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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Board of Directors Meeting:

April 17, 1979, Pre Convention, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood  
April 20, 1979, Post Convention, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood

## Coming Events:

### 1979:

January 23-24, Tropical Short Course, Bath Club, Miami Beach

February 1, Deadline for Book of Evidence, new Deep South Publicity Award to be received by State Publicity Chmn, Mrs. Wilbur Stone, 8640 SW 108 St., Miami 33156

March 1, Deadline for Book of Evidence, American Lang Trust Awards to be received by State ALT Chairman, Mrs. John G. Wood, Lake Otis Winter Haven, 33880

March 7-8, Symposium, Jacksonville

March 19-24, Greening of the Government week

March 20-22, Gardening Study Course, Series I, Course 2, FIT, Melbourne

March 25-27, Deep South Convention, Montgomery, Alabama

April 1-7, Blanche Covington Nature Study Course, Camp Wekiva

April 2-4, Short Course, Gainesville

April 10-12, Landscape Design, Series X, Course 4, Tampa

April 18-19, FFGC Convention, Diplomat, Hollywood

May 6-13, NCSGC Convention, New Orleans, LA

May 22-24, HANDS, Virginia Beach, VA

May 29-31, Landscape School, Series XI, Course II, Chipley

June 17-July 28, Wekiva Youth Camp

August 5-9, "SEEK 79", Youth Environmental Conference, FTU, Orlando

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## About the Cover

Ladies Watch, Flycatcher, Pitcher Plant (*Sarracenia flava*)—Sarraceniaceae family. Target flowers (2"-4" diam.) stiff erect stems, leaves to 3' are the pitchers. Plentiful in bogs, insectivorous. A spring photograph on the Wm. Bartram Trail, Garcon Point, Escambia Bay, Pensacola. Check Bartram's TRAVELS, pub. 1791, Philadelphia. He mentions several varieties, especially in Pensacola area. Photo by: Mrs. Jesse T. Barfield.

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## The Open Door of 1979



A New Year! What a gift! 1979 ... what a challenge! We have ahead of us the gift of time to do the things left undone in 1978. To grow new plants, to grow in knowledge and in attitudes. We have the challenge, one more time, to make Florida ... this place that is ours ... a better place for ourselves and for those whose lives we touch.

The open door of 1979 leads to exciting activities in FFGC. Get on a bus ... come along with us to: Tropical Short Course, Bath Club, Miami Beach, January 23-24 ... and put these on your Calendar: March 7-9 Symposium, Jacksonville; March 20-22, Gardening Study Course, Melbourne; March 25-28, Deep South Convention, Montgomery, Alabama; April 2-4, UF Short

Course, Gainesville and April 10-12, Landscape Design School, Course IV, Tampa.

You are the Best of all Garden Clubbers. Your projects shine in effectiveness. If you will share your ideas with our other 31,469 members, everyone will profit. Sharing is most easily done in our convention awards room. Every member can help put that award together ... pasters, trimmers, typists ... everybody!

Convention, '79 is a step into fantasy. "Thru the Looking Glass" will be the theme for a joyful time of sharing and learning. The Diplomat is a fine convention hotel [we're overdue for one!] We promise no slides, no pressures, no boring speeches. Come see the creative decorations created by the Clubs of District XI.

At convention we are honoring the Clubs and Circles that are at least 50 years old. Drop a card to your District Director with the date of Federation of your Club or Circle if you're 50!

AND don't forget our "secret" fifty. That's going to be exciting!

See you there!

*Jean*

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## More About the Sarracenia Flava

The beautiful greenish yellow trumpets of *Sarracenia flava* are abundantly spectacular in low boggy pinelands of Northwest Florida. The trumpets (or pitchers) are actually stemless leaves arising up from below the soil where they are attached to slender creeping rhizomes. The flowers when present are 3 or more inches in diameter and hang from their tall leafless stems, their faces toward the ground. They consist of five sepals, five showy spatulate petals, numerous stamens surrounding the extraordinary pistil, the fleshy style of which is shaped like an umbrella (upside down) with a stigma under each of the five angles.

Insects are attracted by the bright colors of the trumpet-shaped leaves and are enticed to explore into them by minute droplets of honey-like substance secreted by glands on the under surface of the "lids". Intermingled with the glands are downward pointing hairs, which lead the victims to a slippery area which offers them no foot-hold. They are precipitated into the fluid at the base of the trumpet, from which they cannot escape. They soon perish and are digested by enzymes secreted by glands at the base of the

leaves. Hence they are known as "insectivorous" plants. In opening the leaf, it is not uncommon to find the remains of flies, beetles, and ants, filling the pitcher to a depth of several inches and resulting in a disagreeable odor.

They require acid soil and bog conditions for successful growing. The soil should be mostly black organic matter and sand. A sunny location is preferable. They can be grown in pots in which case\* "good drainage is necessary to enable the liberal quantities of water which the plant requires to pass freely away. For this purpose the best compost consists of three parts of fibrous peat from which all fine particles have been shaken, and one part of sphagnum, moss, together with a small quantity of lump charcoal."

The genus is named for Dr. Michel Sarracine, physician at the court of Quebec early in the 18th Century. He sent our northern species to Europe where the plants were eventually studied by Dr. Linnaeus at the University in Upsala, Sweden, who established the genus and named it for the good doctor—*Sarracenia*. The specific name *flava* refers to the striking yellow color, of both flowers and trumpets (leaves).

\* New Illustrated Encyclopedia of Gardening Vol. 11, p. 1994; edited by staff of New York Botanical Garden. October 12, 1978. by Fanny-Fern Davis, Hort. Chm., District I, FFGC

To see the world in a grain of sand,  
And a heaven in a wild flower;  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand,  
And eternity in an hour.

William Blake

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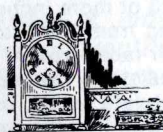
# Federation Happenings

## "Thru the Looking Glass

... and into tomorrow"



DIPLOMAT HOTEL  
April 18-19, 1979  
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### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

#### April 17 - Tuesday

- 12:00 Noon Open for Registration—Mezzanine Lounge  
10:00 A.M. FCNAFS Judges Business Meeting—Mezzanine Theater  
12:00 Noon FCNACS Judges Luncheon—Les Ambassadeurs  
2:00 P.M. District Directors meet with President—Lower Sky Room  
3:30 P.M. FFGC Board of Directors Meeting—Mezzanine Theater  
4:30 P.M. Landscape Critics Council Meeting—Mezzanine Theater  
7:00 P.M. Dinner honoring Board of Directors of FFGC—Scheherazade  
8:30 P.M. Program: "Let's Pretend" (Fashions in Greenery by David McLean) Convention Hall A

