



Smoke Signals

The Calusa Garden Club Newsletter

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Letter from Our President

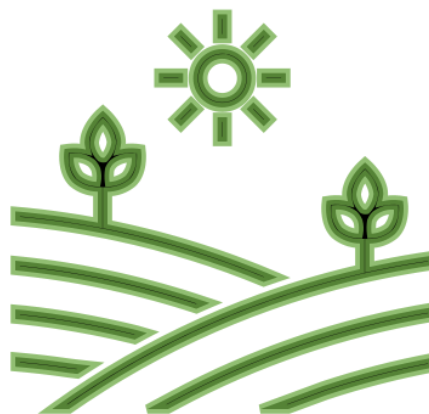
What an interesting end to January 2022 – cold and windy here and blizzards in the Northeast! Our Island has not had such cold weather in years! I hope you took precautions and protected your delicate plants and vegetables. It is the growing season for cool weather crops – I just planted cucumber and snow pea seeds (a generous gift from Sue Oldershaw) last week and they are sprouting! My orchids in the trees survived the cold and have large spikes with numerous buds – can't wait for the blooms!

There are many events on Marco Island this month – the Publix Towne Center is having a grand re-opening on February 10th from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Make sure you stop by and see the plantings our Special Projects Committee recommended (spearheaded by Sharon Lewis) – plus there are giveaways from many stores! Calusa Garden Club is participating in the Marco Island Beautification Advisory Committee's "Marco Nature Night" on Wednesday, February 16th at 5:30 p.m. This was cancelled in 2021 but was a success in 2020 and should be even more exciting this year. Two of our club members, Linda Turner and Maureen McFarland, will be presenters at this event. There will be refreshments and attendees will be entered in a raffle, so please come, enjoy the presentations, and support your club. Our meeting on February 14th has a great program, and two wonderful workshops are scheduled for the 21st. And make sure you sign up for the end of the month Gadabouts to Everglades Wonder Gardens. And don't forget the Farmers' Market!

I hope to see more snowbirds at our meetings and these events. Don't worry – warmer weather is coming soon!!

Happy planting!!

Susan



Speaker for our February Meeting

Eric Jadaszewski, owner of Everglades Native Designs, LLC, will present a pictorial review with commentary on *Transforming a Traditional Marco Island Home Landscape into One Featuring Florida Native and Florida Friendly Plants*. Eric uses native and Florida friendly plants in his landscape design projects, producing the benefits to the homeowner of a landscape that uses less water and withstands our varied temperature and rain conditions. Eric has 38 years of landscape design experience. Take a look at his website, evergladesnativedesigns.com, for photos of some of his projects.



IMPORTANT DATES!

FEBRUARY

Monday February 14	10 a.m.	Board Meeting
	11 a.m.	Member Meeting
	12 p.m.	Member lunch
	1 p.m.	Program – A Marco Landscape Transformation Project: Eric Jadasewski
Wednesday February 16	5:30-7:30	Marco Nature Night Marco Island Community Room
Monday February 21	10 a.m.	Floral Design Workshop ***CANCELLED***
	1 p.m.	Horticulture Workshop - Tillandsias
Saturday February 26	8:30 a.m.	Butterfly Garden Work Group
Monday February 28	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Gadabouts- Everglades Wonder Gardens



IMPORTANT DATES!

MARCH

Monday March 14	10 a.m.	Board Meeting
	11 a.m.	Member Meeting
	12 p.m.	Member Lunch
	1 p.m.	Program – Preserving Native Plants in Residential Landscapes
Friday March 18	9:00 a.m.	Gadabouts- Naples Garden Club Flower Show
Friday March 18 & Saturday March 19	9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Booth at Naples Garden Club Flower Show @ Naples Botanical Gardens
Monday March 21	10 a.m.	Floral Design Workshop -TO BE ANNOUNCED-
	1 p.m.	Horticulture Workshop The ABC's of Bromeliads •Sundance Orchids •Fort Myers.
Saturday March 26	8:30 a.m.	Butterfly Garden Work Group
Wednesday March 2	9 a.m.	Gadabout – Audubon Corkscrew Sanctuary

FEBRUARY GADABOUTS

Come join Jennifer and Sue on two **Gadabouts** trips coming up. On Monday, February 28, 2022, we will visit the beautiful Wonder Gardens (flora and fauna), have lunch at the Teagarden, then visit Pottery as Art.

On Wednesday, March 2, we will visit Audubon Corkscrew Sanctuary and Sanctuary Nursery. Details will follow in an email closer to the date. To hold your spot, email Sue Oldershaw with your name and cellphone number: nfn21976@naples.net. Thank you!!

