



# GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL

PO Box 152022, Cape Coral, FL 33915

## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2019

**MARCH IN THE PARK IS NEARLY HERE! SEE YOU ON SATURDAY AT JAYCEE PARK – ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

### MARCH MEETING

Our meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Kiwanis Hall, 360 Santa Barbara Blvd., will feature Master Gardener, Babu Mathew, our Second VP and Membership Chair, who will give a PowerPoint presentation on *Herbs and Companion Planting*.

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. Our Chaplain, Cynthia Mahoney, will lead us in a thought for the day and the Pledge of Allegiance and then Babu will present the evening's program.

Greeter will be Ria Benton

Hostesses: Debra Jones	Martha Howard
Terry Fisher	Barbara Philibert
Pat Faucher	Susan Wilson
Sally Flash	Inga Reuter
Barbara Schindler	

Beverages: Mona Hawes	Becky Ruben
Table centerpiece:	Vicki Taylor

**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](mailto:hijean1@comcast.net)) with the name of your nominee and she will make sure it is included in the vote. Voting closes soon – only March and April left to vote. Winner announced at our May meeting.



### Mugs, Mugs, Mugs!

Each month when we return to Coral Trace to work with residents on our garden therapy program *Cups of Cheer*, the mugs from the previous month do not reappear! So, if you're cleaning out a cupboard or visiting a thrift

store, think about possibly spending a dollar or two to get a couple of mugs for the program and bring them along to the meeting. We will be so grateful. Every mug helps!

You may remember that Coral Trace asked us to renovate their existing garden and several of you volunteered to help. We are planning to do the clean-up and prep of the beds on Thursday, March 28, beginning at 8:00 am. If any club member has one of those hand rototillers that we could borrow it would be helpful. Otherwise we'll just be using hard rakes to loosen the existing soil. Please contact President Sue if you have one, or if you would like to come out and help. ([slawson921@gmail.com](mailto:slawson921@gmail.com) or call 239-282-2328.

## Fort Myers-Lee County Flower Show Results – *It's All about Water*

Several of our members supported the Flower Show and outgoing Garden Council President, Bernadette Hamera, in whose honor the show was staged, by entering both Design and Horticulture classes. Here are some of the entries by members of our Garden Club:



*Sue Lawson's Blue Ribbon Exhibition Table*



*Fran McIntyre - Table setting for a Sea Captain's Elegant Dinner on board*



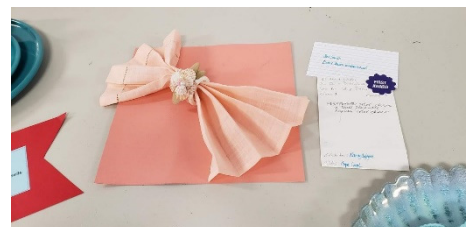
*Sandy Gove - Table setting for a Sea Captain's Elegant Dinner on board*



*Sylvia Swartz - Table setting for a Sea Captain's Elegant Dinner on board*



*Nancy Colgan's Blue Ribbon entry for a Cozy supper on Board*



*Nancy Colgan*

Here are some of our members' Horticulture Entries:



*Kathy Woodlock*



*Ginny Huffer*



*Sandy Gove*



*Schefflera Arboricola\_Charlene Anderson*

Congratulations too to Amanda Veilleux for her winning entries in the Photography section – unfortunately we didn't get to her entries in time to take photos of the photos!

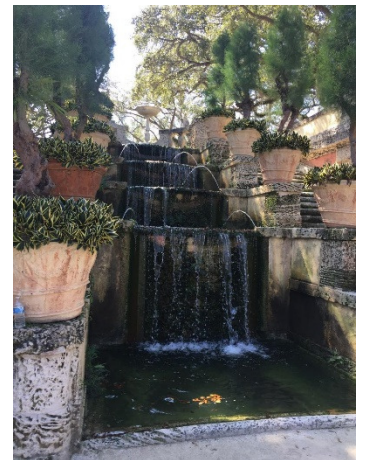
## Update your Directory:

Please update your copy of our 2018-2019 Directory to reflect Sue Dues' new address: 2645 Vareo Ct., Cape Coral, FL 33991. Phone

# remains the same. Also, please correct Judy Peltier's telephone number to 239-558-5804.

## Special Events

Our bus trip to Vizcaya Museum and Garden in Miami on Feb. 16 was a great success. The tedium of the bus trip and the long wait on the outward journey because of a road accident was enlivened by the activities prepared by our Special Events Team, Donna Schneider, Lois Lubber and Christine Prestella. Many thanks to them for all their hard work in organizing this lovely visit. Pictures below.



## Socializing

We had the first of our now monthly social meetings on Saturday, Feb. 23 at Jaycee Park. The next one will be on a weekday in March.

It's a great way to get to know existing and new members without the pressure of time for a business meeting/speaker etc. Do come along and make friends! More information at the meeting and tell Debbie Cooper if you feel strongly about having the meeting on a weekday as opposed to the weekend.

## Garden Angels

Just a reminder about our Garden Angels Committee. If you are temporarily incapacitated and cannot work in your yard, please feel free to contact Max and Midge Breckinridge, Chairs of our Garden Angels Committee who will be happy to arrange a working party to do some maintenance work in your garden (pruning, weeding, tidying up etc. – no mowing). Call 404-731-4732 or email [midgebreck@bellsouth.net](mailto:midgebreck@bellsouth.net).

## Upcoming Events

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Fort 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

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

Mar. 22 and 23 – Naples Garden Club Flower Show "Making Music" at the Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, FL 34112 9 AM to 5 PM, \$19.95 Adults, Children \$9.95

Apr. 7 to 9, FFGC Convention 2019, St. Augustine

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

April 24 – Berne Davis Service Award Luncheon, Fiddlesticks Country Club

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

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If you have items you would like included in the April newsletter, please email details to Sylvia Swartz, [tamargal2@aol.com](mailto:tamargal2@aol.com)