



Don't forget

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)

Reservations have now closed for this event.

Speaker: Gary Knox

University of Florida Professor of Enviromental Horticulture

Program: "Exciting New Plants to Know and Grow"



Bring all doorprizes and centerpieces Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00.

From the President...

Have you been outside lately? Isn't Tallahassee just even more beautiful right now with so many plants and trees in full bloom? On January 31, 1971, my husband brought me to Tallahassee for the first time to show me the town we would be *temporarily* locating to. Tallahassee was in full bloom – a blaze of flowers. How could one not love this lovely town with its beautiful flowers and wonderful people. It did not take long to decide that Tallahassee would be our permanent home, and in 1973 it did become our permanent home. We have never looked back or had any regrets. I wonder how many of you have similar stories.

Tallahassee is such a beautiful town and it makes all of us proud to welcome visitors and show them our lovely city. Tallahassee Garden Club has done so much over the years to beautify the city, or as our motto says, "A More Beautiful Tallahassee." For generations our members have assisted the city in designing and planting many of the school landscapes: the airport, the Los Robles entrance, the hospital, the fairgrounds and on and on. We were also instrumental in naming the Parks along Park Avenue.

Today there is not as much hands-on work being done by members because of policies, laws, and insurance, just to name a few reasons. However, our members continue to contribute to the community by working in various areas. Our Youth Gardening program is a tremendous asset to the Leon County School system and many of the circles are working with youth gardening groups on their own. We have circles helping at the Hope Community, Pace, Lee's Place, the TMH Cancer Healing Garden, and our Master Gardener members are always out and about in the community, working with the Leon County Extension Service and IFAS in Quincy. One circle continues to contribute flowers and plants to the Leon County Library. Our members routinely have a presence at the various senior facilities in Tallahassee by giving programs, having hands-on workshops, and just visiting and taking a little flower or treat. One of the best and most popular contributions that TGC makes to the Community is the monthly Plant Exchange and Horticulture program. Members, keep up the good work, you are doing a great job! All of you do so much more than can be listed here.

Our thanks to so many members this month for all the things you do for TGC. Babies Breath, Jasmine and Sweet Bay were terrific hostesses for the Executive Board Meeting in February. Violet, Jasmine and Babies Breath did a fabulous job with the Plant Exchange and refreshments. Kathy Carmichael and Judy Stricklin presented a wonderful program on Growing Plants from Seeds and Cuttings. Attendees were learning so much and having so much fun they did not want to leave! Thank you, Kathy and Judy. You are a great team.

Bouquets galore to Jeanie Brice and Marie Womble for heading up My Night to Shine corsage and boutonniere-making workshops. To you members who participated in this project, we thank you for your time and energy. It was well spent.

Magnolia Circle presented a wonderful Valentines Luncheon which was enjoyed by all.

If you're not involved, get involved. It's a wonderful feeling to do something for someone else and it's so much fun being around other members. Check out the Weekly E-blast to see what projects you can help with.

-- Brenda M. Dyer, President

*Spring makes the world a happy place
You see a smile on every face.*

*Flowers come out and birds arrive
Oh, isn't it great to be alive? - Anon*

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Calendar for Upcoming TGC and Other Garden-Related Events

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
03/07	Th	9:00 am	TMH Cancer Center Healing Garden Workday
3/13-14	W-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
03/27	W	11:30 – 1	Goodwood Garden Symposium – details, see p. 7
03/29	Th	COB	Submission deadline for April newsletter

April

04/01	M	9:00 am 10:30 am	Board of Trustees President's Council
04/03	W	10:00 am	Executive Board Meeting (hospitality by Daffodil, Oleander & Sabal Palm circles"
4/06-4/10	Sa-W		FFGC Convention in St. Augustine
04/13	Sa	9 am - 2 pm	Spring Flower Show & Plant Extravaganza
04/18	Th	9:30 am 10:15 am	Plant Exchange: Host circles *Orange Blossom, Buttercup, & Shannon Forest Horticulture Program, "Irrigation with a Micro-Irrigation System," presented by Mark Tancig, IFAS Extension Service
04/25	Th	5:30 pm	Fashion Show @ Womans Club
04/26	F		Arbor Day
04/28	Su	COB	Submission deadline for May newsletter
04/30	Tu	COB	Circle Dues Deadline & Circle Rosters Due

Caladium Bulbs – Still time to Buy!



