

District V Spring Meeting Minutes  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Inverness County Club  
Inverness FL  
10:00am – 3:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by District Director, Donna Thomas. The invocation was given by Alice Webb, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Carol Wood, Floral City Garden Club President (Garden Club of the year 2020), extended a welcome to all.

Carol Stevens, Assistant District Director gave the response.

District Director:

- Appointed Sandra Hume as chairman, Sandra Arnold and Sandra Van Tassel to serve as members to approve the minutes for this meeting. They accepted.
- Appointed Linda Schoelhorn as chairman and Diane Lamourex and Patty Steck to serve as tellers for this meeting. They accepted.
- Appointed Barbara McGhee as timekeeper for this meeting. She accepted. She will notify members of time using her phone.

Linda Schoelhorn, Chairman of the committee appointed to approve the minutes of the October 2020 meeting advised the minutes were approved as presented and filed.

District Director recognized those seated at the head table

TO THE FAR LEFT:

Marge Hendon, FFGC President

Carol Stevens, Assistant Director and Membership Chair

Carol Wood, District Secretary, FFGC Award Donors Chair, President of Floral City Garden Club and co-chair of the 2022 FFGC convention

TO THE FAR RIGHT:

Susie Berryhill, District Treasurer

Ingrid Velez, District Parliamentarian, FFGC Corresponding Secretary and Events Calendar

Floor seating:

Susie Metcalfe, Chairman of the District Meeting

Bill and Derrick Jerome, our speakers from Honey Badgers Bee Farm

District Director

- Recognized former District V Directors in attendance
  - ❖ Jeanice Gage, DD 2019-21

- ❖ Jo Ellen Allen, DD 2011-13
- ❖ Louise Allen, DD 2015-17
- ❖ Mary Whisler, DD 2017-2019 , Chairman for SEEK, and co-chair for 2022 convention

- Recognized state and district chairs who have not previously been recognized
  - ❖ Devon VillaReal-Dabbs, Wekiva Youth Camp District V
  - ❖ Florence Cline, FFGC/NGC Short Course Chair District V
  - ❖ Sandra Arnold, District V Awards and Newsletter chair

Treasurer:

Susie Berryhill read the financial report:

The Balance on hand is	\$ 8504.57
Money Markey Acct.	\$ 5248.31
Plus Interest @ .05%	\$ .30
Total District Funds as of 05/19/21	\$ 13753.18

(The full report was filed and is attached)

The Report of the Credentials Committee was given by Kathy Lingusky, Registration Chairman for this meeting. The credentials report was adopted, the voting strength was 20.

Director recognized all the Club Presidents (former and current) and members of the Clubs.

	Former	Current
Brooksville	Diane Lamoureux	Louise Allen
Citrus	Sandra Hume	same
Crystal River	Virginia Strum	Nancy Powers
Floral City	Susie Metcalfe	Carol Wood
Four Seasons	Peggy Van Houten	same
Gainesville	Linda Schoellhorn	same
Homosassa River	Ingrid Ricci	same
Inverness	Priscilla Arnold	Helen Parker
Lake City	Carol Stevens	Julie Schwarz
Newberry	Genie Smith	same
Pioneer	Tricia Evans	same
Riverhaven	Kathy Lutkus	same

District chairs reported (attached)

Sandra Arnold- Newsletter and Awards

- District V won the following awards: 27 FFGC, 7 Deep South and 2 as a District
- District V photo contest

Devon Villareal-Dabbs - Wekiva Youth Camp

- This year camp starts June 20, 2021
- Theme will be Nature Detectives, Birds
- 6 programs, Critter Camp, boys' weeks, girls weeks, co-ed weeks, Primitive Camping, Naturalist, Canoeing and Leaders in training
- 83% of camp is full
- Really need volunteers especially Nurses

Florence Cline- Short Course

- Theme is "Protecting the light that protects you"

Carol Stevens – Membership

Mary Whisler – S.E.E.K.

- The Alligator magazine in Gainesville is printing a full article on SEEK

Reports of Club Presidents

The following Clubs read reports: Citrus, Crystal River, Floral City, Four Seasons, Gainesville, Homosassa River, Inverness, Lake City, Newberry, Riverhaven. All others were filed.

Recessed at 11:25 am

At noon Alice Webb, Chaplain of Floral City Garden Club gave the blessing and lunch was served.

Introduction of program presenters by Carol Wood, President Floral City Garden Club

Program: Bill and Derrick Jerome - Honey Badgers Bee Farm

Meeting reconvened at 12.45 pm.

Jeanice Gage was presented with a brooch, former Directors' pin, and the "Pillar of Pride" award.

Linda Schoelhorn, President Gainesville Garden Club, presented Jeanice with a floral tray in appreciation of all she has done for her home Club.

Jeanice Gage (Former DDV) presented the "Director's" pin to Donna Thomas.

Jeanice Gage presented her board of directors with orchids in appreciation of their service during her term of office.

Jeanice Gage: presented District 5's awards to the Club presidents. (Full list attached)

Director: Acknowledged awards presented at convention not included with district awards.

- Kelley Wood: Certificate of Distinguished Service to a State President
- Margaret Chodosh: "Crystal" Design Award on the inside cover of the 2020 FFGC Calendar. The title of her design is "The Belle of the Ball".

Director: Welcomed Marge Hendon, FFGC President

The Earth Steward Honor was presented to Devon Villareal-Dabbs by FFGC president, Marge Hendon.

Marge Hendon:

- FFGC now has a matching grant program. Clubs may request up to \$500 matching money to help membership, special or on-going project. More information is on the FFGC website
- Florida Gardener is now available on line, read on line and save the postage cost
- May go to an opt-in to receive it by mail. More information to come.
- 2022 Convention

Carol Wood, President of the Floral City GC, recognized all members of the host committee.

District Director

Thanks to those who attended, and Floral City Garden Club for the wonderful meeting and all the work that went into this meeting. This District Director appreciates all the members of District V for supporting their district and making District V the best district in the state.

Genie Smith, President of the Newberry Garden Club gave the invitation to the Fall 2021 District V Meeting, October 20, 2021.

Announcements:

- We have a website that is now officially open and under construction thanks to Kelley Wood, our webmaster. [ffgcdistrict5.com](http://ffgcdistrict5.com)
- Presidents orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Director:

- Is there any further business to come before this meeting?
- As there is no further business and no objection, the meeting will be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

**Carol S. Wood**

District V Secretary