating over \$300 to the Tall Timbers Research Station.



AAA EXPECT SOMETHING MORE

Friends of MACLAY GARDENS

10th ANNUAL 2018

TOUR GARDENS

Saturday - May 19, 2018
9 am to 5 pm

Tour Some of Tallahassee's Finest Gardens

Advanced sales beginning April 1
tickets will be \$30
At event \$35

MacLay Gardens State Park
Espositos
Native Nurseries
Tallahassee Nurseries
Purple Martin Outpost
Wild Birds Unlimited



Tickets also available online at: www.friendsofmaclaygardens.org

For more information please call: (850) 487-4556 or visit www.friendsofmaclaygardens.org

TGC-Sponsored Travel Opportunities



Mackinac Island: Tulip Festival
May 10 - 17, 2018

Includes:

- Entrance to Holland's Annual Tulip Festival
- All Transfers Between Airport and Hotel
- Seven Nights Lodging including 2 nights at The Grand Hotel
 - Four Dinners
 - Seven Breakfasts

Stop at the Veldheer Tulip Gardens to view extraordinary flowers in bloom. Also visit the Windmill Island Gardens and discover 38 acres of manicured gardens, dikes, and canals. Make sure to see the only authentic Dutch windmill operating in the United States.



12-Night Greek Odyssey Cruise
Holland America's Oosterdam
June 29 - July 11, 2018

Sailing from Rome, Italy to Naples (Pompeii), Italy; Santorini, Greece; Rhodes, Greece; Iraklion (Crete), Greece; Athens (Piraeus), Greece; Nafplion (Nauplia), Greece; Argostoli, Greece; Corfu, Greece; Kotor, Montenegro; Overnight in Venice, Italy



Danube Holiday Markets River Cruise Dec. 9, 2018
Aboard Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection S.S. Maria Theresa

Hosted by *Anna Johnson*



Sailing from Passau, Germany to Linz (Salzburg), Austria; Krems, Austria; Vienna, Austria; Bratislava, Slovakia; and overnight in Budapest, Czech Republic

For more information about these trips, go to:
www.FFGCTravel.com

Call Shelley @ (850) 386-7327 Ext. 208 or email: SAtkinson@FunSeas.com

Thank you to all (too many to mention!) who submitted photos this month, and especially to Penny Gilmer, who sends me photos every month!



Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy summer.

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