

# GCS President's Report

## November 13, 2023 General meeting

First, and with regard to last month's program, I truly regret that the speaker's presentation style and/or suggestions were not well received by some members. Hopefully you will find today's, and future programs, to be much more enjoyable.

Now I would like to thank Li Roberts and her committee for their work in planning and producing a very successful District X Fall Meeting. Thanks as well to the members who attended. We welcomed the FFGC officers to a private dinner the night before the District X meeting.

Highlights from the FFGC Officers' presentation at the meeting included:

- The Florida Gardener magazine is now available only online and is easily found on the FFGC website;
- FFGC President Tina Tuttle, following the theme of "Celebrating 100 Years", encouraged clubs to focus on the tasks associated with the Nell Coe Award; and
- details about the 2024 Wekiva Youth Camp and the S.E.E.K student conference were provided.

For our last month's collection of 57 reusable bags donated to Camp Wekiva, District X Director Maria Wolfe presented the club with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Finally, I would like to thank those members who turned out on Saturday to represent the club in Stuart's Veterans Day parade with our club banner and a mini-float displaying the club's Blue Star Memorial By-Way marker.... U.S. Congressman Brian Mast and Florida State Senator Gayle Harrel stopped by for photo-ops with our marchers.

We also participated in the Veterans Day ceremony at Memorial Park where Kathie Smith presented the history of the NGC's Blue Star Memorial Program. Your President then dedicated our clubs' new Blue Star Memorial By-Way marker which replaces the weathered original marker currently in the park.

And here is a Certificate of Appreciation sent to us by the National Garden Clubs on the occasion of the dedication of the marker.

Check out the great photos of the event which Daina put on Facebook, and share with friends!