



THE DADE CITY Garden Center, which was moved to its present site, and formerly served the congregation of St. Rita Catholic Church, will host a dessert-card benefit party next

month to help pay off the mortgage. This Friday, a memorial garden will be planted at the south end of the facility.

Photo by George Wilken

General Garden Club to host benefit party

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1978

ARBOR DAY



A MEMORIAL camellia garden is planted by members of the Dade City Garden Club during a ceremony Friday, Arbor Day. Memorials planted included one donated by Mr. and Mrs. James McCabe in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. McCabe; Mrs. Thomas McCabe in memory of her father, Robert Butler; Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Holding in memory of her father, Robert Butler; Mrs. Robert Butler in memory of her husband; Mrs. Robert in memory of Marie Wichers; Mr. and Mrs. All Ruggles in memory of her father, Robert Butler; Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Jeter in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Boutwell. Already planted is another donated by Mrs. Ron Oakley in memory of her father, Warren Freeman. In other club activities during Arbor Day, members of the FBLA and CBE club at Pasco Comprehensive High School, below, prepare to plant a dogwood donated by the organization and placed between the cosmetology building and the business building.

Organized in 1947

Club's founder honored

DADE CITY — A magnolia tree in front of the Dade City Garden Club's new home on S. 5th Street was dedicated last week to Miss Thelma Gilbert, organizer of the

organization nearly 30 years ago.

The Dade City Garden Club property on 5th Street was purchased March 25, 1959 under the following board of

trustees: Mrs. Vera Turnbull, Mrs. B. D. Thomas, Mrs. Cleon Edenfield, Mrs. D. C. Johnson and Mrs. L. C. Hawes Jr. The clubhouse, the former St. Rita Catholic Church, was moved to the

site late last year, and is being renovated at this time.

The club itself was organized May 9, 1947 by Miss Gilbert, who called together a few very interested friends to meet with her in the back garden of her lovely home at 14th Street and Meridian Avenue in April of that year.

On April 21, with approximately 60 charter members, the club was affiliated. Charter members still associated with the Dade City Garden Club are: Mrs. Robert K. Butler, who donated for Arbor Day the magnolia tree planted last week, Mrs. W. P. Cain, Mrs. Carl P. Deal, Mrs. Wardlaw Jones, Mrs. J. T. McKinstry, Mrs. Charles F. Touchton, Mrs. W. C. Webb and, of course, Miss Gilbert.

The first two circles organized were the Mimosa, headed by Mrs. Everett Thornton, and Hibiscus, of which Mrs. Leslie Besinger was president.

The first officers for the Dade City General Club were: Miss Gilbert, president, Mrs. F. M. Massey, first vice president, Miss Mildred Huckabay (later Mrs. Frank Price), second vice president, Mrs. Wardlaw Jones, secretary, and Mrs. Sam Slough, treasurer.

Present officers of the organization are: Mrs. J. F. Jeter, president, Mrs. W. F. Brewton, first vice president, Mrs. Hugh Turner, second vice president, Mrs. Wallace Bozeman, treasurer, Mrs. S. D. Goldsby, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Wayne Clark, recording secretary.

Four circles organized in the last few years are: Poinsettia, headed by Mrs. Cecil Jordan; Magnolia, Mrs. Ron Jones, president; Hollyhock, Mrs. Morris Nichols, president; and Hibiscus, headed by Mrs. Charles Carey, assisted by 22 functioning committee chairmen.

The invocation at the dedication ceremony last week was by the Rev. E. C. Tyner, and those among the 40 persons present included several area businessmen, representatives of the city and interested area residents.



THELMA GILBERT, founder of the Dade City Garden Club, far left, looks over plans with Inez Jeter, president of the

organization, center, and Alice Hall, chaplain of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.



A MAGNOLIA TREE, dedicated to Thelma Gilbert, founder of the Dade City Garden Club nearly 30 years ago, is planted during ceremonies at the organization's new home on 5th Street.

Pictured are, from left- Alice Hall, Thelma Gilbert, Patti Brewton, Loretta Clerk, Mary Jordan, Pat Carver, Geni Nichols, Rita Carey and Inez Jeter, president.

