



President's Theme

"Sharing Our Passion for Gardening and the Environment"

President's Message

Dear Members,

Another Garden Club Year is starting! Our 90th anniversary was July 20th. I am privileged to belong to an organization with that kind of longevity and history. To prepare, many hours of planning and work were done over the summer months to shape and plan a very exciting year.

This year is starting out on October 5th, with District XI meeting at our Garden Center. From there we go on into our FLGC and circle activities. Our first FLGC meeting, October 13th, will honor our history. The program will include a live demonstration of Flower Design and arrangement that takes us back into the 1930s. Join us to start our year with this festivity to honor our Club.

On November 10th, join us for a special presentation by Kirsten Hines, environmental teacher, author, naturalist and photographer, to learn all about how to design our gardens and what to plant to attract birds with Florida appropriate and native vegetation. This is a great opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends who may be replacing existing vegetation devastated by Hurricane Irma. Many of the losses we saw stem from vegetation not proper for our area. Native plants and plants specific for attracting wildlife are not necessarily available everywhere. Once we learn what we need, we can then look for it and ask our favorite nursery to provide it for us.

And, we will continue the enriching and entertaining horticulture and design presentations at every General Meeting. In addition to our scheduled meetings, I invite you to spend more time at our Headquarters: the Garden Center, the Garden and our Shade-House.

Join our Garden work days with Lynda Southworth. A beautiful garden is one way to showcase and share our love for the environment. If we touch just a few visitors, we will make this world a better one. We have some ambitious dreams which came from the members that will be addressed during this year.

The Shade House will continue their monthly workdays on the Monday before the General Meeting. This year they will enhance the workdays by adding a short learning session on diverse topics after each gathering.

Come out, hang out, learn something new, get a workout, share a laugh, have a chat, make new friends and make this world a better one by loving and caring for the environment.

See you at the Garden Center

Roswitha Sidelko, President of Fort Lauderdale Garden Club

Happy 90th Birthday
Fort Lauderdale Garden Club!

First General Meeting 2017-2018

Friday, October 13th 10:00 am

Glenn F. Bates Garden Center

Program: "Floral Design From a

Historical Perspective,"

by Becky Schuberth,

District XI Design Guild

Design Lesson: "Petite Design"

by District XI Design Guild

Horticulture Lesson: "Back to Basics" by

Virginia McCormick

Hostess: Bayberry Garden Circle

FLGC Yearbook

**Soon you will receive your copy of
the 2017-2018 FLGC Yearbook from
your Circle President or MAL Liaison
... please forward any corrections or
changes to Gene Cain, Editor at
auxcain@bellsouth.net (or give him
a hand written note)!**

**Corrections will be listed in the next
Green Thumb**

FLORAL DESIGN STUDY

**SPONSORED BY
DISTRICT XI FLORIDA FLOWER SHOW JUDGES and DISTRICT XI**

COME ONE, COME ALL TO LEARN ABOUT FLORAL DESIGN FROM THE EXPERTS. LEARN THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE AND CREATE YOUR OWN DESIGNS.

These courses build on one another, so we recommend taking all six to correctly understand floral design. Non-garden club members are also invited to learn design techniques.

Each course is limited to 30 students.

WHEN: Course 1 -- Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Course 2 -- Thursday, November 16, 2017
Course 3 -- Wednesday, December 13, 2017
Course 4 -- Monday, December 18, 2017
Course 5 -- Monday, January 15, 2018
Course 6 -- Thursday, January 18, 2018



WHERE: Fort Lauderdale Garden Club - Garden Center
Located in Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, 3109 East Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33304

TIME: 8:30 Registration and Refreshments - Class begins at 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lunch 12:00 - bring your own bag lunch - drinks will be provided (coffee, tea, soft drinks)

COST: **Garden Club Members - \$10.00 per course (\$60.00 for Course 1-6)**
Non-Garden Club Members - \$15.00 per course (\$90.00 for Course 1-6)

INSTRUCTORS: Susan Hillson and Christine Biscoglio, FFSJ Judges

FLORAL DESIGN SERIES - COURSES 1-6

Please register by November 1st for the whole series. Fill out the information below and return to Registrar: Joanne Nelson, 400 Circle Drive, Pompano Beach, FL 33062 (954-786-3274) with your check made out to "FFGC District XI". All six courses build on one another, so we recommend the whole series. Maximum 30 students per course.

NAME _____ GARDEN CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CHECK SPACE FOR ALL COURSES (1-6) _____

or LIST COURSE (specify which course desired) _____

Green & White Auction

Plants & Treasures — New & Used

Wednesday November 15, 2017

Glenn F. Bates Garden Center
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
Sunrise and A1A



Preview 6:00 p.m. Auction 6:30—9:00

Food and Drink Provided

Event helps fund: Youth Nature Campers, Habitat for Humanity landscaping, World Gardening, Stranahan House Rose Garden, Veterans rehab, Prisoners rehab, Programs to increase our knowledge in conservation and our environment (as voted on by the members each year. 501(c)(3) organization) **For more information Call Bonny at 954-732-7743 or go to Moringa Garden Circle of Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. www.moringagardencircle.org— www.flgc.org**

Open to the Public

The Garden Center Survives Irma!

