

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

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The President's Report

Dear Members,

Happy New Year everyone. I hope the Holidays were fun and full of family and friends, now it's time to get in order with the Club.

We have the trip to The Redlands on the 15th. **See Janet Oechsle's report on page 2 with details regarding time, plans to car pool, cost and reservations.**

On the **18th** we will have our first Membership meeting of the New Year, with Jackie Sauer and Jody Cook scheduled as greeters, Linnea Cunningham and Janie Byland as Hostesses. Dale has scheduled our favorite orchid speaker. See Orchid Program on page 2.

January Jamboree is on the 26th. Janet will take charge for her final year and is looking for a replacement to shadow her and see what needs to be done next year. Save your flea market goodies and wait until Monday (21st-24th) to bring them in to the club. Be prepared to volunteer where needed and sign the sheets passed around at the meeting. We will need parking help, cashiers, kitchen help, set up and clean up for the day. Hopefully our fantastic bakers will come through with goodies to sell, delivering them the day before the Jamboree (25th, Friday). Plants will also be sold in the nursery.

In February, we have Game day (16th), a field trip to Vizcaya (11th), and the General Meeting on the 15th. Learn about Bromeliads.

In March we have our biggest and busiest day, our 42nd House and Garden tour, March 2nd. We have four lovely homes, a beautiful garden and a Flower show at the Club. We will need lots of volunteers so put this on your calendar.

See you at the General Meeting (18th) come early and socialize before the meeting at **1:00.**

Scarlett Duffy,

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2019

Wed., Jan 9 MGC Board at 10:30 am

Tues., Jan 15 Trip to Florida City/Homestead Nurseries

Fri., Jan 18 Membership Meeting: Orchids

Sat., Jan 19 9-noon Plant Clinic at Home Depot by MGC Master Gardeners

Sat., Jan 26, 8:30-3 JANUARY JAMBOREE

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Register Now for Master Gardener Training in February

Monroe County IFAS Extension Service is hosting a 9-week course to be held at the Marathon Government Center. Classes are every Friday 8 am-4 pm,

Feb. 15th through April 12th.
Please contact Extension Services at
305-292-4501 or Monroe@ifas.ufl.edu to
complete an application

2nd Vice President's Report

A Busy January!

On Tuesday, January 15, we have a field trip North. The following is the schedule:

8:15 am - Gather at Club to carpool

8:30 am - Depart

10:00 - Noon - Visit 2 nurseries that support
our January Jamboree - items can be
selected and transported to the Jamboree.

Casey's Corner (Susan)
31877 SW 197th Ave., Homestead
Large selection of native plants!

Bullis Bromeliads (Tom)
24350 SW 147th Ave., Princeton
25 acres of 400 varieties of bromeliads!

Noon - Lunch - White Lion Cafe
146 NW 7th, Homestead

2:00 pm - Tour R F Orchids
28100 SW 182 Ave., Homestead

Tour South Florida's oldest & largest orchid
nursery. FEE: \$5 There is limited space for
the tour (30) - please write to let me know if
you are interested -

janetoechsle@gmail.com

January Jamboree, January 26,

8:30 am - 3 pm

This is our FUN event for the community.
A marvelous treasure/flea market in the
Club Building - PLEASE donate!

(Items are accepted Monday - Thursday,
January 21-24)

On the grounds will be a large array of
vendors! Also the Garden Club Nursery will
have plants available! WE NEED YOUR
HELP - please sign up at the Membership
Meeting on January 18th. Would love to
have a volunteer help with the vendors and
take over next year - Please contact me!
Call or email -

305-904-4151 or janetoechsle@gmail.com

My best,

Janet Oechsle

Carole Gieck & Dee O'Shea are in charge of the Used Treasures and Flea Market

Donations may be delivered Monday,
January 21st - Thursday, January 24th.

January Jamboree Bake Sale

Dale Chorebanian is in charge of the
Jamboree Bake Sale. Please sign up at
the Meeting on January 18th. Bring your
Baked Items and other goodies to the Club
on Friday, the 25th, the day before the sale
so they can be priced and ready for display.
Items will also be accepted early Saturday
morning. Contact Dale to help with pricing
and the bake sale.

