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Mary Whisler  
Vice - President



Carolyn Schaag  
Treasurer



Susan Slater  
Secretary



Carol Hall  
Parliamentarian

### Consultants' Council Officers



Jackie Host  
E CC – President



Pat Caren  
ECC – Vice President



Brenda Luedeman  
GCC President



Suzy Valentine  
GCC – Vice President



Sheryl Perkins  
LDCC President



Judi Davis  
LDCC - Vice President

After FFGC convention it was off to Deep South Garden Clubs Convention in Jekyll Island and then to NGC Convention in Biloxi. If that wasn't enough it was off to UF/Gainesville Short Course in June where they were many Tri-Council members. The presenters were fabulous and UF Museum was fantastic. Of course a wonderful design program by Elaine Parisi and of course caladiums for sale. Who could resist!

On the grounds of Gainesville Garden Club



We thank those consultants who responded to our survey and welcomed their suggestions. What a surprise to see the Museums shell collection. The lower half was shells donated by Mona Johnston's family. Her father collected them while stationed during WWII on the Solomon Islands.

Happy Fourth of July and look forward to seeing many of you in September.



*Inger Jones*

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## CONVENTION TRI-COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

World Marriott Renaissance Hotel,  
St. Augustine, FL  
Tuesday April 9, 2019

Tri-Council President Carolyn Lowry- Nation called to order at 2:55 PM and led the salute to the Flag of the United States of America. Treasurer Carolyn Schaag read an inspiration written by Phyllis Wood, former FFGC Parliamentarian.

Minutes of the January Meeting were approved as circulated.

Carolyn appointed Joanne Mulinare to act as time keeper and announced that due to time constraints, this meeting will be adjourned by 4:00. Each person will have 2 minutes to report. President's Report: Two years passed very fast. She thanked each of the board members for their support and participation with a gift of appreciation. Also, she thanked Tri-Council members for their attendance.

Carolyn Lowry-Nation awarded Elaine Waidelich with a certificate and pin in acknowledgement of completion of FFGC Tri-Consultant requirements established by Tri-Council of FFGC including consultant status in all three National Garden Clubs, Inc., schools: Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design.

Treasurer's Report – Carolyn Schaag – attached. She reminded members that dues are due by June 1. Registration forms must be complete and legible. Dues are \$5 per year per council, paid biennially. She read the account balances. Expenses include \$100 for convention ad, and 4 partial camperships at \$100 each. CL-N got an inscribed brick at FFGC HQ. She has one NGC landscape pin available for sale.

Per the bylaws, the books are to be reviewed. This was done yesterday by a group from the Tri-Council finance committee. Gloria Blake announced the review team approved the balance in the checkbook. Report will be filed. Lorene Junkin read the report of the Nominating Committee nominating the Slate of Tri-Council

Officers and after each name Carolyn Lowry-Nation asked for nominations from the floor. For President: Inger Jones. Carolyn Lowry-Nation asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none she took the vote by voice. Inger was elected.

For Vice President: Mary Whisler. Carolyn Lowry-Nation asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none she took the Vote by voice. Mary was elected.

Secretary: Susan Slater. Carolyn Lowry-Nation asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none she took the vote, and Susan was elected. For Treasurer: Carolyn Schaag. Carolyn Lowry-Nation asked if there are nominations from the Floor. Hearing none the vote was taken and Carolyn was elected.

Tri-Council recessed.

Gloria Blake called the Environmental Consultants Council Annual Meeting to order and announced the Slate of Officers for the 2019-21 administration.

For President: Jackie Host. There were no nominations from the floor. Gloria took the vote and Jackie was elected.

For Vice President: Pat Caren. There were no nominations from the floor. Pat was elected. Gloria gave her report, attached. There was no further business. Gloria adjourned her meeting. Gardening Consultants Council President, Brenda Luedeman thanked members for installing her midterm.

She announced the Slate of Officers for the 2019-21 administration. For President Brenda Luedeman Hearing no further nominations, she was elected.

For Vice President: Suzy Valentine. There were no nominations from the floor and she was elected by voice vote.

Brenda gave her contact information: phone 863 207 3330 call her any time and leave a message or text and email is [bkluedeman@gmail.com](mailto:bkluedeman@gmail.com), put gardening in the subject line of the email.

Barbara Hadsell presented Gardening School check from Ribault Garden Club, Gardening Council's third of the profits is \$300.62.

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Sally announced the gardening school in New Smyrna that concluded in February is giving 1/3 to Gardening Council, which will be \$374.95. Barbara Hadsell announced we have an increase of 40% in membership. Brenda adjourned the meeting.

Sally Flanagan called the Landscape Design Consultants Council Annual Meeting to order and announced the Slate of Officers for the 2019-21 administration:

For President: Sheryl Perkins. Sally asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none Sheryl was elected.

For Vice President: Judi Davis. There were no nominations from the floor. Hearing none Judi was elected.

