



President's message:

Dear Garden Club Members:

Our 2015-2016 Garden Club Year ended on a high note with the Installation Luncheon on Friday, May 13, 2016. Florence Miner and her Parkinsonia team did a great job in organizing the event at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club and our thanks to Lee Steele for the hospitality afforded by her club. The incoming and returning Circle Presidents were introduced and our special thanks to Kristine Blake of Moringa Circle for conducting a most entertaining installation ceremony for our Club's officers. All of our officers, except Andrea Hellman, are continuing in the positions held last year. Florence Miner is our new Vice-President. Our thanks to Andrea for her service and she will continue on our Board of Directors as Chairman of the Holiday Luncheon.

The Luncheon also provided an opportunity to honor two Club members for their service to their Circles and the FLGC. Eve Davidson of Bayberry Circle was presented with a Life Membership in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs by Phyllis Block, the outgoing President of Bayberry, who noted that this "award is presented to you because you have been a longtime member dedicated to the best interest of the Garden Club, past President of Bayberry Garden Circle, Committee Chairman, a trouble shooter for and an ambulatory extension of my Presidency."

The Earth Steward Award was presented to Rose Bechard-Butman of Moringa Circle. This is a new recognition to honor one who has made outstanding efforts regarding the stewardship of our natural resources. Rose has represented FLGC in many projects in the community to benefit the FLGC and the general public. She was instrumental in the development of the Sensory Garden and oversees its maintenance. She is a sought after speaker on many gardening and environmental topics. She is a Master Gardener, Certified Arborist and currently Director of NatureScape Broward.

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club was also the recipient of FFGC's Award No. 73 (with a check for \$25) given in recognition of the merits of a program open to the public. In this instance, it was awarded for our February 2015 General Meeting Program, "the State of the Tree Canopy in Fort Lauderdale and Plans for the Future". This Program was given by our Honorary Member, Gene Dempsey, the City of Fort Lauderdale Forester and two of his associates from the City.

Our Treasurer, Tamara Pope, reported that we ended the year with a surplus of \$1,500 made possible by the fund raising resulting from the efforts of our in-house Garden Shoppe operated by Carolyn Ehrhardt, the Holiday Luncheon run by Pat Baumer, the Secret Garden Tour chaired by Sandy Lynch and Plant Sales directed by Florence Miner which generated total revenues of \$29,000 or about 64% of our total income. Our financial position is strong but is dependent on fund raising.

At this time we have welcomed six new members into the Club this year. Although this is down from 17 last year, it continues the positive trend. Total membership is not yet known for the year as renewals are still in process but should be in the 165-175 range thanks to the efforts of Maggie Dunn and the Membership Committee. Maggie will Chair our 2017 Standard Flower Show.

Have a great summer and please don't forget that Ann Schandelmayer, Phyllis Block and Gene Dempsey still need your prayers and get well cards.

Bob Lynch, FLGC President

Green Thumb: Late Edition!

This "delayed" edition of the Green Thumb was caused by Jillian and I taking a two week "spin" around England and France... One of our stops was at the Chelsea Flower Show in London. For more details and photos, see Page 4 of this Green Thumb edition.

Congratulations!

At the End-of-the-Year Luncheon, The FLGC Presented the Following 2015/16 Awards:

Parkinsonia Circle won the **Membership Award** for having the greatest percentage of increase in membership during the year. Parkinsonia was awarded a \$25 check for this achievement.

Cordia Circle won the **Attendance Award** for having the highest membership attendance at the general meetings and programs of FLGC.

Moringa Circle won the **Exhibiting Awards** for highest participation of members entering the Flower Show.

Moringa Circle won the **Blue Ribbon Award** for the greatest number of blue ribbons awarded in the Flower Show.

Rose Bechard-Butman of Moringa Circle was presented the **Earth Steward Award** for her stewardship of our natural resources.

Eve Davidson of Bayberry Circle was presented with a **Life Membership in the FFGC** by Bayberry President Phyllis Block.

Fort Lauderdale Garden Club Wins Numerous State, Region, and National Awards

Public Program FFGC Award #73 ("The State of the Tree Canopy in Fort Lauderdale and Plans for the Future")

NGC Youth Poetry Contest

Lindsay Hill, 6th Grade, First Place FFGC, Honorable Mention at Deep South Region
Christiana Hewlett, 7th Grade, First Place FFGC and Deep South Region, Honorable Mention at NGC
with Poem published in the NGC Booklet

NGC Youth Sculpture Contest

Lindsay Hill, 6th Grade, First Place FFGC and Deep South Region, Honorable Mention at NGC
Oliver Radford, 7th Grade, First Place Winner FFGC and Deep South Region, Honorable Mention at NGC

*All the above youth gardener winners are members of BFF Intermediate Youth Gardeners.
All the above listed awards were accompanied by a \$25 check from the FFGC.*



"TROPICAL PARADISE" MAKES A BIG SPLASH AT THE GARDEN CENTER!

