

August, 2013

# DISTRICT I NEWSLETTER

## Functions, Fundamentals and Fund Raising



### District Director

Summer vacation? What summer vacation? The “Wonderful Ones” of District I have been working seemingly non-stop since the May District I Meeting. Our District meeting was held in Santa Rosa Beach and was co-hosted by **Green Thumb Garden Club** and the **DeFuniak Garden Club**. Members were told about this administration’s theme, “**Fun, Fun, Fun**” (which stands for Fun-damentals, Fun-ctions, and Fun-draising) and then given a **survey** to complete. The results of the survey not only told us why members joined a garden club (“to learn more about gardening”) but also why they have stayed in garden club (“because of the friends I have made”). The members were also surveyed about what they would like to DO during this administration and how funds could be raised to support those desired projects, workshops and programs. A 2-year calendar of events is being formulated. The district recognized former Director, **Linda Henderson** (below, right), and former Treasurer, **Marianne Burbach**, with Pillar of Pride Awards. **Lynn Wilson** (below left) and **Maxine Hood** received FFGC Life Memberships from the Navarre Garden Club. **Marie Harrison** presented Awards from convention to the deserving garden clubs and members. **Marty Henderson** and **Delores Quigley** were nominated and voted in as District Treasurer and District Secretary, respectively.

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Our new District I website is currently under construction but we have a domain name: [www.ffgcdistrict1.org](http://www.ffgcdistrict1.org). In the meantime, please LIKE us on Facebook!

## Leadership Lunch and Learn

A **Leadership, Lunch** (bring your own brown bag lunch) **and Learn and Ice Cream Social** was held at the Navarre Library on 24 June. A full agenda, based on information needed for the Garden Club Annual Report, was presented by our knowledgeable members. **Gina Jogan**, FFGC Treasurer, informed the 50 in attendance where the money goes and what it does. **Marie Harrison**, former FFGC Awards Chairman, related changes to the Awards and BOE procedure and encouraged all to apply for Awards

(photo below). Director **Tina Tuttle** provided information on NGC and FFGC educational opportunities available to each member. Former Director, **Linda Henderson**, told about upcoming design classes. **Judith Begue**, District Youth Chairman, and **Joanne Connor**, FFGC Youth Chairman, encouraged us to establish Junior Garden Clubs and provided all related information and answered questions about when and if fingerprinting and background checks are needed. Assistant

Director, **Sharon Johnson**, got everyone fired up about membership and garden club marketing! The District was thrilled to include 12 members attending from District II, including Director **Carol Garrison** at this workshop.



## Short Course North

It's not too late to register for the fifth annual Short Course North to be held 8 and 9 August at the Santa Rosa Extension Office on Dogwood Drive in Milton. Your registration of \$50 (\$45 for FOG members) provides for morning snacks, lunches, handouts, door prizes, raffles and much more. This 2-day event will serve as Advanced Master Gardener credit for

10 CEUs and as a Tri-refresher for NGC Landscape, Gardening and Environmental Consultant accreditation. You'll find the registration form on the [www.FFGC.org/education](http://www.FFGC.org/education) web site or on the FOG web site ([www.friendsofthegardens-nwfl](http://www.friendsofthegardens-nwfl)). District I is a co-sponsor of this event!

Also planned for the fall is the first of four District sponsored **Fun with Flowers** workshop, given by Gina Jogan, to feature holiday designs and decorating ideas. Our first session will be demonstration only and will be held on **Saturday, 19 October** at Our Place Pensacola,, 451 Garden St. Pensacola. Registration is required so send your check for \$10 to Gina Jogan, 6735 Hwy 99, Molino, FL 32577-4048 to save your seat. Light refreshments will be served, door prizes and way and means and lots of great ideas. And "save the date" for the hands-on Fun with Flowers workshop on **Saturday, February 22** in Valparaiso.

We look forward to a new garden club year filled with FUN, FUN, FUN!

Tina Tuttle, District I Director

## Fall District Meeting

Plans are already underway for the October 8<sup>th</sup> Fall District Meeting and the official visit of the Tour Team. Instead of the usual raffle baskets, ways and means and other immediate fundraising tactics, the District will introduce new **on-line fundraising** at this meeting as well as a plant sale. Below is a picture of the quilt that will be raffled off at this meeting. This raffle isn't just for those attending...Anyone can purchase a raffle ticket!



## Navarre Garden Club

The Navarre Garden Club (NGC) was honored to participate in the International Visitor Leadership Program for the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Project. Foreign visitors are invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State, their national program is arranged by the Institute of International Education (IIE) and their local program is arranged by the Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council. Visitors to the Navarre Garden Club were from Ethiopia, Jordan, Mongolia, Nigeria, South Africa and Tunisia.

