



Down to Earth

Arbor Day 2006 a great success



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By Judith Begue

The 2006 Arbor Day Celebration started off this year with a lot of publicity. We had a spot on WEAR TV, radio coverage and local newspapers published in two different counties. Connie Jones did a super job getting the word out to the public about how the Navarre Garden Club, Inc. celebrates Arbor Day. Linda Henderson and Judith Begue did a promotion with news

anchor Sue Straughn of WEAR Dayside TV news at noon on January 18. The same day Shirley

planting of a Loquat Tree on school grounds. The Junior Garden Club at West Navarre Elementary School attended the Tree program and was surprised with a visit by the Department of Forestry and Smokey Bear. Club members took part in the tree planting ceremony that included the History of Arbor Day, Beatitudes of a Conservationist, Dedications



Brown presented West Navarre Elementary School a wonderful Arbor Day Program and

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The new Club aprons with a Blue Heron and Sea Oats are in and going fast at \$8 each. Be sure to contact Judith or Lynn and get yours before they disappear. Make your checks payable to the Navarre Garden Club, Inc. and list "Club apron" in the memo section of your check. You may want to call ahead to reserve one before the meeting.

International Superstar Floral Designer Comes to Pensacola

By Linda Henderson

A wonderful opportunity is coming to our area. An international superstar is going to speak at the Magnolias & White Linen Luncheon on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at New World Landing in beautiful downtown Pensacola.

The Reverend William "Mac" McMillan has made quite a name for himself

traveling the world and sharing his stories with thousands. Originally from Ireland, he has even been honored by the Queen of England for his achievements. While speaking, he will design a floral arrangement plus much more..

Tickets are \$35. The Floral Design Studies students are going to this event. We have two tables of eight set

aside. We need a few more to complete our tables. Is anyone interested in attending this event sponsored by the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra Guild? Call me 936-4950 to register and make your check payable to PSOG and give it to me. I need to hand in all our checks within the next two weeks. Hurry while we still have room. ❀

President's Path

Have we been busy or what? I would like to thank Judith Begue for such an outstanding Arbor Day Celebration Week. Her leadership and attention to detail were exemplary!! We had a great time at the West Navarre Elementary School with the Loquat tree-planting on January 18.

Big "Thank You's" to all who helped at the school, especially Shirley Brown for planning the wonderful tree-planting ceremony and to all who participated. The children loved getting a hug from Smokey Bear.

Their "Trees Are Cool" posters were all winners! The students were thrilled with their 1st-4th place ribbons and prizes donated by The Breeze Cinema, McDonald's, and Burger King.

Thanks to all who went to International Paper in Cantonment on Friday, January 20 to bag the trees. I believe we had 18 there (counting Marty too). Our tree-giveaway at Navarre High School the following day was one of our best, surely being inside was an added bonus. Thanks to everyone who helped make this annual event such a huge success and an event the whole

community looks forward to. It was wonderful to be at the door and see all the happy, smiling faces as they left the school.

Our experience on WEAR-TV will always be with us. Thank you Connie Jones for setting that up for Judith and I. Did you all see us on WEAR-TV Channel 3 11:00 a.m. News on January 18 being interviewed by Sue Straughn? Another first in the history of our Club. Wouldn't it be nice to be invited back to advertise our Annual Spring Fling Salad Tasting Luncheon/Plant and Bake Sale?

We had a record number of members who attended our Horticulture Workshop where we made the most beautiful, colorful wreaths for our homes. Thank you Lynn Wilson and Gladys Aderholt for hosting and teaching this class. We all enjoyed it immensely!

Thanks to all members who are assisting me with the Floral Design Studies classes. Thank you Judith for the delicious barbeque pork sandwiches! I am still hearing how scrumptious they were. Everyone is asking for your recipe.

Thanks to Joyce Horgan for doing an outstanding job with the IRS package submission this month

and to Peggy Gray for assisting in the process. Now all we have to do is wait and say a few prayers too. It won't be long until we have our 501(C)3 status.

I can't believe our By-laws and Standing Rules were approved without comment. This too is a first in this Club. Thank you Peggy Gray. You and your committee did an outstanding job!

Carolyn Igo--you and your committee are to be commended for a wonderful baby book shower last month. What a wonderful thing to do for Cynthia and her son, Chase. And, thanks to all members who contributed books and extra food.

Thanks to all who attended the Budget Review Meeting at the Library on Monday, January 23. We found out that we are in good, sound financial shape and that Lynn has done a great job as usual. Thanks Lynn for all you do for this Club.

The Jr. Garden Club Committee is looking for a leader on February 8 to teach a class on Terrariums. Any one interested? We are looking for cheap plastic containers, dirt and plants; any good ideas out there? Another topic?

Don't forget to bring a friend to our next meeting and "Open House". Let's see if our membership can reach 100 before May 2006.