#### April 18 - Wednesday

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast: "Jabberwocky"—Les Ambassadeurs  
Youth Speakers  
Youth Awards  
9:30 A.M. FORMAL OPENING of 53rd Annual Convention—Convention Hall A  
11:30 A.M. Polls open  
12:30 P.M. Luncheon: "Cabbages & Kings"—Les Ambassadeurs  
Skit: "Alice's Flower Show"  
Awards  
3:00 P.M. Forums. Each Forum will be presented twice so every member will be able to participate in every forum. 20 minutes to change to other forum.  
3:50 P.M. "Tweedle Dum & Tweedle Dee" Mrs. D. R. Villareal, Jr.—Effective Public Speaking  
4:10 P.M. to Mrs. Robert Park—Parliamentary Procedures  
5:00 P.M. "Under the Mulberry Tree" Mrs. William C. Knox—Platyceriums  
Mrs. Gertrude Cole—Growing Palms Indoors  
Mr. William Frazel—The Culture of Bromeliads  
Convention Hall A and Mezzanine Theater  
6:00 P.M. Polls close  
7:00 P.M. Banquet: "Reflections on a Theme"—Les Ambassadeurs  
Awards  
Jean Taylor—Floral Designs

#### April 19 - Thursday

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast: "The Garden of Live Flowers"—Le Ambassadeurs  
Speaker: Wayne Dixon—The Truth About Poisonous Plants  
8:30 A.M. Polls open  
9:30 A.M. Business Meeting Continued—Convention Hall A  
12:30 P.M. Polls close  
12:30 P.M. Luncheon: "Happy un-Birthday"—Les Ambassadeurs  
Honoring clubs at least 50 years old  
Speaker: Florida's entry for National Council Speech Contest  
State Life Memberships  
National Life Memberships  
3:00 P.M. to Forums: Convention Hall A and Mezzanine Theater  
3:50 P.M. "It's My Own Invention"—Jean Taylor  
4:10 P.M. to "Tiger Lily Talks"—State Chairmen  
5:00 P.M. to Banquet: "Hail to the Queen"—Les Ambassadeurs  
7:00 P.M. Speaker: Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin—"It's Your Move"  
Installation of FFGC Officers & District Directors

#### Adjourn Sine Die

Reception honoring President of FFGC—Mezzanine Theater and Lounge

#### April 20 - Friday

- 9:00 A.M. Board of Directors Meeting

#### Convention Facts:

Registration Desk in Diplomat Mezzanine Lounge will be open prior to all activities. Reservations for the Diplomat are to be made directly with the hotel, using form on inside back cover of this issue of THE FLORIDA GARDENER. **Note:** Reservations must be accompanied by one night's room revenue. Reservations will be accepted until Convention date depending on availability of rooms.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: For Delegates: April 7, 1979

All others attending: April 9, 1979

Prepay registration and all desired events: Mrs. Edward O. Williams, 2601 Acacia Court, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301.

Make checks payable to: FFGC Inc. 1979 Convention

Delegates and Alternates will register on special forms sent directly to Club Presidents.

Reserved seating for all meals. Tables for 10. Reservations should be sent in same envelope for those wishing to be seated together.

#### SCHEDULE FOR VISITORS AND MEMBERS:

Registration for members	\$ 7.50
Registration for non-members	7.50
<b>April 18, 1979</b>	
Breakfast "Jabberwocky"	5.00
Luncheon "Cabbages & Kings"	7.50
Banquet "Reflections on a Theme"	13.00
<b>April 19, 1979</b>	
Breakfast "The Garden of Live Flowers"	5.00
Luncheon "Happy un-Birthday"	7.50
Banquet "Hail to the Queen"	14.50
No charge for forums	
Total (includes tax and gratuities on meals only)	60.00
Package price (tax and gratuities on meals only)	58.00



### Tentative Program for men:

Wed. Apr. 18 Tour of Port Everglades (complimentary)

Thurs. Apr. 19, Sightseeing Cruise on New River aboard "Jungle Queen" . . . 3.00  
Registered guests—Complimentary green fees for golf. (does not include golf cart). Complimentary use of tennis courts



MRS. CLIFTON J. SCHANDELMAYER  
CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

*Ann Schandelmayer is a Past Director of District XI, Served on District XI Board 6 years; Past President of The Federated Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale, Inc., and a member of that Board of Directors for 9 years; Past President of Bayberry Circle; Served as Chairman of The Little Theater at The Bicentennial International Flower Show; Is presently serving as Chaplain for F.F.G.C. She shares her interest in Horticulture by doing programs for clubs and circles in her district.*



MRS. LOUIS WEISSING

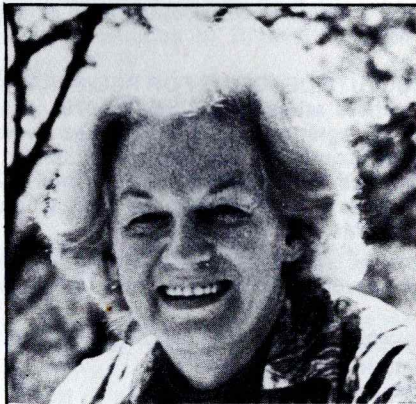
*Lois Weissing is a past president and a charter member of Moringa Circle. It was during her term that the booklet, "Florida's List of Protected Plants [In Words and Pictures]," was published.*

*She has served on the board of the Federated Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale for several years in numerous capacities, and is presently serving as Vice President of that body.*



MRS. O. EDGAR WILLIAMS, JR.

*Convention Vice-Chairman, Jo Williams, is past President of Federated Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale; has been a member of that Board for 10 years, serving in many chairmanships; past President of Moringa Garden Circle; served as Secretary, District XI, for 2 terms, and as Assistant Director of District XI. Present garden club activities include Chairing Pachira Garden Circle's "Garden Gourmet . . . more than just a Cookbook."*



*Mrs. Jean Taylor of Cheshire, England, began flower arranging while living in the United States in 1952. She is the author of nine books on flower arrangement and houseplants. In England she presented two television series, nationwide on flower arrangement. She has taught and demonstrated flower arranging in Italy, South Africa, Bermuda, Cyprus, Holland, Ireland and Kenya, as well as all over the United States.*

*Mrs. Taylor was scheduled to be with us last year at convention, but had to cancel due to illness. We are delighted to have her with us this year.*

# GARDENING STUDY COURSES

**COURSE II, SERIES I**  
March 20-21-22, 1979

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (FIT)  
Country Club Drive  
Melbourne, Florida 32901

## MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1979

- 6:00 p.m. Registration  
Howard Johnson's, 1515 S. Harbor City Blvd., (U.S. #1),  
Melbourne, Florida  
8:00 p.m. Howard Johnson's, Melbourne

## TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1979

- 8:00 a.m. Registration, FIT Science Building  
8:45 a.m. Welcoming Introductions & Greetings from Mrs. D. R. Villarreal, President FFGC, Inc. and by Dr. Jerome Keuper, President, FIT.  
9:00 a.m. Sexual Reproduction in Plants — Dr. Gary Wells  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Break  
10:45 a.m. Sexual Reproduction in Plants continued  
12:00 noon Luncheon  
1:00 p.m. Gardening in Containers—Bob Nelson  
3:00 p.m. Coffee Break  
3:15 p.m. Techniques for Growing Vegetables—Billy Rhodes  
5:00 p.m. Questions & Answers

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1979

- 8:45 a.m. WELCOME—Mrs. John G. Wood, First Vice Pres., FFGC.  
9:00 a.m. Plant Propagation—Dr. Gary Wells  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Break  
10:45 a.m. Plant Propagation continued  
12:00 noon Luncheon  
1:00 p.m. Assemble at Science Building for escorted Field Trip to nearby Erna Nixon Park. We will visit a native hammock, a pine flatwood and a wet ecotone.  
4:00 p.m. Return to Campus for voluntary walks through FIT's famous Palm Garden and streamside campus hammock.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1979

- 9:00 a.m. to  
12:00 noon Examinations

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### REGISTRATION FORM

#### GARDENING STUDY COURSE II, SERIES I

Florida Institute of Technology (FIT)  
Country Club Drive  
Melbourne, Florida 32901

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Circle \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET & # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$25.00 Required reading material will be sent and  
Examination Fee \$1.00 billed soon after receipt of registration.

