

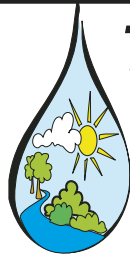
DOWN TO EARTH

with the Navarre Garden Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S PATH...

As I look around my garden, I see everything budding, in bloom, or showing signs of new growth. As I contemplate where the Garden Club is going in the upcoming year, I see promise of continued growth with some members as little buds and others in full bloom. We have grown so much this club year in number as well as in creative, new ideas - to my knowledge, we have the only Pictorial Directory in the nation; a Yearbook beautifully designed and put together; a Web Site that is so easy to maneuver, containing exciting information about our Club (past and present) and a myriad of information about gardening with links to other organizations as well. We have exciting programs and workshops coming up. Have you bought your coffee mugs or tote bags?

I hope you are all going to the Web Site every day to see what might have been posted. Are you downloading and printing the "plant of the month" feature article, the Newsletter, or special events like the Christmas Party or the monthly Fun with Flowers classes? Kathy Jerram and Peggy Gray are both doing a superb job of keeping us current and making the information available in attractive pictorial displays and write-ups. If you don't have a computer, you can always go to the library and download any of this information. Our Web address is: www.navarregardenclub.org. If you don't know how to do this, please ask for assistance.

The biggest challenge before us is communication. And, while I am on that subject, please make sure your communication is positive and

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Members Celebrate Together

The night was magical and the spirits were festive as club members gathered together for an evening of fun, food and frivolity.



B.E.T.A. (Broadening Education Thru Arts) provided an evening of entertainment along with lots of laughs (and exchanges) with our Christmas Chaos gift exchange.





VINE LINES

by *Jungle Judy*



Hello Navarre Garden Club. Happy New Year. The year 2005 will start off with our Arbor Day activities this January. If you plant a tree this month there are a few things to think about. First, choose a tree that will not grow too large for the site. Check your tree choices for one with a good trunk form. When you pick your tree up, do not lift the tree by the trunk. Instead pick it up by the pot or rootball. Cover your tree if you bring it home in the open bed of a truck. Just turn the tree on its side, brace and secure it to stop the pot from rolling and cover the foliage. If you do not use a cover the wind could break branches and tear the foliage or dry it out. When you plant your tree, be careful not to plant too deep. More trees fail from this common mistake than anything else. Dig your hole three times as wide as the rootball and less than the depth of the rootball. Try to have the soil line of the potted tree slightly above the ground soil level when the rootball is placed in the hole. Also after you fill in the hole with soil around the root ball, resist the temptation to stomp the soil down with your feet (THE TREE STOMP DANCE). That will just compact the soil. If you think you have air pockets press the soil around the rootball lightly with your hand. Or use water from the garden hose for every few inches of soil you fill with. After your tree is planted, place mulch around the ground up to the trunk but not on the trunk. Never mound mulch around

the bottom of the trunk. I see this practice a lot in our area. However it is an invitation for problems to occur in the tissue of the bark around the trunk by the ground area. Now you are ready to set up an irrigation schedule for your new tree. A sprinkler system is not really an efficient method of getting your new tree off to a good start. You will need to water with a hose daily for the first two to six weeks, depending on how large your tree is. I would also recommend a drip hose. Turn it on and place it for some continuous light moisture. Your tree will then be off to a better start and will reward you in the years to come with its beauty.

Do you have the after holiday blues? Busy yourself with your bulbs. I do hope you were able to pick up a few amaryllis bulbs or forcing vases and kits at the after Christmas sales. If you buy bulbs on sale this month, avoid any that are in semi or full growth. You can keep these in a pot inside but if planted in the ground now, the cold could damage them. Some gardeners get a head start on caladiums, cannas and others by starting them now in a pot inside. Then move them out into the garden when spring arrives. And don't forget to water your Christmas poinsettia this month, but hold back on a lot of water for that Christmas cactus. They like dry feet and no fertilizer now please.

If you had cold weather or freeze damage to your garden from this last December, resist

the temptation to prune ANYTHING in January. All pruning should be done only after new growth has started in the spring. To prune this early will increase the chance of cutting off live tissue, stimulate new growth and then subject your plant to a later freeze. Let's just let our lawns and gardens have a nice long winter nap. Let your foliage go down naturally. I know some of us just can't stand to look at that, but do your best. Save your energy for the spring. We are going to need it to replace our lawns, trees and gardens after Ivan. Happy Gardening!

DISTRICT I HAPPENINGS

••• Thursday, January 27, 2005

Tour of Tables

Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs. Call 432-6095 for ticket information.

CLASSES to consider:

••• Monday, January 17, 2005

Designing Creatively Class

PFGC. Call Pat Makar (968-2111) for information to register.

••• 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.

Happy Holidays



Happy Birthday!

