



GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL

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NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2019

IT'S A NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2019! Our monthly meeting is this coming Wednesday, January 9 at the Kiwanis Hall, 360 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral. We begin 2019 with a program that will be of interest to us all – *Creating Curb Appeal*, presented by Vince Molnar, co-owner of Riverland Nursery, Fort Myers.

Start time is 6:30 pm as usual for our social half hour, followed by the program at 7 pm and then a short break and our business meeting.

Greeters will be Linda Powers and Melanie Jacob

Hostesses:	Donna Schneider	Martha Howard
	Andrea Garlanger	Sally Stevens
	Gail Miller	Ginny Huffer
	Sandy Gove	Judy Lindhorst
	Valorie Breen	Pam Dawson

Beverages: Barbara Philibert Becky Ruben

Table centerpiece: Kathy Woodlock

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.

Holiday Party Collection of Food for Cape Coral Caring Center

Thank you all so much for your generosity toward Cape Coral Caring Center and to Terry

and Tim Fisher for delivering our staggering total – 135 lb. of food! Well done!

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Annual Opportunity Drawing Tickets

We still have some Opportunity Drawing (raffle) tickets to sell. Tickets are priced at \$2 each and there are some fantastic prizes. Please see President Sue for the list of great prizes if you would like to participate.

Cups of Cheer January visit

As always, we need cups or mugs for our monthly visits to work with the enthusiastic residents of Coral Trace so please bring any you can spare to the meeting.

Our next visit is on Monday, Jan. 21 – if you would like to come along, please tell President Sue.

Aprons for sale on our new craft booth at March in the Park

As we told you previously, Club member Pam Dawson is making aprons out of old jeans – for sale at March in the Park – see picture below. She needs used jeans with usable pockets – men's and larger women's work best; Buckles – plastic parachute snap in buckles 2" or larger work best and Strapping - in good shape, found on bags and purses; 2" or wider works best but can use all.



Fun with Flowers:

Our Feb. 8 Valentine's Day-themed *Fun with Flowers* workshop, taking place at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Headquarters, is filling up rapidly so check with President Sue if you would like to attend or if you would like to help with the workshop.

Special Events:

Our meeting this week will be your last chance to sign up for our bus trip to Vizcaya Museum and Garden in Miami in February. The charge is \$53.00. We can only run the trip if enough people sign up to make it economically viable and the deposit to the bus company is non-refundable. The house is stunningly beautiful and contains many fabulous artifacts and paintings and the gardens are among the most elaborate in the US, reminiscent of gardens created in the 17th and 18th century in Italy and France.

Checks should be made payable to Garden Club of Cape Coral and be given to Donna Schneider at the meeting. We will also have payment by credit card available at the party.



Vizcaya

Attention all Designers and Horticulturists

The bi-annual Garden Council Flower Show *It's All About Water* will take place 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. A copy of the schedule will be on our notice board at the meeting and it would be great if our club, one of the largest in the Garden Council, were well represented both in Design and Horticulture. New Members: if you would like to get a fuller explanation of the horticulture and design classes, talk to Kathy Woodlock who is well versed in flower show knowledge.

Holiday Party Presentation of Awards

For those of you not present at our Holiday party, the winner of our competition for the cover photograph on our next Directory was Debbie Cooper – the judges loved her photo (below) of a Starfish Cactus (*Stapelia grandiflora*) and thought it would make a striking and unusual addition to the Directory Cover.



The winners, (joint winners this year), of our **Marty Ward Club Service Award**, were Carolyn France and Judy Peltier – congratulations to you both on this very well-deserved recognition of the sterling work you have done in organizing March in the Park for the last several years.

See pictures on the next page.



Jean Shields presenting the Club Service Award 2018 to Carolyn France and Judy Peltier, Joint Chairs of the Ways and Means Committee

Whilst on the topic of club service and *March in the Park* in particular, this year will be Judy and Carolyn's last year of chairing the Ways and Means Committee, which is the Club Committee that organizes *March in the Park*. For new members, a few words of explanation. *March in the Park* is how we obtain the funds to donate to the school horticulture projects we support (about six schools each year) and the Marty Ward Merit Scholarship awards, which we make annually, usually to three or four of our Cape Coral High School Students.

March in the Park takes place every March at Jaycee Park, off Del Prado Blvd. The club itself has a plant booth, selling plants grown by club members from cuttings of plants in their yards, so we know the plants grow in this area. This year we are adding a craft booth to the popular thrift booth that we have had for the last couple of years. The Ways and Means Committee recruits garden-themed vendors – usually more than 30, who pay for booth space and also donate 10 percent of their takings from their day's sales.

Every club member participates in some way – perhaps by helping with parking, or maybe at the opportunity drawing booth, or the membership booth, or the plant booth, craft booth, security, etc. We also have a child's activity booth including face painting; and various sponsors also pay for booth space to advertise their services. The whole day is marshalled by a DJ who provides music services and announces winners of the

hourly opportunity drawing prizes. There are jobs for everyone and sign up sheets will be available at the January and February meetings. If you have questions, talk to Carolyn or Judy.

Leading the Ways and Means Committee in the organization of *March in the Park* is probably the most valuable contribution one can make to the running of the club since it generates the bulk of the funds needed to run the club and our school and scholarship programs. Please consider stepping up to take over this responsibility. The job is well documented and the majority of members on the committee are seasoned Ways and Means committee members, well able to support new chair people. Each member of the Ways and Means Committee undertakes managing a particular aspect of MIP and it's the job of the Joint Chairs to coordinate those activities.

January Special Event

Please remember that our January visit to Bailey's Homestead Gardens on Sanibel is on **THURSDAY, of this week, Jan. 10** – the day following our meeting. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting. There will be a class on Native plants and the cost for that will be \$5 per person. Lunch will be at Traders Café on Sanibel.

Upcoming Events:

Edison Estates Monthly Gardening Talks:
10:00 am, \$10.00 Members, \$15 Non-Members:

Jan. 12 Easy to Grow Cut Flowers
Mar. 09 Vines that Thrive
Apr. 13 Roses in SWFL

Jan. 11 – Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council general meeting – 9 AM social half hour, 9:30 AM program and business meeting. The program is on specialty flower arrangements and will be presented by noted designer and judge, Kathleen Hawryluk.

Upcoming Events – continued

Following the meeting, the dedication of an NGC Blue Star Marker honoring all veterans will take place at the new Collaboratory facility in Fort Myers (the old Fort Myers train station) and all are invited to attend, whether you go to the Garden Council meeting or not. RSVP to Charlene Anderson, (beadie1@gmail.com) if you intend going. The event begins at noon at The Collaboratory, 2031 Jackson St., Fort Myers.

Jan 12, Saturday – SWFL Orchid Society, Tamiami Orchid Festival Bus Trip. \$25/members \$35/non-members

Jan. 15th – Gulf Coast Garden Club visit to Big Sugar – leaves Bonita Springs 7:30 am. Tickets \$15. Call 607-351-2005.

Jan. 26th – Cape Coral Historical Society presents its annual *Bluegrass Jamboree* on the grounds of the Historical Society, 544 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral. Noon to 5 pm. Gates open at 11 am. Advance ticket price for seating on the lawn is \$15 (\$20 on the day) (bring a chair). VIP ticket in advance \$40. (\$50 on the day. Includes food and beer and wine). Call (239) 772-7037 for tickets. No coolers or pets.

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

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

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 February newsletter, please email details to Sylvia Swartz, tamargal2@aol.com