



# GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL

PO Box 152022, Cape Coral, FL 33915

## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2018



Our meeting this month, the last of the 2017-2018 season, is on May 9, at our usual start time of 6:30 pm, at the Kiwanis Hall on Santa Barbara, **AND** It's our birthday – so there will be cake – 21 years old and growing stronger every year!

Our program - a discussion and demonstration of creating natural baskets - will be presented by Sandy O'Grady, who has been making pine needle and other media baskets since 2013. Her work is featured and sold at Seagrape Gallery in Punta Gorda.

Greeters: Linda Powers

Hosts are: Susan Lawson	Gail Miller
Becky Ruben	Babu Mathew
Ria Benton	Donna Baliotis
Kathy Woodlock	Carolyn France
Sylvia Swartz	Paula Novander
Judy Peltier	

If you are unable to fulfil this commitment, **please arrange a substitute** or, failing that, contact Hosting Chair, Debbie Cooper at 239-541-3263.

### IMPORTANT – READ THIS AND ACT!

Dues for 2018 and 2019 are now payable. Membership chair Babu Mathew will be accepting payments at the May meeting so please come prepared to pay your dues and to sign up for hosting and greeting in 2018-2019. Sign-up sheets will be available, and we need to fill as many as possible of the hosting/greeting dates so that information can be included in the new Directory which will be published in September.

We are required to mail the dues payable to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (\$12 per registered member) by June so any members who have not renewed by then will **not be included** on the list sent to the Federation **neither will their information appear in the new Directory**. If you are not included on the list sent to the Federation, you will also **not receive** the *Florida Gardener* so don't miss out! If you wish, checks, made payable to Garden Club of Cape Coral, may be mailed to our PO Box 152022, Cape Coral, FL 33915 before the end of this month.

Rates remain unchanged: \$30 individual \$45 couples, \$40 Sustaining (all rates includes the \$12 for FFGC), (Members who were sustaining members in 2017-2018 should refer to the recent Bylaw change and, if necessary, obtain the relevant form from Membership Secretary, Babu Mathew.)

### Flower Show Report by Kathy Woodlock

HUGS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FLOWER SHOW

As one of the judges walked into the flower show area last Friday, her comment was: "Wow, what a show!" She then said: "You really have good designers in your club".

Thank you to everyone who put forth the effort to display their creative abilities and their garden expertise. Many of you outdid yourselves.

I especially want to thank all the people who helped with setting up the show room on Wednesday, the master gardeners who helped with entering horticulture all day on Thursday and Friday morning, the clerks, the hostesses, the luncheon servers and all those who helped with

cleanup. A special thank you to Sylvia Swartz for preparing a delicious lunch for the judges and presidents of our club and Potpourri Designers. And, last but not least, big hug for Paula Novander who wrote the schedule and was so much involved with overseeing all the little jobs that had to be done in order to have a successful show. The major design winner was Judy Gore of Potpourri, who won People's choice, President's award, Award of design excellence, and Designer's Choice Award.

Most of the horticulture exhibits were fantastic. The new division of Botanical Arts was a big hit. Carolyn France received Grower's Choice Award, the Award of Horticulture Excellence, and People's Choice Award for her fabulous orchid. The wreaths, collages, and invitations were viewed by so many of our visitors. Andrea Blinn was awarded the blue for her wreath design and Terry Fisher earned a blue for her collage. Our President, Sue Lawson earned both a blue ribbon for her design and the botanical arts award. A full list of winners will be on display at our May meeting.

Thank you to Dona Baliotis, Judy Peltier, and Ginny Huffer for doing the educational exhibition exhibits. All those who clerked commented that they learned so much. One of the goals of the National Garden Club is to educate the public on horticulture, floral design, and botanical arts. In fact, one gentleman visitor expressed to Paula Plum that he thought attending the show was so worth his while.

**Habitat for Humanity – Women's Build**

Address: **1110 NE 13th Pl., very close to Del Prado and Pine Island Rd.**

If you have signed up to help with this project, we will work from Saturday, May 5th to



Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and dedication of the home will be on May 12th.



We will also water for several weeks until the owner signs papers and moves in. Contact Sherie Bleiler: 239-233-2438

or [sjbleilers@gmail.com](mailto:sjbleilers@gmail.com) for more information.

**Berne Davis Service Award Luncheon**

Congratulations to club member, Charlene Anderson, who received an *Ena McGrattan Award* for services to the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council. Charlene, formerly Recording Secretary of the Council, now serves as its Treasurer. Way to go, Charlene! Congratulations also to fellow club member, Ginny Huffer, who received a Rainbow award in recognition of all the hard work she has put in as Event Chair for the Garden Council – very well deserved.



