



From the President...

We hope you are enjoying the new TGC Weekly e-Blast. Every member whose email is on file receives the weekly e-Blast. If you or your fellow members are not receiving it, please, have them check their Spam boxes. If we do not have your email, send it to me and I will get you on this list. This e-Blast does not in any way attempt to replace the superb newsletter that Carolyn DiSalvo prepares for us monthly. Carolyn, we are so grateful for your diligence every month. You are appreciated.

Presently, the e-Blast is full of information because TGC has so much going on. There will be times when there may be only a few items. We are trying to keep you apprised and updated on all events.

It is already February and the Caladium Bulb sale is in full swing (thank you, Sue). The Sip and Shop (thank you, Joy and Susan) and the Thrifty Boutique Sale (thank you ladies of Buddleia and Jonquil) is happening this weekend. TGC is very grateful to all members who have participated or contributed in any way in these events.

On Wednesday the 6th we begin making corsages and boutonnieres for My Night to Shine. We also have the Valentine's Luncheon on the 13th, the Plant Exchange & Horticulture Program on the 2nd, the Caladium Sale deadline on February 22nd and the Tree Count due on the 27th. We hope you will participate in one or more of these special activities.

Erica and her committee members from Coreopsis, Gardenia, and Mimosa circles are working hard on the General Membership Meeting and Luncheon for March 6th. Dr. Gary Knox will be our speaker. See details on Page 8. All members are invited to attend this General Membership Meeting.

Penny Pines monies are due on March 6th, and Caladium pick up is on March 13th & 14th. Plant Exchange & Horticulture Program is on March 2nd.

We are so proud of all the new members and their eagerness to serve on these committees. Keeping new members and long-time members interested and involved is how we "grow" our club.

We are most grateful to Jonquil and Magnolia circles for their hospitality at the January Executive Board Meeting. Thank you, ladies for the delicious refreshments.

Magnolia, Sabal Palm and Holly hosted the Plant Exchange and Horticulture meeting in January. An abundance of plants was appreciated by all attendees. The refreshments and door prizes were also appreciated.

On February 6th, Babies Breath, Jasmine and Sweet Bay will be our hospitality circles for the Executive Board Meeting.

On February 21st, Jasmine and Babies Breath will be the host circles for the Plant Exchange and Horticulture Program. Kathy Carmichael and Judy Stricklin (Coreopsis & Master Gardeners) will present a program on Growing Plants from Seed & Cuttings.

Please thank Kathy, Judy and Barbara for the amazing job they do every month in providing us with great Plant Exchanges and Horticulture Programs.

So many members of TGC work diligently to make our club great. It is always such a pleasure working with the circles, circle chairman, officers, committee chairs, committee members and members in general. You make our club great, and I really appreciate each of you. -- Brenda M. Dyer, President

"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." – Marcel Proust

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In Memoriam

Jean Rivers - Long-time member of Babies Breath

Mary Solomon's husband, Ray. Mary is a past President and long-time member of Babies Breath.

Thanks to everyone for your support!

The Valentine Luncheon

is sold out!

We look forward to seeing you on February 13th at Noon!

Calendar for Upcoming TGC and Other Garden-Related Events

February

02/01	F	5 - 8 pm	Thrifty Boutique Sip & Shop
02/02	Sa	9 am - 1 pm	Thrifty Boutique Sale
02/04	M	9:00 am 10:30 am	Board of Trustees President's Council
02/06	W	10:00 am 12 - 4 pm	Executive Board Meeting (hospitality by Babies Breath, Jasmine & Sweet Bay circles) Making corsages for "My Night to Shine"
02/07	Th	10 am & 6 pm	Making corsages for "My Night to Shine"
02/08	F		My Night to Shine
2/8-2/10	F-Su		Wekiva Volunteer Training
02/10	Su	11:30 am-1 pm	Wekiva Open House
02/13	W	Noon	Valentine Luncheon hosted by Magnolia Circle
02/21	Th	9:30 am 10:15 am	Plant Exchange: Host circles *Violet, Jasmine, Babies Breath Horticulture Program, "Growing Plants from Seed & Cuttings," presented by Kathy Carmichael and Judy Stricklin
02/22	F		Last Day to order Caladium Bulbs
02/27	W		Tree Count Due to Sudi Scott