Sally gave her report, attached. She read the report from Sue Roberts, Landscape School Chairman. She announced the next meeting will be held in September and she then adjourned the meeting.

Carolyn Lowry-Nation resumed the Tri-Council meeting.

Next business in order is the Installation of Incoming Officers by Tina Tuttle, using the theme Harmony in the Garden. Officers were instructed in how to make music together. She thanked the retiring officers and installed the new Tri-Council officers.

Announcements – Barbara Hadsell announced schools chairmen are in touch with instructors with many talents. She passed a sheet of suggestions for ways to meet our Tri-Council objectives. She is suggesting speakers who could come to speak at a Tri-Council meeting.



Carolyn Lowry-Nation suggested Barbara put further items in the newsletter. Inger assembled the new Tri-Council officers for a photo. Adjourn 3:54 PM.

Joanne Mulinare, Secretary



**September 10, 2019**  
**FFGC Headquarters**  
**10:00 am- 1:00 pm**  
**Assembly Room**

As many of us will be driving from all over the state, we will have coffee and brunch goodies for a short social prior to our general meeting. Look forward to seeing you join us as we start our new year. New Tri-Council 2019-2021 Directory will be available at meeting.



We have a new Earth Steward Chairman  
Kathy Siena, District X  
[Ksiena2000@gmail.com](mailto:Ksiena2000@gmail.com)  
561-371-3388

Application: <https://ffgc.org/forms>

We have a new Position Papers Chairman  
Mona Johnston, District XI  
[12banger@bellsouth.net](mailto:12banger@bellsouth.net)  
954.975.9157



Environmental Consultants' Council  
President Jackie Host  
The Illusion of Water Abundance

For many years Florida enjoyed a luxurious relationship with water. It is why tourists come, our economy boomed and our way of life was enhanced by the many recreational opportunities great amounts of water would afford. It was incomprehensible that we would be able to drain the Floridan Aquifer, one of

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the largest aquifers in the United States.

The Floridan Aquifer underlies the entire state of Florida as well as southern parts of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. It covers approximately 100,000 square miles and was developed millions of years ago when Florida was under water. This aquifer which feeds springs, lakes and various other water bodies has also been the source of Florida's public drinking water supply and in fact is also used by most utility companies, home irrigation, farm irrigation and industrial giants. In 2010 2.2 billion gallons a day of freshwater was used for public supply (USGS, 2013).

By 2030 Florida's demand for potable water will be increased 28% over 2005 and at that rate, traditional sources of water will not be able to sustain this increase in demand (EPA-832-F-13-006). Sadly, today 50% of a homes use of water is for lawn irrigation (UF EDIS FCS 3274).

So what are we going to do about it? We can turn this around simply by taking quicker showers, using new water saver nozzles and appliances, quit giving out so many consumptive use permits, quit using so much water to maintain lush lawns, put a halt on overdevelopment in places that are already out of water, and advocating for better legislation which mandates protecting Florida's water and other natural resources.

Don't hesitate to contact the governor or your legislators about water conservation bills and amendments. They work for you. Don't let anyone try to politicize protecting our environment either. We all need clean water, air and land to survive. You can't have one without the other because they are all connected. Below are some easy ways to contact Governor DeSantis and how to find out who represents you in the government:

Call Governor DeSantis during business hours at (850) 717-9337  
Reach him via email at [www.flgov.com/email-the-governor/](http://www.flgov.com/email-the-governor/)  
Click the twitter icon to tweet a pre-written message or tweet [@GovRonDeSantis](https://twitter.com/GovRonDeSantis)

Ballopedia:  
[https://ballotpedia.org/Who\\_represents\\_me](https://ballotpedia.org/Who_represents_me)



## Around The State

### Tri-Council Represented At Florida Wildflower Symposium



Carolyn Schaag, Brenda Luedeman and friends



Brenda is also FFGC Roadside Beautification Chairman  
Notice New Plate – Do **You** Have One

### Tri-Council Represented At UF/Gainesville Short Course



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## Did You Know?



*We are the only State that offers  
Tri-Consultant Recognition!*

Since inception since 2014 Earth Steward Award has added \$11,500 to the Color Our Garden funds. Of that \$7,298.18 has been used in plantings and upkeep in the gardens at HQ.

*New Landscape Design State School  
Chairman/Credentials  
Sue Roberts  
[Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com](mailto:Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com)*



*New Ways & Means  
Chairman  
Sue Bara*



### SCHOOL DATES YOU NEED TO KNOW

Oct. 24-26, 2019 Pending Approval



Course III – Landscape Design Ft. Myers  
Contact State School Chairman  
Sue Roberts  
[Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com](mailto:Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Nov. 4-5, 2019



Course I Gardening - Deland Garden Club  
Contact State School Chairman  
Barbara Hadsell –  
[barbarahadsell@cs.com](mailto:barbarahadsell@cs.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Nov. 12-13, 2019



Course III Environmental School – New Smyrna Beach  
Contact State School Chairman  
Nancy Richards  
[nancyrichards@gmail.com](mailto:nancyrichards@gmail.com)  
[www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Nov. 21-22, 2020

