

President's Message 2019-2020

WE AS A TEAM AND CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH TOGETHER

It is quite an honor that you have chosen me to serve as your new president and with your help, we all will have a very successful year.

Our programs, workshops, and field trips are very diverse, always interesting and a learning experience. Because of this our membership continues to grow. We should be very proud of our members. We have many FFGC (Florida Federated Garden Club) and NGC (National Garden Club) Flower Show Judges and several NGC Environmental Consultants. These are individuals who have taken the NGC Courses that are offered and who are recognized for their many contributions to the club and to society.

The Club won several Awards at the 2019 FFGC Convention. Certificate of Special Recognition was presented to the GCS (Garden Club of Stuart) for its Efforts in Replanting and Beautifying Florida. The GCS planted 5,470 trees during the time period of February 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019. District X FFGC appreciates your participation. Let's work on earning even more awards to mark our accomplishments.

We will continue with our various projects such as Youth Gardeners, Citrus Grove Elementary; Wekiva Youth Camp, S.E.E.K., and Green School. This past year we sent seven (7) children to the camp Wekiva. We also will continue to donate academic scholarships to students at Martin County High schools. We also continue to plant at Possum Long/Memory Lane. These are only some of the projects and achievements we will accomplish this next year.

The Highlight of the year is our Biennial Flower Show. This is our gift to the community for supporting us. This is where you, the member, has the chance to shine, by either entering a floral design or horticulture from your own garden. Our members have participated with much enthusiasm for many years and the public looks forward to our Flower Show. We also offer Education Exhibits and our youth has their own floral designs and horticulture classes.

We provide five (5) Academic Scholarships to students at Martin County High schools.

Our field trip promises to be very interesting, a chance to visit another beautiful garden and this year 2020 FFGC Convention and Biennial Flower Show will be in Tampa, Florida, so possibly a trip to the Flower Show.

Those who do not belong to a Circle, please consider joining one. It's great being part of a group and making new friendships.

Let's all remember we are a team that works together to benefit the community. — Deborah Reaves, President

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