

President's Report

October 5, 2026

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a healthy and restful summer. I know many of you travelled throughout the summer and I hope it was everything you expected to be. As for me, I was able to spend a few days in Asheville, NC. The foliage was beautiful, the people were lovely, and the air was COOL.

Our last general meeting was the Annual Spring Luncheon on April 13 at Sandhill Cove. Many thanks go to Charlene Cook and her crew for planning the lovely event. The food was delicious, the raffles and decorations were top- notch, and the company was the best. After awards were presented, Linda Sarubi gave an educational program on "Teaching Children to Love Nature".

The day after the luncheon, your president was able to attend the FFGC Annual Convention in Kissimmee. FL. The four-day event was well attended and offered several interesting programs. It was a delight to meet so many people with like interests. It made me feel a part of a network of people who share the same love of gardening as the GCS.

Next came the District X Spring Meeting which several of our members attended. District Director Mary Ann Cody shared valuable information on the activities within the district. It was fun catching up with old acquaintances and making new friends.

Garden Club business continued thru the summer. In June Linda Sarubi led us in a celebration of National Garden Week and several members attended a town council meeting in which the mayor presented us with a Proclamation , Karen Bonney agreed to take on the job of Chairman for the upcoming Flower Show in March, and Susan Licari and Kim Wildenberg organized the Clean-up of two separate beaches in September. They will give their own reports on these events. And last, but certainly not least, Susan Licari published our new yearbook for 2026-2027. Many of you have received the books already but the rest will be given out

at the meeting. It is also on the website for you to read and/or printout. I know you will all agree that it is a fabulous and beautiful book, and I can't imagine how many hours of work went into it. Be sure to share your appreciation to Susan. I am in awe of her skills and thankful that she shares them with us.

Now we are starting another busy year. If you look at the back of your yearbook you will see a list and dates of events coming up . More information is inside the booklet. Two things I want to call your attention to are first, the District X Fall Board Meeting to be held in Wellington October 22. I have sent a copy of the application form to all members. I encourage you to attend this meeting. It is a very special way to get to know your District Director, Mary Ann Cody, and members of other clubs. It would be so nice to have a couple tables representing the Garden Club of Stuart. It is an easy drive if everyone carpools. I guarantee you will enjoy it. The other event is not in the book. We are again participating in the Garden Expo sponsored by the Jensen Beach Garden Club, on February 27. We made over \$600 last year, which went towards purchasing the awards we gave out. I am sure we can double that amount this year. More information is in the newsletter.

I am looking forward to another productive year with all the wonderful people in this club. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns you may have. I am proud to be your president.

Respectfully submitted. Mary Neal