



Smoke Signals

The Calusa Garden Club Newsletter

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Letter from Our President

Dear Calusa Garden Club Members,

At our October general meeting our club's summer activities were summarized: in May, the 2022-2023 Budget was finalized, June had us meeting for lunch and buying native plants locally, July had an Ad Hoc Committee visiting venues for our meetings, August kept another Committee busy finalizing the web site redesign, and September had another group revising the Bylaws and Standing Rules. So much was done, and we were looking forward to a smooth and uneventful 2022-2023 year.

THEN CAME IAN!! The internet was down, electricity was out, and club events were cancelled. How unfortunate that our beautiful paradise was severely affected by the hurricane, but I have been assured by our knowledgeable members that trees, shrubs, flowers, and plants will come back in time. Many plants that members were caring for to be sold at our plant sale were lost but plans are in place for it to be a successful event!

The floral design workshop held in October was a great hit and the November workshop will be an opportunity for members to gain knowledge to create a Thanksgiving centerpiece. The Horticulture workshops are back on the calendar and a Gadabouts trip is scheduled for November 12. Many more details are on our Events Calendar on our website. Please be sure you have registered as a user. As a reminder, please wear your name tag at all events so our new members can get to know you.

Susan

Speaker for our November Meeting

The November program, presented by Dr. Steve Davis, is "Restoring America's Everglades Brings Resilience to South Florida."

Dr. Davis is The Everglades Foundation's Chief Science Officer. A native of Ohio, he earned a PhD from Florida International University in 1999 with research in Florida Bay and the coastal Everglades. Davis joined The Everglades Foundation in 2009 as a member of the Science Department, and he became a key voice in support of the organization's mission to restore America's Everglades. He draws upon his 25 years of Everglades science and teaching experience, including 10 years as professor of wetland ecology at Texas A&M University, to lead science, communication and outreach efforts focused on Everglades restoration, ecosystem health, and impacts of sea-level rise.

IMPORTANT DATES!

November

Saturday Nov 5	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Maintenance at Leigh Plummer Park
Monday Nov 7	10:30 am – 12:00	Board Meeting at Library
Wednesday Nov 9	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Sand Hill Marker Maintenance
Saturday November 12	9:00 am -	Gadabout UF/IFAS Naples Yard and Garden Show
Monday November 14	10:00 am – 2:00 pm.	General Club Meeting
Tuesday November 15	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Floral Design Workshop Thanksgiving Floral Designs
Saturday November 19	9:00 am – 10:00 am	Leigh Plummer Park Clean UP
Tuesday November 22	7:30 am – 3:00 pm	Calusa Garden Club Plant and Thanksgiving Arrangement Sale
Saturday November 26	9:00am – 11:00 am	Butterfly Garden Work Group
Wednesday November 30		Newsletter Items Due

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December

Thursday December 1	6:00 pm	Gadabout: Johnsonville Night Lights in the Garden at Naples Botanical
Wednesday December 7	1:00 pm	Horticulture Workshop – An all-Native Landscape
Thursday December 8	11:30 am	Member Holiday Luncheon
Wednesday December 14	2:00 pm	Friends of the Library Flower Arranging Workshop

CHANGE IN DECEMBER FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOP *from Sara Wolf*

It was decided that the November 15 Design Workshop will now be a Plant sale Design workshop for members to practice making Thanksgiving Centerpieces. Lindy and Marianne will be your instructors.

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NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS ARE BACK! *From Monique Doyle*

Monthly small get togethers will be hosted by a member volunteer. It is an opportunity to meet and mix our new and established members in a fun setting.

Be creative: host a lunch on your lanai, a picnic in the park with a walk or Happy Hour.

Contact Monique Doyle at 708 378 9921 if you want to host starting in November thru March. She will set the dates and time and they will be posted on our website.

CALUSA GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE *from Sara Wolf*

PLANT SALE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22- 10:00 to 2:00

Our Calusa Garden Club sale on Tuesday, November 22 from 10:00 to 2:00 promises to be a big success --- and lots of fun--- *provided we all contribute and participate!*

Here are our categories: Plants – in decorative pots. Plants – in growers pots. Succulent Dish Gardens. Mixed Plant Planters in Decorative Pots. Herb Gardens. Thanksgiving Flower Arrangements!

No plants after Hurricane Ian? That's my problem, too! **Solution:** Jen Ferrier has many extra plants she wants to donate. Meet at Jen's house on Thursday, November 3, between 2:00 and 5:00, to dig up or separate Jen's plants and then re-pot them and bring them to the Plant Sale. Her address is 1281 Sixth Avenue.