AMOUNT CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to FFGC—Garden-  
ing Study Course

MAIL TO: Registration Chairman Mrs. Jeremiah J. Ashcroft, 2657 Baywood  
Drive, Titusville, FL 32780

DEADLINE—March 10, 1979—no refund after March 15, 1979  
Send room reservations directly to motel before February 1, 1979.  
Numbered seating will be assigned as registrations come in.

### HOUSING

Due to the conflict of dates of this course and the heavy winter tourist  
traffic, we could not arrange for especially low rates. However, the Howard  
Johnson Motor Lodge at 1515 S. Harbor City Boulevard, U.S. #1, has agreed to  
hold these rates for March 19, 20, 21, 1979:

SINGLE - \$22.00  
DOUBLE - \$32.00

Add \$6.00 for each additional person in a room. Only 24 rooms have two  
double beds, so if you want one, reserve early. Because of the heavy travel load  
at the time of this course, the motel advises that to be sure of accommodations,  
reservations should reach them by February 1, 1979. Address reservations to  
Mrs. B. J. Silvernail.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sometime soon after receipt of your registration, you will be sent a hand-  
book for Course II incorporating outlines of the courses to be covered, maps of  
Melbourne and the "FIT" campus, the list of required reading, and as much of  
this reading material as we can secure at discount.

Each person taking the course for credit should submit a mailing label from  
**The National Gardener** plus the one dollar fee shown on the Registration Form.

## SHORT COURSE

April 2-4, 1979  
University of Florida, Gainesville  
Reitz Union

It's that time again—Short Course time—at the J. Wayne Reitz Union,  
University of Florida, April 2-4. Two days full of activities planned to teach you  
to improve your gardens, decorate your homes and really wield your Flower  
Power.

A banquet is planned for Tuesday night April 3rd. Reservations are  
necessary.

MONDAY NOON, APRIL 2

to

WEDNESDAY NOON, APRIL 4

Full Course ..... \$15.00  
One Day ..... \$ 7.50  
Banquet ..... \$ 8.50

### MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1979:

P.M.

- 12:00 Registration, Second Floor East Gallery, J. Wayne Reitz Union  
1:00 Welcome—Introductions—Announcements  
1:15 "THE MANY MOODS OF IKEBANA" Mrs. Kenneth F. Davis  
4:00 University of Florida, Green Team Member—Dr. Benny Tjia and His  
Flowers.

### EVENING FREE

### TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1979

A.M.

- 8:30 Registration, Second Floor, East Gallery, J. Wayne Reitz Union.  
8:45 Workshop—"The Past & Present of Ikebana" Mrs. Kenneth F. Davis  
8:45 University of Florida, Green Team Member. Container Gardening.  
10:00 Coffee break  
10:15 Conducted tour of the University Greenhouses  
12:30 Lunch break

P.M.

- 2:00 "BARTRAM POWER TRANSFER" Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard  
4:00 "FLORIDA'S FLORA ON BARTRAM'S HISTORIC TRAIL"—Ms. Kathy  
Sample.  
7:30 Banquet

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1979

A.M.

- 8:30 Registration, Second Floor, East Gallery, J. Wayne Reitz Union  
8:45 Welcome—Introductions—Announcements  
8:45 "ACCENTING WITH COLOR" Mr. David McLean  
10:30 Coffee Break  
10:45 Workshop: "LANDSCAPING YOUR GARDEN" Mr. David McLean  
10:45 University of Florida, Green Team Member—Growing for our Tables.  
12:30 Lunch

Short Course Adjourns

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Mrs. Kenneth F. Davis [Lucille]** from California. Japanese ancestry. She was  
educated in Japan and America. She holds teachers certificates in three  
schools: Ikenobo, Koru and Kazan. Mrs. Davis did post graduate work in  
Senkenka in the Ikenobo Institute of Ochanomizu, Tokyo. She now holds the  
degree of Senior Professor. She is one of the leading authorities in the United  
States on Contemporary Rikka. She was founding president of the Ikebana



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International Chapter of Kamakura, Japan. She was chosen to represent the Ikenobo Institute at the Trade Fair in Caracas, Venezuela in 1967, where 200,000 people participated. She is head of the East and Central Florida Chapter of Ikenobo. Mrs. Davis is a Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judge and now lives in Deltona, Florida.

**Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard [Van]** Pensacola—A graduate of the University of Alabama holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. She is a Master Judge, a Landscape Design Critic and is a Past President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. She is the author of "LET'S TEACH FLORA" and is the founder of High School Gardeners. Mrs. Blanchard is a member of the William Bartram Trail Conference, the John Bartram Association and the Bartram Trail Society of Florida. She has been a garden Club member since 1936, and was a member of the National Council Board of Directors from 1960 to 1973.

**Mr. David McLean**, a graduate of the University of Miami is a full time instructor of Botany, Horticulture and Landscape Technology program in Broward Community College, Ft. Lauderdale. He has served as a Field Naturalist for Dade County, a Plant Specialist for the Department of Agriculture Division of Plant Industry. He is the owner/manager of a Landscape Design Contracting firm. Mr. McLean has been a favorite speaker for the Tropical Short Course for the past several years.

**Ms. Kathy Sample**, Native of Florida, honor graduate from Stetson, majored in Biology, History and Phys. Ed. Graduate work at Duke included Field Botany, Marine Biology, and Plant Physiology. Taught school in Jacksonville. Currently teaches Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure in Flower Show Schools. Has served on the FFGC Board as Circulation Chairman and Business Manager of the Florida Gardener, Horticulture Chairman, Wildflowers North Chairman and is presently Plant Distribution Chairman. Kathy believes Florida's native plants can be preserved by growing them in OUR GARDENS.

**The Green Team:** A group of Ornamental Horticulturists with the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, and Food and Agricultural Sciences. These men will be recognized by their Green Jackets, thus the GREEN TEAM. They will give you several presentations pertaining to your gardens.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR SHORT COURSE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK: \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ENTIRE COURSE \$15.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ONE DAY ONLY, (SPECIFY DAY) \$7.50

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET, April 3, Tuesday, 7:30 o'clock

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance by advance reservation only

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 Make checks payable to: Florida Cooperative Extension Service.  
 Mail to: Dr. Robert Black, 119 Rolfs Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, 32611.  
 Cancellations must be received by March 22nd for full refunds.

