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*Ginger says.....*



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*We have lost many good friends this year and we miss them. Let's remember*

*them with a smile and be happy for the memories.*

*There are so many activities occurring at SGC now and Jean Kamp is smiling at the chaos. Don't even try to keep up with Betty Call, the Flower Show Chair. She has her event organized and she is teaching us all new things and new ways to do old things. Thank you, Betty!*

*Also thank you to Janet Allgair for taking the month of December to show the building to potential renters.*

*Thank you to Sue Angle for driving six members of SGC to Lake Placid for the Caladium Festival. The plants were beautiful and they will be for sale at the Flower Show in March. Cross your fingers that the bulbs I bought in August will be in bloom for the Plants and Presents a Plenty sale in December. That will be good advertising. It is not too early to order your tickets for the Preview Party.*

*If you have not had an opportunity to visit the quiet garden recently, you must do so. Thanks to Jean Hanson's vision and Emily Yaffe and her toolbox, it looks beautiful. While you are touring the grounds be sure to notice the Herb Garden. It has its own wall now, courtesy of Jean, Janet Allgair, and Alan, our faithful pruner, lawn mower et cetera.*

*If you are in the building on Friday morning, peek in the Library and see what Carol and Emily are cooking up. The Plants & Presents a Plenty have some beautiful wreaths for sale and they continue to think up new ways to go. Speaking of this event, we need raffle prizes. They are a major source of income and I am looking forward to winning something.*

*I am also looking forward to the programs that are scheduled for the coming months and hope to see all of you there.*



*Affectionately, Ginger*





Left to right: Vivian Kappel, Kathryn Johnson, Penny Thomas, Eleanor Yates, Sue Angle, Priscilla Daniels, Jane Lawrence



SGC members Penny Thomas, Jane Lawrence, Kathryn Johnson, Priscilla Daniels, Vivian Kappel

### **Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. 50th Anniversary Gala in the Garden**

7 SGC members, including 1st FFGC Vice President Sue Angle, joined 500 other FFGC members from throughout Florida to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our headquarters in Winter Park, Florida. The celebration also honored longtime member Addie Lou Harris for many years of service to FFGC. Under huge oaks and big tents we enjoyed a fashion show from Steinhart, a lovely lunch and LOTS of chatting, shopping and buying of plants. Of course it is worth mentioning that 4 of the five SGC members riding with Jane Lawrence WON raffle prizes!!

Below and Right: scenes from the Grounds at FFGC Gala



Below, Sue Angle models for the fashion show at FFGC Gala.



**SGC Mission Statement:**

*The Sarasota Garden Club is dedicated to the study and promotion of Florida gardening in environmentally friendly ways.*



*Adopted August, 2011*

October Quote:

“Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!”

-Humbert Wolfe

We note with sadness...

Jo-Ann Winn passed away on September 4, 2011 in Nantucket, MA. She had been an active member of the Sarasota Garden Club since 2007. During her four years in our club she was active at the Secret Garden, organized the waitresses at our spaghetti dinners, designed and ordered the circus ornaments that our club is currently selling, helped run the 2010 circus flower show, organized the Speakers Bureau, started up a new member's committee, and last winter she co-chaired the 2011 Fashion Show at the Yacht Club. She loved floral design and the Floralia Group. She will be truly missed.



**What's Happening**

**October**

- 1 Rented**
- 3 Bd. Of Directors 9:30**
- 4 Succulent Soc. 7 pm**
- 5 Floralia 9:30**
- “ Library committee 9:30**
- 6 Peter Bradin: Garden photography workshop All members. Bring camera 10 am**
- 8 Rented**
- 10 Judges council 10**
- 11 Flower show committee 10**
- 12 Hort Study: Dish gardening 9:30**
- 13 District VIII meeting Plant City**
- 15 Rented**
- 17 General meeting 10**
- “ Pot luck lunch after meeting**
- 20 Civic Beautification Comm 10 am**
- 22 Rented**
- 27 Butterfly club 9:30**
- “ Set up Plant/ garage sale 12:30**
- 28 Plant/ Garage sale 9-1**
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**November**

