

FRIENDS OF THE GARDENS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA



SPECIAL DATES:

**May 11, 2009 DAY-
LILY SALE:** 9:30-11:30 AM
Volunteer Luncheon 12N

**Aug. 13-14, 2009
Short Course North**

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The President's Message

Spring has brought us plenty of May showers and flowers. The campus gardens have been unbelievably beautiful and busy. I do hope that you have had an opportunity to check out the antique roses. What more could you want from a plant. There have been literally thousands of blooms with no sign of 'black spot' and no spraying from us to combat it. The only rose in the garden that is not an antique type does have black spot. What a shame. The amaryllis' have outdone themselves. The clumps were so large and colorful. The Wisteria on the vine carousel has been outstanding but its about time for some major shearing to keep all the vines in their boundaries.

The volunteers and the intern for the Gardens have been working unbelievably hard to add more summer color to the gardens by using Dr. Thetfords' students' plans for each bed. There are now beds of yellow, orange, red, purple and pink, not to mention the mixed color beds. Of course the Formal bed is coming into its own with daylilies and roses.

We have had several garden tours lately and everyone has been impressed with the shaping of the shade garden with begonias peeking through the thick mulch. The ferns under the big oak tree is so impressive and looks so cool blowing in the wind.

The irrigation installed recently will make it so much easier to expand this area.

I recently attended an opening ceremony for the Milton PJC campus 'Relay For Life' program and was given 15 Butterfly Plants for the Children's Garden along with 3 wire pieces of art. This should really bring some excitement to that end of the Gardens. Children of all ages enjoy the Crape Myrtle Maze as well as the vine arbor anyway.

I hope that all the garden volunteers, our intern and the staff attend our Appreciation luncheon on Monday, May 11th in the shade garden. It's just a small token of our appreciation for all that you do to keep our gardens beautiful and alive for everyone to enjoy.

On the same day and in the same location, Tina Tuttle will present a program on Daylilies as well as having a Daylily sale. As unbelievable as it sounds, all daylilies will be \$5.00 no matter what they are listed as being worth.

Please take time out to actually 'Smell the Roses'. Enjoy the gardens, learn the names of the plants you like and come out on Monday mornings to volunteer an hour or more to keep it pristine. The rains may make the weeds a little to rambunctious but it sure helps to make our flowers bloom also. Surprises are around every bend. Come see and enjoy what you are supporting by being a member of the Friends of the Gardens of NW Florida.

Sonya Robinson

Friends of the Garden Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Please join us...let us thank YOU!!!
Annual Friends of the Gardens of NW
Florida Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.



Monday, May 11, 2009 At noon

In the Gardens of PJC, Milton (in the picnic table area)

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Garden of Northwest Florida will bring the foods, drinks and desserts, too ...please come and let us thank you for your hard work.

Your efforts make the gardens a welcoming place to want to bring friends and family, visitors, students and those interested in what will grow in NW FL.

We are looking forward to being with each of you. If we have overlooked anyone, please let us know.

Gina

12th Annual Emerald Coast Flower & Garden Festival 2009

Your "Weather Goddess" reigned supreme again this year! Just a little drop or two was all we felt over the weekend of April 3, 4 and 5, 2009! So, another Festival is now "in the books". Are you interested in what went on and how we did? Come with me on a virtual tour: Let's start in the Gym area...

On Friday morning, we were the backdrop for the formal dedication ceremony of Doug Worley Boulevard (that's the new name for the road that enters PJC's Milton campus from Highway 90). The lovely reception was held in the Bo Johnson Life Center (gym). The food was yummy!! The highlight was meeting the new President of PJC, Dr. Meadows. He must have enjoyed his guided tour of the campus...he came back to the Festival on Saturday with his wife... and they bought plants for their new home's landscape!

A Small-Standard Flower show, "the Beauty and Bounty of Nature", also staged in the gym, was sponsored by District I Council of Florida Flower Show Judges. We congratulate Judy Keliher (Pensacola) on winning the Best-In-Show Award for her small (8") design. LaRue Holtzclaw won her top Award in Horticulture (for a curly-edged *begonia*).

Hanging from the "track" around the upper level of the gym was a display of quilts made by the Santa Rosa Quilters group...aptly titled "Through the Garden Gate" or "Trees".



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Judith Begue and her fellow-quilters brought their beautiful works of art to share! Your chairman was pleased to let everyone within range of WCOA radio's morning broadcast know about the Festival events. Don Parker interviewed me as I was directing

vendor traffic to their places around the "circle drive". I am also pleased to let everyone know that we had quite a bit of media coverage this time out (Pensacola Magazine, WEAR TV, PNJ, the Grapevine, etc)....after 12 years, it's about time!

