

President's Theme

"Sharing Our Passion for Gardening and the Environment"

President's Message

Dear Garden Club Members,

Flower Show, Children's Program, Secret Garden Tour

We Did It! We Made it Happen!

We survived it – as always – with Garden Club grace, elegance and a smile.

All this in addition to our regular programming and activities. Tell someone, they won't believe it. Our spouses and close friends barely believe that anyone would spend so much time at our Headquarters and Garden Center voluntarily and for fun. And on we go with the intrinsic reward of having done a good job.

Hugs to all my friends.

See you at Headquarters,

Roswitha Sidelko
President of Fort Lauderdale Garden Club

Upcoming FLGC General Meeting

**March 13th 10:00 a.m. Host: FLGC
Board of Directors**

All Members Bring a Dish to Share

**"The Dangers of Plastic Pollution" presented by
Kathleen Siena, Educator and Environmentalist**

Design: "Featured Plant Material"

District XI Design Guild

Horticulture: "Terrific Tamarindus"

Gene Cain & Beth Waldorf

**April 9th (Night Meeting) Social Hour 6:00 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m. Host: Moringa Garden Circle**

**"The Mangrove Estuary at Anne Kolb Nature
Center" presented by Stephanie Christine, Park
Naturalist at Anne Kolb Nature Center**

Design: "Armature Design"

District XI Design Guild

**Horticulture: "Plant Identification Starts
at the Leaf"**

Gene Cain & Beth Waldorf

IN MEMORIAM

**The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club mourns the loss of
two long serving members**

**Pat Breslin Miller (Mother of Bonny Cole)
Charter Member of Moringa Garden Circle
Member of FLGC Since 1953**

**Evelyn K. Zink
Member of Moringa Garden Circle
Member of FLGC Since 1981**

*For information concerning donations for Moringa's memorial tree plantings
see information on page 6 of this Green Thumb*

**FLGC Annual Meeting
and Installation Luncheon**

The Current President and Future President of the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Requests Your Presence at the 2020 Annual Meeting and Installation Luncheon...

When: Friday, May 1, 2020

**Where: Coral Ridge Yacht Club
Commodore's Lounge
2800 Yacht Club Blvd
Fort Lauderdale FL 33304**

Time: 11:30 a.m.

**RSVP: \$38 per person (make checks out to
Parkinsonia Garden Circle).**

**Mail check to Florence Miner, 916 SE 9th St,
Ft. Lauderdale 33316-1312**

NOTE ON CHECK CHICKEN, FISH, OR VEGAN!

The 2020 Secret Garden Tour of Fort Lauderdale

Thanks to all who made our 2020 Secret Garden Tour such a success!

Our homeowners were fantastic, and our members made it an enjoyable and memorable day despite the intermittent rain and power outages!

Our special thanks go to all the committee chairmen and extra thanks this year go to our friends and family who assisted us doing parking being hosts and hostesses, being sponsors, and going the extra mile-- even installing carpet! We appreciated it all!

Were you looking for gardens or getting us sponsors, buying tickets, or handing them out, working on publicity, promoting the tour in the community, or contacting editors for articles? Or were you donating items, loading vans, moving supplies, setting up at the houses, placing signs, directing traffic, welcoming guests, or handing out refreshments? Whatever it was, you did a great job and we really appreciate it all!

Thanks especially to Jillian Cain for keeping our web page current and to Gene Cain for surveying the properties and writing those great garden descriptions. Also, thanks to Maggie Dunn for gardens, to Pat and John Roth for sponsors and computer help, and to Rowena Gerber and Sandy Harrington for refreshments. Karen Hopwood and Marianne MacDonald of the FLGC Garden Shoppe, Melissa Weekley with our youth group, and Andrea Hellman with her raffle basket assembly line were all a BIG HELP!

Special thanks to our President Rosie Sidelko for all her support and help, and to our very small core committee of Becky Schuberth, Tamara Pope, and my husband Bob Lynch. Thank you so very much for all you did for our Eleventh Secret Garden Tour!

It was a great day!

Sandy Lynch, 2020 Secret Garden Tour Chairman

Editor's Note: Thank you Sandy! Another GREAT GARDEN TOUR!

