



# *Smoke Signals*

## The Calusa Garden Club Newsletter

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### *Letter from Our President*

Dear Calusa Garden Club Members,

My, how this club year has gone by so quickly! But as a club, we were busy – The Programs Chairman provided us with interesting and informative programs at our general meetings. The Membership Chairman increased our membership by five! The Treasurer & Finance Committee will need members to audit our finances. I will be asking for two volunteers at the luncheon. The Civic Beautification Committee was busy in the Butterfly Garden, helped celebrate Arbor Day, placed floral arrangements made in the workshops in public places, kept our memorial markers neat and tidy, and recommended native plants for the Marco Town Center renovation. The Communications Committee created the monthly newsletter, kept our Facebook page and web site up to date, and informed the local newspapers of our events. Two members have taken on the task of reviewing archives and planning our club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in November 2023. The Community Education and Outreach Committee will award two scholarships this year, held a flower arranging class at the library, and will continue Junior Gardeners next year (volunteers needed!). The Member Enrichment Committee kept us informed about Blue Zones, made us more aware of our environment, conducted wonderful workshops, and had seven Gadabouts trips! The Member Events Committee planned a wonderful Gala in December and they have worked diligently to make our April Luncheon wonderful and fun and provided delicious food for our social time at our general meetings. The

Ways and Means Committee was busy with the Plants, Succulent Dish Gardens, and Thanksgiving Centerpieces sale (we hope to duplicate this event in November), had a trip scheduled for February to Marie Selby Gardens (unfortunately cancelled) but will stay on our calendar of events next club year, and the Gardeners' Paradise Home Garden Tour will take place April 9 – so looking forward to this activity! Gardening guides were sold at Marco Nature Night and at the Naples Garden Club Flower show, and monthly raffles were a huge success!

As we wind down this club year, please think about what you want to do next year and give me your thoughts and ideas. This summer is our time to plan for next club year's activities, and your input is important.

Enjoy your summer!

Susan

### **Speaker for our April Meeting**

The April program is by Bella Florals at the April in Paris luncheon. Come and create your own small "Parisian" floral arrangement to adorn your luncheon table and to take home. Materials supplied, bring your flower clippers. 10:30 a.m. on April 7 at the Marco Island Yacht Club

**IMPORTANT DATES!**  
**APRIL**

<b>Thursday April 7</b>		April Spring Luncheon "April in Paris"
	10:30 a.m.	Create a small arrangement
	11:30 a.m.	Social Time
	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon
<b>Saturday April 9</b>	8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	Home Garden Tour Fundraiser
<b>Wednesday April 13</b>	9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Gadabout – Colusa Farms
<b>Saturday April 30</b>	8:30 a.m.	Butterfly Garden Work Group

**IMPORTANT DATES!**  
**MAY**

<b>Friday May 13</b>	8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Gadabout: Redland International Orchid Festival
<b>Friday May 20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Butterfly Garden Work Group

HAVE A  
WONDERFUL  
SUMMER!

**CALUSA GARDEN CLUB APRIL 9 HOME GARDEN TOUR**



Your April 9 Home Garden Tour committee has been working hard to present a fantastic Home Garden Tour! We plan tours of 4 beautiful home gardens, demonstrations at each home, door prizes, a gift of a Gardening Guide, and a wine and cheese reception at our Butterfly Garden.

Only 48 tickets will be sold! If you have not signed up to

work for the Tour, please buy a ticket and invite a friend to go with you! What a great half-day of education and fun for only \$60.

## ***SELLING GARDENING GUIDES AT NAPLES FLOWER SHOW:***

Thanks to all who volunteered to sell Gardening Guides at the Naples Garden Club Flower Show on March 18-19. We sold 91 Gardening Guides by the count of the saleswomen— and by my count of the number left after the sale compared to the number we took to sell, we sold 99! Just one short of our goal of 100!

Special Thanks to Sharon Lewis for working on the planter, and to Annette Kuhn for setting up the Square charge card reader, and to all sales volunteers: Annette Kuhn, Kimberly Porter, Kathy McNabb, Kathy Hershberger, Donna Kay, Maura Kelley, Sue Oldershaw, Liz Haines, Sue Neustadt, Nancy Adams, and Jean Schultz. The top-selling team of Sue Oldershaw and Liz Haines won the \$20 gift certificate to Sweet Annie's Ice Cream Parlor.

Way to go, Gardeners!