Donna Kay has terra cotta and other pots on her front porch for our members to use. Drop by Donna's house at 957 Hunt Court and take a pot or two prior to going to Jen's house to gather a few plants.

Please join us in at least one of these time slots – **SET-UP** from 7:30 to 10:00; **SALE TIME** from 10:00-2:00 and **TAKE-DOWN & CLEANUP** from 1:30 to 3:00. We will give instructions about dropping off your contributions at the November 14 club meeting.

Our committee members – Laura Furlong, Donna Kay, Sue Oldershaw, Marianne Foley, Linda Colombo, Sharon Sutton, Monique Doyle, Sara Wolf and Susan Neustadt --- will be phoning you to see what time slot you want to work and ask what plants or arrangements you will contribute. Again, this year we will have Charlette Roman selling her orchids.

Here are some pictures to encourage and inspire you!





CALUSA GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE - NOVEMBER 22, 2022

MEMBER RESPONSE FORM



ALL MEMBERS SHOULD COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO SARA WOLF:

EMAIL: SARAWOLF617@GMAIL.COM

MAIL: 1710 MACAO COURT, MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145

TEXT: 513.706.8681.

Your Name: _____

Circle Hours You Can work: Set-Up 7:30-10:00 Selling 10:00 – 2:00 Cleanup: 1:30 – 3:00

WHAT YOU ARE DONATING TO THE SALE:

Plants in Decorative or Ceramic Pots (need 100): limit 5 per member unless pre-arranged with chairpersons Donna Kay and Laura Furlong:

Names of plants and number of each: _____

Plants in Growers' Pots (need 50): Chairpersons Donna Kay and Laura Furlong (Limit 5 per member when combined with Plants in Terra Cotta or Ceramic Pots)

Names of plants and number of each: _____

Decorative Planters with Multiple Plants (need 30): Chairperson Monique Doyle

Approximate size of planters and types of plants: _____

Container Herb Gardens (need 20): Chairperson Monique Doyle

Number, approximate size of planter and types of herbs: _____

Succulent Dish Gardens (need 30): Chairperson Linda Colombo

Number, approximate size: _____

Thanksgiving Arrangements (need 35): Chairperson Marianne Foley

Number: _____

POTS FOR PLANT SALE *from Donna Kay*

I have various types of pots to be used for the plant sale. The terra cotta pots are located on a table on the side of my garage. The sides at 5,6, 7 and 8. Decorative pots without bottom drainage holes are in wire containers next to the front door. There are many sizes. Just stop by 967 Hunt Court and help yourself.

SUCCULENT WORKSHOP FOR PLANT SALE *from Linda Colombo*

Seven members enjoyed a couple of hours making succulent dish gardens at Linda Colombo's home.

Many containers were donated and quickly planted with succulent plants. Not only were the dish gardens created but members were able to get to know each other. Many members were not able to join the workshop but will also be donating a dish garden. Thank you to each of you who were able to spend the time in supporting the plant sale.



Putting together succulent dish gardens is messy work but worth the effort!



Special Epicat Honey Color Orchid for Pre-Sale from Sara Wolf

Charlette Roman will be participating in our November 22 Plant Sale and selling orchids. She has one division of her special Epicat honey color orchid left for the sale, and she is willing to pre-sell it to a garden club member prior to the Plant Sale. The price is \$60. Contact Charlette Roman by Email at romanc@earthlink.net if you wish to purchase this special orchid.

NOVEMBER GADABOUT INFORMATION from Sue Oldershaw

The Gadabout is Saturday, November 12, 2022! Meet at 9am at the little Publix parking lot. We are going to Yard and Garden Show at University of Florida extension. There are great plants to purchase, lectures, gardens to tour and more. Bring money, \$5 admission, \$5 to driver for gas and money for lunch and plants. Most merchants take credit cards. Contact Sue Oldershaw, 290 0612 to sign up. Let me know if you can drive.

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UPDATE FROM THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN from Susan La Grotta

One month after a visit from Ian, volunteers from the Calusa Park Butterfly Garden Committee spent several hours in the garden. We surveyed the damage, weeded, and observed some signs of life in the garden as shown by the photo of a Watermelon Jatropha. Other survivors that were sprouting some new growth included passionvine, coontie, panama rose, powder puff tree, buttonwood, and necklace pod.

(FYI: Here is a link about the Jatropha plant, although not native, does attract a variety of butterflies and pollinators.

