

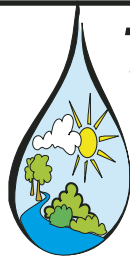
DOWN TO EARTH

with the *Navarre Garden Club*

NAVARRE, FLORIDA

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THE PRESIDENT'S PATH...

Our membership now stands at 63; up from 50 on June 1. As you can see, we are "Growing Together" very rapidly and I would like to welcome and congratulate all our new members who joined us since June. Most of you have jumped right in and hit the ground running. How wonderful it is to have new members who bring fresh, new ideas and renewed energy to our Club.

Our Yearbook Chairman, Newsletter Editor, and Secretary—Kathy Jerram—is one of these new members. She attended her first meeting just last month when she was installed as our Secretary. Thanks to Kathy and Shirley, our Yearbook is on its way to FFGC and NGC Awards Chairmen. Our hat is off to Kathy. She did a marvelous job, of one we can all be very proud. Keep your fingers crossed (toes too) that we win a blue ribbon!

Peggy Gray, our Web Site Chairman, is another new member who has made great inroads. Have you seen our new Web Page?

www.navarregardenclub.org.

Please check it out. Since it is updated very frequently, you will want to "refresh" the web page each time you visit or set your browser to do it automatically. I see another award in the making!!! Thank you Peggy for your outstanding contribution to the Club. Peggy joined us in September.

Jackie Willis, our Ways and Means Chairman, is also doing a marvelous job. We will soon have beautiful mugs and tote bags for sale. You can do your Christmas shopping while attending a meeting!!! Jackie also attended her first meeting in September.

Carolyn Igo, another new member, has volunteered to be our Social Chairman as long as she has "party people" on her committee. She will be filling a Chairmanship vacated by Robbie Johannesen. I know you will all have fun planning the upcoming Christmas party at Soundside! If you have any suggestions, please call Carolyn.

Thank you Jim Carson for volunteering to be our Horticulture Chairman. Jim has a great idea for our next meeting. So, please be there.

We are desperately looking for a Youth Chairman. I know you're out there!

It is so rewarding to work alongside such talented, creative individuals. All our talents and creativity will be needed as we work together as a team to restore Navarre in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan. He certainly put us all to the test and presents a great challenge as well as an opportunity for us as a garden club. Suggestions? Ideas? Please pass them on to Joanne Connor, Civic Development Chairman, and to Jim Carson.

Thanks for making my job so easy and such a pleasure. I love you all.

Hugs, Your Pres
Linda Henderson



The Garden Web

"Internet"

According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary ... Function: noun: an electronic communications network that connects computer networks and organizational computer facilities around the world.

How exciting can that be? The internet doesn't just link computers to computer facilities. It links PEOPLE to PEOPLE!! There's the magic. And now The Navarre Garden Club is on that link. We are a club of gardeners with

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VINE LINES

by *Jungle Judy*



Hello Garden Club members. The month of September with a visit by Ivan the Hurricane has been one event we will never forget. Most of us had landscape loss or know someone who lost or experienced terrible landscape and property damage. Our landscape has now undergone a tremendous change. We need to take time to rethink our gardens and lawns. Before you replace that beautiful pine or oak tree that was blown over, think about the "right plant for the right site" rule.

October is just about gone and November is almost here and it is the month we can get our first freeze. It is hard to think of cool weather now I know. But a good gardener must plan far in advance. This is the month to buy some bulbs for a spring bloom. Place the bag of bulbs in your crisper drawer in your refrigerator. Do NOT place any other fruit in the same drawer with your bulbs. I now have 75 tulip bulbs in my crisper. Looks like no room for vegetables and fruit in my house for some time. Chill the bulbs for at least 6 weeks prior to planting in December. If you want color now, purchase petunias, dianthus, ornamental cabbage and kale. There will still be chrysanthemums for sale in the nursery stores. Buy those with a really tight bud head. And after they have finished blooming remember to cut your plant back to 3 inches above the ground. We will also start to see pansies for sale this month. Space your plants 6 to 8 inches apart for a real

"Jungle Judy" effect. And remember to cut out faded blooms to encourage new growth and blooms.

If you are going to force bulbs for the holiday season you need to purchase those bulbs now. It takes 4 to 6 weeks to establish bud-bearing bulbs in a pot. This means planting around the middle of November. You can buy a kit containing the bulb, pot and soil to make things easier. Amaryllis are easy to force a bloom indoors and make a wonderful Christmas gift. Holy Poinsettia, is it time to be thinking about Christmas already? Gardeners never have enough time, do they? Next month Vine Lines will have some suggestions for timesaving gardening gifts for everyone for the holidays. Till then, happy gardening.

Comings & Goings ...

A great big welcome to **Cathi Herd** who joined us last month. I hear through the grape vine that Cathi is a nationally accredited Flower Show Judge!

It is with grave reluctance that we say "good bye" to **Robbie Johannesen**. Robbie has been a leader in our Club and has done so much over the years. And, what a great friend she has been. We all love Robbie! She and husband, Chip, are going back home to Oklahoma where they have children and friends waiting for

HELP!!! We need pictures, newspaper articles and info from anyone who planted a blooming tree during the past year. National needs an America's-a-Bloom report by Nov. 30. Please contact Linda now at 936-4950 or email at martylinda@msn.com to be added to the report. Let's have a good showing for Navarre.



DISTRICT I HAPPENINGS

Oct. 21 and 26 • "Wine and Roses" - Interstate Fair Flower Shows, put on by Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Nov. 4 • District I Judges' Council (Kate Smith 453-0504)

CLASSES to consider:

• • • W/Th, January 26 & 27, 2005

Landscape Design Study Course II

Held at PJC Milton Campus, Room 4902. \$55 includes class/lunch/exam fee. Text book is additional. Call Tina Tuttle (587-2361) for information to register.

• • • Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Gardening Made Easy

Held 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Pensacola Garden Center, 1850 North Ninth Avenue. \$25. Call Judy (484-9172) or Ruth (968-4416) to register.

• • • Th/F, March 3 & 4, 2005

Gardening Study Course I

Held at PJC Milton Campus, Room 4902. \$55 includes class/lunch/exam fee. Text book is additional. Call Tina Tuttle (587-2361) for information to register.

The Gardens on the campus of PJC were badly damaged during the hurricane. Please consider joining the **Friends of the Gardens of Northwest Florida** to help in the restoration. For information, call Tina Tuttle, President, at 587-2361.

them. Our prayers and best wishes go with you.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to **Jim Carson** who recently lost his father.



From the desk of ...

THE EDITOR



As the majority of you already know; at the October meeting, our presenter was unable to attend. Instead we went around and gave a firsthand account of our experience with Hurricane Ivan who came ashore on September 16th and brutally rearranged all of our landscapes.

It was encouraging to find that many of our members escaped with little or no damage. It was heart-breaking to find that a few among us had very extreme losses. Our hearts and our prayers go out to them.

How ironic that the September issue of Reader's Digest focused on laughter and healing from humor. Inside they quoted Bill Cosby as saying "If you can find humor in anything, even poverty, you can survive it." I am new to the area and I dearly love it here. It is mostly because of the people. So many of you who have lost so much, are still so willing to reach out to help someone else or say something funny just to see them smile for a moment.

In that light, I would like to display a few of the humorous pieces that were circulating via email for those of our members who do not yet have internet access. Ivan is most certainly a bad four-letter word that we all wish to forget, but a few people chose to give our fate a humorous angle. Please take a look...



Gov. Jeb Bush held a special news conference in Tallahassee today to inform the people of Florida of new state symbols. The changes take effect immediately and must be implemented by all official agencies. The changes are as follows:

- The Florida State Flag will now be a blue tarp...
- The license plate symbol of two oranges will be replaced by a chain saw...
- The new State song will be "Blowing in the Wind"...
- The state motto will now be "Oh my, Here comes another one"...
- The new state beverage will be..... anything with an alcohol base.

- The new State tree will be any that are left standing at the end of hurricane season.
- The new State Bird will be the "whipper" will...
- The new State nickname will be "State of Disaster".

Top Ten Reasons Hurricane Season is Like Christmas

10. Decorating the house (boarding up windows)
9. Dragging out boxes that haven't been used since last season (camping gear, flashlights, etc.)
8. Last minute shopping in crowded stores
7. Regular TV shows pre-empted for "specials"
6. Family coming to stay with you
5. Family and friends from out-of-state calling
4. Buying food you don't normally buy ... and in large quantities
3. Days off from work and school
2. Candles

And the number one reason Hurricane Season is like Christmas ...

At some point you just know you're going to have a tree in your house!



Happy Birthday!

Mary Smith

October 11

Ann Tindell

October 12

Shirley Brown

October 16

Nell Jordan

October 23

Karen Broughton

October 25

Kate Kuhn

October 29

Karen Luttrell

November 11

**Judith Begue
Simonne Pelley**

November 18

The Garden Web

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another link to each other, to other garden clubs, to our District, to the State, to the Nation ... to the whole wide world. It doesn't get much more exciting than that.

Web sites can be, "living" things just like the plants in our gardens. But just like the plants in our gardens it takes care and feeding to make them grow. In our gardens new plants must be added and tended. Old, weathered plants discarded. We express our creativity with plant placement and choices. On our web site we need to add new, current information, discard old outdated information (or archive it) and share our gardening knowledge and creativity for all to see. And like a Gardener's diary and planting plan

our web site should document our accomplishments and share our future plans.

I am your webmaster, but that only makes me the one who documents on the internet the information provided to me. This is YOUR website, an incredible communications tool and a magnificent repository for information. Only YOU can make it world class.

Now I'll get off my soap box and just say...GO...go get on a computer. Any computer; yours, a friend's, the library's, your kids or grandkids, and checkout YOUR new web site:

www.navarregardenclub.org

Til next time ((((((H)))))),
your WebMaster,

Deggy Gray



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 26

Executive Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.

November 2

Regular Meeting

Program: "Orchids"

Guest Speaker: Martha Martin

Bio: Martha is a member of the Milton Garden Club and she is a student Flower Show Judge. Martha is also a Santa Rosa County Master Gardener. She has been an Orchid grower for 20 years and has operated her Orchid Nursery for five (5) years.

Hostesses: *Martha Considine, Janice Courtney, Louis Couto, Evelyn Enzian, Jytte Fawzy, Roberta Garrison

November 22

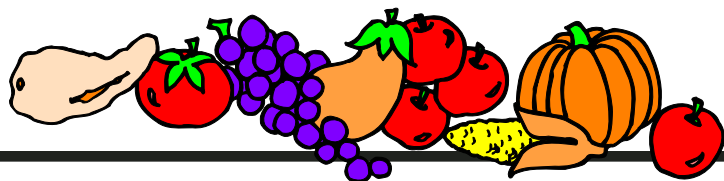
Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop

9:00-12:00 noon, at the Navarre Community Center, followed by a potluck luncheon. We gather to make Thanksgiving Centerpieces for our own homes, but we also make about 40 small arrangements for the food trays at the Gulf Breeze Hospital and 18 larger ones for the cafeteria tables at the Bay Breeze Nursing and Retirement Center. \$12 fee to cover the cost of the flowers. *This workshop is open to the public. No prior experience needed. We train!*

Call Linda at 936-4950 for info.

November 30

Executive Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.



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Note: Fun with Flowers returns in December.


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