E-mail: dalechorebanian@hotmail.com

MGC Nursery Plant Sale

The MGC nursery will have plants for
sale during the January Jamboree. Member
volunteers will be available to help you
select the right plant for your needs. Many
of the plants were grown and donated by
garden club members.



Orchid Program - Jan. 18

The January program for the
Marathon Garden Club will primarily be
about potting orchids and mounting them to
grow on trees. It will include discussion of
root features that affect potting and
mounting. For gardeners, it will include a
short discussion about using organic
fertilizer, fish emulsion & Azomite to improve
the growth & flowering of your orchids. I will
bring along some basic potting supplies that

MGC 2018 Scholarship Recipient Natalie Mendoza

The Marathon Garden Club is pleased to recognize their 2018 scholarship winner, Natalie Mendoza with a scholarship check. Natalie recently completed the fall semester at Florida State University where she is majoring in Biology and will resume her studies after the winter break. Marathon Garden Club member Linnea Cunningham presented her with a scholarship check in the amount of \$1,500. The scholarship is renewable for each of four



House and Garden Tour

Our garden club's 42nd House and Garden tour will be March 2. Members can be thinking about how to help by being a volunteer. Some ways to help are to hostess in a home or garden, make cookies for the refreshment center at the club on tour day, make hors d'oeuvres for the cocktail party the evening before the tour and assist with parking. And there are lots more ways you can help to make that a successful tour once again. Thank you.

Janie Byland

Plant dreams,
Pull weeds,
Grow a happy life!



A nice thought for the New Year, provided by Arlene Keeney

MGC Officers & Directors 2017 - 2019

President: Scarlett Duffy
First Vice President: Dale Chorebanian
Second Vice President: Janet Oechsle
Third Vice President: Anne Reams
Recording Secretary: Sarah Lytle
Corresponding Secretary: Toni Appell
Treasurer: Loyal Eldridge
Assistant Treasurer: Carl Miller
Directors: Donna Barnes, Jackie Sauer,
Sandra Swantek & Patti Trefrey

Gift Shop News

Happy to say that most of our scheduled gift shop gals are returning from the frigid north & beginning next week. The shop will be opened now most workdays. We still need to fill Wednesdays. as our wonderful member, Mary Ann Gorlitz is not able to return to the Keys at this time. If anyone would like to help us, we welcome your volunteer time, even as a substitute.

Please call me at 305-747-0208. Speaking of subs, a special thanks to Alene, Virginia, Pam & Phyllis for filling in. Welcome back Bea, Debbie & Patty! We all hope that Bonnie recovers quickly from her recent surgery.



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New Member

This month we are happy to welcome **Robert Mininni**, to the garden club. Bob and his wife, Linda, live in Marathon. He is a retired chemist who is interested in helping with the fall festival and plant sale, nursery and grounds and building maintenance. We can always use a hand with these activities. We look forward to learning to know him and his wife and hope to get a photo soon.

**Please share the form below with a friend or neighbor
and bring them to a January event.**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

{PLEASE PRINT}

Name: First/Last _____ Sp/Other: First/Last _____
Nicknames (yours) _____; (spouse) _____ Birthday (month/day) _____
Mail Address _____ Sp/Other Birthday mo/day _____
Physical Street Address _____ Months in Town (from-to) _____
City, State, Zip _____ Present Occupation _____
Out of Town Mail Address _____ Occ. Retired From _____
City, State, Zip _____ Have you been an officer in a garden club? _____
Local phone _____ Out of Town Phone _____
E-Mail _____ Cell/Mobile Phone _____

Of Special Note: WHERE do you want your copy of *The Florida Gardener* sent?
The FFGC Quarterly Magazine is sent in March, June, Sept and Dec. It will NOT be forwarded to a 2nd address.

Please indicate areas of interest:

<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Festival & Plant Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> House & Garden Tour	<input type="checkbox"/> Rentals
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery & Grounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan (or Feb) Jamboree	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop
<input type="checkbox"/> Floral Design Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Workshop _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen	

PLEASE supply a personal photograph for use in our Yearbook (any size, prefer color).

Annual Dues: \$40.00 for individual membership OR \$65.00 for family membership

Make check payable to Marathon Garden Club

New members joining in June or later shall pay half the annual dues for the calendar year they join.

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MGC/NM - 11/18