



# "THE FANTASTIC FIVE"

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### *Message from District V Director – Jeanice Gage*

The garden clubs of Fantastic District Five are all on their way to another great garden club for their members and are working on community projects that are so important to them.

Our District V meeting on October 25 was one to be remembered! Riverhaven Garden Club did an outstanding job! There were 106 members registered for our District meeting and it was such a pleasure to represent you! Each and every one who helped in any way is to be commended. Your Director was so proud! Our State Officers were very impressed and told me how much they enjoyed the day. It was good to have them with us and to hear all the plans for members of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Thank you so much, Kathy, the members of Riverhaven Garden Club, and the wonderful chef who prepared our fabulous lunch!

Cheryl Howard, our Penny Pines Chair, passed around the cutest little bucket and you donated enough to purchase one acre of tree seedlings for Apalachicola National Forest-the closest National Forest to the area of our Florida that was destroyed by Michael.

You donated money for FFGC's one hundredth birthday party! We purchased two new Environmental flags for Wekiva Youth Camp! The Deep South Convention and our state convention will be held back to back in Tampa, April, 2020! Aren't we lucky! Let's see how many we can get from Fantastic District Five to attend!!!

We have already begun to work on the Spring District V Meeting to be held in Ocala, hosted by Pioneer Garden Club, on May 13, 2020.

Thank each and every one of you for all you do for your members, clubs and community! This must surely be the proudest District Director in F.F.G.C.!

Kindness is free, sprinkle that stuff everywhere!

Jeanice Gage, District V Director

## **District V, FFGC & NGC Calendar**

### **Awards Judging Day**

FFGC Headquarters

December 5, 2019 - 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

### **FFGC 2020 Convention**

April 16-19 2020 - Tampa

### **Spring District V Meeting**

May 13, 2020 - Ocala

### **NGC 2020 Convention**

May 12-14, 2020 - Milwaukee, WI

### **UF/FFGC Short Course**

June 7-9, 2020 - Gainesville, FL

## HIGHLIGHTING INGRID VELEZ, DISTRICT V PARLIAMENTARIAN

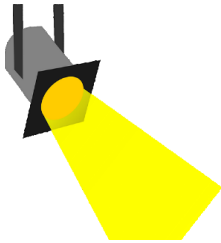
Ingrid was born in Washington D.C., raised and educated on Long Island, New York and started her government career as a Secretary in the Department of Defense in 1965. She switched careers in 1974 and went to work for the Department of Transportation as an Air Traffic Controller. She retired from government service in 1997.



She found out about FFGC in 2006, when she joined the Brooksville Garden Club. Serving as Corresponding Secretary, Vice President and President. She has been Chairman of Garden Path Bricks and Florida Gardening Magazine Coordinator. In 2010 she “found” Wekiva Youth Camp and the camp has become her passion. She is on the Wekiva Committee, sets up the Camp Office and volunteers two weeks each summer. Has taken on the task as Co-Coordinator of Wekiva Volunteer Training every February.

She and Skip have been married for 42 years and have rescued abandoned and abused Dobermans since 1980. They are presently “owned” by 3 Dobermans and a Doxie!

## SPOTLIGHT ON AWARDS



Why We Write Awards: Goal Setting, Your Club History, Better Preparation for Events and Programs, Building Teamwork Skills and Participation, Pride in Club’s Accomplishments, and Recognition

The Key to Award Writing is to look at the FFGC objectives and see how your Programs and Events achieve those goals.

FFGC Objectives: To further the education of the members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect for and protection of the environment.

Award Application: Is limited to 3 printed pages: 1. Documentation, 2-3 Photos, articles, etc. (No report cover, binders, plastic sheets allowed.) Hard copy only; no electronic submissions (unless requested). Mail your Award Applications the Day BEFORE Thanksgiving to insure they arrive on time. \*Mail 2 copies to FFGC Headquarters unless otherwise noted in the award description to arrive no later than November 30, 2019.



