

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 98-149

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING THE DADE CITY GARDEN CLUB ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, in May, 1947, the Dade City Garden Club was founded by its first president, Thelma Gilbert, and thereafter became federated with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs on April 21, 1948; and

WHEREAS, during the past fifty years, membership in the Dade City Garden Club has grown from its original 57 charter members to a present membership of 140; and

WHEREAS, the Dade City Garden Club, which is comprised of seven individual circles, has been concerned with the beautification of the local community as well as the education of its members and the general public in the areas of floral design, horticulture, and conservation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Dade City Garden Club has participated in various community civic projects in Dade City including landscaping the old Courthouse, the Civic Center, the Chamber of Commerce, the National Guard Armory, Cox Elementary School, Pasco Elementary School, and Lester Park, and co-sponsorship with the City of Dade City of the Memorial Tree Planting Program; and

WHEREAS, over the years the Dade City Garden Club has sponsored various Junior Gardening classes at local schools and has held annual flower shows; and

WHEREAS, the Dade City Garden Club maintains the Dade City Garden Center, and its surrounding grounds and opens the gardens to the general public for their education and enjoyment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, in regular session, duly assembled, that said Board hereby congratulates the Dade City Garden Club on its fiftieth anniversary and its many years of dedicated service to the beautification and education of the local community.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 21st day of April, 1998.



BY: Jed Pittman
JED PITTMAN, CLERK

Ann Hildebrand
ANN HILDEBRAND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Ed Collins
ED COLLINS, DISTRICT 4

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Sylvia Young
SYLVIA YOUNG, CHAIRMAN

Pat Mulieri
PAT MULIERI, DISTRICT 2

David H. Clark
DAVID H. CLARK, DISTRICT 5

May 28, 1997
at 37439 Meridian Av
(The Gilbert House)

Those attending:

Catharine Deal	Penicillia	Charter Member
Dorcy Jeter	"	
Mabel Davenport	Hollyhock	
Ellen Swaka	Chrysin + Scabiosa	
Janet Gibson	Azalea	
Sheila Seme	Dogwood	
Kimberly Kinney	Dogwood	
Lana Johnson	Magnolia	
Kathy Reynolds	Magnolia	
Laura DeLong	Magnolia	
Kathy Stearns	Magnolia	
Jeanne Stephens	Azalea	
Louise Amdal	Azalea	
Jean Tupper	Dogwood	
Sue Porter	Azalea	
Jaye Vanduyaght	Azalea	
Jane Young Farmer	Dogwood	
Helen Dwyer	Penicillia	

Carolyn Guffin	Poinsettia
Kompassa Wehl	Hollyhock Charter Member
Jean Cate	Azalea
Diane Cooper	Hollyhock (former member)
Pat Carver	Magnolia
Betsy Covington Puterbaugh	Dogwood
Normeda Jure	Azalea
B. Merchant	- Hollyhock
Evelyn Reppard	- Hollyhock Charter Member
Patricia Schuster	- Azalea
Mary Roper	- Azalea
Billie Daboll	Hollyhock
Beth Hammond	Poinsettia
Betty Jilly	Magnolia
Hazel Lester	Charter Member



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DADE CITY GARDEN CLUB

Photo furnished
 The Dade City Garden Club held a celebration picnic to usher in their 50th Anniversary. Pictured are the club's ex-presidents. Seated L to R: Mary Smith and Catherine Henrich. Standing L to R: Beth Hammond, Pat Carver, Joan Pryor, Inez Jeter, Sue Porter. Catherine Henrich is the only ex-president who is a charter member of the Dade City Garden Club.



HIBISCUS GARDEN CIRCLE

OFFICERS

1997-98

President Mary Tipton
1st Vice President Picola Wallace
2nd Vice President Faye Stevens
Secretary Naoma King
Treasurer Ellen Sunka

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Birds & Butterflies Naoma King
Civic & Roadside John Sunka, Jr.
Conservation & Recycling Dorothy Dowling
Flower Show Faye Stevens
Garden Center House & Grounds Mary Tipton
Horticulture Picola Wallace
Hospitality Mary Tipton
Membership Faye Stevens
Parliamentarian Ellen Sunka
Publicity Ellen & John Sunka
Ways & Means Naoma King
Youth John Sunka, Jr.
50th Anniversary Bonnie Welborn



HOLLYHOCK GARDEN CIRCLE

OFFICERS

1996-97

President Mrs. Michele Sutton
1st Vice President Mrs. Deanna Mander
Recording Secretary Ms. Karen Lind
Treasurer Mrs. Betty Flaherty

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Awards Kay Tano
Birds & Butterflies Deanna Mander
Chaplain Mabel Davenport
Civic & Roadside Mary Louise Brock
Conser., Recycling & Environ. Bebe Cain
Flower Show Shirley Jackson
Garden Center Grounds Dempsey Webb
Garden Therapy Shirley Jackson
Horticulture Renee Stout
Hospitality Cheryl O'Berry
House Michelle Sutton
National Garden Week Susan Peterson
Parliamentarian Mabel Davenport
Publicity Janice Klingle
Ways & Means Karen Lind
Youth Deborah Larue
50th Anniversary Mary Louise Brock

MAGNOLIA GARDEN CIRCLE

OFFICERS 1997-98

President.....Kathy Reynolds
1st Vice President.....Ruth McBath
2nd Vice President.....Judy Walls
Recording Secretary.....Linda Sartain
Corresponding Secretary.....Jay Gates
Treasurer.....Diane Class

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Awards.....Jay Gates
Birds & Butterflies.....Stephanie Stratton
Chaplain.....Diane Class
Civic & Roadside Development.....Pat Carver
Conservation, Recycling & Environment
.....Cathy Sterns
Flower Show.....Jackie Freedom
Garden Center (Grounds).....Donna Davis
Garden Center House Chairman.....Patsy Scott
Garden Therapy.....Donna Davis
Horticulture.....Judy Morris
Hospitality.....
Membership.....Judy Walls
National Garden Week.....Betty Filley
Parliamentarian.....Lee Nunn
Programs.....Ruth McBath
Publicity.....Stephanie Stratton
Telephone.....Laura DeLong
Ways & Means :
Festosa.....Laura Johnson
Cookbook.....Tory Carr
Mariellen Blackstone
Ornament.....Bobby Carlisle
Youth.....Carol Trice
50th Anniversary.....Judy Morris

POINSETTIA GARDEN CIRCLE

OFFICERS 1997-98

President.....Carolyn Griffin
1st Vice President.....Helen Tyner
Alma McCollum
2nd Vice President.....Catherine Henrich
Recording Secretary.....Bettyann Sayre
Corresponding Secretary.....Opal Schneider
Treasurer.....Beth Hammond

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Awards.....Bettyann Sayre
Birds & Butterflies.....Catherine Deal Henrich
Chaplain.....Maryon Denlinger
Civic/Roadside Development ..Catherine Henrich
Conservation & Environmental Concerns
.....Betty DeWitt
Flower Show.....Carolyn Griffin
Garden Center ,
House.....Helen Lefevre
Grounds.....Betty DeWitt
Garden Therapy.....
Historian.....Opal Schneider
Horticulture.....Catherine Henrich
Hospitality.....Jennie Lou Hemingway
Bernice Griffin
Library.....Carolyn Griffin
Membership.....Catherine Henrich
National Garden Week.....Carolyn Griffin
Parliamentarian.....Catherine Deal Henrich
Programs.....Helen Tyner & Alma McCollum
Publicity.....Betty DeWitt
Telephone.....Maryon Denlinger
Ways & Means.....Beth Hammond



In Loving Memory of

INEZ JETER

MISS ME - - - BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road,
 and the Sun has set for me,
 I want no rites in a gloom filled room
 Why cry for a Soul set free.
 Miss me a little - - - but not too long
 and not with your head bowed low,
 Remember the love that once was shared
 Miss me - - - but let me go.
 For this is a journey we must all take
 and each must go alone,
 It is all a part of the Master's plan,
 a step on the road to home.
 When you are lonely and sick of heart,
 Go to friends we know
 And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds

MISS ME - - - BUT LET ME GO

Author Unknown

**DADE CITY
GARDEN CLUB, INC.**

**GENERAL OFFICERS
1997 - 1998**

- President.....Mrs. Faye Stevens
- 1st Vice President.....Mrs. Janet Gibson
- 2nd Vice President.....Mrs. Sue Porter
- Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Mary Roper
- Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. Shelia Seme
- Treasurer.....Mrs. Mary Young Smith
- Assistant Treasurer.....Mrs. Beth Hammond
Mrs. Jean Cate

CIRCLE PRESIDENTS

- Azalea.....Mrs. Mary Roper
- Dogwood.....Mrs. Mary Y. Smith
- Hibiscus.....Mrs. Mary Tipton
- Hollyhock.....Mrs. Michele Sutton
- Magnolia.....Mrs. Kathy Reynolds
- Poinsettia.....Mrs. Carolyn Griffin

CHARTER MEMBERS

- Mrs. E. J. Henrich
- Mrs. Wardlaw Jones
- Mrs. Brantley Thomas
- Mrs. W. C. Webb

**DADE CITY GARDEN CLUB LIFE
MEMBERS**

- Mrs. Jewel Atkinson
- Mrs. Evelyn Reppard
- Mrs. Catherine Deal Henrich
- Mrs. Vee Jones
- Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas
- Mrs. Dempsey Webb

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- Mr. William Hammond
- Mr. Ed Henrich
- Mr. J. F. Jeter
- Mr. William Porter
- Mr. Kim Freedom
- Mr. Bill Webb



1997-98 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Awards.....	
Birds	Normeda Hope
Butterflies	Jay Gates
Chaplain	Ellen Sunka
Civic	Pat Carver
Conservation, Recycling & Environmental Concerns	Stephnie Straten
Finance	Mary Young Smith
Flower Show	Pat Carver, Chairman
.....	Co-Chairman
Garden Center	
House	Mary Young Smith
Grounds	Donna Davis
Rentals.....	Beth Hammond, Chairman
	Mary Young Smith, Co-Chairman
Library & Files.....	Laura DeLong
Memorial Gardens.....	Lou Amdal
Garden Therapy	Sheila Seme
Historian	Mary Smith
Horticulture.....	Catherine Henrich
Hospitality.....	Carolyn Griffin
Master Gardener	Marjorie Stephenson
Membership	Sue Porter
Memorial Contributions	Jean Cate
National Garden Week..	Betty Filley, Chairman
	Janice Klinge, Co-Chairman
Native Plants and Wildflowers	Carolyn Falls
Parliamentarian.....	Joan Pryor
Plant Faire.....	Becky Peeler
Programs.....	Janet Gibson
Publicity.....	Barbara Mercer
Roadside Development	Barbara Mercer
Telephone	Evelyn Reppard
Trees	Catherine Henrich, Chairman
	Jean Cate, Co-Chairman
Ways and Means	
Ornaments	Jay Gates
	Pat Schmirler
Youth.....	
50th Anniversary.....	Kay Tano

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1997 - 1998

AUGUST

Monday, 25th, 9:30a.m. Board Meeting
Garden Center
Hostess..... Sheila Seme

SEPTEMBER

Monday, 15th, 9:30a.m. General Meeting
Program..... "How Far We've Come"
Floral Design
Presented by Sue Jones
Hostess..... Azalea

OCTOBER

Wednesday, 22th..... Fall District VIII Meeting
Hostesss Manatee River Garden Club
Bradenton

Monday, 27th, 9:30a.m. Board Meeting
Garden Center
Hostess..... Janet Gibson

NOVEMBER

Monday, 17th 9:30a.m. General Club Meeting
Program..... "Looking Back 50 Years"
Antique Roses
Presented by..... Kathy Hicks
Hostess..... Dogwood

Sunday, Nov. 9th "Festosa"
Magnolie Circle - Williams

Saturday, 15th..... Plant Faire
..... Garden Center

JANUARY

Monday, 19th, 9:30a.m. ... General Club Meeting
Program..... "A Time Line"
..... Native Plants
Presented by Brightman Logan
Hostess..... Hibiscus

Friday, 16th Arbor Day

FEBRUARY

Monday, 23th, 9:30a.m. Board Meeting
Garden Center
Hostess..... Faye Stevens



MARCH

Monday, 16th, 9:30a.m. ... General Club Meeting
Program "The Next 50 Years"
..... Keep Pasco Beautiful
Presented by David West
..... Recycling
Presented by Christine Bradley
Hostesses Hollyhock

APRIL

Friday, 3rd, Saturday 4th Flower Show
Dade City Garden Center

Wed., 29th-Thurs., 30th FFGC Convention
Ft. Lauderdale

Monday, 27th, 9:30a.m. Board Meeting
Garden Center
Hostess Jean Cate

MAY

May 6th District VIII Spring Meeting
Sarasota

Monday, 18th, 11:30a.m. General Meeting
Covered Dish Luncheon
Program Installation of Officers
and Circle Presidents' Report
Hostess Magnolia and Poinsettia

JUNE

Sunday, 1st Deadline for State & Nat. Dues,
BOI forms, and corrected printout of members

Sun. 7st-Sat. 13th National Garden Week

Monday, 2rd Board Meeting
Garden Center
Hostess Sue Porter

10th - 12th Short Course
..... University of Florida

June - July Wekiva Youth Camp

PAST PRESIDENTS

Miss Thelma Gilbert 1947-48
Miss Thelma Gilbert 1948-49
Mrs. Charles F. Touchton 1949-50
Mrs. Ray (Gale) Therres 1950-51
Mrs. W. W. (Vee) Jones 1951-52
Mrs. Carl (Catherine) Deal 1952-53
Mrs. W. F. (Louise) Edwards 1953-54
Mrs. W. F. (Louise) Edwards 1954-55
Mrs. Arthur (Laura) Benson 1955-56
Mrs. Sallie Edwards 1956-57
Mrs. Cleon (Marge) Edenfield 1957-58
Mrs. D. D. (Joyce) Covington 1958-59
Mrs. W. B. (Betty) Petway 1959-60
Mrs. James (Lela) Futch 1960-61
Mrs. E. M. (Eurlie) Covington 1961-62
Mrs. W. M. (Elizabeth) Gaddis 1962-63
Mrs. W. M. (Elizabeth) Gaddis 1963-64
Mrs. Mel (Frances) Hanson 1964-65
Mrs. E. B. (Pat) Larkin 1965-66
Mrs. Cleon (Marge) Edenfield 1966-67
Mrs. Clyde (Joy) Hobby 1967-68
Mrs. Clyde (Joy) Hobby 1968-69
Mrs. Frank (Kay) Wallace 1969-70
Mrs. Carl (Catherine) Deal 1970-71
Miss Clara Ann Smith 1971-72
Mrs. Ken (Anita) Walrond 1972-73
Mrs. Ken (Anita) Walrond 1973-74

Mrs. Herrick (Ruth) Thomas 1974-75
Mrs. Ed (Maggie) Crone 1975-76
Mrs. J. F. (Inez) Jeter 1976-77
Mrs. J. F. (Inez) Jeter 1977-78
Mrs. J. F. (Inez) Jeter 1978-79
Mrs. Hugh (Marjorie) Turner 1979-80
Mrs. Hugh (Marjorie) Turner 1980-81
Mrs. Hugh (Marjorie) Turner 1981-82
Mrs. Bob (Joan) Pryor 1982-83
Mrs. Bob (Joan) Pryor 1983-84
Mrs. Carl (Catherine) Deal 1984-85
Mrs. Carl (Catherine) Deal 1985-86
Mrs. William (Beth) Hammond 1986-87
Mrs. William (Beth) Hammond 1987-88
Mrs. William (Beth) Hammond 1988-89
Mrs. William (Sue) Porter 1989-90
Mrs. William (Sue) Porter 1990-91
Mrs. Bob (Joan) Pryor 1991-92
Mrs. Bob (Joan) Pryor 1992-93
Mrs. Victor (Mary Young) Smith 1993-94
Mrs. George (Pat) Carver 1994-95
Mrs. George (Pat) Carver 1995-96
Mrs. Faye Stevens 1996-97



AZALEA GARDEN CIRCLE

OFFICERS 1997-98

President Mrs. Mary Roper
1st Vice President..... Mrs. Annette Goddard
2nd Vice President Mrs. Janet Gibson
Recording Secretary Mrs. Normeda Hope
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Olga Brunk
Treasurer..... Mrs. Pat Schmirler

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Awards..... Dot Tucker
Birds & Butterflies Normeda Hope
Chaplain
Civic Sue Porter
Conservation, Recycling..... John Rudishouser
Grounds Jean Cate
Chris O'Connell
Historian Virginia Johnson
Horticulture & Plant Faire Janet Gibson
Hospitality..... Mary Copeland
House Chairman..... Pat Schmirler
Master Gardener Jeannine Stephens
Membership Janet Gibson
Native Plants, Trees, Wildflowers..... Sue Porter
Parliamentarian..... Carolyn Byrnes
Flower Show Becky Peeler, Dot Tucker
Programs Annette Goddard
Publicity Jean Cate
Ways & Means Pat Schmirler
50th Anniversary..... Juanita O'Berry
Youth.....

DOGWOOD GARDEN CIRCLE

OFFICERS 1997-98

President Mary Young Smith
1st Vice President..... Vickie West
2nd Vice President Betsy Puterbaugh
Recording Secretary Kaye Johnson
Corresponding Secretary Yvonne Sickler
Treasurer..... Lonnie Graham

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Awards..... Betsy Puterbaugh
Birds & Butterflies Carolyn Falls
Chaplain Margaret Jones
Civic & Roadside Lonnie Graham
Conservation & Recycling..... Kaye Johnson
Flower Show Joan Pryor & Sue Pryor
Garden Center
House Mary Young Smith
Grounds Tami Bentley
Garden Therapy Sheila Seme
Historian Kim Kinney & Tami Bentley
Horticulture..... Lonnie Graham
Hospitality..... Vickie West
National Garden Week..... Vickie West
Membership Betsy Puterbaugh
Parliamentarian..... Joan Pryor
Programs Vickie West
Publicity Vickie West
Telephone Mary Smith & Kaye Johnson
Ways & Means June Young Farmer
Mary Cable
Youth..... Kathy Nawlin





The Tampa Tribune, Friday, June 6, 1997

50th anniversary: The Dade City Garden Club celebrated its 50th anniversary of its founding on May 28. The organizational meeting took place in the garden of the first president, **Thelma Gilbert**.

The current residents of this home, **Caroline Burns** and her son, **John Rudachauer**, are new members of the Azalea Circle and invited the club to hold an anniversary tea in their garden. The two charter members still active in the club are **Dempsey Webb** and **Catherine Deal Henrich**. Other charter members living in Dade City were invited to the party and shared memories. Club members are planning activities throughout the coming year in recognition of its 50th year.









Dade City Garden Club wins honors at state convention

The Dade City Garden Club is celebrating honors and election results following the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 71st State Convention in Daytona Beach.

Joan Pryor, former president of the Dade City club and outgoing director of District 8, was elected third vice president of the FFGC. She was installed by former FFGC president Addie Lou Harris.

For its work on the Lester Park dedication and the first planting of the Memorial Tree Program, the Dade City Garden Club received the Clyde D. Ware Award for Civic Development. One of the considerations of the award is the degree of participation by the com-



SUZANNE HAYES

EAST PASCO

munity, which the club reports as outstanding.

The club also won the FFGC Mary S. Compton Award for publicity by submitting the best booklet containing coverage of club activities for the year.

Pat Carver shared the Nell Coe

Award with Lois Weber of Tarpon Springs. The award is given for achievement in an area selected by the FFGC president. This year's award theme was "Establishing Urban Wildlife Habitat Areas." Carver's winning backyard habitat met the requirements of providing year-round food sources, shelter cover, nesting sites and adequate water supply for wildlife.

For her contributions to the State Federation, Sue Pryor of Dogwood Circle received life membership in the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

The Dade City Maintenance Yard, District 7, of the Department of Transportation received second-place honors for planting wildflowers. Robert Foster and Will Moriarty accepted the award for the department.

National Garden Week is June 1-7. The club will have several activities including Memorial Tree Plantings. Anyone interested in planting a tree in memory of or in honor of a loved one or to commemorate a special event, is invited to call one of the following people.

Place orders by calling Carver at (352) 567-3844; Jean Cate at (352) 583-5871; or Catherine Henrich at (352) 565-3964. Costs range from \$50 to \$95. The club will make the memorial plaques, and the city will plant and maintain the trees and install the plaques. The Memorial Tree Program is co-sponsored by the Dade City Garden Club and the City of Dade City.



Special to the Times

The Dade City Garden Club walked away with honors at the 71st State Convention of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in Daytona Beach. Shown at the convention are, from left, Judy Morris, Pat Carver, Joan Pryor and Jackie Freedom.

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GENERAL MEETING DADE CITY GARDEN CLUB 5-19-97



A covered dish luncheon was served. Dogwood and Hibiscus circles were hostesses.

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM by president Faye Stevens.

A reading was given by chaplain Ellen Sunka. A pledge to the American Flag was led by Faye Stevens.

District 8 director Carol Lucia was introduced.

Roll call of circles was given and all were represented.

The minutes of the last general meeting 3-17-97 were previewed and approved by Shelia Seme, Jean Cate and Carolyn Griffin.

Treasurer's Report - presented by Mary Y. Smith for Betty DeWitt. Balance \$2,769.74. Memorial Tree Escrow - \$562.10.

Circle Presidents Annual Reports. Reports are attached to these minutes.

Azalea Circle - Becky Peeler - 3 new members
Dogwood Circle - Mary Y. Smith - 4 new members
Hibiscus Circle - Mary Tipton - 2 new members
Hollyhock Circle - no report
Magnolia Circle - Kathy Reynolds - 2 new members
Poinsettia Circle - Carolyn Griffin - 4 new members

Committee Reports:

50th Anniversary kick-off - Carolyn Griffin - Reception will be at the home of Caroline Byrnes, 37439 Meridian Ave. on May 28th 1997 at 2:00 PM.