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ATTENTION MEMBERS! -----> Pick up your Yearbooks!

These members have not picked up their Yearbooks. Please pick them up at the February meeting or contact Monique Doyle to make arrangements to have your Yearbook mailed to you at your cost.

Cindy Adams Bonnie Colman Anne Gary	Jane Gregory Lori Fredericks Judy Kouhi	Janet Levine Terri Pike Jo-Ann Sanborn	Linda Spell Marilyn Traiser Sandy Wallen	
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YEARBOOK UPDATE

Welcome to our New Members!

<p>Jo-Ann Carroll 430 Landmark St Marco Island Cell: 215 896 5709 Email: sewldy52@gmailcom</p> <p>Seasonal resident: 1720 Maryland Ave Cape May, NJ. 08204</p> <p>Husband is Joseph</p>	<p>Maureen McFarland 1230 Blue Hill Creek Dr. Marco Island Home: 239 642 9715 Cell: 239 250 6500 Email: mmmcf17@gmail.com</p> <p>Resident</p> <p>Husband is Richard</p>	<p>Jean Shultz 1042 Main Sail Dr #813 Naples, FL 34114 Cell: 574 850 4526 Email: bjeanschultz@gmail.com</p> <p>Seasonal resident</p> <p>21892 Lake St Diamond Lake Cassopolis, MI 49031</p>
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FFGC and NGC TREE SURVEY

CALLING ALL MEMBERS who have planted trees on their property from March 2, 2021- Feb 28, 2022.

Calusa Garden Club reports information about trees our members have planted to FFGC and NGC. If you have planted trees during the time period above, please call Monique Doyle to let her know.

Information needed:

1. Where did you plant the tree, the species, and how many trees.
2. Report site locations like private property, condo HOAs, parks or tree sales (plant sale trees we sold) and Arbor day.

Recognition will be published for the top 10 Florida Clubs planting and reporting. Call Monique Doyle at 708-378-9921 who will submit the form.

Due Date: February 24, 2022.

Reminder from your Membership Chairperson Monique Doyle

4 OR MORE?

Our club requires Regular members to attend at least **FOUR** meetings during the club season October to April.

Please sign in at each meeting.

GRAND RE-OPENING

The Marco Island Town Center will be celebrating their Grand Re-Opening on February 10th, 2021, from 2:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M. There will be music, food, prizes, and each store will have a free raffle of giveaways with a grand prize.

The Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island has made a notable contribution to the Courtyard in front of the area where Margarita's and Sunny Day Market & Café are located. The committee's planting activity is described below. Brixmor is very excited and will also be publicizing our contributions.

Calusa Garden Club Plants at Marco Town Center



In February 2020, Sharon Lewis contacted Erica Bradley, Property Manager of Brixmor, about utilizing space at the Marco Island Town Center for our planned plant and flower sale. During this conversation, Erica talked about the renovation that was taking place and how Brixmor would like for a community-based garden club to assist with a design space at the Town Center.

The Calusa Garden Club committee went to work. Sharon Lewis, Eva Kubinsky, and Monique Doyle were the main committee members who provided the designs in 2020 and planted the container plants in 2021-2022. Other members, Sue Oldershaw and Liz Haines, provided consulting as needed.

This team collaborated with Erica Bradley and designed the courtyard area in front of Margarita's Restaurant and Summer Day Market & Café.

It was desired to have drought resistant plants that would thrive in the tropical heat and take little maintenance. The Calusa Garden Committee came up

with both the designs and drawings and submitted them to Erica Bradley for her company's approval.

In the planter boxes, crotons with their colorful foliage, were specified to be planted in the middle, mixed with green liriopse grass around the edge to soften the planter's edge. Around the trees and lamp posts in the courtyard, sun loving tropical bromeliads were selected.

Sharon says, "We wanted other colorful focal points in the courtyard. We selected bright blue, large ceramic pots and filled them with tropical sedums, succulents, and sansevieria which really add interest to the courtyard. To finish the surrounding area, we planted seven large, white containers and filled them with pigmy date palm trees. This was the finishing touch to provide a breezy tropical look to the perimeter of the courtyard."

Meet Your Committee Chairpersons:

Lindy Kowalczyk, Floral Design Chairperson, along with her helpers Connie Lowery, Jackie Purvis and Marianne Foley will be profiled in the March *Smoke Signals*. Lindy fell and broke her shoulder in the fall, and she is grateful to Sue Oldershaw, Marianne Foley, Connie Lowery and Jackie Purvis for filling in for our Club Floral Design seminars this season.



