



GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL

PO Box 152022, Cape Coral, FL 33915

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Our meeting on February 13th at the Kiwanis Hall, 360 Santa Barbara Blvd., will feature **David and Geri Prall**, local collectors of many types of tropical plants, who will be talking to us about the *Planting and Care of Bromeliads*.



We will begin the evening with our customary social half hour at 6:30 pm., followed by President Sue bringing the meeting to order at 7 pm. As usual, our Chaplain, Cynthia Mahoney, will lead us in a thought for the day and the Pledge of Allegiance and then our speakers will be introduced to present the evening’s program.

Greeters will be Linda Bauschek and Connie Postl

Hostesses: Ann Block	Janetta Fox
Kathy Rabassi	Elsa Schutzman
Debbie Haggett	Fran McIntyre
Twila Thalberg	Susan Campbell
Nancy Kuyoth	

Beverages: Nora Hoover

Table centerpiece: Susan Kennedy

If you are unable to fulfil your hosting or greeting duty, please arrange to switch with

someone or, as a last resort, contact Debbie Cooper, Hospitality Chair at 239-541-3263.

Busy Bee Award

Don’t forget to nominate someone for our Busy Bee Award. This award recognizes a club member who is very active in the club, a real Busy Bee, who’s always willing to help and participates in whatever he/she can. You can nominate the same person more than once (i.e., at each meeting you could complete a nomination form for your nominee) and give it to Jean Shields, Chair of this Committee. Alternatively, just email Jean, (hijean1@comcast.net) with the name of your nominee and she will make sure it is included in the vote. Vote now – not many more opportunities to do so this season – the winner will be announced at our May meeting.



Fun with Flowers

There are **38** people registered for our Feb. 8 Valentine’s Day-themed *Fun with Flowers* workshop – our biggest yet! President Sue will need more volunteers than usual to help with this big group. If you can assist, please contact Sue. The event takes place at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Headquarters, Virginia Ave., Fort Myers. The workshop begins at 10 AM and is usually over

by around 11:30 AM. However, if you're helping rather than participating, please arrive at 9:30 AM to help set up.

Cups of Cheer

If you have coffee mugs or tea cups that you can spare, please bring them to the February meeting. Our monthly outreach visits to the Residents of Coral Trace to make small flower arrangements with them in coffee mugs and tea cups continues to be very popular with the residents and we are always in need of additional receptacles for the arrangements.

Special Events

Our bus trip to Vizcaya Museum and Garden in Miami on Feb. 16 is a go. The charge is \$53.00 and there are still some seats on the bus. Make checks payable to Garden Club of Cape Coral and get them to Donna Schneider asap. Details of departure and return timings will be given at the February meeting.

Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Flower Show

As one of the largest club members in the Garden Council, it would be wonderful if our Club were well represented entry-wise in the Council's upcoming Flower Show *It's All About Water* on March 1st and 2nd. The theme reflects the passionate interest in water purity and supply that outgoing FMLCGC President Bernadette Hamera has demonstrated over many years. Take a look at the schedule and think what you could do. Many of us should be able to enter the Horticulture section in some way or another – it only takes one cutting of a relevant plant from your garden.

New Members: if you would like to know more, talk to Kathy Woodlock, our resident Flower Show

Judge, who can explain every aspect of the flower show.

Rose Garden at the Cape Coral Historical Society

Many thanks to the two teams of Garden Club members who continue to maintain these beautiful gardens on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week. Although Hurricane Irma is long gone, her after-effects are still being felt, in that roses weakened by that storm eventually give up the ghost and die. Currently, we need to replace about a dozen roses at the garden. Opportunities are available to donate either in memory of a loved one or to honor a specific person or simply donate as an

individual. A single rose bush including delivery is \$40 – multiple orders reduce the cost so if several club members were



each to donate a bush, the cost to each member could be significantly reduced. A donation form will be available at the meeting on the table where sign-up sheets are displayed or contact me, Sylvia Swartz, 239-339-3778 or tamargal2@aol.com. For those of you unfamiliar with the garden, it's located at 544 Cultural Park Blvd. and is well worth a visit – our Garden Walk in April will begin at the Rose Garden.