**HOUSING:**

Motel reservations should be made immediately. A block of 50 rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn—University Center—1250 West University—phone (904) 376-1661—zip 32601 (formerly the Flagler)

**PARKING:**

In the lot adjacent to and south of the Union or in the area just south and across the street from the Union parking lot.

**WORKSHOPS:**

Those electing to take Mrs. Davis' workshop should bring their own materials.  
 Those taking Mr. McLean's workshop should bring plans, sketches and photos.

**INFORMATION:**

For further information please contact Mrs. Earl H. Killgore, Chairman Short Course—2200 N.W. 11th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605—telephone 376-4915



**PAST PRESIDENTS**

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# Highlights of the 1979 Spring Symposium

Mrs. James E. Shelley  
*Symposium Chairman*

Come join us for a great learning experience at "Symposium by the Sea" in Jacksonville Beach at the Sheraton Inn on March 7-8.

Wednesday, March 7, the Symposium opens with a lecture on Bromelads by Mr. Bud Martin, a transplanted Pennsylvanian, who became fascinated with Bromelads while traveling in Central America.

He turned his Bromelad hobby into a full time business, Blossom World Bromelads, in Sanford, Fla. Mr. Martin lectures throughout the state, conducts workshops for the physically handicapped, is President of Seminole Bromelad Society, and Vice-President of the Bromelad Society of Central Florida. He will bring a variety of lovely bromelads with him that will be for sale.

Mrs. Calvin Flint of Batesville, Mississippi will also lecture on Wednesday. Her topic will be ferns. Mrs. Flint is well known throughout the South for her love of horticulture. She is a graduate of Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi, and did graduate work at the University of Mississippi. She is a National Council Instructor for Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure and has taught flower show schools all over the South and other areas. Mrs. Flint has published articles in **Flower Grower** and **Southern Living** Magazines and has a telephone answering service for the community on horticulture. The exam on ferns will follow at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Jack Miller, National Flower Show Schools Chairman from Lecompte, Louisiana will be the first

speaker on Thursday, March 8. Mrs. Miller will speak on the "New Handbook Revisions." She will have a short question and answer session. This is an excellent opportunity for all judges to keep up to date with National Council judging policies and to have problem questions answered.

At 10:15 a.m., Mrs. V. J. Lucas of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, will present "America's Contributions to Floral Art." Mrs. Lucas is a National Council Flower Show Instructor, a graduate of the Benz School of Floral Design, Houston, Texas, a member of Ikabana International and the American Guild of Flower Arrangers. Presently, Mrs. Lucas is serving as President of the Mississippi Flower Show Judges Council and the Hattiesburg Judges Council.

The Design examination will follow at 3:00 p.m.

Registration will be open Tuesday, March 6th from 4-7 p.m. at the Sheraton Inn, Oceanfront at 11th Avenue South. Following registration there will be a fun time private party—Hawaiian Style. Reservations for the patio party must be made—cost \$7.50.

Room accommodations will be available at the Sheraton Inn. Make all room reservations directly with the Sheraton-Jacksonville Beach Resort Inn, Oceanfront at 11th Ave., South, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., 32250, telephone 904-249-7231. Cost for rooms will be Single \$21.00 Double \$25.00.

For additional information, please contact Mrs. James E. Shelley, 987 Townsend Blvd., Jacksonville, Fla., 32211, telephone 904-725-1022, Symposium Chairman.

For registration please send form and check to: Mrs. John H. Howarth, 1253 Westlawn Dr., Jacksonville, Fla. 32211. Make check payable to: FFGC — 1979 Spring Symposium.

Registration Fee entire course ..... \$20.00  
Examination Fee ..... 2.00  
One Day attendance ..... 10.00  
Pre-symposium dinner March 6 ..... 7.50

## REGISTRATION FORM SPRING SYMPOSIUM — March 6, 7, 8

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Mark your calendar and register early for the 1979 Spring Symposium, March 7 and 8 at the Sheraton Inn, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. This should be a great learning experience for all. Reserved seat assignments will be made as registrations are received.

## RESUME OF MINUTES

Mrs. Melville Hall  
*Resume Chairman*

### Board Meeting

September 26-27, 1978  
Headquarters—Winter Park

Members of the Board of Directors:

Made cognizant of the pressing need for a swimming pool at Wekiva Youth Camp—in view of the polluted condition of the lake within the park rendering it unusable for the purpose and transporting campers to Wekiva Springs, open to the public for swimming, is both costly and hazardous—by resolution urged the Florida Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recreation and Parks, Ney C. Landrum director, to proceed with construction of a pool facility within the confines of the camp.

Heard FFGC President Villareal request each board member to write to Director Landrum, to any member of the State Cabinet, and to their local Senators and Representatives citing the need of a swimming pool

at Camp Wekiva.

Reinstated Periwinkle Garden Club of Satellite Beach, VI; federated Olden Days Garden Club of Lutz, VIII; accepted for probation St. Augustine Shores Garden Club, IV, Tymber Creek Garden Club (sponsored by Arlington Garden Club of Daytona Beach) VI, Orange Bud Garden Club of Groveland and Brantley Harbor Garden Club of Longwood, VII; Spring Hill Garden Club, VIII, and Summer Place Garden Club of Vero Beach, X.

Accepted resignations of Orange Tree Garden Club of Switzerland, IV, Pine Ridge Garden Club of Orlando and High Ridge Garden Club of Altamonte Springs, VII, Temple Crest Garden Club of Tampa, VIII, Frangipani Garden Club of Fort Myers (first reading) IX, Riverside Garden Club and Mercy and West End Garden Club (first reading), XII; and heard Jasmine Circle of Lynn



Haven Garden Club and Gladiolus Circle of Panama City Garden Club, II, Sultana Circle of Arlington Garden Club of Jacksonville and Bouquet, Lantana and Tropicana Rose Circles of Garden Club of Jacksonville, IV, have disbanded.

Ratified appointment of Mrs. Eldon D. Corbin as assistant director of District VIII, Mrs. Robert Stone of Winter Park as National Scholarships chairman and Mrs. Robert Spiro of Jacksonville at 1980 Calendar Promotions chairman.

Elected Mrs. Sidney R. Davis of Fort Myers chairman and Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard of Pensacola alternate chairman of the State Nominating Committee; approved awarding the Taylor R. Alexander Ecology Scholarship for 1978-79 to Lizbeth Britt, for thesis credit tuition and expenses; voted a \$10.00 group membership for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in Nature Conservancy; and ratified the additional expenditure of \$210 for printing and \$62.37 for freight charges on the 1978-79 Book of Information Supplement.

Heard Blue Star Memorial Markers had been ordered for Zephyrhills Garden Club and for Top of the Bay Garden Club of Oldsmar; and approved asking National Council of State Garden Clubs to consider the possibility of future markers being constructed of aluminum in view of the high cost of materials currently being used.

