

Floral City Garden Club - Fall report, District V meeting. October 14, 2022

Janie Stewart, Kelley Wood Co-Presidents.

Our club stayed busy through the summer, first holding a planning meeting in Mid-June to come up with ideas for the year. Our first order of business was to re-establish a temporary slate of officers following the un-timely loss of our President Carol. We continued with maintaining the 4 gardens around Floral City as they really grow during the rainy season.

We held our first meeting in September, where our first order of business was to vote for the new slate of officers. Janie Stewart and Kelley Wood will be co-presidents for the 2022-2023 year with Marcie Mason taking on 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Diane Lamoureux as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Chris McIntire, Mary Graff, Sandy Van Tassel and Donna Thomas continue in their roles for the remainder of the term. We welcomed 16 guests to our meeting; the program was a presentation on "pet friendly landscaping". 6 of those guests have become members.

We had a booth at the Citrus County Chronicle's Home Show at the Inverness Depot. We took donations for plants, gloves and gauntlets and gave out gardening information and got 2 new garden club members.

Our Blessing Backpack teams continue to pack food for school students twice a month. We have a field trip planned in October along with the Brooksville GC. Our program in October is a tour of Kathy Lingusky's yard which is described as "a happy place".

We have roadside cleanups scheduled in Oct and Nov in preparation of our "decorate the town" before Heritage Day's and the holiday season. We will have a holiday luncheon in December, and maybe a fieldtrip to the Stetson House if we get enough people to commit to go.

The new year will bring regular meetings in January and February along with a planned field trips to the Fashion Show in Crystal River and Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg (both with Brooksville GC).

Our annual plant sale will be the main event in March, we've done very well the past 2 years and hope to have a 3-pete this year. This is our biggest fundraiser.

April will be very busy as a number of members of our club are involved with the 2023 Convention (Kelley is co-chair) and Donna, Janie, Marcie, Skip and Diane all have active roles.

We'll wrap up our year with a Luncheon in May, but again our club never rests, the garden work, roadside cleanup and planning for next year will keep us busy all summer.