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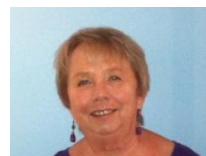
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## President's Path

By Pam Johnson



### PRESIDENT'S PATH

Hello NGC Members!

Our theme for the 2013-2014 year has been "Our Members Make Us Great!". My thanks to Lois Davis for suggesting this theme last summer. I believe that it has described us well and maybe even pushed us to further excel in terms of our dedication to club activities. April will be another test of our determination to get the job done well.

At our regular meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> we will vote on the Financial Control Policies and bring them up to date. PLEASE get your completed ballots in to the Ballot Committee before the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. If that is impossible please bring your completed written ballot to the April 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting. If you cannot attend, please call a member of the ballot committee and get your vote in now. We must have 51% of the membership voting and that means YOU! Please fulfill this duty as a member of NGC. Your vote is important! Thank you ballot committee members, Ginger Eisele, Jo Parnell, and Linda Marshall for writing the ballot, preparing for the vote, and announcing the results when they are available.

We will vote on the ByLaws revisions at the May meeting. Our ballot committee has prepared for this vote as well and information will be sent on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for your patience in getting the revisions of Standing Rules, Financial Control Policies, and our ByLaws up to date. This has been a very challenging experience for all and I would especially like to thank the executive board members for their many, many hours of work.

The second challenge in April will be our annual Spring Fling event! Again, "Our Members Make Us Great" as we examine all the work they have done to prepare for this event. It takes all of us though to really host Spring Fling and I hope you have volunteered already. Nancy Forester is leading our group for Spring Fling and I thank her for all her efforts. Get in touch with her by e-mail, [lilysmom49@att.net](mailto:lilysmom49@att.net), now and let her know how you are able to lend a helping hand.

Working together is how we not only further the achievements of the club---it is how we gain the personal satisfaction and pride at being a member of Navarre Garden Club.

Sincerely,  
Pam Johnson, President

# Our April Speaker is.....



Norene Gideon  
Summer: Growing Heat Tolerant Plants

Norene Gideon moved to Florida from Ohio in 2000 and became a Master Gardener in 2001. She has an interest in anything that grows but mostly flowers, vegetables, herbs, perennials and native plants. She finds speaking to groups and giving University of Florida research based information very rewarding. Again, this is a very timely subject which will help members start on their summer gardens. Be sure to attend this informative presentation.

## Seeds of Faith

I came across a magazine article recently where the writer wrote about the four elements of health. He talked about physical, mental, emotional, and finally spiritual health. My eyes went immediately to the spiritual health paragraph to see his recommendation. He suggested for spiritual health that we spend more time with our pets. This caused me great pause since I wondered how spending time with your pet is actually a spiritual experience. I have nothing against pets, I love my animals but I don't consider spending time with them a spiritual experience. In fact I think he has it exactly *backwards*. It's not spending time with your d-o-g that leads to spiritual health but spending time with G-o-d. There is no substitute, there is no short cut, there is no other way. Spending time with *God* is the only way that we can develop our spiritual health. Praying you are not deceived by suggestions for shortcuts.

Rachel Coggins, Chaplain

# SPRING FLING TAKE TWO

*Sample the fare of Navarre's Favorite Restaurants*

Friday

April 11th, 2014

**Spring Fling tickets** were distributed at the **March meeting**. Each member was issued 5 tickets. We encourage you to sell as many as you can. If you need more please call Jo Parnell or email **meme4beach2003@yahoo.com**.

We have **take out tickets** for anyone who wants to pick their food up. These tickets **are blue**. If you need carryout tickets for ticket buyers please let Jo know. We ask that you turn your tickets or monies in **no later than April 4th**. We will take checks from customers. Make all checks payable to Navarre Garden Club.

## **Reminder from Faye Hatfield**

**Please remember to bring in your "gently used" items for the Spring Fling....to our April meeting.....A table of these items will be for sale during the Spring Fling....Thank You So Very Much!**

## **Bring your plants.**

As you know a big part of Spring Fling is selling of our plants. Members have been asked to bring 5 plants each. These can be the plants you have specifically grown for SF, or volunteers you have dug up from your yard, or plants you have purchased to donate. We have been growing and up-potting at the Green Thumb to increase our inventory.

Please bring your plants to the Green Thumb on April 4<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make that date, bring them to the meeting, I will have the trailer there to load them up.

All plants must be marked with its name. I will have slats and markers available at the meeting.

