

Holiday, 2014

GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN RECOGNIZING A FEW OUTSTANDING MEMBERS FOR THEIR WORK AT THE STATE LEVEL

Claudia Bates - FFGC 2nd Vice President and Chair of Wekiva Youth Camp

Congratulations to Claudia who just recently completed all the requirements and earned the highest level of teaching design, National Garden Clubs Design Instructor, teaching Flower Show School Courses 1-4 and Symposium. In addition, Claudia is a Design Instructor for Bob Thomas' Design Courses 1-9 in Florida. Claudia is a long-time member of the Gainesville Garden Club, serving as president from 1996-1998. During her time as president, she initiated Fun with Flowers to our club in order to show everyone that floral design can be fun and affordable. The program continues today and is well attended each month.

Claudia is well-known for her garden club work and for the floral design classes. She is sought out as a speaker and workshop presenter locally and throughout the United States. She has taught classes at churches, PEO's,



The Elks state conventions, executive meetings and has done several pictorial designs for the Gainesville Sun and the Gainesville Today Magazine. Claudia has contributed countless numbers of arrangements over the years, including Tropical Short Course in 2003 and the UF Short Course Program in 2004. She created designs for the FFGC conventions in 2008, 2013 and 2014. Claudia's teaching expertise and style is in great demand. She has taught floral design in eight of the twelve districts in Florida. She has also done floral design programs in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Alabama, South Georgia and New Jersey. She did two design programs for the Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas, an international floral design group, in 2007 and 2010. Claudia has won countless awards for her floral designs and has had a number of her arrangements featured in the FFGC calendar. Claudia is a Master Accredited Flower Show Judge, a Life Member of National Garden Clubs, Life Member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, past Director of District V, a Pillar of Pride recipient, and is currently serving as 2nd Vice President of FFGC.

Card and Game Day Luncheon January 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM

The Gainesville Garden Club will be hosting the annual Card and Game Day Luncheon this year. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be available for purchase at the Circle meetings on December 18th. Plan to attend and invite your friends and family members to the luncheon. Card tables will be set up for card and game players (4 per table) and larger tables will be set for those who wish to come to lunch only and will be used later for the larger groups playing games like dominos.

Included in the day's events will be drawings for 50/50, gift baskets and door prizes.

Come join in the fun and support the fundraiser for clubhouse restoration projects.

GGC Arbor Day Ceremony January 15, 2015 at 1:00 PM

On Arbor Day, we care for our natural environment. We get our hands dirty and plant or care for trees, bushes and plants. In keeping with this special day, the Gainesville Garden Club will celebrate by planting native trees on our grounds but we will need the help of each Circle.

Will you donate a tree? A list of trees and their cost will be given to Circle Chairmen prior to the December 18th meetings. A sign identifying each doner will be placed at each tree and a photograph of the Circle members will be taken in front of their tree during the Arbor Day Ceremony. A reception will follow.

Inez Brooker - FFGC Chaplin

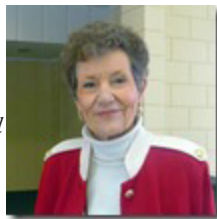
Inez is a 5th generation Floridian, and that is a rare entity in the state of Florida! She is a National Garden Club Master Judge, NGC Flower Show School Instructor, and teaches in the Floral Design Study Program for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Inez is in demand as an Instructor/Designer and has taught Flower Show Judges or presented design demonstrations in 12 states as well as 5 nations. Inez has served as President of the Gainesville Garden Club, where she is an active, long-time and dedicated member. Inez's service record is epic: President of GGC, Board of Directors of FFGC for 20 years, NGC Board of Directors for 2 terms, the Deep South Regional Council and Dist. V Director. Inez's most notable accomplishment is being Designer of the Year of the NGC, winning the National Calendar Designer Award and represented NGC at the Chelsea Flower Show in 1994. Inez brings her love of gardening, nature and the art of floral design to the stage whenever, and wherever, she teaches. Her audience will never fail to learn, and to be inspired by this gifted teacher and designer. Inez is a Pillar of Pride recipient, and a life member of FFGC and NGC. We are honored to have Inez as a member of the Gainesville Garden Club and value her expertise and experience.



Lorene Junkin - FFGC Chair of 4 Star and 5 Star*

**Four Star members are a recognition from National Garden Clubs, Inc. of the members who are certified in all four of the National Schools – Environmental, Gardening Study, Landscape Design and Accredited Judges. A member who has achieved master status in all four schools.*

She is a member of GGC, FFGC and NGC. She is also a member of the National Flower Arrangers and a charter member of Creative Floral Designers of the Americas Association. She has been a featured designer in Gainesville, in the state of Florida, Louisiana, and has competed and made designs for flower shows and conferences held by FFGC, NGC, and at international and world flower shows. Last year she was invited by the NGC President to make a floral design that was featured in The National Gardener. Lorene is also an accredited Master Flower Show Judge and has served as the Past District V Director of FFSJ; Past State President of FFSJ; and Past President of the Gainesville Garden Club.



Lorene taught design and floral programs at FFGC Short Courses; for the Bromeliad Society, the African Violet Society, the Camellia Society and the Rose Society. She was a winner in the World Flower Show and has won numerous blue ribbons at state and local flower shows. She continues to teach "Fun With Flowers" for GGC, floral design at local retirement homes; and has taught at the Harn Museum and the Appleton Museum in Ocala, FL. She is invited to judge flower shows on the International level in: Honduras, Ecuador, San Salvador, Panama, Brazil, Guatemala and Costa Rica. She has had at least 6 of her designs published in the Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar, including "Best Arrangement", winning the Silver Trophy.

Jeanice Gage - FFGC/UF Short Course Chair

Jeanice has been a member of GGC since 1984 and served as President of GGC in 2008-2010. During her administration, the Laura Carmichael Building, Butterfly Garden and Bluebird houses projects were accomplished. In 1987 she became an Accredited Flower Show Judge and is now an Accredited Master Flower Show Judge. Jeanice has served as the Director of the District V Flower Show Judges Council and as a Master Landscape Design Consultant. She served on the State Board of Directors as Short Course Chairman in 2014 and 2015. She is a Life member FFGC and GGC and is currently serving on Board of Directors of Keep Alachua County Beautiful.



Margaret Chodosh - FFGC Historian

She has a Specialist Degree in Education Leadership and was a math teacher for 24 years in Virginia and Florida. Margaret was the Chairman of the Dudley Farm Flower Show and has been a National Accredited Flower Show judge, Level II for 6 years. She was the winner of the State Petite award in 2012, the Tri-color Award at 90th anniversary show in district VII, Winter Park, Florida in 2014. Margaret says Design has become her passion and she studies daily and practices weekly while not working full time in her husband's office doing accounting. She appreciates horticulture for use in designs. Margaret is an active member of Jasmine Circle and is serving as Memorials Chairman for GGC.



Thank you for your dedication