Took cognizance of a change in

date from March 11-17 to April 1-7, for the 1979 Blanche Covington Nature Study Course; of Mrs. John G. Wood's appointment to the board of trustees of the Florida Chapter of Nature Conservancy; of an increase of the fee per week at Wekiva Youth Camp for 1979 to \$55, and clubs will be asked for \$70 per scholarship for SEEK '79; and "Through The Looking Glass" is theme chosen for the 1979 FFGC Convention.

Ratified payment of \$150 to Joel Martin for steam and chemical cleaning of the patio areas adjacent to the headquarters building, \$24.75 for cleaning draperies in the foyer, \$25.95 for a manually operated saddle stapler, \$74 for curtains in the secretary's office, and acceptance of the \$2,315 bid by John Peacock for painting the exterior wood trim and \$167 for water-proofing the brick at headquarters.

Heard seven names have been inscribed in the "In Memoriam" Book, 24 in the "Parade of Presidents" Book, and one in the "Silver Book" at headquarters since June 14, bringing a total of \$335 in contributions; that 122 State and 24 National Life Memberships have been processed thus far during the current administration, that Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, immediate past National Council president, had given 25 excellent books to the library at headquarters; and that Mrs. Virginia Knopke had given \$526 to the federation, a donation on tours.

## A FEW GESNERIADS

by Mrs. R. E. Hunter, *Chmn.*  
Improved Cultivars

More and more attention is being paid to Gesneriads in our flower shows and plant societies. At first they tagged along in the wake of their famous cousins, the Saint-paulias, and they were known for years as the African Violet relatives. Now in many areas interest in the species and varieties of this unusual plant family has outstripped the interest in the Saintpaulia. There are two national societies devoted to the culture of Gesneriads and many local clubs.

Part of this interest has been due to the current vogue for hanging baskets. Many Gesneriads such as Columneas, Hypocyrtyos and Episcias are perfect subjects for hanging baskets.

In the genus *Columnnea*, Dr. Robert E. Lee made a now famous series of fourteen crosses from the collection of the Bailey Hortorium at Cornell. These came to light in the early sixties and much of the current interest in this genus is credited to his work. It gave impetus to later hybridizers and called their attention to the possibilities latent in the species.

*Episcias* have also been a favorite with hybridizers because of the challenge of creating ever more beautiful foliage. Among the more distinctive recent hybrids have been those with pink foliage. Among the more distinctive recent hybrids have been those with pink foliage. It is usually mixed or marked with green

or white, but pink is the dominant color. *Cleopatra* and *Pink Brocade* are leaders in this category.

*Sinningias* have long had a place in African Violet shows and their insouciance as a charming miniature is undeniable. Now a larger relative is appearing at nurseries and flower shows. This is the *Strptocarpus* with its startling colors and long-lasting blooms. The breakthrough between the various African species and the modern house plant came about largely through the hybridizing which produced the constant *Nymph* series of plants. These hybrids were larger, more floriferous and more suited to our growing conditions than their predecessors, and through irradiation a number of new and vibrant colors have been added to the series.

These *Streptocarpus* are fairly easy to grow but should be dry between waterings. Our principal problem with them in Florida is their preference for slightly cooler conditions than ours. Even the new, more tolerant cultivars have a temperature range of 55° - 85°. It is to be hoped there will be more experimentation with these lovely plants to see if they can become acclimated to our Florida conditions or if we can become more aware of their growing needs because the rewards of being able to add the lovely *Streptocarpus* to our homes and gardens will be tremendous.

## NATIONAL GARDENER NEWS

The **National Gardener**, published six times a year: (January, March, May, July, September and November) has, since its inception, been a communication link between the officers, member federations and committees on the National Council of State Garden Clubs; beamed and transmitted Garden Club related information and depicted the many facets of the overall program.

It has been said "one doesn't buy the **National Gardener**, rather in subscribing, one buys cooperation and know-how of people throughout the Nation." To reach your greatest potential in Garden Clubbing, be better informed. Read the **National Gardener**. Send subscription (\$2.50 or \$7.00 for 3 years with check payable to: National Gardener—plus your complete mailing address) to: Mrs. Melville Hall, 1302-12 Ave., Zephyrhills, FL 33599.



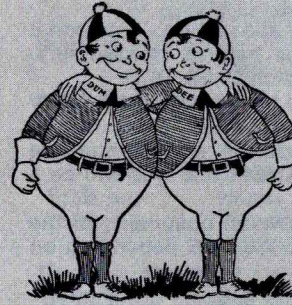




## Checkerboard Chatter of and about Gardening

### SPEEDING SEEDS

Some gardeners use water as hot as it will come out of the faucet to water seeds when starting them indoors. They claim this method speeds up germination by several days.



### SOAK SUMMER SQUASH

Soaking summer squash seed in kerosene overnight before planting will ultimately benefit the plant by repelling squash borers. Works on cantaloupe seed as well.

### ROSE PIPELINE

Beside some of your roses, at planting time, sink "water pipe" 20 inch lengths of PVC or polyethylene pipe, 1-1/2 inch diameter, with small holes drilled in the lower 15 inches. The top opening is left just above ground, to receive hose water and take it down deep where the roots are. Water poured on top of the ground with your hose rarely reaches the roots.

### ENERGY SAVING TIP

If every dishwasher user in the country cut out just one load a week, we'd save almost 16 million kilowatt-hours of electricity every day or the equivalent of about 9,000 barrels of oil a day.

### BROCCOLI VERSUS BUNNIES

To keep rabbits away from broccoli, cover each plant with a 20-inch "box" made of nylon netting held up by stakes at the corners. It goes over the top, down the sides, and is anchored to the ground with small stones, so it's easily removable for picking the broccoli.

### WAYS AND MEANS

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### BOOKLET BONANZA

Often trees show disease-like symptoms that cannot be identified with any disease or pest. A new booklet, "How To Identify and Control Noninfectious Diseases of Trees," is now available, containing pictures of the symptoms in color and matching them with the causes. For a free copy write: North Central Forest Experiment Station, USDA Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul Minn., 55108.

### BOTTLES RECYCLED

To protect tomato or other seedlings from frosts use a bottle cutting outfit to cut the bottoms out of some old gallon bottles, such as cider or milk come in. Then, place the bottle over the seedling and control temperature inside by putting the cap on or off.

### ORGANIC GARDENING

A non-chemical spray can be made by selecting plants or the leaves of plants that have not been attacked by chewing insects. Put them in a blender with a little water. Dilute this by using 1/4 to 1/2 cup per sprinkling can (2-1/2 gals.) and sprinkle affected plant. The theory being to change the flower of the infected plant to that of one insects don't like. The spray must be used again after a rain.

### BAKED BIRD SEED

To try to avoid wild bird seed germinating when it falls to the earth, bake it at 350 degrees for about a half hour. The birds seem to like it and there will not be unwanted plants to pull out.