If you can't make either date, you can drop you plants anytime to the Green Thumb. Just be sure to be considerate of the fact that they are running a business there. You can leave your plants (with the name marked on the slat) in the plant area, or in one of the green houses. Hopefully there won't be any more really c old weather, but you never know.,

If you absolutely can't do any of those things, bring them on Tuesday, 4/8 but be sure you have the info on the plant, as we won't have a lot of time to look things up then.

Let's keep up the reputation of Navarre Garden Club by having lots of healthy, beautiful plants to sell.

Thank You all for your help.

## FLORAL DESIGN NEWS

By Linda Broker

Our floral designers met on March 12 to learn about the mechanics of creating an underwater design. We also gave new designers a chance to learn a traditional line design as they had a hands-on opportunity constructing their own design. Members who attended the workshop were Geri Thurman, Faye Hatfield, Angela Fink, Diane Kanning, Cary Hanson and Linda Broker.

Several of our members attended The Mobile Festival of Flowers. This is a beautiful display of large floral and horticultural designs by different organizations and designers. This year the theme was "British Gardens in Time". The festival, sponsored by Providence Hospital Foundation, takes place each year so make sure you watch for it next year.

**Our next floral design workshop will be on Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> (1:00 PM) at Elk's Lodge. We will be making centerpieces for the tables at our Spring Fling luncheon. All flowers and materials will be provided. We do ask if you have greenery in your yard to please bring some to share. It is nice to see variety in the centerpieces. It will be fun to create these designs and to show them to the community.**

The Advanced Floral Design Study Group will meet Saturday April 5 at the Emerald Coast Flower and Garden Festival which will take place at the PSC/UF campus in Milton. We will be making "Sculptural Designs". We will be making our designs in the corner of the auditorium as members of the public will be viewing the flower show there. The festival is open Friday (the 4<sup>th</sup>) and Saturday (the 5<sup>th</sup>) but the flower show is only open to the public on Saturday.

On Saturday May 3, Judy Keliher will teach a workshop on "Petite Designs". Navarre Garden Club is hosting this May meeting of The Advanced Floral Design Study Group. We also will be bringing the morning snacks if you would like to help with this. There is a \$5 fee for attending but any member of NGC is invited to attend. This workshop will be held at Elk's Lodge. We start gathering at 9:30 for the 10 AM workshop.

Finally, don't forget our flower show which will be May 29—31 at Navarre Library. **We need your horticulture entries on Thursday morning, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-11.** Judging will take place at 1 PM. Viewing of the show will be Friday May 30 (9--5) and Saturday May 31 (9—12). Our theme this year is "Garden Fantasies". The flower show schedule will be available on line. Entry cards will be available at our April meeting as well as on the 29<sup>th</sup> when you bring in your entries.





## **YOUR YARD**

### **APRIL CAMELLIA AIR LAYERING**

Last Call! If you are interested in taking part of this YOUR YARD activity please sign up or contact Judith Begue at the April Business meeting. You will be contacted by phone for the dates and address of yards of club members who will allow air layering. You may just watch or work with a partner and each of you will do one air layer. The air layers will remain on the plants for several months until ready to harvest. Then another activity will be scheduled to cut and pot the new plants.

### **PLANT POSSE**

The dictionary will tell you that a POSSE is a group of people often with a common interest. The Navarre Garden Club is interested in YOUR YARD and how to help YOU. If you are a garden club member and belong to any plant society WE NEED YOU and your knowledge in the PLANT POSSE. Calling all Day Lily Society members, Camellia Club members, Native Plant Society and Rose Society members, for YOUR YARD visits this next gardening session. Floral designers who grow their own fillers and blooms would be a welcome addition to the POSSE. Contact Judith Begue for more information.







## **BIRDSONG**

For us gardeners Spring seems to have taken a long time to come this year, but the birds have been announcing its arrival for a while now. Their songs fill the air and give us much joy as we labor outside with spring cleanup.

Birds use songs primarily during the breeding season. After choosing a territory for nesting but before raising the young, a male defends - and advertises - his location by singing. The males learned these musical phrases by listening to their dads at the nest site or from other nearby songsters. This process may begin while the chicks are still in the egg.

As a bird ages, his songs become more varied and richer. This allows him to choose the best territory over his younger rivals. Females use a male's song to evaluate his health and maturity to help pick a quality mate. When territories come close together, males may sing to or against each other from adjacent trees. When nesting season is under way, a male advancing too close to another's territory will cause a fight.

Providing food and water for our birds will ensure their happy and busy return year after year.