I am thankful that we all made it through Irma safely. With that, I want to give you an update on our Headquarters.

I went very early in the morning a day after Irma, only to be stopped and returned at the bridge. Later, I talked to Jennifer Roberts, Hugh Taylor Birch Park Manager. There are a lot of trees and branches down all over the park, but they have cleared the roads enough to be able to go through. All the buildings in the park are intact. She was so kind to check out our facility. Here is her report:

No downed trees on the building. All windows are intact. A large branch is on the greenhouse in the back, adjacent to the building. It did not break through, just exerting some pressure. No leaking pipes or sprinklers. Of course, the usual debris is all around. Lucky for us, with all the concern for the citizen of the west coast, that Irma took that turn.

Hope everyone stays safe through the many hours of labor we are all putting in to clean our gardens. And while I am laboring, I would not change a thing, I still LOVE gardening (maybe I've had some errant thoughts of taking up star gazing).

Stay safe. See you at the first general meeting, our FLGC 90th anniversary celebration on October 13th.

Roswitha Sidelko, President of Fort Lauderdale Garden Club



**CALL TO THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS DISTRICT XI FALL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017**

District XI Garden Club Members, Club and Circle Presidents, MAL Liaison, State and District Officers, State and District Chairmen, Former FFGC Presidents and Directors. Guests are always welcome.

Host Garden Club: Fort Lauderdale Garden Club

Location: Glenn F. Bates Garden Center, Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, 3109 East Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, 33304

Time: 9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee; 9:30 Call to Order

Cost: **\$24.00 includes Registration, Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Programs (NO REFUNDS)**

Deadline: September 27, 2017 Complete Registration Form Below

Luncheon: Chicken Picata, Penne Marinara, Caesar Salad, Carrot Cake, Iced Tea, Coffee, and Rolls

Reports: Contact District XI Director Joanne Nelson (954-786-3274) or email jwwnelson04@aol.com to be on the agenda.

Program: "Succulents and Fairy Gardens" by Wade Matz, Pompano Beach

FALL DISTRICT XI MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Make Registration checks (\$24.00) payable to: Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, and mail to Virginia McCormick, 2100 S. Ocean Lane, #206, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316-3823. Deadline is September 27, 2017 to register.

PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY -Name _____ Phone _____

Garden Club _____ Email _____

Check all spaces that are applicable:

____ National Officer ____ FFGC Officer ____ FFGC Former President ____ FFGC Chairman

____ Former District XI Director ____ District XI Officer ____ District XI Chairman ____ Club President

____ Delegate ____ Alternate ____ Member ____ Guest ____ Circle President

PLEASE ADVISE OF ALLERGIES _____ SPECIAL DIET _____

Wekiva Volunteer Training & Junior Gardener Leadership Training – February 9-11, 2018

Check In: Friday 2/9/2018 1:00 pm & Check Out: Sunday 2/11/2018 11:00 am

COST: Usually \$75.00 for Activities, Meals & cabin lodging

NEW THIS YEAR! !! Wekiva Volunteer Training will also include Leadership Training for Junior Gardener Program Leaders. This weekend experience will introduce adults to Wekiva Youth Camp and prepare them for being Volunteer/Mentors. The Friday afternoon – Sunday noontime program includes tours, orientation, programs, activities, meals and "camp" lodging. This perfect introduction to Wekiva Youth Camp inspires many to return in the summer as Volunteer/Mentors for "regular" camp.

Registration in Wekiva Volunteer Training is limited and open to past & future volunteers and garden club members and friends. The Wekiva Youth Camp Open House will be held on Sunday from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Additional information about Wekiva Volunteer Training and Junior Gardener Leadership Training is available from the WLT Chairman. The dates for 2018 are Friday, February 9th to Sunday, February 11th.

Anyone interested in learning more about Wekiva Volunteer Training & Junior Gardener Leadership should contact Jacqueline Schoettle at 954-763-3513 or email her at floridajms@bellsouth.net

WEKIVA 2017...Highlights

By Jacqueline Schoettle

Thanks for sending 39 campers (33, CO-ED Week (grade 3-6th)...6 to 7th or 8th grade programs (TENT CAMPING OR ENVIRONMENTAL ED/CANOEING). Of course the kids had a blast!

“HABITATS” was the nature theme this year.

BUS TRANSPORTATION (and drivers) was superior! Thanks Hadny, for arranging and FLGC for paying cost. John Morand, Camp Director...calls it the “rock-star bus.” We sure make an entrance! Seat belts for all...perfect! Sockets to recharge electronics, but not needed as we do not allow kids to have electronics!

Interesting breakdown of Grade levels, sex of campers and schools attended: 39 Campers (29 girls, 10 boys)

Grade levels: 1- 8th, 5-7th, 8-6th, 21-5th, 4-4th.