National Gardening Week - Betty Filley - Dates are June 1-7 Flower arrangements will be made and put in local businesses. Arrangements will be made on June 1st at 3 PM at the garden center and will be distributed on June 2nd. More vases and containers are needed.

Membership - Sue Porter - Each circle is reminded to have a list of names and addresses, including last 4 digits in zip code, of all members whose dues have been paid. THIS MUST BE TURNED IN TO SUE PORTER AT ONCE.

Correspondance - Shelia Seme - Thankyou note was received from Pasco Elementary School for help on their block party by Pat Carver and Jean Cate.

Trees - Pat Carver - A display and scrap book was presented on Saving The Oaks project.

Awards - Pat Carver - Flower Show awards were presented.

Traveling Award - Mary Y. Smith

Horticulture Award of Excellence - Catherine Henrich

Tri-Color Award - Donna Davis

Creative Award - Donna Davis
Sweepstake Award - Donna Davis
Awards at State Convention:
Publicity Award 1st Place - \$25.00
Publicity won 2nd place in Deep South
Civic Award - Clyde B. Ware Award 1st place in State - \$100.00.
Nell Coe Award - A tie for first place. Pat Carver's back yard-
Bird and animal habitat.
Bettyann Sayre gave Pat Carver the Purple Heart Award as flower
Show co-chairman.

Nominating Committee- Carolyn Griffin. Slate of officers
presented are :

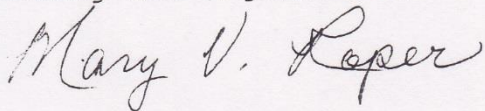
President - Faye Stevens
1st Vice-Pres. - Janet Gibson
2nd Vice-Pres.- Sue Porter
Recording Sec. - Mary Roper
Corresponding Sec. - Shelia Seme
Treasurer - Mary Y. Smith
Asst. Tres. - Jean Cate

No other nominations were made from the floor. Nominations
were closed A motion was made by Beth Hammond to accept the
nominating committees recommendation Motion Passed.

The installation of officers was given by Carol Lucia, District
Eight Director.

President Faye Stevens presented gifts to Pat Carver, Yvonne
Sickler, Beth Hammond, Betty DeWitt, Joan Pryor, Mary Roper, Evelyn
Reppard and expressed thanks to all.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.



Mary Roper, Recording Secretary

Dade City Proclamations OF THE MONTH



Photo by CARLENE ELLBERG

L to R: Janet Gibson, Janis Klinge and Betty Filley.

Whereas, the National Council of State Garden Clubs has designated the first week in June to recognize the 250,000 garden club members across the United State of American; and

Each State will join in the National celebration, which includes the 25,000 members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, the largest in America; and

The Dade City Garden Club with 100 members will observe National Garden Week by sharing their plants and talents with neighbors and friends; and

The Dade City Garden Club, along with the City of Dade City is encouraging the planting of trees with the Memorial Tree Program; and

The Dade City Garden Club through its beautification projects is carrying out the National Council's goal of "Always Creating Beauty"; and

The month of May marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Dade City Garden Clubs, and the club will be celebrating its 50th birthday during the coming year with various activities.

Therefore, Charles A. McIntosh, Jr., as Mayor of Dade City, has declared the week of June 1 through 7, 1997 as National Garden Week in Dade City, and urge all citizens of the city to join in the observance.



June 1997

Garden Club Surprises Area Businesses and Supporters with Bouquets



Mary Young Smith, Carolyn Griffin, Betty Filley (committee chairman), and Janice Klinge proudly display some of the beautiful flower arrangements distributed to local supporters during National Garden Week. Other committee members not pictured: Kathy Reynolds and Inez Jeter.

The Dade City Garden Club, in celebration of National Garden Week, June 1-7, swept through Downtown Dade City on Monday, June 2, distributing bouquets of flowers to area businesses and others who have supported them over the past year. All of the flowers were donated from the gardens of Inez Jeter, Mary Young Smith, Edwin Sargent and Frank Johnson.

Among those receiving the arrangements were the Downtown City Commis-

sioners, the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Main Street, TECO, the Hugh Embry Library, the Department of Transportation, the Post Office, all of the banks, all of the downtown merchants, the newspaper offices, Pasco High School, and all others who donated plants throughout the year or helped to publicize the Garden Club.

For more information on the Garden Club, call Mary Young Smith at (352) 567-3604.



Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must-but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow-
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out-
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt-
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

Author Unknown



East Pasco County Business Focus

June 1997



Bobby Addison and Burt Williams plant a tree on Church Avenue in memory of Betty Pucket Sargent. According to Connie Wilkinson (not pictured), the City of Dade City is planting these trees for the Garden Club who is providing the plaques that go along with the memorial trees. Other trees being planted that same day were ones in memory of John & Sybil Redmond, James Oakley & Rush Tippy Oakley, Richard B. & Mary-Jane Hunt, Jim & Kate Ward & Titus & Mary Brinson, Herb Lipsey, Jesse Clifton Angel & Ellen Fry Angel, Dewey & Bonaybel Hudson, and Amanda Leigh Summers.

Dade City Garden Club

Question: What makes some gardeners have a "green thumb" and others, like me, just have to look at a plant and it dies?

Answer: Educating yourself is probably the first step to successful gardening. The local libraries are full of great books and magazines on the subject. You need to be familiar with the particulars of our climate, what pests and diseases to be on the lookout for, soil conditions and the types of plants that do best here. Every gardener has struggled with problems and failures while learning their craft. At first, stick to the basics. To survive and thrive, the right kind of plant must be watered accordingly, fed regularly, planted properly and in an appropriate location. Pay close attention to these simple steps and the rewards of gardening will come back to you tenfold.

Question: I don't want to sound dumb, but what is the difference between an annual and a perennial? What about a biennial? An evergreen and a deciduous tree?

Answer: An annual will grow for only one season/year before it dies. A perennial has a life span of more than two years and will continue to come back in the garden. A biennial has a life span of two years. The first year they grow from seed into a leafy plant. The second year they flower, set seed and die. The evergreen is just that, "ever green." They do not lose their leaves and look the same all year. A deciduous tree sheds its leaves each fall or winter and comes back with new growth in the spring. Consider these traits when you are choosing the right plant for the right area.

Tip for the season: For an easy insecticidal oil, mix one to two tablespoons of vegetable oil (peanut oil works great) with a gallon water. Shake well. Spray early in the day and be sure the solution isn't too strong or you may burn the leaves.

The City of Dade City and the Dade City Garden Club now have copies of the registration for the Memorial Tree Program. When a donor requests a tree to be planted, the Garden Club processes the request, the City plants and maintains the tree for 90 days, and a brass memorial plaque is inscribed and placed on the marker at the base of the tree. Notification of the planting is sent to the honoree or the family of the honoree, and certificates of appreciation are given to the donors. For a fee of \$50, the memorial tree may be an E. Palatka holly planted on the city's right-of-way on Church Avenue or a crepe myrtle planted on the median of Meridian Avenue. For \$95, a live oak can be planted and maintained in a park, or on private property with consent of the owner.. Special requests will be honored when possible. For further information, contact Jean Cate at 583-5871.



EAST PASCO

Garden club to plant memorial holly trees



Carol J. Hedman

The Dade City Garden Club is observing this week as National Garden Week by sharing plants and talents with neighbors and friends. Included will be a Memorial Tree Planting today on Church Avenue.

East Palatka holly trees will be planted as memorials in honor or memory of: **John Carroll Patterson** by **Karen O. Patterson**; **James Oakley** and

Ruah Tippy Oakley by **Karen O. Patterson**; **Jesse Clifton Angel** and **Ella Fry Angel** by **Karen O. Patterson**; **Amanda Leigh Summers** by **Carolyn** and **Mike Hudson**; **Betty Puckett Sargent** by **Edwin Sargent**, **Meg Sargent Shidler** and **Lee Sargent**; **Porter** and **Margaret Sargent** by **Edwin Sargent**, **Meg Sargent Shidler** and **Lee Sargent**; **Milton Giese** and **Bob Pryor** by the Hibiscus Circle of the Dade City Garden Club; **Jim** and **Katie Ward** and **Titus** and **Mary Brinson** by **Wesley**, **Jean**, **Wes** and **Jim Ward**; and **Myrtle** and **Jerry Hunt** by **Richard B.** and **Mary-Jane Hunt** and family.

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Question: What is the ideal pH for most flower gardens?

Answer: A pH of approximately 6.0 is best.

Question: When discussing roses, what is a floribunda and how is it different from a grandiflora? What is a hybrid tea?

Answer: Floribundas have long stems, a profusion of blooms, and come in a wide variety of sizes, colors and forms. They make hedges and borders. The grandiflora is a cross between the hybrid tree and the floribunds. The class was developed in 1954 for the rose "Queen Elizabeth." These tall roses make a wonderful backdrop or screen. The hybrid tea typifies the classic style of the modern rose. The bush itself grows to a height of two to five

feet, and its blossoms are quite fragrant. They hybrid tea comes in every color except blue, and because of its long, elegant stems, the hybrid tea rose is the perfect choice for floral arrangements.

Question: What are some rules of thumb for container gardening?

Answer: When it comes to container gardening remember these three things: never allow the soil to dry out, keep your plant well-fed, and prune regularly. In addition, while protection from harsh winds, they require



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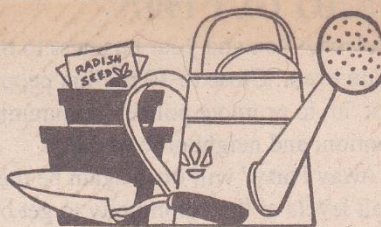
Answer: Soil rich in organic material will retain moisture much better than sandy soil. Keep your plants fairly close together to shade the soil and reduce evaporation. Keep the beds well mulched. Make sure your plants are on level terrain to eliminate run-off. Make use of a drip-system of irrigation or use soaker hoses rather than sprinklers.

Question: What exactly is a cover crop?

Answer: Cover crops are useful during the winter months in enriching the soil and protecting it from erosion. At the end of the growing season, till the soil well and plant rye grass, clover or bean crop. Be sure to rework your cover crop back into the soil before they have a chance to set seed. Your newly enriched soil will be ready for spring planting.

Question: What kind of herbs, etc. can I plant that will attract beneficial insects to my garden?

Answer: Camomile, tansy and yarrow will attract honeybees, lady beetles and parasitic wasps. Don't forget marigolds, goldenrod and sunflowers. Herbs that belong to the mint-family will also attract their share of beneficials, as will catnip, lavender, marjoram, oregano, sage and thyme. Angelica, anise, caraway, dill and fennel will keep lacewings, lady beetles, parasitic wasps and others coming back.



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Question: What do I need to know about a particular vegetable before choosing it for my garden?

Answer: You will need to know-how much space it requires for growing, how much sun it needs, what kind of soil it prefers, how much water it requires, when to plant it and how long from planting to harvest. Probably the most important question that needs to be answered is whether or not your family will eat it.

Question: Is it necessary to rotate the crops in my vegetable garden? I seem to plant the same thing in the same place year after year.

Answer: To get the most out of your soil and minimize pests and disease, you should avoid planting the same annual crops in the same place. Keep track of what you plant each year and where and avoid planting even the same "family" of plant in the same area. For example, peppers, eggplant and tomatoes are all "related" so it might be a good idea to plant carrots where last year's peppers grew. Plant broccoli where the tomatoes were and radishes in place of eggplant. By shifting your beds each year, you will maximize the health of your crop, as well as the yield.

Question: Can you give me a list of what vegetables are hardy?

Answer: Hardy vegetables (able to withstand some frost) include: broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, collard, kale, kohlrabi, leek, onion and spinach.



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Question: What perennials will do well in a very hot and sunny yard?

Answer: Some suggestions would include bush daisy, day lily, African iris, moss verbena, coreopsis, butterfly weed and yarrow.

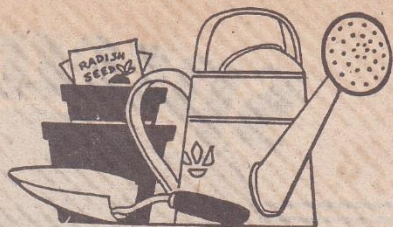
Question: There is a plant in my front yard that, no matter how many times I cut it down and dig it up, new plants keep coming up. I would like to kill it once and for all. Any suggestions?

Answer: Spray the offending plant with Roundup. Follow the directions on the label and the plant will be killed, roots and all.

Question: I am planting a vegetable garden, but the area of my yard that receives the best sunlight, seems to be nothing but red clay. Breaking it up seems impossible. What can I do?

Answer: Begin by tilling in as much organic matter as you can. Shredded bark, pine straw, ground-up leaves, compost, manure and peat moss will do a lot to improve your soil. You might even add some earthworms to the mix. Keep tilling and adding organic material, and before long, you will have soil suitable for planting. An easier route to take would be to build raised beds and fill them up with a good quality soil mix.

Tip For The Season: Fresh mint leaves will repel those pesky ants that seem to find their way into your kitchen.



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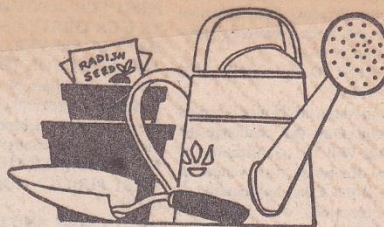
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Answer: While you can use grass clippings for mulching, you have to compost them first. Placing fresh clippings directly in flower beds will transfer grass and weed seeds that will germinate where you don't want them. Composting will kill the viable seeds and turn the clippings into organic material. It might be important to note that grass clippings can also be left directly on the grass. It isn't necessary to bag when you mow.

Question: I have quite a few roses in my garden that were given to me on special occasions, such as birthdays, Mother's Day and anniversaries. Now that we are moving out of the area, I was wondering if my shrubs can be transplanted to our new home in northern Florida?

Answer: The problem with transplanting established rose bushes is in getting the entire root system out of the ground. Instead of risking killing these precious mementos, take root cuttings from each of the bushes and take these to your new home instead. Dip four inch sections in a rooting powder and place them in a moist potting soil. To create a humid atmosphere, place a plastic bag over each container. Rooting should take place in six to eight weeks. Don't forget to carefully label each plant.

Tip For The Season: To hide an unsightly compost pile, plant giant sunflowers around the perimeter.



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Question: How do I know if my soil is too acidic or lacking in some nutrients? Is there a way to test it at home?

Answer: Most cooperative extension services will test your soil for a small fee. There are also commercial test kits available for home use. These will test for pH, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. You must follow the directions to the letter or you will get an inaccurate reading. To do a simple pH test at home, mix together enough of your soil and distilled water in a clean container to make a slurry. Let this sit for an hour. Place a piece of litmus paper in the slurry for one minute. Rinse the strip with distilled water and compare to results to the color chart.

Question: What does potassium do for a plant? What about nitrogen and phosphorus? How do I read a bag of fertilizer?

Answer: Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (N-P-K) are the major nutrients in fertilizer. A typical 10 pound bag of 16-4-8 is 16 percent of nitrogen for healthy leaf and stem development, four percent of phosphorus for growth regulation and flower and seed production, eight percent of potassium for root development and disease resistance.

Question: What is chlorosis?

Answer: Chlorosis is a condition where a plant is unable to take up iron from the soil through its root system. It will be evident in yellowing leaves. Spray the plant's foliage with a liquid iron solution or apply chelated iron or iron sulphate.

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Question: Help! Something is dining on my cannas and making a mess of the leaves. What can I do?

Answer: Look carefully at the plant for caterpillars. If there are not too many of the pests, simply pick them off by hand. If the cannas are seriously infested, you might want to spray the foliage with a biological insecticide, or as a last resort, a chemical pesticide.

Question: The house we just moved into is surrounded by a chain link fence. Is there anything I can do to make this eyesore somewhat appealing that doesn't involve removing it altogether?

Answer: You might try planting confederate jasmine along the fence line. You will be rewarded with dense foliage and scented blossoms before long. Another suggestion would be to plant a row of oakleaf hydrangeas. The branches should grow nicely through the openings of the fence and soften its harsh lines.

Question: My Christmas cactus is dropping large sections of its foliage. What am I doing wrong? I want to have flowers next winter, but at the rate it is going, I

The Tampa Tribune-Times, Sunday, August 24, 1997

Letters

On Aug. 13, the Coalition of Friends and Citizens of Crystal Springs met to discuss the future of their spring. Everyone listened carefully as Robert Thomas, owner and president of Crystal Springs Preserve, answered questions about his request to pump 2.6 million gallons of water from Crystal Springs and sell it to Perrier. He showed a real concern for the natural beauty of the spring and community for Crystal Springs residents, who have already lost their beloved swimming hole due to his construction. He explained how he would build a scientific research center, which ironically, among other things, would research water conservation. He also said that Perrier would even be willing to build a new park for the Crystal Springs residents.

Since Mr. Thomas is the president of the preserve in question, he was asked to give his definition of the word "preserve." Here is what we heard, word for word. "You want me to define the

word preserve? OK, um, I don't have a dictionary and um, I really never have been much of a grammatical type person, obviously, but um, a preserve means uh, I think it agendas a notice of conservation, that when you preserve something, uh, it goes along with conservation or protection, or what-not like that. But again, (gri-mace) I mean -- (an audience member interrupts to ask, "Original state?") I think that would be preservation. Uh, you know, it's all semantics. I'm really not an expert on that."

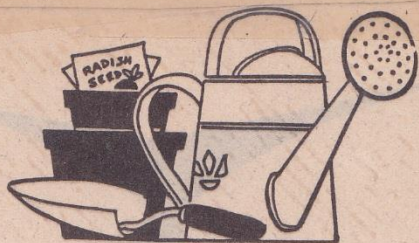
Well, now that we have cleared that up, if Mr. Thomas would truly like to do something about conservation research, he can start by researching how much water he would conserve if he stopped pumping from Crystal Springs. We can probably answer that with very little research at all.

I would also suggest that Mr. Thomas might do better as president of something he can understand.

— MARION REED
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Question: Do I need to fertilize my wisteria? I want it to grow up a trellis in my garden.

Answer: If you want your wisteria to grow rapidly, skip the fertilizer and give it plenty of sunshine and water. Keep the base well-weeded and don't let the plant feel the effects of any hot, dry periods.

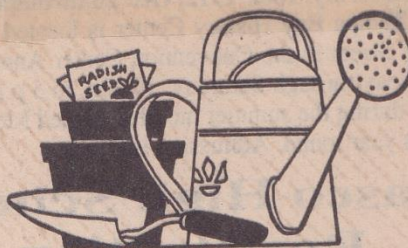
Question: I have been waiting for years for my Southern magnolia tree to bloom. Is there anything I can do to make this happen in my lifetime.

Answer: The Southern magnolia is typically very slow to bloom. Often this doesn't occur until at least a decade has passed since the tree has been planted. There are some magnolia selections that do bloom while young, such as Little Gem, Goliath and Majestic Beauty.

Question: While I was in the hospital recuperating from surgery, a local florist shop delivered a beautiful azalea tree to my room. Now that I am home and feeling better, can I plant it outside?

Answer: The azaleas you most often see at the florists are a variety that will not survive the cold weather. While the plant continues to bloom, keep it indoors in a brightly lit spot. The soil should drain well and remain moist. When weather permits, the potted azalea tree can be placed outdoors in a shaded area. Feed it with an all-purpose houseplant fertilizer throughout the warm months.

Tip For The Season: Sprouting grocery store onions can be placed in potting soil and will provide green onion tops for cooking.



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Question: I saw some beautiful crepe myrtle trees at Disney World. Can I turn my crepe myrtle shrubs into trees like those?

Answer: With a little time and patience, you can transform your shrubs into trees. Simply start by removing all but four or five of the best trunks all the way to the ground. Prune up all the side branches growing on these remaining trunks to about eye level. Each year these trunks will grow taller and you will enjoy not only the lovely show of the crepe myrtle's blossoms, but the beauty of the trunks, as well.

Question: My hydrangeas were pink when I purchased them from the florist, but once I planted them in the garden, they have turned blue. What caused this to happen?

Answer: The French hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*) reacts to the pH of the soil it is planted in. In an acid soil, the blooms will turn blue and in an alkaline soil, the blooms will turn pink. Your soil must be acidic to produce blue flowers. To alter the pH, spread ground lime around the base of the plant and water in well.

Tip for the Season: Plant garlic around the base of your fruit trees to repel insects. Harvested garlic can be replanted year after year for continued results.



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Question: Now that my sweet basil plant is doing so well, I want to start using it in the kitchen. How is fresh basil used in cooking?

Answer: There is nothing like the combination of fresh basil and tomatoes from the garden. Use sweet basil in tomato-based sauces, stews, soups and salads. Toss freshly washed and trimmed leaves into your pasta dishes or layer with cream cheese and cucumbers for tea sandwiches. Fresh basil can be chopped and mixed with butter and garlic for a delicious spread in warm bread. It can also be minced finely and blended together with pine nuts, olive oil, garlic and parmesan cheese to make a pesto sauce. You can also use basil when roasting chicken and broiling fish. Fresh basil makes wonderful flavored vinegars and oils.

Question: I have quite a variety of flowers in my garden. Would it be possible to make my own potpourri? I really love the scent of roses and lavender.

Answer: Mix the following fully-dried ingredients together in a wide glass jar or pottery jar with a lid (do not use plastic or metal containers): 4 cups rose petals, 2 cups scented geranium leaves, 2 cups lavender flowers and leaves. Add 1 teaspoon rose geranium oil, 1 teaspoon lavender oil, 1 teaspoon ground cloves, 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon, several pieces of cinnamon stick and 12 whole cloves. Gently mix all ingredients; store covered for at least a month. The finished potpourri can be placed in opened bowls and baskets.

