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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

One of the greatest benefits of membership in this organization is *opportunity*. The Friends of the Gardens continues to gain momentum in its first year and with that comes many exciting *opportunities* to achieve and excel. Educational *opportunities* abound.

*We have just completed the first in a series of four **Landscape Design Study Schools** with 39 people in attendance and 26 sitting for the exam. Proceeds from this school will go to our general fund and the UF scholarship fund. The next Landscape School will be held January 26 and 27, 2005. Make plans now to participate either as a student or on the planning committee.

*The **Tri-state Short Horticulture course** held 20 August is sponsored by the University of Florida and brings in experts in the field of Environmental Horticulture. Annually you

will have an *opportunity* to attend this day-long session if you didn't get the chance to sign up this year.

*We will sponsor a **Gardening Study course** beginning 30 September and 1 October. This course takes you deep into the science of gardening and focuses on botany and good gardening practice indoors and out. It is perfect for advanced training for area Master Gardeners. There is still room for you to attend so don't let this *opportunity* pass you by. *We took the *opportunity* to hold a fundraising **plant sale** in conjunction with the annual Santa Rosa Farm Tour in July and netted over \$900 for our general fund. Another *opportunity* to hold a plant sale will be on October 2nd in conjunction with the University's **Open House** as part of the Beaches to Woodlands tour. Please plan to participate. Don't miss this

opportunity to share plants and meet some outstanding neighbors.

*We are being offered many *opportunities* to spread the word about the Friends of the Gardens organization. **Displays** will be set up during the **Welcome Coffee** with the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs on 19 August, during the University of Florida Tri-state Short Horticulture Course on 20 August, during the University of Florida Open House on 2 October and during the Santa Rosa County **Harvest Happenings** on 9 October. We need members to volunteer to man the booth and hand out literature and encourage new members to join. *How would you like an *opportunity* to assist in a **research project** with a university student? Our friend Regina needs committed assistance to take data on her Begonias and Ferns each May through October for the

GREEN IS FOR GROWING A GARDEN

BY GINA JOGAN
TREASURER

Putting together a proposed 2-year budget for the Friends of the Gardens was a fairly simple task. We, the organization, were new, so we were free to make things up as we went along...sort of like making that "wish list" for Santa. We started with what we thought our expenses would be. These are the major categories we came up with:

Banking fees	\$ 50.00
Printing	600.00
Office	115.00
Hospitality	225.00
Wearables	300.00
Garden Signage	600.00
Scholarships	1000.00
Gardening items	300.00
Speakers' fees	250.00
AABGA membership	160.00



Gina Jogan, Treasurer

Once we had our estimated expenditures, we had to raise the monies needed to meet those expenditures. This is what we came up with:

Donations:	\$1250.00
Memberships:	2950.00
Sales:	700.00
Plant Sale	917.00
Classes:	1000.00
Misc.	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	\$6917.00

Total Expenses \$6000.00

As your treasurer, I can tell you that we are doing quite well in just the few months we have been operating. We have had several generous donations and the plant "goodie" raffles held at our quarterly meetings are worthwhile, profitable endeavors. We are co-sponsoring the National Garden Clubs' Landscape Design and Gardening Study Courses with Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. District I. We will exceed the goal we set for income from those schools without a doubt. We look for business memberships to increase and are "wishing for" more in the way of "special level" donations. I believe that these will become a reality when the greater community sees what the Friends organization is planning for the gardens. Let's GREEN UP our Gardens: renew memberships, bring a friend with you and join us at the free quarterly meetings (which are educational and open to the public), make memorial donations to the Richard K. Schoellhorn Scholarship fund through the Friends' organization, come take one of our courses for your own love of gardening or become an NGC Accredited Landscape Design critic or Gardening Consultant. Look for good things to come from our stewardship of the Gardens of Northwest Florida.

FACES IN THE GARDEN

BRUCE FURLOW

Bruce was born in Jacksonville, Florida, Naval Air Station, where he lived for a short period of time. At the end of World War II, his family moved to his father's family home in a rural area of Pike County, Alabama, where he ran in the woods and fields of south Alabama. His family moved again when he was eight to Abbeville, Alabama and again when he was ten to Opelika, Alabama. During his junior high years, his father purchased property to develop a mobile home park around a scenic lake. As the oldest of 4 brothers a large responsibility fell on Bruce to assist his father in development of the property and establishment of the business. He spent many, many hours digging water lines, cutting grass and weeds, planting shrubs, leveling lots and accomplishing other landscaping and pond management tasks.