Photos By George Wilkens



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GENERAL GARDEN CLUB officers for 1977-78 were installed Monday morning in a ceremony conducted by Mrs. George [Pat] Carver of the Magnolia Circle at the home of Mrs. J.F. [Inez] Jeter, who presided at the meeting. Pictured are: from left—Mrs. W.H. [Tiny] Bozeman, treasurer; Mrs. S.D. [Annie Mae] Goldsby, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Wayne [Loretta] Clark, recording secretary; Mrs. Helen McNeil, standing in for

Mrs. Hugh [Margie] Turner, second vice president; Mrs. W.F. [Patti] Brewton, first vice president; Mrs. J.F. [Inez] Jeter, president; and Mrs. George [Pat] Carver, installation officer. Tables, decorated with brightly clad tablecloths and adorned with spring bouquets, held a wide array of covered dishes prepared by the 22 members in attendance.

Hollyhock Circle holds meeting

1977

DADE CITY — The Hollyhock Circle of the Dade City Garden Club held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Brownlee, Feb. 8.

The program chairman, Mrs. Truman Grason, introduced her guest Vivian John of the Lucy Mae Nursery in Zephyrhills, who presented a program on the growth and care of bromeliaceous, orchids and other tropical plants. Her

program was most interesting and informative. Ms. John explained, in case of another cold spell, protect plants outdoors by simply putting a layer of newspaper over them, then a bed sheet to prevent the newspaper from blowing away. This is the best and least expensive protection from the cold you can use. Ms. John brought several interesting and exotic plants for the club members to examine. These were plants she had brought back from her travels in South America and the Western part of the United

States.

Following the business meeting a dessert was served by the hostess, Mrs. Brownlee and her co-hostess, Mrs. Jesse Myers, to the following club members: Mrs. Herbert Boltin, Mrs. Pete Brock, Mrs. C. L. Davenport, Mrs. Truman Grason, Mrs. Leon Jordan, Miss Thelma Gilbert, Mrs. Charles McIntosh, Mrs. N. A. McNeil, Mrs. Stephen Newton, Mrs. M. Nichols, Mrs. A. H. Reppard, Mrs. Vera Turnbull, Hugh Turner, Mrs. Webb and Mrs. W. W.

1976



Photo By George Wilkens

THE HOLLYHOCK GARDEN Circle met Nov. 9 at the home of Mrs. Truman Grason, right, during which the hostess presented a program on "Natural Christmas Decorations." Mrs. Grason was assisted at the meeting by Mrs. Stephen Newton, left.

Thanks for coverage

Dade City

Dear Editor:

So many times we do not have time to say "thank you." But the Dade City Garden Club would like to thank you for the splendid service you so willingly did in printing our programs, activities, and especially the time you devoted to our Flower Show.

You were always so cooperative and we want to say thanks to all.

Helen McNeil
Corresponding Secretary

Hollyhock Garden Circle holds meeting

1977

DADE CITY — Hollyhock Garden Circle held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. A. H. Reppard, Jan. 1. A most interesting program on Bonsai trees was presented by Jorge Lucero from Sunset Nursery, Tampa, who just returned from South America where he lectured on a tour of five countries. He explained the word Bonsai means miniature, artistic potted tree. The artistry of fashioning a Bonsai tree began in the 11th Century in China. During his lecture, he fashioned a beautiful Bonsai tree from a small juniper bush. It was later won by Mrs. Jim Wilson.

Following the business meeting, a dessert was served by the hostess, Mrs. Reppard, and her co-hostess, Mrs. Herbert Boltin, to the following members and guests: Mrs. Pete Brock, Mrs. Jim Wilson, Mrs. Steve Ficquette, Mrs. Harry Brownlee, Mrs. C. L. Davenport, Mrs. N. C.

Williams, Miss Thelma Gilbert, Mrs. W. W. Jordan, Mrs. Leon Jordan, Mrs. N. McNeil, Mrs. Tom Broom, Mrs. Morris Nichols, Mrs. C. M. Ghiselin, Mrs. Vera Turnbull, Mrs. Hugh Turner, Mrs. W. C. Webb, Mrs. Phil Atkinson, Mrs. Truman Grason, Mrs. W. N. Wolfe, Mrs. William Daboll, Mrs. Charles McIntosh, and Mrs. Walter Williams.

