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with the Navarre Garden Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S PATH...

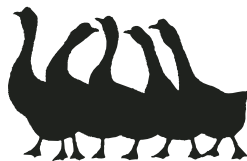
When I realized it was time to write my first article for the Club newsletter, I pondered about what message I felt was the most important. First, I want you all to know how very grateful and excited I am to be your President.

Secondly, this year's Executive Board has a lot of surprises in store for you. Shirley and I are a dynamite team. What she doesn't think of, I do. Lynn has been working hard creating exciting outdoor-type workshops. We will also be having monthly Fun with Flowers workshops taught by Gina Jogan, District I Director. We are all happy to have Kathleen back with us as Secretary, and we thank God for her successful recovery.

This year will be a year of "growth", "change" and "doing things differently". To some, it may be scary, uncomfortable, or, at times, even threatening. To others, it will be "wild", "fun" and "exciting."

We are going to be doing a lot of new things like reciting a Navarre Garden Club prayer at the beginning of each meeting. We will have our first ever pictorial directory, web site, and parliamentarian. We are going to put in for a lot of awards for our projects this year, and we are going to get the recognition we deserve from the state. And, in this process, we will be a club to emulate as we will be setting the example.

Our motto: "*Growing Together*" was picked because I had a vision for our Club; a vision where we were individually and collectively all "goose-like". I challenge all of you to become as "wild geese".



Allow me to explain:

FACT #1: As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the birds that follow. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

LESSON: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

FACT #2: When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

LESSON: If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

FACT #3: When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

LESSON: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangement of gifts, talents or resources.

FACT #4: The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Let's all practice honking.....(This year, there will be an award for the best "honker"!!!)

LESSON: We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one's heart or core values and encourage the heart and core values of others) is the quality of honking we seek.

FACT #5: When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to



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VINE LINES

by *Jungle Judy*

Hello Garden Club members. Hope your summer wasn't too hot. Although we still have some warm weather ahead of us, our gardens still have some flowers to produce for us to look at and to admire this time of the year.

Hope you have a Brugmansia in bloom. If not, think of adding this beauty to a highly visible spot in your garden. The Angel's Trumpet or Brugmansia blooms come in pink, white or yellow. It will probably die down to the ground with a freeze this winter but will be back next year for a repeat performance.

I also recommend a Tibouchina (Princess Plant). I have a small leaf as well as the big leaf Tibouchina. You can pick up both at some of the garden club plant sales, ARC or at the next Annual Emerald Coast Garden and Flower Festival.

Cassia should be blooming now, and I like to see yellow Justicia Brandegeana (shrimp plants) close by to accent the larger Cassia. The month of September is also a good time to put in a few Petunias. They do better in our area in the early spring and at the end of the summer when the temperature is cooler.

Now is the time for us to divide any amaryllis, crinum lily, daylily, Easter lily, Louisiana iris and ginger we might have. You could pot up a few for the next plant sale or to share with a friend. I walk through my yard and as I am admiring each plant, I think of who gave me that particular species. The exchange of a passalong plant is a true sign of friendship among gardeners.

This year I have a nice collection of tropical hibiscus in pots and have placed them anywhere in my landscape that I could tuck one in. Now in September, it is the time to take softwood cuttings of the hibiscus. I plan to take several cuttings of each different plant I have. Most tropical hibiscus can't take our winter months in Navarre, so it is nice to have a small one-gallon pot of cuttings to replace any that die in the landscape. I keep mine in large pots. With no greenhouse to protect them, it calls for a lot of work taking them in and out of the garage when we have a freeze. All this work is well worth the big blooms they will produce next year.

If we plan carefully, we can have some type of bloom or wonderful foliage color every single month of the year here in Navarre. Make that your goal for this new garden club session and please include an exchange of your favorite passalong plant several times with club members. So until October, keep gardening and try to stay cool! Fall is just around the corner.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR DISTRICT?

Sep 1-3 • Flower Show School #3, Panama City

Sep 9 • Educational Series, PFGC, Garden Center (Info: 432-6095)

Sep 9 • Friends of the Gardens of NW Florida, PJC, Milton, 6:00 p.m. Free Program, Room 4200

Sep 13 • Fun With Flowers*, PFGC, Garden Center, Topiaries; \$20 includes all supplies (reservations 968-2111)

Sep 15 • Herb Program, Merna Richards, Milton Garden Club, 9:00 a.m.

Sep 22 • Floral Design School #1***, Milton Garden Center (reservations 675-0305)

Sep 24 • Environmental Forum: Hilton, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort; \$15 includes lunch; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact: elagrosse@beachesofsouthwalton.com

Sep 25 • Fun With Flowers****, Navarre Community Center (reservations 936-4950)

Sep 25 • Annual Native Plant Sale, Defuniak Springs Library, 9:00 a.m.

Sep 29 • Floral Design School #2***, Milton Garden Center (reservations 675-0305)

Sep 30-Oct 1 • Gardening Study, Course #1**, PJC, Milton Campus (Information, reservations 587-2361)

*Fun With Flowers, Garden Center, Pensacola, \$20 per class, pre-registration/prepayment is required @ 968-2111, Pat Makar, registrar

**BOTH Landscape Design and Gardening Study Courses are co-sponsored by FFGC District I; \$55 per class. Series consists of 4 classes (10 hrs per class) Registration required @ 587-2361 - Tina Tuttle, Chmn.