- 1 Succulent Soc. 7 pm**
- 2 Library Committee 9:30**
- 3 Flower Show Committee 10-12**
- 5 Rented**
- 6 Rented**
- 7 Board of Directors 9:30**
- 9 Hort Study 9:30 Tour Orange Blossom Community Garden**
- 10 Sierra Club 6-9**
- 11 Rented**
- 12 Rented**
- 14 C.O.N.A. 5 pm**
- 15 Membership Committee 10 am**
- “Morning Coffee”**
- 14 Appalachian Trail Club 6 pm**
- 15 Butterfly Club 9:30**
- 17 Therapy Tea 2-4**
- 19 Rented**
- 21 General membership 9:30**
- “Exotic Hibiscus” 10:30**
- 26 Rented**

**Don't you just want to do everything?**

**Sarasota Garden Club Board of Directors Meeting September 12, 2011**

President Ginger Vance called the regular meeting of the BOD to order with 15 members present. Minutes for August 1 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Jane Lawrence reported a checking account balance of \$33,312.19. Jane presented the 2011/2012 Budget, which was approved. .

Penny Thomas is nearing completion of the book Combined Wisdom (Gardening hints from Sarasota Garden Club members) and copies are being proofread. Kathryn Johnson volunteered to write an index.

Penny is researching options to publish the book and will report in October.

**President's Report:**

1. Yearbook - Jane Lawrence completed the yearbook and copies can be picked up in the office.
2. BOD committee chairs will present descriptions of their committee and sign-up sheets at the General Meeting, October 17<sup>th</sup>. New members they are asked to join a committee.
3. Garage and Plant Sale - Sign up to help. Workers get to take home a plant.
4. The Plants and Presents a Plenty continue to ask volunteers to set up the room, and sell at the different tables. We have a couple people who have requested purchasing a table to sell their items. We are looking for raffle prizes, a big source of income.
5. Mission Statement - The Strategic Strategy Committee has revised the Mission Statement, which was approved.
6. Shirley Cook moved to continue the Strategic Planning Committee. It was voted on and approved.
7. Although the Chairs of the Interest Groups do not vote at the BOD meetings, the BOD is still interested in any comments and questions that you have.
8. There is a District VIII meeting October 13<sup>th</sup> - time to sign up.

**Committee Reports:**

Botanical Gardens - Jean reported that the trash enclosure was falling apart. She received a bid of \$1,150. The enclosure would be enlarged 5 feet towards the driveway. Jean would stain the new fence. It was discussed that cement needs to be put on the floor of the bin. Jean said she would get another bid that includes putting cement down.

Hospitality - Pricilla would like to know ahead of time if hospitality is needed so she has time to get volunteers.

Membership - Catherine LaBrie reported that we had one new member.

The next Board of Directors meeting is October 3, 2011. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Johnson, Secretary

Complete minutes on file.

**5th Annual Plant and Garage Sale Oct.28th & 29th**



Our all club garage sale/plant sale. Is coming up on Oct, 28th & 29th from 9:00a.m.- 1:00p.m. Clean up at home and help SGC at the same time!

We will need workers for set up on Thursday Oct. 27th at 12:30. until we are done. This is a fund raiser that helps clean out our own houses. After the sale we donate the "leftovers" to The Pines for their re-sale shop to help others

Bring your donations to the table storage area behind the refrigerator SGC if you don't have room at home. Any questions can be sent to my e-mail [kayw33@comcast.net](mailto:kayw33@comcast.net). Or co-chair Priscilla Daniels at [lobstahgal@verizon.net](mailto:lobstahgal@verizon.net). Ginger Vance is chair of the plant sale and her e-mail is [ajangv@comcast.net](mailto:ajangv@comcast.net).

Kay Weber, Chair

**Also a reminder to start plants and cuttings for the sale. Please label them as to name and care of plants. Ginger is in charge [ajandgv@comcast.net](mailto:ajandgv@comcast.net). She will need helpers.**

**Requesting your Assistance**  
**ANNUAL SGC THERAPY TEA**  
**Thursday, November 17 from 1-4 pm**

*A major SGC community activity is fast approaching and your support is needed. Our Secretary, Jean, has designed and mailed 30 facilities a "Tea Pot" invitation. Each facility could bring anywhere from 2 to 8 folks. Helping with this project will bring you as much joy as it does for our guests!*

*We need COOKIES. Could you donate 3 dozen regular cookies or 3 dozen sugar free cookies? Bring your cookies starting Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. We will plate them up on Thursday before our guests arrive. No cookies will go to waste, for if they are not all eaten they will be used for the next major SGC event. Last year you were very generous and the visitors really enjoyed the selection.*