Circle Membership
1951

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Hesperus Circle

Active

- Mrs. Lotta Aaruff
- " W. M. Barfield
- " F. L. Bessemer
- " B. W. Blount
- " Ray Cook
- " E. G. Cowen
- " J. B. Forsburg
- " W. R. Gagne
- " Sid Larkin
- " W. G. Lester
- " H. S. Marney
- " Cal Moore
- " J. J. McKinstry
- " V. C. Sellman
- " C. F. Touchton, Jr.
- " B. B. Wells
- " Sylvia Wright
- " Cassett

Associate

- Mrs. Harold Wright
- " J. R. A. Williams
- " E. R. Fehlberg
- " Webb Clark



Vee - Flower Show 1967



DAVID GRIFFITH of the greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce presents Mrs. J.F. Jeter, president of Dade City Garden Club, with a plaque in recognition of the organization's beautification efforts. The building, which formerly housed St. Rita Catholic Church, was moved to its present site and renovated by members with funds solicited from community members and businesses.



HOLLYHOCK Garden Circle members prepare decorative Santa Claus candy holders, to be placed on the dinner trays of patients at both local hospitals on Christmas Day. Members made approximately 90 of the items and filled them with goodies, which is an annual project. Pictured at left are: from left—Mrs. C.L. Devenport, Mrs. J.M. Nixon, Mrs. Hugh Turner, Thelma Gilbert, Lucy Myers and Mrs. Joel I. Norris. Pictured at right are: from left—Mrs. Wardlaw Jones, Mrs. Harry Reppard, Mrs. Harry Brownlee, chairman of distribution, Mrs. Leon Jordan and Mrs. N.A. McNeil.

A DONATION to the Garden Center from the East Pasco Junior Woman's Club is made by past president Astrid Staples. Accepting the check is Sallie Edwards and Mrs. Helen Tyner, co-chairmen, while Mrs. J. F. Jeter, president of the Dade City Garden Club, looks on.

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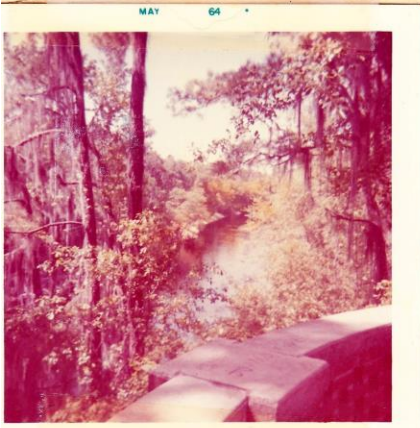
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Hollyhock - Visiting Gardens
Circle 1964



Honey Slough
Thelma Gilbert
Vera Turnbull

Mabel Davenport
Demsey Webb
Helen McNeil

Rebuilt Dade City Garden Club

By ALICE HALL and CATHY LAIR
Tribune Correspondents

Garden Club members from throughout Pasco County, Lakeland, Tampa and Clearwater were headed by Mrs. Dewey R. Villareal of Tampa, president of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and District VIII Director Mrs. Frank T. Lowe of Largo in attending Dade City Garden Club's open house held recently in its newly restored Garden Center.

Mrs. J.F. Jeter, president, greeted guests at the door and Mrs. Bill Brewton, vice president, presided at the guest register.

Mrs. Charles Carey, Mrs. Helen McNeil, Mrs. Donald McBath and Mrs. E.C. Tyner, presidents of the Hibiscus, Hollyhock, Magnolia and Poinsettia circles, poured. Mrs. Ron Oakley and Mrs. Dick Lowrey headed the decorations committee while Mrs. Wallace Bozeman, Mrs. Hjalma Johnson and Mrs. McBath had charge of the kitchen.

The Garden Center, which was the original St. Rita's Catholic Church built about 1914, was given to the club for moving to its property at 1005 South Fifth Street. In its renovation, most of the original features of the frame structure were retained and enhanced.

Pasco People

Landscaping plans include the planting of many trees on Arbor Day in January.



The Dade City Garden Center hosted an open house Sunday for members of the community to tour the facility on 5th Street. At left is a view of the interior of the center from the south balcony.

Photos by George Wilkens



MEMBERS of other gardening organizations were among those who visited the new Dade City Garden Center Sunday. Pictured are: from left - Mrs. W.D. Howze, first vice president, Tampa Federation Garden Club Circle; Mrs. Frank T. Lowe, director, District 8, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC); Mrs. Dewey

Villareal of Tampa, state president, FFGC; Mrs. J.F. Jeter, president, Dade City Garden Club; Mrs. Wade Stephens, state environmental quality chairman, FFGC; and Mrs. William F. Brewton, first vice president, Dade City Garden Club.

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FUTURE FARMERS of America members from the Dade City Junior Chapter placed soil in front of the new Dade City Garden Center prior to Sunday's open house at the refurbished facility, which was moved to its present

Photo by George Wilkens

location after serving the congregation of St. Rita Catholic Church for many years. Pictured are: from left - Cathy Jeter, Esther Vechtelheimer, Kathy Stalley, Debbie Blommel, Brad and Michael Payne.