Memories May Fade but Bricks are Forever

Members and Circles can purchase FLGC memorial/honor bricks for placement in the garden at the Glenn F. Bates Garden Center. The bricks can be for club recognition, family members or pets. The cost is \$50 for brick, inscription and installation.

For more information, contact Virginia McCormick at coralwaybob@comcast.net or call 954-462-1394

Attention Members-at-Large... Its Dues and Extra Giving Time!

Members-at-Large are reminded that dues for the 2020-2021 year are due March 15th, 2020. Dues are as follows:

Active/Associate Members - \$30.00 + \$5.00
District Assessment = \$35.00

Life Members - \$18.00 + \$5.00 = \$23.00

Husband/Wife Members - \$35.00 + \$10.00
District XI Assessment = \$45.00

Husband /Wife Life Memberships - \$35.00 + \$10.00 District XI Assessment - \$12.00 x 2 for Deduction of Life Membership = \$21.00

The names of all Life Members who qualify for the reduced rate are set forth on Page 67 of this year's FLGC Yearbook. Checks should be sent to: Tamara K. Pope, Membership Chairman, 3051 NE 48th Street, #204, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308.

The Garden Club's single largest expense is for "camperships" awarded to the outstanding participants in the Youth Flower Show. It is only through the exceptional generosity of the individual members, past and present, that the Club is able to raise the approximately \$12,500.00 required. Camperships will remain at \$235.00 each. If you wish to provide a campership, just add the amount to your Dues check.

Members-at-Large also participate in the Extra Giving campaign. These opportunities are listed below:

1. "Crystal" - This fund provides funds to purchase prizes and crystal for the Standard Flower Show
2. Habitat for Humanity - HFH aids in providing landscaping for projects in Broward County
3. Prison Therapy "AKA" known as Garden Therapy is supported by FFGC. This forty plus year project is held at the Avon Park Correctional Institute in Avon Park, FL.
4. World Gardening/Natural Disasters - Donations would support agricultural projects in underdeveloped countries and those devastated by Natural disasters.

Your continuing financial support of the Garden Club and its endeavors will be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Tamara K. Pope, Membership Chairman



**Bonnet House
13th Annual International
Orchid & Garden Festival**

Saturday/Sunday April 4 & 5
9 am to 4 pm

The 13th Annual Orchid Festival Expands to include vendors from Thailand, Malaysia, and Hawaii. The Festival includes:

- Over 30 Vendors
- Gardening Lectures
- Live Music
- Food/Drink
- Garden Art...and more!

Entrance Fee is \$12 and Parking is FREE
Additional Fee of \$5 for a House Tour
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

900 North Birch Road,
Fort Lauderdale FL 33304

Visit BonnetHouse.org to purchase tickets and for updated information on the festival.

**FLGC Welcomes New
Bayberry Circle Members**

Bayberry Garden Circle has two new members. Welcome to the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club:

Dona Volk (dona3297@yahoo.com)

Ruth Smets (954-432-2042)

Please add them to your FLGC Yearbook!

AS WE NEAR THE END OF ANOTHER FLGC YEAR, MAKE SURE TO SEND ANY NEW QUALIFICATIONS, COMPLETED TRAININGS, or CHANGES TO PERSONAL INFORMATION TO YOUR CIRCLE PRESIDENT OR GENE CAIN auxcain@bellsouth.net FOR THE NEXT YEARBOOK UPDATE!

**18th Annual Broward
Water Matters Day**

Saturday, March 14, 2020
9 am to 3 pm
Tree Tops Park
3900 SW 100 Ave
Davie, FL

"One Water - One Earth"

Interactive Displays and Booths
Children's Activities
Free Plants and Trees
Raffles, Food Trucks
And More...

