

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **Board of Directors Meetings:**

September 23-24, 1975—Headquarters, Winter Park January 13-14, 1976—Headquarters, Winter Park June 8-9, 1976—Headquarters, Winter Park

#### **Annual District Meetings:**

I-Fort Walton Beach, October 30

II-Port St. Joe, October 29

III-Lanark Village, October 28

IV-Palatka, October 27

V-Oklawaha, October 23

VI-Indialantic, October 24

VII—Eustis, October 22

VIII-Sarasota, October 20

IX-Winter Haven, October 21

X-Delray Beach, October 17

XI-Hallandale, October 16

XII-Miami, October 15

#### **Coming Events:**

#### 1975:

September 16-18, Flower Show School #1, Winter Haven

September 29-30, Landscape Design School. Course 1, Series VIII, Lake City

October 6-9, NCSGC Board Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.

October 7-9, Flower Show School #5, Orlando

October 14-16, Flower Show School #5, Gainesville

November 4-7, Deep South/S. Atlantic Region Environmental Education

Leader Training

November 5-7, Flower Show School #1, Panama City

November 11-13, Flower Show School #5, Bilingual, Miami

November 18-20, Symposium, Tampa

December 3, Reception for National President, Mrs. Vernon L. Conner,

Headquarters, Winter Park

#### 1976:

January 16, Florida Arbor Day

January 27-28, Tropical Short Course, Broward Community College

March 1-3, Landscape Design Study Course 2, Series VIII, Lake City

March 6-8, Flower Show School #4, Daytona Beach

March 10-11, Short Course, University of Florida, Gainesville

March 14-20, Blanche Covington Nature Study Course, Wekiva

March 23-April 19, FFGC Officers Spring Tour

April 4-6, Deep South Regional Convention, Nashville

May 3-4, State Convention, Carillon Hotel, Miami Beach

May 9-14, National Council Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 20-24, International Flower Show, Miami Beach

Florida Council Flower Show Judges Annual Meeting

September 21-23, Symposium, Boca Raton

#### 1977:

March 8-10, Deep South Regional Convention, Savannah April 26-27, State Convention, Tampa May 8-13, NCSGC Convention, Kansas City, Mo.

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#### **About The Cover**

Mrs. Homer Gwinn, FFGC's capable new president brings to her office a brand new personality. Dainty, quiet and conservative, Velma Gwinn is in reality an imaginative and progressive leader. A woman of varied and considerable talents—this new president of ours! Look for additional information on Velma on page 3.

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#### **President's Message**

The lovely days of summer are passing swiftly and by the time you receive this issue of *The Gardener*, clubs all over Florida will be resuming their activities. The many chairmen and officers of the Federation have been busy executing plans to give fresh impetus and new ideas to your planning.

New booklets have been completed and will be available in October. Intriguing titles tell their own story of the contents: Floral Design Workshop Guidelines; Membership Ideas; Programs; New Installations; Prayers, Patriotism and Ceremonies; Corsage Workshop Guidelines; Constructed Flowers of Dried Materials; and a new Speaker's List.

The beautiful Bicentennial Issue of the Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar is off the press. By ordering a supply of this unusual "Souvenir Issue" you will be helping Federation projects as well as providing funds for your own clubs.

In preparation for the Bicentennial many chairmen are coordinating their work to formalize plans for historical ideas and ideals. Prime among these chairmen is the Historical Development and Bicentennial Chairman, who has been exploding with plans that will make this a year of pride and progress; our Deep South Region has selected the Bartram Trail as its special project and our chairmen will attend the Bartram Trail Conference in Atlanta in August to exchange ideas and finalize plans for Florida's participation in this program.

As a DISTRICT Bicentennial project we urge every district to place a Blue Star Memorial Marker. What better time than this for placing these memorials?

The Community Development and Service Chairman is encouraging each club to accept a com-



munity project and far-reaching plans are reported to us.

Our Tree Chairman is promoting the planting of every type of tree, but significantly a LIBERTY TREE in every community.

In October the officers will tour the twelve districts. The Information Kits for club presidents and the new Book of Information will be distributed at this time. It is important that every club and circle be represented at these district meetings. The theme of "The Challenge of Responsibility" will bring timely information and it is at these meetings that we draw close to one another as we plan the progress of our clubs.

Please note that now is the time to plan for AWARDS, both State and National. As you plan your programs and projects, gear them to the high standards of the award section of the new Book of Information.

"ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE OF TODAY" is the theme for this administration. The capital letters of this theme spell ACT. ACT now to concern yourselves with your community. ACT now to plan progressive and innovative projects and programs. ACT now to make our Bicentennial a year never to be forgotten because of the participation and accomplishments of our clubs.

Telma Levina
The FLORIDA GARDENER

# Federation Happenings

#### FFGC's new president

Mrs. Homer Gwinn, FFGC's 25th President, lives in Boca Raton and is a member and Past President of the Boca Raton Garden Club. She is a Life Member of the Pompano Beach Garden Club as well as an Honorary Member of the Lake Placid Garden Club of Lighthouse Point and Freeport Garden Club in the Grand Bahamas.

Velma is a Master Flower Show Judge and an exceptional flower arranger. Many will remember her beautiful arrangement of citrus fruit and foliage on the cover of the 1970 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar. She is a Landscape Critic and a Life Member of both Florida Federation and National Council.

Velma has served on the FFGC Board of Directors in many capacities: Director of District X, 1965-67, Treasurer of the Flower Arrangement Calendar, Program Chairman, Editor of the Book of Information, 1969, as well as the Speakers List. She compiled and edited The Garden Club Manual in 1973. She has served as a Headquarters & Endowment Trustee for the past 3 years and also as a member of the Fellowships & Scholarships Committee. Last but certainly not least, Velma has gone up the ladder of 3rd, 2nd and 1st vice presidencies before being installed in the most demanding job of all-President of FFGC.

Bringing experience from so many areas of federation work should make this new administration exciting and fulfilling in every way.

One more word about this out-



Florida's two new shining stars: Mrs. Homer Gwinn (l.), president of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and Mrs. Vernon L. Conner (r.), president of National Council of State Garden Clubs.

standing woman. Is it believable that a chic, well-groomed woman such as our president can sew like a pro and make many of her own clothes, but handle a lathe and saw like a man? It seems impossible, but her friends say this is another field in which Velma Gwinn excels.

It would seem FFGC has another super president!

### random notes taken at convention—1975

829 attended part or all of Convention. All the ordinary ups and downs of convention life were in evidence—food, parking, elevators, service, beds—some were up, some down; but spirits

were up, which was good. Entertainment was way up, which was great, as were the workshops and the speakers. President Berne Davis finished her term of office with a smooth-running convention. An excellent president, a charming and good-natured person—a lovely woman!

Jess Conner, Florida's soon-tobe-elected President of National Council, was honored by being selected as 1st Honorary Life President of FFGC.

202,368 trees were planted by FFGC members during the past 2 years, and these are just the ones reported. Nickels and dimes for Raiford Prison amounted to \$2,812.24.

Tropical Short Course was sold out 10 days in advance, with 310 attending part or all of the course.

Dr. R. L. Deter, speaking on "Our Golden Opportunity—Our Youth" made many observations worth noting. He urged us to "Prepare your child for the road—not the road for your child."... Of course this generation is frantic. Every generation is frantic for those who live in it. Everyone makes mistakes at one time or another. There are only 2 kinds of people who never make mistakes ... liars and those who don't ever do anything. We only come this way once so EN-IOY it!