Any Hen Would Be Proud

By PANKY GLAMSCH
Tribune Staff Writer

Once upon a time, colored eggs were considered to be an Eastertime specialty.

Today, in some places, eggs are colored blue, green, yellow and purple all year round. And they are decorated so beautifully it is difficult to believe they basically are dull hen eggs.

Such is the case with the eggs decorated by Mrs. Lydia Boltin of Dade City.

And, not only does she decorate them extensively and throughout the year, but she also does not confine her decorating to chicken eggs.

THERE ARE duck, goose, rhea, ostrich, emu, Japanese quail, black swan and cassowary eggs. They range in size from that of the tiny, thimble-size quail eggs to the larger, six-inch eggs of the ostrich, rhea and cassowary.

Mrs. Boltin lumps them all together and calls them "the ubiquitous egg," since the egg is everywhere.

Born Lydia Land of Plant City, she is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schneider for whom the stadium there was named.

"The Schneiders were from Lancaster, Pa., in the area where many Germans lived," recalled Mrs. Boltin. "The Germans

were the ones responsible for bringing colored eggs to this country.

"AT EASTER we used to dab on color from small bottles and always wound up with the prettiest eggs around.

"When my five children were grown and I was not dying Easter eggs any more I read about the eggs decorated by Faberge and got real excited," she added.

That was 15 years ago. At first, she made a lot of decorated eggs to hang from "Easter egg trees." Then she branched out into eggs on bases.

By 1972, she had become so expert at eggery she was one of four persons in the United States asked to exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution.

FABERGE CONCENTRATED on craftsmanship and claimed the czar of Russia as one of his chief patrons.

Where he used precious metals to mold the eggs, Mrs. Boltin uses real eggs for the foundation of her works of art.

The materials used to decorate them mostly are imported from Germany, Italy, Austria and England. Tiny figurines appearing in many of the eggs usually are hand-carved wooden originals from Italy.

"You can't imagine the hundreds of little bitty things you try until you get the right thing," said the eggger.

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Lydia Boltin carefully applies trim to a goose egg she is decorating.



—Tribune Photo by Jim Tuten
Mrs. Lydia Bolton's ostrich egg won first place at the recent arts and crafts festival in Dade City.

Her Art Just Eggs Her On

By JIM DAWKINS
Tribune Staff Writer

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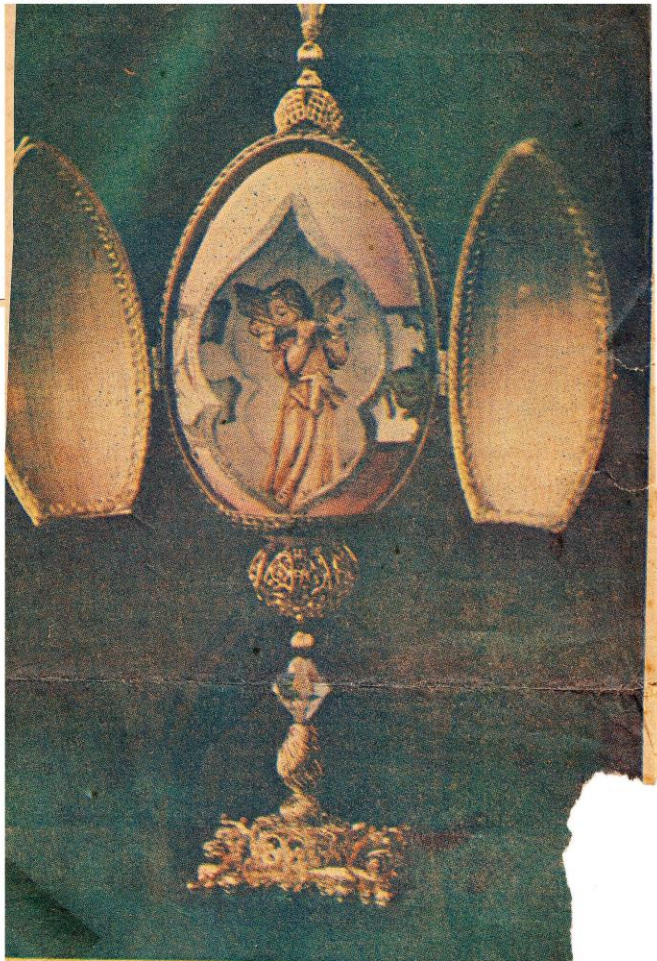
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The art form uses eggs as the basic canvas for miniature portraits and appliques.

