

# SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

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Marathon Garden Club



MARATHON GARDEN CLUB

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## Letter from the President

Amazing! That is the only way to describe our House & Garden Tour and Flower Show this year. So many

volunteers from our club and from the community did a fabulous job on our final event this season. A Huge Thank You to all who helped. Of course, there are always those who must lead the charge and to them a special Thanks: Cindy Wooten, Sande Neiditz, Susie Ley, Nancy & Carl Miller, Sally Wood, Mary Ann Worthington, Loyal Eldridge, Dale Chorebanian, Pat Greeley...you are all fantastic and your leadership, patience and skills are amazing!

Congratulations to all the winners in the Flower Show; it was a lovely event that showcased your talents. Great job.

So we had a beautiful day and another great event that raised over \$14,000 for our club. Stay tuned for an announcement at the meeting about one way we plan to give back to our community.

Let's all take a little rest now and enjoy our life in paradise.

We look forward to seeing you all at the March meeting and the April luncheon. Thanks again for your hard work and friendship.

*Rosemary Thomas*

## Message from the FFGC District XII Director

I will be sending out the call letter for the district meeting next week. In the meantime, for those of you who inquired, the cost of the luncheon will be \$28.00. The location will be the East Ridge Retirement Village in Cutler Bay. Meeting registration will be at 9:30 a.m. All other particulars including the directions to the meeting will be sent out next week.

Please encourage your members to attend. We are planning a fun meeting.

On a more somber note, it is at this meeting that we recognize the members of our garden clubs who have passed away in the past year. Please let me have the names of the individuals who have left us. Please also identify the club to which they belonged..

Thanks for your support.

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Save the Date

Monday, April 21, 2014

District XII Spring Meeting

## 1st Vice President's Report

Those of us who attended the February monthly meeting had the opportunity to learn about sustainable farming and healthy eating from Teena Borak of Teenas Pride in Homestead. Lots of great information was disseminated.

On Sunday, April 6, 2014, there will be an Open House at her farm located at 20025 SW 270 St., Homestead 33031 from 1-4 P.M. There will be a presentation by Jordan Franchini-Wolfe, Healthy Eating and Green Mission-Specialist/ Whole Foods Market South Beach. Sounds like an interesting and fun day. You may want to put together a carpool for the trip.

For more information and directions go to [www.teenaspridecsa.com](http://www.teenaspridecsa.com)



On Friday, March 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., the Club will host Jim Duquesnel, Wildlife Biologist at US Geological Survey. The topic will be – “Invasive Reptiles – What Can the Average Citizen Do?”

Mr. Duquesnel is working the front lines with fellow marine biologists in an attempt to stop pythons, tegu lizards and other invasive species that are common in South Dade from making it to the Florida Keys.



**REMINDER: Our Spring Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 25, 2014 NOT April 18, 2014 (Good Friday). Location: Dolphin Bistro Café, Marathon High School. Details to follow. Mark your calendar!**

**Kudos to all on a job well done on the House Tour and Flower Show!**

*Mary Ann Worthington*

## Gift Shop

**New gift shop hours** are Thursday and Friday from 10 am until 2 pm.

*Sally Wood*

## Membership Report

Since the last newsletter we have 4 new members. That's great news. Unfortunately we have photos of only 2 of them. We'll try to get the others at the March meeting. Please welcome:

Sandra 'Sandy' Connor, Anne Reams, Katie Davis and Marilyn Fraelich. We're delighted to have them aboard. They have already volunteered and helped out with the flower show, house tour and gift shop!



Left, Anne Reams;  
Right, Katie Davis



Donna & Phyllis will be available to receive your dues at the March meeting.

Photos by *Donna Barnes*

## Please Help - Recycle your Jelly Jars

Carole Gieck has requested that you save and return your jam and jelly jars to the club. Homemade jam is always a big hit at the January Jamboree. Those cute little jars are expensive and they can be reused. So instead of putting them in your blue recycle tub, wash them well and bring them back to the next meeting. If we're lucky, our wonderful jelly makers will refill the jars for the next sale.

Actually, the 'beer nut' jars can be recycled too. Even if they need new lids, you can help our chefs cut their costs.

