

**CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2020**

1. Call to Order: President Sara Wolf called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was present: 3 officers plus 8 committee chairs. Attending were Sara Wolf, Susan LaGrotta, Susan Neustadt, Cristina Leske, Margie Bramel, Dale DeFeo, Marianne Foley, Connie Lowery, Sue Oldershaw, Linda Colombo, Kimberly Porter, Eva Kubinsky, Lindy Kowalczyk, and Maura Kelley by invitation as acting secretary.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 5 Board Meeting were corrected and were approved as corrected by consensus.
3. Officer Reports
 - 3.1. President – Sara Wolf asked for volunteers - 5 more – to take minutes for Board and Member meetings. Each volunteer would take minutes for one month – 2 meetings.
 - District IX of FFGC Meeting of October 24. Informative meeting; DALE DEFEO WAS ELECTED AS OUR NEXT DISTRICT DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE SPRING 2021. Speaker was Ralph Mitchell, UF/IFAS county extension agent, on “Common Sense Gardening: Myths and Realities.” Sara has a copy of his presentation if you would like to view the Powerpoint slides. Announcements: Deep South convention was cancelled; NGC convention was cancelled; FFGC Convention is at Dayton Beach Hilton April 10-14, 2021.
 - Tickets for 2021 Opportunity Drawing at 2021 FFGC Convention: 20 @ \$2 each. Contact sarawolf617@gmail.com or text or phone 513.706.8681. 10 more to sell.
 - FFGC New Travel and Tour Service: Organized travel tours featuring gardens and flower shows. Go to *FFGC.org*, under *Learn More*, then *Tours*. Contact travel agent Shelley Atkinson, satkinson@funseas.com; 850-386-7327, Festival of Flowers, March 26-28, 2021, Mobile, AL; Philadelphia Flower Show, June 2021, Philadelphia PA; Floriade Expo 2022, Mar 2022, Amsterdam, Netherlands; World Ass’n of Floral Artists (WAFA), summer 2023, Auckland, New Zealand.
 - Coastal Breeze Gardening Column: Maria Lamb writes this with input from Calusa Garden Club. November column is about “Thanksgiving and Christmas Cacti” – if you have one, let Maria know. Need topics for January, February and March.
 - Thank you to Maria for the October article on CGC members making succulent dish gardens and highlighting our Nov 24 Plant and Flower Arrangement Sale. Thank you, Linda Colombo, for hosting the workshop.
 - Upcoming Workshop @ Library, by Zoom: Dale DeFeo will present a demonstration on Wednesday, November 4 at the Library but presented on Zoom: Subject: decorating pumpkins with succulents. Participants must pre-register online or at the Library. We sent a list of materials needed so we hope participants will show their work as Dale demonstrates. Go to

collierlibrary.org/events , then go to November 4, then click on the event to register. We hope to see many CGC members register for this beautiful demonstration.

- Meals of Hope Packaging Event: November 21, 9:30 – 12:00 noon. **Save the Date**. The Annual Meals of Hope Packaging Event will be OUTDOORS at either Marco Y in the airnasium or at Mackle Park in its airnasium. Watch the newspaper or online bulletins for the location.
- Order of Member Meetings on Zoom: The November member meeting order of business will be floral design workshop (Lindy Kowalczyk) at 10:00 a.m. for about 30-40 minutes, short business meeting afterwards, and the speaker afterwards at 11:00 a.m. Susan LaGrotta reported that the speaker has cancelled. A board member suggested we have a Veterans' Day Program with photos of CGC members' family members who have served in the Armed Forces. The Board enthusiastically agreed. Sara will send out an Eblast asking members to send her their photos of veterans in their families.
- Festival of Trees: Marco Island Center for the Arts. CGC would pay for the tree, materials, decorate the tree and then sell it. Trees are limited to 3 feet tall. If we want to sell it, there is a 50/50 split with Marco Island Center for the Arts. Sara has the registration form. Due on November 23, 2020. Tree installation November 30. Festival December 1-3. Contact Dustin@marcoislandart.org. To be discussed during New Business.
- Congratulations to Sue Oldershaw and Donna Kay who completed an arduous course of study over 2 years, and who just this weekend passed the test to become certified Landscape Design Consultants under National Garden Clubs standards.

3.2. First VP – Programs: Susan LaGrotta: Speaker for November meeting Tonia Selmeski, City of Marco Island Environmental Planner, has cancelled. Instead, we will highlight Veterans Day. Send photos and stories of veterans in your life, or photos of the Veterans Blue Star Memorial Garden, to Sara Wolf as soon as possible.