Socializing

We don't get a lot of time at meetings to socialize and get to know our new members. The Board thought about this at the last meeting and concluded that it would be a good idea to have separate monthly social meetings in addition to the regular club meeting so that we can just get together with no business or program and really chat!. Now that the club is so big and we are getting so many new members, it's becoming more and more difficult to know everyone. So,

beginning Feb. 23rd, we are going to institute monthly social meetings. The first one will be on a Saturday, the 23rd Feb. as mentioned, at Jaycee Park at noon. We will designate a meeting place – probably one of the pavilions but will let you know about that. The March meeting will more likely be a weekday meeting and we plan to alternate Saturdays and weekdays to give everyone a chance to attend. Reach out to me (Sylvia Swartz, tamargal2@aol.com, 239-339-3778) and let me know if you think this is a good idea and let Debbie Cooper (Hostess Chair) know if you plan to attend (dbcoper10@embarqmail.com, 239-541-3263)

January Visit to Bailey's Homestead

Even though our January trip was on a Thursday, about 27 members made the trip to Bailey's Homestead and there were a lot of positive comments made, both on Bailey's and the lunch venue. Some pictures follow on the next page.



Members focus on information from Jenny Evans, the Bailey's instructor

FFGC TREE PLANTING RECORDING

Don't forget to let President Sue know if you planted any trees in the last year. FFGC is compiling a record of total tree numbers planted. Sue needs name and species and whether flowering or not.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 8 GCCC *Fun with Flowers*, FMLCGC HQ,

10 AM to Noon – see request above for more volunteers to assist President Sue with this event.

Feb. 14 - 1:00-4:30PM Judges Council Annual Flower Show at FMLCGC HQ Open to the Public

Feb. 16 Pine Island Garden Club Gala 9 AM to 2 PM – corner of Pine Island Road and Stringfellow Rd., Pine Island. Plant Vendors, Arts and Crafts,

Feb. 23 - Burrowing Owl Fest., Rotary Park, CC 10AM-4PM – contact Outreach Chair Ginny Huffer (huffmom5@aol.com) if you would like to volunteer at this event

March 1 and 2 – Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Biennial Flower Show – *It's all about Water* at FMLCG HQ

March 8th – Ford Myers-Lee County Garden Council General meeting. Program: "Joyful Ideas" presented by Debbie Slone, of Pottery Express and Bamboo Farm. Social Half hour 9 am followed by meeting and program 9:30 AM

MARCH 9 – MARCH IN THE PARK!

All hands on deck for our biggest event of the year – if you don't already have a job, contact Carolyn France (hang-it-up@sbc-global.org) or call 239-424-8064

Mar. 9 – 9AM to 1PM Alva Garden Club Strawberry Fest at the Alva Museum

Mar. 9 - 10 AM *Vines that Thrive* Edison Estates Monthly Gardening Talk \$10.00 Members, \$15 Non-Member

Upcoming Events – continued

Apr. 13 - 10:00 am, Roses in SWFL
Edison Estates Monthly Gardening Talk:
\$10.00 Members, \$15 Non-Members

May 7 – FFGC District IX Spring Meeting, Marco
Island – details in upcoming newsletters.

Reminders from Lakes Park

1st Saturday 8AM Bird Walks 12 months a year.
Meet at shelter A7

2nd Saturday Guided Garden Walks - Oct-April
9:00 AM– 1:00 PM
Meet at Community Garden Sign; end of parking
lot #3
Wednesdays Farmers Market - runs October
through April 9AM– 1PM

If you have items you would like included in the
March newsletter, please email details to Sylvia
Swartz, tamargal2@aol.com