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Question: The former owners of our home planted a row of Formosa azaleas along the foundation. They are now far too large for the area and pruning them makes them look awful. Now some of the plants appear to be dying. What can I do to improve the situation?

Answer: Azaleas look best when allowed to obtain their most natural shape and are susceptible to disease when constantly pruned. As you have discovered, the Formosa azalea needs a good amount of elbow room and is ill-suited for the edge of a building. Try replacing the azaleas with a dwarf variety of shrub that won't require continual maintenance.

Question: I really want some color around my house, but the area of my yard where I would like to plant annuals seems to have a good amount of standing water after it rains. Will annuals survive such conditions?

Answer: Those sections in your yard of standing water are low areas with poor drainage. Not many annuals will survive in those conditions. Try building raised beds and filling them with a well-draining soil mix. You can plant blue daze, lantana, wax begonia or rose verbena.

Tip For The Season: If squirrels make a mess digging through your potted plants, try sprinkling black pepper around each plant.

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Question: When is the best time to harvest herbs?

Answer: Harvest your herbs before the plant begins to flower. Choose tender, healthy-looking foliage from the top of the plant. Harvesting is best done in the morning, after the dew has dried on the leaves. When harvesting edible blossoms, such as nasturtium and chives, pick them just before the blossoms have fully opened.

Question: The buds on my rose bush have holes chewed through them and in some cases, the entire blossom is eaten. What is doing this and can I stop it?

Answer: Beetles are causing the damage to your roses. Pick off as many of the insects that you can find and destroy them. For a more serious infestation, spray with cabaryl, but do so only in the evening to avoid killing any bees.

Question: Are there any workshops where a novice gardener can get good hands-on experience?

Answer: The Disney Institute offers programs for day visitors that range from cooking with fresh herbs, creating gifts from the garden, how to make your own hanging baskets and many more garden-related subjects. Class topics and times are constantly being updated and renewed, so check with Disney for information and prices. The number is 800-496-6337, ext. SC01.

Dade City Garden Club



Photo by PAT CARVER

SUE CHISLOM

Sue Chislom, from Tarpon Springs, demonstrated floral designs at the first meeting of the Dade City Garden Club, held Monday, Sept. 15. Jones is a talented, creative designer who has a real flair in the use of color. Her demonstration, "How Far We've Come," is the first program of the year celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Garden Club. President Faye Stevens presided at the meeting. Plans were discussed regarding the upcoming Plant Faire, which will be held Nov. 15 at the Garden Center on 5th Street. Becky Peeler and Lynda Sartain are co-chairman of the event which will feature sales of plants and garden related accessories, a raffle drawing, programs and lunch. Garden Club members will be soliciting signatures for a petition for a Specialty License Plate featuring the coreopsis wildflower. A petition will also be at the Chamber of Commerce for the convenience of those who might be interested in supporting the drive. Deadline to sign is Oct. 25.

Plans were discussed regarding the distribution and sales of the 1997 Historical Ornament which will feature the First Presbyterian Church. The ornament will be available in mid-October. A special tribute was paid to members who passed away this summer, Inez Jeter, Bernice Griffin and Leah Knowles.



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Question: I want to put something in my perennial garden that will be eye-catching, yet easy to care for. What do you recommend?

Answer: For a great visual impact, try planting several groupings of black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) in your garden. This is a half-hardy perennial (it may come back next year), but usually behaves as a biennial. For a true perennial and the same bright-eyed look, plant orange coneflower (*R. Fulgida*) instead. Both plants are easy to grow, as long as you provide them with moist, well-drainage soil. They will do well in both sun and partial shade.

Question: I love the look of dried hydrangeas in floral arrangements. The ones in the store are so expensive. Would it be possible to dry my own?

Answer: As soon as the hydrangea blossoms begin to fade in color, cut the stems to the desired length. Remove all the leaves. Hang the blossoms upside down in a cool, dry place until they have completely dried out.

Question: Some of the fronds on my palm trees have turned yellow. What is causing this?

Answer: Your palm may be deficient in manganese. Spread one to two pounds of 12-4-8 granule fertilizer (with manganese) in a ring around each trunk.

Dade City Garden Club

Question: My former vegetable garden is full of weeds and pests. What can I do to get it back in shape before replanting next year?

Answer: Turn the soil in your vegetable plot over, weed thoroughly and cover with clear, heavy plastic. Be sure to weight down the edges. The trapped solar heat (in excess of 120 degrees F) should sterilize the soil. Leave the plastic in place for 10 to 12 weeks.

Question: I want to put some hanging baskets on my front porch, but I don't care to see the exposed plastic pots. What can I do?

Answer: Instead of putting up the typical hanging basket from the garden center, start with a wire basket lined with sphagnum moss. Add potting soil and fill with your favorite bedding plants. You might try a combination of double impatiens, sweet alyssum and variegated ivy. Another combination might be periwinkle, Dusty Miller and verbena, or begonia, blue daze and variegated Vincetoxicum minor. Tuck plants into the sides of the basket, as well as the top and you will have a basket that looks great from all angles. Wire-framed baskets dry out easily, so be sure to water every day and feed weekly with a liquid fertilizer.







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Questions: I've just moved here from Michigan and have discovered that the gardening rules are different in the South. What annuals can I plant in my yard that will survive the Florida sun and intense heat?

Answer: Some of the sun-loving annuals you can plant include: begonia (*Begonia x hybrida*), blue daze (*Evolvulus nuttallianus*), Globe amaranth (*Gomphrena globosa*), impatiens (*Impatiens x hybrida*), lantana (*Lantana sp.*), Melampodium (*Melampodium x hybrida*), narrowleaf zinnia (*Zinnia angustiflora*), Salvia (*Salvia sp.*), spider flower (*Cleome sp.*), and rose verbena (*Verbena canadensis*).

Question: I've planted Confederate jasmine along the railing of my porch. When can I expect it to bloom? Will it die back in winter?

Answer: Confederate jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*) will bloom from April to May. It is an evergreen, but the leaves will turn brown if the temperature drops below freezing. The cold doesn't usually affect the roots, so the plant can be cut back to the ground in early spring. It will grow in sun and partial shade.

Tip For The Season: Place a half whiskey barrel full of your favorite herbs near your kitchen door. Fresh herbs for cooking will be available at a moments notice.

Pasco News, THURSDAY AUGUST 28, 1997.

Pasco News, Thursday, October 16, 1997.

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Question: The latest trend in container gardening seems to be mixing several varieties of plants in one big pot. I'm not sure what goes together. Any suggestions?

Answer: Start with a 22" clay pot, a good quality potting mix and four inch potted plants from the nursery. For full sun exposure, start with three marguerite daisies in the center, place six blue salvia (*Salvia farinacea*) around the daisies and 12 Blue Wonder scaelova along the edges. A container for butterflies would include the following: one Royal White buddleia in the center, three new Look Pink dwarf pentas around the middle and six Trailing Purple lantana along the edges. To create a container full of fragrance, start with one Pineapple sage in the center, three lavender and three Purple Ruffles basil around the middle and six scented geraniums at the edges. Plant the center first, working your way to the edges. Make sure the plants are evenly spaced apart. Container gardens require more watering and will benefit from a layer of mulch.

Question: What causes tomatoes to crack and split on the vine?

Answer: When the tomato plant received too little water and then suddenly, too much water, this can cause the fruit to split open or even drop. Be sure your plants receive even watering and are not allowed to dry out.

Question: What plants are good for butterfly caterpillars?

Answer: Try planting parsley, fennel, dill and butterfly weed.

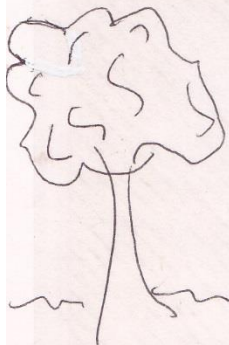


DADE CITY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER #1

SEPTEMBER 1997 * "A LITTLE OF THIS & THAT"

This newsletter will be 'published' about four times a year, usually following the General Club Board meeting. We hope that it will keep everyone up to date on Garden Club happenings. As we go along, I hope that each Circle will be able to share & submit their latest news. I will give the copies to each Circle President for them to distribute to their members.

Send, call or give your news to: Sheila Seme, Corresponding Secretary. 813-780-8841, 34643 Sunward Loop, Zephyrhills, Fl 33541.



In Memory of
Inez Jeter, Bernice Griffin, Leah Knowles

For He Himself Is Our Peace...

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PLANT FAIRE * PLANT FAIRE



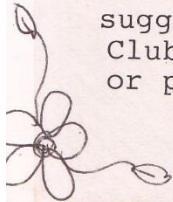
NOVEMBER 15, 1997, Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 AM

Each member is ask to tell 5 people about the Plant Faire. Their is 119 members & if all those people who were told came, just think of the crowd & \$\$\$! Let's go for it!

And if all those people did come, we'd better have lots of plants, goodies, crafts to sell. So each member is asked to bring - AT LEAST 2 PLANTS - for the sale & of course any thing else, as BAKE GOODS, that will help our sale to be a success. RAFFLE tickets are \$1.00 each & each member will be ask to sell five (5). This our BIG MONEY MAKING PROJECT of the YEAR!

SNEEK PREVIEW of some of the events & vendors for the day:
Richard Smith, Cyprus Gardens, expert on Butterflies; West Wind Statuary; Wrought Iron Items for the Garden from Plant City; Free Face Painting & cookies for the children; Master Gardeners; many plant Vendors & of course our own Lunch Service (Azalea); Country Cupboard (Dogwood); our Plant Booth (Hollyhock & Poincetta) & speakers throughout the day & MORE.

To help distinguish us as Garden Club members at the Sale, we are working on the idea of wearing the same colored tops. Becky & here daughter are wearing Purple. Some other that have been suggested is having a colored shirt made with Dade City Garden Club & 50th Anniversary printed on it. Stay tune for the results or plan to wear a purple top. SEE YOU THERE!!



Donation by Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Mack Overstreet. A Chair will dedicated to Dr. & Mrs. Harry & Betsy Brownly at the 1st football game of the University of Florida for a research project at Shand's University.

NEEDED, NEEDED: Send your resume' to the President, Faye Stevens.
-A chairman for the year's 50th Anniversary activities.
-A chairman for Historian.

PLAN AHEAD & MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- October 22 - District 8 Fall Meeting, Braedenton.
- November 9 - Festova, Magnolia's Fund Raiser.
- November 15 - Plant Faire.
- May 13 - District 8 Spring Meeting, Sarasota.

COURT HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE:

The Board had considered a letter writing & publicity campaign to try & eliminate a fountain that is planned for the front of old Couthouse. However, since the Board met, Brightman Logan called Catherine Hendrich to say that Dan Johnson, Pasco County Asst. Administrator, wants to meet with some of our Club members & other interested groups to bring us up to date on the Court House plans. We will wait until after this meeting to decide what action we will take on this project. Stay Tune.....

SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT:

Baked Tuna Chow Mein Casserole

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 cup chopped celery | 1 can (10½oz) cream of mushroom soup, |
| 1/4 cup chopped onion | thinned with ¼C. milk & ¼C water. |
| 1/4 cup chopped green pepper | 3 oz.(1 1/3 C) Chow Mein noodles, |
| 1 Tbsp. butter or margarine | save 1/3 C. for topping. |
| 1 can (7oz.) Tuna | 3/4 cup cashew nuts. |

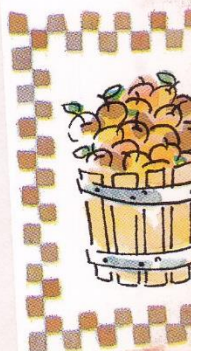
Saute' onion, celery & green pepper in butter. Mix in rest of ingredients. Pour into greased baking dish (1½ qt.). Sprinkle with 1/3 C. Chow Mein noodles. Bake in oven 350°, 30 min.
4-6 servings.

Substitute cooked chicken or turkey for tuna. Add mushrooms.
Sheila Seme 1997

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SOMETHING GREAT -

Azalea Circle has donated an 'easy to carry' TV/VCR combination that the Circles may use at their meetings. It must be 'checked out' through the Garden Club Librarian.



**DISTRICT VIII FALL MEETING
"WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH TOMORROW"**

8:30-9:30	REGISTRATION AND HOSPITALITY	Carol Lucia, Director
9:30	CALL TO ORDER	Rev. Sterling Forrester, Pastor Southside Baptist Church
	INVOCATION	Karen de Maine, President Boca Grande Garden Club
	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Lari Ann Harris, Manatee County Commissioner, District 4
	GREETINGS	Priscilla Seewald, President Manatee River Garden Club
	WELCOME	Kathy Rexford, Assistant Director
	RESPONSE	Jean Scudder, President Lemon Bay Garden Club, Englewood
	APPOINTMENTS: Committee to Approve the Minutes	Dorothy Bornemann, President New Port Richey Garden Club
	TIMEKEEPER	Ruth Smith, President Dunedin Garden Club
	INTRODUCTIONS	Dorothy Gifford, President Venice Area Garden Club
10:15-10:30	ROLL CALL	Carol Lucia, Director
	FINANCIAL REPORT	Nancy Livingston District VIII Secretary
10:30	MESSAGES FROM OUR STATE OFFICERS	Dorothee Torpey District VIII Treasurer
	President	Jo Williams
	1st Vice President	Carolyn Schaaag
	2nd Vice President	Gloria Blake
	3rd Vice President	Joan Pryor
11:30	CREDENTIALS REPORT	Pat Haessner, Registrar
	LUNCHEON/BLESSING	Nancy Livingston

BREAK

12:00-1:00	LUNCHEON	
1:00	DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS (3 minutes each)	Jo Williams, President Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
1:15	PRESENTATIONS	Shirl Blau, President Sarasota Garden Club
	INVITATION TO DISTRICT VIII SPRING MEETING, MAY 13, 1998	(Presented to Director in writing)
	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Vickers, Chairman
	INTRODUCTION OF HOSTESS COMMITTEE, DOOR PRIZES	Jayne Smith, Parliamentarian
	BENEDICTION	Carol Lucia, Director
	ADJOURNMENT	

1997-1999 DISTRICT VIII OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

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Jeanne Corbin	The Florida Gardener Editor
Joann Dawkins	Resolutions Fall 1998 Symposium
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Joan Garrison	Marketing and Promotions
Jayne Hemstreet	The Florida Gardener Advertising Sales
Barbara B. Jones`	Junior Gardeners
Carol A. Lucia	District VIII Director
Estelle Millican	Floral Design Study
Joan Pryor	Third Vice President, NCSGC/Deep South Awards
Jean Bates Villareal	FFGC Former President, Wekiva Young Camp
	Building and Maintenance Special Youth Projects
Lois Weber	School and Backyard Gardening

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The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters,
 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
 paths of righteousness
 for His name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of
 the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
 for thou art with me; Thy rod and
 thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the
 presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
 my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life: and I shall
 dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

In Memory of

MR. ROBERT C. "BOB" THOMAS

Born
 July 15, 1929
 Hazel, Kentucky

Died
 September 28, 1997
 Lamont, Florida

Funeral Services
 Wednesday, October 1, 1997
 at 3:00 P.M. in the
 WAUKEENAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Waukeelah, Florida

Minister
 Rev. Richard Jones

Musician Soloist
 Mr. Edward Connell Mrs. Betty Monroe

Interment
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 Waukeelah, Florida

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District VIII

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Carol A. Quinn
District VIII Director

G.A.L.A '97

A Tribute

to

Bob Thomas



FFGC GALA '97

10 am Saturday, November 22, 1997

Luncheon • Two Programs • Design Viewing • Boutique

Doubletree Hotel
4500 W. Cypress St., Tampa

\$35.00 Donation
Door Prizes

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Dade City Garden Club



Question: I have a large shallow bowl on a pedestal that I would like to display on my sideboard in the dining room. It isn't deep enough for water and flowers, but it looks rather plain sitting completely empty. Any ideas:

Answer: Your footed compote would be perfect filled with fresh fruit (or you could use a good quality latex), such as apples, pears, grapes, pineapple, oranges and lemons. Tuck in small bunches of short-stemmed evergreen leaves among the fruit. For a special event, dress up the arrangement for a few hours with roses and alstroemeria. Cut the stems short and place among the fruit and greenery.

Question: I have a wreath of bay leaves that I would like to dress up and hang in the kitchen. What can I add to it?

Answer: Using silver reel wire, gather small bunches of dried chilies and drying stems of marjoram and rosemary. Tuck these among the bay leaves and secure with 22 gauge wire in the back. The fragrance of your wreath should last for some time.

Tip for the season: Wire mesh which has been secured to the top of a floral container or placed into the neck of a vase will help support flower stems and keep them evenly spaced apart.

Gardens Dedicated in Memory of Mrs. Inez Jeter

At its Oct. 14 meeting the Poinsettia Circle of The Dade City Garden Club dedicated its gardens to deceased member Mrs. J.F. (Inez) Jeter. About 25 members and guests, including family members Mr. J.F. Jeter and Mrs. Sue Jeter, gathered at the Garden Center for the dedication and to plant two camellias, one each in memory of the late Mrs. Bernice Griffin and Mrs. Jeter.

In the dedication address club member Mrs. Catherine Deal Henrich reminded the group of Mrs. Jeter's long time association with the garden club, which included three terms as president 1976-1979, as well as grounds chairman, and many others.

After the dedication the members and guests enjoyed refreshments in keeping with the fall season, which were provided by hostess Mrs. Opal Schneider.

The meeting concluded with a program, "Low Garden Maintenance for Fall and Winter," presented by Mr. Bob Stieger of the Pasco County Agriculture Department. He suggested pruning methods for flowering plants, which shrubs to plant during the fall and winter flowering seasons, and how to keep your lawn green during the cooler months.

The Poinsettias Circle's next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Nov. 11 at the Garden Center of The Dade City Garden Club, 13630 Fifth Street, Dade City. Mrs. Helen Tyner will present a program on "The Red, White and Blue" emphasizing flowers in these colors. Hostesses will be Mrs. Betty DeWitt and Mrs. Beth Hammond. The public is invited. For more information call Mrs. Carolyn Griffin at 567-6204.



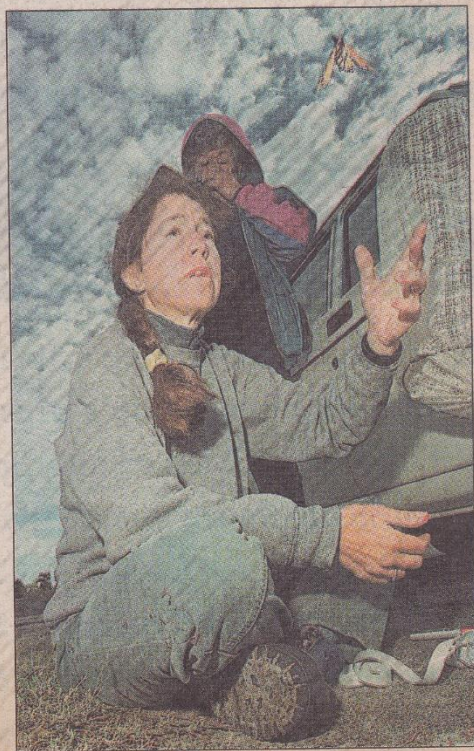
On the wings of beauty

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1997



COLIN HACKLEY/Tribune photos

Tonya Van Hook, a visiting researcher at St. Mark's National Wildlife Refuge, gathers monarch butterflies in the cool dawn, above, as volunteer Betty Piper is ready with a mesh cage. The fragile insects are then tagged and released to trace their migration routes. Van Hook also conducts a daily census to determine how long the insects are dallying at the refuge and studies whether they are finding the nectar they need. Van Hook says she has tagged more than 8,000 monarchs in nine years.



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Pasco News, Thursday, November 6, 1997.

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Question: Our fireplace gets so little use. I want to put something in front of it besides a screen to make it the focal point of the room during mild weather. Any ideas?

Answer: For a fresh flower arrangement, start with a basket large enough to comfortably fill the space in front of the opening of the fireplace. With a waterproof container in the bottom, fill the basket with floral foam and secure in place. Soak the foam thoroughly with water. Using stems of greenery, make the basic fan-shape of the arrangement. Evenly distribute a combination of hydrangea, lilies and euphorbia until all the gaps are filled in. You may follow the same basic plan and substitute with dried flowers and foam for a long-lasting arrangement. For added drama, decorate the mantle with similar plant materials, allow it to drape and trail over the edge.



Dade City Garden Club Plant Faire

Photo by PAT CARVER

Shown placing publicity flyers for the Plant Faire, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15 are L to R: Becky Peeler, event chairman and Mary Roper, president of the Azalea Circle and recording secretary of the Dade City Garden Club. The Plant Faire will be held at the Dade City Garden Club Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many plant or plant related items will be featured, including antique roses, herbs, aquatic plants, butterfly garden plants, birdhouses, garden statues, creative iron works and other types of plants, as well. There will be demonstrations and lectures throughout the day, special events for children, a homemade lunch will be served and desserts, jams and jellies will be on sale. A potting bench, with accessories, will be raffled off just before the Plant Faire closes. Tickets are \$1 each and are available at Williams or from any member of the Dade City Garden Club.



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Dade City Garden Club

Question: I've just moved here from Michigan and have discovered that the gardening rules are different in the South. What annuals can I plant in my yard that will survive the Florida sun and intense heat?

Answer: Some of the sun-loving annuals you can plant include: begonia (*Begonia x hybrida*), blue daze (*Evolvulus nuttallianus*), Globe amaranth (*Gomphrena globosa*), impatiens (*Impatiens x hybrida*), lantana (*Lantana sp.*), Melampodium (*Melampodium x hybrida*), narrowleaf zinnia (*Zinnia angustiflora*), Salvia (*Salvia sp.*), spider flower (*Cleome sp.*), and rose verbena (*Verbena canadensis*).

Question: I've planted Confederate jasmine along the railing of my porch. When can I expect it to bloom? Will it die back in winter?

