

Tallahassee Garden Club Newsletter

Lana Arnold, President

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President's Message February, 2012

Activities for 2012 have continued to move along in a fun, fast and exciting fashion. Of course we are still looking for a few good women or men to step up and head some committees and lead some activities that foster the mission of the garden club as indicated in our by-laws.

Speaking of by-laws, the By-laws Committee appreciates all the astute feedback, questions, concerns and remarks about proposed by-law changes that members took the time and initiative to convey. The By-laws Committee has heard you! That is why proposals for by-law changes are drafted, given to Circle Chairs for discussion with members and that feedback returns to the committee for consideration. The process works as the by-laws indicate. Therefore, at the next Executive Board Meeting, there will be a new revision of our by-laws based upon the feedback we have received. Then Circle Chairs will take the new revisions back to their members for further discussion and feedback before a vote is taken at our next General Membership Meeting, March 14. I urge you to carefully consider these recommendations for change.

The great news is that our annual Caladium Bulb Sales fundraiser looks to be wildly successful –over 400 dozen bulbs ordered. I can hardly wait to get the bulbs in the ground all over Tallahassee and enjoy looking at their lasting beauty. Please give Chair Marilyn Larson from Coreopsis, all the credit and personal thanks for all her hard work and drive to meet goals.

Sometimes we take for granted that there will be a Plant Exchange and a Horticulture Program, but who hasn't benefited from this Exchange and opportunity to learn? Hats off to Lana Dixon and BJ Cutchen of Buddleia for making the Plant Exchange happen, and to Gail Hill of Buttercup and Coreopsis for bringing inspiring and interesting speakers about all kinds of gardening related topics for our area. Please tell them thanks for leading the charge and to all the circle members who donate to make these historical, regular events happen for the good of all members and the community at large.

If you have never attended the Valentine Luncheon hosted by the Magnolia Circle, you have really missed out. Valentines was always a holiday that I really enjoyed as a child, making my valentine box, addressing cards to my friends and receiving that first big real box of candy from a boyfriend. Having a gourmet lunch, served to me with Valentine related prizes, while looking at and visiting all the women in their Valentine outfits is just pure privilege.

The elegant Bridal Showcase is being held on Sunday, February 19 from 1p to 5p at the garden center. Noanne Gwynn and Laurye Messer from Violet, along with Stephanie Wilfong from Coreopsis have secured the Who's Who in the Tallahassee bridal world to bring their exhibits to this event. There will be a chance to experience live music, food, specialty drinks, on-site hair and makeup demonstrations, manicures, discount offerings, multiple prize drawings, cakes, jewelry, flowers, gift ideas, photography and more for a mere \$5 entry fee. Even if a wedding is not in your future, a party, anniversary celebration, rehearsal dinner or family reunion might be. It is a chance to see the garden center in all its splendor. By supporting this event with your attendance, the idea is that vendors will be more likely to suggest to their customers that they might want to rent our elegant garden center. We want to increase rentals at our facility. This means funds for expenses and improvements of the garden center.

Lastly, the first computer class for garden club members was "the bomb" (that means so good)! Please check the schedule and make plans to attend the next classes as the day that they are held will still be Monday, but on a different date to accommodate the schedule of those who did attend. YOU WILL LEARN something that will help you. I attended the basic first class and learned at least 3 new things that I was willing to admit to learning. I know I learned even more. Our instructor is excellent and wants to make the class work for us as garden club members. If you don't believe me, ask others who attended or call the instructor. It is a very reasonable price and great location. You know what they say, "Use it or lose it!"

--Lana Arnold

**The Annual Valentine Luncheon
Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 12:00 Noon.**

**DEADLINE for making reservations
for the Valentine Luncheon is this Friday, February 3, 2012**

.Checks should be made payable to Magnolia Garden Circle and mailed to Sandy Wadsworth, at 1426 Constitution Place East, Tallahassee, FL 32308-7747.

Since we are so close to the deadline, those wanting to make a reservation should first call Sandy at 386-8275 to let her know your check is coming.