# DEEP SOUTH REGION 1979 CONVENTION

It is once more my extreme pleasure to extend to each of you a personal invitation to attend the Deep South Convention to be held in Montgomery, Alabama at the beautiful Governor's House Motel on March 25-28, 1979.

The members of the Garden Club of Alabama have been working diligently to make this convention one with exciting programs and tours. There will be fashions, flower arranging and exciting landscape design and horticulture presentations. With the theme, "Dixie Melodies" you KNOW that this will be a time of learning, relaxing and fellowship.

March is a beautiful time in Alabama . . . and the warm hospitality of the garden club ladies will make you glad that you came. We ARE depending on YOU to be present.

Fondly,  
Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin  
Director

Come by land, sea or air . . . just come!  
Join us in the "Heart of Dixie," March 25-29, 1979!  
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The red carpet will be rolled out . . . and we all await the opportunity to greet you and to do our best to make your stay pleasurable. Help make this the greatest convention ever. We're counting on you!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Noel Callahan, President  
Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.



Planning the '79 Convention: [seated l-r] Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin, Director, Deep South Region; Mrs. Hugh D. McGilvray, '79 Convention Chairman; Mrs. Noel Callahan,

President Garden Club of Alabama, Inc. [standing, l-r] Mrs. James Houghtby, Convention Vice Chairman; Mrs. W. Harry Isbell, Convention Treasurer.

## MEN'S PROGRAM

Chairman: Colonel James Houghtby (Ret.)  
5734 Carriage Hill Court, Montgomery, Al. 36116

### Sund y, March 25

Early Arrivals check with chairman

### Monday, March 26

Check with men's chairman on arrival  
9:00 a.m. Heritage Tour with Ladies . . . . . \$15.00  
(Golf, Tennis, Handball, Ice Skating, etc. optional)  
5:30 p.m. Happy Hour—Hospitality Room  
7:30 p.m. Planned Dinner (Dutch Treat)  
Maxwell Air Force Base Officers Club—Montgomery

### Tuesday, March 27

7:15 a.m. Eye Opener—Hospitality Room  
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Dutch Treat)  
9:30 a.m. Air Force Data Systems Design Center Briefing/Tour  
Gunter Air Force Base, Montgomery, Al.  
11:45 p.m. Lunch (Dutch Treat) Gunter Officers Club  
Gunter Air Force Base, Montgomery  
12:30 p.m. Sports (Golf, Tennis, Handball, Ice Skating, Etc.)  
6:30 p.m. Happy Hour—Hospitality Room  
Barbecue Dinner with Ladies . . . . . \$13.00

### Wednesday, March 28

7:15 a.m. Eye Opener—Hospitality Room  
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Dutch Treat)  
Guest Speaker "Our Confederate Heritage/Steamboat Days  
On The Alabama River."  
9:30 a.m. Depart for outing at Lake Martin—Cottage on the lake—35  
minutes drive from Montgomery. Boating, fishing,  
horseshoes, food, relaxation . . . . . NC  
6:30 p.m. Happy Hour—Hospitality Room  
7:30 p.m. Awards Banquet with ladies . . . . . \$15.00

**MEN'S PACKAGE PLAN** . . . . . \$29.00  
(Registration fee included)

Heritage Tour—Optional All inclusive, tour, boat trip, lunch . . . . . \$15.00

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations directly to hotel: Governor's House, P.O. Box 11148, Montgomery, Ala. 36111 Telephone: 205-288-2800.

## EARLY REGISTRATION REQUESTED

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National Life Member . . . . .	Husband . . . . .
Regional Officer . . . . .	Guest . . . . .
Regional Board Chairman . . . . .	
State President . . . . .	
Delegate . . . . .	
Registration FEE—Full Time . . . . .	\$5.00 . . . . .
Registration Fee—One Day . . . . .	3.00 . . . . .
Registration—Single Event . . . . .	1.50 . . . . .
Registration—Husband . . . . .	1.00 . . . . .
Registration—Husband . . . . .	1.00 . . . . .
Registration—Guest . . . . .	1.00 . . . . .



Tuesday, March 27th

Luncheon .....	\$8.00
Barbecue Dinner .....	13.00

Wednesday, March 28th

Breakfast .....	6.00
Luncheon .....	8.00
Banquet .....	15.00
Champagne Reception .....	NC
PACKAGE PLAN includes Registration .....	\$55.00
PACKAGE PLAN BEFORE FEBRUARY 20th .....	52.00
Registration deadline March 15, 1979	No refunds after March 1, 1979

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)

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CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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Does this include your fee for the Heritage Tour? \_\_\_\_\_

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# FLOWER SHOWS CALENDAR

Mrs. D. O. Foshee, Sr.  
*Flower Shows Chairman*  
 9744 Scott Mill Road  
 Jacksonville, Florida 32217

(Please register your shows with this chairman)

- February 22-25, JACKSONVILLE, MAIN ST. . . . at the home and Patio Show in Civic Auditorium, by Garden Club of Jacksonville, Mrs. Richard Bean, Chr.
- February 23-25, SPRING FLOWER SHOW, South Dade Regional Library, Miami, Mrs. E. D. Ellins, Chmn.
- March 9-10, Punta Gorda, YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY . . . FLORIDA . . . at Charlotte Civic Center by Punta Gorda Garden Club, Mrs. Osco Simpson, Jr., Chr.
- March 9-11, Gainesville, HOME and GARDEN SHOW, Gainesville Garden Club, Mrs. S. L. Tucker, Chr.
- March 12-17, at Sumter County Fair Grounds, 'TIS SPRING, by Azalea Garden Club, Mrs. J. W. Argo, Chr.
- March 15-16, Boca Raton, ALL THINGS GREEN and BEAUTIFUL, (a wildflower show) 841 SW 15th St., Mrs. R. J. Phillips, Chr.
- March 17-18, Tequesta, FLOWER SHOW 1979, Travelers Palm Garden Club at Lighthouse Gallery, Mrs. Gail Sorensen, Chr.
- March 17-19, Englewood, Lemon Bay G. C., at Englewood Bank and Trust, Mrs. E. D. Corbin, Chmn.
- March 17-18, Winter Haven, THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY (a table show) Winter Haven Council of Garden Clubs, Rose Schmidt, Chr.
- March 19, Tampa, "REPEAT PERFORMANCE", Clearfield G.C., at Clearfield Gdn. Center, at Clearfield and Indiana Ave., Mrs. A. A. Keith, Chmn.
- March 19-26, Eustis, ART IN FLOWERS, Lake County Council of Fed. Garden Clubs at Lake County Fair Grounds, Mrs. Geo. E. Kuhn, Chr.
- March 23-24, Belleair, POTS AND PETALS ALA CARTE, Belleair Garden Club at Activity Center, 903 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Mrs. John H. Becker, Chm.
- March 24-25, FLORIDA'S WILDFLOWER TRAIL, Wildflower Show, Dist. IV Wildflower Gdn. C. St. Augustine Gdn. Cntr., San Marco Ave. Mrs. Carl Anderson, Chmn.
- March 25-26, Lake Placid, HANDPAINTED BY NATURE, Lake Placid Garden Club at Masonic Hall, N. Main St., Mrs. H. P. Chandler, Chr.
- March 27-28, Clearwater, ENCOUNTERS OF THE PLEASANT KIND, Clearwater Garden Club at Garden Center, 405 Seminole St., Mrs. W. L. Lips, Chr.
- March 30-31, Bradenton, AN ALBUM OF BEAUTY, Manatee River Garden Club at Garden Center, Mrs. Grace O'Connell, Chr.
- March 31-April 1, Bartow, SPRING SHOW, Bartow Garden Club at Civic Center
- March 31-April 1, Lehigh Acres, EUPHONY OF SPRING, Lehigh Acres Garden Club at Community Building on Homestead Road, Mrs. Ray Adey, Chr.
- March 31-April 1, Melbourne, FLORAL FAIRY TALES, Melbourne Garden Club at Trailer Haven Auditorium, Mrs. Louis Nemeth, Chr.
- April 6, Tarpon Springs, SPRING HAS SPRUNG, Garden Club of Tarpon Springs at Yacht Club, Mrs. Jack Newnam, Chr.
- April 6-8, Miami, Metropolitan Miami Flower Show, "THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE," Mrs. James Connolly, Chmn.
- April 6-7, Tampa, WITH LIBERTY and JUSTICE FOR ALL, Tampa Fed. Circles of Garden Clubs at Garden Center, 2629 Bayshore Blvd., Mrs. S. E. Rodby, Chr.
- April 7-8, Chipley, FLOWERS and FAIRY TALES, Gingerbread House at 5th and Church, Chipley Garden Club, Mrs. Dow Gilmore, Chr.
- April 7-8, Sarasota, THE CREATIVE SPIRIT—A SPECTRUM OF THE ARTS, Sarasota Garden Club at Exhibition Hall, Mrs. James C. Rutledge, Chr.

