

GENERAL MEETING  
Francis Tracy Garden Center  
April 16, 2013

Marilyn Rogers, President called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and everyone joined in saying the Pledge of Alliance.

Paula Mitchell introduced Julie Mead, our guest speaker. Julie is a past president of the club and a butterfly enthusiast. She has given many informative talks and has also presented to groups as far away as Barbados. We are fortunate to have her with us today as she and her husband have started an a/c business and have been blessed with a very busy schedule.

**Today's Speaker: Julie Mead      Topic: "Butterfly Gardening"**

**Beginning a butterfly garden can be as simple as choosing flowering plants that will invite adult butterflies to your garden to feed. If you want them to stay in your garden, you must also provide them with a place to grow and multiply (laying their eggs on host plants).**

Did you know? An adult butterfly probably has an average life-span of approximately one month. The smallest butterflies may live only a week or so, while a few butterflies, such as Monarchs, Mourning Cloaks and tropical heliconians, can live up to nine months. Have you noticed the butterfly population has been decreasing over the years?

Most adult butterflies drink nectar from flowers through their tongues, which function much like straws and a minority of butterflies look for sustenance from tree sap, rotting animal matter, and other organic material and when they are ready, most butterflies lay their eggs on plants that will be eaten by the small, emerging caterpillars, when they hatch. Some species lay their eggs on the tops of leafs, some on the bottom, some at the leaf axils, some on flowers, and some on stalks.

Keep the larger host plants placed to the back of your gardens and the smaller flowering plants (nectar/feeding) to the front. In this way you can enjoy both your flowers and the butterflies in your yard instead of them feeding and flying away to find a host plant elsewhere.

**Ornamental and garden plants with flowers especially attractive to butterflies include:** Butterfly bush, orange milkweed, pentas, zinnia, lantana, plumbago, shrimp plant and many of the asters. *A more thorough list of Florida butterflies and their food and nectar plants can be found in IFAS Special Series Fact Sheet SS-WIS-22, Butterfly Gardening In Florida at the Monroe County Extension Service-Murray Nelson Government Center MM102 bayside.*

Julie's presentation was excellent, very informative, and everyone enjoyed the slideshow. Hopefully, she has stirred your interest and we can look forward to a few more Butterfly Home Gardens to share on future "Members and Friends Garden Walks". Thank you Julie.

Julie shared a few handouts with us and if anyone wants additional information, please refer to the above fact sheet and location. Linda Gonsalves has a copy of "Key Largo Native Plant & Butterfly Chart" along with Julie's outline of "Butterfly Gardening in the Upper Keys". If

interested in starting your own Butterfly Garden and want a copy of these charts, please see Linda. She will be happy to email you a copy.

Marilyn thanked our guest and proceeded to call the General Membership Meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Today's guests are **Craig Workman and Judith Chesher. Welcome to our clubhouse and meeting.** Judith Chesher signed up as a new member today and Tricia Grimes signed up last month. We want to welcome you both into our club and the experience of gardening in the Upper Keys.

**Beverage, Desserts, & Table Centerpieces:** Today's refreshments and table plants were provided by the club and Julie Schneeberger respectively. Julie & Linda decorated the tables with Julie's flowering red and yellow Kalanchoe plants. The green and yellow tablecloths really enhanced the beauty of the plants. Thank you for those volunteers who joined in to help clean up after the meeting.

As some of you know, Julie Schneeberger tendered her resignation from The Board of Directors at the end of this year's term. A big THANK YOU to Julie for all of the service she has provided to the club! We also are happy to know that Julie will continue to be actively involved in the club.

**Treasurer's Report:** Edna Waldorf, Treasurer, filed her report for audit.

**Donations:**

The Board has approved the following donations to be made again this year.

Take Stock in Children	\$500.00
<i>(matched by State &amp; by Rotary totaling \$1500)</i>	
Camp Wekiva Youth Camp	\$500.00
Habitat for Humanity of the Keys	\$150.00

Donations for the Food Bank can be placed in the basket near the exit door for your convenience. A member will deliver them to Burton Memorial's Food Bank.

Don't forget your labels for educations. They can be placed in the basket at the sign-in table.

**Tree Donation:** Marilyn Rogers received a small Red Berry Stopper tree during the Earth Day giveaway at Pennekamp. This tree will be a donation from the club to a community peace park.

**Second Annual Members & Friends Garden Walk:**

Our thanks to Martha Meroni, Jean & Forrest Simmons, and Mari-Etta & Ed Stoner for providing us with a variety of gardens to tour and enjoy. It was a beautiful day to be outside

and a real treat to observe your gardening ideas and nature at its finest.

We had a great turnout and an enjoyable social time together at Mari-Etta's & Ed's house for lunch, cold drinks and desserts.

OUR HATS OFF to the volunteer pastry chefs who provided the delicious goodies and to the hosts and hostesses who invited us into their gardens.

**Minutes:** The March 19<sup>th</sup> minutes have been approved & posted on the bulletin board for your reading pleasure and on our website for your review.

### **District XII Spring Meeting – Friday, May 17, 2013:**

This year's event will be hosted by the South Miami Garden Club. The cost is \$35 per person, including tax and tip. The guest speaker is Martin Feather, Curator, "Wings of the Tropics" Butterfly Exhibit Fairchild Tropic Botanic Garden.