Judgement Day is on December 5, 2019 at 8:30am. Sign up & Volunteer Today! You do not have to be an experienced Judge. We place you with experienced judges. If you want to think like a Judge and write winning awards, join us on Judgement Day, Where? At FFGC Headquarters.

### A Whole World of Wonders!

#### ***The National Gardener is:***

A continuous circle that connects National Garden Clubs, Inc. to the Region, to the State Garden Clubs, and to the Districts, to the Member Garden Clubs and, finally, to the individual Garden Club members.

The voice of NGC; communicating with all garden club members.

A storehouse of ideas for horticulture, floral and landscape design, flower shows, conservation, and environmental projects.

A manual that presents the latest information concerning NGC Awards, and Basic Flower Arranging, as well as information on our NGC Schools: Flower Show; Horticulture; Environmental Study, Gardening Study; and Landscape Design. Published quarterly by National Garden Clubs, Inc., Patricia Binder, Editor



## DISTRICT V FALL MEETING at Riverhaven Garden Club

Thank you, Riverhaven Garden Club, for a delightful day from beginning to end! The continental breakfast looked beautiful and tasted wonderful. AND THEN LUNCH! Our compliments and thanks to the chef. We appreciate you having our Fall District V meeting at your club, for all your hard work, and for your warm hospitality.

As your Director, I am so proud of all our members. I am sure that our FFGC Officers enjoyed themselves. The other thing is your generosity! You purchased one acre of tree seedlings for Penny Pines, two environmental flags for Wekiva Youth Camp, and a generous donation for our one hundredth birthday party! Thank you, members, of the fourteen garden clubs in District Five, for Friday and for every day that you spend doing something for your community. I am amazed by all you do; the time and money spend to bring your community project to fruition.

- Excerpts from District V Director Jeanice Gage letter to the President of Fantastic District V.



Jeanice Gage, District V Director



(L-R) Anita Olayos and Phyllis Colvin



Claudia Bates, Christy Linke, and Tina Tuttle



Kathy Luke, Meeting Chairman



Carol Wood, Ingrid Velez, Donna Thomas, and Susie Berryhill



FFGC President Al Latino with Jeanice

I think a hero is any person really intent  
on making this a better place for all people.  
Maya Angelou



Garden Clubs and their members are  
"Hero's" - they create beautiful  
gardens for all to enjoy!



## GARDEN CLUBS IN DISTRICT V

### BRICK CITY GARDEN CLUB – Elsa Lampron, President

Brick City Garden Club has a busy calendar this year. We learned how to care for and propagate African Violets and how to grow and care for a Bonsai. We participated with The City of Ocala and a local DAR chapter in a landscaping project at the Fort King Fort's veteran cemetery. The cemetery site was cleaned up and new planters installed. One of our award-winning floral design members gave us a floral design demonstration in October. We are now beginning the discussion with our membership on installing a Blue Star Monument.

Early next year we will be touring an olive grove, learning about growing olives in north central Florida and how olive oil is made. In February we will be creating arrangements and bud vases for residents at a local nursing home facility. We will be holding a silent auction and the proceeds are always enough to send at least one student to camp Wekiva or S.E.E.K. We have collected money for one acre of pines. We plan to dedicate our acre to one of our founding members who passed away recently. We are hopeful to collect funds for an additional acre of pines before the end of this year. Our members do enjoy the Florida Gardner magazine and have been inspired by the articles and stories. Viewing the articles online would be utilized by some but not all of our members.

### BROOKSVILLE GARDEN CLUB - Sandra Hume, President

Citrus Garden Club is celebrating our 42 year as a dedicated group that has promoted education, horticulture, community service, floral design, scholarships, youth gardening and work shops and much more!

