FFGC/UF
74TH SHORT COURSE

The Circle of Life: Mentoring

March 11 & 12, 2010
Pioneer Garden Club
4331 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, Florida

Mentor (n.): 1. the friend to whom Odysseus, when departing for Troy, gave the charge of his household. 2. a wise and trusted counselor.

Our Mentors

Nancy Guy McDonald lives in Mt. Dora, FL where she employs 14 people in her nursery, NGM Productions, growing interior foliage. She is a graduate of DuPage Horticulture, class of ’79. She has worked in the Florida horticulture industry for 23 years.

Mike Rinck owns AG3 Inc. in Eustis, FL which employs over 100 people and produces 8 million tissue culture plants each year. Mike graduated from DuPage Horticulture School in ’78 and has worked in FL horticulture for 30 years.

Sydney Park Brown is an Associate Professor at the GCREC-Plant City, UF/IFAS, Department of Environmental Horticulture. Program: Fabulous Foliage

Margaret Kirkpatrick is or has been a FFGC state and district director, has taught floral design statewide, and is very active with the Wekiva youth camp.

Appleton Museum of Art has two polished Italian travertine marble floors filled with beauty, a fine gift shop, and Brenda Lythe as head docent.

Kathleen Patterson is the Program Coordinator for Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, UF/IFAS, Marion County Extension. Program: FNGLA’s Florida Garden Select

Liz Felter is an Extension Agent III for UF/IFAS, Orange County Extension Service. Program: Using Indoor Plants to Green Your Home

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Wednesday, March 10
10:00-1:30  Special Enviro Program
5:00-6:00  Early Registration
6:30-9:00  Dinner
Keynote Speaker: Liz Felter – Using Indoor Plants to Green Your Home
Dinner by Chef Nine with focus on cooking locally available food. Reservations required.

Thursday, March 11
8:30-9:30  Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30-10:30  FNGLA’s Florida Garden Select
Kathleen Patterson
10:30-12:00  Tour Appleton Museum and Grounds
12:00-1:00  Lunch
1:00-2:30  Flower Arranging
Margaret Kirkpatrick
2:30-2:45  Break
2:45-3:45  Fabulous Foliage
Sydney Park Brown
3:45-5:00  Plant Sale, Raffle, and Evaluation of Day One

Friday, March 12
8:30-9:00  Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:20  Load bus and travel to Eustis
10:20  Pick-up at Winn Dixie parking lot at 19 and 44
10:30-11:45  Tour of AG 3 Inc., Eustis
12:15-2:30  Lunch and tour of UF/IFAS Mid-FL Research and Education Center, Apopka
3:00-4:30  Tour of NGM Productions nursery, Mt. Dora, Florida
4:30-5:30  Bus ride back to Ocala (Evaluations to be completed on bus)

Many Thanks To...
~ The Marion County Visitors and Convention Bureau
~ The Pioneer Garden Club and its members; President, Mary Woods
~ The excellent speakers and their organizations
~ Sydney Park Brown (UF/IFAS)
~ Chairman: Marge Hendon
~ Co-Chairman: Andrea Little

Special Enviro Program
On March 10, from 10:00 – 1:30, join the environmental study group fieldtrip. For the low price of $10, the program will include a walking tour to identify seven different ecosystems and lunch at the beautiful Shady Grove Preserve in West Marion County.

Accommodations
A block of rooms is reserved at the Holiday Inn Express of Silver Springs. The group rate is $104 plus tax per night for a single or double occupancy standard room. Rates include complimentary full breakfast. To assure this rate, register on or before February 22, 2010, using reservation code PGC. Call 352-304-6111.

Directions to Hotel
From I-75 southbound, take Exit 354 left. Straight 7 miles to merge with State Road 40, then east 1.5 miles to hotel. From I-75 northbound, take Exit 352 right (State Road 40), then east 9 miles.

Directions to Pioneer Garden Club
From hotel: West on SR-40 approximately 1 mile. PGC is across from Lowes. From I-75, exit 352 (SR-40), east about 8 miles to the PGC.