Ginny Huffer after receiving her Rainbow Award



The Club was well represented at the luncheon which is a very enjoyable annual event. Please consider attending next year. It's fun

socializing with peers from many of the other garden clubs and plant societies in the area.

**2018 Marty Ward Merit Award Winners:**

At our April meeting, it was good to see how a large chunk of the cash that we work so hard to raise at *March in the Park* is used. Sally Stevens, Chair of the Marty Ward Merit Awards Committee, presented scholarship checks for \$1,000 to each of four recipients from local high schools:



**LYNZI BAXTER** (Bishop Verot Catholic High School) mastering multiple honors classes while playing varsity and club volleyball. Her career plan is to attend Eckerd College or

University of Tampa and major in marine biology with the final goal of being a marine veterinarian.

**VICTORIA ERRETT** (Mariner High School Veterinary Assisting Academy) is enrolled in Advanced Placement classes and works as an intern at Chiquita Animal



Hospital where she has also been offered a part-time job. Victoria plans to attend Florida Gulf Coast University for bio-chemistry and Auburn University to become a veterinary dermatologist.



**KYLE FLYNN** (Ida Baker High School) - his environmental expertise and leadership abilities have been developed through experiences in 4-H and Boy Scouts of America. Kyle is

accepted at Florida Southwestern State College to earn an Associate degree, and then continue to prepare for a profession that blends his career

interests of marine biology and entrepreneurship – a fish farming business.

**JORDAN KOBIE** (dual enrollment student of Florida South Western Collegiate High School and Florida South Western College) Written recommendations describe



Jordan as an academic standout who is ambitious, dedicated and sensitive to all living things. She will enter the Environmental Studies program at Florida Southern College and desires a career working directly with wildlife through population conservation.

Congratulations to all four very deserving winners. We should be proud of ourselves also for continuing to encourage the youth of this city through this annual scholarship program and through the donations we make to local school horticultural projects from the monies we generate at *March in the Park*. This month, we donated \$400 each to the following six schools to support and encourage their various horticulture projects: Cape Coral High School, Trafalgar Middle School, Island Coast High School, Diplomat Middle School, Mariner High School, and Mariner Middle School.

**Garden Walk:**

Heartfelt thanks to **Judy and Tom Peltier** for



graciously hosting the Tea, and to **Sherie Bleiler** and **Cheryl Byrd** for showcasing

their beautiful gardens.



If you are interested in having your garden included on next year's Walk, please contact any member of the Special Events Committee (Lois Lubber, Christine Prestella and Donna Schneider).



### UpComing Events:

**May 4 to May 24** – Cape Coral Arts League (533 Coronado Pkwy, Cape Coral: Art Show – *May's Bouquets*

**May 5** – Avon Park Correctional Facility Plant Sale, 9 am to 2 pm. Check with Susan for carpooling. Wonderful plants at amazing prices. Lunch \$5.

**May 11** – Fort Myers Lee County Garden Council General meeting where the program will be *Legacy Trees*. All are welcome – make new friends, meet other like-minded gardeners from various Lee County Garden Clubs and Plant

Societies and take the opportunity also to tour the beautiful Berne Davis Botanical Garden at the Council.

**May 11**-National Public Garden Day - Berne Davis gardens open 12 noon to 4 pm

**Edison Ford Monthly talks:** (\$10 Member, \$15 non-member):

**May 12** – Growing Orchids

**May 13** – Free admission to the Estates for Moms!

**June 9** – Plumerias

**June 3** - 67th Annual Hibiscus Show and Plant Sale, Araba Temple, 2010 Hanson St., Fort Myers, 1-4 pm

**July 27-29** – Caladium Festival, Lake Placid

**Oct 26-27** - Landscape Design Courses - FMLCGC Headquarters 9am-4:30pm – register soon (\$73), space is running out. See current edition of *The Courier* (recently sent to you by President Sue) for registration information.

**Lakes Park (runs through the summer):**

1st Sat. - Bird Walks 8am. Meet at shelter A7

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Our newsletter is not issued during the summer months but watch out for information from Debbie Cooper on our Summer get-togethers. The next newsletter will be available during the first week of September, in time for our September meeting on Sept. 12, which will be our annual potluck dinner welcome-back meeting to start the 2018-2019 season with a flourish!

Items for the newsletter should be sent to Sylvia Swartz, tamargal2@aol.com.