



Down to Earth



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Head to the Convention!

By Linda Henderson
The NGC/FFGC (2-4-1) Convention, "Sunrise and Shine" is May 25-28!

The National Garden Club Convention is from May 25-27; and the Florida Federation of Garden Club's Convention is on May 28. Because there will be so many more women attending and the place is Orlando where everyone wants to go, it is time to make your hotel reservations. Start planning who you would like

to room with, how you are going to finance it, and just do it!

At the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, the Standard Room Rate for three women to a room is approximately \$45 per night each. Five nights (May 24 included) would be \$225 plus \$40 NGC registration and \$10 FFGC registration, and \$306 for meals. With hotel, meals, gas and registrations, minus any tours which are priced separately, the cost is

around \$700.

If you prefer to attend only the FFGC Convention and arrive on May 27, you can plan on spending \$300.

Convention is wonderful, plan to have time and money set aside, go as a group, and really have a lot of fun. Let me know who is interested; either call me (936-4950) or email: Martylinda@msn.com). Hope to see all of you there.



Just a reminder.....Don't forget to bring a wrapped children's book (up to 10 years of age) to the January meeting or get it to Carolyn Igo before then. Call Carolyn (939-9604) and let her know you plan to participate. (See December's Newsletter for more details.)



Contact Jungle Judy at jsbegue@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. ❀

Did Santa leave you a lot of gifts for gardening? He found my house and left a heated seedling mat and kit under my tree. Now is such a good time to buy bulb forcing kits and many holiday unsold plants. Keep looking all month for better sale reductions.

For color in our yards this January, many of us still have petunias, dianthus and the popular pansy still blooming. They have again proven to be cold hardy in our area. Also we still have a colorful showing with camellias and plenty of plants with red berries

such as nandina, holly, ardesia and pyracantha.

We must be prepared for colder weather this month and ready to protect our gardens. Old blankets and sheets can be used to cover plants. They must be anchored

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President's Path

2006 is going to be our best year ever!! We have so many wonderful events planned and they just get better and better with each passing year. Doesn't it warm your hearts to see so many new faces at our monthly meetings?

On December 14, Jim Carson led the Jr. Garden Club students at West Navarre Elementary School in learning all about trees. Jim, a retired National Park Ranger, was certainly in his element and imparted a wealth of information to the students. We left them with a poster project entitled "Trees are Cool". The posters will be picked up on January 11 and will be judged by the Jr. Garden Club Committee and the Executive Board. Thank you, Jim, for your outstanding contribution.

Lynn Wilson will be having another of her outstanding horticulture workshops on January 17. She and Judith Begue have really made a difference in our Club with these monthly workshops. Did you attend

the Cactus Tablescape Workshop in December? Thank you Lynn and Judith for all the work you do so the rest of us can have fun learning.

Judith Begue, Arbor Day Chairperson, will need lots of support as she leads us in our Tree Planting Ceremony on January 20. Shirley Brown has agreed to do the program and will be asking some of you to help her. Don't forget that we will be traveling to International Paper in Cantonment on January 20 to wrap the trees that we will be giving away at Navarre High School on January 21. We try not to schedule two things on the same day, but this was unavoidable.

We need a chair for the Mardi Gras Parade on Feb. 25, 2006! The committee creates the theme. If you have any suggestions or want to be included on this committee, let us know at the next meeting!

We need to be thinking about our Tasting Luncheon on April 7. The Craft Committee will have a report at the January meeting. If you have any sugges-

tions/ideas for crafts, please pass them on to Judith, Lynn, or Linda Marshall. It is not too early to start planning.

We have completed two classes in the Floral Design Studies Basic Course and we are looking forward to our third on January 7. We have 41 students who are having a lot of fun learning about the elements and principles of design. This is a great outreach to our community and it is a whole Club event. We need more participation from Club members who are not taking the course. We need help setting up and serving lunch so those of us who paid to take the course can be in the classroom and not in the kitchen. I would also appreciate more help in cutting and conditioning our line and transition material. If you are willing to help, please let me know.

Last but not least, I want to thank Sandee Ward for an outstanding Christmas Party. It was a great time, delicious food, wonderful music and awesome Christmas

January Birthdays

January 4 Julie Carson
January 13 Eleanor Coppedge

January 14 Cynthia Dixon & Sandee Ward

Hostesses for January

Carolyn Igo, Jane Jackson, Lee Jones, Nell Jordan, Ginger Laughlin

decorations! Thank you, Sandee. I also want to thank Lorraine Hubbard and Pauline Quirk for hosting our Christmas Lights Caravan. We had five or six full carloads touring the area and we saw awesome lights! We also had so much fun at Lorraine and Pauline's. Thank you for opening up your home to us. We were certainly ready for a hot cup of apple cider!