Florida Arbor Day January 21, 2022.

Thank you to Linda Colombo, Chair of Florida Arbor Day for our Club. We have planted a native tree in Leigh Plummer Park each year since 2018 on Florida Arbor Day. This activity continues the tradition started by Calusa Garden Club in the 1980s when our club collaborated with Collier County Parks to establish Leigh Plummer Park as a native planting area.

Photo of Linda Colombo, Susan Neustadt, Maureen Macfarland, and her father, and Kari Rountree of Everglades Native Designs, LLC who sourced and planted the pigeon plum tree.



Group Photo of Calusa Garden Club members present.



HOLIDAY GALA – WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Jo-Ann Carroll, Jean Schultz, Claudia Bruni.



JANUARY MEETING- Kimberly Korb Porter welcomes speaker Alice White, President of People for Trees, Inc.



December Horticulture Workshop

Succulent decorations using succulent cuttings. Thank you, Linda Schwoeppe, for a creative workshop and for the education on succulents. Marianne Foley and Susan Neustadt display the decorative containers and special dirt mixture provided.





Our Creations!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Announcing: Creative Floral Design Workshop

Kathleen Hawryluk

5081 Tamarind Ridge Drive

Naples, FL 34119 239-331-0267

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Creative Workshop - How to Succeed and Enjoy the Experience!

An introduction to Creative floral design in a relaxed, supportive environment including Flower Show information. Kathleen is an award-winning flower show judge and instructor. Kathleen is a member of the Naples Garden Club, Gulf Coast Garden Club and Ikebana #160 Naples (Japanese Floral arranging). Past president of Naples Garden Club and Ikebana #160. More experienced designers are also welcome as the content will be of interest to all.

You will go home with a design appropriate for the season. The morning will be lecture including a slide show with handouts. An interactive demo will conclude the morning session. A light lunch will be served, and the afternoon will be hands on experience with fresh, well-conditioned flowers and greens located in Kathleen's lush tropical garden. Flowers for this event will be ordered from Hawaii (Green Point Nursery). You may use any equipment (containers, sculptures, etc.) from Kathleen's collection. A gentle critique ends the afternoon session. The critique is an essential part of the class so be sure to stay until the end.

\$90 - includes containers, flowers, greens, and lunch. If you prefer to bring your own lunch, please do. Bring an apron and clippers.

Please reserve your place by contacting Candi Child, 239-280-0529/978-360-9119 or candikelley@comcast.net. Please send your deposit addressed to Candi Child to Candi at 4180 Belair Lane Unit B, Naples, FL 34103. Workshop is limited to 12 so that everyone can have individual attention. A deposit of \$45 is required to reserve your spot and will be refunded if you cancel on or before February 22, 2022.

Note: If you would like to receive *Design Dimension* and belong to Creative Floral Designers of the Americas (CFAA) Please go to www.Creativefloral.org for a membership form and more information. Membership is only \$35 per year, and you will love it!

Raffle Donations Needed

Members! Please donate for the February Meeting Raffle! Contact Jenn Ferrier before the February 14 meeting to let her know you will be donating a plant, container, or gardening-related item. We hope to raffle five items per meeting. It's a great way to donate to the Club while receiving a chance to get a new plant you have been wanting! Tickets are only \$1.

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!



Approved January 10, 2022

CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2021– 11:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order: Quorum is ¼ of active members (49/4 = 12.25 or 13 members).** A quorum was noted, and the meeting began at 11:09 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Do we have any guests attending today? There were three (3) guests present: Jo-Ann Carroll, Jane Temming, and Susan Kazmarek. Each is a potential new member.

Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2021. Minutes were approved as distributed.

Officer Reports

5.1 President – Susan Neustadt

FFGC District IX Meeting: FFGC Convention is April 12-14, 2022, in Kissimmee, FL. 50/50 Tickets, \$5 each, Potential to win \$15K; Blue Opportunity Tickets, \$2 each, prizes were discussed.

Punta Gorda Holiday Garden tour, December 3rd & 4th. Price: \$20.00; six gardens will be toured.

Naples Garden Club is the first Monday of the month; January Canaan Marshall and February Margot Shaw of Floral Magazine.

Punta Gorda flower show is March 2022.

Naples Garden Club to host Spring District IX Meeting at Naples Botanical Gardens, April 26, 2022. Garden tours afterwards.

