

# FRIENDS OF THE GARDENS

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## HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY TO THE FRIENDS OF THE GARDENS!

As I look back over this first year I am amazed at how much has been attained, gained and obtained! Each member should feel proud of this fledgling organization and realize the power of your commitment to the goals set just 12 short months ago.

First I want to thank the members of my executive board for their patience and untiring persistence in forging ahead in the face of often-adverse conditions. Together we have put into motion the beginnings of something truly special and exciting. We have taken the gardens to a new level and reached out to many in our surrounding communities, making a difference in their lives and how they view the beauty in our garden.

And thank you to our fantastic advisors: Dr. Thetford, Dr. Gibson and Amy Compton. Without your guidance and assistance we would be floundering in doubt and uncertainty. You have set us on a course that will prove most fruitful.

And to you members, whether individual, group, organization, student or

business, I applaud you and your vision to see what we hope to accomplish. I hope you will continue to put your trust in us and help us attain all the goals we strive to secure.

During this past year we have completed the following projects:

\*Conducted a plant sale held in conjunction with the Santa Rosa Farm Tour raising funds for scholarship as well as FOG operating funds.

\*Conducted a Plant Grab to dispose of plants remaining from the plant sales and to benefit our membership after the devastation of Hurricane Ivan.

\*Purchased material to construct a pergola type tunnel in the Children's Garden on which gourds of all shapes and sizes will grow.

\*Hosted Dr. Rick Schoellhorn in a lovely dinner to raise funds in support of a scholarship in his name.

\*Held quarterly general meetings featuring guest speakers on topics of interest. Monies raised by the sale of food, plants and

raffle items supplemented scholarship and the FOG operating budget.

\*Purchased materials to begin a regimented botanical signage project to name all the plants in our garden thereby increasing its educational value to you.

\*Conducted tours for over 180 elementary school children.

\*Hosted the Cancer Society Camp Kickoff dinner for participating children and their families.

\*Prepared the paperwork to become a 501c3 tax-exempt organization.

\*Created By-laws and a charter for this organization.

\*Held a successful Landscape Design Study Course and have made plans to host the entire series.

\*Set in place a Gardening Study Course series beginning in March 2005.

\*Established "IN and OUT" scholarship criteria for deserving UF students.

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Milton Garden Comings and Goings  
December 2004

**Bruce M. Furlow, Horticulture Facilities Manager  
University of Florida, Milton**

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A tremendous 'thank you' is due to all the volunteers who have been working in the Milton Garden during the past month. I know that the press of personal needs and concerns have been demanding your time and attention, especially after the inconveniences that Ivan imposed upon us. However, you accomplished much and the Garden shows off splendidly the fruit of your labor. The plant labeling project is literally off the ground with very attractive and professionally produced labels sprouting up in all corners of the Garden. These add tremendously to the value and appearance of the grounds. A small but significant daffodil trial has been started in the

border area to the west of the greenhouses. Nineteen varieties were set out the first week in November along the edge of the flower bed. Already as of this writing their leaves are breaking the soil and meeting the sun. These will produce various combinations of yellow, white, single and double flowers. It will be interesting to observe their response to our winter climate. A few hundred ornamental cabbages and kales were also planted in the interior garden. These are adding to the textures and colors of the annuals, perennials and shrubs already in the garden in a fabulous manner. The recovery of a large number of perennials and shrubs after the damage inflicted by Ivan is

amazing and deserves to be witnessed on a clear, sunny day when time permits an unhurried visit. Plenty of projects and activities will be germinating in December that will need the hands of all available helpers. Cuttings are presently rooting in the greenhouse that will need potting up for later planting in the Garden. PJC is donating winter annuals for planting in the Garden. Even though much of November's tasks have been accomplished, there remains much to do, mostly in the vein of mundane maintenance such as weeding, mulching, cleaning, clearing and culling. An expectation of a vibrant, colorful spring in the Garden is already growing in the hands and hopes of the Gar-



Anxious participants in the Plant Grab held in the Gardens in November. Tina Tuttle explains the rules and starts the fun.

