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HELP OUT BY “TALKING UP” THE GARDEN TOUR

By Janet Walker

The Private Gardens of Lake Eola Heights is still on schedule for Sunday, April 17 from noon until 5 p.m.

Although we have had freezing weather for two years in a row, we will demonstrate that our lovely gardens can overcome Mother Nature's adversity and adapt to whatever she has to offer. Of course, the focus of the Private Gardens of Historic Lake Eola Heights is our lovely selection of plantings, but many of our gardens are also intriguing due to their interesting landscape plans and surprising architectural elements. This year our guests will be able to see lovely garden walls and gates, gazebos, pools and fountains as well as colorful plantings.

In the past two years we have learned what plants can survive and which ones cannot. This further knowledge of our downtown microclimate will help us to make better plant selections for the future. This “learning curve” will be helpful to our neighborhood gardeners and our guest gardeners as well ... especially those guest gardeners who faithfully come to all of our tours and will see the changes.

Although the Garden Tour succumbed to freeze last year, we are not going to let a repeat stop our tradition! We will be showing off ten lovely gardens that may be a bit leaner than they were when the committee last visited them in the fall. However, these gardens are still lovely and filled with the creative ideas and adaptations that our guests come to see.

We are still planning on having the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra to play as ensembles in several of the gardens. The Plein Air painters are also joining us. We have contacted several interesting plant vendors to serve our guests. We are also looking forward to the antique cars. Of course, the star of the tour this year is the 100th Birthday Party at Diane and David Martens' 1911 home. Guests will, for the first time, be able to tour

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7 p.m. Thursday February 10
at Trinity Lutheran Church
123 East Livingston Street

Bring a Neighbor!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: TAKE A LOOK AT THE YEARS AHEAD

By David Martens

Susan Harris, Director of Neighborhood & Community Affairs and Cindy Light, our new community liaison, hosted LEHHNA's planning session at City Hall on January 9. We took a look at what we are doing well as a neighborhood, how we can improve that work and how can we move forward in the years ahead.

Below is the outline of that afternoon. Please take some time to review the work, add your suggestions or comments and then bring your ideas to our next meeting on Thursday as we forge the future of your neighborhood.

LEHHNA Planning Session 2011

1. LEHHNA Events

Garden Tour

Add more transportation

Creative pricing

House Tour

Alternative event to Garden Tour

Halloween Event

Decorating contest

Events for kids

Money-making event

Walking tour for families to different homes, backyards

Christmas Event

Party bus for judging

More winners to encourage participation

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