Answer: Confederate jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*) will bloom from April to May. It is an evergreen, but the leaves will turn brown if the temperature drops below freezing. The cold doesn't usually affect the roots, so the plant can be cut back to the ground in early spring. It will grow in sun and partial shade.

Tip For The Season: Place a half whiskey barrel full of your favorite herbs near your kitchen door. Fresh herbs for cooking will be available at a moments notice.

Dade City Garden Clu

Question: My former vegetable garden weeds and pests. What can I do to get it back before replanting next year?

Answer: Turn the soil in your vegetable plot thoroughly and cover with clear, heavy plastic. weight down the edges. The trapped solar heat (120 degrees F) should sterilize the soil. Leave the place for 10 to 12 weeks.

Question: I want to put some hanging baskets on front porch, but I don't care to see the exposed pots. What can I do?

Answer: Instead of putting up the typical basket from the garden center, start with a wire basket lined with sphagnum moss. Add potting soil and your favorite bedding plants. You might try a combination of double impatiens, sweet alyssum and variegated verbena or begonia, blue daze and variegated minor. Tuck plants into the sides of the basket, the top and you will have a basket that looks great from all angles. Wire-framed baskets dry out easily, so water everyday and feed weekly with a liquid fertilizer.

Tip for the Season: Garden tools that are kept well-maintained and properly stored will give you good service.



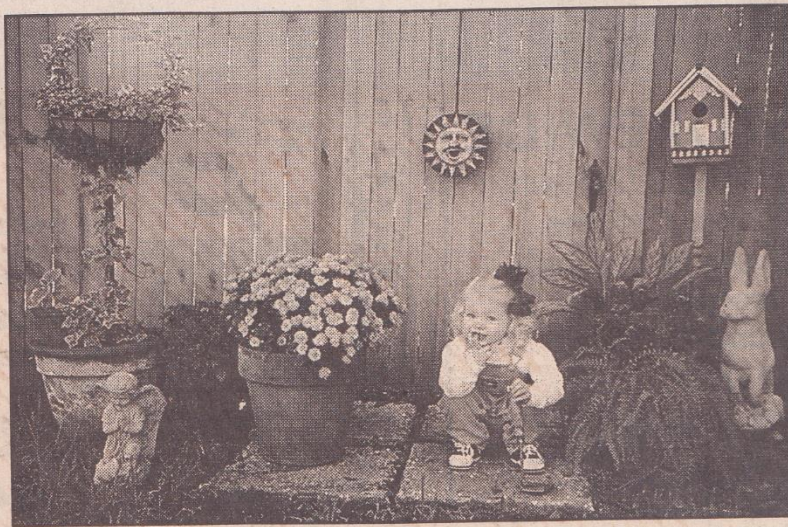
PS TIMES ■ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1997

Garden Club hosts Plant Faire

Plants for people, plants for butterflies and items to make your yard more inviting to people and critters, are part of Saturday's **Plant Faire**, which is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dade City Garden Club, 13630 Fifth St., Dade City.



SUZANNE HAYES
EAST PASCO



Times photo — Handout photo

Two year-old Katie Sartain is surrounded by items that will be for sale during the Dade City Garden's Club's annual Plant Faire from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Garden Club.

Plants for sale include antique roses, herbs, aquatic plants and plants that butterflies love. Other sale items include birdhouses, garden statues and creative iron work.

Richard Smith from Cypress Gardens will talk about butterflies; Maryon Marsh will talk about herbs; Herman Ash will give tips on growing blueberries; and Pat Carver will teach holiday decorating tips.

Children can enjoy pony and horse rides, have their face painted for free and enjoy free cookies.

A homemade lunch will be served at 11 a.m., and the country cupboard will sell homemade desserts and jams. A potting bench handmade by Dr. George Carver and Dr. Jackson Johnson will be awarded during a raffle.

Garden club members will

wear purple in loving memory of Pat Douglas, who founded the Plant Faire six years ago.









June 1997

East Pasco County

Garden Club Surprises Area Businesses and Supporters with Bouquets



Mary Young Smith, Carolyn Griffin, Betty Filley (committee chairman), and Janice Klinge proudly display some of the beautiful flower arrangements distributed to local supporters during National Garden Week. Other committee members not pictured: Kathy Reynolds and Inez Jeter.

The Dade City Garden Club, in celebration of National Garden Week, June 1-7, swept through Downtown Dade City on Monday, June 2, distributing bouquets of flowers to area businesses and others who have supported them over the past year. All of the flowers were donated from the gardens of Inez Jeter, Mary Young Smith, Edwin Sargent and Frank Johnson.

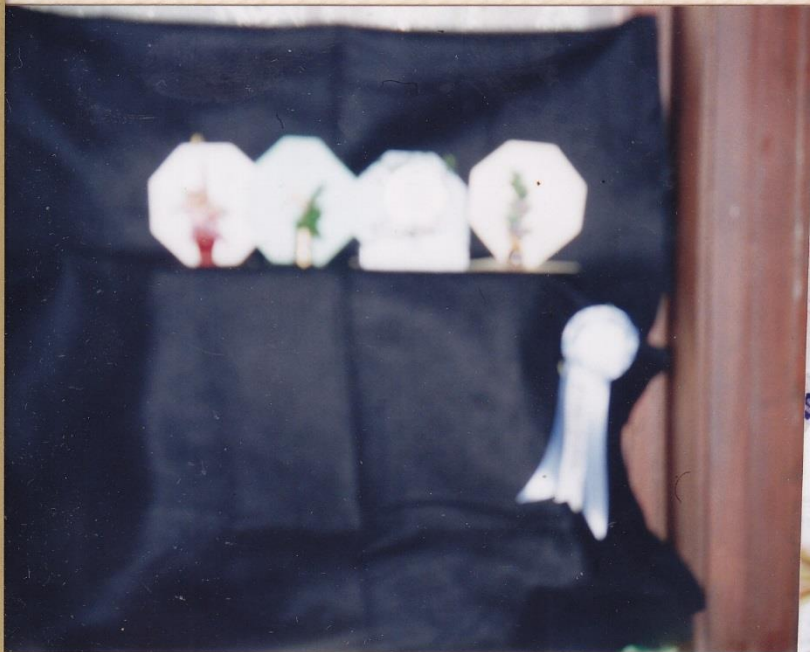
Among those receiving the arrangements were the Mayor and City Commis-

sioners, the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Main Street, TECO, the Hugh Embry Library, the Department of Transportation, the Post Office, all of the banks, all of the downtown merchants, the newspaper offices, Pasco High School, and all others who donated plants throughout the year or helped to publicize the Garden Club.

For more information on the Garden Club, call Mary Young Smith at (352) 567-3604.











Community News

EAST PASCO Memorial trees recognized in Arbor Day ceremony



Carol J. Hedman

Memorial trees donated during 1997 were recognized at the Arbor Day tree-planting observance recently at Polly Touchton Park in Dade City.

The Memorial Tree Program and the Arbor Day observance are sponsored by the city and the Dade City Garden Club.

Those who donated trees in someone's honor or memory, as well as the families and friends of those who were honored, were also recognized.

Also participating were representatives from the city and garden club; Pasco County forester **Bill Schillings** and **Smokey Bear**; **Will Moriarty**, state Department of Transportation district vegetation management specialist; and the Rev. **Lewis Tanno**. Club members held a reception at the Garden Center afterward. **Carolyn Griffin** and **Faye Stevens**, club president, were in charge of arrangements.

The memorial trees were planted by the city parks department. East Palatka holly trees planted along Church Avenue on Florida Arbor Day honored and were given by the following: **Inez Jeter** by **Vic and Mary Smith**; **Donald Myers Elliott** by **George and Pat Carver**; **Gordon and Jeanne Nereim** by their children; **Floyd and Ruth Philmon** by their Sunday school class; **Jay Gates** by friends from the Magnolia Circle; and **Loyal Howard Hayward** by **Sandra McMillan**.

Memorial trees planted at Pasco High School honored: **Mary and Jack Johnson** by **Arnold and Peggy Currington**, **David and Barbara Friedman**, **Lewis and Marlene Mann**, and **George and Pat Carver**; **Harry G. Brownlee** by **Jack and Mary Johnson**; **Brownlee** by **Amos and Helen Ames**; and **Amy Jo Sumner** by the **Madani** family.

Memorial trees planted at the Polly Touchton Park honored: **Alice Earle** by **T.R.E.E. Inc.**, with **William D. Moriarty** president; **James Calhoun Redmond** by **John Redmond Jr.**; **Mary Moor Winnett** by **Moriarty**; **Florence D. Moor** by **Moriarty**; and **Patricia Carver** by **Moriarty**. A dogwood tree in memory of **Jim and Katie Ward** and **Titus and Mary Brinson**, given by **Wesley, Jean, Wes and Jim Ward**, will be planted in the near future.

Trees planted during National Garden Week June and recognized at the Arbor Day ceremony were **Helen and Sonny Strickland** by **Ros Strickland**; **John Carroll Patterson** by **Karen Patterson**; **James Oakley** and **Ruth Tippy Oakley** by **Patterson**; **Jesse Clifton Angel** and **Ella Fry Angel** by **Patterson**; **Ananda Leigh Summers** by **Carol**

and **Mike Hudson**; **Betty Puckett Sargent** by **Edwin Sargent**, **Meg Sargent Shidler** and **Lee Sargent**; **Porter and Margaret Sargent** by **Edwin Sargent**, **Meg Sargent Shidler** and **Lee Sargent**; **Nora Highley** by **Mrs. Joseph O'Connell**; **Coleman, Connor, Ashton and Carson Brock** by **Pat and George Carver**; **Comer Parker** by **Parker**, **Kaylee and Kathy Capparelli**; **B.L. and Louise Puckett** by **Edwin and Lee Sargent**, **Meg Shidler**, and **David L. Puckett**; **Lee Glidewell** by **Barbara and Bob Prudhomme** and **Pat and George Carver**; **Rachael Hawley Short** by **Jill Holly**; and **Martha Sofner Cochrane** by **William Cochrane**.

















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HORTICULTURE TIPS

By STEPHANIE STRATTON
Dade City Garden Club

Question: How are plants classified? As a home gardener, what names do I need to know?

Answer: Plants are classified according to Kingdom, Division, Subdivision, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species and sometimes Cultivar. The last three classifications are really the only ones you need to remember. The genus and species are expressed in Latin. The genus can also refer to the botanist who first discovered the plant and named it. The species usually describes the plant or its place of origin. The cultivar or "cultivated variety" is a plant that has been produced in a controlled environment rather than occurring in the wild.

Question: What exactly is meant by xeriscaping? How important is it?

Answer: Xeriscaping is a method of water conservation. It is particularly important in dry climates and where water restrictions have been placed on a community, such as is the case in Pasco County. The basics of xeriscaping include careful planning and designing of the landscape; limited use of lawn areas; use of plants with low water requirements; mulching; soil improvement; and efficient irrigation methods.

Tip for the Season: Make period checks of your irrigation system for misdirected sprinkler heads. Don't waste water by sprinkling driveways, sidewalks and the street.

Kris Herrmann Winner of Garden Club's Potting Bench

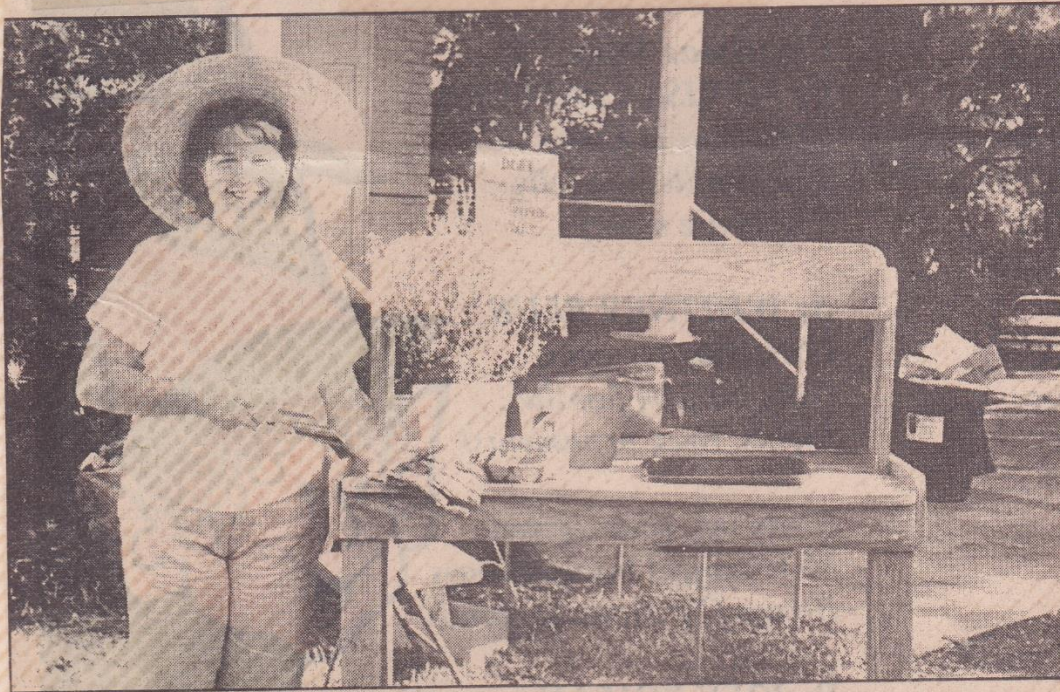
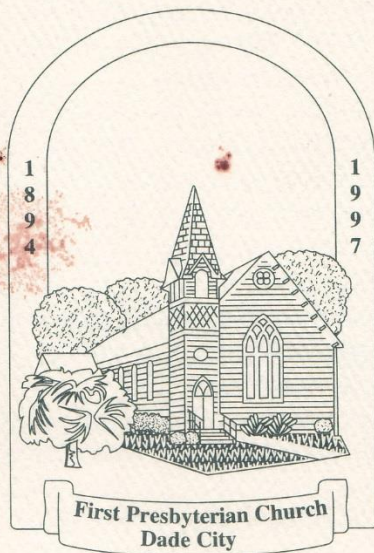


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KRIS HERRMANN

Pictured above is Kris Herrmann with the potting bench she won from a raffle ticket at the Plante Faire, sponsored by the Dade City Garden Club in November. Along with the potting bench, Kris won some terra cotta pots, potting soil, plants, garden accessories and seeds. Proceeds from the profits are used for the projects of the Dade City Garden Club. Becky Peeler and Lynda Sartain were co-chairmen.



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Annual Garden Club Christmas Ornaments Available

Sue Porter, 2nd vice president of the Dade City Garden Club, presented a Christmas ornament to Reverend Paul Fisher, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Dade City. The church, featured on the ornament, is the fourth local historic landmark featured in a series of annual Christmas ornaments sponsored by the Dade City Garden Club. The brass ornament features a tall narthex with its pointed tower and shake-shingled roof, typical of Presbyterian churches of its time. The church was organized on Jan. 13, 1889. There were 25 charter members. In 1894, the church was built at its current location on Church Street. Additions have been made over the years, however, the original sanctuary remains much the same as it was.

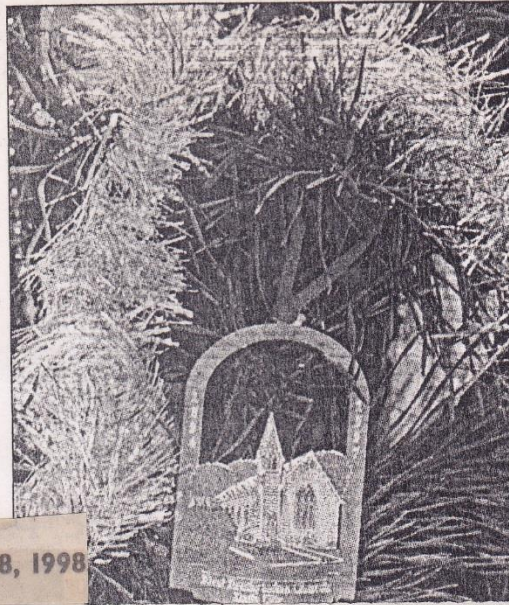
These ornaments are currently being sold by Garden Club members for \$12 each. They are also available from the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce and Williams Lunch on Limoges.



Photo by PAT CARVER

Garden club: The Dade City Garden Club is offering the fourth in a series of annual Christmas ornaments featuring local historic landmarks. This year's ornament features the First Presbyterian Church, organized in 1889 and the oldest intact church in Dade City. The brass ornament features a tall narthex with its pointed tower and shake-shingled roof typical of Presbyterian churches of its time. The ornaments come in gift boxes with a brief history of the church. They are being sold by club members for \$12.

The ornaments are also available at the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, Williams Lunch on Limoges, and Peterson Insurance Agency, or from Pat Schmirler at 567-7450. The ornaments will also be sold at the open house today at the Pioneer Florida Museum.



Seasonal fundraiser

Historic First Presbyterian Church in Dade City adorns the Christmas tree ornament being sold by the Dade City Garden Club to fund club projects. The brass ornaments cost \$12 and can be bought at the chamber of commerce, Williams' Lunch, Peterson Insurance

Dade City Garden Club To Observe Arbor Day

DADE CITY—Florida Arbor Day will be observed on Friday, Jan. 16. In keeping with the tradition of recent years, The City of Dade City and The Dade City Garden Club will jointly sponsor a local celebration of Florida Arbor Day on Friday, Jan. 16. This will be held at the Polly Touchton Park on S. 7th Street, across from the Dade City Garden Center.

The ceremony, which will begin at 10 a.m., will feature the well known Smokey Bear and guest speakers, Bill Schillings and Will Moriarty. Schillings, the Pasco County Forester, will make comments on, "The Importance of Commercial and Governmental Reforestation." Moriarty is District Vegetation Management Specialist for FDOT and president of T.R.E.E., Tampa Bay Reforestation and Environmental Effort, Inc. He will speak on, "Reforestation by Community Volunteers," and tell of the activities of T.R.E.E., which will celebrate its 15th birthday in February. Also featured at the ceremony will include the planting of four trees in the park, some E. Palatka holly trees on Church Avenue and recognition of a number of other trees that have been planted since last Arbor Day. All of these trees have been planted as part of the Memorial Tree Program that is cosponsored by the city and the garden club. The Dade City Parks crew plants and maintains the trees and the Dade City Garden club processes the requests, orders the trees and the markers that are placed at the base of each tree. The marker recognizes the honoree and the giftor.

Anyone who is interested in planting a tree in memory of a loved one or in honor or recognition of a significant event in someone's life may do so by calling the Memorial Tree Chairman, Jean Cate at 583-5871 or Pat Carver at 567-3844. It's not too late to be included in the 1998 Memorial Tree Planting.

The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this observance.

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Smokey, trees get their day

EAST PASCO – Dade City has Smokey Bear, Zephyrhills has the mayor and both cities will have new trees to celebrate Arbor Day.

The Dade City Garden Club will help sponsor today's events in that city at Polly Touchton Park on South Seventh Street near the garden center.

Pasco County forester Bill Schillings will speak on "The Importance of Commercial and Governmental Reforestation."



Will Moriarty, president of Tampa Bay Reforestation and Environmental Effort Inc., will talk about "Reforestation by Community Volunteers."

Smokey will be there, too.

Four trees will be planted in the park, and some east Palatka holly trees will be planted on Church Avenue. A number of other trees have gone in since last Arbor Day as part of the Memorial Tree Program.

Anyone interested in dedicating a tree to someone's memory or in recognition of a special event may call Jean Cate, (352) 583-5871, or Pat Carver, 567-3844.





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HORTICULTURE TIPS

By STEPHANIE STRATTON
Dade City Garden Club

Question: I am planning to host a bridal show at my home and would like to do some really showy floral arrangements for the food and gift tables. My home is fairly formal and I would like to use the color of the bridesmaids' dresses, which is pink. What can you recommend?

Answer: The local florist should have a good selection of flowers in an array of pinks. Look for bunches of roses, dahlias, delphinium, spray carnations and freesias. You can use a crystal bowl, a brass container or even a white wicker basket. By putting this wonderful combination together with greenery from your own landscape (ivy, variegated pittosporum, ferns, etc.), you will be able to create an arrangement that is sure to please the bride and your guests.

Question: I want to brighten up my front porch, but I am tired of the typical geraniums in clay pots. I want a new look. Any ideas?

Answer: For something different, why not fill an old wooden crate with potted gerbera daisies in a rainbow of colors? How about a metal washtub loaded with yellow chrysanthemums? You could take a child's wagon, set it on an angle by the front door and fill it up with whatever is blooming at your local garden center. Just use your imagination and the possibilities are endless.

Dade City Garden Club Acknowledges Historical Efforts



Photo by CARLENE ELLBERG

Pictured L-R: Jeff Collins, Lori Collins, County Commissioner Sylvia Young, City Commissioner Scott Black, and Brightman Logan

DADE CITY—On Nov. 17, members of the Dade City Garden Club acknowledged efforts of several individuals for their efforts in saving the large oak trees around the Pasco County Courthouse. Those acknowledged were: County Commissioner Sylvia Young, Dade City Commissioner Scott Black, Brightman Logan of Central Florida Flora, Lori and Jeff Collins of WDCF/WZHR and Carlene Ellberg and Bill "Homer" Dennis of the *Pasco News*.

These individuals represented the efforts of a large portion of the community who challenged initial decisions to remove several large oak trees surrounding the court house. Examples of their efforts were, speaking before the City

Commission, initiating a petition drive and remote radio broadcasts, editorial and news coverage including reprinting architectural and landscape drawings, and spearheading a decision by the Board of County Commissioners to both save the trees and involve Central Florida Native Flora in the redesign of the landscaping plan with a broader mix of native species.

In her closing remarks, Pat Carver acknowledged that, "We have made new friends and perhaps ruffled the feathers of some old friends. But I am thankful we live in a society where we can be heard. I'm thankful as was stated in the headline of an editorial... "Average folks can make a difference."