March

03/04	M	9:00 am 10:30 am	Board of Trustees President's Council
03/06	W	10:00 am	General Membership Meeting & Luncheon @ The Women's Club Hospitality: Coreopsis, Gardenia and Mimosa circles
3/13-14	Th		Circles pick up Caladium Bulbs
03/21	Th	9:30 am 10:15 am	Plant Exchange: Host circles *Iris, Daffodil, Ivy-Daisy Horticulture Program, "Groundcover Alternatives," Presented by Kelly Thomas

Around the House with the Board of Trustees



It is hard to send a picture of smiling faces in short-sleeved clothes to family and friends “up north” when the outside temps are in the 30’s and 40’s! Oh well, at least our heat works and we are not shoveling snow this time...

Honest, we are going to get that new roof—there are only one and a half jobs ahead of us as of the end of January. The charcoal-colored architectural shingles should be a nice complement to the white body and black trim of the house.

Thank you to Sabal Palm for donating to the roofing fund in honor of Pat Jacobus who passed away late last year. Pat’s family also donated a big box of her gardening books that will be available at Executive Board meeting—help yourself to any or all!

Babies Breath also gets a thank you for donating funds for a memorial plaque and for stage area renovations in honor of deceased members Hazel Beazley and Bunny Van Brunt.

If the front hallway seems brighter these days (and it does!), please be sure to thank Margaret Bryant. She graciously donated the lovely chandelier that was recently hung, complementing the older one already in place.

The Creative Judges of flower shows made a donation in gratitude for using the house for one of their meetings. If you thank Kathy Carmichael who delivered the donation, I am sure she will pass it on to all the judges involved.

The lock box holding the door key was rendered inoperable over the holidays. Several members tried to open it, the locksmith tried to open it, and now we will have a new box for a new year. Please call me for the key code if you need to get in, but do so before you are standing on the back step.

Just a reminder that the rental rates for our home are in our yearbooks in case you are interested—or in case you want to encourage your friends and neighbors to rent! The usage regulations are also there and apply to everyone who uses the house—members and non-members alike.

The Board of Trustees has added the word ‘Holidays’ to the weekend rental rates for those times when holidays fall in the middle of the week. You might want to note that in your yearbook. What is a holiday? More about that next month.

Welcome home and we hope to see you around the house very soon!

Andrea Willett, Chair, Board of Trustees

Junior Gardening Report

The fall vegetables are flourishing at Kate Sullivan Elementary (two locations) and Gilchrist Elementary (two locations). We provided herbs for the School of Arts and Sciences Centre.

Members of the TGC have been very generous with their time and plant material donations:

Ruth Cates and Sue Horne of Hibiscus Circle have volunteered to help with a Maclay School garden project.

Carol Allen of Sabal Palm Circle has agreed to provide bamboo for lattices for SASC, as have Erica Chatham and Joan Stout of Magnolia Circle.

Mrs. Bottini's class has enjoyed eating salads grown in their garden at Gilchrist.

Debbie Floyd of Magnolia Circle will work with Mrs. Bottini at Gilchrist Elementary in an after school "Stretch Your Mind" segment about gardening.



Joellen McCroan, Ruth Cates & Sue Horne help clean up at Maclay school January 26 (39 degrees!)



----- *"let-us" all enjoy a lettuce snack break with Mrs. Bottini's class at Gilchrist Elementary!* -----



This is the garden lettuce harvested by Mrs. Bottini's class.



Bamboo fun at the School of Arts and Sciences Centre



FEBRUARY 1, FRIDAY 4:00 -- 6:30 P.M.

SIP N' SHOP

ENTRY FEE: \$5.