Your Loving President,
Linda Henderson ☒

February Birthdays

Feb 3 Charlene Jablonski
Feb 11 Margie Henson
Feb 16 – Joy Griffin
Feb 19 – Barbara Brothers

Hostesses

Linda Marshall, Jean Matters, Dixie Pardue, Dorothy Reynolds, Carolyn Igo ☒



New Members

Patty Burdo hails from Tonawanda, New York, originally but moved here by way of Alabama. She calls herself a "gangrene thumb" and she joined the club to have fun and learn. Sharon **Johnson** has lived here 14 years and has admired the flowers that the club has planted in various locations over the years. She joined to be part of that community beautification and to give back to the community by way of the services in which the club is involved. **Geri Thurman** came along with her neighbor, Flo. Geri moved here from Nebraska in August and she works part time.

We love a parade

Anyone interested in helping with the float for the Mardi Gras Parade should be at Lynn's house on February 3 at 9:00 a.m. Please give Lynn a call (939-0329) or send her an email so she knows how many to expect.

The Parade is on February 25, the same Saturday as our Floral Design Studies. Members who are in the class will not be participating in the Parade. Other members will have to step forward if we are going to be able to participate in the parade this year.

Be thinking of a good theme for this year. It isn't hard with everyone pulling together. And, we have a trailer 6' x 16' to use so not to worry.

All we need is a chair! ❀

February 7 meeting features Floral Design

The program for the February 7 meeting is Floral Design, presented by Wilma Stortz and Cathi Herd.

Wilma attended Southeast Missouri State University. She started Flower Show School I in 1975 and was able to take all five courses in St. Louis. Luck continued in being able to advance to Master Judge in the St. Louis area. She has conducted and participated in many Flower Show Schools and chaired many symposia. She has served as a District Director of Mis-

souri East Central District and on the State Board many years. She belongs to four garden club, two of them design clubs.

"My design materials and containers have gradually taken over the basement except for the family room, and that may be the next space to go," says Wilma.

Cathi Herd has been an active member of garden clubs since 1974. She is a Life Member of Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, attended Flower Show School

and became an Accredited Flower Show Judge in 2001. A member of our club since 2004, she has given a design workshop, made corsages, chaired the 2005 Flower Show and entered her own work in four local Flower Shows.

Now she feels she is familiar with hurricane evacuation and is getting used to many different kinds of plants that grow locally. ❀

OPEN HOUSE

The February meeting is
Open House.

Please bring a friend to the meeting!



One of the best sources of historical information for the Club are our Yearbooks. We have a few, mostly from the first few years but are missing a lot of them. If anyone has copies of any old yearbooks it would greatly be appreciated if you would get them to Peggy Gray, our Historian. Thanks!! ❀

The "Sweetheart" luncheon will be Feb. 13 at 11:30 at the Chamber. It is open to all members. It is pot luck, so everyone needs to bring a dish of their choice. Hope to see everyone there! ❀

Collect labels for Wekiva Youth Camp

Save all 10 3/4 oz. Campbell's Soup labels. Wekiva Youth Camp gets lots of free stuff such as art supplies, office and classroom accessories, computers, software, videos, books, microscopes, physical items and if they get enough even a van!! Currently a special promotion is available

at Wal-Mart. Look for Campbell's 10 3/4 oz. cans of Chicken Noodle and Tomato Soup and Franco-American original SpaghettiOs pasta in cans marked "My School is Cool". They have bonus points. Lots of information on this program on Page 8 of "The Florida Gar-

dener". Peggy Gray will take the labels we save and we need to get the special labels to FFGC by April. (since the bonus points have an expiration date.) This is an ongoing program however so please save your labels and get them to Peggy at each meeting. ❀

Arbor Day Pictures



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tion of the Tree and Benediction. The students were then given loblolly pine trees from Smokey to take home to plant in their own yard. In the classroom awards were given to the students for the Arbor Day Poster Contest "Trees Are Cool". Our club members always have as much fun as the students do in the junior garden club. On January 20, the REAL Arbor Day in Florida, club members took to the highway to drive to Cantonment to bag and tag trees for International Paper. On Saturday, January 21 the trees were delivered to Navarre High School at 7:00 am where club members set up the cafeteria for the public to receive the donated trees from International Paper. We had approximately 5,500 trees to give away and by 8:00 the line was considerable. Carolyn Igo set up an information table on the Navarre Garden Club, Inc.

to give the public an idea of some of our activities. Shirley was hostess along with Linda and Judith directed traffic in and out of the cafeteria. Peggy Gray, our webmaster, provided information on our web site on each species of tree. Club members were stationed at tables with Loblolly pine, Bald Cypress, Crape Myrtle, Flowering Dogwood, Green Ash, Leyland Cypress, Redbud, Red Maple and River Birch. Linda Marshall recorded the events with her camera. Smokey Bear and Department of Forestry personnel were again on hand to give out Smokey stickers and hardy cardboard bluebird houses to the children. The trees were gone by 10:30. We had a very large number of club members participate in the program this year. Every one deserves a big THANK YOU for making this successful Arbor Day observation for our community ☒