National Convention, May 17-20, 2022; Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL. \$138/night

Fall 2022 Meeting: October 18, 2022: Fort Myers Lee County Council with a petite flower show.

Spring issue of Florida Gardener will be online. Each member will receive an email with a link to the Florida Gardener.

First VP – Programs - Kim Porter

Today's Program: The Future of Tigertail Lagoon and Sand Dollar Island, presented by CGC Member Linda Colombo, President of Friends of Tigertail and Linda Ryan, Board Member of the City of Marco Island Hideaway Beach Tax District.

Second VP – Monique Doyle

49 Active Members, 10 Associate Members, three new guests

Treasurer – Annette Kuhn

October Cash flow: Income: \$165.00; Expenses: \$170/01; Overall Net: \$-5.01

Bank Balance: \$14,214.83

Assistant Treasurer – Margie Bramel NO REPORT

Recording Secretary – Laura Furlong (absent)

Margie Bramel was the substitute Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary – Joan Husband

Six (6) cards were sent since the prior meeting; one (1) thank you note to Cesar Peralta, the presenter from our October meeting and five (5) get-well cards to members.

Standing Committee Reports

- 6.1 Awards -Opi DeFalco NO REPORT
- 6.2 Civic Beautification – Opi DeFalco NO REPORT
- 6.3 Communications – Nancy Adams NO REPORT
- 6.4 Community Education and Outreach – Sara Wolf

Themed Arrangement Workshop Outreach with the Marco Friends of the Library, December 15th at 1:30 p.m. at the library. Volunteers are needed to assist with the set-up, the library pays for the flowers, and this is a free public program for library members.

6.5 Member Enrichment –

Sign-up sheets for next week's workshops on November 15th. Sue Oldershaw and Marianne Foley will conduct the 10:00 a.m. workshop on "Creating a Thanksgiving Centerpiece" and Linda Schwoeppe will conduct a Horticulture Workshop, "Blue and Red Ribbon Plants for Your Garden" at 1 p.m.

The Blue Zone group is looking for volunteers on November 13th to assist with weeding and beautifying their community at the Youth Community Center in Naples.

6.6 Member Events – Janice Engel

Our holiday Black and White Gala for members and their spouse/partner will be held at the Marco Island Yacht Club on December 9th. Connie Lowery volunteered to co-chair this event with Janice. Janice also asked for volunteers to assist with center pieces and set-up. It was decided by the membership to have a raffle and for members. Members can also donate food items and/or toys to the food bank/toy drive being held at the Yacht Club.

6.7 Ways and Means – Sara Wolf

Plant Sale: November 23rd Sara distributed and discussed instructions to members regarding confirming donations, dropping off plant donations, preparing plant identification tags, and volunteering. November 9th is the committee meeting at Rose Hall at 10 a.m. Boxes are needed for the Holding Table.

Today's raffle conducted by Jennifer Ferrier. October raffle income: \$50.00. One business has already donated for our December raffle at the Yacht Club.

7. Unfinished Business

- 7.1 Approval of Proposed 2021-2022 Budget. Board approved 2021-2022 Budget.
- 7.2 Report of Website Redesign and Funding. THIS WAS NOT DISCUSSED.
- 7.3 Gadabout. Sue Oldershaw and Marianne Foley discussed upcoming Gadabouts, Saturday November 13th and Tuesday, December 7th.
- 7.4 Kim Porter introduced Katherine Barnes, our AV specialist from the church.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

NEXT MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- **Saturday, November 13, Gadabouts, Naples Yard and Garden Show**
- **Monday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. – Floral Design Workshop**
- **Monday, November 15, 1:00 p.m. – Horticulture Workshop**
- **Tuesday, November 23, Plants & Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale**
- **Saturday, November 27, 8:30 a.m. – Butterfly Garden Work Group**

Approved: Susan Nuestadt, President

Respectfully Submitted: Margie Bramel, Assistant Treasurer

**CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order: Quorum is seven Committee Chairmen (or the Committee Chairman's designated substitute) PLUS three Officers. Kimberly Porter, Susan Neustadt, Nancy Adams, Donna Kay, Sharon Lewis, Opi DeFalco, Sara Wolf, Monique Doyle, Joan Husband, Laura Furlong, Annette Kuhn

Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2021. Board Meeting Minutes approved with Gala date changed to 12/7.

