



**TRI-COUNCIL OF FLORIDA FEDERATION OF  
GARDEN CLUBS  
ENVIRONMENTAL, GARDENING &  
LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS'**



The theme for the Tri-Council of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 2019-2021 administration is "Harmony In Our Gardens". We hope that you become a member of Tri-Council (TC) and work with us to make it strong with a powerful, unified voice. Knowledge you have acquired as consultants empowers you to educate garden clubs, communities, and your local and state officials.

As stewards of the land, we share responsibility for providing programs based on proven practices and the scientific data that established experts and the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (UF/IFAS) offer. We can positively impact climate change and the world we live in by supporting Florida Friendly Landscaping® (FFL) principles which encompass beneficial environmental, gardening, and landscape practices and by opposing actions harmful to air, earth, water, natural resources, forests, and/or wildlife. Additionally the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Position Papers corroborate FFL concepts and are useful tools for you to utilize.

Individuals who complete all four courses in either Environmental, Gardening, or Landscape Design School **and** are certified as National Garden Club (NGC). Consultants are eligible and invited to join the TC of FFGC. Students who successfully complete two **or three** of the courses in an NGC Environmental, Gardening, or Landscape Design School are considered "Provisional Consultants" and invited to join that council.

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TC meets with consultant members of all three councils at FFGC Headquarters in Winter Park for Board Meetings in September and January plus at FFGC's Annual Spring Convention at varying locations in Florida. I strongly encourage you to attend consultant gatherings when possible as they offer informative and inspirational programs along with social functions that foster friendships and collaboration.

Newsletters are sent to members by email quarterly. A membership directory is published biannually that provides contact information for TC Officers, TC Members and State School Chairmen/Credentials, speakers, and resources. FFGC website event calendar informs you of upcoming meeting, events, schools and refreshers.

Exciting projects are in the planning process as ideas and interests are shared in the TC survey distributed to all consultants. Please check TC page of the FFGC website a <https://FFGC.org> and select MEMBERS often to stay informed and up-to-date or to locate the TC directory, forms, newsletters, survey, and FFGC Position Papers.

On behalf of the TC Board, I invite you to join your council/s by filling out the enclosed 2019-2021 Membership Form and submitting dues of only \$10 per council. This form can be used if you are eligible to be a member in one or more of the Environmental, Gardening, or Landscape Design Consultants' Councils.

I look forward to hearing from you and welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Together we can make a difference!

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