***Floral Design Study Series, classes 1-9, to be held in Milton. Series begins Sep 22, ends Jan 19. Pre-registration required. For dates/information: Sonya Robinson, Chmn. @ 675-0305

****Fun With Flowers, FFGC sponsored program, Navarre Community Center, Begins Sep 25, meets monthly. Contact Linda Henderson: 936-4950

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help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

LESSON: We need to stand by each other both when we are strong and in times of need.

Have you heard enough to know that you will need to hold onto your hats because this year is going to be a fun packed adventure! Come, follow me down this path.....



Lovingly, Your President,
Linda Henderson



Floral Design Studies

Sept. 22th & 29th • Oct. 20th & 27th • Nov. 3rd & 10th
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m

The Milton Garden Club is again holding the Floral Design Studies (FDS) series. *(The same series we had in November - January last year.)* Sonya Robinson is the chairperson. Her email is: SRobi48024@aol.com.

The morning is instruction and the afternoon is hands-on work. Those that complete all six units will get a certificate from State. The three Advanced Units are all in January 2005. You will also get a certificate from State when you complete these classes. All the instructors are State Certified. The six basic classes cost \$50.00.

Register Now!



Comings & Goings ...

Welcome to the following new members who have joined us since April:

Jim & Julie Carson
Joanne Connor
Eleanor Coppedge
Kathy Jerram
Kate Kuhn
Karen Luttrell
Jae Mandigo
Simonne Pelley
Mary Smith
Jackie Willis

A **fond fairwell** to those who have gone, but who will never be forgotten: Nita Cardenas, Mablene Carver, Martha Cottrell, Barbara Fleming, Rosemarie Flores, Holly Hernandez, Julie Kannon, Nancy Nicholson, Sue Peters-Ferree, Catherine Reed, Letty Schilling, Barbara Shaver, Irene Stock-Portt, Mitzie Wentworth, Debbie Willeman and Sara Zehr.

A very big **Thank You** to the members who worked all summer to support the Members' Garden Tour, Awards Workshop, Retreat, Plant Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Gardens of NW Florida, Butterfly House and the Presidents' Summit. You all get a big hug from your president.



Gina Jogan and Tina Tuttle teamed up to give us information on the Fun with Flowers Program, Friends of the Gardens, Habitat for Humanity and UF and PJC Scholarships at our July Retreat.



Would you trust this woman with your most prized plant? Linda got us off to a "honking" good start for the upcoming 2004-2005 year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The
Navarre Garden Club

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen McAuliff
September 8th
Louis Couto
September 14th
Bette Kirchgatter
September 27th
Joyce Grove
September 29th

1st Annual Harvest HAPPENINGS

The Santa Rosa County Master Gardener Assn. will have its very 1st Annual Harvest Happenings on October 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Milton Extension Office at 6263 Dogwood Drive in Milton.

Events will include Arts and Crafts, Children's Activities, Demonstration Garden Tour, David's Greenery, Fall Ornamentals and Plant Sale, Food Court, Free Plant Clinic, Free Education Programs, Free Ph Soil Sample Analysis, Live Garden Characters to answer your questions, Raffle, Static Displays, Pumpkin Patch Sale, Wildlife Sanctuary of NW Florida and more!

Call Karen at 850-939-9595 or email broughtonw@bellsouth.net for program times and subjects.

Santa Rosa County Master Gardener Cookbook and Gardening from the Ground Up CD will be available for sale.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 7th

September Meeting

"What is the FFGC?" presented by Shirley Brown. Hostesses: Angie Adcox (chairman), Gladys Aderholt, Flo Assiminas, Judith Begue, Jeanne Blage, Barbara Brothers.

Sep 11th

Maintaining Paradise

A Florida Friendly Landscaping Workshop, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the Navarre Community Center. **FREE** and open to the public. This workshop will be led by: Jimmie Jarrat, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program Assistant, SRC Extension Office; and Sheila Dunning, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Extension Agent for Okaloosa and Walton Counties. They will cover topics such as: Right Plant/Right Place, Watering Effectively, Mulching, Fertilizing Appropriately, Controlling Pests, Attracting Wildlife, Reducing Storm Water Runoff and Protecting the Water Front. Whether you are new

to the area or have been here a long time, there is something for you!!! We will also have live plants for sale.

Sep 18th

Int'l Coastal Clean Up

(sponsored by Santa Rosa Clean Community Systems, Inc.) Members are urged to participate in the International Coastal Clean Up. We'll meet at Navarre Beach Public Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m., register, pick up supplies, collect litter, and report back to registration by 11:30 a.m. Wear sunscreen, comfortable shoes, and bring gloves and water. This will be one of our on-going projects; so we'll be looking for you. Please direct your questions to Shirley Brown, Club Chairman, 939-2617.

Sep 25th



Flowers Workshop

9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Navarre Community Center. Topic will be "Wreathes" - Make different kinds for

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various seasons/holidays. Class fee of \$20 includes lecture, demonstrations, supplies and hands-on workshop. Take home your own floral creation. You MUST register NLT September 15th. This workshop is taught by Gina Jogan, District I Director, and is open to the public. There will also be a luncheon provided for a nominal fee of \$5. Lunch must also be ordered in advance. To register, call Linda Henderson, Chairman, 936-4950.

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Organized 1975 - Federated 1976

Club Bird ... Great Blue Heron

Club Flower ... Sea Oats



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