- April 7-8, Vero Beach, SHAKESPERIAN GARDENS, Garden Club of Indian River County at Riverside Theatre, Mrs. Charles E. Smith, Chr.
- April 26, Marianna, SPRING SHOW, Marianna Garden Club at Woman's Club, Mrs. J. B. Dowling, Chr.
- April 27-28, Jacksonville Beach, SPRING FEVER, Ribault Garden Club at Garden Center, 705 2nd Ave. N., Rene Kelley, Chr.
- April 27-28, St. Petersburg, INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE, Garden Club of St. Petersburg at Garden Center, 500 Sunset Drive, Mrs. Harrison W. Fox, Chr.
- April 28p29, Ocala, ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SHOW, Pioneer Garden Club at Civic Auditorium.
- April 28-29, Ocala, ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SHOW, Pioneer Garden Club at Garden Center, 1112 N. Wheeler St., Mrs. Roy J. Tyson, Chr.
- April 28-29, Satellite Beach, OSCAR PRESENTS . . . AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS!. In Har-Bee Beach Garden Club at Civic Center, Mrs. Edward J. Sottak, Ch.
- May 2, Crystal River, LOVE IS: A GARDEN IN MAY, Garden Club of Crystal River at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Mrs. Robt. Haag, Chr.
- May 4-5, Clermont, WELCOME TO MY WORLD—Clermont Garden Club at Garden Center, 849 West Avenue, Mrs. Joe Duncan, Chr.

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# News for Judges and Flower Show Schools Chairmen

Mrs. Steve Fritch

In answer to the need for a standard title for Life and Master Flower Show Judges who no longer wish or are able to keep their Good Standing, the Board of Directors of National Council has authorized that "Judges Emeritus" may be used.

This title must be requested to the State Flower Show Schools Chairman by such Life and Master Judges. When this title is bestowed, the State Chairman will report the name of the judge to National Council Headquarters.

**Reminder:** Your original Judging certificate is dated by the date of the Reading Exam which was successfully completed by that student.

The original date (month and day) is repeated on your renewal, regardless of the month or day you

renewed between the second and third year. The year changes by adding three years to the date.

Life Certificates are issued as of the date application is received at National Council Headquarters. (This may be added after the last paragraph in your new Handbook under "Life Certificate", page 93.)

Please read the Sept.-Oct. issue, **National Gardener**, page 21, concerning Clarification of Free-Form.

The National Flower Show Schools Committee recommends that a section of a flower show eligible for an Award of Merit have at least 12 entries as well as at least three classes, and that no more than Five Award of Merits be given in any one show. (This is just a recommendation)

## FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

Mrs. Steve Fritch, **Chairman**  
2910 W. Jean  
Tampa, 33614

Course I—Gainesville Garden Club  
January 29-31, 1979

Chm.—Mrs. Marvin A. Brooker, Jr.  
924 NW 18 Terrace  
Gainesville, 32605

Instructors:

Artistic: Mr. Bob Thomas

Hort. & FSP: Ms. Kathy Sample

Course III—March 26-28, 1979, W.  
Palm Beach

Chm.—Mrs. James F. Kirwin  
732-42 St. West Palm Beach, 33407

Instructors:

Artistic: Mrs. John W. Knight, Jr.  
(Ohio)

Horticulture: Mrs. Jesse T. Barfield  
FSP: Mrs. Knight (Mary)

Course IV—January 23-25, 1979,  
Punta Gorda

Chm.—Mrs. Norene Faber  
1797 Belle Court  
Punta Gorda, 33950

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# YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

Mrs. Daniel F. Connell  
SEEK '79 Chairman

Good news for all you clubs, circles, and individuals who sponsor students and adult leaders to attend FFGC's Youth Environmental Conference, SEEK. In answer to requests made by practically everyone who attended SEEK '78, we are going to continue the quality and quantity of instruction and lab work as in the past, but are going to spread it out over one more day so that the students have more time to digest the knowledge being literally 'poured' into them. In 1979 the conference will start Sunday, Aug. 5th and will close Thurs., Aug. 9th. Housing and classroom facilities at Florida Technological University, Orlando will be the same as in past years. Adding one day naturally increases the cost of the conference. FTU has agreed to add only the housing (room and board) costs. Scholarships will be \$70 for a whole scholarship and \$35 for a half. Donors of \$15 or more will be presented certificates at District

## Meetings.

The subject for '79 will be general environmental issues: air, energy, soil, etc. There are many advantages in adding one day to the conference, among which is the additional time for group discussions. It is in these 'rap sessions' that students work out practical applications of the knowledge presented to them in the lectures and labs. They plan use of this knowledge for their clubs, schools, and home communities. Your committee feels that by adding one day we are actually doubling the value of the conference.

Please support this worthwhile FFGC project with donations, scholarships, and carefully selected participants. USE THE NEW BRIGHT YELLOW DONOR FORMS. FILL OUT COMPLETELY. Your committee suggests that you send different adult leaders from previous years so that the 'word' reaches more people.

## WHERE O, WHERE . . !

Another dream has come true for Dade City Garden Club!

