

GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL



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Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (District IX) and
Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council

November 2024 Edition



The November meeting will take place at the Epiphany Episcopal Church. We look forward to seeing you there on Tuesday, November 12th, starting at 5:45 p.m. (2507 Del Prado Boulevard S. – Cape Coral). There will be a PowerPoint presentation given by Sylvia Swartz, our Ways & Means Co-Chair – “This is your Garden Club.” The presentation will provide everything our members need to know about our club and how we fit in with the National Garden Clubs and our local frameworks. We will have a Q&A after the presentation. Cathy Dunn, a Master Gardener and our Horticulture Chair, will give a presentation on *Sansevieria* plants. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

*For one minute, walk outside,
stand there in silence, look up at the sky,
and contemplate how amazing life is.
- Author Anonymous*

November 2024

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ROTARY PARK TROPICAL PLANT SALE – OCTOBER 19

The Tropical Plant Sale at Rotary Park was a success even though many plants were lost to Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Thank you to all the members who volunteered for this event and to all the members who donated plants. The Thrift Booth about sold out of the donated items and the Arts & Crafts Committee also had a few sales. We would also like to thank Tim Fisher and Jennings Lyon for their help especially with setting up and taking down the tents and tables for this event.



Fun with Flowers

Fun with Flowers will take place on Friday, November 22nd at the Garden Council Headquarters building. If you would like to attend, you will need to register by Friday, November 15th. The cost is \$25. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Susan Lawson for additional information (Susan's contact information is in the Membership Directory). Forms will be available at the November monthly meeting. Please feel free to bring a friend!!



CUPS OF CHEER

The Garden Club's Cups of Cheer Christmas theme will take place on Thursday December 5, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Atrium at Liberty Park, 1321 NE 24th Avenue in Cape Coral. Preparation work will be the day before, Wednesday December 4, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Northwest Regional Library, 519 Chiquita Boulevard N. in Cape Coral.

The other dates for Cups of Cheer taking place at the Atrium at Liberty Park are:

- Valentine's Day theme: Thursday February 6, 2025, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Mother's Day theme: Thursday May 8, 2025, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Preparation work for Cups of Cheer will always be held the Wednesday before – February 5 for Valentine's Day and May 7 for Mother's Day. The group will always try to meet at the Northwest Library, but it is too early to book so far in advance to secure the February and May dates. Garden Club members wanting to participate in Cups of Cheer are encouraged to bring their own hand pruners and filler plants from their gardens to our prep gatherings on Wednesday. We will have enough cups, flowers and flower oasis for 10-12 residents, but Cheryl Cooper, the coordinator at the Atrium, anticipates only 8-10 residents will participate.

Thank you for helping us make this a successful program.

Co-Chairs,

Linda Spadaccini and Peggy Cruz



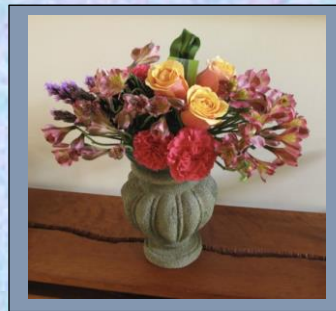
DESIGN CIRCLE – NOVEMBER 18th

The next Design Circle meeting will take place on Monday, November 18th at 1:00 p.m. at Sylvia Schwartz's home (refer to the Membership Directory for Sylvia's address). Kathy Woodlock will be out of town for this session. The design that the group will work on is a Mass Design which is going to be one of the classes in the upcoming council show. It is something you are familiar with since it is a typical FTD display. There are two types of Mass Designs: American Traditional Mass and Creative Mass Design. The difference is very slight as is visible in the sample pictures below. The traditional has a closed silhouette whereas the creative has more open spaces. The rhythm in both cases is within the design and the plant material is integrated and not grouped.

Please contact Kathy Woodlock if you would like to be informed of future meetings. Kathy's information is in the Membership Directory.



Traditional sample



Creative sample

SANDS PARK BUTTERFLY GARDEN PROJECT

The Sands Parks Butterfly Garden Team is making progress. However, Sherie Bleiler has a special request. She is looking for some dune sunflower cuttings or seedlings to plant at Sands Park. If you have any you can spare, please contact her (Sherie's information is in the directory). The Sands Park Butterfly Garden Team has been busy digging in the gardens every Thursday morning.



