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# The Calusa Garden Club Newsletter

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Welcome to our Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island first official month of the 2020-2021 Club Year. Things will be a little different this year due to the corona virus pandemic. We are scheduling our Club for virtual meetings on ZOOM, at least for October and November and possibly into the 2021 Club Year. Our Workshop committees (floral design, horticulture, and environmental matters) are designing online workshops in which we can take part through ZOOM. Our meetings will be on the second Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon, on the Zoom platform.

We are planning a December Holiday Luncheon that will take place "in person" and outdoors, where we will be able to socially distance. The Club will purchase box lunches for all who can attend.

While we regret that some of our Calusa Garden Club activities have had to be cancelled, including Junior Gardeners and Gadabouts. But other Calusa Garden Club activities such as the Butterfly Garden work, the January Arbor Day Tree Planting, and the Memorial Markers work can still take place. We can plan and work on our committees through Zoom, Email, and telephone conferences.

Let's all look forward to our November Plant and Thanksgiving Centerpiece sale, a new fundraising and community activity that will be held on Tuesday, November 24 at the parking lot of St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Collier Boulevard at Elkcam Circle. This sale will be open to the public, and we will publicize our Garden Club, sell plants, succulent dish gardens, Thanksgiving centerpieces and of course, our Calusa Garden Club Gardening Guide.

We look forward to a great year -- although an unusual year -- with Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island in 2020-2021.

... Sara Wolf

### Upcoming Events...

10/12	10:00	General Meeting Zoom
	11:00	Horticulture Workshop Jewels for Our Garden (Sedum) Speaker Dale DeFeo
10/19		New Member Orientation
10/26	10:00	Floral Design Workshop
11/2	10:00	Board Meeting
11/7	8:30	Calusa Park Butterfly Garden Work Group
11/9	10:00	Member Meeting & Floral Design Workshop Tonia L. Selmeski Environmental Planner, City of Marco Island Zoom
11/16	10:00	Floral Design Workshop
11/24	7:30	Plant Sale, St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parking Lot Set-up
	8:00	Drop Off Items
	9:00	Public Sale
	3:00	Clean up

## New Members...

**Thania Kessep Costa**  
**Spouse: Gregory Costa**  
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**Marco Island**

**11000 SW 82 Avenue**  
**Miami, FL 35156**

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Calusa Garden Club is planning an outdoor sale for Tuesday, November 24. At the sale, we will sell potted plants donated by our members, Thanksgiving flower arrangements made by our members, succulent dish gardens planted by our members, and our famous *Gardening Guide for Marco Island*. We will socially distance and wear masks. We hope all CGC members representing Marco Island can volunteer.

All hands on deck! Thanks!







Woo Hoo!  
Mariannell!







**Gadabouts trips cancelled until further notice due to Pandemic.**

**Environment:** In June, letters were sent to City Council, City Manager and both local newspapers reminding about start of fertilizer ban for rainy season. NOW in OCTOBER is time to fertilize as needed, but never within 10 feet of any body of water!!! In September, a letter was sent to Mr. Pinter encouraging use of native groundcovers instead of grass next to new path going out San Marco Rd.

**PLANT SALE** at St. Marks church parking lot the Tues. before Thanksgiving. If you are donating plants, please use 4", 6", and 9" plastic, clay or ceramic pots. Please drop off at church that day between 7:30 and 8:30am. Please save and bring plastic grocery bags.

**Contact Sue O. with questions. 239- 290-0612**



**Judy Kouhi and Fred have moved to a condo development off Marco.**

**Their new address:**

**14601 Tropical Drive**

**Naples, FL 34114**

**New email address:**

**fred\_kouhi@comcast.net**

**Phone: 239-970-0677.**

*...Sara*



## Calusa Garden Club 2020 Presentations



October 12, 2020

11 am

Dale Defeo

CGC Board Member, Flower Show Judge,  
Horticulture Instructor, Past President of CGC  
Past State President

“Easy Care Colorful Jewels for our Garden”  
(Sedums - Zone 10)

November 9, 2020

11 am

Tonia L. Selmeski

Environmental Planner, City of Marco Island

“City of Marco Island Environmental Services”

Members presentations will take place via Zoom

Pres. Sara Wolf will send a link prior to the meeting

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[www.Calusa.org](http://www.Calusa.org)

[www.Facebook.com/CalusaGardenClub](https://www.Facebook.com/CalusaGardenClub)