<https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/trees-and-shrubs/shrubs/jatropha.html>)



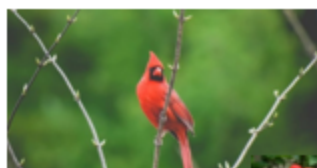
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MEMORIAL MARKER UPDATE from Linda Colombo

The Leigh Plummer Marker has been checked recently. The bromeliads were all dead and have been removed. The aloe is fine. The porter weed is dead but left to hold the soil till we find a replacement plant. I also went to the Pineapple marker. All the bromeliads were dead except for the ornamental pineapple plants. When everyone gets their gardens squared away, we will need more ornamental since it works there and possibly sun loving ones. We will need sun loving for Leigh Plummer Marker as well. The Sand Hill marker looks good with blooming bromeliads and is visible from the bicycle path.



**Calusa Garden Club
of Marco Island**



Holiday With Nature

Join us for the **Calusa Garden Club Holiday Luncheon**

Theme: Holiday with Nature, at La Tavola

Date : December 08, 2022, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Dress : Dressy Casual, Holiday Spirit !!!!

Menu \$38.00

1. House Salad with grilled chicken
 2. La Tavola Wedge with grilled chicken
 3. Vegan Salad (greens, berries, nuts, tomatoes, beans...)
 4. Mushroom Pappardelle
 5. Gouda Burger (9oz. short rib and brisket) with truffle fries
 6. Crispy Fish Sandwich (tomato, arugula...) with truffle fries
- Dessert: Flourless Chocolate Torte (Gluten free dark Chocolate)



Coffee, Tea

Activity: Gift Exchange, Max \$15.00 ... make it something USEFUL !!!

YES, Let's celebrate !!!

RSVP : By November 23, 2022

NAME : _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

No. ATTENDING: _____ Menu Choice : _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Reply To: Kathy McNabb: 612-991-9594 Pay online at: <http://calusa-garden-club-of-marco-island.square.site/>

Send money to : Annette Kuhn, 160 Delbrook Way, Marco Island, FL 34145



DECEMBER PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT from Kimberly Porter

Renowned Florida Nature Artist, John Costin, will present his work to the Calusa Garden Club on December 8th, 2022.

A resident of Ybor City (Tampa) FL, John Costin has been a professional artist since 1979. His primary subject matter is birds which he has been fascinated by since childhood. His medium is intaglio printmaking which is a very old and complex process that allows him to show the viewer the tremendous detail and color that avian creatures possess. Starting with a graphite drawing that is transferred to a series of copper plates he creates an image on fine rag paper. Everything is done by hand; no computers or photography is ever used. When the piece is nearly completed, each one is meticulously painted by hand. Many of his bird subjects are depicted life size.

His work can be found in many local and private collections including Raymond James Financial, The State Library of Florida and the University of Miami. He recently completed a book project; *"Large Florida Birds"* containing 20 etchings of life size birds and their stories. The foreword for this book was written by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Jack E. Davis.

Please Join Us!

Thursday, December 8, 2022

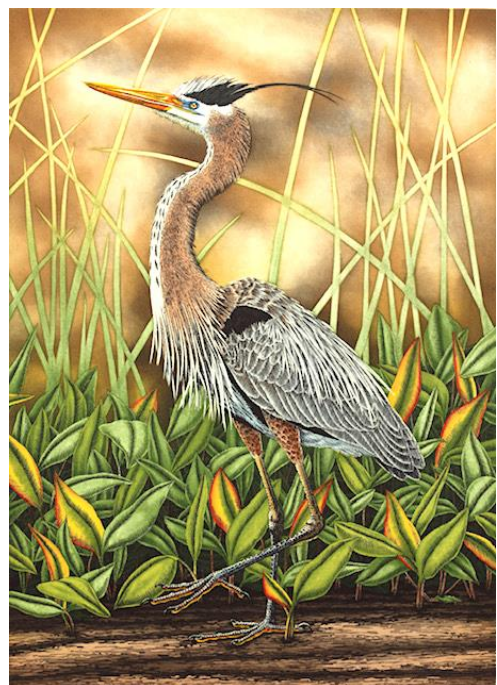
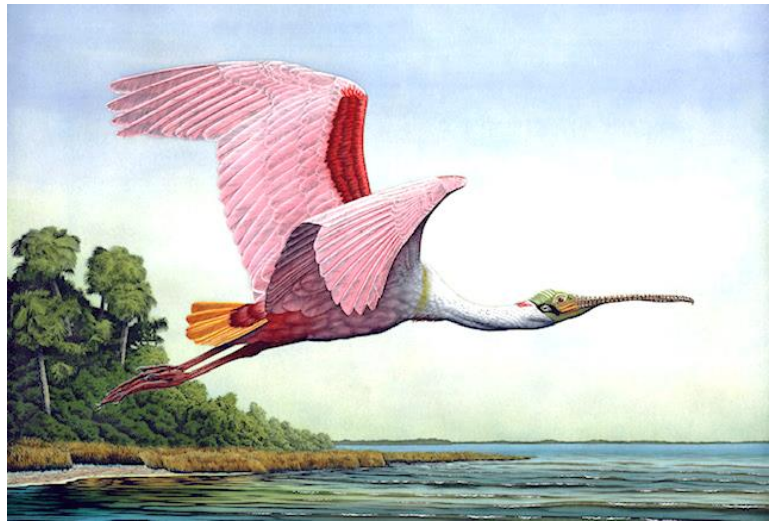
La Tavola Restaurant