Nancy Forester, First Vice President of the Navarre Garden Club chaired the event which included presentations by five garden club members. Garden club organizational levels (federal, state and local) were described by Sharon Johnson, who explained how everyone works together for common goals. The visitors were particularly interested in the Junior Garden Club program which inspires our youth to be more interested and aware of the environment, horticulture and conservation. Joanne Connor previously created a manual for the Junior Garden Club program which has been adopted by FFGC and is now available for use state-wide. She showed several projects and crafts that the children complete which reinforces their learning. Fran Grissom spoke about horticulture and conservation, explaining that more must be done to protect the food sources of pollinating insects. She suggested that gardeners leave part of their land in a natural state to provide wildlife habitat. Ginger Eisele described NGC's newest project, The Green Thumb, which is a retail garden project open to the public the first and third Saturdays of each month to sell native plants and educate the public regarding their care. Jytte Fawzy described the Florida Water and Land Legacy Campaign which is obtaining petition signatures to add the conservation amendment to the state's constitution. This amendment would set aside funds in Florida to be used only for conservation purposes, such as acquiring conservation and recreation lands, managing existing lands, protecting lands that are critical for water supply and restoring degraded natural systems.



(L to R) NGC members: Joanne Connor - FFGC Junior Gardeners Chairperson and Junior Garden Club Co-chairperson, Sharon Johnson – FFGC Assistant Director, District I, Ginger Eisele – Ways and Means Co-chairperson, Nancy Forester –First Vice President and Program Chair, Jytte Fawzy – Legacy Campaign Chair and Fran Grissom – Horticulture Chairperson.



(Front) South Africa – Ms. Tracey Lyn Cumming, Policy Advisor, Resource Economics and Stewardship, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), Tunisia – Mrs. Hazar Belli Ep Abdelkefi, Department Head, Biodiversity and Genetic Patrimony Development, Ministry of Environment, Ethiopia – Ms. Keriya Yasin Ahmed, Office Coordinator, Sheka Branch, Movement for Ecological Learning and Community Action (MELCA-Ethiopia), Mongolia – Ms. Enkhtuvshin Shiilegdamba, Epidemiologist, Veterinary Wildlife, Wildlife Conservation Society (WSC), Mongolia Country Program. (Back) US - Natalia Cerceau, Intern, Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council, Nigeria – Mr. Sulaimon Olawale Arigbabu, Executive Secretary, Environment and Sustainable Development, Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA) Resource Center, Jordan – Mr. Omar Mohammad Odeh Alshoshan, Manager of Policies and Advocacy Specialist, The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), US – Cliff Goulet, U.S. Department of State

## STOCK UP SALE

Take advantage of all the back to school sale items being offered now for your **JR GARDEN CLUB** supplies. Local office supply stores, big box stores and drug stores are offering great deals at this time. Many items are priced at **\$0.01**. Buy the limit or ask the manager to let you purchase what you need for your club at the special low price.

This is one of the best ways to save on your **JR GARDEN CLUB** budget.

Prepare your lesson plans, projects and activities to be ready for a September start up. Have questions? Need easy to do suggestions? Contact Judith Begue, District I Chairperson, at [jsbegue@aol.com](mailto:jsbegue@aol.com).

Have fun this year working with our youth. And don't forget to register your **JR GARDEN CLUB!**

## Sassafras Garden Club

The Sassafras Garden Club in Pensacola is planning an exciting Membership Tea. Members and potential members have been invited to an "English High Tea" being coordinated by President, Sandy Nicholson, Donna Brown and Vivian Comeau. This elegant sit-down, eat and sip affair will be at Donna's home on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm. All invitees are asked to wear a "stylish hat" for the occasion.



Submitted by Shirley P. Jacques, Secretary

## Green Thumb Garden Club

Green Thumb Garden Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month September through May. Our meetings are usually held at Sandestin Linside Center at 9:30 AM. We do change locations for special tours, lectures, classes and events. Our first meeting is September 18 with a program done by Paul Arthur, Director of the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center whose mission is to educate students and the public on the importance of preserving and conserving the ecosystems. He always brings "friends" with him. All are welcome.

December will take us on a trip to Tallahassee to visit and see the Christmas lights at the Camellia festival. We will make a side trip to Wakulla State Park for the boat ride to see birds and water fowl. St. Marks is on the schedule too with a visit to the famous Tallahassee Nursery.

Please note and mark your calendars:

Saturday, January 25  
Coastal Branch Library  
9:00 Am to 2:00  
\$10 entrance fee



Green Thumb Garden Club and The Friends of the Coastal Branch Library invite you to join us for our 1st joint fundraising event called BOOKS IN BLOOM. See your favorite books come alive through flowers. Twenty books and arrangements will be on display. Demonstrations of flower arranging, raffles, and a mini book sale will make for a fun day.

Tina



## The Florida Water and Legacy Campaign

The **Florida Water and Legacy Campaign** has been called the most important environmental vote in our lifetime. The FFGC board endorsed the Campaign in September 2012 and asked FFGC Clubs and members to get involved. And Clubs are doing just that!