Good news! You still have an opportunity to buy some varieties of the ever-popular caladium bulbs. Look for us at the General Membership Meeting and Luncheon on March 6, 2019 at the Women's Club.

If you've had an opportunity to see the brochure or visit TGC's website, you know how they will enhance your garden. Pay special attention to Florida Cardinal, Red Flash, Mrs. WB Haldeman, White Queen, Florida Sweetheart, Miss Muffet and Sizzle. These are the only varieties that are still available as of this writing.

Bulbs will be available for pickup by your designated Circle Caladium Bulb chair on March 13, 2019 and March 14, 2019.

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.

Around the House with the Board of Trustees

March will be under a new roof at the Garden Center, ending our concerns about leaking in various places and allowing us to do some repainting of small areas of the ceiling! Flowers are showing and buds are bursting. Spring cannot be too far away!



The Board of Trustees added the word Holidays to our weekend rental rates as reported earlier this year. Holiday dates now rent at the same rate as weekend days. Last month the BOT adopted a definition of “holiday.” For purposes of determining fees for renting the Garden Center for an event, holiday means:

- New Year’s Day on Jan 1
- Birthday of MLK Jr. -- Jan 15-21 third Monday in January*
- Washington’s birthday (President’s Day) -- Feb 15-21 third Monday in February*
- Memorial Day -- May 25-31 Last Monday in May*
- Independence Day on July 4
- Labor Day -- Sept 1-7 First Monday in September*
- Columbus Day -- October 8-14 Second Monday in October*
- Veterans Day on November 11
- Thanksgiving Day -- November 22-28 Fourth Thursday in November*
- The Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day on December 25 (House is closed)
- December 26 through and including December 31 (New Year’s Eve)

*These are floating holidays. The dates vary in any given year but occur within the date ranges listed.

We continue to encourage rentals of our beautiful home. We have three outdoor weddings and two other rentals that could be either outdoor or indoor depending on the weather—a busy March! Members can get discounts—check out the yearbook pages 92—95 for more information. And members, if you are seeking a discount, and let us know the year you joined or years you held club-wide positions, we can verify that more quickly and sign off on the substantial discounts that are available!

You may not know this, but our wonderful Venue Director is an independent contractor and our venue is not her only responsibility. You know she will try to help you in any way that she can, but she does have other outside obligations. So when you call the house, please leave a clear message with a call-back number; your call will be returned within 24 hours—if not sooner. Please plan ahead for house access, not when you are standing on the back steps in the rain! Please remember that all the rules apply to all the users. Please close and lock all doors when you leave the house. For additional assistance, please feel free to call a BOT trustee for help.

Gentle reminder: to ensure that we have an accurate facility use report, please be sure to enter any and all committee meetings you hold at the house. Big or small, they all count!

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

Andrea Willett, Chair, Board of Trustees

Clarification: The “In Memoriam” section last month reported that Ray Solomon, Mary Solomon’s husband, recently passed away. Mary is a past President and long-time member of Babies Breath Circle. We failed to mention that Ray was also the father of Susan Solomon, who is a member of Jonquil Circle. On behalf of the Tallahassee Garden Club, we send our condolences to the family in their time of loss.

Junior Gardening Report

Tallahassee School of Math and Science (TSMS): They have a Golden Shovel award-winning garden. This school loves nature! Morning Glory/Amaryllis Circle provided the necessary supplies and presented an Arbor Day Program at the School of Math and Science. The children learned about the history of Arbor Day as well as “Why Trees Matter.” The students made posters and planted a beautiful tea olive at the entrance to the school. Morning Glory/Amaryllis Circle co-chair Sudi Scott submitted a Thank-you letter from the school and the three photos below.



TSMS

TALLAHASSEE SCHOOL of MATH and SCIENCE

Date: 2/6/19

Dear Ms Scott and the Tallahassee Garden Club,

Thanks again for making Arbor Day a special day at TSMS and thanks especially for the donation of our new Tea Olive tree. I believe the students in Ms. Tiller's 3rd grade class had a memorable and fun experience and learned a lot in the process. At Dismissal yesterday several teachers who are familiar with Tea Olives were thrilled to see it and came directly over to smell the aroma.

