

GCS Executive Board Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2024

President's Report

On Saturday, February 24th from 9 am to 3pm several club members staffed our booth at the Garden Expo in Indian Riverside Park. The dual purpose was to promote both the Secret Garden Tour and the club itself. We sold at least twice as many tour tickets as was done two years ago at this event, and close to 300 garden tour promotional flyers were handed out as well as many dozens of copies of the *Florida Gardener* magazine.

We recently received a somewhat surprising New Membership application. A local resident filled out the application form and sent a check intended to pay for at least two year's membership as a birthday gift for her friend. I reached out to the recipient of the gift who, as it turns out, is quite interested in gardening. Unfortunately, she works full time Mondays through Thursdays and cannot attend our monthly meetings. After some discussion, we agreed I should return the check, and I have done so.

We have only 18 days left until our garden tour takes place and key aspects of the preparations are coming together, and a core group of our members continues to meet each Tuesday to discuss pending matters.