Schools/or group: Harbordale 12—Floranada 10—VSY 3—BFF 14****tremendous

Yea for Melissa Weekley, a mother volunteer!!! With 8 more potential 7th grade members in BFF...she certainly could use member assistants to help...they meet 6 or 7 times during the school year.

***I did enjoy my week at Camp. Actually, once the bus leaves Holiday Park...the easy part begins. I was perfectly happy being a “worker bee” for the “Arts and Craft Sessions.”

PLEASE.. I ENCOURAGE SOME OF OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS to VOLUNTEER for CO ED WEEK at WEKIVA, 2018 (week TBA)!

My thanks to the following members (and spouses) who came to my rescue:

Virginia McCormack, who drove all supplies and me to Holiday Park, then registered kids..., as did Florence Miner.

VSY Jad Alsaghah ‘s parents (Bassam and Mirvat) who volunteered as chaperones on the bus and then returned with bus...this is a 7 1/2 hour commitment.

Florence Miner took charge of the bus return to Holiday Park routine on July 8th. Texting was such a help! I was able to keep Florence current to our location and the expected time of return.

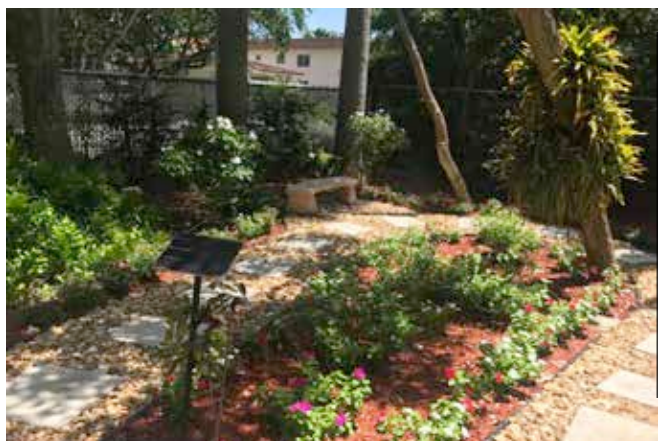
Two 9th grade LITs, also volunteered to chaperone and help me on the bus (going and returning). These young ladies were introduced to Wekiva when we had a Youth Gardening Club at St. Jerome School. In exchange for free bus transportation the LIT candidates agreed to help me (especially necessary on the return trip).

And many thanks to Marisol Cruz, a young mother from Floranada who volunteered for the week. Her daughter Amariel Nelson just loved her first experience at Wekiva. Marisol worked in “Arts and Crafts” with me. She was also my cabin mate. I really do think she enjoyed Wekiva. I will encourage her to attend one of our FLGC meetings.

I really do wish our members could experience Camp Wekiva firsthand...staff, volunteers, CITs and counselors are the best. Such positive role models for our youth. Everyone has so much fun...and without electronics! YES!!!!

AND again I WAS SO HAPPY to see RAJI SHAREEF who began his association with Wekiva in 2011 as an 8th Grader (4-H Club). He is still a Counselor and “a shining star” at Wekiva. He is now a student at the University of Tampa. He asked me again to tell FLGC how he “appreciates everything you did for me” and “thank you.”

So again I say, thank you for giving our kids the opportunity to experience camping life with such wonderful role models. They will never forget their week at Wekiva.



Rose Berchard-Butman reports that extensive renovation and improvements have been made to the Sensory Garden at the Lighthouse for the Blind. (check out the photo on the left).

The Circle gardening schedule at the Sensory Garden is in the 2017-18 FLGC Yearbook. Keep up the good work!



*Fort Lauderdale Garden General Meeting and Holiday Luncheon
“Holiday Entertaining”*

*SAVE THE DATE Saturday, December 2, 2017 · 11am - 2pm
Demonstrations - Great Food - Fun
Tower Club 100 SE Third Avenue, 28th Floor
Fort Lauderdale, Florida*

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Dates to Remember

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| Oct 4 | Wed | District XI Design Guild Meeting, 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Oct 5 | Thu | FFGC District XI Fall Meeting, 9:00 am Registration,
9:30 am Call to Order, HOSTED BY FLGC, Garden Center |
| Oct 13 | Fri | FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 am, Garden Center |
| Oct 13 | Fri | FLGC General Meeting, 10 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 1 | Wed | District XI Design Guild Meeting, 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 7 | Tue | District XI Florida Flower Show Judges Meeting, 10:00 am,
Garden Center |
| Nov 10 | Fri | FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 10 | Fri | FLGC General Meeting, 10:00 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 14 | Tue | District XI Floral Design Study 1 st Course, 8:30 am,
Garden Center |
| Nov 15 | Wed | Moringa’s “Mostly Green and White Sale,” 6:30 pm Preview
7:00 pm Auction Begins, Garden Center |
| Nov 16 | Thu | District XI Floral Design Study 2 nd Course, 8:30 am,
Garden Center |
| DEC 2 | SAT | FLGC GENERAL MEETING/HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
“HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING” 11 AM TO 2 PM
TOWER CLUB 100 SE 3RD AVENUE, 28TH FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA |