



From the President...

Can you believe all the events that we enjoyed in April? Executive Board was on the 3rd, and we want to thank Daffodil, Oleander & Sabal Palm circles for their delicious hospitality. Great job ladies.

Approximately 20 + went to convention and had a great time.

On the 13th Lori Bush and her committee orchestrated a fabulous Plant Extravaganza, and volunteers created fabulous Table Scapes in the house. A special thanks also to Annette Krause, Marie Womble, Jeanie Brice and Carol Thompson for the beautiful creative mantle décor.

Lori's committee was so well organized, and I have never seen all members of a committee work so hard to make a successful event. Thank you, Lori and helpers for a job well done.

On the 18th we had the monthly Plant Exchange, and thank you Orange Blossom and Shannon Forest for doing such a great job. There were several comments about how organized you were, and it was appreciated by the Plant Exchange and Horticulture chairs. There was a full house for the Horticulture Program. Dwight Arnold subbed for Mark Tancig and presented a very interesting and educational program on Micro-Irrigation Systems. Did you know that Dwight and Lana installed the micro-irrigation on the garden center grounds, and both are Master Gardeners? Thank you both for your continued hard work.

*Train your mind to see
The good in everything.
Positivity is a choice.
The happiness of your life
depends on the quality of
your thoughts. - Anon.*

On the 25th we co-hosted The Second Annual Fashion Show with the Tallahassee Woman's Club. Fashions were furnished by Janet Carr of Sarasota of Accessories and More.

The models were from both TGC and TWC, and all looked stunning. There were 91 people in attendance and the food was wonderful thanks to Marie Womble and all participating circles. Leftover refreshments were taken to two Firehouses.

Erica and Joan and your committee members, we thank you for a fun evening. The Fashionista Drink donated by Cypress was delicious as was the wine donated by Melanie Boone, Susan Weaver and Jana Walling. Thanks to all of you.

As we enter our final month of the garden club year, we still have a couple more functions. Plant Exchange will be on May 16th and Penny Gilmer, with the help of Nasturtium Circle, will be assisting Barbara MacDonald and Judy Stricklin with the Plant Exchange. The host circles are Buddleia, Jonquil and Hibiscus, and we know they will do an exceptional job.

The final Executive Meeting will be on May 22. We will be installing officers, recognizing hard working members and taking care of a bit of last-minute business. I would suggest that you plan to be in attendance for about two hours. If you are making a presentation or announcement, be sure to have your information printed to give to the Recording Secretary. Hospitality circles are Hibiscus, Morning Glory-Amaryllis and Wisteria. There may be some changes here, but we will be in touch with you in advance of the meeting.

There are so many of you that I am so grateful to have gotten to know and work with during the past two years. We all put in a lot of time and a lot of work, but each of you made our projects so much fun. I will cherish the new and old friendships. Thank you for putting your trust in me. – Brenda Dyer, TGC President

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Around the House with the Board of Trustees

It is the merry month of May already! Our clocks have spring forward. Plants are popping out of the ground to populate our gardens. New and renew are the words of the day as we end one garden year and gear up for the next one.

Beginning in June we will have new TGC officers (some of whom will also be new BOT members) and a new BOT treasurer. The trustees say good bye Marilyn Larson, our treasurer for the past six years. Marilyn offered clear leadership for BOT and was committed to making sure the funds matched our goals and rules. She has been a major force in making sure our house runs smoothly. Fortunately, she will be Treasurer 'emerita' at board meetings, so she will be available for consult! Thank you, Marilyn, and kudos to you for all your work to make BOT better. Helen Purvis will be stepping in as new BOT Treasurer. It is a highly detailed role and Helen brings a wealth of past experiences in garden club work to this new role. Welcome, Helen.



Trustees also say hello and welcome to all our new and renewing officers. We look forward to seeing Joan Stout, Elda Martinko, Pam Lewis, and Susan Weaver representing TGC around the table at BOT meetings. Trustee Lana Arnold was reelected to the board, joining current trustees Tara Boyter, Ruth Cates, and Andrea Willett and our new treasurer. Thank you and congratulations to all the newly elected or re-elected officers and trustees!

We are searching for a new Venue Director as we say good-bye to Beth McGrotha and wish her well in her next adventure. Our web page has a blurb about the opening, a link to more information and how to apply. We request that you spread the word about this opening and encourage applicants.

As much as things change, much remains the same. We are currently covering rentals and encouraging more. As circles and members wish to use the house for Club business, be sure to let Andrea or Ruth know ahead of time. It is important to have an accurate record of who used the house and when. Remember, too, that rules are NOT meant to be broken by clients or members because following the rules helps preserve this lovely house for us and generations to come.