The "Tropical Paradise" Standard Flower Show was a gigantic success, thanks to everyone who helped put on this show.

Cindy Rieger did a fantastic job staging all the wonderful exhibits, and Kris Blake helped produce the schedule and pictures for our show. Gene Cain and Gus Vaughn succeeded in helping everyone register their beautiful horticulture with the correct botanical names -- It's amazing what gorgeous plants everyone is growing. Jillian Cain placed the horticulture in the correct locations, and took fantastic pictures of whole show. Jane Lusk-Smith made sure we had all the Design Exhibits placed properly, and Marilyn Blaisdell and Sandy Lynch made sure the Awards were properly placed. Lois Fry made the section and class signage, and Pat Baumer organized the Clerks for judging our show. Pachira Garden Circle served a wonderful breakfast to our judges and Parkinsonia Garden Circle served the fantastic luncheon. And, of course, Moringa Garden Circle provided delicious appetizers and cocktails at our Awards Celebration that evening.

As you can see, it takes many people to put on a Standard Flower Show, and the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club and myself really appreciate everyone's participation and efforts to make our "Tropical Paradise" the best show yet.



I know I have forgotten to thank some people here, but all your hard work is really appreciated. Thank you, Thank you.

Sincerely, Becky Schuberth

Editors Note: See a list of all Flower Show winners on Page 3

End of the Year Youth Gardening Report: Great News!

The FLGC Youth Gardening Program culminated this school year with Youth Flower Shows, "Tropical Treasures", which were held in three elementary schools on March 16th, judged by our own District XI/District X Flower Show Judges. The Little Schoolhouse (preschool), under the direction of Jackie Schoettle, held a show in their school and the BFF Intermediate Gardeners (6-7-8th Grade) entries were viewed at the FLGC General meeting in March. The in-house shows excited the student population in the schools as well as the staff and parents! Thanks to Becky Schuberth and Kris Blake for their coordination of the show schedule. We had 169 students enter the shows with 672 entries. Points were accumulated from all entries of the show and campships plus transportation have been awarded to 40 students thanks to the generosity of our circle members and the club fund.

The John Schandelmayer Award for the best plant grown from supplies provided by our club and the Elsie Allison Award for the best poster, journal or notebook were awarded in each elementary school. An NGC Youth Award was also won by one student in each school.

Our BFF Intermediate Gardeners who entered the NGC Contests have been outstanding and have garnered several prestigious awards. And we have a HS student who was chosen for the LIT program at Camp Wekiva.

Special thanks goes to Jackie Schoettle for being the registrar for the campers' session. She also goes on the bus with the students to and from the camp which is in Apopka and stays the week volunteering! We are so thankful for the energy and commitment that she has to the program!

The Nan Knox Boys and Girls Club students have had programs presented this year and have benefitted from the participation of and generosity of Parkinsonia Circle Members.

We feel that our Youth Gardening Program has been challenging and informative as well as exciting! We are very proud of all of our Youth Gardeners and want to thank our dedicated Youth Leaders and all of our members who have supported us in this very important endeavor!

Sandra Lynch and Andrea Hellman, FLGC Youth Coordinators

Yearbook Updates!

Circle Presidents! Please remember to submit all Yearbook information to Gene Cain for the updating of the 2016-17 Yearbook. Please include all contact information for your members including changes to continuing members information, meeting/program schedule information, committee and officer lists...

Email to Tamara Pope at Popetkay@aol.com and Gene Cain at auxcain@bellsouth.net

DEADLINE AUGUST 1ST!

\$5.00 DISCOUNT for National Wildlife Federation Certification!

As part of the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, the National Wildlife Federation is offering a \$5 discount on its application fee for certification as a Certified Wildlife Habitat...you may also win a bee cabin for your garden!