3.3. Second VP – Membership: Susan Neustadt: 57 active members today and 10 associate members. We have two persons interested but we have not received their applications: Nancy Knight and Peggy Anuta. 29 members (active and associate) attended the October 12 meeting.

Motion: Linda Colombo moved and Margie Bramel seconded the motion to approve Juliette Flasche and Cristina Leske to change their membership classification to associate members and to waive the additional \$5 dues for associate members. Unanimously approved.

3.4. Treasurer – Annette Kuhn. Assistant Treasurer Margie Bramel. In absence of Treasurer Annette Kuhn, Sara Wolf reported that the Club's bank balance is approximately \$19,000.

3.5. Secretary –Vacant.

3.6. Corresponding Secretary – Cristina Leske. Lindy Kowalczyk requested that a card be sent to Linda Chute who is experiencing health problems.

4. Committee Reports:

- 4.1. Butterfly Garden – Susan LaGrotta asked for a correction to the club’s Programs and Events Schedule: the Butterfly Committee meets the last Saturday of the month, not the first Saturday.
- 4.2. Environment – Maria Lamb, Sue Oldershaw. (1) Maura Kelley noted that the Summer 2020 edition of Audubon magazine has an article, “Neighborhood Watch”, at pages 40-47 about the Burrowing Owls on Marco Island. (2) Members are reminded that if they have gopher tortoise burrows in their yards, or know of a gopher tortoise burrow location, please contact Audubon of Western Everglades, audubonwe@live.com. AWE and the City of Marco Island are doing a comprehensive gopher tortoise survey and appreciate your help in locating burrows.
- 4.3. Facebook – Susan LaGrotta. Susan is publicizing the November 24 Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale on Facebook. Please LIKE and SHARE on your own Facebook page when you see anything publicizing our November 24 sale.
- 4.4. Gardening Guide Marketing Committee – Linda Colombo. (1) We will sell GG at the November 24 Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale; (2) Deposit of \$200 for a booth at Naples Garden Club Flower Show in March 2021 still in place. We plan to participate if the Naples Garden Club Flower Show is held. (3) we sold 3 Gardening Guides in the past 6 months. Linda will bring 100 to sell at the Thanksgiving Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale.
- 4.5. Horticulture – Dale DeFeo. Dale will present information on the China Crown Orchid. It is an invasive, Level 3 plant that should be removed from your yard and destroyed.
- 4.6. Newsletter – Ami Ruiz: Due date for submissions to November newsletter is Monday, November 2.
- 4.7. Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale- Sara Wolf. Sara outlined the plans and reviewed the attachment to these minutes that includes instructions to members that we will send out with the November 9 Meeting Agenda. Sara thanked the hardworking committee, and asked whether anyone had access to one or more canopies or tents – roof only. Linda Colombo and Lindy Kowalczyk volunteered their canopies. Lindy Kowalczyk inquired about publicity for the event. Sara reported that she had sent announcements to *Coastal Breeze*, to the *Marco Eagle*, the *Eye on Marco* weekly E-newsletter, FFGC Calendar of events (online) and District IX Facebook page. Susan LaGrotta created a flyer that was sent by Eblast to all members, will be posted on our Facebook page, will be included in the November *Smoke Signals* newsletter, will be sent to the Chamber of Commerce for its Eblast, and was sent to CAMI for condo managers to share. Sara has scheduled a photo shoot for Friday, November 6 to simulate re-potting some plants so she can submit the photos and a story on the Plant and TG Arrangement Sale to both newspapers and to the *Naples Daily News* Gardening column.
- 4.8. Publicity/Archives-- Sara Wolf (Maria Lamb also writes for *Coastal Breeze News*).

