

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
District X
Spring Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2011
Hosted by the St. Lucie West Garden Club
Marriott Spring Hill Suites – Port St. Lucie, Florida

The meeting was called to order by District X Incoming Director, Barbara Hadsell, at 9:16 AM. The Invocation was given by Jane Mills, Chaplain, Garden Club of Stuart, followed by singing of the National Anthem lead by Uta McFadden (President, St. Lucie West Garden Club) and “the Nightingales”. Barbara Cook, Corresponding Secretary – Ocean Ridge Garden Club, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The Mayor of Port St. Lucie, JoAnn Faiella, extended Greetings at 9:20 AM advising attendees of the city’s concerns with issues of the environment as well as the need to be creative and resourceful in building long-term relationships with other cities. She complimented the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens and their volunteers as well as the services they offer and commented on the city’s upcoming 50th Anniversary. She described upcoming week-long anniversary celebrations and invited everyone to “come join us”. This event, hosted by the Historical Society, is three-years in the making and promises to be multi-cultural. At 9:25 AM, Uta McFadden presented a certificate to the Mayor. (*Ref: JoAnne Faiella Bio Attachment*)

A Welcome and Spring Song by “The Nightingales” followed and Uta acknowledged the club’s motto “Going Green” highlighting the gift magazine coasters provided to all in attendance. She indicated our *role* is to protect our earth and we must all work to make a difference. Barbara Hadsell announced the host club’s 89% growth in club members. The Response was given by Emilie Palmieri of Boca Raton Garden Club, Assistant District Director who acknowledged the fine meeting accommodations and invited everyone to enjoy the day.

Appointments were made by District X Director Barbara Hadsell as follows:

Committee to Approve Minutes of this Meeting:

Jan Stoorza and Louise Andrews – Garden Club of Stuart (*accepted*)

Tellers:

Janet Oliver & Audrey Kirchgesser – St. Lucie West Garden Club (*accepted*)

Timekeeper:

Bea Cooper, Government Liaison – St. Lucie West Garden Club (*accepted*)

A report of Committee to Approve Minutes of the Fall 2010 District Meeting was given by Dotty Green and June Beers – The Garden Club of Fort Pierce. The minutes were approved as corrected.

District X Director Barbara Hadsell introduced those at the head table:

Carol Hall – Past President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
Sandra Arlund – Immediate Past District X Director
Barbara Cook – Corresponding Secretary
Li Roberts – Treasurer
Jeanne- Marie Parks – Parliamentarian Pro Tem
June Beers – Recording Secretary
Emilie Palmieri – Assistant District Director
Jane Mills – Chaplain
JoAnn Faiella – Mayor of Port St. Lucie

Past District Directors in attendance were introduced:

Joleen King
Joan Graff
Carol Hall
Sandra Arlund
Barbara Benefield
Jane Mills

NGC and FFGC Officers and Board Members were recognized.

Incoming District X Officers and Committee Chairmen going forward were introduced (2011-2012) (*Ref: FFGC Officers and Chairmen Attachment*):

*District Director – Barbara Hadsell
Assistant District Director – Emilie Palmieri
Treasurer – Li Roberts
Recording Secretary – June Beers
Corresponding Secretary – Barbara Cook
Parliamentarian – Patty Prange
Chaplain – Jane Mills*

Awards – Melba Campbell
Blooming Tales Newsletter Editor – Cyndie Sable
Blooming Tales Newsletter E-Mail Circulation – Mary Scheitler
Blue Star Memorial Highway & Memorial Markers – Vickie Austin
Butterfly, Native Plants & Wildflowers – Ann McCormick
Calendars and Pins – Charlotte Keshian
Community Gardens – Joan Black
Deep South Unified Project-Membership – Emilie Palmieri
District X Fall 2011 Meeting – Helena Burgess
District X Spring 2012 Meeting – Pat Moum
Environmental Concerns-Water – Betsy Pickup
Floral Design & Judges & Judges Council Liaison – Joan Hartsock
Habitat for Humanity Landscape Project – Cyndy Trossbach
Horticulture Co-Chairmen – Ken Lenoff & Uta McFadden
Landscape Design Consultants Council Liaison – Emily Kane
National and Local Garden Weeks – Twig Morris
National Schools-Environmental, Garden, Landscape Design & Judges Schools – Barbara Horan
New Clubs – Sandra Arlund
Photographer – Darlene Enzian
Resources for GC Programs – Donna Swift
Scholarships – Lisa Ferrano
SEEK and Wekiva – Jeannette Schmidt
Symposia – Helena Burgess
Trees – Bertha Pelkonen
Web Master – Doreen Baxter

