

DOWN TO EARTH

with the Navarre Garden Club

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Members spring into Spring



plants. Students received tip sheets for future reference and there were bunches of flowers and material to go around so that

everyone was able to use their own imagination and creativity to make something special to take home.



Gardening to attract Birds and Butterflies was the subject presented to the Jr. Garden Club students on March 10th. Joanne Connor, Jytte Fawzy, Judith Begue and Lynn Willson made the presentation. The students enjoyed learning many new facts about butterflies as well as a project where they actually crafted their own butterfly.



Saturday, March 12th, Tina Tuttle shared both

yard and gardening information at the

Horticulture Workshop that was open to the public. She gave descriptions and tips on all the plants that were brought in for sale. She also brought numerous bulbs and slips from her own yard that she graciously offered to those in the audience.

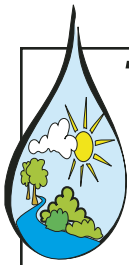


The following Saturday was Fun with Flowers Workshop (also open to the community) taught by Sonya Robinson who presented fourteen different ideas of what you can do with a bunch of flowers. Her presentation covered everything from floating flowers to decorating your house

Many members are still going strong planning the Spring Fling Tasting Luncheon/Bake and Plant Sale. Make sure to sell those tickets – both luncheon and opportunity drawing. If you have not been contacted and find you can help, please call the appropriate committee chairman. Food is Eleanor Coppedge, Bake Sale is Dorothy Reynolds, Plant Sale is Jim Carson, Drawing Tickets is Ginger Laughlin and Luncheon Tickets is Shirley Brown. They really need your help to make this a successful event.

The Social Committee has been working to put together a fun, festive Installation Luncheon being held Tuesday, May 3rd at the Community Center. **Make sure to bring your \$10 and sign up at the April meeting or call Carolyn Igo for reservations.** The luncheon will feature both House and Ceasar Salads, Breads, Turkey, Grilled Veggies and Cake and Coffee to commemorate our 30th Anniversary.





THE PRESIDENT'S PATH...

We have all come a long way this year!! And, hasn't it been fun? The Scholarship Committee was invited to a PJC Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon at the Student Center on the Pensacola Campus. Judith Bogue, Kathy Jerram, Lynn Wilson and I were delighted to be there; we heard some wonderful motivational speakers, and saw first-hand how scholarships can make a significant difference in the lives of our young people. We have only you to thank for your generosity and generous spirit! With state matching funds, the Navarre Garden Club presented a \$1,400 scholarship to be used by a Santa Rosa County student attending the Horticulture Department at the PJC Milton Campus.

Last week, I was able to present the Navarre Garden Club's Betty Pullum Memorial Scholarship to Dee Taylor, Guidance Counselor at Navarre High School. With matching funds from the Pullum family, we were able to present a \$500 scholarship to be used by a student entering an environmental degree program or working towards an occupational certificate in a related field.

If you attended the March 19th horticulture workshop presented by Tina Tuttle, you learned a lot and were continuously entertained – all for free! And, you had an excellent opportunity to get a jump start on your spring planting. We sold plants from "Great Scapes" Nursery/Landscaping located on Hwy. 98 (East of the Flea Market by entrance to Shadow Lakes). Even though this event was not intended to be a fundraiser, we made almost \$200.

Fun with Flowers was also lots of fun this month. Sonya Robinson from the Milton Garden Club and accredited Flower Show Judge (National Judges Council) gave numerous demonstrations on "What Can You Do with One Bunch." Sonya will also be the instructor at our next FwF class, April 23rd, when we will be learning how to make contrived containers and corsages.