Offer good during June 2016

Join the over 3,000 certified habitats in Broward County. For assistance, you can contact Rose Bechard-Butman at RBECHARDBUTMAN@broward.org



The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, Inc., Adult Standard Flower Show
"Tropical Paradise" April 9-10, 2016

Horticulture Division Awards

Silver Awards

Ruth Patton Silver Award	Bonny Miller Cole	Moringa	<i>Rhipsalis hatoria</i>
Plumeria Silver Award	Gene Cain	MAL	<i>Begonia mazae</i>
Cordia Silver Award	Amilia Chase	Bayberry	<i>Peperomia obtusifolia</i>
Pachira Silver Award	Donna Bruno	Pachira	<i>Asplenium nidus</i>
Doris H. Gordon Silver Award	Lois Udvardy	Moringa	<i>Alocasia infernalis</i>
Ida Powers Silver Award	Jillian Cain	MAL	<i>Gesneriaceae primulina</i>
Acacia Silver Award	Rose Bechard-Butman	Moringa	<i>Tacca chantrieri</i>
Dorothy Kitchell Silver Award	Rose Bechard-Butman	Moringa	<i>Rosaceae "Mr. Lincoln"</i>
Cassia/Jacaranda Silver	Allison Mackel	Moringa	<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i>
Mary Matthews Silver Award	Alliean Roberts	Moringa	<i>Vinca major</i>
Clusia Silver Award	Maureen Frazel	Moringa	<i>Aechmea "Traffic Porch"</i>
Moringa Silver Award	Gene Cain	MAL	<i>Dendrobium farmeri</i>

National Horticulture Awards

Arboreal Award	Lois Udvardy	Moringa	<i>Cananga odorata</i>
Arboreal Award	Maggie Dunn	Parkinsonia	<i>Thryallis longifolia</i>
Award of Merit	Allison Mackel	Moringa	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>
Award of Merit	Maggie Dunn	Parkinsonia	<i>Coreopsis leavenworthii</i>
Award of Merit	Rose Bechard-Butman	Moringa	<i>Rosaceae "Mr. Lincoln"</i>
Award of Merit	Dana Warder	Bayberry	<i>Bougainvillea dark pink</i>
Collector's Showcase	Jillian Cain	MAL	<i>Gesneriaceae primulina</i>
Grower's Choice	Maureen Frazel	Moringa	<i>Aechmea "Traffic Porch"</i>
Grower's Choice	Rose Bechard-Butman	Moringa	<i>Dendrobium "parishii"</i>
Grower's Choice	Jean Martindale	Moringa	<i>Adenium "Desert Rose"</i>

Marie Lamb Memorial Award

Winner	Rose Bechard-Butman	Moringa	<i>Dendrobium "parishii"</i>
Runner-up	Rose Bechard-Butman	Moringa	<i>Tacca chantrieri</i>

Design Division

National Design Awards

Petite Award	Maggie Dunn	Parkinsonia,	"Fun on the Beach"
Table Artistry Award	Andrea Hellman	Parkinsonia	"Lunch at the Museum of Art"
Tricolor Award	Becky Schuberth	Pachira	"Biking Around Birch State Park"
Designer's Choice	Maggie Dunn	Parkinsonia	"Children's Theatre"

Special Exhibits Division Award

Educational Award			
Kristine Blake	Moringa	"Passionate about Plants-School Gardening"	

Award of Design Excellence

Andrea Hellman	Parkinsonia	"Lunch at the Museum of Art"	
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Sweepstakes Awards

	Horticultural Sweepstakes		
Maggie Dunn		Parkinsonia	
	Design Sweepstakes		
Maggie Dunn		Parkinsonia	

A Visit to the 2016 RHS Chelsea Flower Show in London, England

By Gene Cain

Jillian and I were lucky enough to attend the 2016 Chelsea Flower Show in London in late May and saw unbelievable plants, garden art, outdoor furnishings, garden tools and clothing that any gardener would love to have. There were more than 500 vendors hawking their wares! The vendors lined the grounds of the Royal Hospital just off the River Thames. Most of the wonderful flower displays were in the Great Pavilion (a temporary structure hundreds of feet wide and long). The flower displays included many different species of plants...many of course would not be suitable for our climate...but we did see orchids, bromeliads, cactus and even a display of potatoes! The center piece of the whole show was a breathtaking display of thousands crocheted red poppies by makers from all over the world. Covering an area of more than 8,600 square feet it commemorated the soldiers who died during World War I from Australia and New Zealand. Also on the show grounds were plenty of places to eat and even live music performances! Here are just a few of the photos taken by Jillian at Chelsea...for more photos go to:

<http://www.jilliancainphotography.com/Travel-2016/Chelsea-Flower-Show2016/n-cf4dDx>



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The following FLGC officers for 2016-2017 were elected at the April General Meeting:

President - Bob Lynch

Vice-President - Florence Miner

Recording Secretary - Becky Schuberth

Corresponding Secretary - Virginia McCormick

Treasurer - Tamara Pope

Dates to Remember

Jun 1-7
Aug 1

National Garden Week
Deadline for 2016-17 Yearbook Information

Sensory Garden Volunteer Schedule

May/June
July/August
Sep/Oct

Parkinsonia
Moringa
Bayberry