Preservation is paramount and many circles have asked about special or critical needs for the house. We have a listing in the current yearbook to be found on page xix. With your help, we are crossing items off that list and will be offering a new list for next year's book. It is always something with an older house!

A special thank you to both Jonquil and Orange Blossom circle this month. Jonquil donated to operation dollars in gratitude for the use of the house for their meetings. Orange Blossom Circle added to the funds reserved and assigned for renovating the stage area. Thank you for these most welcome and generous gifts!

So change is all around us; and as we all know, change is not always easy. It has been said that the only person who truly likes change is a crying baby with a wet diaper! Changing does not always solve all the issues—just ask that crying baby! But it almost always brings a new way of looking at issues—and new perspectives can be very helpful. We close out the garden year with many changes, both current and anticipated. The BOT will be working diligently throughout the summer to maintain and preserve this grand lady we call the Garden Center.

Welcome home and we hope to see you around the house very soon! Andrea Willett, Chair, Board of Trustees

The members of the Tallahassee Garden Club extend our condolences

To Oleander Circle and the family of Ruth McDonald in Ruth's passing.

To Sabal Palm Circle and the family of Barbara Polak in Barbara's passing.

To Claudia Bates, immediate Past President of FFGC, on the loss of her husband Val.

May Calendar

05/06	M	9:00 am	Board of Trustees
05/11	Sa	9 am- 1 pm	Spring Open House & Plant Sale, UF/IFAS Extension Leon Cty, 615 Paul Russell Rd.
05/11	Sa	10 am-3 pm	Daylily Displays & Plant Sale @ Dorothy B. Oven Park
05/16	Th	10:00 am	District III Spring Meeting in Madison (registration 8:30 am)
05/16	Th	9:30 am 10:15 am	Plant Exchange: Host circles *Buddleia, Jonquil, and Hibiscus Horticulture Program, "What is Permaculture?" presented by Era Boyd
05/18	Sa	9 am-1 pm	Spring Plant Sale by Gardening Friends of the Big Bend – 155 Research Rd. in Quincy
05/18	Sa	9 am- 5 pm	Friends of Maclay Gardens 25 th Annual Tour of Gardens
05/20	M	10:00 am	President's Council
05/22	W	10:00 am	Executive Board Meeting Installation of Officers Hospitality (Hibiscus, Ivy-Daisy, Morning Glory-Amaryllis, and Wisteria)
05/30	Th	COB	Circle Program Information Due

TGC President-Elect Joan Stout requests that all new incoming Circle Chairs attend the final Executive Board Meeting on May 22 if possible.

Thoughtfulness Helps



Please do not park in our neighbors' parking lots. Searcy Denny and Figg Engineering have graciously made exceptions for some of our major events, but unless you are specifically given permission, please remember to respect their private property. Off-site parking is available on the side streets around the garden center.

FFGC Convention Highlights

Recognition of Miss Nell: The highlight of the FFGC Tuesday Brunch Meeting was the recognition of our own Nell Carlile, or "Miss Nell" as we call her. Miss Nell was lovely in a pale pink (her favorite color) silk shantung suit with matching accessories. All TGC members who attended were so proud of Miss Nell and all that she has done for Tallahassee as well as FFGC.

Miss Nell has been a member of TGC and FFGC for 68 years. She, along with the late and dear Jane Price, was Co-Chair of the 48th FFGC Convention in 1974 held in Tallahassee. They wore matching lime green polyester dresses which they made themselves for the convention. Miss Nell's dress was on display along with other memorabilia from their 1974 administration.

Nell has twice been President of the Tallahassee Garden Club and still comes to Executive Board Meetings unless it's a beautiful day and she is working in her yard. She still chairs our Life Membership Committee.



Nell Carlile and TGC President Brenda Dyer enjoy a moment at State Conference. Nell was honored for her long-standing service through the years!

We all love you, and you make us so proud!

Awards: TGC was awarded the Membership Award for clubs with membership of over 200. Thank you, Joan Stout, for a fantastic job in recruiting new members. TGC was awarded \$250. TGC also won the Best Yearbook Award in our Membership size category and third place for our Yearbook in the Deep South Region. Joy Hevey, we are so proud of you. Last but not least, TGC was also recognized for their contribution of \$1,000 to the FFGC Scholarship Fund.

A message regarding the Membership Award, from Joan Stout, TGC 1st Vice

President and President-Elect: You're the "BIG Winner" as the top ranked Garden Club in the State of Florida, with the most new members. You brought in over 150 new members during the last two years and I'm so very proud of each of you and your accomplishments. Most of all, let's KEEP these new members. That's the key to success.

I've relied on a little theme these past two years as your 1st VP and this is how it goes:

- 1. If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it.*
- 2. If you don't "ASK," the answer will always be "NO".*
- 3. If you don't step forward, you will always be in the same place.*

Let's make a "big membership splash" for this next year and reach our new members goals!