So here is the real scoop: We had a fantastic group of vendors this year. We welcomed several new vendors : Alan

McAlerny (Pinelands Nursery), Heather Laughrey (Phoenix Trading Co), Bonnie Shipman



(Bonnie's Plants), Joseph McGhee (Joseph's Colours), Vincent Grund (Bouvier Farms), Julie Gregg (Silver Love Signs), Doug Meyer (Doug's Coney Island Hot Dogs), PJC's PTK club and Albert Baggett. I think they'll be with us for future Festivals. Of course we always appreciate the vendors who have been with us since the beginning, or "there about" Bottom line: we sold 41.5 booth spaces, invited 15 NFP groups who are members of our Friends of the Gardens organization and then there were the three food vendors...yummy....



Did you notice something new?

Perhaps you spied a few folks with their easels set up and

paints out? On Saturday the Plein Air Painters of Pensacola joined us...they certainly had a plethora of beauty spots to choose from as subjects for their paintings. How did they ever choose just one place?



No Festival is complete without the "Golf Car Gran-nies": Carolyn Whitmer, Jean Rosenberg, Linda Henderson, Sonya Rob-

inson and yours truly. We hauled LOTS and LOTS and LOTS of plants to cars, trucks and vans...several patrons were seen there all three days; some few even came back more than once a day! Have you noticed that some of our shoppers are now bringing their own wagons or carts?

And now for the thank you's:

Don Parker (WCOA Radio), Montgomery Golf Cars (Tom Montgomery), Jan Kurtz and her painters for coming to capture the Festival's beauty (Plein Air Painters), Anthea Amos (PJC Milton's newest Dean) for including us in the dedication event, Tina Tuttle (Sister extraordinaire), the "Classification Team", Sonya Robinson (FFSJ District I Director), Judith Begue (Santa Rosa Quilters) and A HUGE thank you to Art Tuttle for making/cutting the props for displaying the quilts.

As always, thank each and every one of you for coming out to support the aims and objectives of FOG!

Gina



IT'S NEW, IT'S NORTH.....SHORT COURSE NORTH

Date: August 13-14, 2009

Daily hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sponsored by:

Friends of the Gardens, of NW FL

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.,

District I

University of Florida, IFAS

Location: Santa Rosa County Extension Office

6263 Dogwood Drive, Milton, FL 32570

850-623-3868



Topics of Study and hands-on activities Include:

Right Plant, Right Place

Watering Efficiently

Fertilizing Appropriately

Mulching, and Composting

Attracting Birds/Wildlife to your garden

Design

Pests/IPM (Good BugBad Bug)

Recycling Whimsy

Storm water Runoff

Sustainable Gardening (Veggies)

Protecting our Shoreline

Come Learn, Come Buy, Come Win:

Vendors, Plant/tool Sales, Auctions, Door Prizes, Raffle Baskets, Freebies!

REGISTRATION

Entire Course (two days includes two lunches) \$50.00 _____

Day one only (includes lunch) \$30.00 _____

Day two only (includes lunch) \$30.00 _____

Tri-refresher credit fees \$ 5.00 _____

FOG Members : 10% discount (\$5.00) **on entire course** only. _____

Include expiration date on your **individual** membership card _____

To request FOG Membership Application, contact Registrar (below)

Total enclosed \$ _____

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED (please print clearly):

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Garden Club _____, Master Gardeners _____, Other _____

Are you taking course as a Tri-Refresher _____, for MG Credit Other _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION (OR REFUND) IS AUGUST 1, 2009

Make Checks payable to: Friends of the Gardens of Northwest FL (FOG)

Mail to: Gina V. Jogan, Registrar

6735 Highway 99, Molino, FL 32577-4048

Send SASE for confirmation of registration

Hotel accommodations are on your own.

DAYLILY PROGRAM AND SALE

The Friends of the Gardens of Northwest Florida will host a Daylily program and sale on Monday, 11 May beginning at 9:30am until 11:30am.

This program is FREE and open to all FOG members and the public.

Join us in the garden at PJC Milton campus outside under the big oak tree for this informative seminar featuring speaker Tina Tuttle.

Tina will relate the humble beginnings of this amazing plant and lead you through the culture, extended vocabulary and propagation techniques.

Named cultivars of Daylilies will be for sale and include doubles, miniatures, edged and eyed, spiders as well as hard to find varieties.

Each plant costs only \$5 regardless of the Eureka book value!

All the plants came from those growing in our garden so you can see them for yourselves as we tour the daylily garden. Make plans now to attend!

We look forward to seeing you there.