As we approach our 3rd Annual Spring Fling Tasting Luncheon/Plant and Bake Sale on April 8th, I just want to tell you how proud I am of all of you! Thanks for supporting this fundraiser and the Club with your positive "can do" attitude and hard work. This fundraiser will determine our budget for next year and the Executive Board has some surprises in store for you. Please mark May 16th on your calendar

for a 1-day planning retreat and pot luck luncheon. We are forming a Finance Committee to put together a proposed budget for the 2005-2006 Club Year. At the April meeting, we will ask for volunteers to be on this committee. This proposed budget will be approved (providing we have a quorum) at the retreat and WILL NOT need to be discussed at the September meeting with visitors present.

On a more somber note, please keep Margie and Kent Henson in your prayers. Kent is home from the hospital following a stroke. They both need your prayers, cards, and visits. It is always encouraging and reassuring to know that you have friends in times like this. Please give Margie a call or take them a hot meal, however your heart leads you.

Also, please keep former member, Cathy Reed, and her family in your prayers. Cathy was involved in an auto accident at the intersection of Hwy. 98 and Navarre School Road (the light at the Post Office) around 8:00 a.m. on March 19th. She was treated at the Gulf Breeze Hospital and released.

Bring your recycled items and join us at the April meeting where Rick Harris will give us information on recycling.

Linda Henderson

DISTRICT I HAPPENINGS

••• Fri-Sun, April 1-3, 2005

8th Annual Emerald Coast Flower & Garden Festival

Call 587-2621 for information. Free admission. Plant sales, exhibits & tours.

••• Sun, April 10, 2005

Annual Spring Buffet

Public is invited. Milton Garden Clubs.

••• Wed & Thurs, April 13-14, 2005

Legislative Days

Tallahassee, at the Capitol.

••• Thurs, April 14, 2005

Friends of the Gardens of NW Florida Gen. Meeting

6 pm, PJC, Milton. Free program on Renaissance Gardening.

••• Fri-Sat, April 22-23, 2005

Garden Show

Old Valparaiso at Perrine Park Historical Museum.

••• Wed-Sat, April 27-30, 2005

FFGC Convention, FFGC State Flower Show

Tampa.

••• Thurs, May 5, 2005

FFGC District I Meeting

8 am, Brooks-Beal Center, Ft. Walton Beach
Larry Williams will speak on RE-Landscaping.

••• Fri-Sun, May 20-22, 2005

NGC Convention

Milwaukee, WI

••• Mon, May 30, 2005

PFGC Patriotic Flower Show

"Sweet Land of Liberty", 11 am-5 pm; 968-4416 or 492-9793

••• Wed-Fri, June 1-3, 2005

Gardening & Designing Seminar

Gainesville

••• Sun-Sat, June 5-11, 2005

National Garden Week

PFGC. For information, call 432-6095.

••• Sun, June 12, 2005

5th Annual Secret Gardens of the Emerald Coast Garden Tour

\$10, call Sandy Compton at 433-7183.





VINE LINES

by *Jungle Judy*



Hello Navarre Garden Club. There has been an exciting new species of plant life discovered in Navarre. With all the clean up after Ivan, some strange looking, low lying vines have been noticed growing in various yards. There seems to be a high number north of Highway 98, east of Highway 87 and west of the Winn Dixie shopping center. The vine will bloom only when the moon is full. It produces a lovely round looking disk type of fruit growth. Several specimens were picked and given to local horticulture experts for identification. After several meetings with county officials, they were finally identified as a new hybrid of the Southern Moonpieoides. Speculation was that they got their start from this past Mardi Gras parade that had changed locations from the island to the mainland this year. The plant is called calonyction aculeatum edulis moonpieoides. It can be grown from cuttings, divisions and layering of established plants. It may prove to be very invasive in this area. The fruit is edible and delicious and may soon be a product sold to tourists as early as this summer. I am looking forward to this being available in the southern part of Santa Rosa County.

April is really one of the best months of the year in Navarre. Now that our average last freeze date has passed, most warm season flowers can be planted. Choose your plants with the planting site in consideration. Shade plants for shady areas and hot sun tolerant plants for our full sun areas. If you had problems with your impatiens last year because of nematodes, it

could be because of repeated planting in the same spot. Select another shade loving plant such as caladiums, begonias or coleus for that spot for this year.