*We need GREETERS to welcome the vans or cars as they arrive at the sidewalk driveway and place the name tags on the individuals before they depart from their vehicles to enter the building. We will provide name tags.*

*We need members to visit with the folks at the round tables, serve the cookies and tea/lemonade and walk with them through the patio and butterfly garden.*

*We would like anyone with a "SERVICE" dog OR loveable pet....to bring that therapy pet along for the guests to love.*

*We need members to assist with wheelchair movement through the patio. We do anticipate having some guests in wheelchairs.*

*So....."It's Tea Time" for our guests with SGC members being Cookie Providers, Greeters, Social Visitors, Tour Guides, Therapy Dog Owners. We will bring great enjoyment to **MANY EXPECTED GUESTS.** (please arrive early 12:30 SO WE WILL BE READY)*

*Please call Mary Fran or Andy at 922-7483 or e-mail us at [aspmfp2@aol.com](mailto:aspmfp2@aol.com) and let us know you will be there to help with the event and/or bring some cookies.*

HELP CELEBRATE OUR 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY and  
75<sup>th</sup> FLOWER SHOW

Our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Show will be celebrated on March 30 – April 1<sup>st</sup> this coming Spring. We expect that more members will attend the preview party, enjoy lunches in the and host our Judges at Beau Ciel, too. If you enjoy cooking, baking, entertaining and hostessing, we can use your help for these events during the show. We will also need members to greet and help our guests and attendees during the show on Saturday & Sunday. This is your chance to use your culinary and entertaining talents to participate in this most important celebration for our club! We need everyone's participation in some way. Please contact Betty Call, 807-8111 or [BettyCall@comcast.net](mailto:BettyCall@comcast.net).



**Calling All Bakers!!**



*For our December holiday sale "Plants and Presents A Plenty" we would like to have a festive table with gift-like baked goods to sell. We are looking for eager, happy bakers. We need lots of goodies, especially cookies, to sell and we will wrap them in nice containers. If you will bake or have any suitable tins, boxes or extra holiday plates please contact Janet Leonberger .*

*E-mail me at [Lakemon@aol.com](mailto:Lakemon@aol.com) anytime or call 941-955-1295 after October 17.*

**Programs for SGC!**

*Welcome back Garden Clubbers...*

*October holds lots of fun for you and not just once, but twice, with two planned programs to pique your interests.*

*First is Thursday, October 6th at 10:00 am. Professional photographer Peter Braden will give us a seminar on digital photography. Bring your camera and learn tips on how to use it more proficiently and creatively. There will also be a hands-on time in our own gardens with Peter and picture comparisons afterwards. Let's broaden our horizons and get to know these feature-packed little bundles that we fear and revere!!!! This is open to the public for \$5 at the door. Members free.*

*Secondly, Monday, October 17th, after our general membership meeting and Potluck lunch, you will be entertained and informed by each of the Interest Group Chairs on the Club's upcoming plans. Get enthused and get involved with what sounds like fun to you and help make a difference for our community!! See you there.*  
—Emily Yaffe

**It's time for Civic Beautification!!**

Come join fellow SGC members in recognizing local businesses and associations who help make our city/county the most well-landscaped around!!

We'll meet on Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 am at SGC to plan for our January 20 recognition breakfast.

Call/ email **Kathryn Johnson** if you have questions or come to our Annual Pot Luck October 17 and see pictures of what we do.

(941) 955 4348 or [martin-kathryn@comcast.net](mailto:martin-kathryn@comcast.net)

Poisonous Plant Warning:

Diffenbachia and Gloriosa Lily: the entire plant is

poisonous if eaten!

**Looking Ahead...**

The Education Committee has some exciting activities planned for the new Garden Club Year. Our goal is to help our members become life-long learners in the areas of Gardening and Horticulture with terrific programs sponsored by the Horticulture Study group. There is a new program each month that will cover member questions and concerns. Be sure to check the calendar and add these important dates to your personal calendar.

We also want our members to be able to participate and advance in Floral Design Study. The Education Committee strives to bring designs and lessons to our members as well as the community. This year we have a wonderful opportunity to learn Floral Design Study from top local judges who have studied to become instructors. These six classes will take place January 3, January 10, January 24, January 31, and February 6. The fee will be \$75 for all six classes with a certificate of completion. You will also be able to audit the morning session at \$10 a class. Topics covered will focus on designs for the home as well as preparation for a flower show. Each class has a take away design. These classes fill up very quickly, so be prompt and contact Jean Kamp in the SGC Office to sign up.