If you haven't been to a District Meeting you are missing a good time to socialize with our sister club members and to learn more about the bigger circle we belong to.

*Join us:* May 17<sup>th</sup> and get your reservation and choice of meal into Edna Waldorf by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Carpool: South Miami Garden Club  
2484 South Bayshore Drive  
Coconut Grove, FL 33133  
Phone: (305) 858-1733*

*Menu:* House Salad, choice of Chicken Picatta or Salmon Macadamia, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Brandy Ice for dessert with coffee or tea.

Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. with a reception and registration (coffee & assorted pastries)  
Meeting Call to Order at 10 a.m.

*Raffle Item:* Each club is asked to donate ONE filled basket with a plant or other items to be used for the raffle instead of individual items.

### **2014 Program Ideas & Your Active Role:**

The Board Directors were asked to facilitate discussion at their table to gain member's input on their suggestions for program ideas and their active role. Lots of great ideas emerged for speakers, workshops, and field trips were gathered. Paula Mitchell, Program Director collected each sheet from all participating tables and will collate the list of ideas and prepare 2014's calendar. One great idea regarding recruiting volunteers where needed was for each Director to take turns at each meeting to address their particular need and define what that need/position entails. Rotation of the Directors would be handled as to the urgency of the position needed.

### **Visioning Group:**

**Note to all members:** If you are interested in planning and helping create a master plan for a working vision for the grounds of our club, we can use your insight. Contact Terry Estep or Marilyn Rogers to participate. Come to our first meeting at the clubhouse on Thursday, April 25th at NOON.

### **Annual Meeting:**

Our last meeting of the season is on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at NOON. It is our "Farewell Potluck Luncheon". Everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish to share. Edna Waldorf will be in charge of table decorations. The Board will help with set up and refreshments.

Following lunch, Edna Waldorf, Mary Lee Mobley, and Pat Cullin will entertain us with "A Lively History of our Club". They will be presenting little known historical facts about our garden club e.g. the origin and the time capsule buried on our property. ***Wear your favorite bonnets and gloves for the occasion as our sisters wore to meetings before us. If you don't have them, come with your sun hats and gardening gloves.*** In this way, our male friends can join in and won't feel left out. **COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**

**Bird Basket:** The bird basket was passed for donation to benefit the Wild Bird Center & \$36.00 was collected. The Treasurer will send a check on behalf of the club's donation to the Wild Bird Center.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Plant Clinic:** Wed., April 17<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – Noon at the Murray Nelson Gov. Ctr.  
First & third Wednesday of each month

**POPS in the PARK:** Sat., April 27<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. – Outdoor Young Musicians' Concert –  
Free Admission - Bring a blanket or lawn chair  
Murray E. Nelson Gov. & Cultural Ctr Park MM 102 Bayside

**FIELD TRIP:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 – RF Orchids—meet at 10:30 a.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Monday, May 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** Tues., May 21, 2013 at NOON – Potluck Farewell  
**DON'T FORGET YOUR HATS & GLOVES**

There being no additional old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gonsalves  
Secretary

**BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, May 13, 2013 – 1-3 PM**  
**GCUK – Francis Tracy Garden Club**

**Agenda**

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call** – Quorum Present? – Y/ N – Linda G.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** (April – Board & General) – approved via email & posted
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Edna W.
  - a. Conversation w/new budget allocation – into program areas
- V. **Chairperson's Report, Updates & Old Business**
  - a. **ANNUAL REPORT DRAFT**
    - i. Please let Marilyn know additions/changes to your area  
by Saturday May 18
  - b. **TDC**
  - c. **Property Visioning Recommendation**
  - d. **Elections: Nominations Chair --** \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. **VP**
    - ii. **Hospitality** – Evelyn McGlone
    - iii. **Historian** – Marilyn still needs to follow up w/Pat Cullin.
  - e. **Convalescent Home** Container Garden Project – *"For want of dirt"....Gary Pensell* – (Julie) -- **PENDING -- NEXT FALL**
  - f. **Property Visioning Group --**
  - g. Any other old business
- VI. **Committee Reports**

- a. Publicity – Lonell**
  - i. Website & technology
- b. Membership – Kathy**
  - i. Dues reconciliation & reporting
- c. Program/Speaker – Paula**
  - i. Summary of table discussions @April meeting
  - ii. Video camera
- d. Garden Walk – Jerri & Donna**
- e. Property/House – Terry**
  - i. AC unit needs replacing; Flag; Name Board; Microphone, Store room light
  - ii. 'Grounds Visioning Group' – specific items (Patio, Sprinkler System,
- f. District & FFGC – October 21, 2013 - Marilyn**
- g. Other new business**
- h. Last minute items to be added to the General Mtg?**
- i. Next: Board meeting -- Monday September 16, 2013 1:00 pm**
  - General Tues Sept 17**
  - Proposed Schedule for Fall:**
    - Board – Oct 14; General – Oct 15**
    - Board – Nov 18; General -- Nov 19**
    - Board – Dec 16; General Dec 17**

***A SAFE & HAPPY SUMMER RECESS TO ALL!***