

President's Theme
"Every Garden Counts"

Green Thumb

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc. Est. 1927



President's Message

Dear FLGC members,

Welcome Back, Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club members!

The beginning of fall is just two days away and I am already missing the lazy days of summer. But, the fall season ushers in renewed energy and excitement for the prospect of meetings, presentations and educational opportunities organized by our club members.

Our first general meeting will be held on Thursday (note NOT Friday!), October 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Garden Center. Our business meeting will begin right at 6:15 p.m. to be followed by our guest speaker, Shari Blissett Clark from the Florida Bats Conservancy. As it will be fairly dark by the end of our evening, we will have volunteers with flashlights available to walk anyone needing a little reassurance to get back to her/his car. The Club kindly requests that masks be worn if you are unvaccinated.

Our Club Yearbook is in the production phase and will be available to the Circle presidents for distribution once they are printed. They will be available at our October meeting – check with your Circle President or MAL Liaison.

Please plan to join fellow FLGC gardeners on a field trip to Fairchild Gardens on October 14.

So, these October happenings are just the beginning of a new year of activities and programs that are available to our members. Please consider inviting a guest to share in a meeting or another club opportunity. Your endorsement is the most meaningful means for sharing the wealth of knowledge, experience and friendship that personifies the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club.

I look forward to seeing you and welcoming you back!

Susie MacPherson
FLGC President

FLGC Yearbook

Soon you will receive your copy of the 2021-2022 FLGC Yearbook from your Circle President or MAL Liaison ...please forward any corrections or changes to Gene Cain, Editor at auxcain@bellsouth.net. The changes will appear in the next Green Thumb.

Need Quick Information about Events, Meetings, and Members? Go to www.flgc.org Your Garden Club website has been updated with all the latest information for 2021-2022!

FLGC General Meeting
Thursday, 10/7/21...NIGHT MEETING
Refreshments 5:30 p.m.
Meeting 6:15 p.m.
Host Garden Circle: Moringa
Design by District XI Design Guild
Horticulture: "Get Your Flower Show On...Araceae
Program:

Fort Lauderdale Garden Clubs, Inc.
3109 East Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Presents
Florida Bats Conservancy
Shari Blissett Clark, President



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021
5:30 PM REFRESHMENTS

**“River of Grass” A NGC Standard Flower Show
Presented by the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc.
Saturday, April 2, 2022 – Sunday, April 3, 2022**

Important Dates:

**Container Grown Plants in the Horticulture Division must be in the possession of the exhibitor no later than January 1, 2022 (Sections A – M)
Cuttings in the Arboreal Sections must be in the possession of the exhibitor for at least six months before the Flower Show (Sections R – U)**

Plants used in Combination Entries (Sections K 51 – 52) must be grown together for six weeks before the Flower Show

Horticulture container grown entries MUST be entered on Thursday, March 30th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cut specimens may be entered on Thursday, March 30th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. OR Friday, April 1st from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Design and Educational Exhibits may be assembled on Thursday, March 30th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and completed on on Friday, April 1st from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

ALL ENTRIES AND DESIGNS MUST BE READY FOR JUDGING AT 9:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST... SHOW SCHEDULES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SOON TO ALL MEMBERS. REFER TO THE OFFICIAL SCHEDULE FOR ALL RULES AND ENTRY INFORMATION!

**RENEW YOUR ENTHUSIAISM AND
INTEREST IN GARDENING AND BEAUTY
WITH A TRIP TO FAIRCHILD TROPICAL
BOTANIC GARDEN**

The Garden is named for one of the most famous plant explorers in history, David Fairchild (1869-1954) who traveled the world in search of “useful” and unusual plants. Along with a committee of other horticultural enthusiasts (including Marjory Stoneman Douglas), Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden became a reality when it opened in 1938. On over 80 acres, the garden includes thousands of horticultural specimens from all over the world. It includes many speciality gardens, water features, and a butterfly exhibit.

The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Invites YOU to a Special Tour and Visit to Fairchild Gardens on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Included at a special discounted Entry Fee (\$18.00) will be a special Tour Guide for FLGC Members (Reserved time 10:00 a.m.). Address is 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156. (Due to traffic and distant, allow for at least one hour travel time to arrive prior to the reserved time at 10:00).

To reserve your spot contact Hadny Fayyaz at 954-765-1091 or email at hadnyhayek@gmail.com

Broward County Water Matters Day

**10/16/21 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.
Tree Tops Park, Davie**

For info go to watermatters.broward.org



The poster features a green background with a sunburst pattern. At the top left is the 'Water Matters Broward Cares' logo. The main text reads '19th Annual Broward WATER MATTERS DAY TREE GIVEAWAY' in large, bold, blue and white letters. Below this, it says 'October 16, 2021 • Tree Tops Park, Davie, FL'. At the bottom, there is a line of smaller text: 'COVID Re-LEAF • Pre Registration for Trees is mandatory • No Contact Event • Remember "Know before you go!" 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM • Park admission fee applies • Pre Register at watermatters.broward.org'. On the right side of the poster, there is a small graphic of a tree and a water drop.