Officer Reports

- 3.1 President – Susan Neustadt
- 3.2 First VP – Programs – Kim Porter
Next speaker is Alice White (President of People for Trees) to talk about native trees in January. Alice will bring a donated tree for the club to plant in our community. The club will give her a small donation.
- 3.3. Second VP-Membership- Monique Doyle
Approval of new members: Claudia Bruni, Maureen McFarland and Jo-Ann Carroll. They will be inducted at the January meeting.
- 3.4 Treasurer – Annette Kuhn – November Cash Flow
Total cash flow was \$3,717.81
Check book total \$17,932.64
- 3.5 Assistant Treasurer – Margie Bramel
- 3.6 Recording Secretary – Laura Furlong
- 3.7 Corresponding Secretary – Joan Husband
- 3.8 Parliamentary Procedure Advisor – Linda Colombo

4. Standing Committee Reports

- 4.1 Awards -Opi DeFalco – The current year will give the club the opportunity to submit applications for awards for events taking place in this current year.
- 4.2 Civic Beautification – Opi DeFalco – Linda Colombo to plan Arbor Day Club Event which is the 3rd Friday in January Linda will be coordinating the planting and the event. Linda will send out a memo to the board about the details.

The board approved to increase the budgeted amount to \$250 for the Arbor Day tree planting to procure a tree and the physical planting of the tree at the event.

- 4.3 Communications – Nancy Adams – discussion regarding Newsletter and web site
- 4.4 Community Education and Outreach – Donna Kay – Volunteers needed for December Library Floral Design Program 12/15/21 (Sara Wolf). Sara will share the sign up at the Gala.
- 4.5 Member Enrichment – Sharon Lewis – NO REPORT
- 4.6 Member Events – Janice Engel – NO REPORT
- 4.7 Ways and Means – Sara Wolf – Plant Sale Report of Results

The Plant Sale was a great success. Many thanks to all the members who donated and helped with the day. The total net profit for the event was \$2217.55. Sara has collected feedback for planning the event next year.

There will be a field trip February 1, 2022 to Selby Gardens leaving at 8:30 and returning at 5:00. This is a community event so members may invite their friends and will serve as a fund raiser for the club.

5. Unfinished Business

5.1 Report of Website Redesign – Sara Wolf

Sara shared the committee's report on the website evaluation and redesign.

The Board of Directors approved the acknowledgement and waiving of the conflict of interest of J2 Golf as a vendor for the website redesign project approved.

The Board of Directors approved moving forward with the project in 2022 to redesign the website and budget for it in the 2022 budget.

The Board of Directors approved to use J2 Golf if the membership approves to redesign the website after the January meeting.

Sara and the committee will present the need for the website redesign and seek feedback from the membership on the Calusa Garden Club website at the January 10th meeting during the lunch hour.

6. New Business

6.1 Care of Plants at Marco Island Cemetery Veteran's Memorial – Sara Wolf

Sara will ask membership if anyone is interested in taking over the maintenance of this new Veteran's Memorial.

6.2 Conflict of Interest Cache Cleaners

The Board of Directors approved the acknowledgement and waiving the conflict of interest in using Cache Cleaners as a vendor.

6.3. Finalized By-Laws on Website

Linda Columbo requested to have Sara Wolf update the finalized by-laws and Linda will put on the website.

Meeting adjourned 11:47 a.m.

NEXT MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- Tuesday, December 7: Gadabouts to Edison & Ford Winter Estates
- Tuesday, December 7: Holiday Gala Event, Yacht Club
- Monday, December 13: 10:00 a.m. Floral Design Workshop
- Monday, December 13: 1:00 p.m. Horticulture Workshop
- Wednesday, December 15: 1:30 p.m. Floral Design Presentation at Marco Island Library
- Saturday, December 18: Butterfly Garden Work Group
- Monday, January 10, 2022: BOD Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Approved: Susan Neustadt, President

Respectfully Submitted: Laura Furlong, Recording Secretary

Approved January 10,2021

**CALUSA GARDEN CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
MARCO ISLAND YACHT CLUB
DECEMBER 7, 2021 5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order at 6:23 p.m.

Welcome to Guests including spouses and new members.

Officer Reports

President – Susan Neustadt

Appreciation was shared for the success of the plant sale as a fundraiser for the club with net proceeds being \$2217. Thank you to everyone who made the day possible.

Gadabouts had an exciting day at the Ford Edison Gardens earlier in the day.

Upcoming events include the trip to the Marie Selby Garden.

Treasurer - Annette Kuhn

The Club had a net cash flow of \$3,717.81 last month.

The check book total at the end of November was \$17,932.64.

Meeting adjourned 6:29 p.m.

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Approved: Susan Neustadt, President

Respectfully Submitted: Laura Furlong, Recording Secretary