



# Forget-Me-Not

Newsletter of the Tampa Federation  
of Garden Club Circles, Inc.

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The **mission** of the Tampa Garden Club is to build relationships through education, beautification, and preservation of our community.

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## Mark your calendars

- March 6** Eco-beneficial Native Plants, Stefan, Wilcox Nursery
- March 6 Nature Photography Contest
- March 30-31** Tampa GreenFest AND Flower Show
- April 7** Earthy Paradise Garden Tour 27th Annual, presented by Rose Circle
- April 20** Town 'N Country plant sale
- April 24** Annual Meeting and luncheon; all members are invited. There will be a surprise this year!

## 2019 FFGC State Convention

April 7-9, 2019

World Golf Village Renaissance Resort, St. Augustine.  
Register at <https://ffgc.org/resources/Documents/Registration%20form.pdf> by March 31.  
Hotel Reservation by 3/15 \$139.00  
[www.ffgc.org/convention-2019](http://www.ffgc.org/convention-2019)

**Happy New Year** to all members of the Tampa Garden Club!

We were thrilled to be chosen to operate one of the Gasparilla Beer Gardens for the Pirate Parade this year. Ten charitable organizations are chosen each year to host one of the approved Bear Gardens.

We also sold restroom passes to those attending the Children's Parade and the Pirate Parade. We rent our parking lot to the organizers of the parades, EventFest. We are able to provide financial support to accomplish our mission.

We are looking for a member who has a passion for our feathered friends to be our Birds Chair this year and next. We are also looking for a few new members for the following committees: History (Chair is Kitty), Membership (Chair is Sherry Leffers), and Ways & Means (Ginny Collier is Chair).

Welcome to Sandy Streit, president of Town 'N Country Garden Circle, as the treasurer of the Federation. Much appreciation to former treasurer, Anita Camacho, for her service.

We are looking forward to getting your feedback on our Member's survey. We are planning some great programs for next year and will follow your wishes to do so.

Kitty Wallace,

TGC President,  
Member of Old Fashioned Circle



GreenFest is now Tampa GardenFest!



The Tampa Federation is so excited to announce the first **Tampa GardenFest**, formerly GreenFest at HB Plant Park, will be held on the grounds of Tampa Garden Club, **Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31, 2019, from 9 AM to 4 PM.** Plant and garden vendors will be on the grounds. An NGC standard **Flower Show, A World of Children's Stories** will be inside. Some Circles will sell their wares inside and others outside as they choose. Food trucks will be available. We look forward to a fabulous success under the leadership of Chair **Leona Immenhausen** ([leeimmen@yahoo.com](mailto:leeimmen@yahoo.com)) and her committee.

# Gasparilla 2019



Gasparilla 2019 was a day to gather and enjoy the company of 200,000 people and pirates! What could be better than that! Of course, working along side our sister gardeners, family and friends to sooth the thirst of the revelers.

Great appreciation to **Jenny Ellen Russell** and her family: **Reed, Gus, Ellen** and pal, **Jack** who came early to help set up.

A huge thanks goes to our volunteers in the beer tent: **Linda and John Day, Nancy Criswell** and her team of cashiers, **Anne Jetmundsen, Lorrie Anderson, Karen Roberts**, who pitched in the last couple of hours! **Jane Langley and Barb Mortonson** came early. **Don Grose, Jan and Jerry Miller, Yvonne, Joe, and Amanda Dominick, Mary and Mark Tlachac, Ginger and Phil Derenthal, Denise and Jon Rasmussen, JoAnn Nuccio, Linda and Kevin Collins, Maria Johnson, Melanie and Stan Adams, Darby Steadman** and



**husband, Ashley Brant, Brian Wirtz, Ann Giles, Carolyn Franzese, Kathy Newcomb, Bob Nathan, Nancy Nelson, Betty & Mike Garcia, Patti Newman, Martin Kanigsburg, Ed Gunning, Patrick Kenny, Johnny Negy, Betty Johnson, Sharon Flenner, Linda Lamberson, Mary Davis, Marsha Crowder, and Paula Alford.**

Shout out to all who brought food for the volunteers: **Suzann Corral, Lollie Scott, Betty Garcia, Linda Cameron, Lynn Seymour, Beverly Owens, Karen Hirons, Kitty Wallace, Kathy Echevarria, Linda Day.**

Thanks to the gals who assisted in the building and grounds, **Mary Jo Shenk, Joyce Haley, Beverly Owen and Alicia Laddon.** Those who took care of the Restroom Passes were **JoAnn Nuccio, Suzann Corral, Beverly Owen, Ginger King Kelly** and her husband **Bob.**

Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla authorizes only 10 Charities to run a Beer Garden at the Parade of Pirates. We are grateful to be chosen. This year's total is not yet complete as we are waiting for a few expenses to be paid but we made approximately \$20,000 on beer sales and \$4600 on Restroom Passes, \$7200 for renting our parking lot to the event organizers, Event Fest. Once figures are all in the Board of Directors will decide how to best use the funds.

