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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

In honor of Valentine's Day, here is a **list of interesting facts about roses!**

- George Washington was the first U.S. rose breeder. The rose has been the U.S. National flower since 1986.
- The largest rose ever created was a pink rose that measured approximately 33 inches in diameter!
- Roses have been used for medicinal purposes for centuries. Rosehips, the berries that grow on a rose plant, are a very rich source of Vitamin C.
- There is a supposed 1,000 year old rose that grows in a cathedral in Germany!
- There are about one hundred species of roses.
- The rose is the favorite flower of 85% of Americans.

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So far this New Year has been anything but normal.

We've had too much rain, which might have hurt your vegetable garden. I hope not, but if so, you still have time to plant tomatoes, peppers, broccoli and eggplant. If you cook with fresh herbs, I recommend that you grow them now, they like cool temperatures and grow faster in the winter.

If you have rose bushes, now is the time to prune them back 1/3 of their growth.

Vina, Begonias, Marigolds, and New Guinea Impatiens are good choices for your flower beds and pots.

Keep in mind that a freeze could happen anytime this month, so have your plastic bags or sheets for covering your plants ready. Water everything down the night before the freeze.

Enjoy the cool weather in your garden!

Roxie

President's Message

It is with great pleasure that I welcome four new blooms to our Garden: **Nancy Widmer, Linda Askari, Marlo Bromfield-Smalls and Lynn Rochelle.** Let us continue to promote our Garden Club by welcoming new members into the Club.

We all have very busy schedules so finding the time to attend the Plantation Garden Club monthly meetings, is usually not the top priority. Sometimes this may not seem like the most exciting way to spend your Wednesday morning, but attending these meetings can be very beneficial and rewarding. You can help to decide on the preservation of the natural beauty of Florida, support local youth education and civic needs and promote an overall sense of community. Quite simply, if you attend the meetings, you will have a say in what happens. My theme for the Members this year is: **Voice Concerns—Get Involved—Stay Informed---Run For Office.**

Voice Concerns: There are times when the Club will have areas of concerns that will need your attention, and if you show up at the meetings you are likely to help make decisions on how to resolve some of these concerns.

Get Involved: Participation in community events are decided upon by the Board at the monthly board meetings and the only way to be truly involved is for you to offer your ideas and opinions. This will help to enhance the growth and success of the Club. The ideas you proffer and the events you suggest could serve to motivate and engage other members.

Stay Informed: If nothing else, by attending monthly Club meetings you will be kept informed of the happenings around the Club and around the community

Run For Office: If you are passionate about your Club, please consider a more permanent and influential role in the Club. Running for a position on the Board of Directors may be an option that could further your involvement. If you have great ideas and are concerned about how to get more people involved the Club's Membership Handbook can provide guidance in this area.

Dedicating a couple hours each month to attend a Garden Club meeting can go a long way in advancing the Club and is a small sacrifice. So get involved and start making decisions that can help to enhance your Club and ultimately your Community.

Thanks to all who have served to make the Plantation Garden Club the best it can be.

See you in the Garden on **Wednesday, February 17th at 9:30 AM.**

Regards,

Claudette Hammond

PLANTATION GARDEN CLUB
PROPOSED BUDGET JANUARY 1ST, 2016 - DECEMBER 31ST, 2016

Beginning Balance As Of December 31, 2015		\$10,131.07	
Less Club Reserve:		\$1,000	\$9,131.07
Outing Checks:	(a) 3 Mini Grants @ \$250	\$750	\$8,381.07
	(b) D.W. Bates /Stipen for Guest Speaker	\$42	\$8,339.07
	Operating Balance		\$8,339.07
Club Supported Programs:			
	10 Mini Grants for Plantation Schools @\$250	\$2,500.00	
	1 Grant for Veterans @ \$250	\$250.00	
	2 Scholarships - Plantation High & South Plantation @ \$500	\$1,000.00	
	1 Commorative Tree + Plaque - Dot Bates	\$600.00	
	Sub Total	\$4,350.00	\$4,350.00
	Net Operating Balance		\$3,989.07
Projected Club Expenses:			
	• Website - Hosting & Domain Name	\$129	
	State Of Florida Annual Report	\$70	
	• Membership Book Production	290	
	• Newsletter production & stamps	\$230	
	• Monthly Guest Speakers (8 X \$25)	\$200	
	• Hospitality - Month Meeting & Holiday Party	\$50	
	Woman Of The Year- Fee & Raffle Basket	\$100	
	• Club Promotional (Publicity-Print materials)	\$100	
	• Corresponging Secretary (Cards & stamps)	\$25	
	• Storage Unit 1 @ \$77.50/per month	\$78	
	• Holiday Parade Expenses (July & Nov 2016)	\$300	
	• Club Activities (purchase materials for programs)	\$200	
	• Gifts for Members/Funerals/Illness	\$200	
	• High Tea Expenses:		
	Deicke Rental	\$350	
	Printing (programs tickets, flyers)	\$247	
	Caterer, chair covers/ties, MC, etc	<u>\$3,100</u>	
	Total Expenses	\$5,669	\$5,669
	Sub total		(\$1,679.93)
Projected Club Income:			
	Membership Fees 41 X \$20	\$820.00	
	High Tea	\$5,910.00	
	Direct Donation	\$500.00	
	Plant & Rummage Sale	\$700.00	
	Meetings Silent Auct. / Ticket Sales/Promos.	\$400.00	
	Total Income	\$8,330.00	\$8,330.00
	Projected Beginning Revenue for January 2017		\$6,650.07

2015/16 Monthly Schedule



Happy Birthday!

Peggy Tingle 1st
Wayne Dooley 2nd

All regular meetings are on the **third Wednesday of the month** from **9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon** at the **El Dorado clubhouse**, 1 El Dorado Clubhouse Parkway (1 SW 75th Ave.), Plantation, FL 33317 (954) 583-0940.

Meeting schedule is as follows:

FEBRUARY 3, 2016 – FIELD TRIP:

Secret Woods, 2701 W. State Road 84, Dania Beach, 33312 – Designated Urban Wilderness Area, 57 acres.

FEBRUARY 17, 2016 - MEETING:

Bonsai – Bonsai master Saburo Kato said, "From bonsai we receive peace of mind, health, and life's pursuit. We can also learn generosity, patience and even a philosophy about life."



"**Certification of Appreciation**" to Roxie of Wonder Gardens for sponsorship for the 2015 Garden Club High Tea event.



Also, **Mimi Sakal** provided the following photos of her lovely orchids that have started blooming:



Thank You!

Marcie Chacon would like to thank everyone for all the kind phone calls, cards and prayers during this difficult time after losing her brother.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OTHER NEWS

- On **Friday, February 19**, there will be a **Senior EXpo 2016** from **9-1 pm** at **Deicke Auditorium** sponsored by the City of Plantation with seminars and booths with information for our Plantation residents.
- From the Education Committee: The **2016 scholarship application form** has been updated online so that seniors at Plantation and South Plantation High Schools can begin to apply. **The deadline is April 15, 2016.**



About the Month of February

The **birth flower** for **February** is the **Violet**. It symbolizes affection, modesty, faith, nobility, intuition and dignity.

February's full Moon is a **Snow Moon**, so named because the heaviest snows usually fall during this month.

February is also **Black History Month**, **American Hearth Month**, **National Bird-Feeding Month**, and **Chocolate Lover's Month!**