# *"Celebrate Spring"*

## *A Small Standard Flower Show*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all the committee members who spent **hours** in preparation for the show, to all the designers who displayed their many creative talents, to all the 'growers' who astounded us, to those faithful souls who helped clean up, to our Flower Show Judges who trekked all the way from Miami, to all the volunteers who worked behind the scenes to produce the show AND to each guest who took the time to enjoy our endeavors.

Nancy Miller, Show Chairman

Special Thanks to Susie Ley for the photos below.



"Wearing of the Green", A Celebration of St. Patrick's Day  
L→R:Laurie Reeves, Linnea Cunningham, Connie Miola, Pat Dean



←Connie Miola was awarded the blue ribbon for her design and also won the "Designer's Choice Award", the top award in the show.



Some of the cut flowers & orchids →



"Happy Easter", L→R: Bonnie Eldridge, Dale Chorebanian, Germaine Main, Mary Ann Worthington



← Bonnie Eldridge with her blue ribbon winner in the "Easter" class

Below: "A Mother's Day Celebration" (It's the 100th anniversary of this holiday.)

Below: Scarlett Duffy received the Grower's Choice Award for her Bromeliad.



L: Marcella Smith received the Grower's Choice Award for her orchid.



R: Judy Shaw received the Grower's Choice Award for her cactus.



L→R: Gayle Kuntz, Susan Bankard, Ann Knowles, Phyllis Schewe

Susan Bankard was awarded the blue ribbon for her design and also won the Marathon Garden Club Award. →



Preview Party  
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## *Minutes*

Membership Meeting  
February 21, 2014

The President, Rosemary Thomas called the meeting to order at the Marathon Garden Club at 1:10 PM. Janie Byland, chaplain gave the invocation that was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

As there were 10 guests, Phyllis had the guests stand so they could be recognized by the membership with applause. Three new members were welcomed. Phyllis encouraged those members who had not renewed their membership to do so, as she hopes for 100% renewal.

Rosemary recognized the head hostess Loi Baltas and her committee. The greeters were Patty Molnar and Ann McLaughlin. Cindy Wooten made a motion seconded by Scarlett Duffy and group approval that the minutes from the January membership meeting be approved as written and published in the "Seeds for Thought." The treasurers were not present, but Rosemary reported that the club is on budget. The January Jamboree netted \$5,500.00, which was the highest amount for that event. Rosemary stated the club had several expenses in the last month as the air conditioners were serviced by Arctic Temp and the carpets cleaned by Brian Smith. There are several large expenses anticipated in the future as painting, a chair rail, and new carpeting that will embed the dance floor. These anticipated upgrades to the club will be done in the fall. Rosemary stated that in planning for the budget next year it was hoped to include more community outreach. Currently the membership is asked to bring canned foods and paper products for KAIR.

Rosemary stated there would be some changes with the gift shop. The new hours are Thursday and Friday from 10 AM-2 PM from now until the end of March. At that time Alene Teynor and Gail Shambaugh will manage the gift shop with the anticipated hours of Thurs. Fri. Sat. 9 AM-1 PM.

Rosemary thanked Sally Wood for all of her years of wonderful service in managing the gift shop. During this transition period there will be a 50% off sale on almost all items in the gift shop.

Rosemary thanked all the members involved with the floral design classes held January 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Nancy Miller for providing the flowers, Sally Wood with registration, and Pat Dean who chaired the event with classes taught by Claudia Bates.

Those persons involved with the very successful January Jamboree were recognized. Janet Oechsle- venders, Carole Gieck and Dee O'Shea- rummage sale, Diane van Beuren,-boutique, Loyal Eldridge- parking, Carl Miller-cash boxes , Susie Ley- advertising, Linnea Cunningham with \$700.00 from nursery plant sales, and Donna Barnes-membership.

The members of the House Tour Committee reported:

Sally Wood requested that any unsold tickets be returned Thursday or Friday so they could be sold.

Sande Neiditz stated she still needed hostesses and ticket takers to help the head hostesses. She passed around a sign-up sheet.

Dale Chorebanian requested that baked goods, breads, crackers and cheese, etc. be brought to the club Thursday or Saturday from 8-9:30.