Course I Gardening School – District X  
Contact State School Chairman  
Barbara Hadsell  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Jan. 22-23, 2020

Tropical Short Course – **Tri-Refresher**  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Jan. 28-29, 2020 Pending Approval

Course II - Environmental School – New Smyrna Beach  
Contact State School Chairman  
Nancy Richards –[nancyrichards@gmail.com](mailto:nancyrichards@gmail.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Feb. 3 - 4, 2020

Course I – Landscape Design School Lakewood Ranch  
Contact State School Chairman  
Sue Roberts [Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com](mailto:Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Feb. 3-4, 2020

Course II - Gardening School – Deland Garden Club  
Contact Barbra Hadsell: [barbarahadsell@cs.com](mailto:barbarahadsell@cs.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Feb. 3-4, 2020

Course I – Landscape Design School Lakewood Ranch  
Contact Sue Roberts: [Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com](mailto:Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com)  
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Feb. 5-6, 2020

Course II – Landscape Design School Lakewood Ranch  
Contact State School Chairman Sue Roberts  
[Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com](mailto:Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

Feb 24-25, 2020

Course II – Gardening School – District X  
Contact State School Chairman, Barbara Hadsell  
[Barbarahadsell@cs.com](mailto:Barbarahadsell@cs.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

March 16 -27, 2020

Course III – Landscape Design School – Lakewood Ranch  
Contact State School Chairman, Sue Roberts  
[Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com](mailto:Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.com](http://www.districtx.com)

March 18-19, 2020

Course IV – Landscape Design School – Lakewood Ranch  
Contact State School Chairman, Sue Roberts  
[Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com](mailto:Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)

April 13-15, 2020 – Florida is the Host  
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual  
Convention – **Tri-Refresher**  
Hilton Tampa Downtown  
[www.dsgardenclubs.com](http://www.dsgardenclubs.com)

April 16-19, 2020

FFGC State Convention & Flower Show  
Hilton Tampa Downtown  
Info: [www.ffc.org](http://www.ffc.org)

April 24-25, 2020 – Pending Approval

Course IV – Landscape Design School - Ft. Myers  
Contact State School Chairman, Sue Roberts  
[Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com](mailto:Sue@GeorgeSueRoberts.com)  
Info: [www.districtx.org](http://www.districtx.org)



**Keeping Credentials  
Current!**

State School Chairmen are  
listed above with contact

information in the event you are unsure of your GSD (Good Standing Date). All consultants are required to refresh within five (5) years. You do not have to wait the five years as you can refresh once in a “calendar year”. After refreshing four (4) times you are a Master! When you reach Master in all three you can refresh for all three at any Tri-Refresher or school. If you are unsure of your GSD contact the State School Chairman. They are responsible for receiving school information from the local school chairman, approving and sending to the NGC Accrediting Regional Chairman, as well as Credentials Chairmen for all consultants in Florida.

Dues Form 2019-2021 attached

*Congratulations*

## NEW TRI-CONSULTANTS

Anina Bachrach	Gloria Blake	Lorene Junkin
Mary Kaub	Joan Kramer	Elaine Waidelich
	Mary Whisler	

## NEW MASTER TRI-CONSULTANT

Inger Jones

## New NGC 4-STAR

Gloria Blake	Lorene Junkin	Elaine Waidelich
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Evan Stuart Schaag	Eleanor Whisler
Maggie Whisler	Audrey Whisler

“THE 3R

Sponsored by Tri



CLUB”

Council

**REDUCE** land fill by collecting waste for a recycle company to  
**REUSE** to make new products and eliminate waste in a  
**RECYCLE** program that pays money to the 3R Club

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ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED ARE:

**CELL PHONE** – Standard cell phones, iphone, Smartphones (remove all personal information)

**INKJET & TONER CARTRIDGE** – Ink cartridges, inkjet cartridges, and toner cartridges, all makes & models

**ORAL CARE** – Toothpaste tubes & caps, toothbrushes, outer plastic packaging, & floss containers

**HAIR CARE** - Shampoo, conditioner, spray, gel, paste, includes bottles, caps, and tubes. (No metal aerosol cans)

**PERSONAL CARE** - Lip balm tubes, face lotion bottles, tubes, plastic jars, body wash containers, soap tubes & dispensers, body & hand lotion bottles & dispensers

**COSMETIC PACKAGING** - Lipstick cases, lip gloss tubes, mascara tubes, eye shadow & bronzer cases & tubes, foundation packaging & bottles, powder cases, eye liner & lip liner cases, pencils, concealer tubes & sticks

**NOTE:** Candy wrappers, writing instruments, and dairy tub items no longer accepted.

**PLUS FOR WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP**

**ALUMINUM CANS AND OTHER METAL PRODUCTS**

**Please don't mail RECYCLABLES.**

**Bring to Tri Council Board Meeting. If unable to attend Board Meeting, please give to your District Director at your Fall District meeting. Thank you.**