



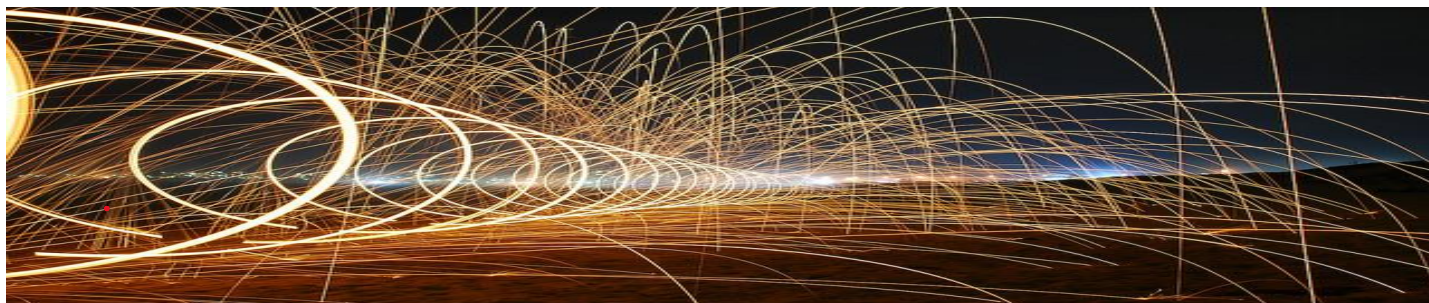
Smoke Signals The Calusa Garden Club Newsletter

August, 2022

Editor: Nancy Adams

Website: Calusa.org

calusagardenclub@yahoo.com



SUMMER SIZZLING ACTIVITIES! COME SEE WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT!!

Now is the time to get active with the Calusa Garden Club! These Committees are open and ready for your involvement! Give new meaning to Calusa Garden Club because of your exceptional ideas and knowledge and get to know your club community! Let's have a fun and exciting club year! Become engaged with:

AWARDS

CLUB MARKETING & SALES

FIELD TRIPS

FLORIDA ARBOR DAY

HOME GARDEN TOUR

JUNIOR GARDENERS

MEMBER LUNCHESES

PUBLICITY

TEA

WEBSITE ADMIN

YEARBOOK UPDATES

All these committees have been chaired by experienced members and can mentor, advise, and assist you! Enjoy the committee perks – being a chair gives you a voice at Board meetings; you can be involved in discussions and matters that affect the club.

Another opportunity to be a Board member is to fill one of the Officer vacancies in February 2023.

Any member that wishes to attend a Board meeting to observe may do so. If you would like to attend our next Board meeting, which is via Zoom on August 15 at 10:00 a.m., please let me know and I will send you the meeting link.

Email me today at sneustad@icloud.com and let me know how you want to be involved this year! New and better ideas make a big difference! Let's have true satisfaction this club year!

LET'S MAKE IT A WIN-WIN YEAR!

LEIGH PLUMMER PARK UPDATES *from Marianne Foley*



We have a tiny bit of mulch left to spread but essentially, we are done with our planting at Leigh Plummer Park. I want to take a moment to thank all our workers and generous members and friends who made donations. We couldn't have done it without you.

In no particular order: Sue Oldershaw, Linda Ariel, Kathy McNabb, Maria Bachich, Laura and Steve Furlong, Margie Bramel, Sara Wolf, Monna Hormel, Monique Doyle, Joanne Lawand, Nancy Adams, Jenn Ferrier, Lori Fredericks, Virginia Read, Eva Schleisser (A Founding Member as well as President 1986-87), Syd Mellinger, Betsy Ross, Lindy Kowalczyk, Cristina Leske, Mary Aronin, Marsha Riss, Charlette Roman, Linda Colombo, Marion

Thompson (President 1996-98), Maureen McFarland, Maria Lamb, Nancy Reynolds and Barbara Messner.



The gorgeous new garden!



Sue Oldershaw and Marianne Foley looking tired but happy with their efforts on the new garden.

PLANT SALE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING *from Sara Wolf*

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 10:00 a.m.
For the November 22 Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale

Please volunteer to work with us on the upcoming Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale.
Your ideas are welcome! Your help is needed.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17 (new date)
10:00 a.m.
Marco Library

Contact Sara Wolf at sarawolf617@gmail.com or text 513.706.8681.

FLORIDA GARDEN CLUB AWARDS *from Opi DeFalco*

So many awards. . . so little time!

As I look through the FFGC Awards site, it is amazing how many projects and events are eligible for awards. Award #46- Garden Tour Award - I think we may have a good chance of winning this one. Or Award #32, Park/City Plantings - for our plantings and renovation of Leigh Plummer Park. I also noticed Award #56, Butterfly Conservation Award for our beautiful butterfly garden! And there are many more awards that Calusa Garden Club is eligible to submit.

Now it is up to YOU! Chairperson or committee of the event or project needs only to fill out a three page report. All the info is on-line to help you through it, including what you are judged on.

Go to Florida Federation of Garden Clubs; click on Awards; and all the info is there. I am here to help. Call me if you have any questions.

Opi DeFalco, 239-404-5605, ladyfishopi@aol.com

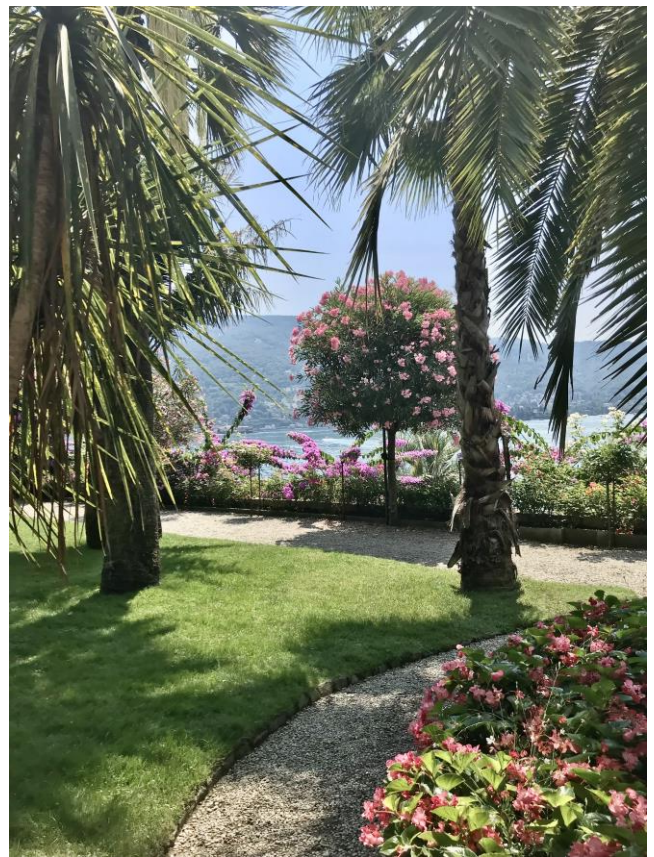
CGC JULY SUMMER LUNCH *from Linda Colombo*

July brought members of the Club together for a luncheon at Cocomos. We enjoyed our usually conversations of travel, gardening, and other bits of news. Thank you, Dale for traveling all the way here from Estero. It is always nice to reconnect even just for a couple of hours. Another lunch hopefully will be planned for the end of August.

FABULOUS VACATION PHOTOS *from Opi DeFalco*



The beautiful countryside of Switzerland. Interesting fact: Every town in Switzerland has a Catholic Church.



The beautiful botanical garden overlooking Lake Como.

