

The **FFGC District X Fall Board Meeting**, "Barefoot in Paradise" was held Thursday, October 16, 2025, at the Vero Beach Country Club, the Hostess Club being the Garden Club of Indian River County. Seven members of the GCS attended the meeting. District Director, Mary Jane Cody, welcomed everyone with information regarding awards and encouraged us to keep in touch with news from both the District and FFGC, through their websites. Her message was that we should all apply for the many awards and grants offered by FFGC. A copy of Mary Ann's complete presentation has been forwarded to Louise Andrews, Awards Chair, as well as Circle Presidents and Cathy Gerzina, Chair of members at Large.

The District Director invited the presidents of each club to share something their club was doing currently. (I of course shared our approaching Garden Tour) and for that we were rewarded \$50. She also gave out certificates to the clubs that participated in the Coastal Cleanup. Our club received three certificates (Stuart Garden Club, Tabebuia Circle, and Satin Leaf Circle) as well as \$25. There were two educational presentations, one on native plants and the other on preserving our lagoons. The next District X Spring Meeting, "Wonders of Water" will be April 23, 2026 and hosted by the Boca Raton Garden Club.

The **Veterans' Day Parade** will be held Tuesday November 11 in downtown Stuart. So far we have about 20 members who will walk or ride in the parade. We will hopefully have more walkers as it is a good way to honor our Veterans and present ourselves to the public. Participants are asked to wear their pink Garden Club shirt, or any pink shirt. In addition, to decorate themselves with red, white and blue flowers or ribbons.... on a hat, in a basket, in a bouquet, or any other creative way. There will also be at least two cars decorated in a patriotic way. We will be distributing small flags, wildflower seeds with poppies mixed in, and information on the Garden Club of Stuart. Specific directions for the parade are being sent to all members via email.

On November 8, the Stuart Garden Club will participate in a "**Sip & Shop**" with two other clubs, the Garden Club of Fort Pierce and Rio Lindo Garden Club of Port St. Lucie. The event is limited to 60 people and includes lunch at Renato's, hors d'oeuvres and wine at Blossoms, and a fashion show with two of our members, Jo Gressette and Rosita Aristoffs, being models.