Dr. Deter urged us all—young and old alike—to so live that our prayers deserve to be heard. And incidentally just when— speaking of prayers and "unheard" prayers—is "no" not an answer?

"A bell is not a bell until you ring it. A song is not a song until you sing it" and Dr. Deter is ringing and singing all the way.

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#### '75 symposium

The 1975 Flower Show Schools Symposium will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18, 19, in Tampa, at the International Inn, Westshore and Kennedy Boulevards.

The Artistic Designs session instructor will be Mrs. Thomas H. Ward of Pompano Beach. Her topic is "Illusion or Reality", with subtitles on "Color", "Form" and "Interpretation". Mrs. Jack E. Miller NCSGC Flower Show Schools Chairman will speak on "New Trends in Flower Shows", and Mrs. Charles Matheny, Art Instructor, on "Contemporary Art" all combining their talents to make the 18th a day to be a part of!

On the 19th, Mrs. Jerome Rosenberg of Pompano Beach, Horticulture Instructor, will present the plant family, "Rosaceae", and has selected Hybrid Tea Roses and Pyracantha for the Point Scoring session.

Mr. John Beckner, a long-time friend of Florida Gardeners, will bring to the program "Bromeliads", and with Mrs. Kenneth Palmer's introduction of "New Varieties", help prove that these "three of a kind", horticulturally, are hard to beat.

Cost of the full course if \$18.00, plus the Examination Fee of \$2.00 for those taking the course for credit. Optional Luncheons will be available at a cost of \$4.00 per day. Registration Chairman is: Mrs. J.A. Kennard, 2914 Tambay, Tampa 33611.

Mrs. Dursie Ekman '75 Symposium Chairman



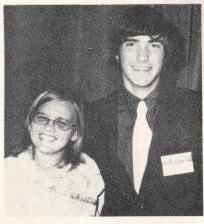
That Jacksonville! They did it again. Helen Howarth, (Mrs. John, Jr.) accepts one of many awards won by The Garden Club of Jacksonville at Convention.

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Outgoing directors, who have served you well for two years: Back row, I to r: Mrs. Leo Wotitzky (IX), Mrs. Reginald Miller (IV), Mrs. Clive Jenkins (I), Mrs. J. T. Boyette (II), Mrs. Walter Neals (VII), Mrs. Carl Youngkin (VIII). Front row. I to r: Mrs. Louie Barnett (XII), Mrs. Gober Anderson (III), Mrs. Daniel Connell (V), Mrs. Augustus Williams (VI), Mrs. Augusta Conn (X), Missing: Mrs. Clifton Schandelmayer (XI).





Sears Speech Winners: Karin Hokkanen, Maitland and Stephen G. Blair, Los Alamos, New Mexico.



President Berne Davis presents the Shell Oil Company Environmental Project Award to the first place High School-Intermediate Unit.

#### YOUTH AWARDS

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT AWARD BY SHELL OIL COMPANY

The young people who participated in these environmental projects attended SEEK '74, where they received their application blanks. The projects represent a year's work. The following winners were selected:

1st place: High School—Intermediate Unit:

Dixie Shamrock 4-H Club, sponsored by Robinswood Garden Club, Orlando

Unit Director: Mrs. Sarah Nicholson

1st place: Intermediate Unit:

Venice Jr. High School Ecology Club, sponsored by Venice Area G.C.

Unit Director: Mrs. Anita Hocker

2nd place: Intermediate Unit:

Ormond Beach Intermediate Garden Unit, sponsored by Ormond

Beach G.C.

Unit Director: Mrs. Edna Weidner

3rd place. Intermediate Unit:

Animal Rehabilitation Center, sponsored by Naples Garden Club

Unit Director: Mrs. A. R. Reiser

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL—SEARS SPEECH CONTEST

Winner: Karin Hokkanen, Winter Park High School Unit. Karen won this national contest for the best high school speech on "Trees Today For Life Tomorrow". She received an all-expense-paid trip to the National Convention in Salt Lake City, where she delivered her speech. Karin received a standing ovation and was awarded a \$50 check. Karin was also Valedictorian of her high school class. The other winner of this contest was Stephen G. Blair, of Los Alamos, New Mexico.



Incoming district directors, ready to go to work: Back row, I to r: Mrs. John Pleune (V), Mrs. Jess Elliott (X), Mrs. H. W. Bailer (I), Mrs. Wilbur Stone (XII), Mrs. Charles Vale, (VII), Front row, I to r: Mrs. Edward Story (XI), Mrs. Carl Cooney (IX), Mrs. Henry Chillas (III), Mrs. Charles Fischer, (II), Mrs. Wade Stephens (VIII). Missing: Mrs. Charles Graham (IV), and Mrs. David Gray, (VI).

# Ikenobo-Ikebana Symposium

Nov. 10-11, 1975 Sheraton-Catalina Inn (So. of Orlando, I-4, 33rd St. exit)

Sponsors: Ikenobo-Ikebana Society of East & Central Florida: Ikebana International of DeLand & of Orlando-Winter Park

Lecture-Demonstration & Workshops; Banquet & Luncheon

Special hotel rate of \$20 (lodging, 2 in room; banquet & breakfast)

Further information & registration materials from:

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FFGC's newest Guardians of Gardening. Two past presidents received this honor at Convention last spring. Mrs. Halle Cohen (1951-53), center, and Mrs. Sidney R. Davis (1973-75) right, are shown with Mrs. Melville Hall, left, also a Guardian of Gardening. Mrs. Hall received a Special Achievement Certificate—National Award #7A, presented to an individual for especially outstanding garden club work (see National Awards).

# Guardíans of Gardening

At the "Golden Anniversary" Convention in St. Petersburg outgoing state president, Mrs. Sidney R. Davis, became the federation's 13th Guardian of Gardening.

In a surprise presentation a bronze plate bearing the inscription "Sidney R. Davis, Fort Myers, Honoring BERNESE B. DAVIS, FFGC president 1973-75" was given Berne "to have and to hold" until its placement on the Guardians of Gardening Wall at State Headquarters.

Throughout her Administration Berne brought poise and organized know-how to the federation's top office.

A member of Periwinkle Garden Club, Ft. Myers, Berne made her debut on the federation scene when she was appointed to direct its statewide "Don't Be A Litterbug" effort.

Her services also included other state chairmanships, directorship of District IX, then third, second and first vice presidencies successively.

She is an Accredited Flower Show Judge, a Landscape Design Critic and a state and national Life Member.

After concluding an especially productive administration, Berne

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will serve on National Council Board as Membership Chairman.

Mrs. Halle Cohen, who succeeded to the FFGC presidency at the outset of the federation's second quarter century, (1951-53), became its 14th Guardian of Gardening at the FFGC "Golden Anniversary" Convention in St. Petersburg.

Nellie Cohen, FFGC's 11th Life Member and National Council's 141st, proved to be an effective, efficient leader during her tenure of office Her administration was replete with "firsts". It was during her presidency that *The Florida Gardener* was born.

Consensus was she well merited the Blanche Capel Covington Leadership Award, highest honor FFGC confers, given her in 1951.

Having come up through the ranks, including presidency of her Gloriosa Circle, and the Garden Club of Jacksonville, then third and first vice presidencies of the federation, she brought to the presidency a genuine zeal for "A More Beautiful Florida."