Sara Wolf and Linda Colombo, Event Co-Chairs

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## ***MORE NEWS FROM THE NAPLES FLOWER SHOW***



Congratulations to Connie Lowery on her first place blue ribbon for her division category of petite designs. She also won the pale blue "Overall Winner" ribbon which the judges give for outstanding designs considering all the division categories.



# CGC FLORAL ARRANGERS ASSIST THE BARGAIN BASKET FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINIAN ORPHANS

The Bargain Basket provided the blue containers, and the talented designers created a yellow flower arrangement. The arrangements were then sold at the Bargain Basket's fundraiser for Ukrainian Orphans.



What a team! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. The Bargain Basket didn't keep track of the individual floral design donations from Calusa GC members, but they think it was between 15 or 20 designs. They also didn't keep track of the money, but they do know that one of the designs went for \$100. Some designs were sold before they even hit the shelf. Some designs were sold, and the buyer made an additional donation. The goal of the Bargain Basket was to raise \$20,000 for Ukraine orphans. When I left on Thursday, they were almost at \$40,000.

Thank you, ladies for a job VERY well done. With much appreciation, Marianne Foley



## CLUB BY-LAW REMINDER

All Calusa Garden Club Members are required to attend a minimum of four meetings yearly plus they must participate in all club fund raising events.

## Gadabout for April

Tour Colusa Farms to see Hydroponic Farming. Wednesday April 13. Leave the little Publix parking at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 and the cost of lunch plus \$3 to the driver. To sign up or for more information, contact Sue Oldershaw at 290-0612.

## Garden Tour Wrap-up Party

4/9/22 6:00pm

Kim Porter's home at 189 Majorca Circle

Please bring Appetizer to share and beverage of your choice

RSVP: 720-364-6504 or k.korbporter58@gmail.com



## JUNIOR GARDENERS BACK NEXT YEAR AND NEEDS HELP!

Donna Kay has talked to the principal at Tommie Barfield and Junior Gardening will be starting up next year. Where and how will be decided sometime in the next month. There may be raised beds instead of earth boxes.

All those members interested in teaching children about gardening should think about participating. It is rewarding and fun.

In addition, Junior Gardeners is looking for a new chairperson. Donna is still willing to mentor and participate but says it is time for her to step down as chair.



## CALUSA GARDEN CLUB FLOWERS IN PUBLIC PLACES



Sara Wolf with Geri Garcia at the Tax Collector's office.



Sharon Lewis and Kate Lynn at Naples Community Hospital

## BLUE ZONE NEWS

From Sharon Lewis

**Calusa Garden Club ---JOIN the walk - April 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM – Mackle Park**



**Join April 19th, 5:30 p.m.** at Mackle Park to celebrate moving naturally on one of Marco Island's best walking trails! Meet us at the trail entrance for a one mile walk around the lake followed by healthy snacks and Blue Zones Project prize drawings! We will also be giving away Blue Zones Project t-shirts. The event is free for all participants. Bring a friend! The event is free!! It is one hour... Let's show up.

## Yearbook Updates:

New Member: **Claudia Bruni**, 1306 Jamaica Rd, Marco 34145

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New Email for **Susan Neustadt**: [sneustad@icloud.com](mailto:sneustad@icloud.com)

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## BUTTERFLY RESOURCE INFO FROM MARCH'S PROGRAM:

Our speaker last month, Andee Naccarato from the Naples Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society had some slides with wonderful resources for more information on native butterflies, their nectar and host plants and habitat. Here is the information that went zipping by at the end of her presentation.

### Books

<https://www.fnps.org/resources/books>

### Websites

**Florida Native Plant Society:** [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org)

**Naples Native Plants:** [www.fnpsnaples.org](http://www.fnpsnaples.org)

**Florida Plant Atlas:** <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu>

**Florida Wildflower Foundation:** <https://flawildflowers.org/>

**Institute for Regional Conservation:** [www.regionalconservation.org](http://www.regionalconservation.org)

**Butterflies & Moths of North America:** [www.butterfliesandmoths.org](http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org)

**eButterfly:** <https://www.e-butterfly.org/>

**Florida Museum Butterfly Brochures:** <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/discover-butterflies/brochures/>

**UF McGuire Center for Lepidoptera:** <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/mcguire/>

**North American Butterfly Association:** <https://www.naba.org/>



## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS:

THANK YOU to Cache Cleaners for storing our 6 bins of archives. Cache Cleaners is offering Calusa Garden Club members a 10% discount on cleaning services, which you can obtain by showing your CGC Name Badge.  
Thank you, Bruce, and Susan Neustadt!