Jytte Fawzy,  
Birds and Butterflies



## JRGC Creates Homes for Wayward Birds

by Sharon Johnson, Co-Chair

**AAAAAHHHHH! No that's not a rat** tied to a string. When the 4th grade Junior Garden Club Curious Caterpillars met in March, they learned about birds. Maybe your question is, "why does a garden club study birds?" As any JRGC member could now tell you, birds are very important to our lives and environment providing pest control, helping to propagate plants, and giving us beauty through color and song. So of course, as gardeners we want to attract birds to our yards.

There are four basic needs of any animal that we can provide. They are: food, water, shelter, and space. Plant bushes and trees for shelter and space; flowers and berry producing plants for food; leave a dead tree to provide a home or resting place --those dead branches provide a perfect perch to scout the land.

Did you know that not all birds nest in boxes? Therefore, more than birdhouses are necessary to attract different kinds of birds to our yards. Using a pine cone as a base is a great project to create "supplies" for birds to build nests. Drape it with bits of yarn, dryer lint, pine needles, and shredded paper; tie to a tree. Birds will use these materials to build their nests.

Our Junior Garden Clubs are always studying the wonders of nature; come join us! Our next class is April 9th, 10 am, at the West Navarre Intermediate School. The topic is the agricultural and scientific study of tomatoes. Contact Sharon Johnson, 293-4902 for details.



## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION FOR MARCH 2014

Judith Begue: *Your Yard* Captain  
Michelle Bitters: Green Thumb  
Linda Broker: Floral Design Chairperson; Advanced Floral Design Workshop (Ft. Walton Beach); Mobile Festival of Flowers; Spring Symposium  
Mike Broker: Mobile Festival of Flowers  
Shirley Brown: Spring Symposium  
Janet Chapman: Green Thumb; Technology Chairperson  
Rachel Coggins: Chaplain; Spring Fling Advertising; Green Thumb, Nominating Committee  
Joanne Connor: Mobile Festival of Flowers; Jr. Garden Club Chairperson; Spring Fling Decorations Committee;  
Martha Considine: Spring Symposium  
Bette Cox: Green Thumb; Scholarship Chairperson  
Carlton Cox\*: Green Thumb  
Ginger Eisele: Green Thumb Chairperson; Spring Fling Plant and Advertising Committees  
Jytte Fawzy: Green Thumb, Nominating Committee  
Angela Fink: Floral Design Workshop; Advanced Floral Design Workshop (Ft. Walton Beach); Jr. Garden Club;  
Nancy Forester: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President duties; *Your Yard*  
Nancy Gaskins: Green Thumb  
Rob Gaskins\*: Green Thumb  
Fran Grissom: Horticulture Chair; Green Thumb; *Your Yard*  
Cary Hanson: Floral Design Workshop; Advanced Floral Design Workshop (Ft. Walton Beach); Green Thumb; Spring Symposium  
Faye Hatfield: Floral Design Workshop; Spring Fling Food and Gently Used committees; Ways & Means; Green Thumb  
Pam Johnson: President duties; Spring Fling Vendors  
Sharon Johnson: Spring Fling Food Committee; Green Thumb  
Diane Kanning: Floral Design Workshop; Advanced Floral Design Workshop (Ft. Walton Beach); Mobile Festival of Flowers; Green Thumb  
Linda Marshall: Ballot Committee; Penny Pines  
Renee Meyers: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President duties;  
Debbie O'dea: Green Thumb  
Jo Parnell: Ballot Committee; Sunshine Committee; Spring Fling Ticket Committee; Green Thumb  
Dale Powell: Green Thumb  
Dorothy Reynolds: 50/50  
Wendy Rothshild: Jr. Garden Club;  
Meta Seltzer: Jr. Garden Club  
Nan Smith: Secretary duties; Website Chairperson; Green Thumb; *Your Yard*  
Geri Thurman: Floral Design Workshop;  
Ann Tindell: Jr. Garden Club;  
Wanda Veal: Newsletter Chairperson; Publicity Chairperson  
Jodi Volmert: Treasurer duties; Jr. Garden Club; Green Thumb  
Rebecca Ward: Nominating Committee  
Merete Wilcox: Green Thumb  
Lynn Wilson: Green Thumb  
Kay Zilka: Mobile Festival of Flowers

***Our Members Make Us Great!***





## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

**Jennifer Pruitt April 1st**

**Jytte Fawzy April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Jane Jackson April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Beth Duckett April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Ginger Eisele April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Jo Parnell April 19**

**Meta Seltzer April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Martha Considine April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Irene Kline April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Diane Kanning April 28th**



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