-Mrs. Melville Hall

# Resume of Minutes

Compiled by Mrs. Melville Hall Resume Chairman

Board Meeting, April 28, 1975 St. Petersburg

At the Pre-Convention meeting, with President Mrs. Sidney R. Davis presiding, members of the Board of Directors:

\* Federated Rose Mallow Garden Club of Jacksonville (IV), Harbour Heights Garden Club (IX), and Anything Grows Garden Club of Miami (XII); granted probationary status to Navaree Garden Club (I), Sunny Hills Garden Club (II), Citrus Springs Garden Club, Dunnellon (V), Pine Island Garden Club, Fort Myers (IX), Nettles Island Garden Club, Jensen Beach (X), Golden Beach Garden Club and Mercy Garden Club, Miami (XII); and accepted resignations of West Bay and Youngstown Garden Clubs (II), and West Orange Garden Club (VII).

\* Heard announced Shannon Forest Circle of Tallahassee Garden Club and Day Lily Circle of Monticello Garden Club (III), Daisy Circle of Pioneer Garden Club, Ocala (V), Trowel and Error Circle and Shamrock Circle, Garden Club of Deltona (VI); the forthcoming resignation of Lake Helen Garden Club (VI) and the disbanding of Highland Park Garden Club (XII).

\* Accepted the invitation of District XI to host the 1979 Convention at the Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood.

\* Set Nov. 11-13, 1975 as dates for holding the Bilingual Flower Show School, Course V, in Miami.

\* Ratified action of the President in presenting two checks for \$25.00 to be given for National Award #45—School Ground Beautification.

\* Authorized payment of \$18.00, one-half the expenses of a second day



September-October 1975

at National Convention for Florida's National Speech winner.

#### Convention April 28-30, 1975

Delegates alternates and visitors

totaling 829:

\* Heard President Davis report on highlights of youth participation emphasized during her administration, including dedication of Wekiva Youth Camp, a successful SEEK '74 and the planned SEEK '75— a project which won the Mary G. Pumilia Public Relations Deep South Regional Award-second edition of YOUTH manual published, and a Florida High School Gardener winning the National Speech Contest entitling her to give the speech at National Convention. More than 200 State Life Memberships were processed, 2 Blue Star Markers placed, more than \$8,740 given to CARE, Mustard Seed and the American Korean Foundation; the first Bilingual Flower Show School was held, Series VII, Landscape Design Schools completed, a total of 55 Activity Centers with 9 Mini-Garden Information Centers reached, "The First Fifty Years"—history of FFGC published, and the first National President from Florida to take office in May.

\* Heard other officers, district directors and designated chairmen report on individual and collective efforts to promote the Federation's total program, and emphasize the President's theme "A Time to be Involved."

\* Acclaimed Mrs. Sidney R. Davis and Mrs. Halle Cohen as federation's 13th and 14th Guardians of Gardening.

\* Acclaimed Convention speakers, including National Council President Mrs. Howard S. Kittel, Dr. R.L. Deter, C. Randolph Wedding, Dr. Geoffrey Stanford and others.

\* Witnessed the "unveiling" of "The First Fifty Years" history with the first copies presented to FFGC President Davis, National Council President Kittel, and National Council President-elect Mrs. Vernon L. Conner.

\* Witnessed the presentation by CARE Representative Brown of the 18th CARE pin to Mrs. Arthur Peterson, World Gardening Chairman, the 19th to Mrs. Marion J. Cobb of St. Petersburg and the 20th to Mrs. Davis.

\* Acclaimed the election of Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Honorary president; Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal, Mrs. John G. Wood and Mrs. E.R. Jordan, vice presidents; Mrs. W. Scott Peirsol and Mrs. Thomas Hagood, secretaries; Mrs. Edward F. Smithers and Mrs. Hugh Simmons, treasurers.

\* Witnessed presentation by Mrs. Davis of Presidential Citations to Exchange National Bank of Winter Haven (Charles K. Hetzer accepting), John G. Wood Associates, Inc. (Mr. Wood Accepting), Barnett Bank of Winter Haven, Freedom Federal of Auburndale, Fields Farm and Garden Center, all for contributing to and financially supporting Landscape Design Schools, Series VII.

\* Presidential Citations also given Dr. Edwin A. Menninger for his contributions toward creating more beauty through his tremendous flowering tree project, his distribution of seeds through the mails and through his numerous books; to Convention Co-Chairmen Mrs. Stuart Smith and Mrs. Hilton Hammond for their dedicated efforts in staging the Golden Anniversary event for which the former's husband designed the attractive "50 Years of Involvement" program cover; to Mrs. Isabel T. King, Mrs. Truman Green and Mrs. Melville Hall for "working beyond the call of duty to bring into reality one of my most wanted objectives-a 50year history of the FFGC."

\* Witnessed presentations of awards, state and national life memberships; enjoyed programs and musical interludes and acquired additional gardening and garden club know-how at workshops.

#### Post-Convention Board Meeting May 1, 1975

At the post-convention meeting the Board of Directors:

\* Ratified appointments by President Mrs. Homer Gwinn of state chairmen, special committees and the advisory council; signified approval of her announced theme "Accept the Challenge of Today."

\* Heard Mrs. Gwinn emphasize three major objectives of the 1975-1977 administration, including: (1) Com-



Mrs. S. Littell of Largo took us back to the olden-golden days of the Gay 20's at Convention. Mrs. Littell is a member of the Gloriosa Circle, Garden Club of St. Petersburg, and serves as 2nd Vice President of the St. Petersburg Club. If she's as good a vice-president as she was a flapper St. Petersburg is in good shape!

munity development and service—a

commitment to protect, renew, restore

and benefit home communities and to

help the individual; (2) To rebuild and

increase the FFGC membership, and (3)

A tangible commitment to the federation's youth programs.

\* Accepted information kits, which included the Headquarters Operation Manual and other pertinent materials.

\* Ratified appointments by district

directors of assistant directors.

\* Heard the suggestion each of the

\* Heard the suggestion each of the 12 districts have a flag of solid background bearing a symbolic emblem or flower for the Bicentennial Convention in 1976.

\* Witnessed launching of a "Post Card in Purse" project to stimulate im-



mediate action by members when legislation under consideration needs public support.

\* Elected Mrs. John G. Wood and Mrs. W. Scott Peirsol as members of a Headquarters Trustees nominating committee to be chaired by Mrs. O.

Fenton Wells.

\* Ratified payment of convention expenses and approved purchasing six banquet tables for Headquarters.

\* Voted to send The Florida Gardener, as courtesy subscriptions, to all Florida universities and public libraries requesting same; and approved the mailing of tour brochures to the membership, with full cost of such mailing to be borne by the tour com-

\* Approved opening a federation account with Atlantic First National

Bank of Gainesville.

#### **Board Meeting** June 10-11, 1975 Headquarters, Winter Park

With FFGC President Mrs. Homer Gwinn presiding, members of the board:

\* Heard reports on Presidents' Conferences in 12 districts, on the National Council Convention in Salt Lake City, where an enthusiastic 50member delegation from Florida hosted a beautiful reception honoring Mrs. Vernon L. Conner after her installation as National Council President; heard expressions of appreciation to all who assisted in this reception. Heard that former State President Mrs. Halle Cohen will serve on the FFGC Advisory Council.

\* Heard reports of district directors indicating emphasis on the Bicentennial Celebration includes tree planting, restoration of historic buildings, Bicentennial beautification awards, the National Council Bicentennial International Flower Show; also community service beautification of home grounds with plaques or related designations placed on lawns of winners; District VII will honor Mrs. Vernon L. Conner with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. December 3rd at State Headquarters.

\* Accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Carl K. Youngkin, member of the Headquarters and Endowment Trustees and Bylaws and Policy Chairman.

\* Federated Beacon Hills and Harbour Garden Club and Founders Garden Club, both of Green Cove Springs (IV), and High Ridge Garden Club of Altamonte Springs (VII).

\* Accepted for probation Sun City Arrangers Garden Club (VIII) and Port Salerno Garden Club (X): heard announcements of new circles, including Lady Bug of Tallahassee Garden Club (III), Wildflower and Rambling Rose, both of Garden Club of Jacksonville (IV); accepted resignations of Green Cove Springs Garden Club (IV) and Lake Helen Garden Club (VI); and heard the first reading on resignation of Point-settia Garden Club, Winter Haven (IX).

\* Voted to ask FFGC members to contribute 10 cents per year per member for continuance of Garden Therapy and rehabilitation programs at Apalachee, Avon Park, Lowell and Raiford Correctional Institutes.

\* Approved stocking American Flag, Liberty Bell and Tie Tac-Lapel pins for sale at headquarters.

\* Approved a three-week time allowance for resolutions study except when haste is of an urgency; approved six new awards, also changes in award rules, awards and donors as corrected.

\* Accepted the \$22,410 bid of Brevard Graphics, Inc., Melbourne, to print 27,000 Florida Flower Arrangement Calendars with the 1977 "Showtime" issue to mark the calendar's silver anniversary.

\* Accepted the invitation of Winter Haven Council of Garden Clubs to host the 1980 State Convention in the

Orlando area.

\* Awarded the George Morrison Scholarship in Landscape Architecture to Richard Wells, for the summer and fall sessions at University of Georgia; Dorothy Karl the Taylor R. Alexander Ecology Scholarship for 1975-76 at University of Miami and Randy Del Olson of Orlando the Elizabeth McCullagh High School Gardeners Schol-

\* Accepted the bid of Cody Publications, Inc., Kissimmee, to print The Florida Gardener for two years; approved Flower Show Schools including Course I, Winter Haven, Sept. 16-18; Course V, Orlando, Oct. 7-9; Course V, Bilingual, Miami, Nov. 11-13 and Course IV, Daytona Beach, March 6-8, 1976.

Approved the federation awarding a medal for outstanding horticultural achievement each year to an individual; and \$200 for cash awards to High School and Intermediate students participating in the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair with projects in the field of Botany, Biology, Plant Studies or related subjects for the years 1976 and 1977.

\* Witnessed presentations of contribution checks by International Tours and Travel Co-chairmen Mrs. James A. Connolly and Mrs. Virginia Knopke on

tours they had directed.

\* Approved a \$250 working capital advance for Series VIII, Course 1, Land-

scape Design School.

\* Heard clarification of important Federation historical dates, April 24, 1924 being the date the federation was organized, January 7, 1925 the date of adoption of Constitution and Bylaws and perfection of organization, and April 25, 1925 the day of the first meeting of the Governing Board and the official date of federation for FFGC.

\* Accepted the \$2,900 bid of Sunniland Press, Inc. for printing 2500 copies of the 1975-1977 Book of Information.

\* Elected Mrs. James Hussey to a 3year term as Headquarters and Endow-ment Trustee, and heard the President appoint Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin to fill Mrs. Youngkin's unexpired term as trustee and Mrs. Daniel S. Newman as Bylaws and Policy Chairman, both appointments being ratified by the board.

\* Approved the trustees recommendation to increase the salary of Mrs. Doris Rogers, Headquarters manager, to \$9,100 per year.

\* Heard the federation receive advance and proceeds from the 1975 State Convention amounting to \$1,230.82 with the Garden Club of St. Petersburg

#### WILDFLOWER SHOW

October 3, 4, 1975

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receiving proceeds of \$1,963.53; proceeds from the State Flower Show at West Palm Beach returned one-third of net profit, or \$1,152.05 to the federation while two-thirds of net profit, or \$2,304.06 went to West Palm Beach Garden Club.

\* Approved the firm of Jack C. Nolan, CPA, to render an audit; approved \$493.66 donated by Gulf Beach Garden Club, Inc. (VIII) for Youth Activities, to be divided equally between Wekiva Youth Camp and the Youth Conference "SEEK '75".

\* Voted to offer a Deep South

\* Voted to offer a Deep South Regional Award honoring Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, embodying two innovative National Council programs originating in Florida—Litter Control (Don't Be A \* Heard the Judges' Council donate \$200 left over from \$500 pledged for decorations at Florida Reception in Salt Lake City, to SEEK '75. Also heard several district directors give their allotment checks to this project.



## Reception for Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Salt Lake City May 22, 1975

The success of the reception held for Florida's first National president, Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, was due to the untiring efforts of chairmen who worked together for two years planning this very special occasion.

Mrs. Truman Green, assisted by talented arrangers, transformed the ballroom into a veritable bower of beauty.

Mrs. W. Scott Peirsol, in charge of the banquet festivities, provided delicacies and music.

Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin organized the Florida delegation into a hostess group to welcome more than 800 guests.

Mrs. John G. Wood was responsible for sending daily gifts or corsages to Mrs. Conner during convention.

Mrs. Sidney Davis presented Mrs.

Conner with a rare, exquisite gold coin from Africa hung on a heavy gold chain, and secured by Mrs. Green.

The gifts were possible through the enthusiastic, loving contributions from members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Homer Gwinn and Mrs. Robert Hunter a new Phalaenopsis orchid was hybridized by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Vaughn of West Palm Beach, and named "Jess Conner".

Mrs. Melville Hall handled all

To the above and all others who contributed their time and talent, Reception Chairman Mrs. Maurice S. Dillingham expresses special thanks and gratitude, since she unfortunately was incapacitated for the reception.



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# Checkerboard Chatter of and about gardening

#### WILDFLOWERS: NORTH

Add some new life to your garden! Set aside a little corner of your garden to grow Florida's Fantastic Native Flora!

Dig a large clump of soil around the plant you select. Set plants on the top of the ground, close together with other plants and cover the edges of ball with peat moss or loose sand. A high shaded area helps plants to get started.

Keep your eye open for devastated areas . . . rescue these wild beauties.

Miss Kathy Sample, Chairman September marks the beginning of Florida's Fall gardening season. Lots of things to be done in the garden, getting beds ready for a host of gorgeous things to come. A good time to divide your Gerberas and Daylilies. Time to plant your bulbs for spring blooming. Easter Lilies need to go in now to be blooming by Easter. Try Lilium longiflorum Floridii ... the best for Florida soils and climate ...

Prepare your vegetable garden well in September and plant in October. Florida's vegetables grow best during the cooler fall, winter and early spring months.

#### Judges\*

#### \*re: asterisks

\*Florida Council of Accredited Flower Show Judges: "To keep in good standing, all Master and Life judges must continue their judging education by auditing a Symposium every three years." (National Council Policy—THE NATIONAL GARDENER, May-June 1974); therefore, the asterisks in the new Judges' Yearbook will denote those who have refreshed since 1974, and according to the above policy.

#### **HEADQUARTERS NEWS:**

#### **New Address**

No, No, No, ladies—State Headquarters didn't move! Winter Park just changed the name of the street. What was formerly Maitland Avenue is now Denning Drive.