HORTICULTURE TIPS

By STEPHANIE STRATTON
Dade City Garden Club

Question: I want to use native plants in the landscape around our newly build home. Where do I get started?

Answer: For the best advice, contact The Florida Native Plant Society at P.O. Box 6116, Spring Hill, FL 34606. You might also contact your Pasco County Extension Agent.

Question: When I mow the lawn, the grass turns ragged and brown on the edges. Why is this happening?

Answer: Mower blades should be sharpened once a month. Dull blades will tear the grass and cause the edges to turn brown.

Question: My grandchildren will be coming to visit soon and I want to be certain my house and yard are child-safe. What are some of the poisonous plants that are commonly found in and around homes?

Answer: Some toxic plants cause skin problems when a person comes in contact with them, and others cause gastroenteric reactions or respiratory distress. Then there are those that are toxic enough to cause death when eaten. Some of these include azaleas, Carolina jasmine, chinaberry honeysuckle, lantana, mistletoe, oleander and yew. It is a good idea to place all houseplants well out of the reach of children and carefully supervise their visits outside.



Trees to be Dedicated on Arbor Day

DADE CITY—Memorial Trees that have been given during 1997 will be recognized at the Arbor Day Tree Planting Observance on Friday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m. at the Polly Touchton Park across from the Dade City Garden Center. The Memorial Tree Program and The Arbor Day program are both jointly sponsored by the City of Dade City and the Dade City Garden Club. Those who have donated trees in someone's honor or in memory of a loved one and families and friends of those who have been so honored will be recognized at this ceremony. Jean Cate, Memorial Tree chairman has requested that they be present, if possible.

Participating in the Arbor Day Program will be representatives of the City of Dade City and the Dade City Garden Club, Pasco County Forester Bill Schiilings and Smoky Bear, Will Moriarty, FDOT District Vegetation Management Specialist, and The Reverend Lewis Tanno. Members of the garden club will host an informal reception at the garden center immediately after the ceremony and everyone present is invited to attend. Carolyn Griffin and Faye Stephens, president of the Dade City Garden Club, are in charge of the arrangements.

The Memorial Trees will be planted by the parks department under the direction of Don Hall and Kenny Polk. Not only will they be doing the planting, but they will be responsible for the care of the trees for the first 90 days. Dade City, a Tree City, USA is very supportive and aggressive in the planting and care of the trees. E. Palatka holly trees that will be planted along Church Avenue on Florida Arbor Day will honor the following:

Inez Jeter by Vic and Mary Smith
Donald Myers Elliotte by George and Pat Carver

Gordon and Jeanne Nereim
by their children

Floyd and Ruth Philmon
by their Sunday School Class

Jay Gates by a group of her
friends from Magnolia Circle

Loyal Howard Hayward by
Sandra McMillan

Memorial Trees to be
planted at Pasco High School
will honor:

Mary and Jack Johnson by Arnold and Peggy
Curington, David and Barbara Friedman, Lewis and
Marlene Mann and George and Pat Carver

Harry G. Brownlee by Jack and Mary Johnson

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Amy Jo Sumner by the Madani family

Memorial Trees to be planted at Polly
Touchton Park will honor:

Alice Earle by T.R.E.E., Inc., Will

iam D. Moriarty, president

James Calhoun Redmond by John Redmond, Jr.

Mary Moor Winnett by William D. Moriarty

Florence D. Moor by William D. Moriarty

Patricia Carver by William D. Moriarty

A dogwood tree in memory of Jim and Katie Ward and
Titus and Mary Brinson by Wesley, Jean, Wes and Jim
Ward is to be planted in the near future.

The following Memorial Trees were planted during
National Garden Week in June 1997 and will be recognized
at the Arbor Day Ceremony:

John Carroll Paterson by Karen Patterson

James Oakley and Ruah Tippy Oakley by Karen Patterson

Jesse Clifton Angel and Ella Fry Angel by Karen
Patterson

Amanda Leigh Sumners by Carol and Mike Hudson

Betty Puckett Sargent by Edwin Sargent, Meg Sargent
Shidler and Lee Sargent

Porter and Margaret Sargent by Edwin Sargent, Meg
Sargent and Lee Sargent

Nora Highley by Mrs. Joseph O'Connell

Coleman, Connor, Ashton and Carson Brock by Pat and
George Carver

Comer Parker by Kathy, Parker and Kaylee Capparelli

B.L. and Louise Puckett by Edwin and Lee

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City of Dade City



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JANUARY 17, 1997

conservation pledge

*"I give my pledge as an American to save
and faithfully defend from waste the natural
resources of my Country ... its air, soils and
minerals; its forests, waters and wildlife."*

THE ROOTS OF ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day was the idea of J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City.
Morton, editor of Nebraska's first newspaper, tirelessly advocated
planting trees on the native grasslands of his state.

The early settlers needed trees for fuel, food and building material,
and to provide windbreaks and shade. In 1872 Morton first proposed
a tree planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the
State Board of Agriculture. Prizes were offered to counties and
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During the 1870's other states passed legislation to observe
Arbor Day and the tradition began in schools in 1882.

By 1894 Arbor Day was celebrated in every state and has
now spread to other countries.

J. Sterling Morton was proud of the success of Arbor Day and noted:
"Other Holidays repose upon the past,
Arbor Day proposes for the future."

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BENEDICTION

Memorial Trees Dedicated on Arbor Day

DADE CITY—Memorial trees, living tributes given in honor of loved ones, were recognized and planted Jan. 16 during the Arbor Day Celebration held at Polly Touchton Park. The Dade City Garden Club and the City of Dade City, sponsors of the Memorial Tree Program, presented Certificates of Appreciation to those who donated trees. They were thanked for their support of the Memorial Tree Planting Program and for helping to make Dade City more beautiful.

Presiding at the program, in the absence of Mayor Charles McIntosh, was Mayor Pro Tem Scott Black and Pat Carver, Dade City Garden Club's Arbor Day Chairwoman with the Reverend Lewis Tanno, Rector of Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, giving the Invocation. Carver expressed appreciation to those who had worked to make the program a success. She introduced Jim Class, interim city manager; Ron Ferguson, Public Works director; Don Hall, superintendent of Parks and Streets; Ken Polk, parks crew leader; Connie Wilkerson, groundskeeper; and Jesse Castro, Charley Keith, David Gay, Jackie Bass and Frank Boles, city crew members. She also expressed appreciation to Martha Alexander and Carla Gordon, who helped prepare the Certificates

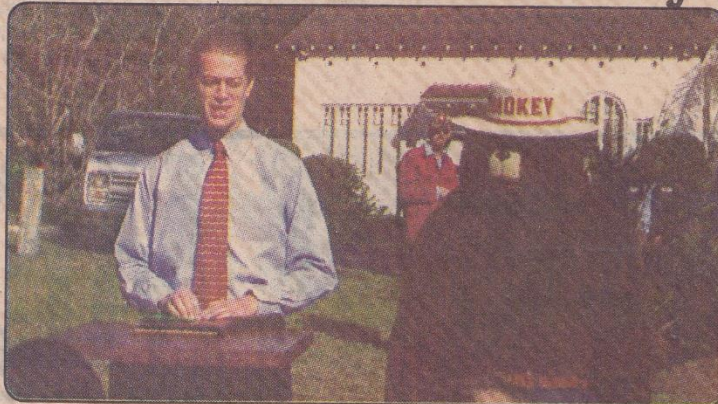


Photo by CARLENE ELLBERG

MAYOR PRO TEM SCOTT BLACK AND "SMOKEY THE BEAR" (RANGER ED KIRBY)

of Appreciation and the Program.

Bill Schillings, Pasco County Forester, addressed the audience on the history of Arbor Day and the plantings of trees, specifically the longleaf pine, in our area. Schillings, who was accompanied by Ranger Troy Newton, Ranger Ed Kirby and Smoky Bear, said that Friday was "just about a perfect tree planting day." He donated several longleaf pine seedlings as handouts for those attending the ceremony.

Will Moriarty, district vegetation management specialist for the Florida Department of Transportation and

President of Tampa Bay Reforestation Environment Efforts (T.R.E.E.) Inc., spoke on the activities of the organization he helped to found 15 years ago. Over 900 volunteers have planted close to 40,000 trees in almost 100 projects at no cost to the public. He dedicated a live oak in memory of Alice Earle, T.R.E.E. Inc.'s first Lifetime Member who passed away last year. Moriarty also presented a Certificate of Excellence from the Florida Urban Forestry Council to Pat Carver, his nominee in the 1997 Florida Urban Forestry Council's Urban and Community Forestry Awards Program. Carver was recognized for her efforts to "plan, plant and protect Florida's urban forests." Moriarty said of Dade City, "Although the canopy of trees you have says much of the beauty here, the true beauty of this community is its people."

Speaking in appreciation as recipients of the Memorial Trees were Jackson C. Johnson, Jr., principal of Pasco High School and Jim Class, interim city manager, City of Dade City. Johnson said the memorial trees that had been planted on the campus of Pasco High School were such welcome additions and that there was "plenty of room for more and they would be appreciated."

In closing, Vickie West, member of the Dade City Garden Club, gave the Benediction and invited everyone to come to the Garden Club for refreshments.



Photo by CARLENE ELLBERG

Pat Carver, Arbor Day chairperson; Jean Cate, Memorial Tree chairperson; and Faye Stevens, president Dade City Garden Club receive City Proclamation from Mayor McIntosh for Arbor Day.



Pasco News, Thursday, FEBRUARY 19, 1998

The Blanche Covington Nature Study Course Held on Big Pine Key

The Blanche Covington Nature Study Course, sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. was held on Big Pine Key at the Newfound Harbor Marine Institute. The Institute's Seacamp provided the group of youth leaders with hands on experiences in the study of the environment of the sea and the surrounding land. Some of the highlights of the three day study course was snorkeling, the study of algae and sponge communities, a visit to a home on No Name Key that has no city water or electric service and a special tour of the Marathon Museum of Natural History.

Joan Pryor, Pat Carver and Jackie Freedom, members of the Dade City Garden Club attended. Most of the 28 garden club members attending were youth leaders and will share what they learn with children this summer at Wekiva Youth camp which is also sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. The president of the Florida Federation, Mrs. O. Edgar Williams, was in attendance and has served as chairman of the camp for several years. Mrs. Gloria Blake will serve as camp chairman this summer and she will be joined by Joan Pryor of Dade City. The camp is open to all youth from third through eighth grades.

Michael Miller, Monroe County Extension Service, instructed the group in using The Key of identification of plants. Bob Glazer, Florida Marine Research spoke on the Queen Conch research being conducted to study and restore this endangered species. Cecily Daniels, N.O.A.H. Corp officer discussed environmental reef concerns and the Florida National Marine Sanctuary.

Garden clubs throughout the state sponsor junior garden clubs and teach young people to care for the environment, the love of nature and the how of gardening. Next year the adult program will be held at Wekiva Springs State Park.



Certificate of Appreciation

We hereby express our sincere appreciation to

Vic and Mary Smith

**For Your Support of the Memorial Tree Planting Program
and Helping to Make Dade City More Beautiful!**

Presented this 16th day of January, A.D., 1998.

Dade City Garden Club

City of Dade City, Florida

Faye Stevens
Faye Stevens, President



Charles A. McIntosh, Jr.
Charles A. McIntosh, Jr., Mayor



Dear District VIII Friends,

Have the current **water supply problems** and the vast **environmental damage to our wetlands and lakes** caused you concern?
. confused or frustrated you?
. affected your quality of life?
. raised some unanswered questions?

We would like to offer you an opportunity, as environmentally responsible citizens, to stay abreast of Florida's dire water crisis. You are asked to attend one of two upcoming Environmental Awareness Seminars, "***Protecting Your Water: Every Citizen's Responsibility***," **Wednesday, February 4th or Thursday, 5th.**

The amount of fresh water, Florida's most ecologically valuable resource, is finite and unfortunately, is quickly being depleted, polluted, or otherwise compromised. Competition for this resource is rapidly increasing and the overpumping of rural areas such as Hillsborough and Pasco Counties has caused extensive and *irreparable* environmental damage. Our water crisis is coming about not only because of a very limited supply, but also stems from the inability of agencies to coordinate the necessary actions that will ensure the availability of present and future water sources and to enforce the laws that protect our environment.

One of our club's objectives, as stated in the FFGC By-laws is "***to further the education of members and the public . . . in the conservation of natural resources . . .***" These Environmental Awareness Seminars are planned for District VIII members, other interested FFGC members and the general public for the purpose of raising the level of awareness and appreciation for our most ecologically valuable resource - fresh water. It is our objective that each participant realize a personal responsibility to take the appropriate action to protect this resource. Water shortages affect us not only in gardening, but in our every day quality of life. If we do not show an interest and concern, how can we expect others to care? Together we can work toward a positive and environmentally sound solution to this problem.

We would hope that each club/circle will be well represented at one or both of the seminars. President Theodore Roosevelt stated, "***The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased and not impaired in value.***" Further information on the programs and registration forms are enclosed.

Sincerely,
Carol Lucia, Director, FFGC District VIII
Pat Carver, FFGC Water and Wetland Chairman
District VIII Environmental Concerns Chairman

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SEMINARS "Protecting Our Water: Every Citizen's Responsibility"

Wednesday, February 4, 1998
sponsored by The Dade City Garden Club
at the Dade City Garden Center
13630 Fifth Street, Dade City
Registration 8:30-9:00
Program 9:00 - 4:00



Thursday, February 5, 1998
sponsored by District VIII Environmental Concerns
at The Garden Center, Tampa Federation
2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa
Registration 8:30 - 9:00
Program 9:00 - 2:00

Hear experts in their field speak on the following subjects:

- * Current conditions of wetlands and lakes
- * Hydrology regarding amount of water available in the aquifer and how the system works
- * The present and future water needs based on projected growth
- * Florida laws regarding water supply and the environment
- * Possible solutions including seawater desalination and other alternative sources
- * The Governance plan....making a utility out of West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority

NOTE:

The programs will be the same, except the Dade City seminar will offer a morning tour of environmentally impacted wetlands and lakes. If it is not possible to conduct the tours due to inclement weather, slides of the sites will be shown and narrated by the property owners.

Seating for the Dade City Seminar is limited to 100, due to space, and will be filled on a "first come" basis. Should the registration be filled, participants are requested to mark an alternate option registering for the seminar in Tampa. The Dade City Seminar will be open to the public after Jan. 15, while registration for the Tampa Seminar will be open to the public from the start. Deadline for registration for both programs will be January 30.

There will be a break for lunch each day. Those attending may bring a brown bag lunch or may make reservations for a box lunch for \$5. This will include a Cuban sandwich, potato salad, fruit and a cookie. The hostess club will provide the beverage.

There will be educational exhibits featuring charts, displays and videos further explaining the subjects discussed and may be viewed before the meeting begins and during breaks. There will also be opportunities for asking questions of the speakers.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1998 □ THE TAMPA TRIBUNE

Environmental seminar explores water issues



Carol J. Hedman

An environmental awareness seminar, "Protecting Our Water: Every Citizen's Responsibility," was held earlier this month at the Dade City Garden Club.

The daylong seminar featured speakers from the regulatory agency, Southwest Florida Water Management District; the

water supply agency, West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority; environmentally concerned citizens; and two Pasco County commissioners, **Sylvia Young** and **Ed Collins**. Representatives from Dade City, Zephyrhills, Brooksville, Largo, Crystal Springs and Tampa were among those who participated in the seminar. The National Council of State Garden Clubs was represented by the vice chairman of the Environmental Studies School, **Liz Murken** of Wisconsin.

According to the seminar leaders, **Stephanie Stratton** and **Pat Carver**, the seminar provided an overview of the water issues as they affect mainly the tri-county area of Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.

Addressing the subject was **Becky Ayech** of Sarasota, who represents the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida. She stressed the importance of civic education and involvement and the importance of being watchful of policy making groups. Ayech suggested that to bring about changes, a person must be outraged enough to continually speak with representatives until a law is passed to correct the problem and make sure the law is enforced.

The water problems were addressed through slide presentations showing the impacted wetlands and lakes by environmental scientists **Lizanne Garcia** and **Ted Rochow** of Swiftmud, and **Jan Dillard**, one of the property owners of the severely impacted Big Fish Lake on the Barthle Ranch. **Judy Williams** of Land O' Lakes spoke for **Gilliam Clarke**, whose property has been impacted as well.

Each of the speakers gave a slide presentation documenting their comments. The manager of the Resource Evaluation Section of Swiftmud, hydrologist **Andy Smith**, spoke of the geology and hydrology of the area, how it differs from the counties south of Tampa Bay, and why the difference affected the level of the wetlands and lakes in this area.

Doug Manson, attorney for the city of St. Petersburg, discussed the history of the Florida water law, how it now stands and the fact that the water management district and water supply authority are required by law to provide public supply water without causing significant environmental damage.

Paula Dye of West Coast spoke on present and future water needs of the tri-county area. Alternates to over-permitting and over-pumping groundwater withdrawals were also discussed. Alternative solutions being considered include the plan to make the authority a regional water utility.

Don Lindeman of West Coast talked of desalination; **Lou Kavorous** from Swiftmud spoke of other water alternatives, including reclaimed water, conservation, and capturing and improving excess rainfall. The speakers also pointed out that alternative sources of water are not only necessary for growth and development, but vital for protecting the wetlands and lakes.

Eileen Hart of Odessa addressed the real value of the limited supply of groundwater when considering the cost of wellfields and transporting the groundwater, plus paying for litigation and mitigation of the damages.

The goal of the planners of the seminar was to raise the level of awareness among those who live in this area and accept the responsibility for participating in the solutions to the problem.

Carolyn Griffin and Dade City Garden Club president **Faye Stevens** provided beverages and snacks. The same program, with several speaker changes, was presented in Tampa at the Garden Center of the Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs.

Funds for this project were provided by the Dade City Garden Club and a PETALS grant, which is part of a nationwide incentive program sponsored by the National Council of State Garden Clubs Inc. and Shell Oil Co.

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Dade City Garden Club Awarded Grant



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L to R: Pat Carver, Water and Wetland chairman, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs; Mary Smith, treasurer of Dade City Garden Club; Stephanie Stratton, chairman of Environmental Concerns Committee for Dade City Garden Club. Stephanie is presenting Mary the check for the \$500 PETALS Grant.

The Dade City Garden Club, a member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs has been awarded an incentive grant of \$500 to be used for a local project, according to an announcement made recently by Faye Stevens, president.

This incentive grant is part of the PETALS program (Protect the Environment Through Action, Learning and Service), a two-year program of environmental projects co-sponsored by National Council of State Garden Clubs and Shell Oil Company. In this program garden clubs nationwide, working with incentive grants from Shell Oil Company, strive to make an environmental difference in their respective communities. The goal of this program

is to encourage local clubs to initiate environmental projects which might not be possible without the grant.

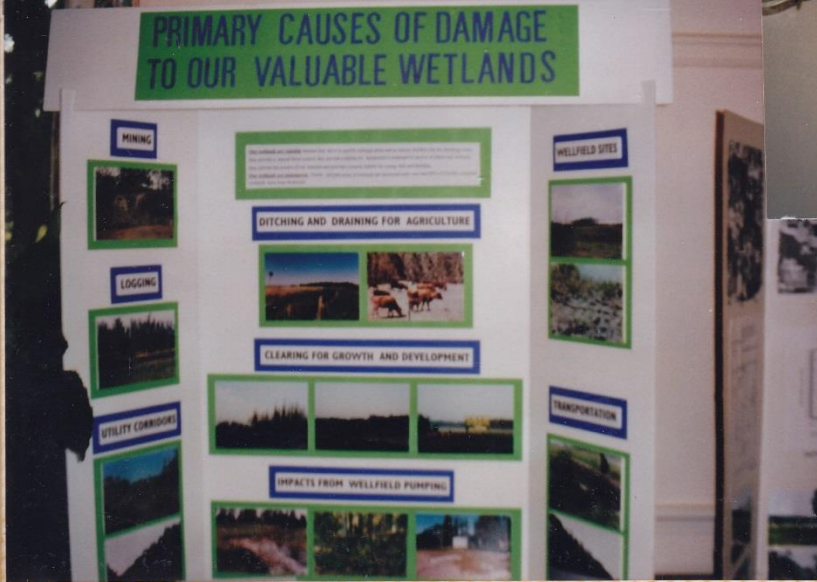
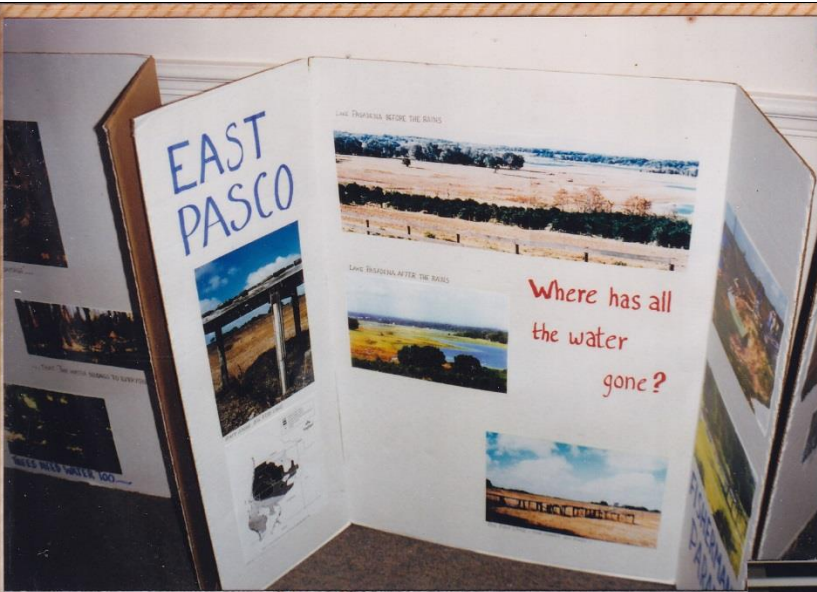
Florida, received \$3,025 for a total of 11 projects. This year a total of \$106,575 has been awarded to 340 clubs nationwide for proposed projects dealing with water conservation, environmental issues, or community improvement.