On September 18, in the beautifully restored St. Rita's Catholic Church—now the club's dream-come-true Garden Center—President Mrs. J. F. Jeter accepted a National Council of State Garden Clubs Flower Show Achievement Purple Rosette to be displayed in the building. The presentation was made by District VIII Director Mrs. Frank T. Lowe of Largo.

Back in 1954 the club had won the coveted Purple Rosette on its 1953 "Old South" Flower Show, co-chaired by Mrs. W. F. Edwards and Mrs. Sid Larkin and held at the Pasco County Fairgrounds. Somewhere along the way the rosette was misplaced or lost, as was the handsome "book of evidence" scrapbook which had been lovingly compiled on the show.

FFGC President Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal of Tampa and Mrs. Lowe, both in Dade City for the formal opening of the Garden Center at the club's 1977 Christmas open house, learned of the loss and arranged for the replacement ribbon.

Search for the "book of evidence" continues and garden clubbers have high hopes it will be found for displaying with the prized Purple Rosette.

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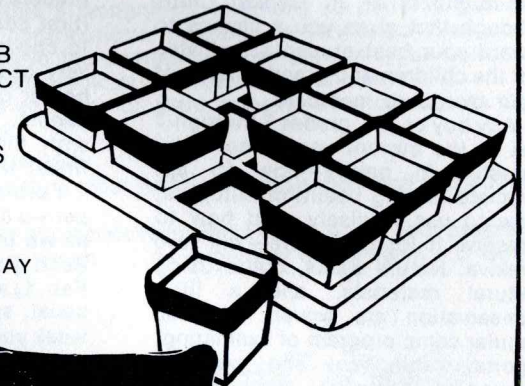
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Now is the time to get out that camp brochure (the yellow one with the cabin and kiddies on the front) and begin to think of which young people you'd like to send this year. Remember that Wekiva is not only for members of Jr. Garden Clubs (though that gives you a chance to award your best students) but also for the children and grandchildren of your own club members.

Any boy or girl, grades 3 through 7 (as of the current year) who is interested in nature—how to appreciate our big beautiful outdoors, how to use it wisely, and how to preserve it for the future—will love Wekiva. Nature walks, crafts using natural materials, and a little conservation are woven into the regular camp program of swimming, sports, cabin fun, and evenings around the campfire.

If you didn't get enough brochures, and of course you didn't, for most clubs send many more than one child, additional brochures may be secured from your district youth chairman or from the Camp Registrar Mrs. Robert S. Hanks, Rt. 3, Box 90-C, Clermont, Fl. 32711.

This year we will again have two weeks for boys (June 17-23; June 24-30) one co-ed session (July 1-7) for grades 3, 4, and 5 only; and 3 girls' weeks (July 8-14; July 15-21; and July 22-28).

A special advanced program for those who have finished the eighth grade will be given the weeks of June 24-30 (boys) and July 15-21 (girls). These eighth grade sessions grew out of a need to fill the gap between campers and CIT's, and was begun as a pilot project last summer. The program is built around the environmental workshop idea, but includes counseling skills

and the usual camp activities such as crafts, swimming, cook-outs, skits, singing, etc. So successful was it in 1978 that it is being offered again this year with minor modifications. The number of 8th graders accepted will be very limited (first come, first served) so be sure to choose wisely and send us your very best. In a few years these will be our counselors, in charge of the cabins, so it's important to start with the best and give them the finest training we can.

Fees this year are \$55 per camper—a slight increase over last year, as we try to keep up with inflation. Send your reservations early (after Feb. 1) with your check, because, as usual, space is limited. Indicate the week you want each reservation. The camper can send in his registration letter.

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Please write Mrs. Gustave Harrer, Camp Chairman, for suggestions or information concerning staff positions.

## The Greening of the Government

Mrs. Dursie Ekman Public Relations  
4501 Vasconia Tampa, 33609

Word is getting around that the exciting GREENING OF OUR GOVERNMENT is coming the week of March 19 thru 24!

And have you heard that programs to honor governmental officials, local, state, or federal, are being planned?

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

As garden clubbers we share the joys of working together, the pride and appreciation of each other's talents and the pleasures of undertaking and developing life enriching projects. Whether they are continuing types or those brought to successful completions!

Yes, ours is a unique and fantastic organization and now we want to show that we know there are **others** who are also concerned and dedicated.

### HOW CAN YOU TAKE PART?

During the WEEK schedule a recognition ceremony to honor a governmental official for important contributions, outstanding services or dedicated actions to improve and preserve the community. Recipient may be selected from the Executive, Legislative or Judicial branches of government.

The GREENING may be any type of plant material from corsage to the planting of an outdoor plant.

### IS IT AS SIMPLE AS IT SOUNDS?

You bet. Make plans now for a most heart-warming experience and a long to be remembered program.

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Will you please mention in 1 or more future issues of your periodical that Renee Jochens, R.R. 1-Box 5.A. Hoskins, Nebraska 68740 is desperately wanting to obtain these back issues? (The ones you don't have) People who can help Renee out should please write to Renee at her address.

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For further details write immediately to:

Mrs. Sidney R. Davis, National Life Membership Chairman.  
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## ODE TO A PERIWINKLE

by William F. Wolfe

Some would call thee a vagabond  
Because thou dost not conform  
To the orderly ways of the world of man  
And his horticulture norm.

For thou hast chosen the harder part  
To display thy beauty rare  
On the barren slope where the hand of man  
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So I would call thee the valiant one  
And praise thy courage true  
And give thee a place in my garden plot  
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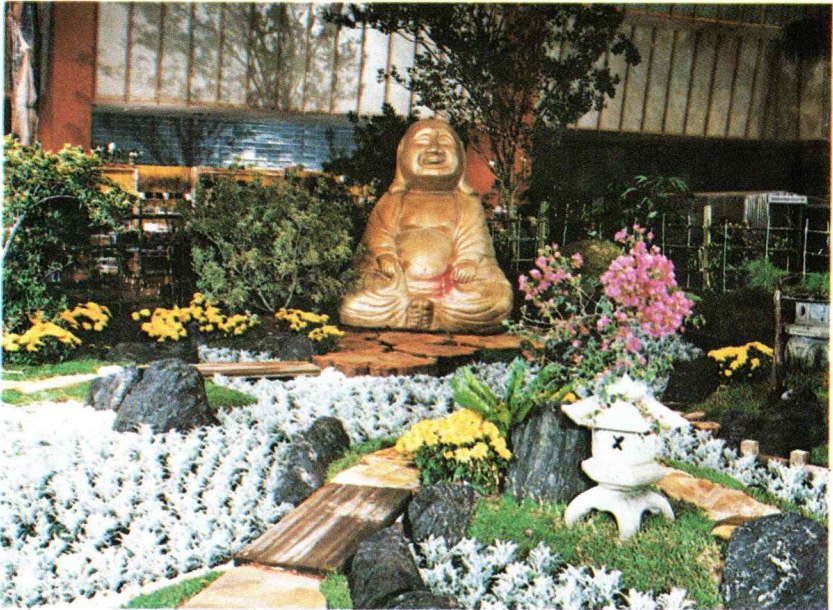
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