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(See HER ART, 4-G)



Hand carved and painted angel stands in this egg within an egg, about \$100. Goose eggs were used, one smaller than the other. When the outer egg's doorknob is turned, a knob on top is turned revealing the figure in the second egg.



Photographs by
Jim Tuten

Examples of Lydia Bolton's eggery include the smaller goose egg which she made into a jewelry box. It sells for about \$85. The ostrich egg with a nativity scene inside is worth about \$200.



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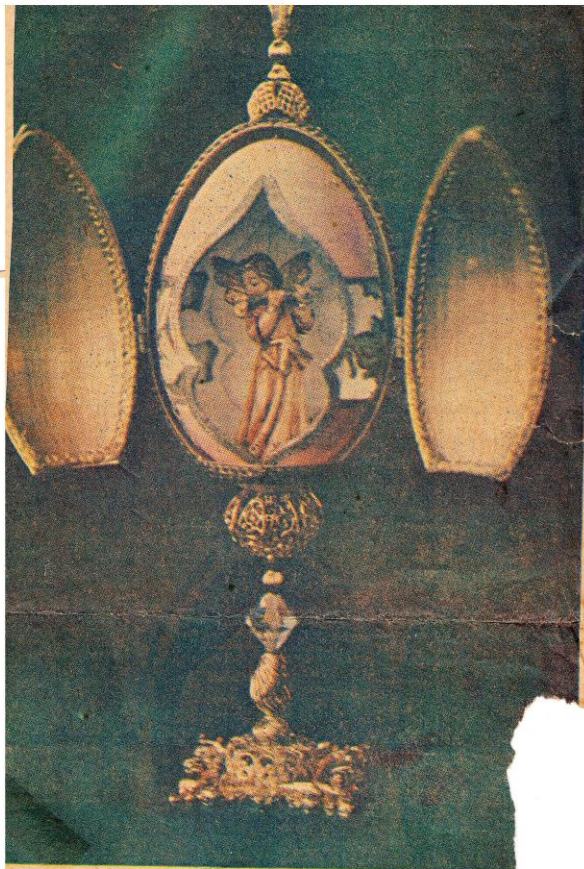
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Turner Elected As President Of Dade City Garden Club

By ALICE HALL
Tribune Correspondent

Marjorie Turner has been elected president of Dade City Garden Club and will succeed Inez Jeter.

Other officers chosen for the ensuing year include Catherine Deal, first vice president; Gail Surratt, second vice president; Carolyn Lowry, recording secretary; Helen McNeil, corresponding secretary; and Tiny Bozeman treasurer.

The new corps will be installed at the club's final meeting of the season in May.

History of club explained

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles submitted by members of the Dade City Garden Club. The other articles will appear in future editions of Pasco News.

By **BARBARA MORAN**

So often friends and neighbors ask "What is the Dade City Garden Club all about?"

It has, therefore, occurred to us as members that maybe more people in our community wonder that same thing. During the next few weeks we will try to answer this question and perhaps a few more in a six-part series.

The topics we will cover will be The Garden Club, organization, national, state and local; the history of the Dade City Garden Club; the Dade City Garden Club; our past achievements; our present projects; the Garden Club Center; and our future goals.

We hope you'll enjoy these articles and as a result, support our projects and help us to make Dade City the prettiest little city in Central Florida.

The Garden Club Organization

The National Council of State Garden Clubs Inc. originated with the Federated Garden Club of New York State with Mrs. John Paris the moving spirit. She invited each of the then state federations to send a representative to a meeting in New York. Seven states accepted: Illinois, Iowa, Massa-

chusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas and the national capital. On May 1, 1929, the National Council was founded and was comprised of 19 state federations.

In 1930 a charter was granted to the National Council of State Garden Club Federations. The charter membership consisted of 13 state federations: Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

Since 1959 we have grown from 13 to 50 state federations and have divided into eight regions. Florida is a member of the Deep South Region.

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., is composed of 1,093 garden clubs and circles with approximately 29,000 members. It was organized April 25, 1925, and incorporated May 29, 1952. It is one of the 13 charter member states of the National Council of State Garden Clubs Inc. and its organization May 1, 1929.

The Dade City Garden Club emerged on May 9, 1947. It is composed of four garden circles: Poinsetta, Hollvock, Magnolia and Hibiscus. The membership is presently totaled at 76.

