

# *Smoke Signals*

## The Calusa Garden Club Newsletter

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**THE FALL FESTIVAL & PLANT SALE - Nov 22, 2025**

**C.G.C. and WATERMARK**

**MONTHLY MEETINGS IN 2025**

### FALL FESTIVAL & PLANT SALE

This year's Annual Plant Sale, held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 22nd, has a new and exciting focus. It is now a "Fall Festival & Plant Sale," making it a family event, with fun adventures for all. Diane Chestnut is chairing the FESTIVAL portion of the event and has developed an exciting list of activities for everyone's entertainment. Many hands make small work, so the club membership needs to volunteer at the Plant Sale or at any one of the Festival booths. Read detail below.

### PLANT SALE

Rhonda Gloodt is chairing the Plant Sale and needs you to know the following IMPORTANT information:

Each member should contribute at least five plants in one-gallon black pots. Each plant should be high-quality, sold for \$25 a pot. This year we are focusing on butterfly host and nectar plants. Half of the plants you donate could be butterfly plants and the other half the plants that you enjoy.

Rhonda has over 100 young plants that can be transplanted to pots. Anyone who would like to acquire plants from her yard are welcome to come to her house and to start the propagation process now, so that the plants will have time to grow and be beautiful by November. You can leave them at her

house, and she will even water them for you! Bring dirt and one-gallon black pots. If you have questions, please call her: **Rhonda Gloodt 239-450 7089**

### **FALL FESTIVAL**

All The traditional elements of the plant sale will be present including Floral arrangements and a wide variety of plants. The Festival will offer educational, membership and scholarship tables. Volunteers are needed for November 22nd. New this year is the Garden Market Table featuring floral and garden items crafted by our members and a variety of nature based experiences for the younger set.

Booths include:

- Face Painting – Who has experience with this, or knows someone who does and would like to help?
- Washable Tatoos – We have the material, volunteer needed.
- Fingernail Decals – All with a floral theme, no nail painting done. Volunteer needed.
- Leaf Rubbings – This volunteer should have experience, or an artist might take on this activity.
- Chalk Art Contest – Volunteer to oversee, and a committee of judges is needed.
- Floral Crowns – Always a hit. Donations of small artificial flowers are welcome. We'll have a workshop in the early fall to learn techniques.
- Seed Bombs – Small containers with dirt and seeds will be available for easy planting. Please save your toilet paper rolls. (Yes, really.)
- Terrariums – We need donations of tiny tiny succulents, and any miniature decorative nature creatures, plastic or ceramic, to inhabit the creations.
- Craft table – Attention Crafters !! If you have an idea of any garden or floral items we could fashion and sell, let Diane know.
- Refreshments – There will be hotdogs grilling, popcorn popping, and bottled water available.
- Need Pop up tents
- Men to grill hotdogs

Questions and volunteering, please contact **Diane Chestnut 239-285-2972**.

### **CGC and WATERMARK**

After months of work, Diane has confirmed that Watermark Communities, the new healthcare facility on Marco Island, will make a generous \$10,000 donation to the Calusa Garden Club. More news updates next week!

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Our monthly meetings will commence on October 13, the second Monday of the month. An educational program is presented at the meetings: in October we will learn about A.I. as applied to landscaping; in November the theme is raised-bed gardens and edible flowers. December is the occasion of the Winter Party. Please mark your calendars, so as not to miss any of these special events.

Weekly updates will now be great communication for Save the Dates, it's going to be a busy, fun year!