SAVE THE DATES

Below is a list of dates to add to your calendar for Garden Club events and meetings now through January 2025

- *Garden Council Meeting – Friday, November 8**
- *Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, November 12**
- *Trip to Christian’s Butterfly Farm Nursery & Garden Brunch at Blossom & Brie – Saturday, November 16**
- *Design Circle Meeting – Monday, November 18**
- *Fun with Flowers – Friday, November 22**
- *Ways & Means Committee Meeting – Monday, December 2**
- *Holiday Party – Tuesday, December 10**
- *Garden Council Meeting – Friday, January 10**
- *Cape Coral Art Festival – January 11 and 12**
- *Monthly Meeting – January 14**
- *Trip to Sarasota Cactus Garden – January 18**

HOLIDAY PARTY – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

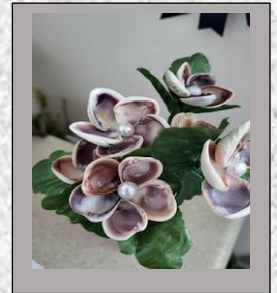
This year, the Holiday Party will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10 at the Epiphany Episcopal Church. The Holiday Party Committee has been busy finalizing the plans for this year’s event. Members will need to pay by the end of November to attend the party. The cost per ticket is \$15.00 which includes a variety of appetizers and desserts. Dessert and centerpiece competitions will be judged by popular vote. There will be other games and prizes as well. Sign-up sheets for the competitions for both desserts and table centerpieces will be at our November general meeting, as well as a sign-up sheet for the party. Many thanks to the committee members – Patty Lyon, Sylvia Swartz, Terry Fisher, Deb Leh, Debbie Cooper, Deb Long, Midge Breckenridge, Marti Howard, and Nancy Finnegan.



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ARTS & CRAFTS COMMITTEE

The arts and crafts that some of our members have been making will be sold at our monthly membership meetings ... a perfect way to purchase some unique gifts for the holidays. The proceeds from the sale of the artwork and crafts will go towards the scholarship awards. Here's a sample of what some of our members have been creating. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Donna Schmidt or Sharon Horton (their information is in the Membership Directory).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING IN NOVEMBER

Beverly Nugent – November 3
Janice Johnsen – November 8
Gina Hagan – November 9
Mirta Barnet – November 17

Barbara Illyes – November 19
Sally Stevens – November 23
Cynthia Wasilak – November 24
Patty Lyon – November 27

Butterfly Fun Facts

Butterflies bask in the sun to warm their bodies because they are cold blooded. They must raise their body temperature to 80 degrees to fly. On cold days, they may not fly at all.

You are welcome to visit the butterfly gardens tended by the Garden Club:

Cape Coral Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, behind the circulation desk.

Sands Park, 2718 SW 43rd Terrace. Volunteers are there Thursday mornings.

For more information, contact Sherie Bleiler (her information is in the Membership Directory).



White peacock butterfly

Monthly Special Events

- ❖ **November 16 – Christian’s Butterfly Farm Nursery & Garden – the group will leave the Coralwood Shopping Center at 8:30 a.m. Brunch to follow at Blossom & Brie.**
- ❖ **December – The Punta Gorda Holly Days tour has been canceled. An email will be sent out to our members if another event will be scheduled for December.**
- ❖ **January 18 – Sarasota Cactus Garden – the group will leave from the Publix located on Burnt Store Road at 8:00 a.m. Lunch to follow at the Der Dutchman restaurant.**

(Note: The Garden Club’s Special Events information is located on page 19 of the Membership Directory.)

Edison Ford Winter Estates – Autumn Garden Festival

Website: edisonfordwinterestates.org

Get ready for the largest garden event in the area, the Autumn Garden Festival on November 23-24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.! More than 100 garden vendors from around the state will have tropical and native plants and trees for sale, in addition to food trucks and live music.

Vendors will have many types of plants and trees, including air plants, bromeliads, butterfly plants, cacti, fruit trees, herbs, hibiscus, orchids, palms, succulents, and many hard-to-find species. The Garden Shoppe will be open and have unusual tropical and Florida native plants that thrive in Southwest Florida.

A limited number of carts will be available, so guests are encouraged to bring a cart or wagon for transporting plants. Parking and admission to the festival is free (tours of the homes, museum and lab are not included).



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ROTARY PARK EVENTS

Vermicomposting: Worm Farming
Friday, November 15, 2024 – 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Vermicomposting: Worm Farming

Learn how to use worms to produce valuable enrichments for your soil! Save money and divert food scraps & paper from the waste stream at the same time. Instructions are provided to set up and maintain your own worm bin.

For more information and to register, call 239-549-4606



Intro to Florida Friendly Landscaping
Saturday, November 16, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL) class to learn the nine principles that guide Florida-friendly landscaping in Lee County. Each principle is covered in class so you can apply what you learn to your own garden. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, and proper mulching will be discussed. Learn how reducing your use of fertilizers and insecticides will help minimize the amount of chemicals that reach and pollute our waters. In these unusual times, we can still get outside and garden, so join us to discover landscape management practices that will lead to a Florida-friendly yard while helping to protect our waters! For more information or to RSVP call Rotary Park at 239-549-4606.