At 9:45 AM Sandra Arlund presented the Director's Report which consisted of a summary of last year's events presented on April 14, 2011 at Convention (*Ref: Annual Report – District X Director Sandra Arlund Attachment*). This report was concluded by the comment, "we are TERRIFIC TEN!" and it was Sandra's pleasure to present Barbara Hadsell with her Director's pin.

At 9:30 AM the FFGC Achievement of Excellence was awarded to Sandra Arlund.

Corresponding Secretary Report by Barbara Cook of Ocean Ridge Garden Club read a letter from Alan Sistrunk, Director of the Mounts Botanical Garden (Clayton Hutcheson Complex used to host the Tropical Short Course) expressing their appreciation for a donation of \$1,000 for the use of the facility over three days.

At 9:55 AM Bea Cooper, outgoing Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Financial Report for October 2010 through April 2011. The report had already been approved by the auditor. (*Ref: FFGC District X - P & L Treasurer's Report Dated 2/11/11 Attachment*).

At 9:57 AM, Uta McFadden presented a "Pillar of Pride Award" given by the St. Lucie West Club to Bea Cooper who expressed her appreciation. This FFGC award is given for outstanding service.

At 9:59 AM, Jane Mills, Chaplain, honored deceased members from the Garden Club of Fort Pierce (Mildred Harward and Millie Booth West), Green Thumb Garden Club (Caroline Pape), Jupiter-Tequesta Garden Club (Emmy Toepper) and The Garden Club of Stuart (Debbie Striegel and Mary Lou Holding). (*Ref: Memorial Attachment*)

At 10:00 AM Barbara Meinken, St. Lucie West Garden Club, gave the Credential Report as follows:

Club Delegates	62
Circle Delegates	5
Alternate	<u>1</u>
Total Delegates	68

There was no debate. Report Adopted

Emily Kane, Landscape Design Consultant Council Liaison, presented a Recognition of Landscape report. This consisted of 2011 "Unsolicited Awards for Plantings in the Public and Private Sector". The purpose of these awards is to recognize and encourage well-designed plantings which may be seen from the street and have been completed for at least a year. Display boards were exhibited in the Lobby. (*Ref: Report Attachment*) Recipients included:

1. For a Small Business – Putt'n Around – a miniature golf course in Delray Beach owned by Elise Johnson and Daniel Johnson

2. For a Public Facility – Ocean Ridge Town Hall – A Native Plant Garden designed and maintained by the Ocean Ridge Garden Club
3. For a Private Facility – Entrance Way to Lakefield West in Wellington
4. Private Residence of Merit – Home of JoAnne Holman in White City, Florida.

District X Director declared a BREAK.

At 10:20 AM the meeting reconvened with the introduction of speaker Nichole Rouse of the Treasure Coast Re-Use Center. Nichole described her activities that focus on keeping things out of the land fill and giving them to people that are in need at no cost. She gave examples of perfectly good items collected on trash day (or given to her directly) and discussed how they are processed for reuse. She encouraged attendees to be more mindful of waste and to become better informed on items they purchase and the companies as well as countries of origin. She talked of third-world poverty experiences and indicated that often with low cost products available “someone pays the price”. She encouraged people to use the book exchange and recommended reading the Better World Shopping Guide. Nichole provided her phone number for additional information and to facilitate collection and dissemination of reuse goods. She advised attendees to develop their own route and get with the program.