**March 14th General Membership Meeting and Luncheon
at Goodwood Carriage House
Featuring Speaker and Author, James Farmer**

There has been a lot of talk about our annual Spring Meeting next month and our guest speaker Mr. James Farmer. On March 14th, we plan to open the doors of Goodwood at 9:00 AM and have Mr. Farmer there to greet everyone. Coreopsis and Holly Circles, along with a couple of other members, have graciously volunteered to provide a light breakfast that morning, so come early and get to know Mr. Farmer. He will be autographing books during this event, so remember to bring your money to purchase yours.

Circle Chairmen will receive printed tickets to sell at the Feb. 9th Executive Board meeting. **Please pay your money (\$20.00) to your own Circle treasurer to reserve your place.** As you may have heard, we would like to open the ticket sales up to other organizations after all Garden Club Members have had a chance to purchase their tickets. Each person attending this event must have a ticket, which includes lunch prepared by our own fabulous Noanne Gwynn. Hopefully, by our February Circle Meetings, we can get a count of how many tickets we'll have left over to offer these other organizations.

We will also be honoring our Longest Standing Garden Circle Members at this event, so make sure you plan to attend. There will be a special area set up to honor the women that have made our Club what it is today. We have only had 9 Circles that have responded with their longest members. We don't want to leave anyone out, so please get your top three names together and let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you at Goodwood on March 14th.

Joan Stout,
Third Vice President
Tallahassee Garden Club

Saturday, February 11, 2012

20th Annual Old Garden Rose Sale

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. adjacent to the Virginia McKee Greenhouse at Goodwood. Sale continues every Friday and Saturday morning thereafter until sold out.

The proceeds from this sale are used for the restoration and maintenance of the rose gardens at Goodwood.

This year there will be approximately 1750 roses and about 120 varieties available including Louis Phillipe, Duchesse de Brabant, Pink Pet, most of the varieties at Goodwood, and several more recent additions. A list of the rose varieties is available. Contact John Sullivan at joh4@aol.com.



Now Here's a Rose You'll REALLY Like!

Roses are so beautiful that it's easy to fall in love with them and plant a bunch of them, only to become disenchanted because of the constant care they often require. Well, at least that's been my experience.

A grand exception to those that fell by the wayside for me is been the Mutabilis rose (*Rosa chinensis* 'Mutabilis', a.k.a. *Rosa x odorata* 'Mutabilis'). It's called "Mutabilis" because the single petalled blooms change color over several days, starting out butter-peach, turning to light pink, and then deepening to a rich crimson. The sight of differently colored blooms covering the bush is spectacular. Many people believe that the blossoms look like bright butterflies so it is often called the "Butterfly" rose. The change in color apparently is caused by sunlight altering the pigment in the petals.

Reaching a height of eight to ten feet with a width of up to six feet, the Mutabilis rose clearly needs plenty of room. It works well either as a specimen plant

or as part of a hedge or mixed border, and provides seasonal interest year-round, blooming from spring until frost and remaining evergreen through the winter. You can plant it in full sun to partial shade, although of course full sun provides more blooms and color variations. Fertile, well-drained but moist soil is preferable, but this rose tolerates a wide range of conditions. In fact, the Texas Cooperative Extension Service named the Mutabilis rose as its "EarthKind Rose of the Year" in 2005, an honor bestowed only on plants that thrive under difficult conditions, including no fertilization, pruning, or pesticides, and reduced irrigation. Unlike most roses, Mutabilis prefers warm climates. And although not entirely immune to pests, the Mutabilis rose is sufficiently vigorous that an infestation generally will not compromise it. Pruning back by about one-third in late winter generates a greater spurt of spring growth and consequently more flowers.

The exact origins of the Mutabilis rose are unknown. It appeared in Italy following a botanical expedition sponsored in the 1890's by Italian prince Ghilberto Borboneo to Ile de Reunion in the Indian Ocean off Madagascar. Known as "Ile de Bourbon" before the French revolution, its inhabitants developed the custom during the French rose craze in the early 1800's of planting rose hedges to mark property lines, and crosses between the Oriental and Damask roses gave rise to the "Bourbon rose". The Mutabilis is thought to have been developed there from China rose stock brought from England. Because it dates back to the 1800s, it is considered an antique rose, one of those venerable and hardy varieties found still growing around abandoned home sites.