CHORES AND PLANTING GUIDE – ZONE 10

- Create a display of fall colors with cool-season plants. Some examples include impatiens, strawflower, cape daisy, and pansy.
- Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and the many varieties of elephant's ear.
- Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs like cooler, dryer weather, including cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley, sage, and thyme.
- Lots of choices exist for November including beans, broccoli, kale, snow/English peas, and strawberries.
- Divide and replant overgrown perennials and bulbs now so that they establish before the coolest weather arrives.
- Turn off systems and water only if needed. Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather.
- Watch for hornworms on tomatoes and poinsettias planted in the landscape. This pest can quickly defoliate a plant. Handpick or treat only the infested area.

(Source: *Sow True Seed*)


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Fun with Flowers – October 18

The first session of this year season's Fun with Flowers took place on Friday, October 18 at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council building. This event has become extremely popular with our members and others in the community. The arrangements are so incredibly beautiful. As you can see from the pictures, each person added their own special touch to their creations.



Other Garden Club Events



Floral Design Course

FFGC Units 1-6

All Tuesdays: January 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18, 2025
9:30 am until 3:30 pm

Congregational United Church of Christ
1201 Aqwi Esta, Punta Gorda, FL

\$90 for all six classes includes instructor fees, materials, and handouts. Bring a bag lunch and beverage.

Register with the QR code
or online at pggc.writing.io
or send a check to PGGC, P.O. Box 511167,
Punta Gorda, FL 33951-1167.
Please include your email address.

Questions? Call 609-751-2374

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DIGGING IT: HORTICULTURE BASICS

First unit of the FFGC series,
taught by Tina Tuttle, FFGC President

JANUARY 22, 2025, 9:30 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM
BUTTERNUT COMMUNITY CENTER
701 AQUI ESTA DRIVE, PUNTA GORDA

\$25 includes instructor fees, materials, and handouts. Bring a bag lunch and beverage.

REGISTER ONLINE AT PGGC.WRITING.IO
OR USING THE QR CODE TO THE RIGHT
OR SEND A CHECK TO P.O. BOX 511167,
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33951-1167
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

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LAKE PLACID GARDEN CLUB
Presents the 14th Annual
Holiday Home & Garden Tour

Featuring 6 Beautifully Decorated Homes and Gardens
Saturday, December 7, 2024
Tour Hours: 11am - 3pm



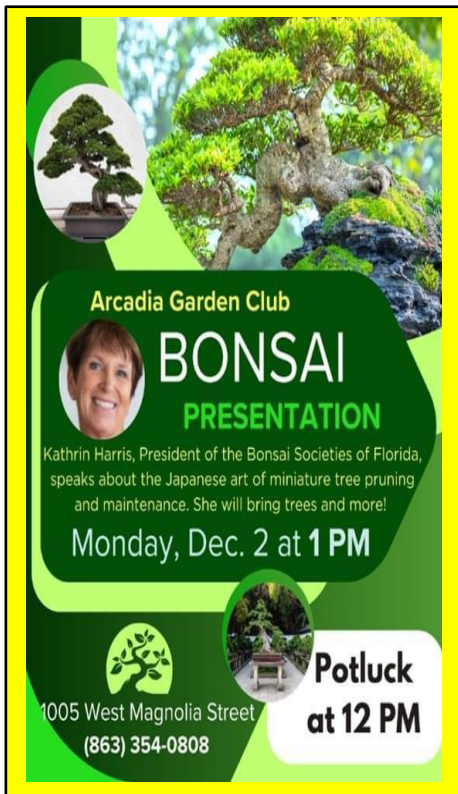
Tickets available from Garden Club Members - Donation: \$20.00
To reserve tickets call: Sally @ 863-243-3576
(Order early as tickets sell out)

Holiday Cafe opens at 10:30a
Located at Placid Lakes Community Center, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd., Lake Placid
Complimentary Refreshments & Christmas Boutique offering Handmade Items
Please Bring a Christmas Ornament to Decorate a Tree for a Needy Family