# Flower Show



## A World of Children's Stories

A Flower Show is a gift that we give to the community, accomplishing the goal of providing education to our members and the community. Visitors to GardenFest will get a chance to appreciate your very special plants and learn about floral design.

There are opportunities to assist in the Spring Flower Show, *A World of Children's Stories*.

If you have never participated in a flower show in the past...now is the time!

You will learn a lot about horticulture, botanical arts, and floral design and probably make a new friend.

You can help set up, accept plants, help identify botanical names, hostess, assist with the judges luncheon, assist with refreshments at the award ceremony, and much more. A Signup genius will be sent soon.

### **ENTRIES ARE THE LIFEblood OF A FLOWER SHOW. WE NEED YOURS.**

#### What cut specimens are you looking for?

Cut arboreal flowering cut specimen: Azalea, Hibiscus, Ixora, Gardenia, Firebush, Brunfelsia, Jatropha, any other worthy specimen. (not to exceed 30 inches). Container will be provided....see schedule for directions regarding heavy branches.

Cut specimen of flowering stem: Amaryllis, Gloriosa, Anthurium, Rosa, Amaranthus, Strelitzia, Begonia, Any Other Worthy Cut Bloom (one bloom with stem, not to exceed 10 inches)

Cut Tropical specimen - One leaf with stem attached: Caladium, Dracena, Callistemon, Euphorbia, Codiaeum (Croton), Ferns, Coleus, Cycad, Any Other Worthy Specimen

#### What container grown plants are you looking for?

Container grown flowering plants: Desert Rose, Begonias, Pelargonium, Saintpaulia, any other flowering specimen of merit.

Container grown foliage plants: Alcaonema, Dracaena, Aspidistra, Fern, any other specimen of merit.

Container grown orchid: Cattelya, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobium, Vanda, Oncidium, any other flowering orchid

Bromeliads: Aechmea, Dyckia, Billbergia, Neoregelia, Cyppthanthus, Tillandsia, any other worthy specimen

Container grown cacti: Cerus, Mammillaria, Opuntia, Any other worthy cacti

Container grown succulents (other than cacti): Aeonium, Agave, Aloe, Crassula, Echeveria, Haworthia, Huernia, Kalanchoes, any other worthy specimen

**CONSULT SCHEDULE ON THE WEB SITE AND CALL THE CONSULTANTS LISTED FOR MORE INFORMATION.** <http://www.tampagardenclub.com/flower-show>.

# TGC Celebrates 90 years at the Tampa Bay History Center.



History Committee members **Courtney Hoening**, Amaryllis; **Kathy Echevarria** and **Kitty Wallace**, Old Fashioned; **Brenda Kinley** and **Sherry Leffers**, Rose Circle; and **Nootchie Smith**, Founders Circle designed, created and installed an exhibit for the Tampa Bay History Center's Community Showcase, *Tampa Garden Club, Celebrating 90 years*

The central exhibit included one poster for each decade featuring the presidents and noteworthy accomplishments of that decade. The posters on the side panels displayed our mission in action in the community.



## Spotlight on Federation Officers—Ginny Collier

I have been a Rose Circle and Federation member for over 10 years. Prior to becoming 1st Vice President of the Federation, I was 3rd Vice President of Rose Circle, serving as Co-Chair of Earthly Paradise with **Nancy Blake** for two years and **Sherry Leffers** for one year. The primary reason I became involved in Rose Circle was my mom, **Betty Ann Guyton**, who loves all her Rose Circle friends, some of whom I've known all my life such as **Sally Hill, Dot Adler, Dottie Schiffmacher, Judy Dato, Beverly Austin**, and many others. My mom and I both have a love of gardening and enjoy having orchids in our homes. Betty Ann, now a Royal Rose, was very involved in Rose Circle community projects serving on the Civic committee providing gift baskets to Veterans. My aunt, **Carole Guyton**, was the TGC Grounds Chair for several years and is a long time member of Founders Garden Circle. A couple of years ago, I was dropping something off at TGC and there was Aunt Carole, Kathy Echevarria and Kitty Wallace pulling weeds out front. Their dedication to TGC has been inspiring to me.