Following up on your comment that there may be some funds still available, I believe we will need some additional plants this year for our Butterfly Garden. It has been very successful the past few years, particularly attracting Monarch Butterflies, but—while we have several perennials that always come back—we usually need to add a few new plants each spring. With your approval, I will make a list in a few weeks, most likely for: Milkweed for the Monarchs, Bronze Fennel for the Swallowtails, Mexican Sunflowers, Pentas, etc. We'd love to hear any recommendations you have as well.

On behalf of everyone at TSMS,

Best regards,

Philip Froemke
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Gilchrist Elementary: Magnolia Circle had a work day at Gilchrist to prepare the beds for potatoes and do general clean up. Mrs. Montford's second grade and Mrs. Bottini's fourth grade planted potatoes and harvested herbs. Due to Debbie Floyd's powers of persuasion, Gilchrist got a marvelous donation of tomato, pepper, and marigold plants from Laura Moller at Esposito's Garden Center. THANK YOU! The donation was shared with the School of Arts and Sciences Centre and planted at both locations. The Stretch Your Mind after-school class has planted echinacea and carrot seeds, and tomato, pepper, marigold plants and potatoes. Discussions have included “The Scientific Method,” “Lasagna Gardening,” and “How to Plant Tomatoes and Potatoes.”



Junior Gardening, continued...

At the request of The School of Arts and Sciences Centre, Erica Chatham and Chris Parrish worked with Mrs. Baldwin on how to make terrariums and donated soil, charcoal and plants.

And, again, Debbie Floyd is unstoppable. She has gotten another donation from Esposito's of numerous plants for the butterfly garden at Gilchrist. More news next month about how those plants are used.

Hawk's Rise Elementary has received a grant for raised beds and as soon as they are installed, TGC will be there to help.

Spring Plant Extravaganza...



PLANT EXTRAVAGANZA
HELP NEEDED
SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH FROM 7:30 - 2:30

Students needing Community Volunteer hours
Greeters who welcome attendees
Members or students to work in kids activity booths

Contact Lori at (850) 445-2788 or tallygrammy@embarqmail.com

With our lawns showing green and flowers blooming, it is clear that Spring will be here soon and most specifically the Spring Plant Extravaganza and Flower Show on April 13th! The Committee is working hard on all aspects of this event.

We need a favor from all of our garden club members. We

need you to spread the word among your friends and neighbors. Don't forget to include your church and other businesses that you frequent. As we all know, "Word of Mouth" can do wonders for spreading information. I would also like for those members who are on social media to post our flyer Publicly on their page and ask your friends to Share. This will carry the information far and wide. Additionally, if you haven't done so already, please "Like" the official Tallahassee Garden Club Page on Facebook so our event will show up on your newsfeed.

We are also in need of additional volunteers to serve as greeters on April 13th. Additionally, if you know of any students in need of community service hours, please tell them about our event. Students can volunteer for either of two 4-hour shifts (8AM to noon or 11AM to 3PM) or can volunteer for the length of the entire event. Lunch will be provided for those students working the entire event. The point of contact for those volunteering is Stephanie Wilfong of Coreopsis Circle (850-766-1445).

Finally, please come to the event and enjoy the Flower show and all the wonderful plants and garden delights that we will be offering for sale. If you can't come for the whole day, then come for an hour and enjoy lunch from our food truck which will be the "Kitchen Witch" this year.

Thanks y'all! Lori Bush, Chairman, Spring Plant Extravaganza

... and Spring Flower Show

SPRING FLOWER SHOW
HELP NEEDED
NO RULES OR REGS - LIMITED ONLY BY YOUR IMAGINATION - FUN SHOW
ORGANIZING
SETTING UP
ACCEPTING & PLACING ARRANGEMENTS & DISPLAYS
HOSTESSES FOR SHOW
CONTACT: BRENDA @ brendadyer@aol.com or (850) 251-2001





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
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FREE! HOW-TO DEMONSTRATIONS!
FREE! ADMISSION AND ON-SITE PARKING
FREE! KID-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

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TMH Cancer Center Healing Garden Workday



The March Healing Garden Workday is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th at 9 am, and we can use all the help we can get! We will be pruning the garden's 140+ rose bushes to get them ready for their spring blooming. We'll also be planting flowers, digging up weeds, and separating / replanting Lily of the Nile plants. You can be very helpful even if you have no gardening skills at all!

