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# The Calusa Garden Club Newsletter

## December, 2020

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**D**ecember 2020 promises to be a quiet time for reflection. As we end this year of the corona virus, and look forward to another season (at least—or maybe another whole year) of living to avoid corona virus infection, we are working together to keep our Calusa Garden Club going until we can enjoy our monthly gatherings and joint activities. Please join us on our Zoom member meetings, board meetings, and floral design workshops. Please send me your ideas for gardening, floral design, and environmental awareness activities that we can participate in safely.

In November we had two very fun Zoom activities – Lindy Kowalczyk, with assistance from Sue Oldershaw, did a video floral design seminar that we broadcast, and we interspersed comments from Lindy and our other members throughout the broadcast. We will broadcast part 2 of this video on Monday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. In addition, on November 4 Dale DeFeo conducted a demonstration for Collier County Libraries, Marco Island Branch, of using succulents to decorate pumpkins for your Thanksgiving décor.

I was extremely reluctant and very sorry to cancel our November Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale. The preparation was keeping us busy and the anticipation was stimulating. But when some of our members asked me to reconsider holding the event, I realized that our health is much more important than the fleeting enjoyment of showing off our plants, floral designs and succulent dish gardens and publicizing our club. Let's plan for the future ---- "twice planned" will make the event very successful in 2021!

**ANOTHER CHANGE --** Our December 7 Holiday "Party" has also been changed due to the corona virus. It is now simply a meeting with some social time. The event now begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 noon. The gathering will not include food and drink. We will wear masks and bring lawn chairs so we can practice social distancing. There will be a brief business meeting, then free time for a plant exchange – each attendee can bring 2 plants – and a photo booth. We hope to provide our members' photos in our 2020-2021 Calusa Garden Club

Yearbook, so this is the time to begin gathering the photos! And we have a gift for each member who can attend.

Please, stay safe. Have a safe and joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year 2021! ... Sara Wolf

12/7	10:00	Member Holiday Meeting and Plant Exchange. Sarazen Park, South Beach, Swallow Ave.
12/14	10:00	Floral Design Workshop
1/4	10:00	CGC Board Meeting on Zoom
1/11	10:00	CGC Member Meeting on Zoom
1/18	10:00	Floral Design Workshop on Zoom



\*\*\* NOTICE: EVENT FORMAT AND TIME HAVE BEEN CHANGED \*\*\*

**Calusa Garden Club Holiday Get-Together**  
**Monday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**



**Sarazen Park**  
**930 Swallow Avenue, Marco Island**  
**(Parking at MICA South Beach Parking Lot or Collier County Beach Parks Parking Lot.)**

Wear your mask and bring a lawn chair so you can social distance.

Bring two plants to exchange.

Enjoy our photo booth!

No food or beverages will be provided so that we can gather safely.

To remember those less fortunate than ourselves,

we will be accepting donations for

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry (cash, check or food).

**RSVP TO JANICE ENGEL -- [jengel13@aol.com](mailto:jengel13@aol.com) or 239-316-0074**

**LAKE PLACID GARDEN CLUB**

**Presents the 10th Annual**

***Holiday Home & Garden Tour***

**Featuring beautifully decorated homes and amazing gardens**

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**

**Tour Hours -- Noon – 4pm**

**Tickets available from Garden Club Members – For a donation of \$15.00**

**To reserve tickets call: Julie @ 702-994-9739 or Brenda @ 561-201-2130**

**Tickets also available Day of Event at the **Holiday Café** located at**

**Masonic Lodge – 103 N. Main Avenue, Lake Placid, FL**

***Café opens at 11:30a / Covid-19 Compliant***



**\*Complimentary Refreshments at the Holiday Café\***

**\*Christmas Boutique offering Handmade Items\***

**\*Please Bring a Christmas Ornament to Decorate a Tree for a Needy Family\***

**Proceeds Support our Scholarships, Camperships, & Sponsorships for Local Youth**

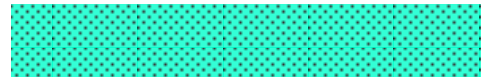
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**Dale DeFeo gave a demonstration at the Library on Zoom on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Decorating a pumpkin with succulents!**