Proceeds Support our Scholarships, Camperships, & Local Charities

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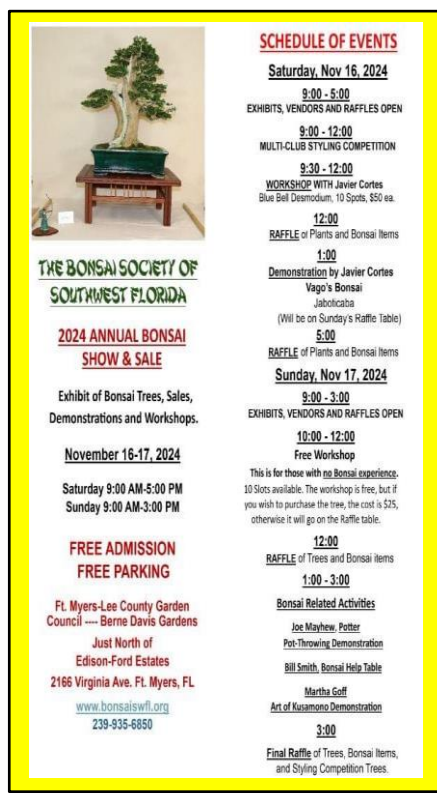
Arcadia Garden Club BONSAI PRESENTATION

Kathrin Harris, President of the Bonsai Societies of Florida,
speaks about the Japanese art of miniature tree pruning
and maintenance. She will bring trees and more!

Monday, Dec. 2 at 1 PM

**Potluck
at 12 PM**

1005 West Magnolia Street
(863) 354-0808



THE BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

**2024 ANNUAL BONSAI
SHOW & SALE**

Exhibit of Bonsai Trees, Sales,
Demonstrations and Workshops.

November 16-17, 2024
Saturday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING**

Ft. Myers-Lee County Garden
Council --- Berne Davis Gardens
Just North of
Edison-Ford Estates
2166 Virginia Ave. Ft. Myers, FL
www.bonsaiswfl.org
239-935-6850

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Nov 16, 2024
9:00 - 5:00
EXHIBITS, VENDORS AND RAFFLES OPEN
9:00 - 12:00
MULTI-CLUB STYLING COMPETITION
9:30 - 12:00
WORKSHOP WITH Javier Cortes
Blue Bell Desmodium, 10 Spots, \$50 ea.
12:00
RAFFLE of Plants and Bonsai Items
1:00
Demonstration by Javier Cortes
Vago's Bonsai
Jaboticaba
(Will be on Sunday's Raffle Table)
5:00
RAFFLE of Plants and Bonsai Items

Sunday, Nov 17, 2024
9:00 - 3:00
EXHIBITS, VENDORS AND RAFFLES OPEN
10:00 - 12:00
Free Workshop
This is for those with no Bonsai experience.
10 Slots available. The workshop is free, but if
you wish to purchase the tree, the cost is \$25,
otherwise it will go on the Raffle table.
12:00
RAFFLE of Trees and Bonsai Items
1:00 - 3:00
Bonsai Related Activities
Joe Mayhew, Potter
Pot-Throwing Demonstration
Bill Smith, Bonsai Help Table
Martha Goff
Art of Kizamono Demonstration
3:00
Final Raffle of Trees, Bonsai Items,
and Styling Competition Trees

THE Arcadia Garden Club PRESENTS:



THANKFUL Fests II

**PLANT SALE!!! NATIVE, RARE,
HOUSEPLANTS, SUCCULENTS &
VEGETABLE PLANTS!!!**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2024
9AM - 2PM

VENDORS | FOOD & REFRESHMENTS | FREE ENTRY

 **BOUNCY HOUSE BY SPLASH N BLAST!!!** 

PLANTS! BAKE SALE! CRAFTS! MORE PLANTS!

1005 W. MAGNOLIA STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266
CONTACT: MARIA PACE 863-354-0808
OR
EMAIL: ARCADIAGARDENCLUB2022@GMAIL.COM

Message from the President

Who would have thought that we would have had to deal with so many hurricanes this year. Thanks to Hurricane Milton, we were not able to meet in October. Luckily, our area was spared but many others were not so fortunate.

The Tropical Plant Sale at Rotary Park turned out to be a perfect weather day, except for some strong winds at time, and the Garden Club raised a little more than last year. We are now preparing for March in the Park!! I encourage all members to become involved with this fundraiser. We realize that not everyone can attend MIP, which is taking place on March 8, 2025, but there are so many things you can get involved with over the new few months. A huge thank you to all the members who are volunteering for MIP or many of our other events. We can't do this without you!!!

I encourage all of you to take pictures when you are working in one of our gardens, at a committee meeting, or on a special trip. Please send them to me for the newsletter along with a brief description.

It's hard to believe the holidays are just around the corner. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the November meeting and the Holiday Party. I will miss being with all of you!! I hope your holidays are filled with laughter, joy, and precious moments with friends and loved ones.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

HAVE A VERY HAPPY THANKGIVING!

Donna Schmidt