The project carried out by the Dade City Garden Club was an Environmental Awareness Seminar entitled, "Protecting Our Water: Every Citizen's Responsibility," which was held on Feb. 4 at the Dade City Garden Club. This seminar, which was chaired by Pat Carver and Stephanie Stratton, featured a number of speakers who were special-

ists in their field. Each of the speakers presented information on the water crisis experienced by the tri-county areas of Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties due to the overpumping of groundwater for public water supply. The speakers included environmentally concerned citizens, County Commissioners Sylvia Young and Ed Collins, and representatives from SWFWMD and WCRWSA. All of the evidence presented in the individual talks and in the table exhibits set up around the room, pointed to the need for alternative sources of water other than the overpermitted and overpumped ground water withdrawals. These alternative solutions, including desalination and water reuse, are part of the new regional agreement recently accepted by all participants, including Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties, and the cities of St. Petersburg, Tampa and New Port Richey. Each county will have two representatives and each city will have one representative on the board of the reorganized West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority. Each of the speakers urged the participants of the seminar to keep themselves informed on issues and to communicate their ideas to their local representatives. Keynote speaker, Becky Ayeche said, "Accountability is the citizen's ultimate responsibility." She stressed that if the lawmakers do not enact responsible legislation or if the regulatory agencies do not enforce the laws, it's up to the citizens to hold them accountable.

Speakers from SWFWMD and WCRWSA agreed that alternative sources of water such as desalination and water reuse were necessary to reduce groundwater pumping and protect the lakes, rivers and







The Queendom of Herbs

By Isabel Victoria

Basil

One of the oldest and best loved herbs is basil. Luckily for us here in Florida, it is also one of the easiest to grow!

There are many varieties of basil, and our gardens should have two or three at least. The ones we like the best are lemon basil; whose leaves have a lemony fragrance, Genovese basil; which is the all time favorite basil for pesto and Italian cooking and purple ruffles; which has a very strong basil flavor and is excellent for making vinegars.

The growth requirements are the same for all basil. Find a nice sunny spot, mix in some peat (from a garden shop) and plant your basil. It starts readily from seed, or you can bring home plants from nursery or grocery store. Either way your basil plants will be up and growing quickly. Basil also does very well in containers, just use a good light-weight potting soil, and an ample size pot. If you want to keep a pot or two by the kitchen door for quick snips it will do fine if it gets good sun. Don't over water basil, but make sure it never dries out to the leaf droop point! If you wish to give your basil some fertilizer, use organic products only!

Keep your basil happy by trimming it often...the more you snip on most herbs the more productive they will be! And the more you snip the more you will get to enjoy basil in your cooking!

Join us next time to find out what to do with all that basil you snip!

Dade City Garden Club Golden Anniversary

DADE CITY—Plans are underway for the Golden Anniversary celebration of the Dade City Garden Club on April 23. The garden club was organized in May 1948 and a 50-year reunion of past and present members is being scheduled. The Planning Committee headed by Bettyann Sayre is attempting to obtain addresses and status information of former members so that final plans can be completed.

Anyone having such information is requested to send this to the Dade City Garden Club, 13630 South 5th Street, Dade City, FL 33525, or telephone 352-567-3118, or give it to any member of the Dade City Garden Club.

Exhibitors Needed For Spring Flower Show

The Dade City Garden Club's spring Flower Show will be particularly special to the members this year. They are celebrating 50 years of existence. The club was founded in the fall of 1947 and this year's show will be dedicated to three charter members Catherine Deal Henrich, Dempsey Webb and Inez Jeter who passed away last summer.

Our 50th year...Celebrate With Flowers will be held on April 3 and 4 at the Woman's Club, 37922 Palm Avenue. The chairmen are Pat Carver, chairman, Joan Pryor, co-chairman, design schedule and judges, Janet Gibson, horticulture schedule and entries, Yvonne Sickler, printing and artwork, Deanna Mander, staging, Bettyann Sayre, design entries, Mary Y. Smith, design placement and Sue Pryor, design classification. Catherine Henrich, horticulture classification, Mary Roper and Beth Hammond, horticulture grooming, Sue Porter, horticulture placement, Hibiscus Circle, Judges' luncheon, Vickie West and Mary Coble, clerks, Carolyn Griffin, awards, Beth Hammond, tabulation, Donna Davis, hostesses, Jackie Freedom and Bobby Carlisle, publicity, Marie McLeod, Billy Daboll, Susan Peterson and Rose Circle, plant sale, Judy Morris, hospitality, Faye Stevens, quilt raffle.

Raffle tickets will be available at the show for a beautiful quilt, handmade by Club President Faye Stevens. The drawing will be held just before the show closes on Saturday, April 4 at 4 p.m. The quilt is on display at the Pasco

County Fair and will also be displayed at the flower show.

Horticulture classes are open to any amateur gardener. The exhibitor may make one entry in any division of a class with a limit of 15 cut specimens per exhibitor. The deadline for entering container grown plants is March 20 and cut specimens must be registered by the exhibitor Wednesday, April 1 at the Woman's Club between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. For additional information about entering contact Janet Gibson at 567-8257.

The show is free and will be open on Friday, April 3 from 1 to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to the birthday party and to join the members as they Celebrate With Flowers.



Bluebell Faith





PASCO □ THE TAMPA TRIBUNE □ MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1998

Three members of the Dade City Garden Club attended the Blanche Covington Nature Study Course held recently at the Newfound Harbor Marine Institute at Big Pine Key. The three-day course, sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc., is the institute's Seacamp for youth leaders and includes hands-on experiences in studying the environment of the sea and surrounding land.

Some of the highlights were snorkeling, the study of algae and sponge communities, a visit to a home on No Name Key that has no city water nor electric service, and a special tour of the Marathon Museum of Natural History. **Joan Pryor, Pat Carver and Jackie Preedom** attended from the Dade City club. Most of the 28 garden club members attending were youth leaders and will share what they learned with children this summer at Wekiva Youth Camp, also sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Pryor will join **Gloria Blake** as camp chairman this summer. The camp is open to all youth from third through eighth grades. **Michael Miller**, Monroe County Extension Service agent, instructed the group in plant identification. **Bob Glazer**, Florida marine researcher, spoke on the Queen Conch research being conducted to restore this endangered species. **Cecily Daniels**, N.O.A.H. Corps officer, discussed environmental reef concerns and the Florida National Marine Sanctuary.

Garden clubs throughout the state sponsor junior garden clubs and teach young people to care for the environment, to love nature, and how to garden. Next year the adult program will be held at Wekiva Springs State Park.



The Queendom of Herbs

By Isabel Victoria

More on Basil

Basil is such an easy to grow herb that we can have many different kinds, for different uses!

Lemon basil is excellent made into pesto just for fish. It also is great chopped up very fine in salads, and on hot vegetables. It imparts a lemony/basil flavor, that makes the same old dishes taste new and exciting!

Purple ruffles is very strongly flavored basil. It can be used everywhere, but with a lighter touch. It is best in herbal vinegars. It infuses the vinegar with a lovely rosy color. Herbal vinegars are easy to make, and are received with great pleasure as gifts!

To make an herbal vinegar you will need white wine vinegar. The regular white vinegar may be used if you add a little sugar to it, but white wine is best. In a large-mouth jar loosely pack your purple basil. Cover with the vinegar, close the jar and put in cool dark place overnight. Next morning check the level and pour in more vinegar if needed. Back to the cool dark spot to mature for two weeks. Then throw away the basil and pour your rosy pink vinegar into pretty bottles. If you have any basil flower stalks they look beautiful floating in the pink vinegar!

Now we can get pretty creative with herbal vinegars. When you have a thriving herb garden you can put lots of different combinations of herbs in your vinegars. Garlic goes especially good with basil. Chives add a new dimension of flavor and their flowers look lovely in gift bottles too! Choose pretty bottles for gifts and the recipients will be so thrilled that you will often get the bottles back for refills! Till next time.....



The Queendom of Herbs

By Isabel Victoria

Lemon Balm

Spring is definitely here! So are the wonderful mosquitoes, nasty black flies and charming gnats. It is almost too much to ask to be working out in our gardens, with this multitude of buzzie biters! However we are Herb Gardeners!! There is help in the realm of herbs!!! Lemon Balm!!

This easy to grow herb, will help us stay unmolested as we tend to our gardens!! Start your lemon balm from seeds or purchase plants, either way you will be rewarded rapidly! Give your plants good soil that holds moisture, and frequent sips of organic liquid fertilizer. We suggest growing lemon balm in containers. Much like mint, if given optimum growing conditions, it may take over your garden!

Here is what to do with your abundant lemon balm. Snip hands full and toss in the blender with a bit of olive oil, witch hazel and a few drops of glycerine. If the mixture is too gloppy add a bit more witch hazel. Strain into a jar, and store in the refrigerator. When you go out to play in your garden apply this mixture with a cotton ball. You will be pest free!

Yes, a sprig of lemon balm is also lovely in iced tea. You can also chop it fine and sprinkle it on fruit, like strawberries, or on fish for a very fresh taste. Use it wherever you would like a gentle lemon flavor. Lime balm is also available. Keep on growing!!!!

The Queendom of Herbs

By Isabel Victoria



Sage

Garden sage. Not to be confused with white sage or desert sage. Garden sage is what we stuff our poultry with, add to all bean dishes and dry in cute bunches for tea. Sage tea, is wonderfully cooling, and highly recommended for those in the throes of Power Surges! (hot flashes).

Garden sage is easy to grow here in Pasco County, if we remember that sage is descended from a desert plant and does not like wet feet or overly humid conditions. The way that we have found it grows best is in mounds. Simply build a small hill for each plant of sage. Eighteen inches is plenty high. This will allow the sage to drain readily. Then give them space to breathe! Keep sage two feet away from other plants. That will keep the humidity to a minimum. And, of course, full sun is best to help the ground and air stay dry. Only give water once a week or so, and sage requires little, if any, fertilizer. Good old garden soil is plenty fancy for sage. It will grow very well through most of our winters and springs, extra attention to minimum watering in summer months will ensure a supply all year. Purchase plants to get a quick start, they are slow coming from seed.

Sage is also a pretty plant and need not be banned to the vegi or herb garden. Its silvery green elongated leaves are attractive, and it will bloom with pretty blue flowers if happy! Place sage plants around in areas that stay dry naturally! Till next time...Happy Herbing!







Dade City Garden Club's Spring Flower Show



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Deborah Larue, Joan Pryor and Mabel Davenport at a recent meeting of the Hollyhock Garden Circle. Pryor had presented a design program on tables in preparation for the upcoming flower show.

Plans for the Dade City Garden Club's Spring Flower Show are continuing with members and Pasco County residents busily signing up their horticulture for the competition. The only requirements for container grown plants is that the specimen must have been grown by the exhibitor and the exhibitor must have owned the plant for three months prior to the show. Entries must be of show quality, well-groomed and in suitable clean containers. Information regarding entering can be obtained from any garden club member or Janet Gibson, entries chairman at 567-8257.

There will be something for everyone at the flower show. The Design Division will include designs interpreting "The Christmas Stroll" with a Christmas wreath, "The County Fair" and "Hot Jazz in the City." There will be table designs depicting a "Spring Luncheon," a club meeting, a "Flower Show Judges' Luncheon" and a "Fiftieth Anniversary Tea." Topiaries will be used to interpret "The Wedding Reception." Decorated packages and a framed dried flower picture will all be part of the Special Exhibits Division.

"A Special Time for Children" is the title of the petite design section where the designs are limited by size. "A Birthday Bash" must be depicted by a design that doesn't exceed eight inches. "The Honor Roll" must not exceed five inches and "Let's Go to the Zoo" may not be larger than three inches in any direction.

Several educational exhibits will also be included in this year's show. In the past such exhibits have included information about wildflowers, birds and herbs. Recycling has been a frequent theme with ideas for creating potpourri and wreaths from things found in nature as well as the effect litter and non biodegradables have on our environment.

The purpose of a Standard Flower Show such as this one are four-fold; to educate the members and the public, to stimulate interest in horticulture, to provide an outlet for creative expression and to convey to the community the objectives of the National Council of State Garden Clubs. The Dade City Garden Club has provided this event to the citizens of Pasco County on and off for the past 50 years. You are invited to come and help us celebrate that accomplishment.

The Flower Show, Out Fiftieth Year...Celebrate with Flowers, will be held at the Woman's Club, 37922 Palm Avenue, Dade City on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4. The hours are from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The show is free and open to the public. There will be a plant sale on the lawn of the Woman's Club. The money raised will be used to support the garden club's many civic projects.

The Queendom of Herbs

By Isabel Victoria

Earthday

Earthday is Wednesday, April 22. For those of us who grow it is a day set aside to say thank you to the earth for providing us with the medium to grow IN!! Make time in your day next Wednesday to get out in your garden and just visit with your plants. See that everyone is happy and doing well. Think about how lucky you are to be able to grow some food and flowers! Think about how kind you are being to the earth by using only organic amendments in your growing space.

Earth day is a great day to plant trees too. With deforestation going on we need all the oxygen producers we can get!! Plant a nice tree, and think about the good thing you are doing for the earth.

Earthday is a time to see what good you are doing and what better you can do! Get out there in your herb garden and snip a little off everyone and make a salad dressing for a fresh green salad! And eat it outside too! Get close to the earth today by spreading a blanket on the ground and having your lunch in the garden.

Or go hug a tree. How about that tree that keeps the western sun from broiling your house in the afternoon? You don't have one of those? Then this would be the perfect time to plant one!!

Get outside on earth day! Look around you! In this area we have such a beautifully close connection with the earth! Nurture it and be thankful that you have access to dirt and not just cement!

Let each day and every one of us think carefully about the earth. Let us each walk thoughtfully, keeping in mind that we draw our whole life from the earth! Get out there and say, "Thanks, Mom!!"

Seminar on Water Held in Dade City



Photo by CARLENE ELLBERG

L - R: Stephanie Stratton, Co-chairman of Environmental Seminar; Liz Murken, National Vice-chair of Environmental Studies School for the National Council of State Garden Clubs and Joan Pryor, Third vice president of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

DADE CITY—An Environmental Awareness Seminar entitled "Protecting Our Water: Every Citizen's Responsibility" was held at the Dade City Garden Club last Wednesday. The day long seminar featured speakers from the regulatory agency, Southwest Florida Water Management District; the water supply agency, West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority; environmentally concerned citizens and two Pasco County commissioners, Commissioner Sylvia Young and Commissioner Ed Collins. Representatives from Dade City, Zephyrhills, Brooksville, Largo, Crystal Springs and Tampa were among those who participated in the seminar. The National Council of State Garden Clubs was represented by the vice chairman of the Environmental Studies School, Liz Murken from Wisconsin.

According to Seminar Co-Chairmen, Stephanie Stratton and Pat Carver, the seminar provided an overview of the water issues as they affect mainly the tri-county area of Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Addressing the subject, "Protecting Our Water: Every Citizen's Responsibility" was Becky Ayeach from Sarasota who represents the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida (ECOSWF.) She stressed the importance of civic education and involvement, and the importance of being ever present and ever watchful of policy making groups. Ayeach suggested that to bring about changes in injustices, one must first feel outrage, then speak with representatives until a law is passed to correct the problem and most impor-

tantly, make sure the law is enforced.

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Other topics discussed included the Florida Water Law, presented by Doug Manson, attorney for the City of St. Petersburg. He discussed the history of the law, how it currently stands, and the fact that the Water Management District and the Water Supply Authority are required by law to provide public supply water without causing significant environmental damage. Paula Dye from WCRWSA spoke on the present and future water needs of our tri-county area.

All of the evidence presented in the individual talks and in the exhibits set up around the room pointed to the need for alternative sources of water other than the overpermitted and overpumped ground water withdrawals.

Alternative solutions currently be-

ing considered include the Governance Plan, which is a tri-county agreement that would realign the membership of the WCRWSA and would convert the authority into one giant utility owning all of the well-heads in the three counties and providing water to the same areas at a uniform price. Pasco County Commissioner Ed Collins who is also a member of the WCRWSA, explained the plan. By combining all sources of water, the plan when implemented would hopefully rest wellfields at intervals. Collins suggested that the WCRWSA Board was working on some of the final details of the agreement. It would then have to be accepted by all member governments.

Also discussed was seawater desalination, presented by Don Lindeman from WCRWSA. He suggested that WCRWSA was currently considering 5 to 6 proposals for desalination plants that would be capable of producing up to 50 million gallons of desalinated water per day. Other alternative sources of water presented by Lou Kavorous from SWFWMD, included reclaimed water, conservation of water and capturing and impounding excess rainfall. It was pointed out by the speakers that alternative sources of water were not only necessary for growth and development, but vital for protecting lakes and wetlands.

Eileen Hart of Odessa addressed the real value of the limited supply of groundwater. She said when you factor in litigation, cost of wellfields and transporting the groundwater and the mitigation of damages, groundwater is really not a cheap source of water.

The goal of the planners of the seminar was to raise the level of awareness among those who live in this area and that the citizens would accept responsibility for participating in the solutions to the problems.

Carolyn Griffin and Dade City Garden Club President Faye Stevens, provided beverages and snacks for those attending the seminar.

The same program with several speaker changes was presented in Tampa at the Garden Center of the Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs on Thursday. Karen Lloyd, sr. attorney from SWFWMD spoke on Florida law; Dave Bracciano, WCRWSA, spoke on water needs, and Peter Gottschalk represented the citizens impacted by the large wellfield withdrawals.

Jayne Hemstreet, Tampa, served as hostess and registrar for this seminar. Funds for this project were provided by the Dade City Garden Club and by a PETAL'S Grant, which is part of a nationwide incentive program sponsored by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and Shell Oil.

Environmental seminar: The Dade City Garden Club is sponsoring an environmental awareness seminar, "Protecting Your Water: Every Citizen's Responsibility," from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Dade City Garden Club, 13630 Fifth St.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Because of limited seating, registration is required in advance by calling **Stephanie Stratton**, (352) 567-5766, or **Pat Carver**, (352) 567-3844. Deadline to reserve a space is Saturday.

A similar seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in Tampa sponsored by District 8 of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, which includes Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Sarasota, Manatee, Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. The seminars are offered in conjunction with the club's objective, as stated in the federation's bylaws, "to further the education of members and the public ... in the conservation of natural resources."

The general public is invited to raise the level of awareness and appreciation for what is considered by many to be the most ecologically valuable resource — freshwater.

Speakers at the seminar will include: **Becky Ayech**, with the environmental organization ECOSWF; **Dave Bracciano**, staff member of the West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority, discussing water needs; Pasco County Commissioner **Ed Collins**, a board member of the West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority speaking on the governance plan. Southwest Florida Water Management District representatives **Ted Rochow**, **Lizanne Garcia**, **Andy Smith** and **Lou Kavouras** will discuss wetlands, lakes, hydrology and alternative water sources; a Florida Progress representative will discuss desalination; and attorney **Doug Manson** will speak on Florida law regarding water issues. In addition, property owners **Jan Dillard** and **Gilliam Clarke**, whose lands are adjacent to two local well fields, will speak on the severe impact pumping has had on their lands. Videos, slide presentations and displays featuring current water issues and topics will be included.

A \$5 box lunch is available for the seminars or participants can bring their own bag lunch.

Gardener honored: Pat Carver of the Dade City Garden Club was presented a Certificate of Excellence from the Florida Urban Forestry Council by **Will Moriarty**, district vegetation management specialist for the Florida Department of Transportation. Carver is Moriarty's nominee for the 1997 Florida

Urban Forestry Council Urban and Community Forestry Awards Program. She was recognized for her efforts to "plan, plant and protect Florida's urban forests."

"Although the canopy of trees you have says much of the beauty here, the true beauty of this community is its people," Moriarty said of Dade City.

Carver has been instrumental in the garden club's Memorial Tree Program which provides for trees to be planted as memorials and tributes to both living and deceased individuals.