The Healing Garden at the TMH Cancer Center is located at 1775 One Healing Place. To help at the workday, contact Marty Quinn at 877-2427 or martyquinn30@gmail.com



The 17th Annual Goodwood Garden Symposium will be held 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Wednesday, March 27, at the Carriage House Conference Center at Goodwood Museum & Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL.

The speaker will be Jenks Farmer, a garden designer, horticulturist and "renaissance plantsman" who converted his family's South Carolina hay farm into a thriving Crinum Lily farm.

Tickets are \$35 and include lunch. Books and Crinum bulbs will be available for purchase.

-- Submitted by Marty Quinn

The HOPE Community Report

After trimming and fertilizing the rose bed at HOPE Community, Jane Berry of Holly Circle (L) and Libby Penrod (R) of Sweetbay Circle, take a breather. They had help from a female resident and a compliment from a male resident! They go when they can to maintain the Kay Freeman Memorial Tranquility Garden. – Submitted by Libby Penrod



HOPE Community Basketball Court: The volunteers with A Bag For HOPE are proud to announce that on January 31, after almost 3 years of planning, the basketball court at HOPE Community was dedicated! The kids and staff are having a great time shooting and dribbling and working off youthful energy.

Funding for the court was shared by A Bag For HOPE, St. John's Episcopal Church and the Killearn Kiwanis Club. YOU helped by welcoming the Traveling Tub into your circle meetings and shopping with us at TGC events. The proceeds from those sales helped to pay for this wonderful addition at HOPE.

Valentine Luncheon Images



(L-R) Ivy-Daisy's
Annette Krause,
Joyce Bardill,
Mary Alma Lang,
Nora Parker,
Ann Coleman, and
Trilly Lester



Magnolia, the
Valentine Luncheon
Host Circle, worked
tirelessly behind the
scenes to setup, serve
the guests, and clean
up after the
Luncheon.

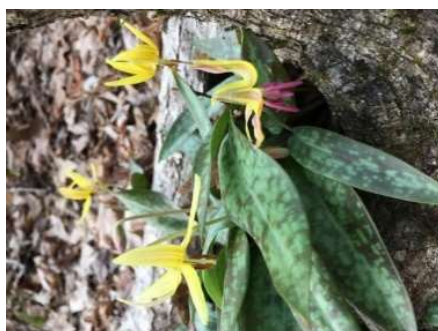




Jonquil Circle enjoyed our outreach visit to Westminster Gardens on Wednesday, Feb. 13. We provided materials for about 20 residents to make Valentine arrangements for themselves. We also served cookies and punch. As you can see by the pictures below, a good time was had by all!
 – Submitted by Ruth Fountain, Jonquil Chair



Members of the *Wisteria Circle* recently visited the Wolf Creek Preserve to see the rare Trout Lilies in bloom. In addition, they were fortunate to also see trillium, wild violets, bloodroot and Twayblade orchids!
 – Submitted by Dianna Norwood, Wisteria Circle



Plant, Grow, and Bloom



This will be our last “PUSH” for new members!! Can you believe that? March 15th is the deadline for all new members to be counted in our goal to receive a membership award from the FFGC to be given at our State Conference in St. Augustine. Let’s “give it our all” these last two weeks and bring that award home to the Tallahassee Garden Club. As Membership chair I want to thank you all for reaching out to help us “Plant, Grow, and Bloom” for our membership drive.

– Submitted by Joan Stout, TGC 1st Vice President

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.tallyorchid.org or 850-320-6566 for more info!



This photo captures the happy faces of Lana Arnold and her daughter, Ann-Marie London, at the Sip and Shop event prior to the Boutique Sale. Ann-Marie has since given birth to a precious baby girl!



The March Horticulture Program was excellent. Both Judy Stricklin (L) and Kathy Carmichael (R) gave attendees great ideas and information about growing plants from seed and cuttings.



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

Y'all
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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, mslarson850@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.