Who could not love such an intriguing rose? It's versatile, beautiful, dependable, long-lived, and carefree. If you have the room, you might want to give one a home. Believe me, it will steal your heart and keep it for years to come.

And speaking of roses, don't miss our February 16 horticulture program at 10:00 a.m. after the Plant Exchange. Bill Dority, Master Gardener, Consultant Rosarian ARS, and President of the Tallahassee Area Rose Society, will present a program on other great roses that grow well in our area.

Gail; Hill,, Horticulture Chairman



Invitation to Hummingbird Program

The **Wisteria Garden Circle** would like to invite you and your garden circle members to join us on **Thursday, February 23rd** at the Garden Center for an interesting and informative **Hummingbird presentation**. The speaker will be Fred Dietrich, well-known local hummingbird bander. What better way to celebrate the romantic month of February than to learn more about these tiny jewel-like birds that have captured the hearts of most Tallahassee gardeners! We look forward to you joining us on:

Fred Dietrich is from Tallahassee, FL and has helped Fred Bassett since 2001 when he first banded in Tallahassee. He has also helped trap hummingbirds for bander training in Elkins, WV since 2004. After retiring in 2008, Fred joined the Hummer/Bird Study Group banding crew and bands each Spring and Fall at their site in Ft Morgan, AL. Fred completed his hummingbird bander training and received his federal certification in the summer of 2009. In June 2010, Fred received word that a female rufous he banded in Tallahassee had been recaptured in Chenega Bay, AK, more than 3,500 miles away. This is the longest ever documented migration route of any hummingbird species.

Thursday, February at 7:00pm
Tallahassee Garden Club
507 North Calhoun Street

Penny Pines for Florida's Parks

You may not be aware of the National Garden Clubs "**Penny Pines**" program introduced by FFGC in Florida last year. This program is a method to reseed, reforest and preserve our National Forests. Our object this first year is to support reforestation of Florida's three National Forests – Osceola, Apalachicola and Ocala. Osceola alone has lost over 11,000 acres to fires in the past two years.

Just collect pennies, change or dollars in a jar at each Circle and Club meeting as we did at the Fall District meeting. Send collected monies to Helen Purvis, District III Treasurer *(2111 Olivia Dr., Tallahassee 32308) Please name one of Florida's National Forests (listed above) as the National Forest you wish to benefit.

For additional information and forms, visit ffgc.org, click on projects, NGC Penny Pines and print out flyers and additional forms. What a great Arbor Day contribution your contribution will make.!

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-Kathy Carmichael, District Director

Lichens look menacing, but they are not harmful to the plants they grow on. Lichens are the crusty, leafy or hairy gray-green growth that you often see growing on the bark of trees and shrubs. You also see lichens growing on old figurines and old wooden fences. Lichens are a symbiotic organism composed of an alga and a fungus. The alga in the lichen photosynthesizes and provides the food that the organism needs through the energy of the sun. The fungus provides the body of the organism. They are not parasites or pathogens.

**Save the Date and Invite Your
Friends:
April 28, 2012 (Sat.)**

*Spring Garden Bazaar
and
Flower Show "Earth"*

Presented by Tallahassee Garden Club, Inc.
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. @ Tallahassee Garden
Center, 507 N. Calhoun.

Plants, yard art and other garden-related delights
and refreshments available for purchase and
flower show entries and winners
for your viewing pleasure.

It's free, open to the public,
with free on-site parking.

Information www.tallahasseegardenclub.com

Caladium Bulb Sales

Exceed Goal



Caladium Bulb Sales ended January 31, and the goal to sell at least 250 dozen caladium bulbs has been exceeded by 150 dozen, which means at least 4800 caladium bulbs will be growing in gardens in Tallahassee and nearby areas! At least twenty (20) garden circles are represented in the purchase of caladium bulbs, and seven (7) Circles met or exceeded the challenge goal of purchasing at least ten dozen per circle. The bulb sales have been a huge success because of members' response, whether an order for 1 dozen or as many as 17 dozen. And success of sales is success as a fundraiser for the Club.

