

President's Theme
"Every Garden Counts"

President's Message

Greetings!

As we move into the spring time months, there seems to be a sense of new beginnings, a sense of relief as the threat of a potentially threatening disease has been lessened by the advent of vaccines. Even a sense that a return to "normalcy" can now be legitimately anticipated.

We are, therefore, tentatively planning on having our first "in person" meeting on April 8th as scheduled. This is going to be an evening meeting and Jesse Durko will be speaking with us. Jesse has been a great friend and supporter of FLGC and always presents a wonderful program. Clearly, there will be logistics to consider in order to ensure that we respect the current guidelines for gatherings per the state of Florida at that time. There will be more information to share with you all as we get closer to the 8th.

The Club received wonderful exciting news last week the FLGC garden won the Emerald Award in its category for 2021. This is a huge honor and wonderful recognition of our garden and our Club. This achievement showcased the efforts and dedication of a few of our members. On behalf of FLGC, I want to thank you all for your efforts in support of this project. Special thanks need to go to Roswitha Sidelko for promoting our participation in the competition and to Agnes Gallo for organizing all the work the project entailed. Hadny Fayyaz of Moringa Garden Circle also won an Emerald Award for her home garden in Shady Banks! Double great news for FLGC gardeners!

The Shade House and its devoted keepers have captured a good deal of attention. Monthly plant sales continue to be organized and have drawn the attention of visitors to the Park. Last month, our Garden Shoppe was opened outside in conjunction with the plant sale and was hugely successful as well. There was a special table that displayed some of Jackie Schoettle's favorite gardening items which had been donated to the Club by her family. The proceeds from these items will be donated in Jackie's memory to Camp Wekiva.

Our Club continues with its involvement in the Ft Lauderdale school system. We have received donations from the Circles and members to underwrite scholarships for both the SEEK and the CIT programs for rising freshmen. Plans are underway for the Youth Flower Show to be held in April and the children are busily tending to their entries.

So, we move onward. Our volunteers have met and dealt with the challenges of the past year and continue to keep us focused on our goals. Thank you, thank you to all of you who donate your time, expertise and never-ending good cheer.

And in closing, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and invite you to explore the various opportunities to get involved with our Club projects.

With Regards to all,
Susie MacPherson President, FLGC

Upcoming FLGC Meetings

FLGC Board March Meeting ZOOM: Details TBA

FLGC General Meeting March 12th 10:00 a.m.

ZOOM: See Page 4 for Log In Info

"The Mangrove Estuary at Ann Kolb Nature Center" presented by Joann Howes, Park Manager and Naturalist

FLGC April Board Meeting TBA

FLGC General Meeting April 8th (Night Meeting)

6:00 p.m. Refreshments; 7:00 p.m. Meeting

Host: Moringa Garden Circle

"Horticulture and Design Ideas" presented by Jesse Durko, Owner of Jesse Durko's Nursery

MORE DETAILS TBA

IN MEMORIAM

**The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club mourns the loss of
Past FLGC President Jacqueline Schoettle**

**Past President and Associate Member
of Parkinsonia Garden Circle
Member of the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Since 1990
FLGC President 1999-2001
FLGC Librarian
FLGC Youth Gardening Coordinator and Leader
Camp Wekiva Registrar, Leader, Supporter
FFGC Hall of Fame
FFGC Pillar of Pride
Life Member FFGC**



Youth Gardening Success Continues Forward!

Youth Gardening News!

Camp Wekiva is open this summer! The youth gardeners who won camperships last year to Camp Wekiva and were unable to go because the camp was not open, are now very excited to be able to attend the camp this summer. Thanks to our garden club circles and board for your continued support of these camperships!

While we have been unable to have our youth gardening program in the elementary schools due to COVID our Intermediate and High School Youth Gardeners, the BFF's, have been active this year. Several members of the group have won FFGC awards in the NGC Youth Contests which will be announced at the FLGC convention in Daytona Beach in April.

Three members of the BFF HS group have been invited to be "LIT's" (Leaders in training--Counselors) at Camp Wekiva this summer. And four BFFs will attend the "SEEK Conference" (Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) which will be held at the University of Florida in Gainesville this June.

Thank you very much to our members, and especially to Moringa Garden Circle and District XI for all your support and funding of these two special events!

FLGC members will see the BFF's Youth Flower Show "Olympic Games 2021" on April 8th at the evening general meeting of the FLGC. The show will be in place on Friday and Saturday also.

Youth Gardening BFF leader: Melissa Weekley and
Committee Bonny Cole and Kari Botek
Youth Coordinators: Sandra Lynch and Andrea Hellman

Spring is Here!

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

Members-At-Large are reminded that Dues for the 2021-2022 year are due March 15th, 2021. Dues are as follows:

Active/Associate Members - \$30.00 + \$3.00 District XI Assessment = TOTAL Due \$33.00

Husband/Wife Members - \$35.00 +\$6.00 District XI Assessment = TOTAL DUE \$41.00

Husband/Wife Life Memberships - \$35.00 + \$6.00 District XI Assessment - \$12.00 x 2 for Deduction of Life Membership = TOTAL DUE \$17.00

Life Members - \$30.00 plus \$3.00 District XI Assessment - \$12.00 for Deduction of Life Membership = TOTAL DUE \$21.00

(The names of all Life Members who qualify for the reduced rate are set forth on Page 67 of this year's Garden Club 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. 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. The main change is that the District Assessment now is \$3.00 versus \$5.00. If you have any questions, just let me know.