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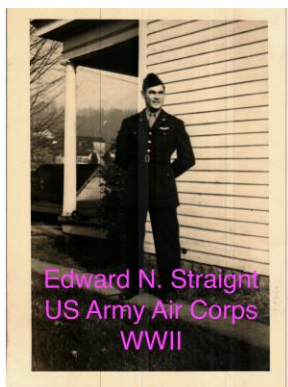
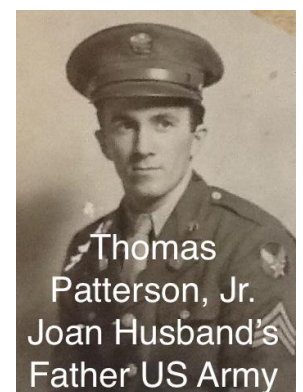
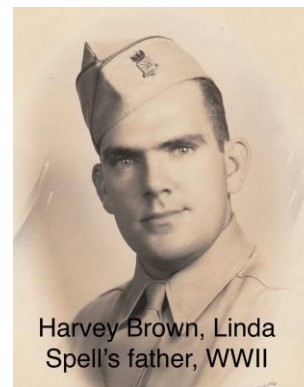
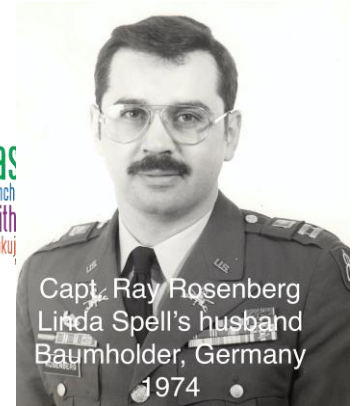
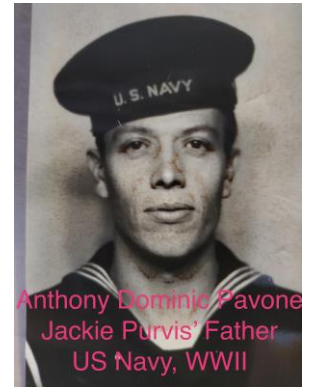
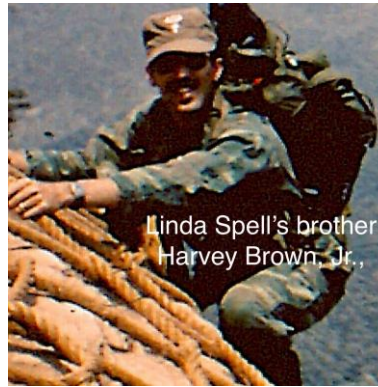
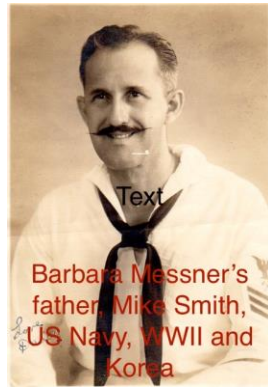
Plants are just like... Too much sun. Not enough sun. Ground too wet. Ground too dry. The pH balance is wrong. There's not enough drainage. I don't like terracotta. Feed me. Stop feeding me. God was killed here. I do not vibe with this soil.



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then plants in nature be like... OWO .. is that a crack in the concrete?







Calusa Garden Club gives our special thanks to Gary Grisko, owner of Sandcastle Landscape Management, LLC for his donation of plants and planting services for the Pioneer Garden at Marco Island Historical Society. Thank you, Gary!



**THANK YOU!!**  
Mike Kirby, Subtropical Trees, for donating a tree to Leigh Plummer Park for Arbor Day.

Subtropical Trees  
CEP and Certified Arborist  
3241 German Woods court, Naples FL 34116.  
Mobile 239-271-0081

**THANK YOU!!**  
Eric Jadazewski, Everglades Native Designs, LLC for planting the tree in Leigh Plummer Park for Arbor Day.

Everglades Native Designs, LLC  
239-300-8115  
[evergladesnatedesigns.com](http://evergladesnatedesigns.com)

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!



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