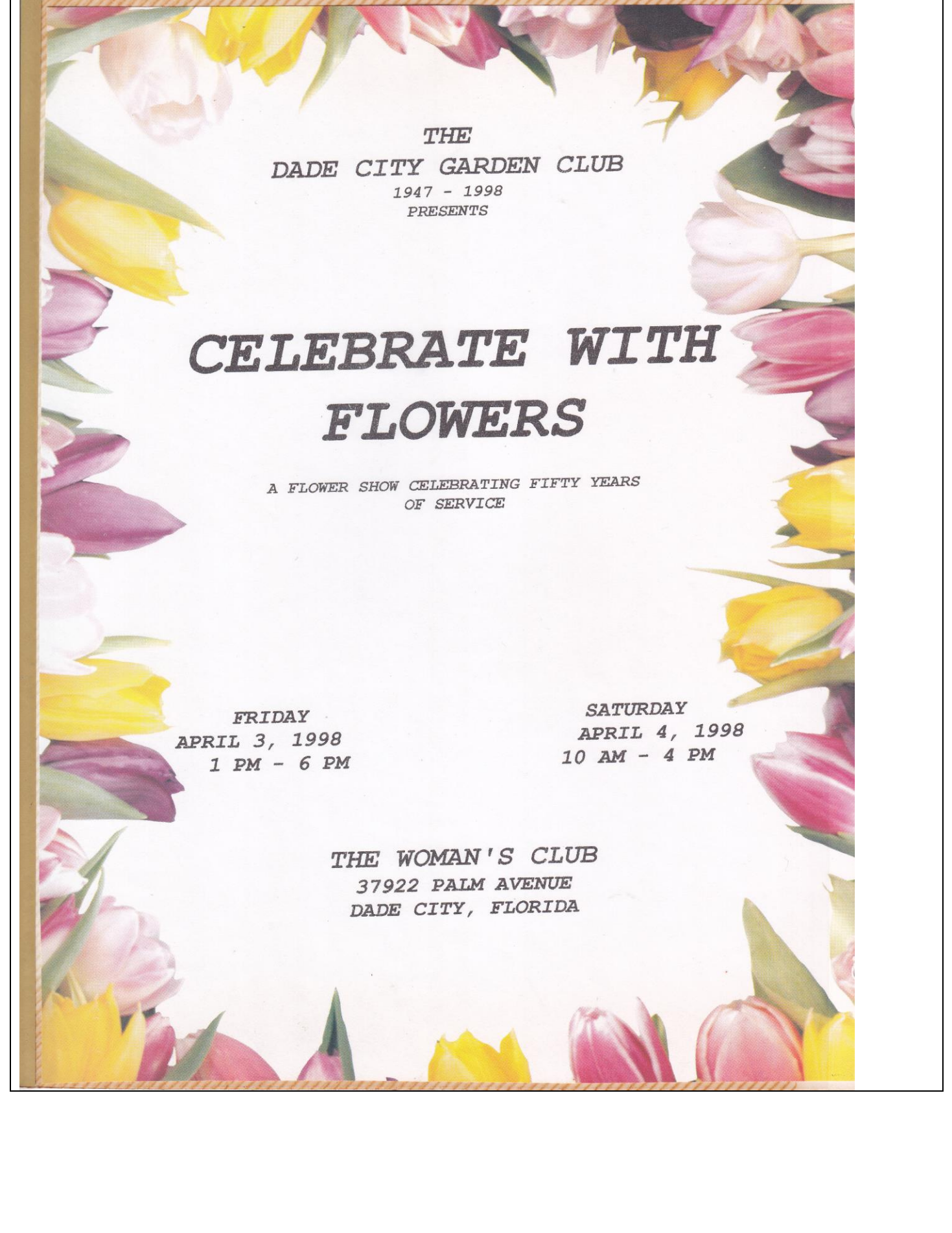
Petal power

With roadside wildflowers in full bloom, State Road 52 never looked prettier. The multicolored petals have turned this Dade City field, sometimes used as a parking lot for the Pasco County Fair, into a feast for the eyes.



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Dade City Garden Club's 50th anniversary flower

By Sherri Ackerman

SPECIAL TO PRIME TIMES

DADE CITY

It only seemed right for the Dade City Garden Club to dedicate its 50th-anniversary flower show to Inez Jeter, a founding member of the group.

Ms. Jeter died last year, but her caring and unselfish acts continue to inspire fellow members as they prepare for their annual show at the Woman's Club on Palm Avenue at Seventh Street.

It's one of many events in April in Pasco County, sponsored by clubs, area chambers of commerce and the County Parks Department.

"Our 50th Year Celebrating Flowers" also is dedicated to two more charter members, Catherine Deal Henrich and Dempsey Webb. Both women will take part in the April 3-4 event that features a standard flower show with judges accredited by the National Council of Flower Shows.

Judges will award winners for best plant, best hanging basket, best foliage plant, best flowering plant, best cactus and best cut specimen. There also will be contests for table artistry, topiary and Christmas wreath designs, craft classes and educational exhibits.

This is the first year the horticulture division will be open to the public, said chairwoman Pat Carver. That should help stave off those comments that "I've got something prettier than that at home," she said.

There also will be displays of "functional table

settings," which isn't your standard fork-and-knife scenario. Designers will show off fashionable and palatable ways to use fresh and dried flowers, snazzy napkins and place mats to make dining-room tables more enticing.

In addition, participants will meet members, who are more than just a "meet, greet and eat bunch," Carver said.

By the way, the club's not for women only. Through the county's Master Gardener program, the club now has a circle that includes men, she said.

Show hours will be Friday, April 3, 1-6 p.m., and Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For information, call (352) 567-3844.

show among upcoming events

THE TAMPA TRIBUNE □ MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1998

Budding gardeners: Amateur gardeners in the area are invited to exhibit in the horticulture classes of the Dade City Garden Club flower show April 3 and 4. The deadline to enter container-grown plants is Friday; cut specimens must be registered by April 1 at the Women's Club, 37922 Palm Ave., Dade City, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. those dates.

The theme of the event at the Women's Club is, "Our 50th Year — Celebrate with Flowers."

The club was founded in 1947; the show will be dedicated to three charter members: **Inez Jeter**, who died last summer; **Catherine Deal Henrich** and **Dempsey Webb**. Chairwomen for the show are **Pat Carver**, general chairwoman; **Joan Pryor**, co-chairwoman in charge of design schedule and judges; **Janet Gibson**, horticulture schedule and entries; **Yvonne Sickler**, printing and art work; **Deanna Mander**, staging; **Bettyann Sayre**, design entries; **Mary Y. Smith**, design placement; **Sue Pryor**, design classification; **Henrich**, horticulture classification; **Mary Roper** and **Beth Hammond**, horticulture grooming; **Sue Porter**, horticulture placement; **Hibiscus Circle**, judges' luncheon; **Vickie West** and **Mary Coombe**, clerks; **Carolyn Griffin**, awards; **Hammond**, tabulation; **Donna Davis**, hostesses; **Jackie Freedom** and **Bobby Carlisle**, publicity; **Marie McLeod**, **Bille Daboll**, **Susan Peterson**, and **Rose Circle**, plant sale; **Judy**

Morris, hospitality; and **Faye Stevens**, quilt drawing.

Tickets for the drawing of the handmade quilt by Stevens, club president, will be available at the show. The drawing will be at 4 p.m. April 4. The free show is open to the public. For information about entering call Gibson, (352) 567-8257.

Flower show contest has small twist

Imagine entering a flower show competition where the entries cannot exceed three inches — in any direction. The petite design section of this flower show has such a competition.



SUZANNE HAYES
EAST PASCO

The Dade City Garden Club will celebrate its anniversary with a show titled "Our Fiftieth Year. . . Celebrate with Flowers." The show is dedicated to three charter members — Inez Jeter, who died last summer, Catherine Deal Henrich and Dempsey Webb.

The show will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Women's Club building at Seventh Street and Palm Avenue in Dade City. The club has planned something for everyone.

The Design Division will include designs interpreting the Christmas Stroll with a Christmas wreath, the County Fair and Hot Jazz in the City.

Table designs will depict a spring luncheon, a club meeting, a flower show judges' luncheon and a 50th anniversary tea.

Topiaries will be used to interpret a wedding reception.

The petite design section is titled "A Special Time for Children." "A Birthday Bash" category will feature designs that do not exceed 8 inches; the "Honor Roll" category must not exceed 5 inches; and entries for "Let's Go to the Zoo" will not be larger than 3 inches — in any direction.

Exhibits will provide information about wild flowers, birds and herbs, and a recycling exhibit will present ideas for creating potpourri and wreaths from things found in nature. Litter, non-biodegradables and their effect on the environment will also be addressed.

The show will include a plant sale on the front lawn of the club. Proceeds will go to the



Special to the Times
Dade City Garden Club members Deanna Mander, seated, and Joan Pryor, Cheryl O'Berry and Bettyann Sayre go over last-minute details for the club's flower show, which will celebrate the club's 50th birthday. The show, "Our Fiftieth Year. . . Celebrate with Flowers," will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Women's Club building at Seventh and Palm in Dade City.

club's many civic projects.

Pat Carver is show chairwoman and Joan Pryor is co-chairwoman. Pryor also is in charge of the design schedule and judges.

Other chairwomen include Janet Gibson, horticulture schedule and entries; Yvonne Sickler, printing and artwork; Deanna Mander, staging; Bettyann Sayre, design entries; Mary Y. Smith, design placement; Sue Pryor, design classification; Catherine Henrich, horticulture classification; Mary Roper and Beth Hammond, horticulture grooming; Sue Porter, horticulture placement; Vickie West and Mary Coble, clerks; Carolyn Griffin, awards; Hammond, tabulation; Donna Davis, hostess; Jackie Freedom and Bobby Carlisle, publicity; and Judy Morris,

hospitality.

The plant sale will be conducted by Marie McLeod, Billy Daboll, Susan Peterson and Rose Circle. Hibiscus Circle will host the judges' luncheon.

Club president Faye Stevens is in charge of a raffle for a quilt that she made. The drawing will be held just before the show closes at 4 p.m. Saturday. The show is free and open to the public.

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Flower show: "Our 50th Year — Celebrate with Flowers" is the theme of the Dade City Garden Club's annual flower show to be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Dade City Woman's Club on Palm Avenue. The show is free and open to the public.

There will also be a plant sale on the clubhouse lawn. Money raised will be used to support the garden club's many civic projects. Members and Pasco County residents can also enter horticulture for the competition.

The only requirements for container-grown plants are that the specimens must have been grown by the exhibitors and the exhibitors must have owned the plants for three months prior to the show. Entries must be of show quality, well-groomed and in suitable clean containers. For information about entering, call **Janet Gibson**, entries chairwoman, (352) 567-8357.

Members will also be entering the design division, which will include designs interpreting The Christmas Stroll with Christmas wreaths, the county fair and Hot Jazz in the City, all events taking place in Dade City. There will also be table designs depicting a spring luncheon, a club meeting, flower show judges' luncheon and a 50th anniversary tea.

Topiaries will be used to interpret a wedding reception. Decorated packages and framed dried flower pictures will all be part of the special exhibits division. "A Special Time for Children" is the title of the petite design section where the designs are limited by size. "A Birthday Bash" must be depicted by a design that does not exceed 8 inches. "The Honor Roll" must not exceed 5 inches and "Let's Go to the Zoo" may not be larger than 3 inches in any direction.

Several educational exhibits will also be included in the show. The purpose of the show is fourfold: to educate members and the public; stimulate interest in horticulture; provide an outlet for creative expression; and convey to the community the objectives of the National Council of State Garden Clubs. The Dade City Garden Club has provided this event to the residents of Pasco County most years for the past 50.

Flower show winners: Several hundred visitors attended Celebrate With Flowers, the annual flower show of the Dade City Garden Club April 3 and 4 at the Woman's Club in Dade City. The walkway into the historic building was lined with brightly colored annuals provided by Stearns Peat Co. Inside were equally colorful displays ranging from a handmade tulip quilt to floral designs and award-winning horticulture. **Michele Sutton** won the quilt.

Horticulture awards were presented to **June Farmer**, who won the Arboreal Award for the best cut specimen of a tree or shrub; **Alice Boeshore**, **H. Bannon**, **Mary Young Smith**, **Catherine Henrich** and **Sue Porter**, Awards of Merit for horticulture entries; Boeshore, Award of Horticulture Excellence for a flowering maple; Farmer, the Pat Douglas Award for the best cut-flower specimen; and Henrich, the Horticulture Sweepstakes Award for the most blue ribbons in horticulture.

In the design division, awards were presented to **Vickie West**, Designer's Choice Award for her creative design in "First Place at the County Fair"; **Pat Carver**, Table Artistry Award for an exhibition table that used kiwi fruit and grapes to depict "Flower Show Judge's Luncheon"; Boeshore, the Petite

Award for a 5-inch design entitled "A Birthday Bash"; Smith, the Artistic Craft Award for "The Wedding Reception" topiary; and the Magnolia Garden Circle won the Club Competition Award for a buffet table titled "Fiftieth Anniversary Tea." Boeshore also received the Design Sweepstakes Award for receiving the most blue ribbons in the design division. The Educational Award was presented to **Stephanie Stratton** for her display on using color in the garden.

Other education exhibits included "The History of the Garden Club" by **Sheila Seme**; "Vericomposting" by **Jared Watson**; and "Protecting Our Wetlands" by Sutton. Stearns Peat Co. received an Award of Appreciation for its commercial exhibit, and Farmer received the Traveling Award for the club member receiving the most award points. The Dogwood Garden Circle won the most overall circle points. The show was judged by Florida Federation of Garden Clubs accredited judges from Central and South Florida.

The Dade City Garden Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Photo by PAT CARVER

L: Catherine Deal Henrich and R: Dempsey Webb, charter members who are still active in the Dade City Garden Club.

About 150 people attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration of The Dade City Garden Club on Thursday, April 23 at the Garden Center on South 5th Street in Dade City.

President Faye Stevens welcomed guests and members and gave a brief synopsis of the garden club's past 50 years.

Ellen Sunka, chaplain, gave the invocation using a poem entitled, "Life" composed by Jim "Mudcat" Grant, former Lacochee resident and retired professional baseball pitcher for the Minnesota Twins team.

Pat Carver, immediate past president introduced dignitaries present at the celebration. She presented Pat Mulieri, county commissioner and Sylvia Young, commission chairman; Nancy McClain Alphonso, city commissioner and Phyllis Smith, executive director of the chamber of commerce.

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District Eight Director Carol Lucia and Joan Pryor, state third vice president, represented the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC).

The magnificent floral arrangement decorating the refreshment table was a memorial to member Inez Jeter, who died last year and the arrangement was dedicated to the only two active charter members, Catherine Deal Henrich and Dempsey Webb. The two garden statuettes of little barefoot boys flanking the floral arrangement were gifts to Catherine and Dempsey. Special recognition was also given to inactive charter member Virginia Williams.

Past presidents were recognized. Those in attendance were Lela Futch, Catherine Deal Henrich, Ruth Thomas, Marjorie Turner, Joan Pryor, Beth Hammond, Sue Porter and Pat Carver.

Sue Porter, second vice president and membership chairman, presented Honorary Life Membership Awards to Frank Johnson, gardener and friend of the Garden Club, as well as to members Helen Tyner and John and Ellen Sunka. County Commissioners Pat Mulieri and Sylvia Young read and presented a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners for the Garden Club's 50 years of outstanding service to the community.

District Eight Director Carol Lucia presented the club with a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Council of State Garden Clubs (NSCGC) for 50 continual years of membership in that organization.

Some special NCDGC awards were announced and will be presented to a representative of the Garden Club at the FFGC Convention in Ft. Lauderdale on April 29 and 30. Celebration Chairman Bettyann Sayre introduced member of that committee and expressed appreciation for their outstanding service.

Member Maryon Denlinger read a poem, "To Those I Love," by Isla Paschal Richardson, as a memorial to all of the deceased member of The Dade City Garden Club.

Outgoing president Faye Stevens expressed appreciation to the members and friends who worked so hard to make her term of office successful. She introduced Caroline Byrnes, president-elect and extended best wishes for Caroline's term of leadership in the club.

Charter members Catherine Deal Henrich and Dempsey Webb cut the anniversary cake and everyone enjoyed refreshments and a time of fellowship.







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Dade City Garden Club Flower Show A Huge Success



Photo by PAT CARVER

VICKIE WEST

By JACKIE FREEDOM

The Dade City Garden Club held their annual Flower Show on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 at the Woman's Club building in Dade City. The several hundred visitors who attended the show, entitled "Celebrate With Flowers," were treated to a magnificent display. The walk to the building, lined with an array of brightly color annuals provided by Stearns Peat Company, led those attending, into a world of equally as colorful displays ranging from a handmade tulip quilt, that was won by Michele Sutton to floral designs and award winning horticulture

Award, for a five inch design titled "A Birthday Bash," Mary Young Smith, the Artistic Craft Award, for "The Wedding Reception," topiary and Magnolia Garden Circle, the Club Competition Award, for a buffet table titled "Fiftieth Anniversary Tea." Alice Boeshore received the Design Sweepstakes Award for receiving the most blue ribbons in the design division.

The Educational Award was presented to Stephanie Stratton for her display on use of color in the garden. Other educational exhibits included "The History of the Garden Club" by Sheila

Delegates Attend Meeting



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Pictured are the Dade City Garden Club State Convention delegates after Joan Pryor's installation as 3rd vice president of the FFGC. L to R are: Jackie Freedom, Joan Pryor, Judy Morris and Pat Carver.

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs held its 71st State Convention in Daytona Beach, April 16 and 17. Delegates from Dade City Garden Club were Joan Pryor, Jackie Freedom, Judy Morris, Sue Pryor and Pat Carver. Former president of the Dade City Garden Club and outgoing Director of District VIII, Joan Pryor was elected 3rd vice president of FFGC. Along with the other officers, she was installed in a lovely ceremony led by former FFGC president, Mrs. Addie Lou Harris.

The convention was preceded by a Standard Flower Show presented by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, "The World's of Gulliver," held in the Ocean Center, across from the convention hotel, April 15 to 17.

One of the highlights of the convention is the presentation of the state awards. The Dade City Garden Club won the Clyde D. Ware Award for Civic Development for the joint project of the Lester Park Dedication and the first planting of The Memorial Tree Program. One of the considerations of this award is the degree of participation by the community, which has indeed been outstanding.

Dade City Garden Club were prepared by Jackie Freedom, awards chairman and Pat Carver. The certificates and the Cash Awards were brought home and presented to the Board of Directors of the Dade City Garden Club.

Sue Pryor, Dogwood Circle, received a very special honor in recognition of her contributions to the State Federation. She was presented Life Membership in the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

Also, receiving recognition at the State FFGC Convention was the Dade City Maintenance Yard, District 7 of the Department of Transportation. They received second place in the FFGC "Paths of Sunshine Award" for their wildlife plantings. Receiving the award was Robert Foster, accompanied by Will Moriaty, landscape specialist for District 7, Department of Transportation.

The next meeting of the General Club will be the final club meeting of the 1996-97 year. It is a covered dish luncheon on May 19 and will be the installation of the new officers. The installing officer will be the new District VIII Director, Carol Lucia, from St. Petersburg.

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INVOCATION	ELLEN SUNKA Chaplain
INTRODUCTIONS	PAT CARVER Past President
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS	JOAN PRYOR Past President
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	SUE PORTER Membership Chairman
AWARDS	JOAN PRYOR NCSGC Awards Chairman
COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS	BETTYANN SAYRE Celebration Chairman
MEMORIAL	MARYON DENLINGER
CLOSING REMARKS	FAYE STEVENS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1998 □ THE TAMPA TRIBUNE □ PASCO

Garden club: The Dade City Garden Club, celebrating its 50-year anniversary this month, will host a Golden Anniversary Tea from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the garden center. The tea will honor all former and current members. **Bettyann Sayre**, chairwoman of the golden anniversary committee, said about 220 invitations were mailed to former members of the six active garden circles — Azalea, Dogwood, Hibiscus, Hollyhock, Magnolia and Poinsettia — and the defunct Camellia and Mimosa circles.

At the anniversary tea, presiding president **Faye Stevens** and president-elect **Caroline Byrnes** will be introduced. Past presidents and charter members will also be presented. Others helping with the tea are **Carolyn Griffin**, hospitality chairwoman, and **Pat Carver** and **Jackie Freedom**, co-chairwomen for decorations.

For information, call Sayre, (813) 788-0320, or Griffin, (352) 567-6204.



DADE CITY GARDEN CLUB: Joan Pryor, in background, third vice president of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, introduces Dade City Garden Club charter members, from left to right, Catherine Deal Henrich, Dempsey Webb and Virginia Williams at last week's 50th anniversary celebration.





EAST PASCO

Club's 50th anniversary an event to remember



Carol J. Hedman

About 150 people attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the Dade City Garden Club recently at the garden center. President **Faye Stevens** welcomed guests and members and gave a brief synopsis of the club's past 50 years. **Ellen Sunka**, chaplain, gave the invocation using a poem titled "Life," composed by **Jim "Mudcat" Grant**, former Lacoochee resident and retired professional baseball pitcher for the Minnesota Twins.

Pat Carver, immediate past president, introduced dignitaries including County Commissioners **Pat Mulieri** and **Sylvia Young**; City Commissioner **Nancy McClain Alphonso**; and **Phyllis Smith**, executive director of the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce. **Carol Lucia**, District 8 director, and **Joan Pryor**, state third vice president, represented the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

The floral arrangement decorating the refreshment table was a memorial to member **Inez Jeter**, who died last year. The arrangement was dedicated to the only two active charter members, **Catherine Deal Henrich** and **Dempsey Webb**. The two garden statuettes of little barefoot boys flanking the floral arrangement were gifts to Henrich and Webb.

Special recognition was also given to inactive charter member **Virginia Williams**. Past presidents were also recognized. Those in attendance were: **Lela Futch**, Henrich, **Ruth Thomas**, **Marjorie Turner**, Pryor, **Beth Hammond**, **Sue Porter** and Carver. Porter, second vice president and membership chairwoman, presented honorary life membership awards to **Frank Johnson**, gardener and friend of the garden club, as well as members **Helen Tyner** and **Ellen** and **John Sunka**.

Mulieri and Young read and presented a county commission resolution for the club's 50 years of outstanding service to the community. Lucia presented the club with a certificate of appreciation from the National Council of State Garden Clubs for 50 continual years of membership in that organization.

Some special national awards were also announced and presented to a representative of the club at the state convention in Fort Lauderdale April 29-30. **Bettyann Sayre**, celebration chairwoman, introduced members of the committee and expressed appreciation for their outstanding service.

Member **Maryon Denlinger** read a poem, "To Those I Love," by **Isla Paschal Richardson** as a memorial to all of the deceased members of the club. Stevens, outgoing president, also expressed appreciation to members and friends who worked to make her term successful. She introduced **Caroline Lymes**, president-elect, and extended her best wishes for her term of leadership.



Dade City Garden Club Awarded Grant



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L to R: Pat Carver, Water and Wetland chairman, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs; Mary Smith, treasurer of Dade City Garden Club; Stephanie Stratton, chairman of Environmental Concerns Committee for Dade City Garden Club. Stephanie is presenting Mary the check for the \$500 PETALS Grant.

The Dade City Garden Club, a member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs has been awarded an incentive grant of \$500 to be used for a local project, according to an announcement made recently by Faye Stevens, president.