At 10:51 Sandra Arlund was awarded recognition on the Red Brick Pathway at Headquarters by Mary Scheitler and Sandra expressed her thanks. Barbara briefly commented on this particular Florida Federation of Garden Clubs award and stated that on September 16, 2011 the “Gala in the Garden” will be held at Headquarters in Winter Park and attendees could visit the pathway to review the bricks.

Three-minute reports were made on the following:

1. Habitat for Humanity Landscape Project at the Kennedy Estates by Dotty Wisch, Jupiter Tequesta Club (*Ref: “The Gardener” with pictures Attachment*)
2. Partnership of GC of Stuart with Master Gardeners to fund and complete Habitat Landscaping. Also Conversion from Irrigation to Rain Barrels for Habitat homes by Cyndy Trossbach, Garden Club of Stuart
3. Wellington Garden Week by Susan Hillson, Wellington Garden Club (*Ref: Attachment*)
4. Environmental Concerns/Water by Connie Singer, Boca Raton Garden Club for Betsy Pickup (*Ref: Attachment*)
5. Art In Bloom – December 2-5, Boca Museum of Art – Joint program with District X & XI (*Ref: Attachment*)
6. Environmental Studies School Report - Course One and Four of the NGC Environmental Studies Program by Li Roberts, Garden Club of Stuart (*Ref: Attachment*)
7. District X Butterfly Sanctuary Chairman Report by Ann McCormick, Garden Club of Stuart, (*Ref: Attachment*) Presentation of Butterfly Certificate to Barbara Hadsell.

District X Director, Barbara Hadsell re- introduced the question of funding for the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden that was tabled at the fall 2010 meeting. Joan Graff, maker of the original motion clarified that the original motion was to provide \$150 funding to the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden. Joan Hartsock made a motion to amend the original motion to contribute \$500. Discussion took place. Motion to contribute \$500 was defeated. Motion to provide \$150 was carried. Carol Hall suggested that a committee be formed to study funding for all botanical gardens in our district and present a funding recommendation at the fall 2011 meeting. Barbara Hadsell asked attendees wishing to participate in a committee of this nature to provide her with their name, phone number and e-mail address.

The two-year Proposed Budget (4/1/2011 – 3/31/2013) was presented by Li Roberts, Incoming Treasurer, Garden Club of Stuart. Key comments include:

1. **Lines #25 & #16** - The strictly charitable purpose expense IRS required minimum spending of 30% is proposed at a two-year total spend of \$4,830 (or 48%) and exceeds the IRS requirement.
2. **Line #15** - Clarified that monies should be set aside for District NGC Schools but must be voted on before expended.
3. **“Seed Money”** - Clarified as monies that can be used but must be returned.
4. **Line #15** – District NGC Schools – clarified as not being “Seed Monies”
5. **Line #19** - FFGC SEEK Scholarship of \$100 was based on past expenditures. Amount could be raised at a later date if Income is greater than forecast in this budget.
6. **Line #14** - “limit per garden” refers to a prior motion regarding community gardens and provides a limit or cap per garden. Joan Black, Community Garden Chairman, will set the guidelines. (no further details available).
7. **Line #36** - DD Travel (\$.40 per mile). This is traditional. IRS travel is \$.55 per mile and includes auto depreciation.
8. **Line #21** - \$500 for only one year (Plaques, Bricks, Recognition). No funding in year two since budget runs from 4/1/11 any other administration recognition plaques would be in the next budget.

District X Director, Barbara Hadsell, called for the question of adoption. Budget approved.

District Director clarified use of the District Mail Box at District X meetings. When registering the club president and/or representative should take information from their respective folder in the box. Flyers and information for the Website and/or Blooming Tales can be left in this location. Today a subscription form for hard-copy versions of Blooming Tales (Annual - 3 issues for \$5) should be taken back to clubs.

11:45 AM - Blessing for Lunch by Chaplain, Jane Mills.

1:10 PM - The meeting reconvened with recognition and distribution of Convention awards to District X winners by Sandra Arlund and Carol Hall of West Palm Beach Garden Club. (*Ref: Award Winners Presentation Report*). Clubs were encouraged to prepare and present award submissions and include lots of before and after photographs. (*Ref. Report Attached*)

Julie Hagnauer, of Poinciana Garden Club in Delray Beach, came forward to receive recognition of their 50th Anniversary as a Federated Club.