#### **Ways and Means**

Lots of new sales items have found their way to Headquarters. All are available to Clubs and Circle for Ways & Means projects. New Bicentennial Jewelry — Flower Arranging equipment—Write: FFGC Ways & Means, P.O. Box 1604, Winter Park 32789 for full price information.

#### LITTER CONTROL

Runner-up for Junior Award J-12, class for Exceptional Children. By Lori Bullington, Exceptional Sch. Biltmore Elementary School, Jacksonville.

The world is terrible
The litter is unbearable
The bottles aren't returnable
The empty cans aren't burnable
The sonic boom's incredible

The tuna isn't edible
The phosphates aren't dissolvable
The problems don't seem solvable
The mess is unforgivable
Let's face it—is life unlivable?



**GUARDIAN OF GARDENING** 

The book "Florida Vegetables and How To Grow Them", reviewed in the March/April issue of The Florida Cardener, can be obtained from the author and publisher:

Lewis S. Maxwell 6230 Travis Boulevard Tampa, FL 33610

Cost is \$3.00. Mr. Maxwell will mail the books postpaid in the U.S.A. No C.O.D.'s. Books should be available in bookstores and garden supply centers.

#### **GARDEN THERAPY**

"Sign of Inflation"!—says Garden Therapy Chairman, Mrs. N.H. Thron—in appealing for 10¢ a member for FFGC's continuing project of helping with Florida's Prisoner Rehabilitation Program. This is not a mandatory request—just an "urge"! The money is divided between Appalatchee, Avon Park, Lowell and Raiford. "Spare a dime—Share a dime."

#### COMPOST IS GOLD

Fall is coming, and what are you going to do with all those beautiful oak leaves that will soon be falling all over your yard? PLEASE don't say you're putting them in a big baggy and parking them on the curb. This great stuff should be heading for your compost heap or mulching your vegetable and flower beds. Whoever heard of throwing away gold?

#### **BRIGHT OF AMERICA**

... regrets that the silver tray awards for maximum sales of their products did not arrive in time for presentation at the FFGC Convention. The winners are: Rainbow Lakes Garden Club of Dunnellon and Kendall Garden Club of Miami.

#### "WHY I SHOULD PLANT A TREE"

Runner-up essay for Award J-5, Junior Gardeners. By Lia McCook, Henry F. Kite School, Soulangeana Circle, Garden Club of Jacksonville:

Trees are your cradle when you're born.

Plant a tree and watch it grow.
Trees are your home where you're warm.
Plant a tree and watch it grow.
Trees are your cane when you get old.
Plant a tree and watch it grow.
Trees are your coffin when you die.
Plant a tree and watch it grow.
Plant a tree and watch it grow.



#### Flower Show Schools



Mrs. O. Fenton Wells, Chairman

COURSE I-WINTER HAVEN SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18, 1975 Instructors:

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SYMPOSIUM—TAMPA NOVEMBER 18-20, 1975 International Inn Westshore Blvd.

Miami 33137

Chairman: Mrs. Dursie Ekman 4501 Vasconia Tampa 33609

SYMPOSIUM—ARKANSAS Hotsprings OCTOBER 14,15,16, 1975 Chairman: Mrs. Jesse Cox 2228 Daffodil Lane Hot Springs, Ark. 71901

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COURSE V-ORLANDO OCTOBER 7.8.9, 1975 Instructors: Mrs. Jerome Rosenberg

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COURSE IV—DAYTONA BEACH MARCH 6,7,8, 1976 Instructors: Mrs. lerome Rosenberg Mrs. Thomas Ward Chairman: Mrs. Archie C. Johnson Jr. 484 Druid Circle

Daytona Beach 32074

#### Take A Vacation From Inflation . . .



The FLORIDA GARDENER

## Flower Show Calendar

Mrs. Sally Rahm, Flower Shows Chairman 747 N.E. 61st Street, Apt. 111 Miami 33137 (Please register your shows with this chairman)

1975

October 3-4, Jacksonville, "Florida . . . You're Beautiful" Wildflower Garden Club of Dist, IV, Mandarin Garden Center, 2392 Loretto Rd. off SR 13

October 25-26, Kissimmee, "We Celebrate the Fall & Winter 1975" Osceola Room. First Federal Bldg.

October 28-29, Tallahassee, "Memories are Forever" North Florida Fairgrounds October 30-Nov. 1, Tallahassee,—second show—"Memories are Forever" North Florida Fairgrounds

November 8-9, Indian Harbour Beach, "Inspiring Holiday Beauties" In-Har-Bee Garden Club

November 8-9, Miami Beach, "Beauty of Nature in Many Moods" Miami Beach Garden Center

November 22, Richmond Heights "Dreams of Christmas", 2nd Baptist Church, 11111 Pinkston Drive

November 22-23, Coral Gables, "Christmas in all its Radiance", The Armory, 5600 San Amaro Drive

December 6-7, Ocala, Holiday House Tour

1976:

February 13-14, Key Largo, "Heritage '76, Festival U.S.A. and Horizons" Key Largo and Upper Keys Garden Clubs

February 13-15, Miami, Metropolitan Miami Flower Show, Youth Fair Bldg. Tamiami

February 21-22, Fort Lauderdale, "Thank Your Lucky Stars \*\*\*\* and Stripes", The Garden Center, Birch State Park

March 26-27, Ocala, Spring Flower Show

March 27-28, Venice, Venice Area Garden Club at New Venice Little Theatre April 10-11, Clermont, "Florabilia", The Mildred Amateis Garden Center.

#### **FLORIDA COUNCIL ACCREDITED FLOWER SHOW JUDGES**

Theme: "KNOWLEDGE — THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM"

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September-October 1975

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Mrs. Arthur Gaudreau, Fort Lauderdale XI: XII:

Mrs. Jefferson P. Hill, Miami

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Mrs. Crowell Dawkins Jr., 4705 Clear Ave., Tampa 33609

#### IKENOBO-IKEBANA SYMPOSIUM

An Ikenobo-Ikebana Symposium will be held on November 10-11, 1975, at the Sheraton-Catalina Inn, south of Orlando at I-4 and the 33rd Street exit. The Inn is not far from Disney World and the Lake Buena Vista Shopping Village.

The symposium is being presented under the auspices of three organizations: Ikenobo Ikebana Society of East and Central Florida, and the Ikebana International Chapters of Orlando and Winter Park and of DeLand. Mrs. A.L. Paulauskas of the Orlando I. I. is Symposium Chairman.

Members and non-members of these groups—are invited to attend the symposium, featuring a professor from Ikenobo University in Kyoto, Japan. He will lecture and demonstrate many styles of flower arrangements.

The professor will also give individual critiques of students' arrangements in the workshop sessions. Mrs. Paulaskas will be in charge of the workshop sessions, assisted by three teachers of Ikenobo: Mrs. George Dring of Daytona Beach, Mrs. Burke Chester of Leesburg and Mrs. Albert Croninger of Deltona.

Mrs. Dudley Hale, President of the Orlando-Winter Park I. I. will preside at the lecture demonstration.

The speaker at the Monday evening banquet will be Mr. Curtis Mitchell of DeLand, who will speak of the exchange of cultures between the East and West.

Advance registration is very important. Further information and registration forms may be obtained from: Mrs. Akira Chikami, 713 Gilbert Rd., Winter Park 32789, and Mrs. Aubrey Potts, Oriental Imports, 64 N. Orange Ave., Orlando 32801.