HOSTED BY:

JOY HEVEY (Mimosa) & SUSAN WEAVER (Hibiscus)



Lana Arnold examining Italian plates before the Boutique Garage Sale

FEBRUARY 2, 2019 - SATURDAY

-- 9:00 -- 2:00

THRIFTY BOUTIQUE SALE

BUDDLEIA & JONQUIL



MY NIGHT TO SHINE

WORKSHOP SCHEDULES

FEBRUARY 6, WEDNESDAY 12:00 - 2:00

FEBRUARY 7, THURSDAY 10:00 - 12:00

FEBRUARY 7, THURSDAY 6:00 until ...



**Come help us make 375 corsages & 375 boutonnieres.
Bring scissors & clippers.**

**Members will cut carnations to size, cut ribbons, tie bows,
assemble corsages & boutonnieres - something for every one
of us to do.**

**Jeanie Brice (Orange Blossom) will be there to guide you.
Come any time you can!**

Membership Drive



Just a short reminder to work really hard on your new members. We're still in the running for winning the State Membership Award! We can do this...So let's all get to work and reach our goal of 92 exciting new members before April 1st. Remember each one, bring one.

– Submitted by Joan Stout, TGC First Vice President

Caladium Bulbs – Sell'em like Hotcakes!



Only a few more weeks to order those caladium bulbs!

If you've had an opportunity to see the brochure or visit TGC's website, you know how they will enhance your garden. If you've not seen a brochure yet, Circle chairs will again have them available to you at your February Circle meeting.

Both old favorites and new exciting varieties are already popular sellers. Reds, pinks, whites and strap leaf caladiums are irresistible.

The sale runs until February 22, 2019. Bulbs will be available for pickup by your designated Circle Caladium Bulb chair on March 13 & 14, 2019.

The brochure and order forms are also available on the website www.tallahasseegardenclub.com.

Have you sold to your friends and acquaintances--- in your Book Club? Sunday School class? Bridge club? Bunco pals? Other clubs you are in? These babies sell themselves. All you have to do is pass out the brochure and you'll get buyers. Remember to tell them that our bulbs are Top Quality!

Let's cover Tallahassee with caladiums!

Questions? Contact Sue Griner (Mimosa), Caladium Bulb Chair, by email at sgriner@centurylink.net or by phone, (cell) 850-345-1868 or (home) 850-385-8945.

Note: The revised order form below correctly lists one of the varieties as "White Queen," not "White Christmas."

Name _____
 Address _____
 Email _____
 Home phone _____
 Cell phone _____
 Garden Circle (if applicable) _____

_____ BAGS ORDERED x \$12/10 bulbs
 COST=\$_____ Total

PAID BY: ___ CASH ___ CHECK (payable to your Circle, or to the Tallahassee Garden Club if you are not in a Circle).

Return to your Caladium Bulb Chair or send to Tallahassee Garden Club, 507 North Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Pick up at the Garden Center, 507 North Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL if you are not a Circle member on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 between the hours of 2 pm and 5:30 pm or Thursday, March 14, 2019 between the hours of 9 am and 2:00 pm. If you are in a Circle, your Caladium Bulb Chair will pick up all orders for your Circle.

Net Profits benefit the Tallahassee Garden Club
 Contact info – Sue Griner 850-385-8945 or 850-345-1868

sgriner@centurylink.net

Order forms due Friday, February 22, 2019

Varieties Order Form -10 bulbs /bag

Fancy 18-22"lg. leaf varieties

Reds # Bags Ordered

Festiva.....
 Florida Cardinal.....
 Red Flash
 New Royal Flush

Pinks

Carolyn Whorton.....
 Fannie Munson.....
 Mrs. WB Haldeman.....
 New Tapestry.....

Whites

Candidum.....
 Florida Moonlight.....
 New Galaxy.....
 White Queen.....

Strap 14-17" narrow leaf varieties

Florida Sweetheart.....
 Gingerland.....
 Miss Muffett.....
 New Sizzle.....

Effective Methods to Sell Pecans and Caladiums



Penny Gilmer's pecans in lots of bags to deliver

I guess selling is in my blood because my father was an engineer, and he sold German belts to run machinery. The belts were innovative at the time, with a polymer inside it, to give the proper strength and tension. However, the polymer had leather on either side of the polymer, so it would grip on the rollers in the paper companies which used the belts. Dad's engineering expertise allowed him to select the right belt for each machine. Dad's industrial belts lasted much longer than the formerly used all leather belts that stretched over use and time. My first job as a teenager was to keep my Dad's company's financial books for Meriwether, Inc. That's when I got selling in my blood.