Again, my many thanks! You're a pleasure to work with. – Submitted by Joan Stout, TGC 1st Vice President

A Bag For HOPE Has a New Home!

We are so happy to announce that our volunteers will be moving into a wonderful space donated by Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Killlearn. Our forever thanks to Tara Boyter and Sally Smith for discovering the space for us. After May 1, we will be accepting fabrics and notions and volunteers.

Spring Plant Extravaganza Photos

What a fabulous time we all had at the Tally Garden Club's Spring Extravaganza, with an Easter Theme. The tables-capes were just beautiful and our "Future Gardeners" really enjoyed their face and rock paintings. Great to see our little ones having such a good time. Thank you Lori Bush and your wonderful committee for doing a fabulous job!



Activities for the kids...





Table-scapes and Arrangements

The Fashion Show



I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Fashion Show! The food was marvelous - thank you to all the circles and Marie Womble for coordinating the great feast. The models had a blast and you all looked wonderful.

Our red shoes (thank you to Jana Walling) and our Signature drink, "The Fashionista" from Cypress Restaurant, topped off the show. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

-- Submitted by Erica Chatham chair and Joan Stout co-chair



The Healing Garden

TGC members volunteering at the TMH Cancer Center Healing Garden

This is lovely Beth McGrotha in her costume for Hidden History Day



Erica Chatham, Joan Stout, Lori Bush, Susan Weaver, Brenda Dyer and Marie Womble show off their purchases from last year's Fashion Show at the April Executive Board Meeting.



Junior Gardening: the Gilchrist Garden Club



April 2 was the last day of the “After School Garden Club” at Gilchrist. Debbie Floyd reported that she had great fun working with Ms. Bottini the teacher (Left in middle photo and Debbie’s former FSU student), Chris Parrish (next to Ms. Bottini), and the Gilchrist kids! — Submitted by Debbie Floyd, Chair Elect of Magnolia Circle

Editor’s Note: Debbie Floyd is 4th from right wearing the white shirt.



Below, some photos were taken at Gilchrist on Thursday, May 2. They were just a few of the volunteers who worked throughout the week in Gilchrist’s gardens to help the school win a nice scholarship from Comcast.

Left photo: Connie Konrad and Carolyn DiSalvo (Magnolia); Center photo: Laura Moller (Espositos manager and future garden club member); Right photo: Sue Cuppy (Magnolia). Not pictured: Tara Boyter (Sweet Bay), Debbie Floyd and Chris Parrish (Magnolia)



Thanks a MILLION, ALL of you who volunteered on the Gilchrist project!!!



Daylily Show and Sale
Daylily Displays & Plant Sale

May 11, 2019
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Dorothy B Oven Park
 3205 Thomasville Road

Maclay Annual Tour of Gardens celebrates 25th anniversary

Amid all the pink, yellow and green heralding spring's arrival, Friends of Maclay Gardens is seeing a little silver as this year marks its 25th annual Tour of Gardens.

The tour takes place on Saturday, May 18. This year's tour promises to be a showcase of some of Tallahassee's finest landscapes and features six residential gardens in addition to a unique new community garden space. Most of the gardens are situated in the immediate Tallahassee area and within a short drive from the Park entrance.

"Gardeners and garden admirers alike will be delighted and hopefully inspired by this year's tour," said Gary Griffin, Friends of Maclay Gardens president. "We have some spectacular gardens that haven't been available for public viewing in the past."

The day starts at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast on the lawn at the garden entrance inside beautiful Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park. At 10 a.m. those in attendance will receive a booklet containing brief descriptions and directions to the gardens that are being featured on the 2019 Tour. Tour-goers may then proceed on their own self-driven tour of the gardens where docents from the Leon County Master Gardener program will be on hand to answer any questions.

Proceeds from the Tour of Gardens will go to help the Friends of Maclay Gardens in their financial and volunteer support of Maclay Gardens State Park. Among the many initiatives of the Friends of Maclay in 2019 is financial support in an extensive upgrading of the aging and somewhat inefficient irrigation system within the historic gardens.

If You Go...

What: Friends of Maclay Gardens 25th annual Tour of Gardens

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 18

Where: Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park, 3540 Thomasville Road

Cost: Advance tickets, \$30; day of event, \$35; \$5.00 discount for Friends of Maclay Gardens. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://friendsofmaclaygardens.org> or at Esposito's Garden Center, Native Nurseries, Tallahassee Nurseries, Purple Martin Outpost, Wild Birds Unlimited, and the Ranger station located at the entrance of the State Park - cash or check only at these Locations.