#### Brooksville Garden Club Adopt-A-Trail 10/24/19

Begin forwarded message: October 24th, Brooksville Garden Club members began their 7th season doing morning litter walks along Good Neighbor Trail supporting the City of Brooksville Adopt-A-Trail Program. Enjoying sunshine, bird song, wild flowers and even butterflies along the trail are from left, Mary Ellen Urban, Faye Peterson, Beverly Lewis, Bill Schemmel, Ronette Snyder, Allison Murphy, Sheryl Mistretta, Diane Lamoureux, Kathy Schemmel and Skip Lamoureux. Photo courtesy of Faye Petersen.



#### Brooksville GC Volunteer at Eastside Elementary School

October 28th, Members from Brooksville Garden Club prepared the Eastside Elementary School's Memorial Garden to assist teaching Jr. Audubon students about plant needs and butterfly migration. Mr. Joe Murphy, 5th grade Science Teacher, meets with children after school twice a month. He is assisted by Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Hendrix. Students and volunteers have worked hard for the past year to refurbish the garden, which attracts pollinators. Pictured above, from left to right, are BGC Volunteers: Diane Lamoureux, Sheryl Mistretta, Allison Murphy, Skip Lamoureux, Mike Kelley, and Linda Kelley. Photo courtesy of Linda Kelley. Ronette Snyder BGC Publicity Volunteer

### DAISY CIRCLE – Betty Anderson & Sandra Arnold, Co-Chairman

Daisy Circle coordinated the collection of supplies for families devastated by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. Club members donated generously and we were able to fill 25 large boxes. We delivered the donations to the Gainesville Fire Department and presented a check from Daisy in the amount of \$50.00 to help defray shipping costs.



Daisy Circle is sponsoring two FFGC Awards: J-4A Conservation Project – pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> and J-32F Butterfly Conservation Folder -5<sup>th</sup> grade.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> Daisy members held a Fun with Flowers Workshop at Brookdale Senior Living Facility. Everyone had so much fun and we have been asked to come back on December 9<sup>th</sup> to help the seniors design holiday arrangements.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we held our annual garage sale and will use the funds we raised for community service projects.

### **GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB – Linda Schoellhorn, President**

In September, GGC held its annual fundraising event, “Aged To Perfection” with over 200 members and friends in attendance. Bruce Cavey, Landscaper & Floral Designer, created a spectacular ceiling arrangement for the event (his photo on the right). Members donated a variety of items for the auction, as well as cooking and serving delicious food and wine! Thanks to everyone’s hard work, we were able to raise \$3,000.00.



Our General Meeting was on October 3rd with the County’s new Extension Agent, Dr. Taylor Clem presenting “Solutions at Your Fingertips” – about the things offered to the community by our extension office. During the meeting GGC donated \$3,500.00 to Dr Craig Tischer for the Wilmot Garden’s Therapeutic Horticulture Program.

GGC participated in the UF Homecoming Parade, giving great exposure to the Gainesville Garden Club!

### **HOMOSASSA RIVER GARDEN CLUB - Ingrid Ricci, President**

From Oct 2018 thru Oct 2019 our 53-member club contributed 187.5 hrs. of community. Collaborated with Citrus County Adopt-A Hwy Program by maintaining Spring Brook Rd. in Homosassa; weeding the landscape beds at the Homosassa Public Library; gardening of historic Stage Stand Cemetery; donated \$68 to Penny Pines; 500 native plant saplings to the community; \$52.00 to the City of Inverness community garden; \$3,000 in scholarships, sent 2 to Wekiva and 1 to SEEK.

Blue Star Marker - Since installation on April 1, 2017, at the historic Stage Stand cemetery, the landscape island has been improved by a group of dedicated volunteers led by Sandy Teubel. This was made possible by a \$1,000 club donation; donations by club members Mim Brocket, Gloria Petersen and Pattie Steck. Additionally, Citrus County provided mulch and Wilder Funeral Home contributed \$300 to the beautification project. This cooperative effort is an outstanding success story.

