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## **President's Message**

My Fellow Garden Club Members:

Blessings abound as we enjoy our many fun activities with our members. The Christmas Brunch at Jan Kolenda's house was amazing. A large attendance included many guests, members and past members. The weather was perfect for the lovely waterside tropical setting in Jan's lovely back yard and patio. And the brunch was very yummy.

Jan had available for members the fired clay dishes we made at an earlier meeting, and it was fun to see how they all turned out.

There was a large turnout last meeting for the interesting presentation by Scott of Secret Woods. We all learned something new about the many invasive species and how to better care for our precious environment. It was interesting to see how many invasive and undesirable species Scott was able to quickly find right there around the Eldorado Club House.

Looking ahead, we will elect our representative for Woman of the Year. This is a prestigious honor for a member who has made outstanding contributions to the Garden Club. Be sure to attend next meeting, as your vote will count.

Your board and your committees are working hard to make sure of the success of your club. We want you to have the most fun, and we want you to have the rewarding feeling you receive when we are able to give to our community and our students. That is why we work hard to make our fund raisers a success. We want to have lots to share. And working together on our projects is lots of fun and you will get to know each other better. It's a win/win.

See you in February,

Sheryl Melson  
President, Plantation Garden Club

# Plantation Garden Club News

Thanks to **Lorraine Timmes** for sharing these beautiful photos of some orchids she purchased at a recent orchid show!



## **Gardening Wisdom from Roxie Pelliccia**

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Since it is still winter, we need to be ready for a freeze. We don't get many freezes, but it only takes one to damage all of your nice plants. Move any potted plants into your garage, if you don't have one, group all pots against a south wall and cover them with black, plastic sheets or blankets. Orchids should come inside your home the day before, make sure everything is watered well. You will be happy you did the extra work.

We can still plant vegetables, such as, peppers, tomatoes, spinach, corn, collards, beans, eggplant, cucumber, broccoli, these all like cool temperatures. Most bulbs can be planted now, caladiums are one of the best for lots of color. Daylilies and amaryllis are good too.

Dry season will be with us for a while so use plants like Bougainvillea, crown of thorns, all succulents for pots and dry areas.

A garden quote: *"I can enjoy flowers quite happily without translating them into Latin"* - Cornelia Otis Skinner

Enjoy your garden!

*Roxie*

# Plantation Garden Club News



Thanks so much to **Scott Bryan** for his discussion on *“Florida Friendly Landscaping and You”* given to our members at the January meeting. (Photos by Lorraine Timmes)



## Plantation Garden Club Historical Facts – From Peggy Tingle

From your Program Chair and First VP, I have learned the following about our Garden Club’s past. What I have learned in one short day makes me even more proud to be a member of this club and makes me want to work harder to keep the legacy alive. Here are some of the facts:

### Follow the money as they say!

• 1963-Park Planters of Plantation	dues	\$2.00
• 1974-Renamed Hibiscus Garden Club	dues	\$4.00
• 1975-	dues	\$7.50
• 2017-Plantation Garden Club	dues	\$20.00

### Scholarship program:

• 1970- one camp scholarship award to Wekiva, nature camp in Apopka, Fl.	\$ 40.00
• 1971- two camp scholarship awards to Wekiva	80.00
• 1974-two camp scholarship awards	90.00
• 1976-two camp scholarship awards	90.00
• 1985- two camp scholarship awards	100.00
• 1987-three camp scholarship awards	195.00
• 1988-two camp scholarship awards	150.00
• 1993 & 1994-two camp scholarship awards+bus transportation	110.00
• 1999-two camp scholarships	110.00
• 2002- two camp scholarship awards	100.00
• 2003- one camp scholarship award	50.00
• 2004- one camp scholarship award	50.00
• 2005- two camp scholarship awards+ bus transportation	200.00
• 2006-two camp scholarship award + bus transportation	500.00

### Supporting Florida’s unique environment

• 1980-1987-Donations to Nature Conservancy Florida region to support Tiger Creek Preserve on the eastern edge of Lake Wales Ridge	\$2,245
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### Supporting Plantation’s Tree Program initiated by former Mayor Rae Carole Armstrong

*Trees planted at the following locations:*

- 1987-one Acacia tree purchased and planted at unknown location
- 1988-one Wax Jambo tree purchased and planted at unknown location
- 1988-one variegated Calamondon planted at unknown location
- 1999-Helen B. Hoffman Library-one hibiscus tree and two hibiscus bushes
- 2000-6 hibiscus trees for Helen B. Hoffman Library
- 2007- 2 hibiscus trees and 2 hibiscus bushes at the Plantation Arboretum
- 2007-one tree at El Dorado Clubhouse grounds as a thank you for use of the clubhouse

### Other projects include:

- Gardening Book donated to Helen B. Hoffman Library in memory of Betty Losey
- Several FFGC pins purchased for Past Presidents of our Circle when we were a member of the Federation of Garden Clubs and named the Hibiscus Circle.
- First school project was the Butterfly Garden at Mirror Lake Elementary School and this was followed by many others at almost all the schools in Plantation.
- In 1999 The Club partnered with a local organization, Parents of Murdered Children, whose members have all lost children to violence. This group continues to work closely with us doing fundraising for their organization as they are small and need the support of a larger group to keep themselves viable. This benefits both groups in fundraising and membership. Barbara Koepfel, President, is currently an active member of the Garden Club.

Not that this hasn’t been fun but this is all I learned during one day of combing the historical records of our Club. More to come as I continue to research and document. - Peggy

# 2016/17 Monthly Schedule

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 75<sup>th</sup> Ave.), Plantation, FL 33317 (954) 583-0940.

## Meeting schedule is as follows:

### FEBRUARY 15, 2017 - MEETING:

**"Implementing and Maintaining Bird/Butterfly Friendly Habitat"**, Pat Rossi and Eve Maige, Broward County Butterfly Society

### Secret Woods Guided Nature Walk

Every **Saturday at 3:30 pm** and **Sunday at 9:30 am and 3:30 pm**. 2701 W. State Road 84, Dania Beach.  
**Please call to pre-register at 954-357-8884.**  
(Information provided by Addie Travers)



### Happy Birthday!

Peggy Tingle 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wayne Dooley 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Timothy O'Connor 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Nancy Widmer 5<sup>th</sup>  
Marla Bromfeld-Small 15<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Nancy Widmer, Lorraine Timmes, Paulette Kandel, and Peggy Tingle for taking down the Disney Tree at the Plantation Historical Museum.



### CAT FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!

For those who would like to contribute, Cindy Bates will have a donation box available at the February meeting to collect cans of **Purina Friskies Classic Paté** wet cat food for some feral cat colonies that she helps to feed. Your help is very greatly appreciated, thanks! ☺

GFWC Plantation Woman's Club & City of Plantation

## Present *Arbor Day* **Garden Fest** **Extravaganza**

March 18th & 19th, 2017

Saturday - 9am to 5pm

Sunday - 9am to 4pm

Nature Seminars  
Great Food & Music  
Free Entry & Parking

FOR MORE INFO CALL 954.530.0076

### **Volunteer Park**

12050 W. Sunrise Blvd.  
Plantation, FL 33323

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