Arbor Day Ceremony At a Glance

Welcome -Linda Henderson

Invocation-Carolyn Igo

Conservationist Pledge-Kathy Jerram

Brief History of Arbor Day-Joanne Connor

Beatitudes of a Conservationist-Jytte Fawz

Planting of the Loquat tree-by Marty Henderson and some of the children

Dedication-Shirley Brown

Benediction-Shirley Brown ☒

The Horticulture Hands-on Workshop for March 21 will be on "**Unusual Container Gardening**" and it will be held at Linda Henderson's. Start looking now for that unique container. Some suggestions are: old wooden chairs, old shoes, driftwood, boots, etc. See where your imagination will lead you. There are a lot of fabric sales going on now in case you want to line your chair seat with a certain color of material now is the time to purchase it. One yard will probably be enough.





Contact Jungle Judy at jsbeque@aol.com. She is a Master Gardener volunteer with the University of Florida IFAS Extension in Santa Rosa County. She is also a member of the Navarre Garden Club and various horticulture organizations. ☒

Hello Navarre Garden Club, Inc. Happy Valentines Day! Everyone is a "SWEETHEART" for helping make Arbor Day such a success. Thank you Navarre. The month of February will still find our popular pansy, petunia and dianthus blooming in containers and flower beds. The bloom of the month will still be the Camellia. Cut your favorite to bring in and float in a decorative bowl. What a bright pick up for the winter. We certainly do have something blooming year round in Navarre.

February is still a good time to plant trees in our area. It is also an excellent time to transplant. Most trees and shrubs are still dormant and will suffer less from transplant shock at this time of year. Just make sure that you maintain a watering schedule on all new and transplanted trees and shrubs.

Always in February we think of Valentines Day and roses. This is a good reminder to plant roses and also give your existing roses some maintenance. I always prune my roses on February 14th. Not a hard date to remember. You will want to take out any dead canes and

prune your plants down about 1/3 to 1/2 of its existing size. If you still have some leaves on your roses, remove them, clean up the ground around your plants and apply a dormant spray. While you have some bare space surrounding your roses it would be a good time to place a micro-sprinkler, drip or soaker hose on the soil surface to water only your rose bed. You may cover it lightly with mulch if you don't want the hose visible.

You will start to see roses at the garden centers and smaller nurseries now. When selecting a new rose for your garden there is the number one rule, select the best grade of rose you can afford. It will really make a difference overall. If you prefer roses already sold in a pot or bare rooted, plant your rose as soon as you purchase it. You will need to water your new rose every day for about two weeks. Then reduce your watering to every two to three days depending on soil conditions. Make sure you are not overwatering for that will encourage a shallow rooted rose. And don't forget to add three to four inches of mulch around your new rose. You may give your existing roses their

first fertilization of the year after pruning is complete. Remember that February 14th is pruning time for all floribundas, grandifloras, teas and hybrids. Enjoy your roses this year and remember to cut often and bring in for all to enjoy.

If you start to get some early spring fever this February resist the urge to do too much in the yard and flower garden. We can still have a cold snap and our work will be in wasted. Please keep from planting anything really tender if you must plant something. Look for something cold hardy at this time. Also resist the craving to prune cold damaged shrubs now. Lets give them a few more weeks. You can water but do not apply fertilizer to your shrubs until you see new growth this next month.

The question of the month is HOW MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES OF FLOWERING TREES WERE GIVEN AWAY AT OUR ARBOR DAY TREE PROGRAM THIS YEAR? Happy gardening club members. I hope you find some really beautiful rose additions for your flowerbeds this month. ☒

Workdays Set

The best way for our Club to have beautiful, healthy plants that have been state inspected for our Plant Sale at our Tasting Luncheon on April 7 is to get them donated by Alice's Nursery. Please mark your calendars and come to as many of these workdays as you can. We will leave from the school parking lot near the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. on the following days:

Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 23.

All these days are on Thursdays. Bring sunscreen, bug repellent, water, gardening gloves, and clippers. Alice has several clippers if you do not have any or forget yours. We plan to work from 9:00-12:00 noon on each of these days. Alice says she has lots for us to do and appreciates the help so much. She has agreed to give us 500 plants for our Tasting Luncheon/Plant Sale in exchange for our volunteer hours. This is a great plan; we need plants and she need workers. Even if you can only make one, please do. ☒

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Mark Your Calendars!



- February 7 — Regular Meeting
- February 9 — Work Day at Alice's Nursery
- February 13—Sweetheart's Luncheon
- February 15 — Newsletter Deadline
- February 21— Horticulture Workshop
- February 23 — Work Day at Alice's Nursery
- February 28— Executive Board Meeting

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