The culmination of all our learning will be in the spring when we present our Flower Show on March 31 and April 1. It will be titled "A Gem of a Show" to celebrate SGC's 85 years. Monthly meetings will prepare us with a variety of topics. Come and join us. Check these pages for times and dates.

There is so much to do for the show so we can show off our horticulture and designs. There will be programs and classes to get us ready to share our knowledge and expertise with the public. This is our gift to the community and they really do love it.

I hope our Education Committee inspires you all to continue learning and be excited about new activities and grow in spirit as well as skill.

Barbara Rao

## Welcome to our New Members:

Suzanne (Sue) Keeton  
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Sarasota Florida 34234  
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### Hort Study Group

The Horticultural Study Group was off to a great start September 12<sup>th</sup> with a great turn-out and a fabulous speaker. SGC's own Catherine LaBrie advised on plants, flowers, and colors which attract both hummingbirds and butterflies. Catherine brought Joyce Springer, who showed us caterpillars and the plant material they choose to eat and upon which they deposit their eggs. We broke into small groups and had a tour of our Butterfly Garden. Our plant raffle brought in \$100, which we were pleased to present to the Butterfly Club.

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Make-Two-Take-One workshop, making dish gardens. The one that stays behind will be used for the *Potting Shed* sales table for Presents and Plants A Plenty sale in December. Please bring your favorite unusual containers, rooted cuttings of small plants, or various succulents/cactus/etc. which can be snipped apart, your favorite gardening tools and any small accessories you might wish to add to your dish garden. We will have a large choice of containers, potting soil, and decorative gravel for your use. The public is invited to attend at a cost of \$5.00.

### A New Look for the New Directories!!

The new Yearbooks are available in the office. Pick one up on your next trip there. There are a lot of changes to the book this year, so take 5 minutes to see what is new. Beside descriptions of the Standing Committees, there are now descriptions of the Interest Groups, their events and dates. Can you find where the member names are now? Birthdays and Memorials now precede the member directory.

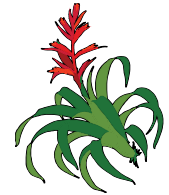
The book is easier to use if you get the divider pages or color tabs that stick to a page so you can flip right to the section you want. The Office has some of the stick-on tabs that you can use.

If you see errors, please let me know so I can make corrections to future copies.

Thanks.

-Jane Lawrence

### BOTANICAL GARDENS



#### Center Stage at the Gardens

New lattice with climbing jasmine and hanging planters now adorn the Quiet Garden walls. A white-on-green theme is being extended with caladiums which **Ginger Vance** brought to us from the Caladium Festival and aluminum plants which **Kay Weber** rooted for us.

The patio adjoining the east wall of the great room reflects our efforts as well with foxtail ferns, black river rock and a large Asian pot with a Miami Supreme gardenia, which begins a container garden in that area. This beautiful plant and pot were a gift in honor of **Ginnie Mulligan**, a former member of the Wildflower Circle.

The Butterfly Garden is at its peak as the migrating butterflies stop by. **Catherine La Brie** says that the Sulphur, Cloudless, Fritillary and White Peacock abound and a rare Zebra Heliconia was spotted recently.

**Catherine and Richard LaBrie** can use all the help they can get in maintaining this beautiful garden. Sarasota Garden Club and Butterfly Club members are always welcome!

#### Tasks at Hand

The waterfalls in our inner garden operate on two circulating pumps, one of which had to be replaced last month. The waterfall at the West end of the pond is flowing with much greater gusto now and enhances the beauty of the pond. Fall fertilizing and mulching are September jobs and weekly weeding and trimming must continue with the rain and warm weather.

#### Bouquets to:

**Emily Jaffe and Carol Johnson** who help in the gardens each morning before going inside to create beautiful crafts to be sold at our holiday event, **Plants and Presents A Plenty**. **Emily** is credited with installing the new lattice in the Quiet Garden.

Bouquets to all you who have so generously donated to the Botanical Gardens in so many ways. We have earned over \$200 from our last two raffles. **There's another one coming up for our October 17 potluck so come prepared!**

**Jean Hansen, Botanicals Chair October, 2011**

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