



District I The Busy Bee



"How doth the busy bee improve each shining hour and gather honey all day from every opening flower." - Isaac Watts

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Let's celebrate, honor and remember **Mother's Day, Sunday May 10th**. This centuries-old Christian tradition is tied to the lunar calendar which changes every year. It was celebrated in other countries for many centuries called "Mothering Sunday." The American Mother's Day was founded in 1908 by Anna Jarvis in West Virginia who campaigned for this special day to celebrate mothers after the death of her mother. Later, due to the commercialization of the holiday, Anna wanted to rescind the practice of Mother's Day. But, I know we all want to honor our mothers and members in our families that are mothers and are pleased the tradition continues.



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., 99th Annual Convention and 40th Biennial State Flower Show: The Convention was a success I am pleased to announce. The speakers were excellent, workshops interesting, and fun was had by all. There were many awards presented at the dinners, the luncheon speakers had diverse programs, opportunity tickets and the 50/50. **District 1 Clubs won some awards!** Be sure to come to the District meeting to find out which clubs won.

Pictured: Claudia Bates, a Former President, Christy Linke, President, Donna Donnelly, NGC President, Mary Whisler, 1st Vice President, Leticia Gunn, 2nd Vice President. Mary and Leticia both won awards.

Our **"Rooting for the Future"** District Party was a success with root vegetables and Planter's Punch!



Christy Linke, was honored with a Tillandsia (an air plant from the Bromeliad family) called **"Christy's Crown."**

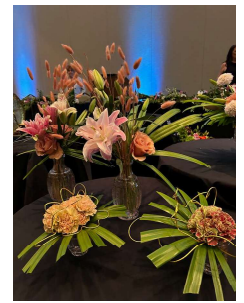




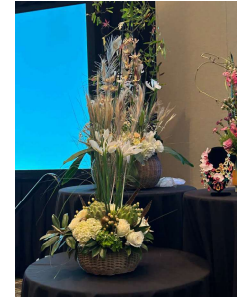
Lovely ladies Kat Spieker and Anne Collins selling "What's Your Type" books.



Jacob McCall, Floral Design Keynote Speaker, "Emotions."



Just a few of his designs.



The Flower Show, "Once Upon a Time," was simply beautiful flowers and creative designs depicting children's arts and crafts and many other creations. Magical!

Entertainment! Vendors! PJ's and Pancake Breakfast! Sarah Darden, Director, District III, Dianne Ambrun, District Director II, and me. (Well, how cute are we! Probably not our usual look at 7:00 in the morning!)



Emails: Just to explain our email distribution system. Sheila Salerno distributes material to all members of the garden clubs. We have 660+/- members at any one time, so it takes Sheila two days to send out an email to all the members. For Sheila to send out emails under each clubs' name to go the members, she would need to redo her groupings. That would be very time-consuming.

I usually only send emails to the Presidents; their name is in the BCC messaging. If you want to advise your members of any of the information sent to you by me, that is your choice. This system seems to be working at this time. We all receive many emails which are junk or are from companies, etc. that we do not want or need, and I spend time each day deleting unwanted emails. Please, if you receive any unwanted emails, just delete.



Due to an ongoing problem, I have had to change my email. It is now **bettyw2946@gmail.com**. I regret having to change it, as I spent several months learning some new systems after getting this new computer. Please make this change in your records. Thank you.

A word from Lynda Penry, Jr. Gardener Chair:

As president, Christy Linke promotes all facets of FFGC and garden club activities while educating our youth, who represent our future. The theme for her term is ***“Sharing our Knowledge Plants the Seeds of Tomorrow.”*** As garden club members in FFGC and NGC, we, too, should promote and encourage youth participation through Junior Garden Clubs. Not only will the youth benefit from interaction with members, but members will also benefit by working with these young minds. This process can include a traditional school setting but can also include libraries, afterschool programs, Scouts, churches and other venues.

FFGC and NGC offer a myriad of resources as well as grants and contests to assist in working with youth while recognizing the contributions of a garden club. The grants and awards have been simplified with a cover sheet for information regarding the garden club and you may add three additional pages which include relevant photos. The awards chair states “tell a story” of your project. All the garden clubs have wonderful projects, so please apply for an award or grant! You are missing your chance for recognition at the convention and also receiving a small reward.

As I know you are interested, please go to the FFGC website and on the Home Page click on Youth in the top ribbon. First click on Junior Gardeners tab and learn how to start a Youth Garden Club. You will then be directed to the resources and other information you will need.

Please remember, our environment may depend on educating our youth today.

***From a small seed, a mighty trunk may grow. Aeschylus
(Start a Jr. Gardener program in your club and see it grow!)***

Have a wonderful May!