The general club meets on the third Monday during September, November, January, March and May.

Garden Circles meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each

month, or as determined by circle members.

The general club consists of an executive board with representation from all the circles. The circles elect their own officers and committee chairman.

The Dade City Garden Club is organized in accordance with the by-laws and regulations

set forth by the state and national council.

We are proud of our early beginnings and look forward to its future growth.

We hope this article will give you some understanding of our organizational structure. In the next article I will discuss our history.

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Photo by Carol Jeffares

BEBE CAIN has been busy preparing jams, jellies and pickles to be sold at the "Country Craft Fair," to be held Saturday, Nov. 3, at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Dade City. A variety of music and entertainment has been planned. There will be other

events such as arts and crafts show, with many craftsmen from throughout the area. All proceeds for the event will go toward refurbishing the church.



Garden Club holds Flower Show

Dade City Garden Club's Spring Flower Show, held recently in the Garden Center and with "Extra Extra" as theme, saw Shirley Jackson and Bea Merchant acclaimed as artistic and horticulture divisions sweepstakes winners respectively. Jackson had the most blue ribbon points on her entries in the artistic section and Merchant had the most in the horticulture section.

Catherine Deal, with 16 blue ribbons, was runner-up to Merchant, who had 17 for the Horticultural Sweepstakes honor.

Pat Carver's blue ribbon winning artistic design, interpreting "Tornado Destroys Poultry Farm" in the Current Events section, won

for her the coveted Creativity Award. Joan Pryor won the equally coveted Tricolor Award on her design interpreting "Historical Preservation Society Banquet" in the Town Topics section.

Other winners of blue, or first place, ribbons in the artistic division were Ellen Sunka, Beverly Gilmore, Vee Jones, Mary Jordan and Mickey Croy.

Madelyn Butler won the Horticultural Excellence Award on her Linda fern entry and Ruth "Polly" Touchton the In Appreciation Award on her red flowering Easter cactus.

Awards of Merit rosettes in the horticulture division went to Ila Dowling, Mary

Cole, Annie Mae Goldsby, Bea Merchant, Alma McCollum, Mary Jordan and Elizabeth Thomas.

Other blue ribbon winners

in horticulture included Cassie Dowling, Ila Dowling, Naomi King, Ellen Sunka and Mary Tipton, all of Hibiscus Circle; Vicki Greipenburg, Bea Merchant, Virginia McIntosh, Vee Jones, Evelyn Reppard, Joan Taubel and Marjorie Turner, all of Hollyhock Circle; Tiny Bozeman, Pat Carver, Marilyn Graves, Becky Peeler, Elizabeth Thomas and Gail Surratt, all of Magnolia Circle; Madelyn Butler, Gloria Bronesky, Mary Cole, Catherine Deal, Maryon Denlinger, Ione Denicke, Annie Mae Goldsby, Bernice Griffin, Edna Garren, Beth Hammond, Mary Jordan, Inez Jeter, Barbara Moran, Alma McCollum, Chris O'Connell, Joan Pryor, Ruth "Polly" Touchton and Helen Tyner, all of Poinsettia Circle.

Non-member Dade City residents winning blue ribbons on horticultural entries included: Harry McKillips, Juanita Frassrand, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Strabel and Beatrice Shad.

Michael Dowling, with four blue ribbons on his entries, won the Sweepstakes Award in the Junior Division. David Deal, with two, was runner-up.

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Garden Club bazaar to be held Dec. 4

DADE CITY— The Garden Club bazaar will only be one day this year, according to a club spokesman. It will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Garden Center located at 1000 S. Fifth Street and will remain open until 7 p.m.

The general bazaar chairman is Jane Davis. The Hibiscus Circle, with Beverly Gilmore in charge, will organize the

plant section. The corner cupboard will feature baked goods, jams, pickles, and preserves and will be managed by the Magnolia Circle with Gail Surratt as chairman.

The Poinsettia Circle, under the direction of Gloria Bronesky and Inez Jeter, will set up the boutique and large christmas decorations. The Tea Garden will serve lunch and snacks all

day with Bebe Cain of the Hollyhock Circle organizing the kitchen.

Hollyhock Circle, under the supervision of Marjorie Turner, will also be in charge of the small Christmas decorations and ornaments.

Two afghans, made by Ida Walker and Mabel Jordan, will be given away during the bazaar. The public is invited to visit the Garden Center on Dec. 4 and have lunch.