# Calusa Garden Club Proposed Budget 2020-2021 Revised 9/17/20

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: INCOME	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	Actual 2019-2020	Budget 2019-2020
Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Annual Flower Show	\$ -	\$ 1,488.09	\$ 2,500.00
Civic Project - Butterfly Garden and Release	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,200.00
District Meeting 2019	\$ -	\$ 3,820.00	\$ -
Donations to CGC	\$ 100.00	\$ 438.30	\$ 200.00
Draw from CGC Bank Account (deficit)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,513.00
Dues & FFGC Membership/New Members	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 4,175.00	\$ 2,810.00
Member Event: Holiday Party	\$ 400.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 500.00
Member Event: April Luncheon	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 340.00	\$ 200.00
Programs & Speakers -meeting donations	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Scholarships	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
Special Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Projects (Library)	\$ 50.00		\$ -
Ways and Means:		\$ -	\$ -
Fundraiser: Garden Tour	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Gardening Guides	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,258.00	\$ 2,000.00
Member Luncheons	\$ -	\$ 440.00	\$ 500.00
Meeting Sales/Raffles	\$ 150.00	\$ 254.00	\$ 500.00
Plant and TG Arrangement Sale	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 15,770.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,778.39</b>	<b>\$ 18,723.00</b>
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION - EXPENSE		Actual 2019-2020	Budget 2019-2020
Administration/Office General	\$ 400.00	\$ 323.67	\$ 350.00
Annual Flower Show	\$ -	\$ 1,654.82	\$ 3,000.00
Archives and Publicity	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Awards & Gifts	\$ 100.00	\$ 72.71	\$ 100.00
Blue Star Memorial	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.28	\$ 90.00
Chamber of Commerce	\$ 350.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 350.00
Civic Project Butterfly Garden and Release	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 178.95	\$ 1,000.00
Civic Project - Florida Arbor Day	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -
Civic Project Pioneer Garden	\$ -	\$ 523.30	\$ 1,000.00
District & Club Rep. Official Meetings	\$ 400.00	\$ 4,219.31	\$ 1,050.00
District Membership Dues	\$ 59.00	\$ -	\$ -
Donations from CGC	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
FFGC Membership Dues	\$ 708.00	\$ 564.00	\$ 708.00



General Meetings-Rent	\$ 525.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 875.00
General Meetings-Hospitality	\$ 150.00	\$ 155.56	\$ 125.00
Insurance	\$ 425.00	\$ 401.00	\$ 425.00
Junior Gardeners	\$ -	\$ 248.40	\$ 400.00
Member Event: April Luncheon	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00
Member Event: Holiday Party	\$ 750.00	\$ 365.00	\$ -
Membership	\$ 150.00	\$ 118.55	\$ 150.00
Memorial Marker Committee	\$ 150.00	\$ 139.98	\$ 150.00
Postage & Sunshine Committee, P.O.Box	\$ 150.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 100.00
Programs & Speakers	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Scholarships	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,700.00
Special Events	\$ -	\$ 174.35	\$ 1,000.00
Special Projects (Library)	\$ 50.00		
Ways and Means:		\$ -	\$ -
Fundraiser: Garden Tour	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Gardening Guides	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.00
Member Luncheons	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Meeting Sales/Raffles	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
Plant and TG Arrangement Sale (Nov)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Credit Card Fees Expense	\$ 153.00	\$ -	\$ -
Website	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 326.00	\$ -
Yearbook	\$ 100.00	\$ 661.27	\$ 700.00

<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 15,770.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,564.15</b>	<b>\$ 18,723.00</b>
Bank Balance: May 1, 2020			
<b>***Board voted to keep a Contingency Reserve of \$8,000.</b>			

<b>Blue Star Memorial 4/30/2020</b>	<b>\$631.86</b>	

When you plant those seeds from China:



Blue Star Mem Balance	1215.00	5/01/16
Expenses	92.02	4/30/16
Expenses	42.00	4/30/17
Expenses	235.61	4/30/18
Balance	745.37	4/30/18

Expenses 2019	63.13
Balance 4-30-19	682.14
<b>Expenses 2020</b>	<b>50.28</b>
<b>Balance 4/30/20</b>	<b>631.86</b>

## Calusa Garden Club Zoom Cocktails & Chat...

**ROUND ROBIN: Floral Design Challenge: Be Prepared to Show a Design Made Solely from Materials from Your Yard or Lanai Planters**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION:**

**1. Coastal Breeze News Gardening Column:** Maria Lamb's September column was published September 18 issue of Coastal Breeze News – Thyme for an Herb Garden. Thank you for assisting with photos of your herb gardens! Maria's October column will be on Succulent Dish Gardens. Send your photos to Maria – or Email her to ask what type of photos she wants. Do you have a suggestion for the November article? Maria would like to hear from you!

**2. Our Daily Bread Food Pantry** is in desperate need of donations of food or cash. Donate at the Family Church of Marco or see their website for more information.

**3. November Plant Sale and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale – Committee has met.** Plans are going well. Date and time: Tuesday November 24, outdoors, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Location is St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parking Lot. Details will be forthcoming at our October 12 first official Calusa Garden Club meeting (by Zoom).

**a. Succulent Dish Gardens:** Linda Colombo reports we will have over 23 dish gardens for sale. Linda asks each person donating a dish garden to bring it to the Plant sale in a box. Contact Linda if you want information about making a succulent dish garden.