Susie Ley requested that all of the members and guests take a poster to put around town.

Nancy Miller explained information about the flower show and horticulture exhibit. She had copies of the flower show schedule. There will be a Wine and Cheese party Friday evening from 5-6:30 to open the flower show. Nancy explained about the horticulture exhibit with the hope that each member would contribute an entry in the various classes of flowering plants, foliage plants, cactus, orchids, and cut flowers.

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The planned schedule is that plants in containers come in Wednesday, Thursday designers will work on their floral arrangements, Friday the judges will evaluate the entries and there is the wine and cheese party with Saturday the Flower show open to the public.

The raffle was held after which Mary Ann Worthington introduced the speaker Teena Borak who spoke on "Hydroponics and Vegetable Gardens."

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Hamrick, Recording Secretary

### Mark your Calendar

- Mar 12 MCG Board Meeting 9 am
- Mar 14-15 Metropolitan Miami Flower Show  
"The Arts" A Standard Flower Show, **Free**  
Friday 2 -8 pm; Saturday 10-6 pm  
U. of Miami Newman Alumni Center  
6200 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, FL
- Mar 15 Plant Clinic-Home Depot 9 am-noon
- Mar 21 Membership Mtg. 1 pm "Invasive Reptiles -What Can the Average Citizen Do?" Speaker: Jim Duquesnel**
- Mar 25-26 NGC Landscape Design II in Miramar, FL Registrar: Deborah Smith, 305-964-5186; email: cada.smith@att.net
- Mar 28 Ft. Lauderdale Flower Show  
"Enchantment" A Standard Flower Show **Free.** Glenn Bates Garden Center  
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park  
2109 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale
- Apr 11-13 Deep South Convention  
St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton (See Florida Gardener & MGC Yearbook)
- Apr 14 Opening of FFGC Flower Show
- Apr 15-16 FFGC Flower Show & 2014 Convention All at St. Petersburg Hilton!
- Apr 25 MGC Spring Luncheon See page 2**

## Garden Groomers and MGC Nursery welcome your help

Thursday mornings are our regular work days. At this time of year, you may find a dozen or more members at work in the gardens and/or in the building. Some of us arrive around 8:30, others a little later. If pruning or digging in the dirt isn't your thing, you might find a project in the building that could use your help. (For example, it seems the glass doors to the gardens need washing every week.) Volunteering on Thursday morning is a great way to make new friends and get better acquainted with others as we work together for the good of the Club.

Come join us; we have a good time.

Nancy Miller

Wellington Garden Club Presents  
**The Secret Gardens of Wellington**  
Saturday, April 5, 2014  
10:00 AM - 4 PM *Rain or Shine!*  
Visit Six Spectacular Gardens  
Unique Plant Sale      Fabulous Raffle Refreshments  
Garden Art Boutique  
Net profits from this event will support:  
Scholarships & Community Projects  
Our Youth Garden Clubs  
Habitat for Humanity Landscaping  
Ticket prices:    \$25 in Advance  
                          \$22 Groups of 10 or more  
                          \$30 Day of Tour  
Advance Purchase From March 7 through April 4 at:  
Whole Foods Market      Amelia's Specialty Plants  
2635 State Road 7, Wellington      1515 N. Dixie Hwy., Lake Worth  
Day of Tour tickets can be purchased for \$30 at:  
First Baptist Church, 12700 W. Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington  
(Look for the Wellington Garden Club banner starting at 9:30 AM)  
Purchase by mail requests **must be received by March 21**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make check payable to Wellington Garden Club. Mail form and check to:  
Wellington Garden Tour, 3959 Via Prestigio West, Wellington, FL 33411  
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### **Key West Garden Club Lecture TOMORROW - March 6, 2014**

Jackie Thomas - Bromeliads

The Key West Garden Club will present "The Propagation and Care of Bromeliads." The speaker, Jackie Thomas, a bromeliad enthusiast, raises hundreds of bromeliads locally and will focus on the many varieties of the species. The meeting at West Martello on Thursday March 6, at 1:30 P.M. is free and open to the public.

# MGC 38th Annual HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR



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