## FACES FROM THE GARDENS

ANN JEFFCOAT, GARDEN VOLUNTEER  
AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

dener and volunteers.

A native of L.A. (lower Alabama), Ann is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and Lloyd Nolan School of Medical Technology. After marrying her high school sweetheart in 1959, she and Carl moved to the Midwest, the Northeast, and Washington, D.C. before retiring to Pensacola. Their son and daughter were born in Illinois; Ben, a salesman for a food company in Atlanta area, and Lauren have a 4-year-old daughter, Melanie. Daughter Holly is married and is a medical librarian for University of NM Medical School in Albuquerque, NM. Gardening and travel became serious hobbies very early in their marriage. New Jersey was the ideal location to pursue both. The many Revolutionary War sites in northern NJ stimulated an interest in historic gardens and landscaping. A highlight of the Jeffcoat yard was a collection of miniature evergreens. Carol's job in inter-

national communications provided both of them opportunities to visit Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. Carl's career move to Washington, D.C. in 1989, brought the chance to study historic gardening at George Washington University and to volunteer both at the Smithsonian Institution and a garden in Georgetown. A GW, Ann took plant classes as well as drafting, historic landscape preservation and introduction to garden design. Washington was the starting point for a number of trips to Europe that included gardens in France, Spain and England. Moving to Pensacola in 1998, Ann joined Redbud Garden Club and a Horticulture Study Group. She graduated with the Class of 2000 as a Santa Rosa Master Gardener and enjoys hands on gardening. A confessed plant collector, her biggest challenge was landscaping their retirement home in Gulf Breeze. Favorite volunteer sites are Panhandle Butterfly House



and the Milton Gardens. Presently Ann serves on the Board of the Friends of the Gardens. A recent trip to England and the Chelsea Flower Show fulfilled a



Ann Jeffcoat discusses plantings in the Gardens with Sally Menk, Lois Scott and Tina Tuttle. Notice new signage popping up everywhere.

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\*Agreed to sponsor the Emerald Coast Flower and Garden Festival held annually on the PJC campus in April.

\*Set up displays to encourage membership and interest in the Friends organization at the Flower and Garden Festival and the Tri-State Short Horticulture Course

\*Obtained membership of 81 individuals, organizations and businesses!

Whew! We have exceeded expectations in what this group can accomplish and we look forward to new heights in the New Year. Thank You, everyone, for having faith in us—together we can make great things happen. A very Happy New Year to each of you. See you in the Garden!  
Tina Tuttle, FOG President

### “Gardening for Birds and Butterflies”

A free presentation will be given by world renown Audubon researcher, Dr. Stephen Kress of Ithaca, NY. Dr. Kress will speak on “Gardening for Birds and Butterflies” at 10:00 A.M. Friday, January 28, 2005, at the Main PJC campus in room 2142 of the Barroco Science Building.

### “Renaissance Gardening” aka Pass along Plants

Dawn Johnson is a University of Florida student. She will be speaking on this subject at the April 14, 2005 Friends of the Gardens' General Meeting.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 13 General Friends of the Gardens' Meeting 6:00 P.M.  
Speaker: Regina Sisler on Fern Trials
- January 14 Dogwood Circle Milton Garden Club  
Soup and Salad Luncheon 11:00 A.M.  
St. Mary's Parish Hall Oak St. Milton
- January 15 Milton Garden Club Tree Sale 9 A.M. -  
Milton Winn Dixie, K-Mart Noon
- January 26 & 27 Landscape Design School II  
Milton Campus Bldg Room 4903
- January 28 Birds and Butterfly Gardening 10:00 A.M.  
Dr. Stephen Kress Barroco Science Bldg  
PJC Main Campus (see article)
- March 3 & 4 Garden Study Course I Milton Campus UF Room 4903
- April 1,2,&3 Festival of Flowers Milton Campus
- April 14 Friends of the Gardens' General Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Check out our website  
[Http://wfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/  
WFREC/miltongardens.htm](http://wfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/WFREC/miltongardens.htm)

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Participants in the Plant Grab last Fall checking out the available plants.