The distribution of the bulbs is scheduled to begin March 14, so watch the March newsletter for reminder notices about pickup times from the Garden Club.

**USDA Unveils New Plant Hardiness
Zone Map**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today released the new version of its Plant Hardiness Zone Map (PHZM), updating a useful tool for gardeners and researchers for the first time since 1990 with greater accuracy and detail. The new map—jointly developed by USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Oregon State University's (OSU) PRISM Climate Group—is available online.

<http://www.smartplanet.com/blog/smart-takes/usda-new-8216plant-hardiness-zone-map-released/21960>

Goodwood

Friday, February 10, 2012 {Please note date change} First Friday Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

Trout Lilies of Wolf Creek
Presented by Dan Miller
**12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Jubilee
Cottage at Goodwood**

Free of Charge, No Reservations Required
Attendees may bring lunch if desired.

Dan Miller will be bringing some native plants from his nursery for sale to the attendees; a portion of the proceeds will benefit Goodwood.

Garden Club Garage Sale

Sat. March 10, 8 A.M. - Noon

Tallahassee Garden Center

507 N. Calhoun St.



Mid-Century Items, antiques, furniture, household appliances, books, garden related items, holiday decorations, & much, much more. **Contact Chair Christy Noftz (Jasmine) 228-9126.**

Members **may deliver** donated items (no clothes) to Garden Center at Executive Board Meeting, Thurs., Feb. 9, 9a to 1p **to store** upstairs in designated area.

Other delivery times can be made by contacting Christy.

The Latest Dirt

By Rhoda Hoe, TGC Grounds Manager



TGC Grounds Workday Thursday, February 23, 9:00 a.m. until ?

I know all of you are ready to put on your gardening gloves (I hope the ones you purchased from Sweet Bay) and join in to spruce up the grounds at TGC. Some plants have frozen to the ground, but please only cut them back by one-half or two-thirds so we will know where they are. It's easy to forget where a plant is and mulch over it when you cut them back to the ground too soon. At the April workday, we will remove all of the frozen stems and foliage to make way for spring growth.

Lovely Color in TGC Planters

You might have noticed the perky pansies and purple kale planted in some of the planters on the large patio. In addition, the poinsettias Elaine Sherron (Radiance) installed in the planters on the front steps brightened our entrance during the holidays. Elaine is working on a big surprise for those pots for the spring days ahead. Individuals and Circles might want to add a pop of color in their beds here and there so we will be enticing for the Bridal Showcase on Sunday, February 19, 2012.

Old Garden Rose Bed Coming Soon

Oh, and the lasagna gardening preparation that Coreopsis Circle did for the Old Garden Rose Bed has composted nicely and will be ready to feed those roses when they are planted this spring. We all owe Bill Dority (Magnolia Circle) great bit "Thank You" for donating the 24 Old Garden Roses.

I hope everyone has had a nice winter break from gardening. It will be great getting back together and administering some TLC to the grounds at TGC.

Jean McEveven

January Jaunt Placement Flower Show



Kyle Dunn (Buddleia) created this Vibratile design which features an element of sound.



Susan Voss' (Coreopsis) design was stunning on this coffee table.

January Jaunt II

The designs were placed, the horticulture was bottled, the houses were cleaned and the heirloom dishes were set. It was down the road to the second January Jaunt Placement Flower Show on Saturday, January 28 to benefit the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District III, chaired by Marion Dunn (Buddleia). A map carefully planned out by Gail Hill (Daffodil & Coreopsis) of homes and places to visit specially crafted floral designs was handed out at the Tallahassee Garden Center, as attendees viewed a wide array of blue ribbon winning horticulture specimens. Who knew so many flowers and green plants grew to such splendor in January? Well, we do live in *Flori-da* after all!

Taking the overall **Best in Show prize in the Horticulture division** was Shannon Forest's and Coreopsis's own **Phyllis West** with a bright spring green begonia, "Golden Glow". The plant was described as stunning by the judges.