Room reservations should be made directly with the Sheraton-Catalina Inn, Orlando, 32805. Phone: 305-841-6450. The Inn is giving symposium registrants special rates of \$20, which includes lodging (2 in room), dinner and breakfast.

#### DISTRICT IV

The Wildflower Garden Club of District IV presents its annual Fall Wildflower Show "FLORIDA ... YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL", October 3-4, 1975.

The show will be held in the Mandarin Garden Center, 2392 Loretto Rd., just off SR 13, Jackson-ville, and will commemorate Bicentennial Floridiana.

The Wildflower Club meets every month except December and every meeting is a field trip. Members collect plants from various habitats: marsh, savanna, sand hill, etc., to add to their Herbariums.

A corner of each member's garden is set aside for the cultivation of native flora. Natives that have thrived are Cardinal Flower, pitcher plants, bromeliads and ferns.

-Miss Kathy Sample

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# LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL Course I Series VIII

September 29, 30, October 1
Garden Center, 400 N. Hernando St., Lake City 32055
Please send for a brochure for complete details:
Chairman: Mrs. A. K. Black, 123 East Madison St., Lake City 32055

#### Condensed Tentative Program

Monday, September 29: Registration begins at 8 A.M. The morning session opens at 8:45. Mrs. Frank Schmoll will give the Development of Landscape Architecture to 1840. Dr. Neil Odenwald follows with the Theory and Basic Principles of Landscape Design, and Home Grounds.

**Tuesday, September 30:** Mr. Herrick Smith discusses Roadside Development and Civic Projects. Prof. John Sanderson will speak on Ecology and Environment, also Plant Materials in the Landscape. Mr. Smith will develop the role of the Landscape Architect.

A delicious home cooked luncheon will be served each noon. A question and answer period will conclude each day's session.

Wednesday, October 1: Examination for those taking course for credit.

Required Reading—Course I

The National Gardener (all critics refreshing must have a current subscription; all students must subscribe)

Reading the Landscape: Watts

America's Garden Book: Bush-Brown (1-30)

The Tastemakers: Lynes (3-64)

The Book of Landscape Design: Ortloff and Raymore (1-287)

An Introduction to the Study of Landscape Design: Hubbard and Kimball (1-23, 32-61, 88-129, 295-337)

The Art of Home Landscaping: Eckbo (60-126)

Landscape Gardening: Crockett and Editors of Time-Life Books

#### About the Instructors:

Mrs. Lee J. Schmoll—ASLA. A Landscape Architect in private practice in Tampa, a graduate of Cornell U. and the University of Durham, England, Mrs. Schmoll worked in Spain and with the Parks Department of New York City before coming to Florida.

**Neil G. Odenwald—ASLA.** Extension Landscape Architect with Louisiana State University, he directs a state-wide program in Landscape Design and Environmental Improvement for Louisiana's sixty-four parishes.

**Herrick H. Smith—ASLA.** A graduate of University of Georgia in Landscape Architecture, now Director of School of Landscape Architecture at University of Florida.

**Prof. John A. Sanderson—ASLA.** A member of the faculty of U. of Florida, Gainesville, in the School of Landscape Architecture. Mr. Sanderson's special training is in Urban Design. He has taught FFGC's Landscape Schools several times and is an ardent conservationist.

Tuition: \$15.00 for 2-day school. 1 day only \$8.00. Exam fee \$2.00. Make checks payable to:

Landscape Design School, FFCC, and mail to: Ms. C. Wiesenthaler, Rt. 1, Box 24, Lake City, Fl. 32055. Please indicate if luncheon is desired (payable at the door).

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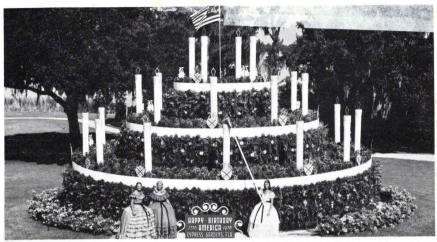
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Cypress Gardens is celebrating the nation's 200th birthday with a giant birthday cake covered with live flowers which stands 20 feet high. And, the ski show salutes the "spirit of '76" with a special re-enactment on skis of Archibald Willard's famous painting.



Cypress Gardens

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

#### **Gardening Indoors with House Plants**

By Raymond P. Poincelot Rodale Press, Inc., Book Div. Emmaus, Pa. 18049 .....\$8.95

This well written and easily understood book outlines gardening principles for both the initiate and advanced gardener. Many helpful hints, normally learned only through trial and error, are given. Basic gardening information is covered, as well as details of plant inspection, quarantines, "greenhouse shock syndrome" and the benefits of organic fertilization.

Insects-their discovery, how to recognize them and how to get rid of them: and diseases (easier to prevent than cure) are identified and causes and cures offered.

Really great advice is given on containers, plant display, pruning, topiary, totems, hanging baskets, glass walls, terrariums and bonsai.

One section tells how to bathe your house plants. Plant life cycles are explained and we learn how to trigger dormant periods. An explanation of Photoperiodism(!) is given, as well as seasonal color-and the use of colorful foliage plants.

How about making an indoor garden to eat!? Can you believe growing Alpine strawberries, apricots, bananas, figs, kumquats, loquat, beets, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and many of the herbs indoors?

Step-by-step bulb-forcing, and winter comes alive indoors.

From garbage can to house plants, it's all here in this one book.

Finally, an appendix giving booktitles, authors and publishers for further research, sources of plants and supplies in twenty categories and listings of plant societies are given to enable readers to inquire about show dates, seed and plant exchanges, etc.

"Gardening Indoors with House Plants" is a book for every gardeners' library.

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#### The Joy Of A Home Fruit Garden

By Margaret Tipton Wheatley, Doubleday & Co., Inc. 

This delightfully comprehensive book on fruit culture is easily read. It is written to insure the gardener success if he follows the advice with honest endeavor. "Armed with this book, you need turn no further than the garden".

From recommended tools through site and plant selection; to planning the landscape design with fruiting plants, the reader is instructed admirably.

Special techniques are explained for strawberry barrels, espalier and cordon training and the use and intercropping of trees, as well as growing fruiting plants in containers. How to purchase young trees, their planting and pruning-all are taught through comprehensive text and accompanying pictures and sketches.

Plant care, nutrition, watering techniques, mulching, feeding, insects and diseases-all are subjects that are covered, as well as planting, pruning, top-working and thinning, staking and propping, harvesting and preparing plants for winter.

Berry management throughout the year carries from planning and planting a strawberry garden on through berries that grow on bushes, canes or trellis.

An outline covering a yearly schedule of activity for fruiting plants serves as a timetable for the more complete directions found elsewhere in the book. This key is useful wherever you may live as it presents related seasonal work for two or three months, so continuity is easily followed.

Because, throughout the country, summer time is fruit time, there is less variance in fruit growing and harvest, with the exception of plants that are sensitive to frost and fruits that ripen during the cool months.

We would like to suggest that the novice or inexperienced gardener first study the glossary of general garden terms before reading the book, as it will greatly aid in the overall enjoyment and understanding of the book.

Reviews by Mrs. Broward McClellan Book Chairman

#### **Bicentennial Tour**

Oct. 11-Oct. 25, 1975 A TWO-WEEKS PILGRIMAGE INTO COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY OF SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

> Via chartered air-conditioned motor coaches. Selected first-class hotels/motels. Experienced escort for the entire trip. Admissions and sightseeing. Get-acquainted and farewell dinners.

