

# President's Message 2022 -2023

I'm looking forward to my second year as your President and am thankful for the support of our Members and for being part of a successful, productive garden club. Our goals are on target and we have a busy, interesting year ahead. Programs have been planned, our flower show is in its developmental stage, and we have the rewarding work from last year to inspire us.

In the coming season, the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and Circle Presidents have planned to inspire you to attend meetings, volunteer, attend or share field trips and workshops, and enjoy time with your gardening friends. It's amazing to see how each Circle has different events, fundraisers and community services which we can all view on Facebook. As President, I see our club in a new light, and am proud to see the devotion and hard work of The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc. members.

This year The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc. has committed to five scholarships, community gardening, mentoring new members and increasing awareness of our waterways and environment. We are committed to conservation and natural beauty using best management practices such as reducing fertilizer runoff and planting native to enhance wildlife habitats.

With our "plant native" theme, landscaping with native plants supports our local ecosystem and prevents the spread of invasive and non-native species. I have listed some recommended native plants on page 17 (of our yearbook) just in case you need a little inspiration.

My goals are to continue gardening with the Eagle Scout to maintain plants at the Martin County Arts Council, to continue with the Street Tree Planning Committee to make Stuart beautiful and less stressful as we drive through, to continue working to add another Blue Star Marker to our community, and to complete my duties in The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc. with gratitude.

Keep sharing garden photos, events and related items of interest to our Facebook page. Remember to also apply for FFGC Awards listed on their website: [www.FFGC.org](http://www.FFGC.org), to continue our progress. I treasure my time as your President and feel privileged to serve you once again this year. Please don't hesitate to call me with your concerns or suggestions that you may have to improve our club.

Respectfully,

*Karen Bonney, President*