- Sent announcements for the Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale to the calendar of events for both *Coastal Breeze News* and *Marco Eagle*. Sent calendar announcement to FFGC to place on FFGC.org website in “Events” section.
 - Maria Lamb’s November column for *Coastal Breeze News* will be on Thanksgiving/Christmas cacti. Her December column will be on poinsettias.
 - Maria wants your photos, your stories, your viewpoints about these plants.
 - Suggestions for more columns – January and forward?
- 4.9. Scholarships and Camperships – Marianne Foley. Marianne will contact local schools in January with regard to our \$2,000 college scholarships and will work with the CGC Publicity Chair to publicize the college scholarships. The two camperships previously awarded will roll over to 2021 if Camp Wekiva is held and our 2 past recipients want to attend.
- 4.10. Special Events – Kimberly Porter, Janice Engel.
- Holiday Party: Monday, December 7, 2020. Kim reported the event will be at Sarazen Park, South Beach for social distancing. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and last until 2:00 p.m. Club will provide box lunches from Big Al’s and bottled water. Janice Engel will take RSVPs and lunch choices. Janice will send out the menu of choices by Eblast. Members should bring lawn chairs. We will need to get members to carpool so that persons who are not Residents Beach or County Park members can carpool with persons who are members. Kim and Janice will work out the details. Members will be required to wear masks. The Board discussed whether to have a gift exchange as in past years and the consensus was not to include a gift exchange this year due to the additional social interaction it would entail in this time of the pandemic, but the Club will provide a gift (from the Shell Club gift sale) to each attendee. Members will be reminded that no glass containers are permitted at Sarazen Park. Members’ house guests are welcome to attend with a \$12 fee for lunch. We may bring copies of the Gardening Guide to show members, but no sales are allowed on the premises. Members may pre-purchase them or pay the Treasurer at a later date. We will have a photo booth to take member photos in front of the CGC banner.
- 4.11. Special Projects- Bonnie Colman. (Sara Wolf in Bonnie’s absence). On Wednesday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m., Dale DeFeo will present “Decorating a Pumpkin with Succulents” for the Library, to be broadcast on a Zoom meeting. Register for the event through the Library--- call the Library or visit collierlibrary.org., go to EVENTS and find November 4.
- 4.12. Website- Linda Colombo.
- See New Business below for domain name renewals.
 - We will put instructions in *Smoke Signals* so members will know how to register on the website. Only 40 are registered as of today. (We have 57 members and 10 associate members. Only 40/67 have registered on the website.) Linda will send out a list of member registrations so members can check whether they are previously registered and if not, then they can register.

4.13. Yearbook - Eva Kubinsky. Online Yearbook revision has been completed and placed on website. It is in a format that may be printed by members and by the Club in order to give a copy to our District President. Eva reminded the members to send her any changes or corrections so that she can keep the Yearbook up to date.

5. Old Business

5.1. Blue Zones Project is expanding its scope to Marco Island. It has approached CGC about becoming a Blue Zones organization and being Blue Zones certified. Sara Wolf discussed with the Board the requirements for the Club to become a certified or participating Blue Zones organization. She recommended that the Garden Club not become Blue Zones affiliated, in part because the Club's goals are not a 100% match with the Blue Zones Project's goals and in part because becoming certified would require 25 of our members to go online on the Blue Zones website and take a pledge that they support the Blue Zones goals.

Motion: Upon motion made by Sara Wolf, seconded by Linda Colombo, and adopted unanimously, Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island will not become Blue Zones certified at this time. This motion shall not prohibit the Club from becoming Blue Zones certified at any time in the future.

5.2. ByLaws Revision – not ready for presentation or voting.

6. New Business:

Website Domain Names Renewal: Linda Colombo: Our website domain names, *calusa.org* and *gardenclub.com* are up for renewal in January. If we file our renewal early, we can save 10%.

Motion: Upon motion made by Linda Colombo, seconded by Dale DeFeo, and unanimously adopted, the Club will renew the two website domain names *calusa.org* and *marcoislandgardenclub.com*, for at least five years, and at the discretion of the Website Committee Chair and President, for up to 10 years, based on better pricing incentives.

Festival of Trees: **Motion:** Upon motion made by Susan LaGrotta, seconded by Sue Oldershaw, Calusa Garden Club will allocate up to \$100 for the Festival of Trees, provided that any of our CGC members volunteer to participate in the fundraising event at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. The motion carried with 11 votes in favor and 2 opposed.

Waiver of Meeting Attendance Requirement. The Board discussed whether to waive our four-meeting requirement for remaining an active member in the 2020-2021 Club Year.

Motion: That the Board of Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island consider, in April of 2021, whether to waive the 2020-2021 meeting attendance requirements for active membership. The motion was tabled and scheduled for re-consideration until April of 2021.