Tamara K. Pope, Membership Chairman



FLGC Welcomes New Members!

Paul Alpert and Michael Lawrence
(Members at Large)

Paul and Mike find great comfort and pleasure in going out into their garden, walking around, snipping and pruning anything that needs attention, and enjoying the way things grow and blossom. Michael and Paul share an interest in orchids, and was a home presented in THE SECRET GARDEN TOUR last year. They have over 600 orchids. They also enjoy swapping plants with other gardeners, starting plants from cuttings and seeds, and showing off their garden to appreciative lookers.

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Geo Tomczyk (Member at Large)

Geo has been a longtime woodland gardener in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is a volunteer gardener at the Highline in New York City and at the Bonnet House in Fort Lauderdale. He enjoys gardening and visiting gardens. He looks forward to learning more about tropical gardening and especially likes agaves, bromeliads, and other unique tropicals.

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Karen White (Parkinsonia Garden Circle)

Karen has always had a great interest in gardening, helping her mother with her projects and learning about all of nature. She would like to continue to learn from the members and participate in all the wonderful and diverse gardening that goes on at FLGC. She has a particular love for succulents and greenhouse gardening. Karen is the daughter of Parkinsonia Garden Circle Member Susan Kreusser.

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PLEASE UPDATE YOUR 2020-2021 FLGC YEARBOOK
WITH OUR NEW MEMBERS' CONTACT INFORMATION!

What is a Succulent and Who Cares?

The last part of that question is easy! Just about every gardener loves the challenge of "succulents." Many have unique leaves, stems, and growing habits. They can be grown inside and outside with minimal care, so they are a favorite of many gardeners.

Technically, just about all cacti are "succulents" but not all succulents are cacti...catchy huh? The word "succulent" comes from the Latin "sucus" meaning juice or sap. If you have ever broken the leaf or stem of a succulent (or cactus), you know why it is in this botanical category! Moist, drippy, and wet on the inside but dry on the outside! The word "succulent" is rather confusing even in the world of botany because various plants in a single family or genus might be considered succulent while other plants may not be. The classification mostly depends on their ability to live and survive in their natural environment.

Succulents are usually native to arid climates and dry soil conditions, but not necessarily the harshest desert conditions. Their leaves and other plant parts are usually thick, fleshy, and built to retain water. They can survive on dew, mist, and very little rain. They may store water in leaves, stems, or roots.

Of course, because of their water holding nature, they are drought resistant. Plant families such as Apocynaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Aizoaceae, Cactaceae, and Crassulaceae contain many succulents but families like Bromeliaceae and Begoniaceae also have plants with succulent characteristics.

Growing tips: DON'T OVERWATER! Most succulents come from climates with less than 10 inches of rain per year. In Boward, we get almost 60 inches a year! Let them get "bone dry" before watering...then soak!

USE CACTUS SOIL or something similar...loose, sandy soil that will dry out quickly...

FULL SUN...think desert conditions...

DON'T OVER CROWD...yes, they are cute when all jammed together but crowded conditions promote longer lasting moisture and insects...give them space.

Did I say DON'T OVERWATER!



What is the “Emerald Award?”

The garden at FLGC Glenn F. Bates Garden Center and Hadny Fayyaz’s home garden (member of Moringa Garden Circle) have received an “Emerald Awards” from Broward County for 2021. The Broward County NatureScape Emerald Awards are given annually to recognized businesses, cities, schools, government facilities, and homeowners that have “created and maintained model Florida-friendly landscapes or completed exceptional projects.” The concept of “Florida-Friendly Landscaping” centers on nine principles that help protect the natural environment of Florida. The nine principles are:

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| Right plant, right place | Attract wildlife |
| Water efficiently | Manage yard pests responsibly |
| Fertilize appropriately | Recycle yard waste |
| Mulch | Reduce stormwater runoff |
| | Protect the waterfront |

All those involved in maintaining outdoor spaces should incorporate these principles in their gardening plans. For more gardening resources visit floridayards.org, sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu, or email FLGC Member Rose Bechard-Butman at rbechardbutman@broward.org

ZOOM Log In Details for the FLGC General Meeting- March 2021 Time: Mar 12, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Dates to Remember

- Mar 1 Mon Shade House Work Day & Plant Sale, Garden Center 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 10 Wed FLGC Grounds Work Day, Garden Center 8:30 a.m.
- TBA FLGC Board of Directors Meeting, Via Zoom
- Mar 12 Fri FLGC General Meeting, Via Zoom, 10:00 a.m.
2021 Deep South Garden Club Convention CANCELLED
- Mar 20 Sat FLGC Plant and Garden Shoppe Sale, Garden Center 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Apr 5 Mon Shade House Work Day & Plant Sale, Garden Center 9:30 a.m.
- Apr 7 Wed FLGC Grounds Work Day, Garden Center 8:30 a.m.
- TBA FLGC Board of Directors Meeting
- Apr 8 Thur FLGC General Meeting, Garden Center NIGHT MEETING Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 8-11 FLGC Youth Flower Show, Garden Center
- Apr 11-13 FFGC Convention, Daytona Beach FL
- Apr 22 Thur EARTH DAY
- Apr 30 Fri NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

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AND/OR CANCELLATION DUE TO PANDEMIC/HEALTH
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