For more information: 850-228-1129; <http://friendsofmaclaygardens.org>

As stated in the flyer below, Carla DeLoach of Coreopsis is looking for docents to sit at featured gardens to greet people and answer questions. Docents get in free to tour of gardens plus a free cocktail party on Thursday night and a free breakfast on Saturday of Tour.

Save the Date!
Friends of Maclay Gardens, Inc.
25th Annual Tour of Gardens
Saturday - May 18, 2019
9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tickets available at www.friendsofmaclaygardens.org
\$30 in Advance ~ \$35 at Event

Carla DeLoach of Coreopsis Circle is looking for docents to sit at featured gardens to greet people and answer questions. Docents get in free to Tour of Gardens plus a free cocktail party on Thursday night and a free breakfast on Saturday of Tour.

Contact Carla at cdeloach@comcast.net or 850-591-2271

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
DISTRICT III**

**Al Latina, President, FFGC
Mickey Nyberg, District III Director**



**CALL TO DISTRICT III SPRING MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019**

TO: All District III Garden Club Members, Club, Circle and Council Presidents, State and District Officers, State and District Chairmen, Former FFGC Presidents and District Directors.

HOST: Madison Garden Club
PLACE: Madison Women's Club, 345 Lakeshore Drive, Madison, [FL 32340](#)
Cost: \$23.00 Registration, coffee, and luncheon
DEADLINE: May 9, 2019 for reservations
DATE: Thursday, May 16, 2019

REGISTRATION: Checks should be made payable to the Madison Garden Club and mailed to the Registrar: Muriel Odom, 2826 Old Blue Springs Road, Lee, FL 32059-4538. Phone: 850-971-5871. Delegates and alternates must be registered 10 days prior to the meeting (the number of eligible club delegates per club can be found on pg. 176 of the Book of Information, Article XI, Section 1 or online at FFGC.org).

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS: 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 A.M.

PROGRAM: Ocean Conservation

LUNCHEON: Please advise if you are vegetarian or have a food allergy.

REPORTS: Presidents allow 3 minutes. Chairmen 2 minutes. Please submit 2 typed copies of your report.

DISTRICT WAYS AND MEANS RAFFLE: Each club please bring a raffle prize.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Those wishing to have announcements made at the District Meeting are asked to send the Information in writing to the Director no later than May 9, 2019.

REMINDER: Please bring any unwanted jewelry for the district to sell. Proceeds support SEEK and Camp Wekiva.

Make Registration Checks Payable to: Madison Garden Club

DEADLINE DATE: Members & Delegates – May 9, 2019

Cost: \$23.00

Mail to Registrar: Muriel Odom, 2826 Old Blue Springs Road, Lee, Fl 32059-4538

Phone: 850-971-5871

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Directions to **Madison Garden Club, located in the Madison Woman's Club Building**
Address: **345 S.E. Lake Shore Drive, Madison, FL. 32340**

From I-10

Take SR-14 E exit, EXIT 251, toward MADISO
Turn LEFT onto FL-14 from Tallahassee, turn RIGHT onto FL-14 from Live Oak
Continue to follow FL-14 N, 3.7 miles
Turn RIGHT onto FL-14/SW MILLINOR ST., .2 mile
Turn LEFT onto S DUVAL AVE/FL-53, .1 mile
Turn RIGHT onto SE FRANCIS ST., .1 mile
Turn LEFT onto SE CHEROKEE AVE, .0 mile
Turn RIGHT onto SE LAKESHORE DR., .2 mile
END at 345 SE Lakeshore Dr.

From Perry

Take 221 out of Perry to SW State Road 14
Turn right onto SW Millinor Street
Turn left onto S Duval Avenue
Turn right onto SE Rutledge Street
Take a slight left turn onto Lake Shore Drive
The destination is on your left

Follow above directions from Tallahassee

Gardening Friends of the Big Bend
Annual Spring Plant Sale Extravaganza
Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 - 1:00
North FL Research & Education Center
155 Research Rd
Quincy, FL

150 species of plants, including southern garden classics such as hydrangeas, amaryllis, gardenias, native plants such as Florida anise, red buckeye, scarlet rosemallow, trees, woody perennials, bulbs, pollinator plants, rare and unusual plants, and much, much more.

Quantities are limited, arrive early.

For more information on the plants we will be selling this year, please see the [Spring Plant Sale Description Cards](#)

SPRING OPEN HOUSE & PLANT SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019
9:00 - 1:00 PM
UF/IFAS EXTENSION LEON COUNTY
615 PAUL RUSSELL RD



Guided Garden Tours, Ask-a-Master Gardener, Refreshments, Kids Activities, IFAS Bookstore, Tallahassee Woodwind Quintet, Silent Auction



Wishing everyone a safe,
healthy and happy summer.