You may prune your spring flowering plants now such as azaleas as soon as the blooming is complete. Also you can really tell the difference between live plant tissue and storm or freeze damaged tissue on trees, shrubs and other plants at this time. Go ahead and prune out any of the dead. Please remember your rose bushes and remove the spent blooms weekly this year. For another yardkeeping duty, you will find that April is a good month to air layer your camellias. And for another joyful task, you can start checking your daylilies for aphids. Use a soap spray as your first choice for control. The life of a gardener is busy, busy, and busy!

The last tip of the month is to beware of April Fools Day jokes. They will stop and make you think, won't they? Happy gardening.

GOT OLD STUFF?

AMNESTY DAY is scheduled for April 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Service Center. Items that will be collected are old oil, gas, household chemicals, old paint, paint thinner, batteries, computers, and small propane bottles.

Also make a note to bring your recycled/reused items for the Recycle Table at the April meeting which will cover the topic of Recycling.

SCAM ALERT:

Beware of any phone calls from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T service technician who is conducting a test on the telephone lines and states that to complete the test, you need to touch nine(9), zero(0), the pound sign(#), and then hang up.

DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE!

By pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your home telephone line which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number.



Evelyn Enzian

April 2

Peggy Gray

April 3

Linda Henderson

April 4

Jytte Fawzy

April 5

Jane Jackson

April 8

Cliffogene Stillwell

April 15

Martha Considine

April 24

Tidbits taken from "The National Gardener"

...Apply limestone to soil where clematis, lavender, delphiniums, gypsophila, lilacs and dianthus are growing. These plants are lime lovers, that is, they like a high pH soil. Unless you have specific recommendations based on a soil test, apply limestone at a rate of 5-10 pounds per 100 square feet every two or three years. When making new plantings, it would be a good idea to group those with similar lime requirements.

—UMass Extension

Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dreams.

— Barbara Winkler



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1- 3 • 8th Annual Emerald Coast Flower & Garden Festival

PJC Milton Campus till 4 pm each day. Vendors, craftsmen, displays, plant sales, garden tours, exhibits. Free admission.

April 5 • Regular Meeting

Hostesses: *Barbara Warriner, Yolonda Washington, Kathleen Wells, Jackie Willis
Program: "Recycling"
Guest Speaker: Rick Harris

Rick is a lifelong resident of SRC, born and raised in the Pace area, now living in Pea Ridge. He's been employed with SRC Public Works Dept. since April, 1992. Previously, he spent many years in welding and heavy equipment construction. In February, 1995, he became the SRC Recycle Operations Manager.

April 8 • 3rd Annual Tasting Luncheon, Plant & Bake Sale

To be held at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, Navarre. This is our big fundraiser for the year.

April 16 • Birds & Butterfly Gardens Workshop

9:30 a.m. registration at the Navarre Community Center. Sandra Sherman from the Butterfly House in Navarre will be the speaker.

April 19 • Executive Board Meeting

9:00 a.m.

April 23 • The Great American Cleanup

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Navarre High School to pick up supplies. Wear your Club apron, sunscreen, comfortable shoes; bring gloves and water.

April 23 • Fun with Flowers Workshop

9:00 a.m. until Noon at the Navarre

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Community Center. Topic: "Con-trived Containers and Corsages". \$20 fee covers lecture, demonstrations, supplies and hands-on workshop. Take home your own floral creation. Please register no later than April 18. This workshop is taught by Gina Jogan, and is open to the public.

April 29 & 30 • FFGC Convention

Tampa, FL

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Navarre Garden Club

Offering programs on:
Horticulture, Floral Design, Birds & Butterflies, Conservation, Native Plants & Wildflowers, Recycling, Trees & Shrubs

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Club Flower ... Sea Oats



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