Four Traditional designs were placed at the home of Jana Walling (Jasmine), four Neo-Romanesque Stretch designs were displayed at the home of Cynthia Csikos (Magnolia), four Vibratile designs were shown at Marion and Kyle Dunn's Stringfest,, four Underwater designs were exhibited at Stephanie Wilfong's (Coreopsis) cottage home, four designs in the Oriental Manner were presented at the home of Dale and Diane Olsen with a view of their oriental garden and four Traditional church designs were exhibited in the historic St. Clement's Chapel on the grounds of the Episcopal Church of the Advent.

Winners of the Designer's Choice Awards for Design Excellence were Madison Garden Club's **Mina Bloodworth's** in the Oriental Manner design and Perry Garden Club's **Laura Mock's** Neo-Romanesque Stretch design. **Other blue ribbon designs** included Perry Garden Club's **Inez Cone's** Traditional church design, Coreopsister **Susan Voss's** Traditional design, Buddleia's **Kyle Dunn's** Vibratile design, and Coreopsister **Jean McElveen's** Underwater design.

Flower Show Judges from Districts I and II judged the show and then were treated to a hearty meal at the home of Lana Arnold and a small gift for their time and commitment to the art of design and the science of horticulture. It was a delightful North Florida winter day to view the bounty and miracle of nature.

Thanks to all who participated or helped in some way to make the show a success. **A special thank you goes to Marion Dunn**, Show Chairman, **Lana Arnold**, who hosted the luncheon and **Carla DeLoach and Susan Voss** of Coreopsis who were able to get a convection gas oven, an electric oven, a coffee maker and a microwave working just minutes before the judge's arrived to dine. Murphy's Law says that if you plug everything into one circuit at the same time, it is bound to blow at the worst possible moment!

Circle chairs please don't forget to turn your ticket sales or unsold tickets to District III Treasurer Helen Purvis ASAP.

Tallahassee Garden Club Bridal Show

"The Garden Center Bride"

507 N. Calhoun Street

Sunday, February 19, 2012 from 1pm to 5pm



Bring your friends and family, young and old, to see what is available in Tallahassee for weddings today and tomorrow. It's a wonderful place for young ladies and gentlemen to start thinking about their future wedding. This is a chance to view what is available in Tallahassee on an up close and personal level. Over 30 vendors will be participating.

Please come and enjoy some giveaways, drawings every 15 minutes and other surprises, including reduced rental rates at the Garden Center. For a \$5.00 entry fee per person, brides and their families, friends and advisors can see the latest.

For more information, please call Laurye Messer at 893-0602; or visit

www.tallahasseegardenclub.com

Note: Noanne Gwynn (Violet) and Laurye Messer (Violet) will be on WCTV at noon on Monday, Feb. 6 to talk about the Bridal Showcase.

HOPE Playscape Workday 2/4/12, 12noon-4pm

I'm excited to invite you to participate in a HOPE Community Playscape workday on Saturday, Feb. 4th from 12noon-4pm. We will be putting in wooden edging on the swing sets, putting in some landscaping, sanding and repainting the existing chalk wall, adding another chalk wall inside the kids' playhouse, and possibly installing some trash cans and utilizing old playground pieces to recreate some new fun stuff for the kids.

We are looking for 10-15 volunteers who are willing and able to do this type of work. Bring your own work gloves please! If you are interested in participating, please contact LAURA KELLY at laura.kelly022@gmail.com.

TGC Computer Class Schedule Changes

Monday, February 13, 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Communicating with TGC Members using email.

Create an email account using Google or Yahoo (or use an existing one), learn to send and reply to messages, attach files and download attachments. Prerequisites: *Computer Basics classes*. **Cost \$15**

Monday, March 26, 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

③ A Gardener's Guide to the Internet (Part I)

Access the Internet, Open gardening websites frequently used by TSC members, create a Favorites List, use Google to identify plant and insect species, etc. Prerequisites: *Windows users including how to use a mouse*. **Cost \$15**

Monday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

④ A Gardener's Guide to the Internet (Part II)

Download Adobe Reader, Open PDF documents, Copy and Paste gardening info, Save plant images and View a sample webinar. Prerequisites: *Windows users including how to use a mouse*. **Cost \$15**