### STATUS UPDATE

**As of June 6, 33 clubs had sent in 4096 petitions.**

**Track the clubs who are participating at [www.4fla.org/gardenclub](http://www.4fla.org/gardenclub)**

(Note: with 200 FFGC Clubs & 13,000 members, there is a LOT more we could be doing.)

Statewide, petitions total 112,360  
Almost 700,000 petitions are needed.

***"I am delighted that Clubs have responded to the call to get involved in this campaign. FFGC members are making an important difference in the future of our beautiful state."***

**Sue Angle, FFGC President**

### Send in petitions to:

Address: Florida Water & Land Legacy Campaign  
316 Williams St  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

### VERY IMPORTANT!

Be sure to add a note to petitions w/

1. club name
2. city of club
3. names of collectors
4. FFGC

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Photo Credit: John Moran

### NGC President's Special Project "Making A World of Difference—Choice Matters"

The membership of our Federation has embraced the goals and special projects of the 2011-2013 Administration.

At the NGC Convention president Linda Nelson garnered enthusiasm for her project, one that she envisions making a REAL difference in our fragile world. Since our states and clubs are so diversified in their concerns the project has broadened its horizon beyond air and water and included forest, land and wildlife. As you plan your programs for the next two years you are asked to consider those which promote education in making responsible choices that will conserve our natural resources for future generations. This presidents' project seems to be ideal for our Youth Garden Clubs.

If you need any assistance with this project please contact this chairman. And know that I am only an e-mail away. The Awards procedures and requirements are found online at [www.gardenclubs.org](http://www.gardenclubs.org)

Thank you for forwarding this information to your clubs and encouraging them to plan a project and submitting an award application. And thank you for your dedication to NGC and FFGC goals. We do want FFGC to lead the way. Alice DeSomma is the FFGC chairperson of NGC Special Projects.

[desomma@arg.net](mailto:desomma@arg.net)

## Calendar of Gardening Events for Northwest Florida (and beyond)

- August 8-9 **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Short Course North “Beaches to Woodlands”** sponsored by FOG and FFGC, \$50 for 2 days. Santa Rosa County Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Rd. Registration info on [www.friendsofthegardens-nwfl.com](http://www.friendsofthegardens-nwfl.com).
- August 14-15 Flower Show School Symposium, Birmingham Botanical Garden, AL
- August 15 Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs annual Welcome Tea. 10:30am-12:30 at the Pensacola Garden Center 1850 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- August 15 Milton Garden Club Welcome Coffee/Tea
- September 5 FFSJ District I Judges Council meeting, Pensacola Garden Center, 9:30am. Point Scoring Designs program.
- Pensacola Rose Society meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at the Pensacola Tryon Library at 6pm.*
- September 11-12 FFGC Board meeting, Winter Park, FL
- September 18 **Green Thumb Garden Club meets at Sandestin Linkside Center**
- October 3-4 Endangered Plant Advisory Council meeting, Gainesville
- October 8 **FFGC District I meeting**, St Luke UMC, 9-Mile Road. State Officers attending. Cost \$15
- October 10 FOG General Meeting followed by a program on “Mushrooms”! 6:30pm, PSC/UF Milton room 4902.
- October 16 First Fair Flower Show, building 7
- October 19 FUN with Flowers demonstration sponsored by FFGC District I. Gina Jogan will demonstrate flower arrangements and show designing ideas for the upcoming holidays: Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Located at Our Place Pensacola on Garden St. 9:30am to 11:30am. Registration required, limited seating. Cost \$10.
- October 19 Chipley Garden Club’s 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Scarecrow building contest, 9am-3pm Washington County Farmer’s Market on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Chipley (in conjunction with county Historical Society’s Fall into History Festival)
- October 22 Second Fair Flower Show, building 7
- November 3-5 Flower Show School Symposium hosted by District 8, Sarasota. Darlene Newell as horticulture instructor, Jo Krallman as design instructor. Barbara Rao, chair.
- November 7 FFSJ District I Judges Council meeting, Navarre, 9:30am, Point Scoring Christmas Cactus.
- November 9 The Dogwood Garden Club of Gulf Breeze is hosting their 3rd Annual “Welcome to Our Home: Holiday Fashions” fundraiser. 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the GB Presbyterian Church, 100 Andrew Jackson Trail. Enjoy a Fashion Show by Coldwater Creek, decorated Christmas trees by local businesses, “Driftwood Tree” to a lucky winner, vendors, shopping, door prizes, opportunity drawings, and beautiful centerpieces. Tickets \$10.00 in advance; \$15.00 at the door.
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- November 18 FOG holds its annual **Plant Grab** for members only! 10am
- November 19-20 NGC Gardening Study Course I, Winter Park Garden Club
- December 7-8 Milton Garden Club Christmas Home Tour
- December 11-14 American Camellia Society (ACS) will hold its annual convention in Pensacola.
- December 14 Pensacola Camellia Society will host the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Camellia Show and Sale as part of the National Camellia Show! First Baptist Church on Palafox St.