Park Admission \$1.50 Free for children 5 and under...for more info call 954-519-1270 or visit watermatters.broward.org

Free Plants and Trees (Two per family) Include:
Cocoplum (Chrysobalanus 'Horizontal')
Tamarind (Tamarindus indica)
Florida Thatch Palm (Thrinax radiata)
Native Mulberry (Morus rubra)
Perennial Peanut (Arachis glabrata)
Slash pine (Pinus elliottii var. densa)
Orange Geiger (Cordia sebestena)
Joe Wood (Jacquinia keyensis)
Buccaneer Palm (Pseudophoenix sargentii)
Live Oak (Quercus virginiana)
Jamaican Dogwood (Piscidia piscipula)
Coral Bean (Erythrina herbaceae)
Paurotis Palm (Acoelorrhaphe wrightii)
Mango (Mangifera indica)
Avocado (Persea americana)
Firebush (Hamelia patens var patens)
Locustberry (Byrsonima lucida)
Saltbush (Baccharis halimifolia)
Sunshine Mimosa (Mimosa strigillosa)
...and more...





“Celebrating Fort Lauderdale!” Thanks and Congratulations!

Many thanks to each of you for your contributions to our fabulous flower show!

It was great fun collaborating to create this show - and exciting to see many of you step up and create a floral design, a fairy garden, a photo or an educational exhibit for the first time!

We had 73% of our active members participate in the show. There were 252 horticulture entries, 36 design entries, 12 photos, 8 fairy gardens, and 2 educational exhibits.

Mayor Dean Trantalis enjoyed visiting the show and learning about our mission and focus as a club. When he spoke at our preview party he recognized our commitment to promoting environmental awareness, sustainability, green space, tree planting, parks, youth gardening and creativity.

Our members and guests had fun – and many are already happily anticipating entering next year’s show. Special thanks to our Committee Chairs, to the Circles who hosted and to all the volunteers who came together to create a fun and inspiring show.

Go to page 5 of this Green Thumb to see the awards presented to the Flower Show participants.



Maggie & Beth



Dean Trantalis, Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, joins the fun at the Presenting Fort Lauderdale! Flower Show Preview Party.



Horticulture BEST IN SHOW Award Goes to James Miller of Parkinsonia for his beautiful Aglaomena!



DESIGNER'S CHOICE AWARD Goes to Sandra Lynch of Parkinsonia Circle



The Glenn F. Bates Garden Center is filled with Horticulture and Design Entries during the FLGC Standard Flower Show: Presenting Fort Lauderdale!

The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc.
Adult Standard Flower Show
“Presenting Fort Lauderdale!”
February 1-2, 2020

Awards

Division I: Horticulture

Doris H. Gordon Silver Award	James Miller	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Aglaomena ‘Red’</i>
Plumeria Silver Award	Gene Cain	Member at Large	<i>Begonia mazae</i>
Clusia Silver Award	Shirley Wiggin	Bayberry Circle	<i>Dyckia</i>
Ida Powers Silver Award	Jillian Cain	Member at Large	<i>Primulina USBRG98-083</i>
Moringa Silver Award	Zoe Bejar	Cordia Circle	<i>Oncidium ‘Twinkle’</i>
Ruth Patton Silver Award	Jillian Cain	Member at Large	<i>Peperomia Clusifolia ‘Isabella’</i>
Pachira Silver Award	Agnes Gallo	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Davallia Fejeensis</i>
Cassia/Jacaranda Silver Award	Judy Watson	Bayberry Circle	<i>Sanseveria cylindrica</i>
Mary Matthews Silver Award	Barbara Richie	Moringa Circle	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>
Dorothy Kitchell Silver Award	Lois Udvardy	Moringa Circle	<i>Rosa JA Cooper ‘Veteran’s Honor’</i>

National Horticulture Awards

Arboreal Award (Non-Native Tree)	Brian Huffor	Member at Large	<i>Holmskioldia Sanguinea</i>
Arboreal Award (Non-Native Shrub)	Sandy Harrington	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Polycias fruticosa</i>
Aboreal Award (Native Tree)	Maggie Dunn	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Citharexylum fruticosum</i>
Aboreal Award (Native Shrub)	Jillian Cain	Member at Large	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>
Award of Merit	Barbara Richie	Moringa Circle	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>
Award of Merit	Andrea Hellman	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Anthurium andraeanum</i>
Award of Merit	Lois Udvardy	Moringa Circle	<i>Rosa JA Cooper ‘Veteran’s Honor’</i>
Award of Merit	Robert McMahan	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Pyrostegia venusta</i>
Grower’s Choice	Robert McMahan	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Neoregelia ‘Fireball’</i>
Grower’s Choice	Gene Cain	Member at Large	<i>Begonia mazae</i>
Grower’s Choice	Jimmy Diaz	Cordia Circle	<i>Phalaenopsis ‘White’</i>
Grower’s Choice	Sue Kreusser	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Cactea Caryophyllales</i>