CLASS REGISTRATION:

Clip and mail to Deanna Ramsey, Instructor, 6504 Kingman Trail, Tallahassee, FL 32309

NAME: _____

TEL: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATES I WILL BE ATTENDING:

① - JAN 23

② - FEB 13

③ - MAR 26

④ - APR 9

AMOUNT INCLOSED: _____ (Cost for each class \$15)

This class series is provided to the Tallahassee Garden Club members through the Health to You (H2U) program at Capital Regional Medical Center. Attendees are required to be a H2U member in order to attend. Not a H2U member? Join for annual membership fee of \$20 to take advantage of this series as well as other FREE programs and classes.



Magnolia Circle's
Christmas Lunch



FFGC 2012 CONVENTION - JACKSONVILLE

“Ports of Call” May 10-11, 2012

It is not too early to begin planning your trip to Jacksonville to attend the State Flower Show, May 9—11 and Convention May 10-11, 2012.

Tina Tuttle and Gina Jogan are the Co-Chairs of the State Flower Show. If you are planning to attend Convention, why not bring a piece of horticulture or a design to enter? Please go to ffgc.com and click on “Ports of Call” to download a copy of the Flower Show Schedule and let Tina Tuttle (specific horticulture such as hanging baskets, collections, etc.) or Gina Jogan (designs) or Cinny O’Donnell (designs and artistic crafts) know you would like to participate. (You will need to travel on May 8th if you are planning to enter the Flower Show and be there to set up between 5:00-7:00 p.m. on that day.)

If any club or individual is interested in donating to the State Flower Show, or supporting a Flower Show Award (\$25) PLEASE contact Gina or Tina. This is but another way to make District I SHINE!!

FFGC Fundraising “Opportunity Drawings” at the Convention

Selling “Opportunity Drawing” tickets is one of the ways the state has to make money to financially support the convention. Please try your very best to sell the tickets allotted to your club. Club Presidents and Circle Chairmen will receive tickets for the Opportunity Drawings held at the state convention in May at the February 9 Executive Board meeting. You do not have to be present to win. Your District Director, Kathy Carmichael, has plenty of tickets if you need more. Completed ticket stubs, unsold tickets, and monies collected should be returned to Kathy by March

The fantastic prizes you could win are:

- Two-night stay at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville;
- One week at Rumbling Bold Resort, Lake Lure, N.C. (week 31);
- Catalpa Lane Pottery container;
- Handmade garden basket with garden goodies;
- Handmade artistic wall quilt;
- Original water color floral by Australian artist Maggie McGrath;
- Hyper tufa pot planted with succulents.

You do not have to be present to win. Let your District Director know (850-766-6381) if you did not get your tickets or if you would like more to sell. She has plenty on hand.

WHAT IS THAT WEED GROWING IN MY BACKYARD? HOW CAN I GET RID OF IT?

Brian Pelc of the Nature Conservancy has designed a special program for the Garden Club on getting ready for spring gardening with specific treatment ideas for many of the common weeds we see in our backyards around Tallahassee. Don't miss this informative and interesting program. Bring your questions!

WHEN: February 28, 2012, 7:30 pm

WHERE: Tallahassee Garden Club, 507 N. Calhoun St, Tallahassee

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.

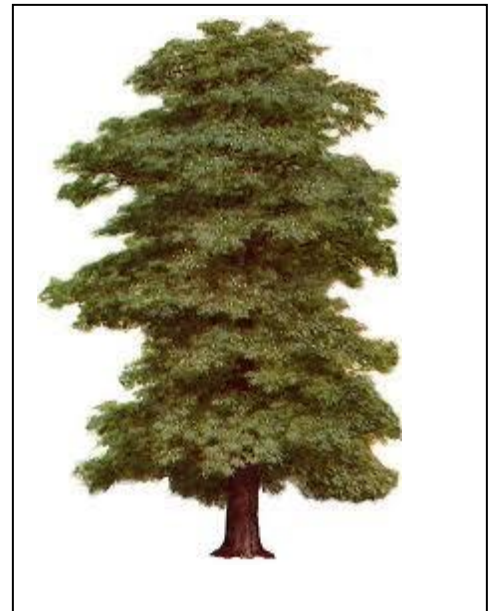
TREE COUNT

The Tree Count Forms have been posted on the FFGC.org website. Circles can send counts to Sudi Scott email, fax it to 656-0522, or mail it to:

Sudi Scott
1002 Carrin Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32311

GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES
850.656.8523 home office
850.656.0522 fax
850.251.7389 cell
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The deadline is February 17th to get their forms to her.