In Memoriam

Edith Robison, a longtime member of the Club, passed away in December. More details at the January meeting. ❖

Next Horticulture Workshop teaches wreaths, seeds

On January 17 at 9:00 a.m., Lynn Wilson is hosting our next monthly Horticulture Workshop where we will be making wreaths and learning how to propagate seeds indoors for

spring planting. If you are planning to come, need directions, or have questions, please call 939-0329. Lynn's address is 8825 Waynell Court.

A special "Thank you" to all members who are attending these wonderful, educational workshops and to Lynn and Judith Begue for teaching them. ❧

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Jungle Judy,

down with bricks or heavy objects and remember what we are trying to do is trap ground heat. I don't use plastic coverings or recommend it. Whatever method you use to cover your plants be sure to uncover them the next morning. Heat will build up under our coverings and can damage the cells in the plant wall. Another good material to use for protection is pine straw or hay. Both can be used in the compost bin later. Try using a cardboard box or trash can over plants. These can easily be removed the next day. Some really tropical plants may require using an electric light under your cover. Make sure you use only one that is approved for outdoor use and do not let the light bulb touch the fabric or plant part. If you have plants in small containers they can be moved in the yard to a more protected area or brought indoors for the night.

If you know a predicted freeze will kill your favorite plant then make sure to take cuttings. I like to "stick" four to six cuttings to a pot. This way you increase your

chances of your cuttings taking. It may take some plants as long as eight to ten weeks to root so don't give up on them.

Our lawns and gardens still need a small amount of water this winter. Monitor the amount of rain and water when needed. Water during the early morning hours, and soak with approximately 1/2 to 3/4 inches of water. Also make sure your garden has a two or three inch layer of mulch. This will help plants get through any cold spell overall. I find no fertilizing is needed this time of the year either. To do so would only stress out your plants and subject them to more cold damage on new forced growth. Also we have fewer pests that are active in the colder months. This would be a good time to inspect our shrubs and trees for scale and other pests now that leaves have fallen. Be sure to pick up and remove all leaves that show signs of insect and disease activity. Some pests will overwinter on fallen leaves on the ground and then become a problem again this next year. Look out for aphids and mealybugs. If we do have a hard freeze and have plant damage it would be best

not to cut the freeze damaged part from our plant now. We often cut too low and remove live tissue. I suggest waiting until the spring and we can prune out cold damage more efficiently. Know what plants you have that bloom on new growth and what plants bloom only on old growth. Avoid any accidents or pruning your plant at the wrong time. We want to prune correctly and at the right time of the year for each plant type.

Our Arbor Day program this January will again give the Navarre community free trees to replace those lost this last two years from storms. If you haven't already signed up to work this annual event please do so now. We expect to have a very large number of trees to give away and a large number from our community requesting them. January is truly the tree planting season in Northwest Florida.

For the question of the month. IS THE SAGO IN THE PALM FAMILY, FERN FAMILY OR CYCAS FAMILY? Answer this correctly and you will have a chance to win a nice Sago pup. Good luck and happy gardening. ❧

ANSWERS TO DECEMBER 2005 QUIZ	4. PITFALL	9. OFFSPRING	14. THE LONG HOT SUMMER
1. BEDSPRING	5. MAINSPRING	10. HANDSPRING	15. MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. ❧
2. INDIAN SUMMER	6. SUMMER SCHOOL	11. SPRINGER SPANIEL	
3. WINTERIZE	7. WINTERGREEN	12. FALLING STAR	
	8. NIAGARA FALLS	13. FALL BEHIND	

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Mark Your Calendars!

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-  January 3 Regular Meeting: Baby Book Shower at 9 a.m. 
 -  January 7 Floral Design Studies Class at St. Augustine's 
 -  January 10 Jr. Garden Club Planning Meeting 
 -  January 11 Jr. Garden Club at WNES 
 -  January 15 February Newsletter Deadline 
 -  January 17 Horticulture Workshop - Making Wreaths and Planting Seeds at Lynn's 
 -  January 20 Arbor Day Tree Planting 
 -  January 20 Wrapping Trees at IP in Cantonment, FL 
 -  January 21 Arbor Day Tree Give-Away at NHS 
 -  January 28 Floral Design Studies Class at St. Augustine's 
 -  January 31 Executive Board Meeting, Linda Henderson's 
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