Marie Lamb Memorial Award and Award of Horticultural Excellence

First Place	James Miller	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Aglaonema ‘Red’</i>
Runner Up	Robert McMahan	Parkinsonia Circle	<i>Neoregelia ‘Fireball’</i>

Division II: Design

National Design Awards

Petite Award	Agnes Gallo	Parkinsonia Circle
Table Artistry	Nancy Richards	Boca Raton
Designer’s Choice	Sandra Lynch	Parkinsonia Circle

Award of Design Excellence

Agnes Gallo	Parkinsonia Circle
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Division III: Educational

Educational Top Exhibitor Award	Kristin Barlow	Parkinsonia Circle
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Division IV: Botanical Arts

Photography Award	Laney Drath	Parkinsonia Circle
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NGC Recognition Sweepstakes Awards

Horticulture Sweepstakes

Gene Cain	Member at Large
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Design Sweepstakes

Sandra Lynch	Parkinsonia Circle
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MORINGA MEMORIAL TREE DONATIONS

Dear FLGC Members,

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of our pioneer/mentor Pat Breslin Miller and longtime member Evelyn Zink.

I have arranged with the City of Fort Lauderdale's Arborist Mark Williams to start a stand of Moringa trees at Snyder Park. Pat's would be the first in the planting. I am checking availability now to see if we can have the planting on Arbor Day, Saturday April 25th. Dedicated trees would be in remembrance of Pat, Evelyn, Sharon Bogard's mother and my father. I hope that you will all mark your calendars to join us.

Moringa is now accepting donations to the memorial tree fund. Checks can be mailed to Barbara Richie, 7826 Beech Fern Circle, Tamarac, Fl. 33321-2857.

Rose
 Rose Béchard-Butman, ISA Certified Arborist
 NatureScape Program Coordinator



Moringa oleifera

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Dates to Remember

- Mar 4 Wed District XI Design Guild Meeting, Garden Center, 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 7 Sat FLGC Grounds Work Day, Garden Center 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 9 Mon Shade House Work Day, Garden Center 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 11 Wed FLGC Grounds Work Day, Garden Center 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 9-11 Youth Standard Flower Show, Garden Center
- Mar 13 Fri Youth Standard Flower Show BFF, Garden Center
- Mar 13 Fri FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, Garden Center, 8:30 a.m.
- Mar 13 Fri FLGC General Meeting, Garden Center, 10:00 a.m.
- Mar 14 Sat Broward's Water Matters Day, Tree Tops Park, Davie, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Mar 15-18 District XI Flower Show School, Garden Center 8:30 a.m.
- Mar 24 Wed District XI Florida Flower Show Judges Meeting, Garden Center 10:00 a.m.
- Apr 1 Wed District XI Design Guild Meeting, Garden Center, 9:30 a.m.
- Apr 4 Sat FLGC Grounds Work Day, Garden Center 9:00 a.m.
- Apr 6 Mon Shade House Work Day, Garden Center 9:00 a.m.
- Apr 8 Wed FLGC Grounds Work Day, Garden Center 9:00 a.m.
- Apr 9 Thur FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, Garden Center 4:30 p.m.
- Apr 9 Thur FLGC General Meeting, Garden Center NIGHT MEETING Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 13-16 Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs Convention, Tampa FL
- Apr 17-18 FFGC Convention, Tampa FL
- Apr 22 Wed EARTH DAY
- Apr 24 Fri NATIONAL ARBOR DAY
- Apr 28 Tue District XI Spring Meeting, Garden Center
- May 1 Fri FLGC ANNUAL INSTALLATION LUNCHEON....SAVE THE DATE!

Special Note: Cordia Garden Circle has CANCELED their DAY OF GAMES scheduled for March 6, 2020