To sell the Tallahassee Garden Club's pecans, I learned to keep track of who bought items and put them on an Excel list. During the intervening year, when I would see a person who had bought pecans from me, I would ask about how they liked them, and which type they liked the best. Before you knew it, these people would ask me when I would start selling pecans again. I keep a list every year of those who bought from me and would use the list to start advertising the new crop of pecans. I send each one an email, with a copy of the order form. Before you knew it, I had their envelopes and checks in my mailbox.



Penny Gilmer's Caladiums

In addition, I carry the order form with me, so if I run into my friends, they can order on the spot. I attend a number of monthly professional and garden meetings. People who have bought from me before testify to others how good the pecans are. I always mention that my husband limits himself to just four dark chocolate pecans per night, and it works! People order them. This year I sold over 200 bags of pecans. It takes time to build the clientele. I even have people who work in doctor's offices buy from me.

When the pecan order arrives, I put each person's order in a colorful paper bag that I have saved from the previous year. I let all my clientele know I have their orders available. I offer to bring them to an event that I think they will attend. If not, I ask them to let me know when they could pick them up at my home, where I would leave them on my garden bench under the carport (in case I am not at home when they come). I do deliver the pecans of those who work in doctor's offices, hair salons, gardening centers, and other places I go, where I get their regular orders.

When I first started to sell caladiums, it was easier. The caladiums return to the garden each year, so there are not as many repeat orders. Many people do not garden, but occasionally I'll offer to plant the caladiums for them. I always buy some myself each year, and when people are visiting my home when the plants are showing, I mention how easy it is to grow them. -- Submitted by Penny J. Gilmer

Everglades FFGC-Recommended Video on PBS



The history of the Everglades is a dramatic yet little known story of humanity's attempt to conquer nature. The Swamp, told through the lives of a handful of colorful and resolute characters, explores the repeated efforts to reclaim, control and transform what was seen as a vast wasteland into an agricultural and urban paradise, and, ultimately, the drive to preserve America's greatest wetland.

Every FFGC member should see this for the history of what man has done to our natural resource! The Everglades is not a Swamp but a "River of Grass" and the lifeline to all Floridians, water! PBS Video <https://www.pbs.org/video/the-swamp-ij97wu/>

You are invited to the
TALLAHASSEE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL

SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND LUNCHEON

March 6, 2019

10:00 AM

at

***The Woman's Club of Tallahassee
1513 Cristobal Dr. (Los Robles)***

***\$18 with lunch (No special dietary lunches will be offered)
\$10 without lunch***

***Speaker: Gary Knox
University of Florida Professor of Enviromental Horticulture
Program: "Exciting New Plants to Know and Grow"***



****Reservations by February 26th to Susan Weaver, TGC Treasurer***

* Note: Circle members, remit your check, payable to your circle, as soon as possible, or preferably at your February circle meeting.

Your circle treasurer will then remit one check, payable to Tallahassee Garden Club, no later than Feb. 26th to Susan Weaver, TGC Treasurer. For registration and name tags, Susan will also need the names of all your circle members who will be attending! Susan's address is 2012 Walden Road, Tallahassee, FL 32317-8249 (Susanbweaver@comcast.net, 850-445-8796)

2019 Plant Extravaganza



**Tallahassee
GARDEN CLUB**

**11th Annual
SPRING FLOWER SHOW
& PLANT EXTRAVAGANZA**

TALLAHASSEE GARDEN CENTER
507 N. CALHOUN STREET

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019
9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

PLANTS, YARD ART, GARDEN DELIGHTS AND
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Attention all Circle Members! February is just around the corner and plans are in full swing for the Spring Plant Extravaganza. The Committee had their first meeting on January 22nd and all agreed that more Circles should be encouraged to participate in the event. It is a great way to raise money for your Circle. Most importantly, we need the Circles who have already decided to participate to include lots of plants for sale at their booths. Spring will have arrived and many of the people coming to our event are looking for plants. Even if your Circle has decided not to have a booth, please consider propagating some plants or offering up some of those bulbs you have divided so they can be sold at the Extravaganza. Please be sure to identify all plants that you donate for the sale.

Let's make this year even better than last year!

-- Submitted by Lori Bush, 2019 Plant Extravaganza Chairman



February 27th – Tree Count due
Send count to Sudi Scott
(Morning Glory-Amaryllis)
sudi.sscs@comcast.net or (850) 251-7389
Trees, shrubs, bushes, etc.
Plant, plant, plant.

Tallahassee Orchid Society
53rd Annual
**Orchid Show
& Sale**



Plant Sales, Art Exhibit, Potting Supplies,
Bonsai Displays
April 13th, 2019 10 AM – 5 PM
April 14th, 2019 10 AM – 5 PM

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

Free admission, bring your friends

Find us on  Tallahassee Orchid Society or
www.tallvorchid.org or 850-320-6566 for more info



Board of Trustees: (l-r) Marilyn Larson, Susan Weaver, Andrea Willett (Chair), Patricia Romig, Brenda Dyer, Tara Boyter, and Lana Arnold

Photos from the January Horticulture Program



Mark Tancig, Horticulture Program speaker 1/17/19



Sabal Palm Circle...



Sabal Palm circle members with presenter Penny Gilmer in January

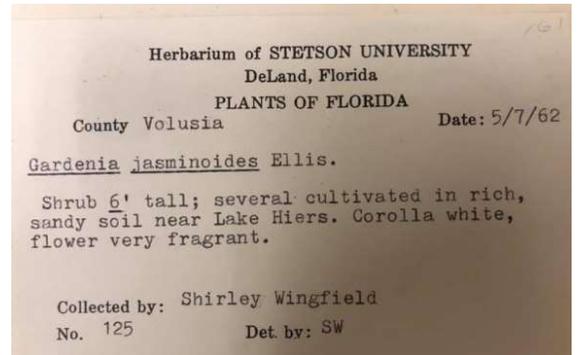


***Penny Gilmer presented a program on orchids for Sabal Palm Garden Club in January. Here, she demonstrates repotting for optimum health and beauty.
-- Submitted by Linda Phillips***

Gardenia Circle ...



The Gardenia circle's January meeting was a tour of the FSU Herbarium. (l-r) Stephanie Cornais, Amanda Chatham, Daniel Nurse, Eryn Jones



Gardenia discovery at FSU Herbarium – Submitted by Jeanell Moore



... and Buddleia Circle

Buddleia Circle members in front of Penny Gilmer's "Cymbidium Iridioides giganteum" fragrant orchid on Penny's new patio

93rd Annual Convention
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Plant, Bloom & Grow with Us!

April 7 - 9, 2019

Opportunity Drawing

Mega 50/50 Drawing

Total proceeds will be evenly divided between FFGC and the lucky winner. More tickets, more proceeds.

One Week Stay

(during low or off season, excluding holidays) at St. George Island, FL beachfront house. Sleeps 10; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. \$500 refundable damage deposit, due at booking. View "Seaesta" at www.rvpsgi.com for further details.



**Opera Length
Cultured Pearls**

with a 14K gold clasp



**Apple 32 gig
Mini-iPad**



Three Designer Containers

Two pottery are Keiko and David Hergesheimer, Catalpa Lane pottery. Metal sculpture by Ken Swartz.



Suggested donation is \$2 per ticket. Order tickets today!

Make checks payable to: FFGC 2019 Convention

Mail to: Marilyn Larson, 2806 Starmount Ln, Tallahassee 32303-4216, mmlarson850@comcast.net, 850-570-3223.

The drawing will be held April 9, 2019. You need not be present to win.

Your generous donations support FFGC aims, goals and special projects.

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. IRS rules and regulations apply.

Winners of prizes valued at \$600 or more will be issued IRS form W-2G.

Your donations may be tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. Consult a tax advisor for more information.