Club Meetings, Educational Programs & Field Trips: Horticultural education/exchange; Floral design presentations; Bird info/education; Mentored new members; Landscaping; Fire Prevention; Composting; Native Plants; Photo Composition by nature photographer Joe Dube; and a presentation on What the EPA Does.

It has been 38 yrs. since this club was established by a group of creative women. Since it has flourished into a diversified, creative and energetic club with great ideas for continued growth and continued legacy of protecting the environment and giving back to the community. This past year we contributed 187.5 hrs. of community service and 76% of our budget went back to the community.

### **NEWBERRY GARDEN CLUB - Genie Smith, President**

Newberry Garden Club consists of two circles (Morning Glory & Founders Circle), one meets in the morning and the other in the evening. We have a membership of 44. We wear our Garden Club t-shirts (donated by RPM Auto) as a way to let others know about our Club.



Some of our activities include:

- \*Beautification projects at Oak View Middle School and Newberry Elementary School.
- \*Yard of the Month award program. A picture is taken and published in a local newspaper and on our website.
- \*Breakfast provided to Newberry Elementary and High Schools for teachers and staff during preplanning week.
- \*Penny Pines - We collected \$168.00 in our first year.
- \*Hosted our 13th annual Soups, Sandwiches and Sweets fundraiser. Proceeds fund college scholarships given to local high school seniors, children to attend Camp Wekiva, and a SEEK student.
- \*A variety of educational programs covering such things as succulents, “Cut and Stick” for a spring plant sale.
- \*Floral arrangements were provided to two nursing homes on Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- \*Our Garden Club decorated Newberry’s Main Street with festive fall decorations.
- \*In December, a monetary gift is collected and given to Blessed Hope, the local food bank.

In 2020 Newberry Garden Club will celebrate its 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.

## ***PATRIOTISM***



### ***THE AMERICAN FLAG CEREMONY***

*A Flag ceremony honoring someone that has served our country, either in the Armed forces or in our civilian services such as the Police Force or Fire Department, keep in mind all the important reasons behind each of the 13 Folds. They have paid the ultimate sacrifice for all of us.*

*What do the 13 folds of the American Flag mean? You might have thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies. Here is one story that is dear to many veterans and their families.*

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country", in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

The next time you see a Flag ceremony honoring someone that has served our country, either in the Armed forces or in our civilian services such as the Police Force or Fire Department, keep in mind all the important reasons behind each and every movement. They have paid the ultimate sacrifice for all of us.



## FFGC 2020 CONVENTION

Join us for fabulous  
programs, workshops,  
raffles, shopping and fun!

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

94th Annual Convention

38th Biennial State Flower Show



Hilton Tampa Downtown  
April 2020

Thurs, Apr 16 – Early Arrivals Dinner & Entertainment

Fri and Sat, Apr 17/18 – Convention & Flower Show

Sunday, Apr 19 – Farewell – ‘till we meet again

## Deep South Garden Clubs 2020 Tampa Convention

*Save the Date!*

**APRIL 13-15, 2020**

Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Annual Convention

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### Spring District V Meeting Wednesday, May 13, 2020

The Spring District V Meeting will be hosted by the **Pioneer Garden Club** and will be held at the North Hall Conference Center at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, Ocala.

“Many thanks and much appreciation to Pioneer Garden Club and President Tricia Evans for hosting our Spring meeting.”

Jeanice Gage

### DISTRICT V

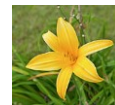
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**Wildflower:** D. Phlox

**Butterfly:** Eastern Tiger Swallow

#### Garden Clubs in District V:

Brick City, Brooksville, Citrus, Crystal River, Floral City, Four Seasons, Gainesville, Homosassa River, Inverness, Lake City, Newberry, Pioneer, Riverhaven, Seedlings



### DISTRICT V NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit club reports, event information, photos, etc. for the District V Fall Newsletter is May 20, 2020. The newsletter will be sent out by email on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Send to Sandra at [searnold6348@gmail.com](mailto:searnold6348@gmail.com).



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