961 Winterberry Drive

Marco Island , Florida 34145

Holiday gifts and the artist's work

Available for sale!



DECEMBER GADABOUT INFORMATION *from Jenn Ferrier & Sue Oldershaw*

December 1, 2022 (Thursday): New Gadabout
Johnsonville Night Lights in the Garden at the Naples Botanical Gardens

All members who are interested are asked to stay after the meeting on November 14th. We will then buy the tickets for the Johnsonville Night Lights In the Garden at the Naples Botanical Garden. If you are a member, please bring your Membership Card. The cost for a member is \$15.00. The cost for a non-member is \$30.00. Please bring your payment to the meeting. We are tentatively planning to get the 6:00 pm entrance if it is available.

The December 3 Gadabout to the Punta Gorda Garden Club: Holly Days Home and Garden Tour has been cancelled due to Hurricane Ian.

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RAY ROSENBERG FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT *from Linda Spell*

It's official. Ray's burial at sea, flag ceremony, CAP flyover and celebration of life will be February 26. I have signed a contract with St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 1101 N. Collier Boulevard, Marco Island, to have Ray's celebration in their beautiful Parish Hall. Times will be as planned earlier: Meet at Marco Island Yacht Club docks at 12:30 and leave at 1:00 on a flotilla of boats arranged by Henry Stanley to go out the required three miles to send his ashes out into the gulf he loved. At about 3:30 or 3:45, the flag ceremony by the American Legion, Civil Air Patrol and Power Squadron will be held in the yacht club courtyard and the flyover will occur. From 4:00 to 6:00, catered refreshments will be served in the St. Mark's Parish Hall and personal tributes, Rayisms and toasts can be given. The decision to postpone the events because of the hurricane was a good one and I hope everyone can participate in February. Please help me to spread the word. Thank you.

Linda



Club Meeting Raffles

We plan a different format for our CGC meeting raffles this year. All tickets sold will be placed in one bin, and when a ticket is drawn, the ticket holder may choose her raffle item. The first ticket drawn chooses from all the items, the second ticket drawn chooses from the remaining items, and so forth.

Thanks for your support of our Calusa Garden Club!

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OCTOBER'S FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOP from Laura Furlong

Calusa Garden Club member and Florida Federation of Garden Club Judge, Lindy Kowalczyk gave an informative, interactive clinic on floral arrangements that included design principles and garden club guidelines for floral arranging at the Marco Island Library. Eleven members (including two of our newest members) created both traditional and creative designs following the elements of floral designs.



Debbie Kuhlman and her
Traditional Design



Joan Husband with her
Traditional design



Instructor Lindy Kowalczyk
With her creative design

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TRIP TO SELBY GARDEN from Sara Wolf

Fourteen members of Calusa Garden Club trekked to Sarasota on Tuesday, October 25 to visit Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and Museum. The Selby Gardens Orchid Show was being exhibited, and the orchids were also a feature of the Museum which exhibited macro photos of orchids in the Selby Gardens collection, greatly enlarged and printed on black backgrounds.



Selby Gardens' Manager of Visitor Engagement Ross Johnston conducted a tour of about an hour and a half. He talked about the history of Marie Selby Gardens, which originally was a home for Marie Selby and her husband Henry G. Selby. The couple purchased land on Sarasota Bay in 1921, built their home, and began planting many botanical specimens. Johnston highlighted the large banyan trees, the bamboo collection, the mangroves, and the native plants such as cycads before the group visited the greenhouse and the large orchid display.

Members enjoyed a boxed lunch in the shaded area of the gardens prior to the tour.



Above, orchids and Sue Oldershaw wearing a shirt that matches an orchid. Left, Jane Robinson and Janet Watson enjoy the view of Sarasota Bay. Right, members listen to Guide Ross Johnston describing mangroves.