**b. Plant Donations:** Sue Oldershaw has pots available for your use if you need additional pots. She plans for 3 sizes of pots for the sale: 4", 6" and 9". Call Sue O. with questions or to confirm your donations. Phone 239-394-1492.

**c. Thanksgiving Arrangements:** Marianne Foley has 9 craft pumpkin containers (5 ivory and 4 orange) purchased by the Club, plus liners, for any of you who want to use one in your Thanksgiving arrangement. The pumpkins may be decorated, painted, and can be cut to the height you want to use. Contact Marianne at [jjmfoley@aol.com](mailto:jjmfoley@aol.com) to let her know if you are making and donating a Thanksgiving arrangement for the sale, and if you want to use a craft pumpkin for your container.

**d. All members in Marco Island on November 24** are asked to donate 2 items (at least) and to work a shift.

**e. We will social distance and wear masks for the sale.** You may participate by designing a centerpiece and by contributing plants without being present at the sale if you wish.

**4. CGC FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING of 2020-2021:** Monday, October 12, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon by Zoom.

**\*\*\*ROUND ROBIN \*\*\***

**Floral Design Challenge: Be Prepared to Show a Design Made Solely from Materials from Your Yard or Lanai Planters.**

Thank you, Susan LaGrotta, for displaying on our Facebook page the photos of our arrangements made with greens and flowers from our yards. Participants were Jackie Purvis (2 arrangements), Susan Neustadt, Sara Wolf, Liz Haines, Sue Oldershaw, Linda Colombo, and Marianne Foley. Check



## To City of Marco...

September 15, 2020

Mr. Tim Pinter  
Public Works Department  
City of Marco Island  
50 Bald Eagle Drive  
Marco Island, FL 34145

Re: Shared Pathway Improvements on San Marco Road

Dear Mr. Pinter:

Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island was founded in 1982, and at that time, one of our founding principles was protection of the environment. Now, in 2020, that principle is more important to us and to all Marco Island residents than ever before.

The City of Marco Island is in the final process of the construction of a shared pathway from San Marco Road/South Barfield Drive to the Marco Island Academy. The Bike Path Committee has been working on these projects with funds from FDOT Grants. The wide sidewalks or shared-use pathways are shared by both cyclists and pedestrians and will add to the "walkability" factor of our community.

Once the shared pathways are completed on San Marco Road, the swales will need to be planted with vegetation to control erosion. In the past, turf has been used and we think that City's normal planting of sod in the public right of ways is not considered to be environmentally friendly. Grass or turf requires water, fertilizer, and frequent maintenance to become established.

We at Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island advocate the use of eco-friendly alternatives such as perennial peanut or sunshine mimosa in the public rights of ways. These groundcovers can be mowed and require less maintenance once established. Using one of these groundcovers along that stretch of San Marco Road would be the ideal eco-friendly "turf" alternative so close to the mangroves. And, both plants produce colorful flowers that will enhance the landscape and the experience of cyclists and walkers using the shared pathway.

Please consider our recommendations for a more beautiful and environmentally friendly Marco Island.

Yours very truly,  
*Sara Wolf*  
Sara Wolf, President  
*Sue Oldershaw*  
Susan Oldershaw, Environmental Co-Chair  
*Maria Lamb*  
Maria Lamb, Environmental Co-Chair  
Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island

c. Mr. Michael McNees



**Calling all District IX Garden Club Members, Club, Circle and Council Presidents,  
State and District Officers and Chairpersons, Former Presidents and District Directors**

**Join us for the historic first Virtual Fall District Meeting  
conducted on the ZOOM platform**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**From 9:00am to 1:00pm**

**Registration Deadline date: October 15, 2020 (Delegates and alternates must be registered 10 days prior to meeting)**

**Program on "Common Sense Gardening: Myths and Realities" presented by Ralph Mitchell, Extension Director for Charlotte County  
Arranged by our co-host, Port Charlotte Garden Club**

**Reports: Chairmen scheduled to report will have 3 minutes. Presidents will have 3 minutes.  
A copy of reports should be emailed to District Secretary, Joyce Stanley at [jdstanley51@gmail.com](mailto:jdstanley51@gmail.com).**

**Announcements: Those wishing to make announcements at the meeting  
should send the information to the Director no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

TEAR OFF \_\_\_\_\_

**R                      Replies should be sent to Libby Curnow at [ecurnow@kernow.com](mailto:ecurnow@kernow.com)  
or mail to Libby Curnow, 20255 Blaine Ave., Port Charlotte FL, 33952-4016  
Zoom invitation will be issued upon receipt.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Check all spaces applicable:**  
**FFGC Officer \_\_\_\_\_ FFGC Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Former FFGC President \_\_\_\_\_**  
**District Officer \_\_\_\_\_ District Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Former District IX Director \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Club President \_\_\_\_\_ Circle President \_\_\_\_\_ Club Member \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_**





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!