7. Adjournment

Submitted by Maura Kelley, acting Secretary

Approved by Sara Wolf, President, November 20, 2020

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NOVEMBER 24 PLANT AND THANKSGIVING ARRANGEMENT SALE

Committee Contacts

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Monique Doyle, Logistics	mnq53@att.net; phone or text 703.378.9921
Linda Colombo, Succulent DG	lindadeec@comcast.net; home phone 239.642.6875
Marianne Foley, Thanksgiving Arr.	jjmfoley@aol.com; phone or text 508.479.7550

Date and Time Schedule at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Tuesday, November 24

- 7:30 a.m – set up.
- 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Members drive through to drop off your plants, arrangements and dish gardens. (Need volunteers to pick up plants or arrangements from members who can't drive that day.)
 - Drive into the church driveway from Elkcam Circle, across from the gas station.
 - Open your trunk/car doors and volunteers will take your donations from you.
 - To exit, drive straight ahead and exit to Bluebird Avenue.
- 9:00 – Sale opens to the Public.
- Salespeople and Cashier Shifts:
 - 9:00 – 11:00
 - 11:00 – 1:00
 - 1:00 – 3:00
- 3:00 – Cleanup – let's be out by 4:00!
- 3:00 – NEED volunteers to drive leftover arrangements to recipients selected by section chair Marianne Foley.

Members:

- **Wear your masks and practice social distancing during the sale.**
- **Prices set by section chairs for your donations are FINAL.** Thank you for donating. We cannot accommodate pricing requests by donors.
- **Confirm your Assignments and Shift:** Contact Monique Doyle.
- **Confirm your donations:**
 - Succulent Dish Gardens – Contact Linda Colombo.
 - Plants in Pots – Contact Sue Oldershaw.
 - Thanksgiving Arrangements – Contact Marianne Foley.
- **What to Wear**
 - **Wear your mask.**
 - **Wear your CGC nametags.**
 - Wear a shirt – any kind, or a dress - in a fall color. Orange, yellow, green, brown, beige, coral, peach.
 - Wear a hat – if you want to; it will be sunny! — that is decorated with a few artificial flowers in fall colors or fall leaves. We will furnish flower boutonnieres for workers.

When to Arrive

Arrive 15 minutes before your shift starts so you have time to park, walk to your assignment, and receive instructions.

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MINUTES OF MEMBER MEETING
November 9, 2020

9. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on the Zoom platform at 10:05 a.m. by President Sara Wolf. A quorum was present, with 33 members participating in the Zoom meeting.
10. Pledge of Allegiance. Sara Wolf led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
11. Approval of Minutes: October 12 Member Meeting (attached). The minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting were corrected and approved as corrected, by consensus. Sara Wolf thanked Maura Kelley for volunteering to take minutes for this meeting.
12. Workshop: In observance of Veterans' Day, the meeting continued with a presentation of photos of Calusa Garden Club members' relatives who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Members were invited to comment on the service of their husbands, brothers, fathers and mothers.
13. Officer Reports
 - 13.1. President – Sara Wolf:
 - NEED volunteers - 4 more – to take minutes for Board and Member meetings. Each volunteer does one month – 2 meetings.
 - Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale – Postponed until 2021. The enthusiasm of our members and the camaraderie of planning the sale was so exciting; however, the danger of being infected with or spreading the corona virus outweighs all the positive aspects of our project.
 - Members who have potted their plants and want to share them may *send me a list of your plants with or without photos and I will Eblast them*, so that members who want to give away their plants may contact the club member directly and pick up plants.
 - Maria Lamb's plants will be available on Tuesday morning at the bottom of her driveway. I will Eblast the photos after the meeting.
 - ALSO – we will have a plant exchange – voluntary – no cost – for members who want to bring up to two plants to the Holiday Party on Monday, December 7.
 - Report on District IX of FFGC Meeting of October 24. Informative meeting.
 - DALE DeFEO was elected as our next District Director effective Spring, 2021. Congratulations, Dale!
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13.3.Second VP – Membership -Susan Neustadt. 55 active members today and 12 associate members. The Board approved at its November 2 meeting that Juliette Flasche and Cristina Leske would move from Active Member to Associate Member.

13.4.Treasurer – Annette Kuhn. Assistant Treasurer- Margie Bramel. Bank Balance is: \$19,079.27.

13.5.Secretary –Vacant.

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14. Committee Reports:

- 14.1. Butterfly Garden – Susan LaGrotta. Next work session is Saturday, November 28 at 8:30.
- 14.2. Environment – Maria Lamb, Sue Oldershaw. If you have gopher tortoise burrows in your yard, or near your home, contact Audubon of Western Everglades, audubonwe@live.com. AWE and the City of Marco Island are doing a comprehensive gopher tortoise survey and appreciate your help in locating burrows.
- 14.3. Horticulture – Dale DeFeo. Dale presented a report about the Category 1 invasive plant, *Eulophia graminea*, Chinese crown orchid. It was first discovered in Florida in Miami in 2007, and it rapidly spread to 3 counties in Florida. The Chinese Crown Orchid has a pseudo bulb that resembles a lily, with a green top and cales. Then, solid mats of the plant form and crowd out indigenous plants. The plant should be removed before they flower, and you should dispose of the plants in the trash (not in compost heaps or put in yard waste. Dale will circulate a horticulture handout to members by email after today's meeting.
- 14.4. Newsletter – Ami Ruiz: November newsletter was sent out Wednesday, November 4. Due date for submissions to December newsletter is Wednesday, December 2.
- 14.5. Pioneer Garden – Dale DeFeo. Calusa Garden Club agreed to design and plant the Pioneer Garden in partnership with Marco Island Historical Society, and to maintain it for one year. Our one-year agreement stretched to two. The small 14' x 14' park was beautifully planted, given the small size and the obstacles we faced. We have more than fulfilled our agreement. The staff of MIHS has communicated with Dale that they most likely will be going a different direction for the maintenance of the garden. Dale and the MIHS staff are meeting this week to discuss MIHS' plans for the garden. Dale thanks all the CGC members who participated.
- 14.6. Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale- Sara Wolf. Your committee made the difficult decision to postpone this FANTASTIC Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement sale until 2021. We did not want to expose our members and the community to the risk of corona virus infection. Thank you for your hard work, Marianne Foley, Linda Colombo, Sue Oldershaw, Sharon Lewis, Monique Doyle, Jackie Purvis, Connie Lowery, Susan Neustadt, Susan LaGrotta, Annette Kuhn and Opi DeFalco. Thank you to Mary McIntosh who donated succulents, and to Lindy Kowalczyk and Linda Colombo who loaned us canopies. And thank you to all of the members who repotted plants, grew plants, made succulent dish gardens and planned beautiful floral designs.
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Marialamb63@yahoo.com or 917-621-6537. Even better if you have a good story about your plant! Maria would like more contact with a diverse group of gardeners.

- December column is about poinsettias.
- Need suggestions for January column. Some ideas: orchids, Earth Box vegetable gardening.
- Scholarships and Camperships. Marianne Foley. The CGC Scholarship applications will be offered in January. Marianne has revised the application to make clear that environmental science is not the sole course of study for which the awards will be given. The Camp Wekiva camperships will roll over if the applicants are still interested in going.

14.8. Special Events – Kimberly Porter, Janice Engel.

Holiday Party: Monday, December 7, 2020, Sarazen Park, South Beach for social distancing.

- NEW TIME AND FORMAT: Party will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- No food or drink will be provided and members should not bring food or drink.
- Members should wear masks and bring lawn chairs for social distancing.
- We will have a PLANT EXCHANGE (bring 1 or 2) --- and gifts for all.
- Any donations given for the Plant Exchange will be given to Our Daily Bread Food Pantry.
- We will have a photo booth for fun photos, and we will also take individual photos for the Yearbook.
- If you need a ride to the Holiday Meeting or have questions about parking, please contact Janice Engel or Kimberly Korb Porter.

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15. Old Business

15.1. Blue Zones Project is expanding its scope to Marco Island, and has approached CGC about becoming a Blue Zones organization and being Blue Zones certified. After due consideration, the Board decided not to become an official Blue Zones certified organization because of extra member requirements that might take away interest in our other projects. The Board appreciates the goals of the Southwest Florida Blue Zones Project and encourages members to participate on their own.

16. New Business:

- Festival of Trees: Marco Island Center for the Arts. If a member or group would like to participate on behalf of CGC, the Board voted that the Club will sponsor the tree for \$100 of supplies. Trees are limited to 3 feet tall. If one or more members want to participate, and if they sell the tree, the proceeds are split 50/50 between Marco Island Center for the Arts and the Club. This is a

worthwhile community event. Contact Sara if you are interested. Registration is due on November 23, 2020. Tree installation is November 30. The Festival of Trees will be held December 1-3.

- Calusa Garden Club Identifying T-shirts or other Gear: A member suggested that the Club order T-shirts and/or other gear with the Calusa Garden Club logo. Suggestions were that the t-shirts be v-neck, with $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeves., and have a logo on the back as well as the front. If you are interested in chairing a committee to advance this idea, please contact Sara Wolf.
17. Adjournment. There was no further business to come before the meeting, so the President adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

The meeting was followed by a floral design workshop, presented by Lindy Kowalczyk and filmed by Sue Oldershaw. Lindy designed a traditional centerpiece and commented as she made the design. A discussion of how to condition flowers and greenery followed. The Zoom session adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by Maura Kelley, Acting Secretary

Approved by Sara Wolf, 11/30/2020