During junior high schools days, he was introduced to the exciting and fascinating world of entomology by a gift of real insect pins by Mrs. Moore, his science teacher. He spent his spare time catching dragonflies and watching aquatic insects from the small skiff that was in the lake. By the time he was ready for college, Bruce was aware that he wanted to be an entomologist, and fortunately the best Entomology Department in the SE USA was only 7.1 miles from Bruce's home in Opelika. The matter was settled.

Bruce earned a B.S. in Biological Sciences and an M.S. in Entomology and Biochemistry at Auburn University. One of the more memorable undergraduate courses Bruce took at Auburn was Botany. The instructor was a strange, little professor who liked to wear bright ties and red socks. He also spent hours drawing diagrams of the private parts of fungi and higher plants. The sex life of the flora was revealed in blushing detail!

Bruce was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from the



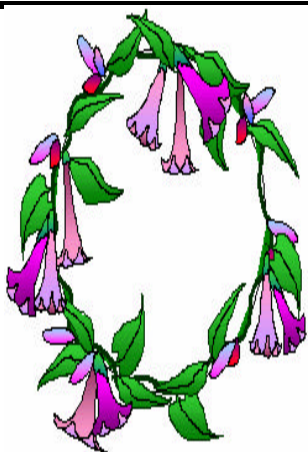
ROTC program at AU. As a result of his educational background Bruce was transferred to the Army Medical Department where he was awarded the primary job specialty of medical entomologist. He was very soon though in a combat zone in the Republic of Vietnam where he served for one year. There he supervised enlisted specialists who accomplished a multitude of preventative medicine functions to protect the health of fighting men and women from food borne, water borne, insect vectored and occupational inflicted injury and disease, as well as inspection and treatment of redeployed equipment, vehicles and supplies to the US to prevent importation of noxious plants, animals, insects and agricultural pathogens.

After retiring from duty with Uncle Sam, Bruce took a position in Miami Dade County, Florida, as the County Pest Control Manager. Bruce and family then moved to Milton where Bruce took a job as Manager of the mosquito control program in Escambia County.

Bruce continues to be fully occupied with a part-time position with the University of Florida, West Florida Research and Education Center and in various volunteer and community activities. He is the volunteer docent for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Refuge at Air Products in Pace. Bruce is also a member of Military Officers Association of America. He is a member of the Pine Terrace Baptist Church where he teaches Sunday School.

He and Pam spend a lot of time planting, moving, arranging, removing, pruning and maintaining their yard. Sounds like the rest of us!

Bruce and Pam have two daughters. Bruce enjoys wildlife photography and stamp collecting.



Check out our website
<http://wfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/WFREC/miltongardens.htm>

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The Santa Rosa County Master Gardener Association will have its 1st Annual Harvest Happenings on 9 October 2004, from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Milton Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Drive, Milton, Fl. Come join us on the Beaches to Woodland Tour.

- Arts and Craft -
- Children Activates
- Demonstration Garden Tour
- David's Greenery –
- Fall Ornamentals and Plant Sale
- Food Court
- Free Plant Clinic
- Free Educational Programs
 - 9:00 to 1000 Pruning
 - 10:15:00 to 11:00 Ornamental Gardening
 - 11:15 – 12:00 Florida Yards and Neighborhoods
 - 1:00 to 1:45 Fall Vegetable Gardening
 - 2:00 to 2:45 Adaptive Gardening for the Physical Challenged
 - 3:00 to 3:45 Pest Management
- Free PH Soil Sample Analysis
- Live Garden Characters to answer your question
- Raffle: Hand crafted bench, \$50.00 gift certificate from Wal*Marts, a round of golf at Tiger Point County Club, cordless screwdriver, and much more
- Santa Rosa County Master Gardener Cookbook & Gardening from the Ground Up CD on sale
- Static Displays
- Pumpkin Patch Sale
- Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida and more

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