Design Contest Winner was announced by Joan Hartsock. Emily Kane took first place and \$87.50 total from the voting for the four designs was donated to Wekiva. For the 2011 Fall District meeting there will be four (4) Horticultural entries.

CountUS AnTENette was presented by Uta McFadden to The Garden Club of Fort Pierce with 25 of their 44 members present. Uta McFadden related how much “joy” the CountUS had brought to her club including a son (West) and read a poem that summed up the highlights of her visit. Joleen King suggested that the CountUS have a regular column in Blooming Tales to keep the District informed of her travels.

The second speaker, Master Naturalist Amanda Thompson of the Oxbow Eco-Center, gave a presentation on Reptiles...our friends not our foes. The Florida ecosystem would collapse if gopher tortoises were non-existent. She brought reptiles with her for this presentation and cautioned attendees not to feed the wildlife. Amanda invited attendees to look into the Florida Master Naturalist Program and consider certification.

The Host Club, St. Lucie West, was recognized (Co-Chairmen Kay Lowe and Gladys Siekierka) by District X Director Barbara Hadsell.

Donna Swift requested input for updates for Resources for Garden Club Programs. She will have recommendations from the District X Clubs available electronically in early May.

Invitations to future meetings included:

Fall 2011 – Garden Club of Indian River County in Vero Beach, October 19, 2011, Bent Pine Golf Course, 6001 Clubhouse Drive Vero Beach, Florida 32967-7599 (772) 567-6838, Helena Burgess, Chairman

Spring 2011 – Boca Raton Garden Club, Boca Raton, April 20, 2012, Embassy Suites, 661 Northwest 53rd Street, BocaRaton,FL33487 (561) 994-8200. Patti Moum, President

Credentials Committee report by Barbara Meinken and Ellabee Scully:

National Officers and Board Members	2
FFGC Officers and Board Members	7
FFGC Past Presidents	1
District X Officers	6
District X Chairmen	17
Past District X Directors	6
Garden Club Presidents	13
Garden Club Circle Presidents	3
District X Delegates	68
Garden Club Members	146
Guests	8
TOTAL REGISTRATION	154

Credentials Report Adopted. (Ref: Report Attached)

New Business – None

Chinese Auction winners were announced.

Adjourn 2:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

June Beers, District X Secretary - Garden Club of Fort Pierce

Jan Stoorza – Committee to Approve Minutes – Garden Club of Stuart

Louise Andrews – Committee to Approve Minutes – Garden Club of Stuart

Vendor Displays

Fancy Leaf Caladiums

Palm city, Florida
Caladium tubers and garden
related items

Blooming Idiots old Garden Roses

Okeechobee, Florida
Roses in 3 gallon Pots

The Compost Gardener

Fort Pierce, Florida
Natural garden solutions, tools, book, worm teas and castings, worm bin, manure packages, koko coir.

Funky Air Plants

Fort Pierce, Florida
Tillandsias (Air Plants)

Herb and Spice Scentsations

Stuart, Florida
Hypertufa garden containers/objects, created and hand-blended herb and spice culinary blends, herbal bath salts

Handbags by Fern

Port St. Lucie, Florida
Handbags and wallets

Edible Spirits

Stuart, Florida
Exotic Rum and liqueur cakes and jelly

Park Lane Jewelry

Port St. Lucie, Florida
Park Lane Designer Fashion
Jewelry

Peters Croton Nursery

Ft. Pierce, Florida
Rare and unusual Crotons

Rick's African Violets

Port St. Lucie, Florida
African Violets and Gesneriads

Pampered Chef Consultant , Donna Swift

Port St. Lucie, Florida
Pampered Chef kitchen tools, spices. etc.

Sundresses from Jordans Outdoor Fun

Stuart, Florida

Ana Mari Keeney Jewelry

Handcrafted Artisans
Stuart, Florida

Hydroponics Organic Indoor Gardening

Port St. Lucie, Florida

Miller's Way Orchids

S.W. Ranches, Florida