Always Take the Garden Path... the path to beauty, serenity, inclusion, sustainability, and conservation

FFGC District XI Fall Meeting Hosted by FLGC

Please join us on October 22, 2021 at 10:00 am. (Registration and Coffee: 9:30 am – 10:00 am) for the Florida Federation of Garden Club's District XI Annual Fall Meeting at the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Center in Birch State Park.

Meet your fellow gardeners in Broward County and hear the exciting programs chosen just for you!

To register, contact me at slbogard@aol.com.
HELP NEEDED!

Sharon Bogard
Director, FFGC District XI

Editor's Note: Thanks to Sharon for all the wonderful new graphics in the Green Thumb and on the website! Beautiful!

HELP WANTED!

The following are FLGC volunteer "opportunities" to help sustain our service to the community!

10/4 and 11/8 Shade House Planting (contact Debbi 315-778-3241)

10/6 and 11/10 Grounds Clean Up (contact Geo 917-805-9488)

10/22 Fall District Meeting (contact Sharon at slbogard@aol.com)

Youth Gardening (contact Sandy at 954-463-0246 or Andrea at 305-607-3383)

Secret Garden Tour (contact Maggie at 954-764-4390 or Beth at 954-545-0309)

Flower Show (contact Roswitha at 954-349-1984)

Garden Circles (contact Circle Presidents for more volunteer opportunities)



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3109 East Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Presents

Antique Roses

Janine Griffiths, Owner, Green Thumb, Inc.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021
9:30 AM SOCIAL
10:00 AM MEETING AND PROGRAM

FLGC NOVEMBER General Meeting
11/12/21
9:30 Social;
10:00 Meeting
Host Garden Circle: Parkinsonia
Design by Dist XI Design Guild
Horticulture: "Get Your Flower Show
On... Asparagaceae"

USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: What Does it All Mean?

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Most of our neighborhoods in Broward County are in Zone 10 according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Zones are identified by the USDA to help growers know what plants and trees can best tolerate a particular climate. Zones are divided by 10 degree changes in average winter temperatures. There are eleven zones in the United States. Zone 1 has the coldest winters and Zone 11 with the warmest winters. Zone 10 is characterized by mild frost-free winters and long summers. Verify your zone by entering your ZIP Code at <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov>

Plants recommended for Zone 10 can survive a low temperature of between 30-40 degrees F. This temperature range marks the coldest temperatures expected on average in South Florida. It doesn't mean a gardener cannot try growing plants recommended for other zones, but the growth and blooming may not be as hardy as anticipated. Many plants being sold at local nurseries and home improvement centers list the zone that is appropriate for that plant, so check out the tag before buying that beautiful blooming plant.

Obviously, success at growing a specific plant depends on more than just winter temperature (things like soil, sunshine, water, etc.), but using plants from the appropriate zone is a good starting point for having a successful garden. Native plants, by their very nature, are most appropriate for any particular USDA zone. But even native plants should be planted in their appropriate ecological habitat. Plants native to the sand dunes of Fort Lauderdale Beach may not be the best plant for a garden near the Everglades.

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Club Web Site!

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Dates to Remember

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| Oct 4 | Mon | FLGC Shade House Gardening HELP NEEDED! 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Oct 6 | Wed | FLGC Grounds Gardening HELP NEEDED! 8:30 am, Garden Center |
| Oct 6 | Wed | Dist XI Design Guild Meeting 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Oct 6 | Wed | FLGC Board of Directors Meeting 4:00 pm, via ZOOM |
| Oct 7 | THURSDAY | FLGC General Meeting, 5:30 pm Refreshments; 6:15 pm Meeting |
| Oct 14 | Thur | FLGC Field Trip FAIRCHILD GARDENS 10:00 am. For info contact Hadny Fayyaz at 954-765-1091 or hadnyhayek@gmail.com |
| Oct 16 | Sat | Broward County Water Matters Day 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. For info go to watermatters.broward.org |
| Oct 22 | Fri | Dist XI Fall Meeting Hosted by FLGC, Registration 9:30 am, Garden Center HELP NEEDED! |
| Nov 3 | Wed | Dist XI Floral Design Guild Meeting 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 3 | Wed | Moringa Garden Circle Green and White Auction 5:30 pm, Garden Center |
| Nov 8 | Mon | Shade House Gardening HELP NEEDED! 9:30 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 9 | Tues | Dist XI Florida Flower Show Judges Meeting 10:00 am
Full Pot of Flowers, 1516 SW 13 th Ct., Pompano Beach 33068 |
| Nov 10 | Wed | FLGC Grounds Gardening HELP NEEDED! 8:30 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 10 | Wed | FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, 4:00 pm via ZOOM |
| Nov 12 | Fri | FLGC General Meeting, 10:00 am, Garden Center |
| Nov 13 | Sat | FLGC PLANT SALE HELP NEEDED! 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Garden Center |

**SAVE THE DATE: HOLIDAY PARTY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
10:00 AM AT THE GLENN F. BATES GARDEN CENTER!**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Rick, FLGC's contact at the City Print Shop, has retired after 20 years of service to the City and the Garden Club. Until further notice any "print requests" should be emailed to print_mailroom@fortlauderdale.gov. A city employee will respond. Rick's position has not been filled at this time. I expressed the Club's gratitude for his help and cooperation over the years! I'M GOING TO MISS THAT GUY!