

Good Morning Ladies

It doesn't seem possible that we are so close to the end of the Garden Club season. There are still many things on the table to be done before the end though.

I have appointed 5 people to work on the **2026-2027 Civic Budget**. Li Roberts will be the chairman with a committee consisting of Maria Smundin, Susan Slater, Pat Dermody, and Helen Goller. Thank you, ladies, for accepting this position. Li is planning a meeting in April and will inform you of the date and time.

I know that many of you are working on **awards** to recognize those who have gone above and beyond in their responsibilities. A cutoff date had been given for March 13, but we must change that date. It is now March 4th. There is much to be done to get the awards ready in time for our annual luncheon. Many of these awards will be presented at the luncheon. Please let Louise Andrews know what awards you are applying for, and which will be given out, and where... at your circle meeting or at the annual luncheon. It is important that a list of awards be given to Louise so we have a record in our files. Judith Just, our corresponding secretary, is in charge of maintaining this list. There is a committee appointed to review your applications to make sure all criteria are met. Louise will explain the procedure for submission.

The **Jensen Beach Expo**, which we have been preparing for these last several months, is Saturday, March 7, at Memorial Park. This is before our general meeting so much planning must be done before then. A specific list of things to be done is forthcoming. You will be asked for your participation for this project. There will also be a meeting (a time and place to be announced) for those who want to help with the planning and execution of this event. This is a great venue to show off our club, attract new members, sell tickets for the Secret Garden Tour, and raise money.

The **Secret Garden Tour** is coming up fast. Encourage your family and friends to buy tickets. They will not be disappointed. Bonnie Stoepleman and her crew have not left any stone unturned in making this an exciting and educational event..

Charlene Cook has tickets for the Annual Luncheon which will be held at Sandhill Cove. You can buy your tickets now.

Copies of Li Roberts' report have been sent to everyone. Please take the time to reread what she wrote, There is much valuable information in it, other than the financial report,

And finally, I want to congratulate Susan Licari on the success of the New Members' Tea and thank everyone who helped make this a lovely day. It was a treat to meet and greet all our new members and give them a chance to know us better.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Neal