

# SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

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Marathon Garden Club



MARATHON GARDEN CLUB

Come grow with us...

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## Letter from the President

Happy New Year!  
I hope this garden club  
newsletter finds you all  
ready for a new year.

How about a  
review of 2012: a very  
successful January Jamboree was held; the  
house tour was a huge financial success; our  
rental business is still healthy; we had won-  
derful speakers at our meetings and a great  
mosaic workshop; as needed repairs were  
done on the building and grounds; we had a  
lovely Christmas party with 62 attendees;  
and finally we paid off the mortgage 5 years  
early. So WELL DONE everyone. Thank  
you all.

So what's up for 2013? Well we have  
the January Jamboree on Saturday, January  
26 and we need your flea market and bake  
sale items. You can drop off your flea market  
things starting Monday, January 21 10am  
until Wednesday, January 23 2pm. Your  
baked goodies can be dropped off on Friday,  
January 25 between 10am and 2pm.

If these times don't work for you,  
please contact: Roberta Hearn, Margaret  
Wendel, Carol Gieck or myself and we will  
help you out.

On February 5, 2013 we have a bus  
trip to the fabulous R F Orchids in  
Homestead. The trip includes transportation,  
tour and lunch (\$35 for members; \$40 for non  
members). We only have 12 seats left, so  
please contact me now if you want to attend.

On March 2, 2013 we have a  
spectacular house, garden tour and art show  
planned. Many volunteers are needed to run

this event, so please sign up at the next  
meeting. Sally Wood is chairing this event.

WOW, another fun filled, busy year  
ahead!

Just a quick note to follow up on the  
Christmas Party. There are pictures in this  
newsletter as proof of the great time! We will  
have another Christmas Party in 2013!

THANK YOU all for a superb 2012  
and I look forward to working with everyone  
in 2013.

## **SAVE THESE DATES**

January 26 - January Jamboree

February 5 - Trip to RF Orchids

March 2-House & Garden Tour & Art Show

*Rosemary Thomas*

## First Vice President's Report

The monthly Marathon Garden Club  
Membership Meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m.  
on Friday, January 18, 2013. Please plan on  
arriving a little early to catch up with friends  
returning to the Keys for the Season.

This month we welcome our speaker,  
Jackie Thomas, a former teacher, gardener  
and horticulturist specializing in the  
cultivation and propagation of bromeliads.  
Jackie resides on Sugar Loaf Key and is a  
member of the Key West Garden Club. She  
inherited her love for this plant from her  
mother, Lois, who is a bromeliad expert.  
Jackie has recently turned her hobby into a  
small business and will be bringing some  
plants to sell.

I look forward to seeing everyone on  
the 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Mary Ann Worthington*



### ***Gift Shop Report***

The gift shop needs volunteers to work in the shop. We would like to have enough volunteers so we can be open Monday-Friday, 10-2 for the next 3 months. Please contact Mary Ann Gorlitz at (305) 517-2947 or [magfl33001@hotmail.com](mailto:magfl33001@hotmail.com).

Shown above are some of our Gift Shop troopers. From left to right: Mary Ann Gorlitz, Virginia Leier, Arlene Keeney and Bea Murphy, showcasing some of the new merchandise that arrived since we reopened this season.

Sally Wood

### ***Thursday Morning Nursery Plant Sale***

The Nursery will be open every Thursday morning from 8:30 to 11:30 AM for plant sales. We still have some Bromeliads for \$5 dollars each, small Palms, Crotons and various other plants for your garden. If there is a special plant which you are looking for, please call me to see if it is available @ 305-743-2008. The Burle Marx Philodendron is a beautiful shade of green, grows easily in a large clump or in a pot. It does not climb trees and looks tropical under a Palm or on a deck. Visit the Nursery and see what you might like!

Linnea Cunningham

## *Minutes of Membership Meeting*

December 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Mary Ann Worthington at 1:10 p.m. Nancy Miller gave the Invocation. Mary Ann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Phyllis Schewe, Membership Chairman, introduced 7 guests. She said that dues renewals for 2013 are now being accepted. Dues must be paid by February 28<sup>th</sup>. She introduced a By-Laws change: There will be a new category of membership. A family membership for husband, wife or significant other living at the same address will be available for \$65. A motion was made by Scarlett Duffy to approve the change. It was seconded by Germaine Main. Passed unanimously. There will continue to be a single membership at \$40 per year.

Mary Ann thanked hostesses Nancy Miller and Dale Chorebanian; Greeter, Dale Chorebanian and Floral Designers Germaine Main, Connie Miola, Nancy Miller, Mary Ann Worthington and Linnea Cunningham.

Recording Secretary Fran Spinelli read the minutes of the November membership meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Laurie Reeves and seconded by Arlene Teynor. Passed

Treasurer Laurie Reeves reported that all bills were up to date and that all accounts were balanced. She would prepare a copy of her report for anyone who wanted it. One was requested. The Club computer designated for Treasurer's use needed to be repaired. It was repaired by Toshiba and returned.

Linnea reported on the Fall Festival. Lots of members put in lots of hard work. We did not make as much money as last year.

A sign-up sheet for various jobs for the January Jamboree on January 26<sup>th</sup> was passed around. Bring items for sale January 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Baked good should be brought in on the 25<sup>th</sup> and marked for inclusion of nuts. Sign-up for the RF Orchid trip on February 5<sup>th</sup> is underway. Send your name and a check for \$35 for members or \$40 for guests to

Rosemary Thomas at her home address.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Mary Ann introduced Linnea Cunningham whose topic was the origin of the poinsettia and designs made using poinsettias.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Spinelli  
Recording Secretary

## *Membership Report*

It is that time of year to renew our membership for 2013. Dues remain at \$40.00 for individuals and our new family membership is \$65.00 for husband and wife or significant other residing at the same address. This year we will be sending reminders for renewals.

Happy New Year to all and hope to see you at the January meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Remember to ask a friend, neighbor or relative to join you at the meeting. We will have another interesting program and great desserts.



Welcome new member,  
Linda Turner

Phyllis Schewe

## *Mark your Calendar*

Wed. Jan 9 MGC Board Meeting 9 am

**Fri. Jan 18 MGC Membership Meeting 1pm**  
**Program: "Bromeliad Propagation" by Jackie Thomas**

Sat. Jan 19 Plant Clinic 9 am - noon

**Sat., Jan. 26 January Jamboree 8:30-3**

Tues. Feb 5 Field Trip to R F Orchids

**Fri. Mar 1 Preview Party by Watercolor**

**Artists:** Judith Conner, Julie Joyce, Ann

Lynch & Betty Rondeau at the Garden Club.

**Sat. Mar 2 House & Garden Tour Plus Art Show** 10 am - 4 pm. Watch for details

**Sun. Mar 3 Art Show.** Hrs. to be announced

# Christmas Party/ Mortgage Burning



Above: President, Rosemary Thomas (L) and Toni Appell, President in 1992 when Marathon Garden Club took out the mortgage, display the cakes by Loi Baltes for the celebration.

Right (L to R): Past Presidents, Toni Appell, Nancy Miller & Linnea Cunningham cheer as Rosemary congratulates the Club for all their hard work and special efforts to pay off the mortgage 5 years early!  
**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED!**  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Cheers to 2013