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Nov. 2-Nov. 16, 1975 and Dec. 7-Dec. 21, 1975 TOKYO-NIKKO-KAMAKURA-HAKONE-ATAMI-KYOTO TAIPEI-HONG KONG

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# Bicentennial Challenge

**B** id new members to join by advertising our history in all media.

nitiate research of wildflowers (they were here before Columbus).

Clean up historical sites; parks, markers, memorial gardens. Replant.

Encourage erection of Blue Star Markers. Check and replant those in place.

ature Trails are living museums with marked flora. Create one.

Take youth seriously. Teach them flora magic through schools and church.

Envolve each member in some historic project. This is everyone's birthday.

Note oldest tree in area. Plan and publicize Arbor Day around it.

Now is the time to have a House and Garden Show featuring old homes.

nitiate a Flower Show based on local history. You can do it!

A lert news media constantly that you are making history.

Learn who your oldest citizens are. Have a State Park Picnic honoring them.

Candlelight Tours of courtyards and gardens really honor our towns.

mecoming for former citizens. All-day-dinner-on-the-ground to

A dvance plans for bike trails in wilderness areas. Mark flora.

Libraries perfect for staging Period Arrangement Displays, card description.

Lead youth groups to museums, nurseries, state parks. Bring food.

Eternal City is the cemetery. In what condition is yours?

Natural areas, seashores, riverbanks need marking and publicity. Do it.

Get gardens going at Nursing Homes; vegetable and flower.

Encourage transplanting wildings, our historic flora, in landscaping.

If each garden club in our state would do just three, or two, or even one of the above for the next two years, what a Bicentennial this would be. Try each one on for size... there are bound to be some that will light your fire!

The Brocaw-McDougall House in Tallahassee is our state Bicentennial project. Much work has already been done on the house and garden but there is still a long way to go. The current needs are as follows:

Restoration of the Kitchen Garden

Two garden benches

Complete and paint the picket fence

Arbor for the wisteria on the north side

Plaque for honoring donors

Good daylilies

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# Succulents

by Mrs. E.R. Hunter Horticulture Chairman

The succulents provide a very good object lesson in the desirability of botanical classification in our flower shows, since it would go a long way towards dispelling the notion that all succulents are cacti.

Indeed all cacti are succulents but there are many, many succulents in other plant families.

Chief among these are the crassulaceae, the liliaceae, the amaryllidaceae and the euphorbiaceae.

A flower show with these plants arranged in their proper plant families can be an unusual opportunity for public education since succulents are becoming so popular with plant collectors. Indeed their popularity has zoomed in recent years, and now almost every nursery of any size has some space devoted to these interesting little plants.

Of course, all succulents are not little. Some are quite large and can only be grown in a climate which will permit outdoor growing, but there are so many small varieties which can be grown on a

window sill, or in a dish garden with relatively little care, that we need look no farther for a reason for their pop-

Succulents are very useful in our climate for hot dry corners where not too much attention can be given, as most of them will thrive even under adverse circumstances.

Another not often mentioned use for the larger, more prickly succulents is as a screen to keep out unwelcome intruders. It would take a brave man to venture through a planting of sticky cacti or to climb through a window with a large agave underneath.

Succulents are characterized by their ability to catch and hold water. While this enables them to survive in hot, dry situations, it does not mean they can go indefinitely without attention. As with all plants one should find out how they grow in their natural habitat and try to approximate those conditions. While most succulents will grow in full sun, there are some which need shade and humidity.

In general cacti and succulents

should be planted in a soil mix with very fast drainage and should be allowed to really dry out thoroughly between waterings. Since some need protection, light should also be adjusted to the plant needs.

Most succulents root very easily, but they should not be watered for about a week after being put in the rooting medium. They may be lightly sprinkled with water when first planted.

There are many growers and nurseries devoted to these very varied plants. Anyone wanting more specific information might join the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, which publishes a monthly journal. The address is 1593 Los Canoas Road, Santa Barbara, California 93105.



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# If Birds Go, We Go!

By Mrs. Grady Holbert Bird Chairman

Gardeners-"Accept the Challenge of Today" and keep wings and songs over Florida!

Progress (?) often needlessly destroys Florida's natural beauty and resources. Every time a green area is bull-dozed over, natural habitats for our birds are destroyed. There's a "challenge"? Let's make every community a bird sanctuary.

Birds are not a humorous subject relegated to the little old ladies in tennis shoes. They are very vital to human life. In nature's design they are necessary to offset the insect population, which would soon deprive man of his place on earth.

Every living thing has a reason for being alive. Usually it is to serve as food for something else. Birds are nature's "insecticide." One Purple Martin will eat 2,000 mosquitoes in one day! Woodpeckers keep borers and Carpenter Ants under control. Many others protect our plants and shrubbery.

Hawks and owls keep the rodent population from becoming too abundant. Sparrows and doves eat millions of weed seeds. The list is long and the economic value great.

Wouldn't the outdoors be drab without the color and song of birds on our landscape? The red of the Cardinal, the blue of the Jay, the white of the Egret. Each has a different character and different mode of "Paying his way".

The Blue Jay warns the wildlife community of danger, the vulture cleans up the country-side, the wren that seems to have too much song for his small body just entertains us.

Their role is varied: To help man, to keep nature in balance and to provide pleasure.

Let's have a mini-sanctuary in every garden. Put up your Bird Motel sign. All it takes is a simple bird feeder and a bird bath. Like people, birds want a place to eat, sleep, take a bath and rest. A special bonus would be some berried plants or vines. The birds sign their credit card with beauty, song, life and movement.

Charles A. Lindbergh, a great

conservationist, wrote: "Lying under an acacia tree with sounds of dawn around me. I realize more clearly facts that men should never overlook; that the constructtion of an airplane is simple when compared to the achievement of a bird. Airplanes depend upon an advanced civilization, and where civilization is most advanced, few birds exist. I realized that if I had to choose, I would rather have birds than airplanes."

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#### NATIONAL AWARDS-

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For non-competitive Flower Shows:

5A-Garden Club of Sanford: "ALL IN THE FAMILY" (without commercial aid)

5A-Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.: "THE PRINTED LEAF"

5B-Manatee River Garden Club, Bradenton: "ARTS IN BLOOM" (with commercial

17A-Fed. Garden Circles of Ft. Lauderdale: "GLIMPSES OF BEAUTY" (Home & Garden show)

17B—Garden Club of Jacksonville: "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"

22—Coral Gables Garden Club: "IT LOOKS LIKE CHRISTMAS" (Christmas show)

30-Garden Clubs of District VII: "COLOR ME COLORFUL" (District show)

7C-Especially outstanding Garden Club work-Individual Member: Mrs. Melville Hall, Zephyrhills.

"Aside from being a warm, genuine, understanding, interested, knowledgeable and generous civic-minded garden-club-oriented good neighbor, Alice is known as a phenomenon—a walking encyclopedia of State Facts acquired through years of active participation. Twelve administrations have been enriched by her capable and dedicated service. Her activities have embraced the American Legion Auxiliary, cited by Keep America Beautiful, was Florida Woman of the Year, editor of The Florida Gardener, and during three gubernatorial administrations, Mrs. Hall served as a member of the Governor's Roadside Council and Advisory Committee. She is "beguilingly persuasive" in solicitations for contributions to Florida Headquarters. She has lived 34 years of Garden Club involvement."