Some fun facts to share with you: I was born and raised in Tampa and am a 6th generation Floridian. My father, Bob Guyton, majored in Horticulture at the University of Florida and my mom was always in the garden so I grew up with an appreciation of plants and getting my hands dirty! I am married to Chase Collier who is from Winter Haven and is a 5th generation Floridian. His dad loves landscape architecture and spent many years of his retirement helping others with their home gardens for free. You could say it's in our blood to love gardening and appreciate Florida native plants! Our nearly 6 year old daughter, Avery, loves planting flowers and eating herbs out of the garden. And yes, she has her own gardening gloves! I also enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling, reading books, walking on Bayshore at sunrise and helping others.

I work full-time as a Senior Vice President of Fifth Third Bank overseeing Commercial Real Estate for Florida. I have great team members located in Tampa, Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale and I love my job! Having spent over 25 years in Commercial Real Estate finance, I am doing my best to share my business experience with TGC. I also serve on several other boards.

My dream for TGC is to find a way to self sustain and preserve the building and grounds for future generations. I would love my daughter to one day enjoy the building and grounds and be a part of TGC and our legacy. If TGC's property can be supported by Venue rentals, we can then concentrate on the mission of the garden club and all of our good works in the community. We are 400 members strong consisting of 10 garden club circles. We have so much to give to one another and to our community. As I know you can tell, I love Rose Circle and the Tampa Garden Club!

# Venue News

The Tampa Garden Club, Venue with a View, has said a fond farewell to **Wanda Jones**, Director of Private Events for the past 3 years.

We welcome **Bridget Baker**, who comes to us with 7 years management experience, most recently as private dining manager for Mitchell's Fish Market. Please stop in and say, "Hello."

Members of the Tampa Garden Club receive a 20% discount on venue rental. Please consider having your family celebration at our clubhouse.



## 2nd annual Middle/High School Nature Photography Contest

Letters of Invitation have gone out to all public and private schools. Judging will occur on March 5th. Entries will be on display on Wednesday, March 6th at the Combined Circles Presentation on Eco-beneficial Florida Native plants. Please plan to visit the display

*Judging on March 5  
March 6:  
Photographs Displayed*

## Monday Morning Gardeners

Members are invited to join the Monday Morning Gardeners on the first Monday of each month to tend to the grounds. We garden and we socialize. All are welcome. Bring your hand tools and gloves. We provide water and bags. 9:00 to 10:00 You would be surprised what a small group of gardeners can get done in an hour!

# Planning Ahead

We look forward to upcoming events:

- March 6, 2019 – Combined Circle Program: Wilcox Nursery Eco-beneficial Native plants
- March 6, 2019 — Middle and High School Nature Photography Contest
- March 27, 2019 – Board of Directors (BOD): 10:00 to noon
- March 30-31, 2019 – Tampa GardenFest: all day
- March 30-31, 2019 – Standard Flower Show: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- April 1-4 NGC Gardening School Courses III and IV, Lakewood Ranch Garden Club
- April 6-10, 2019 – FFGC convention, St. Augustine
- April 7, 2019 – Rose Circle Garden Tour
- April 20, 2019 – Sat 8am-2pm Town ‘N Country Plant Sale
- April 24, 2019 – Annual Meeting: all members are invited. 10:00 to noon. Lunch follows.

## In Memoriam

This section will be printed to recognize those members who passed away the previous year. We will miss them dearly but continue to benefit from the knowledge they shared with us and the memories we have of our time together.



Nellie “Nell” Greenway Jones was born in Gainesville, Georgia on January 9, 1926. She passed away on March 12, 2018. A consummate wife, mother and homemaker, Nell was an excellent cook and enjoyed taking care of her family. She was a lifetime member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, past president of the Tampa Garden Club, and an accredited flower show judge. She was an avid sports fan who enjoyed watching and discussing football, baseball and golf.

Dorothy E. Schiffmacher was born in Live Oak, Florida. She passed away on May 25, 2018. She attended Florida State University where she received her BS degree in 1948 and a Masters in Botany in 1950. Her affiliations and memberships were: Past President of Rose Garden Circle, Chiselers, PEO Patron, Member of the Plant Museum, Palma Ceia Methodist Church, The Salvation Army, Friends of Plant Park, Red Cross Angels, Tampa Yacht Club Sword of Hope. She was a National Garden Club accredited Master Flower Show Judge and member of Flower Arranging Club “Floralia II.” She also loved gardening, flower arranging, cooking and entertaining.