This incentive grant is part of the PETALS program (Protect the Environment Through Action, Learning and Service), a two-year program of environmental projects co-sponsored by National Council of State Garden Clubs and Shell Oil Company. In this program garden clubs nationwide, working with incentive grants from Shell Oil Company, strive to make an environmental difference in their respective communities. The goal of this program

is to encourage local clubs to initiate environmental projects which might not be possible without the grant.

Florida, received \$3,025 for a total of 11 projects. This year a total of \$106,575 has been awarded to 340 clubs nationwide for proposed projects dealing with water conservation, environmental issues, or community improvement.

The project carried out by the Dade City Garden Club was an Environmental Awareness Seminar entitled, "Protecting Our Water: Every Citizen's Responsibility," which was held on Feb. 4 at the Dade City Garden Club. This seminar, which was chaired by Pat Carver and Stephanie Stratton, featured a number of speakers who were special-

ists in their field. Each of the speakers presented information on the water crisis experienced by the tri-county areas of Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties due to the overpumping of groundwater for public water supply. The speakers included environmentally concerned citizens, County Commissioners Sylvia Young and Ed Collins, and representatives from SWFWMD and WCRWSA. All of the evidence presented in the individual talks and in the table exhibits set up around the room, pointed to the need for alternative sources of water other than the overpermitted and overpumped ground water withdrawals. These alternative solutions, including desalination and water reuse, are part of the new regional agreement recently accepted by all participants, including Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties, and the cities of St. Petersburg, Tampa and New Port Richey. Each county will have two representatives and each city will have one representative on the board of the reorganized West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority. Each of the speakers urged the participants of the seminar to keep themselves informed on issues and to communicate their ideas to their local representatives. Keynote speaker, Becky Ayech said, "Accountability is the citizen's ultimate responsibility." She stressed that if the lawmakers do not enact responsible legislation or if the regulatory agencies do not enforce the laws, it's up to the citizens to hold them accountable.

Speakers from SWFWMD and WCRWSA agreed that alternative sources of water such as desalination and water reuse were necessary to reduce groundwater pumping and to protect the lakes, rivers and wetlands.

SAES Gets a New Garden



Photo by CARLENE ELLBERG

Ben Heskett, 10, and Derek Watson, 10, of Ms. Green's class.

SAN ANTONIO—San Antonio Elementary School has received a new courtyard garden funded through Florida Yards and Neighborhoods and the Pasco County Cooperative Extension. Monies from the grant are used to create outdoor learning areas. This is the second year that SAES has received the funding and they are using it to add new plants and a bridge.

The master plan is to add a pond and a waterfall.

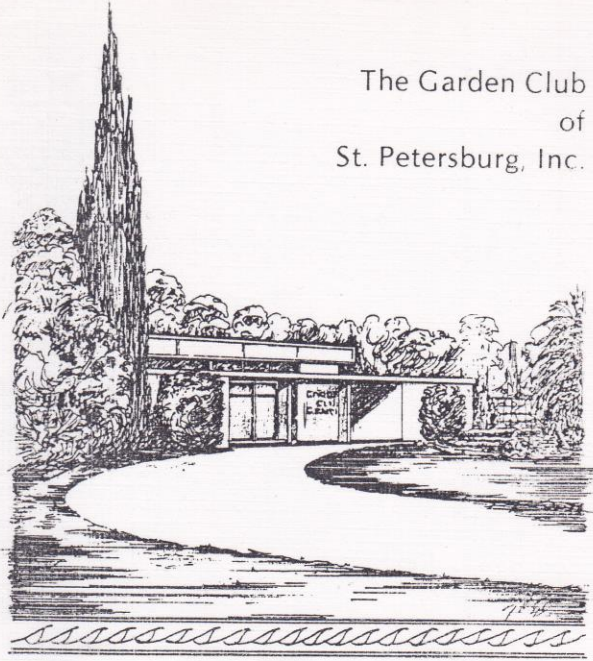
Volunteers included many parents, Betty Hammond, master gardener; Mary Miller, recycling co-ordinator for the Pasco County School District and Jim Schienle, guidance counselor.

Mary Young Smith, of the Dade City Garden Club, also brought butterflies to teach children about the various stages and their development.

"Each child," says Schienle, "will work in the garden so each realizes it is their garden."



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TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1998 □ THE TAMPA TRIBUNE □ PASC0

Garden grant: The Dade City Garden Club, a member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, was awarded an incentive grant of \$500 to be used for a local project. The grant is part of Protect the Environment Through Action, Learning and Service, commonly called PETALS, a two-year program of environmental projects co-sponsored by the National Council of State Garden Clubs and Shell Oil Co.

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The project of the Dade City Garden Club was an environmental awareness seminar, "Protecting Our Water: Every Citizen's Responsibility," on Feb. 4 at the garden center. The seminar, chaired by **Pat Carver** and **Stephanie Stratton**, featured specialists who discussed the water crisis in Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties.

Speakers included environmentally concerned citizens, County Commissioners **Sylvia Young** and **Ed Collins**, and representatives from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority.

The speakers and exhibits pointed to the need for alternative sources of water, such as desalination and water reuse.



Times photos — JACK ROWLAND

Students Angelica Sanchez, 7, left, and Brittni Hollis, 6, plant a liriopse plant at San Antonio Elementary Monday.

Garden attracting a fluttering flock

Students at San Antonio Elementary School are planting more than 600 donated plants in a xeriscape project designed to attract butterflies. The bulk of the butterfly garden project is expected to be completed today, but planting will continue throughout the year. The U.S. Geological Survey says butterfly families in Florida include Swallowtails, Whites and Sulphurs, Gossamer-wings, Metalmarks, Brush-footeds and Skippers.



A giant swallowtail butterfly visits a bloom at the school entrance.

Courthouse restoration is trouble in 'Tree City'

■ Old oak trees at the courthouse in Dade City would be replaced with 22 young live oaks, but some balk at the plan, saying the courthouse would look too bare.

By JEFFREY BRAINARD
Times Staff Writer 2-11-97

DADE CITY — It's a scene that defines small Southern towns: big oak trees sprawling beside the old courthouse.

And in Dade City, which advertises itself as "Tree City, U.S.A." on roads leading into the city, woe be to anyone who threatens those trees.

That's what county officials learned when they proposed cutting down four oak trees surrounding the old Pasco County Courthouse as part of the restoration of the landmark, which was built in 1909.

Refurbishing of the building's exterior is almost complete, and residents have given rave reviews.

What some don't like is the next phase of the project.

The county plans to relandscape the courthouse square. The old trees would be replaced with 22 young live oaks, which would grow to maturity over several decades.

Scott Black, a Dade City commissioner, told the County Commission on Tuesday that removing the old oaks and their rambling limbs would make the square look too bare.

The image is important to downtown merchants who hope the revitalized courthouse will help attract more visitors to dine and shop for antiques. "We want the courthouse to be the pride of the county," Black said.

However, Assistant County Administrator Dan Johnson said a forester had determined that the four old oaks are rotting and dying.

The trees, one live oak and three laurel oaks, will probably have to be cut down within five to 10 years to avoid a safety risk, Johnson said.

Moreover, if the county waits to remove the old trees and then plants replacements, those trees will lag behind the other new trees in size, Johnson said.

"We're trying to landscape for future generations," he said.

Black said the old oaks could live longer than five years. He asked the County Commission to wait.

The commissioners took no action, and Johnson said he expects that the old oaks will be removed by the fall.

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Times photo — TOM L. SANDYS

It would take years for new trees around the old Pasco County Courthouse in Dade City to develop canopies like this one now standing at the site.

Trees from Page 1

The debate has been brewing since last year, when the city enlisted the support of the state Department of Transportation.

Three of the four trees sit within the agency's right of way along Meridian Avenue and Seventh Street.

The agency told the county last June not to remove the old trees.

"(They) appear to be in good

health," DOT landscape specialist William Moriarty wrote to the county. "(They) continue to play a vital role in the history and appearance of the grounds of this structure and need to be recognized in the equation of this notable restoration work as well."

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JAN GLIDEWELL
OFF/BEAT

Oak trees' roots reach to the heart

Ah, Dade City. Quaint antique shops, a couple (finally) of pretty good restaurants, a coffeehouse. The perfect place for lovers to stroll hand-in-hand beneath the moss-draped oaks.

But if Pasco County gets its way, there will be a few less trees to stroll under as the apparent yearning for convenience, uniformity and, in some cases safety, outweighs the lives of massive oaks that have stood silent sentinel duty outside the courthouse for decades.

A quick disclaimer here. I make no claim to technical expertise in arboreal matters. I can barely tell a pine from a palm and, 10 years ago, bought a house partly because of a massive oak tree that I later learned had to come down. It had looked fine to me.

And Dan Johnson, the assistant county administrator who wants to take the trees down and replace them, has obviously done his homework.

But I have an emotional attachment to the trees and moss that shout "Florida" louder than anything else once you leave the coastal marshes and head inland, and when it comes to hardiness, I have more faith in oak trees than government.

In a pasture along Fort King Road south of Dade City there is a phenomenon that always catches my eye. The rotting trunk of an oak tree, probably blown over in a storm, lies on its side with bare roots thrusting like claws toward the sky.

From one of the roots springs a new oak tree. (Pause here for tree experts to tell me that I'm wrong, that roots can't do that. I don't care. It's my metaphor, and I'm keeping it.)

That tree speaks volumes to me about the cycle of life, death, rebirth and tenacity. For me it is more representative of the character of the people who settled and tamed this county and this country than any building.

I know, a pasture isn't a courthouse lawn, and a tree there isn't likely to fall on and crush a gazebo like the one Johnson says is threatened by one of the trees at the courthouse.

But trees permeate my relationship with this area. I covered the passage of the original tree protection ordinances in this county. I formed one long-lasting friendship with Frank Laumer, a developer more concerned about saving than destroying trees — and another with Donna Beall when I learned she had been the 13-year-old girl responsible for shaming the city into planting an official Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn.

That tree is long gone, but I remember when it was a special spot to a woman dealing with the rigors of young adulthood — and I would be cautious about how many others need to go.

Johnson told the *Times* earlier this week that four of the trees are rotting and dying and need to be removed, and recommended the removal of a total of 10 trees for various reasons. Actually the words I see used in the forester's report to which he refers are "mature to overmature." That refers to laurel oaks, which live 50 to 70 years. Maybe it's because I'll be 53 next week that I find the concept of killing things because they are mature or overmature — and then replacing them with healthy youngsters — to be odious.

Another tree has massive root damage, apparently done during a construction process from which the trees were supposed to be protected.

The concern about others seems to be that they have outgrown their planting spaces and need too much pruning, and their roots are occasionally muscling aside giant blocks of concrete.

Sounds fairly healthy to me.

A letter from a Department of Transportation landscape development specialist indicates that at least some of the trees appear to be in good health and says that the department will not allow their removal.

I understand there may be safety concerns in some instances, but my guess is that a little design innovation could save at least some of these majestic oaks and the beauty that they lend to a city that, right now, doesn't have a lot else to sell.

If nothing else, the Pasco County Commission should have to take its final vote while standing — in the shade — on the courthouse lawn . . . quick . . . before they think of Astroturf.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Don't strip square of living, shady ornaments

Work on the old Pasco County Courthouse is coming along nicely. The red bricks and white columns might be more handsome today than when they were laid in 1909. Dade City residents should be pleased. To them this project represents more than a building restoration. It represents restoration of civic pride and vitality as well.

But that is the easy part. The hard part is deciding about the oak trees.

In a town that promotes itself as "Tree City, USA," the prospect of sawing down big, old oak trees on the courthouse square is as revolting as the prospect of tearing down the courthouse. And

understandably so.

Large, majestic trees along Dade City streets are an important part of the city's appeal, especially near the center of town. None of them should be cut down, unless circumstances make it absolutely necessary.

On the courthouse square, circumstances favor the trees.

Pasco County wants to remove a mature live oak and three large laurel oaks from the square to make way for new sidewalks and 22 new live oaks. This would be a fine idea, except that removing the large trees is likely to leave the square looking rather stark, reminiscent of subdi-

visions and commercial developments where the land is virtually stripped before construction.

No matter how good the new courthouse looks, it is difficult to imagine the appearance of the square benefitting from the absence of big shade trees.

There is some question about the health of these trees and whether they are likely to survive much longer. A state forester examined them last year and wrote a letter to the county outlining his findings. The gist of his remarks favors the county's plan to remove them, but the forester said nothing to indicate that immediate removal is absolutely necessary.

As far as anyone knows today, these trees could thrive for another 10 years or more.

Assistant County Administrator Dan Johnson wants to remove the trees partly because contractors are already at the site and because existing sidewalks are unsafe in some places and inaccessible to the handicapped.

In practical terms, Johnson might be right. But pragmatic calculations do not exceed the aesthetic value of big, beautiful trees.

Decades in the making, these trees are old friends worth keeping.

Dade City debates future of its historic oak trees

■ One camp wants new oaks planted at the old courthouse. Others contend the trees give a sense of history.

By JEFFREY BRAINARD
Times Staff Writer

DADE CITY — In normally placid Dade City, debate continued late this week about whether the oak trees at the old county courthouse should be cut down.

A landscape expert with the state Department of Transportation scolded the county for moving "very aggressively" to cut the stately trees. Then he reversed himself and said he would allow trees to be removed if an independent tree expert says they are diseased.

The county's supervisor of elections suggested City Commissioner Scott Black was improperly representing himself as speaking for all of Dade City when Black asked the County Commission on Tuesday to preserve the trees.

The board of the Downtown Dade City Main Street, a downtown business group, took a stand on the issue Thursday, but members later disagreed what it was.

It all goes to show, perhaps, how strongly people feel about trees.

The county has proposed removing four large, old oak trees surrounding the old county courthouse as part of the building's restoration. Several smaller, younger oaks would also be removed.

In their place, the county would plant 22 young oaks around the courthouse. The county also plans to install new sidewalks and curbs.

Assistant County Administrator Dan Johnson has argued the old oaks will have to be cut down soon anyway and their roots have damaged nearby sidewalks. The county's landscaping plan will produce a more symmetrical appearance, he argues.

However, preservationists say the trees are mostly healthy and would provide more shade than new trees.

The county needs the approval of the state DOT to remove three of the large oaks because they are in the agency's right of way along Meridian Avenue and Seventh Street.

Will Moriarty, a DOT landscape expert, said Wednesday he would not allow the trees' removal because they are still healthy.

But Friday, a DOT spokeswoman said Moriarty would agree to let an independent expert decide.

That would sit fine with Ed Blommel, president of Downtown Dade City Main Street. He

said Friday the group's board recommended only that the building's exterior restoration be completed quickly.

However, county Supervisor of Elections Kurt Browning, who sits on the Main Street board, said Friday the Main Street board suggested the way to do that was to remove the trees.

"None of the board relishes the idea of taking the trees out, but we might as well while funds are available," he said. "I think it would be a tragedy to get the building restored and not have new curbs and new sidewalks."

If the county were allowed to take out the old trees, it would put in new sidewalks at the same time it put in the new trees.

Black said he was addressing the County Commission Tuesday as a member of both the city's and county's historic preservation committees, which have supported keeping the old oaks. The City Commission has not voted on the trees.

"I'm not a tree-hugger, but I am a historic preservationist," he said.

Black said it was more important for the courthouse square to look historically accurate than symmetrical.

"It's been the feeling of all the historic preservation groups that the atmosphere needs to be preserved, and the oaks contribute to that atmosphere."

VOTE TO SAVE THE OAKS ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

It's hard to believe that in Dade City, Tree City, USA, the City Commissioners would vote 4-1 to remove the large oak trees on the Courthouse Square. In discussing the issue, the commissioners chose to support the county's plan to remove the trees regardless of their health, which had not been definitely determined. It seemed the commissioners felt they had no other choice if they wanted to have new sidewalks, curbing and landscaping at the courthouse, but to go along with the plan. However, Asst. County Administrator Dan Johnson said at the City Commission meeting the plan could be revised. It seems prudent for the county to look into another plan that could include the existing oaks on the courthouse square. Mr. Johnson stated that the old oaks and the new plantings could co-exist, so let's take him up on this plan. The residents of Dade City and those that come into town seem to be appalled at the idea of removing these beautiful oaks that still have years of good life. They could be in place as the new plantings begin to grow and mature. Using this plan, we could have a landscape design that would be attractive for now and that would be growing for the future. As has been stated, these trees are part of Dade City's unique charm. Let's not choose the "urbanization mentality" and have to conform to the philosophy of completely clearing and replanting. Let's capitalize on our natural assets that seem attractive to so many.

City Commissioners, please reconsider and rescind your vote. Without the City of Dade City's approval to the plan, DOT would probably want to carry out their original plan to have the three large laurel oaks appraised by an independent appraiser. If they are found to be sound, you will have saved these three trees. Put your support behind a plan that would more RESTORE the exterior of the courthouse, rather than create a modern symmetrical look. Ask the county to draw the landscape plan to include the large and valuable live oak by the bandstand and the large laurel oak on the east side of our county property. They are an important part of this EXTERIOR HISTORICAL RESTORATION. Thank you.

Florida Master Gardeners



Photo by CARLENE ELLBERG

Front Row, L to R: Karen Worthington, Elaine Streid, Janie Friedland, Rosemary Beyea, Nancy Cotman, Barbara Harrison, Michael Demaree. Second Row, L to R: Mary Sue Taylor, Marilyn Smallen, Christina Micciche, Nancy Rigling, Normeda Hope, Christy Moore, Richard Harrison. Back Row, L to R: John Crawford, Deanna Mander, Ronald Edwards, Ernest Reed, Sr., Stephanie Stratton, Catherine Crooks. No Shown: Janet Gibson and Sarah Lerda.

PASCO COUNTY—Twenty-one participants recently graduated from an intensive 10-week educational course sponsored by the Florida Cooperative Extension Service and Pasco County government. The curriculum covered such subjects as trees, shrubs, groundcovers, lawns, flowers, vegetables, fruits, pest control, aquatic eco-systems, environmental landscape management and more.

Officially recognized as "Florida Master Gardeners," they will be shar-

ing their expertise with others by volunteering a combined 1,050 hours in community service projects. There are now over 60 Master Gardeners in Pasco County and, according to Michael Demaree, extension agent for the Pasco County Co-operative Extension Service, "We are glad to welcome these new graduates to our family."

Interested individuals may contact the Pasco County Extension Office and inquire about the next scheduled class.

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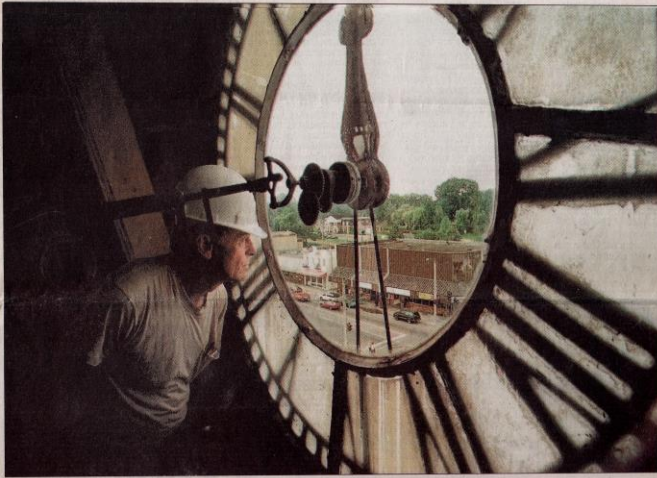
Drafting the possibilities

Pasco High graduate Darren Hambrook may be an NFL draft sleeper. Local Sports Page 9



BACK IN TIME

The courthouse's restoration to its circa 1920 appearance enters its final stage.



Foreman Herb Shrader peers at Dade City from the west face of the Old Pasco County Courthouse clock tower.

By BILL THOMPSON
of The Tampa Tribune

DADE CITY

The analog clock that looks out over Dade City in all directions from high atop the old courthouse is stuck in time: It always reads 5:31 6. But those who have supported the county's renovation of the 89-year-old building to its circa 1920 appearance hope a return to the past will unlock a progressive future for Pasco's county seat. Last week, a chain-link fence went up around the building, signaling that construction workers are beginning the last leg of Pasco's \$2.3 million restoration effort.

With an expected occupancy date of Sept. 29, the building eventually will house the county commission chambers and offices for commissioners, the county attorney and the county administrator, said Assistant County Administrator Dan Johnson. There also will be an area for a historical display near the second-floor commission meeting room, he added.

THE OPENING WILL culminate more than four years of cooperation between county officials and area business groups, which worked together to secure state grants to subsidize the renovation costs.

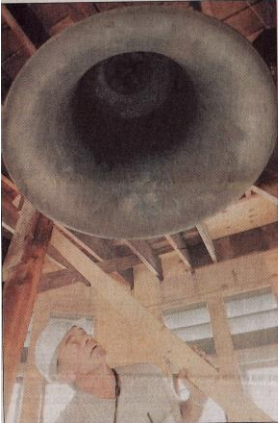
According to the state Bureau of Historical Preservation, the state awarded Pasco County about \$1 million in grants to offset costs associated with the three-phase project.

That represents 44 percent of the eventual total renovation cost, Johnson said.

The other \$1.3 million has come from county taxpayers — who, commission chairwoman Sylvia Young said, have supported the project.

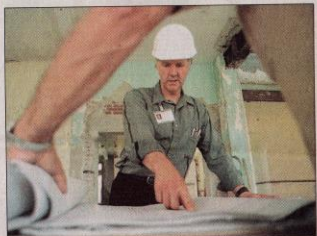
"All of Pasco County has helped," she said. "It's been a cooperative effort from everyone who lives

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The first step of the final phase of the courthouse renovation project was a close inspection of the building. Here Herb Shrader checks out the bell in the clock tower rotunda.



Dade City building official William Spafes looks over blueprints for the office portion of the renovated Old Pasco County Courthouse.

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