13-4—State Publications—not periodicals:

Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar. 23-Bronze Seal for outstanding, unusual completed project worthy of national

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**HS-1 OUTSTANDING UNIT** 

Winner: Whispering Pines High School Gardeners, Japonica Circle, Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

HS-4 HORTICULTURE

Winner: Green Thumb H.S. Gardeners, Pachira Cir., Fed. Ft. Lauderdale

R.U.: Jacksonville H.S. Gardeners

HS-5 LANDSCAPE DESIGN "A FLOWER ARRANGER'S CORNER" Winner: Sandra Nicholson, Dixie Shamrock H.C. Gareners, Robinswood G.C., Orlando

HS-9 AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

Winner: Sharon Bassett, Winter Park H.S. Gardeners, Winter Park G.C.

**HS-12 CARTOON** 

Winner: Carol Sanford, Spathodea H.S, Gardeners, Fed. Ft. Lauderdale

R.U.: Mary Fraser, Spathodea H.S. Gard., Ft. Lauderdale HS-13 SCHOOL GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

Winner: Winter Park H.S. Gardeners, Winter Park G.C.

#### **INTERMEDIATE GARDENERS**

I-1 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Winner: Stephanie Schehr, St. Patrick's Sch. Intermed. G.C., Miami Beach Garden Club

1-2 LITTER CONTROL AWARD (POSTERS)

Winner: Glenridge Ecology Club, Winter Park Garden Club R.U.: Intermed. Gardeners G.C., St. Patrick's Sch, Miami Bch. G.C.

**I-3 HORTICULTURE AWARD** 

Winner: Karen Kratz, Inter. Gardeners, G.C. of Jacksonville.

I-4 FIELD TRIP AWARD

Winner: Julie McGready, St. Patrick's Sch., Miami Beach G.C. R.U.: Kathy Law, Glenridge Ecology Club, Winter Park G.C. Becky Moore, Intermediate Gardeners, G.C. of Jacksonville

Winner: Charlene Howell, Green Hornets, Lt. Lucie County Fed. R.U.: Stephanie Schehr, St. Patrick's Sch. Miami Beach G.C.

I-6 CONSERVATION—2 classes

Class B. Winner: Dixie Shamrocks 4H Club, Robinswood G.C., Orlando R.U.: St. Patrick's School G.C., Miami Beach Garden Club

R.U.: Intermediate Gardeners, G.C. of Jacksonville

1-7 INTERMEDIATE CONSERVATIONIST

Winner: Bessie Hummel, Venice Jr. High Ecology, Venice G.C. R.U.: Cathy Ward, Glenridge Ecology Club, Winter Park G.C.

**I-8 WILD FLOWER FOLDER** 

Winner: Charlene Howell, Green Hornets, St. Lucie County Fed. R.U.: Stephanie Schehr, Intermediate Gardeners, Miami Beach G.C.

I-10 THE LOIS DELANEY AWARD FOR FLORIDA STATE PARKS

Winner: Intermediate Gardene's, Ribault G.C., Jacksonville Bch. R.U.: St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C.

R.U.: Charlene Howell, Green Hornets, St. Lucie County Fed.

R.U.: Glenridge Ecology Club, Winter Park G.C.

I-11 SPEECH CONTEST

Winner: Madge Krueger, St. Patrick's School, Miami Beach G.C. R.U.: Amy Hassell, Glenridge Ecology Club, Winter Park G.C.

#### **IUNIOR GARDENERS**

I-1 MARGARET Y. PACE "Birds Seen in Florida"

Winner: Pamela Tempone, St. Lucie County Fed., Fort Pierce

R.U.: Beverly Dasher, St. Lucie County Fed., Fort Pierce R.U.: Remy Northrop, Crystal River Garden Club

1-2 GRACE O. EDWARDS Folder—Florida Wild Flowers

Winner: Dover Shores Juniors, Orlando G.C. R.U.: Ruth Dixon, Hollywood Garden Club

I-4 MABEL BOONE "Flower Shows for Juniors"

Winner: A. Class: Ribault Junior Garden Club, Jacksonville Bch.

J-5 AN ESSAY "WHY I SHOULD PLANT A TREE"

Winner: Lutheran Haven Juniors, Winter Park G.C.

R.U.: H.F. Kite Juniors, Soulangeana Cir., G.C. of Jacksonville.

I-6 IUNIOR HORTICULTURE

Winner: Kendall McGready, St. Patrick's Junior, Miami Bch. G.C. R.U.: Tia and Tina McCook, H.F. Kite Juniors, G.C. of Jacksonville

**I-8 NATIVE TREES OF FLORIDA** 

Winner: Carolyn Howell, St. Lucie County Fed., Fort Pierce

R.U.: Crystal River Juniors, Crystal River G.C.

R.U.: Debbie Brewer, Garden Club of St. Petersburg

J-9 SCHOOL GROUND BEAUTIFICATION

Winner: Brookshire Budding Brownies, Winter Park G.C.

J-10 BIRDS SEEN IN FLORIDA

Winner: Green Hornets Juniors, St. Lucie County Fed., Fort Pierce

R.U.: St. Patrick's Juniors, Miami Beach G.C.

R.U.: H.F. Kite Juniors, Garden Club of Jacksonville

J-11 JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT 2 classes

Class A. Winner: H.F. Kite Juniors, Garden Club of Jacksonville Class B. Winner: St. Patrick's Juniors, Miami Beach Garden Club

I-12 LITTER CONTROL POSTERS 2 classes

Class A. Winner: (1 thru 4th grades) Dorrie Snipes-2nd grade

R.U.: Carolyn Howell, St. Lucie County Fed., Fort Pierce Class B. Winner: (5-7th grades) Kim Christenson, 6th grade Coral Springs, Lagerstroemia Circle, Fed. Fort Lauderdale

R.U.: Berry Llope, 6th grade, Coral Springs, Lagerstoemia Circle

I-12 LITTER CONTROL POSTERS class for exceptional children Winner: Liz Woodard, Exceptional School, Fed. Fort Lauderdale R.U.: Lori Bullington, Exceptional School, Biltmore Elementary Sch. Night Shade Circle, G.C. of Jacksonville

J-13 WILD FLOWER FOLDER (Individual Junior)

Winner: Lynne Howell, St. Lucie County Fed., Fort Pierce R.U.: Bonnie Temby, St. Lucie County Fed., Fort Pierce

R.U.: Anna Louise Owens, St. Patrick's Juniors, Miami Bch. G.C.

J-14 POISONOUS PLANTS

Winner: Zonta Zinnias Juniors, North Tampa Garden Club R.U.: Florida Pelican Juniors, St. Lucie County Fed., Fort Pierce R.U.: Green Hornet Juniors, St. Lucie County Fed., Fort Pierce

**I-15 JUNIOR NATURE CAMP** 

Winner: Jennifer Schroder (age 12) Intermediate, Lake Placid G.C. Lighthouse

R.U.: Dorian Hayes, North Tampa Garden Club

R.U.: Wesley Bowers, Stirling Junior Garden Club, Hollywood G.C.

I-16 YEARBOOK

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Winner: St. Patrick's Juniors, Miami Beach Garden Club

J-17 AN ESSAY: "WHAT IT MEANS TO ME TO BE A JUNIOR GARDENER" Winner: Beth Bawker, Dunedin Garden Club

J-19 LITTER CONTROL PROJECT

Winner: St. Patrick's Juniors, Miami Beach Garden Club

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