Julie Carson
January 4

Mary Peterzen
January 4

Eleanor Coppedge
January 13

Robbie Johannesen
January 30

2005 – Begin Planning Now for Awards

Chairmen and committee members are asked to take pictures of everything they are doing with their projects from January 2005 throughout the year through September 2005. Also keep a record of any publicity you have, be sure to cut it out of the newspapers along with the newspaper name and date published. There are several awards available on the Regional, State and National level for our club. However, to receive awards, it is necessary to document your work and submit an application and/or a Book of Evidence to apply.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Marshall or Martha Considine or our president, Linda Henderson. We are also available at monthly garden club meetings. Shirley Brown, who is the District Trees and NGC Special Projects Chairman, also has a great deal of knowledge about awards. Let's make the year 2005 a banner year for awards and do Navarre Garden Club, our president and her officers proud.

Martha Considine/Linda Marshall, Awards Chairmen

Comings & Goings ...

New Member – **Jill Mitchell** of Gulf Breeze joined our membership in November, 2004. We extend a big welcome to Jill.

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Free Talk ... Dr. Stephen Kress will be speaking on **Gardening for Birds and Butterflies** on Friday, **January 28** at the PJC main or Pensacola Campus in room 2142 of the Barroco Science building at 10 am. This is a free and informative talk. Dr. Kress works for Audubon in Ithaca, NY and is a world known researcher on Puffins.

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Gardening Made Easy, Tuesday, February 15, 9:00-3:30 p.m. is one of the Garden Center Educational Series sponsored by Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs. It will be held at the Pensacola Garden Center, 1850 North Ninth Avenue. \$25 fee includes lunch, all refreshments and handouts.

Dan Mullins will present "Easy Gardening with Native Bloomers" and Lindsay Mullinax will speak on "No Fuss Gardening".

You may select from "Conifers for North Florida Gardens", "Conservascaping", "Plants for the Right Places" or "Quick Floral Arrangements" for the morning breakout session. "Amaryllis", "Creative Climbers", "Hydro-gardening" and "Incorporating Hardscaping into Your Landscape" are offered in the afternoon.

If you are interested, please call Judy (484-9172) or Ruth (968-4416) for information and a registration form. All checks along with registrations must be received no later than February 7th. We will probably be carpooling so most of our members can go over together.

The President's Path (continued) ...

encouraging. My grandmother used to tell me with good reason, "Linda, if you can't say anything positive, don't say anything at all." If you are looking for a New Year's resolution, this would be a good one to embrace along with me. There are two things that will destroy this Club quicker than anything else – negativism and gossip. The next time you are tempted to say something negative about the Club or a fellow member, please don't.

Before I close, I want to thank the Social Committee – Carolyn Igo, Chairman along with Evelyn Enzian, Margie Hensen, Kathy Jerram, Jean Matters and Dorothy Reynolds. They did a truly great job in planning the Christmas party. It was one of the best Christmas parties I have ever attended. Thanks ladies!

If you attended the Fun with Flowers Workshop on December 11th, I know you had as much fun and learned as much as I did. Gina showed us about 15 different ways to economically decorate our homes. As Chairman of the workshop, I want to recognize Lynn Wilson (who always helps out with everything we happen to be doing) and Ginger Laughlin – two very valuable players on the team.

Lovingly,
Your President,
Linda Henderson

The Garden Web

Please note that our web master, Peggy Gray, was vacationing in Key West when this newsletter went to press. But she is still connected and adding reports as they become available. So make sure to keep checking at www.navarrgardenclub.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 4

Regular Meeting

Hostesses: *Carolyn Igo, Jane Jackson, Lee Jones, Nell Jordan

Program: "Native Plants and Wildflowers"

Guest Speaker: Carolyn Whitmer

Bio: Carolyn is past president and active member of the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs. She has served as Director of District I and chairman of many different committees. Carolyn is currently the District's Wekiva Chairman. She has served as FFGC Bartram Trail Chairman, Landscape Design Critics Liaison, and Ass't Editor of "The Florida Gardener" where she is now Editor. Carolyn is an Accredited Flower Show Judge, a

Life Member of both FFGC and National Garden Clubs, Inc. and also in FFGC's Hall of Fame.

January 15

FREE Tree Giveaway in early celebration of Arbor Day.

8:00 a.m. at Navarre High School, 8600 High School Blvd. 3,500 trees are being provided by International Paper Company. They range from Crepe Myrtles (red), Flowering Dogwood (white), Leland Cypress and Live Oaks to Longleaf Pines.

January 21

Arbor Day Tree Planting at the Navarre Library.

More details will be announced at the January meeting.

January 22

Fun with Flowers Workshop

9:00 a.m. until Noon at the Navarre Community Center. Topic:

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"Picture Perfect Parties". A Mardi Gras design will be made to take home. Class fee of \$20 includes lecture, demonstrations, supplies and hands-on workshop. \$5 additional for lunch. Please register not later than January 11. This workshop will be taught by Gina Jogan, and is open to the public.

January 25


Executive Board Meeting

9:00 a.m.

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