Camellia Club to Auction Plants at Goodwood

The Tallahassee Camellia Club will hold its annual plant auction fundraiser on Tuesday, February 7th, at the Jubilee Cottage, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Road.

The plant auction will include excellent varieties that are hard to find and will go to the highest bidder. The plants can be viewed beginning at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the plant auction will follow. Visitors may attend any or all of the evening events. Dinner reservations are \$10; contact Esther Lawrence at 877-3420 or e-mail estherl@appalacheecenter.org. For details, contact Alex Hinson at 627-7814 or ahinson@lineshinson.com.

TGC February Events

	Date	Day	Time	Event
	4	SAT	9 am - Noon	HOPE Workday
	6	M	9/11 am	Board of Trustees/ President's Council
	8	W	Noon	Valentine Luncheon by Magnolia Circle, Garden Center
	9	TH	10 am	Executive Board Meeting, Garden Center
	16	TH	9:30 /10 am	Plant Exchange/Horticulture Program, Garden Center*
	17	F	5 pm	Annual Tree Count Due
	18	SAT	9 am - Noon	HOPE Workday
	19	SUN	1pm - 5 pm	Bridal Show
	23	TH	9 am	TGC Workday, Garden Center

**Save the date of March 14th
for the General Membership
Meeting at Goodwood. Make
lunch reservation with your
Circle Chairman.
Speaker, Lunch and Business
Meeting (with Bylaws voting)
10 am-2 p**

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“Celebrating Magnolia’s” - February 18, 2012

with the Gardening Friends of the Big Bend



Featuring Andrew Bunting and John Tobe

The Magnolia Garden, in the Gardens of the Big Bend at the University of Florida/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy (NFREC) has been named by NAPCC, the North American Plant Collections Consortium as part of the national collection of *Magnolia* species. NAPCC is a network of 16 botanical gardens and arboreta working together to coordinate a continent-wide approach to plant preservation and is a program of the American Public Gardens Association in cooperation with the USDA Agricultural Research Service.

Sponsored by Gardening Friends of the Big Bend (GFBB) and Magnolia Society International, the February 18 program includes special guest speakers Andrew Bunting, Curator of Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College in Philadelphia and President of Magnolia Society International, and John Tobe, a professional botanist who with his family are the creators of Tobe Botanical Garden in Quitman, Georgia, Also speaking is NFREC's Professor Gary Knox who will report on the 10 years of data and observations of the best performing magnolias in the 120 + species and cultivars in the Magnolia Garden at NFREC Following the presentations and a break, participants will board trolleys to ride to the Magnolia Garden. NFREC's Gary Knox and GFBB Volunteer Jill Williams will provide a tour highlighting the best performing magnolias.

Upon returning from the Magnolia Garden Tour, GFBB will host a plant sale featuring several magnolias, as well as other seasonal plants. Proceeds are used by GFBB to support ornamental horticulture research and extension at NFREC.

Where: The workshop will be held at the University of Florida/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC), 155 Research Road, Quincy, FL 32351-5677. Take I-10 Exit 181 (Quincy, SR267), go north $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and turn left, following the drive to the main building.

When: Saturday, February 18th, 2012. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. and ends by 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

How: Pre-registration (before 5 p.m., Thursday, February 16th) is \$5 per person for GFBB members and \$10 per person for non-members. Registration at the door (on Saturday, February 18th) will be \$10 per person for GFBB members and \$15 per person for others.

Please register for this special event by going to the Gardening Friends website, www.thegfbb.com, select "Event Reservations" from the menu on the left, complete the form and click "submit". You also may register, at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/> or by emailing JamesECrowell@earthlink.net.