

**Calusa Garden Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026**

**Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Linda Colombo, President
Quorum established
Salute to the flag
Approval of November 10, 2025, General Membership Meeting minutes
Approval of December 12, 2025, General Membership Meeting minutes**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Colombo, President, announced: FFGC webinar - Nature Inspired Landscaping; Pineapple Day on January 31 from 10:00 – 1:00; Leigh Plummer clean up on January 15; program for today, Leaf Manipulation, by Mary Raymond
2VP REPORT

Valerie Aguis announced Calusa Garden Club has 68 members; 44 members and 5 guests were in attendance; 3 new members were installed

TREASURER'S REPORT

Margie Bramel reported Calusa Garden Club's income and savings for the past year. Report filed

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

Kimberly Porter sent a card to Monna Hormel

RECORDING SECRETARY

Nancy Reynolds is substituting for Ann Sepe

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION – Marianne Foley

Florida Arbor Day – Brenda McGlade reported that the donated tree will be planted at Leigh Plummer Park at 10:30 on January 16

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Susan Neustad

Smoke Signals Newsletter – Barbara Perez asked that anyone experiencing problems opening Smoke Signals, to let her know

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH – Kathy McNabb

Beautification Liasson – Victoria Meyers reported Marco in Bloom will have a new category – Florida Friendly Landscaping. Members can send addresses to Victoria's committee.

Campership – Liz Clancy reported difficulty identifying 4th - 6th grade students who would be allowed to attend Camp Wekiva

Flowers in Public Places – Marianne Foley urged members to participate

MEMBER ENRICHMENT – Marisa Iwicki

Floral Design Workshops – Lindy Kowalczyk and Bonnie Coleman will hold workshops at New Life Church on the third and last Mondays of January, February, and March

Horticulture – Marisa Iwicki announced an Educational Garden Workshop on orchids will be held on January 20

MEMBER EVENTS – vacant

December 2026 Luncheon – Margie Bramel reported the tentative date and location will be December 11 at the Players Club

Flower Show/Art in Bloom – Sara Wolf provided information about other clubs hosting Art in Bloom flower shows

WAYS AND MEANS – vacant

Field Trip – Filled with a waiting list

J. McLaughlin – Valerie s announced several more volunteers are needed for this fund- raising event on January 21

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Business Sponsorships - Claudia Bruni asked for volunteers to assist in contacting local businesses regarding sponsoring Calusa Garden Club.

1st Vice-President Position – Marisa Iwicki was elected.

FFGC Convention report – Maura Kelly and Kimberly Porter reported.

District IX meeting report – Sara Wolf and Kimberly Porter reported.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45

Nancy Reynolds

Recording Secretary, Pro Tem



Corrections for Minutes of January Member Meeting: Fwd:CGC Docs for February 9, 2026 Member Meeting

1 message

Sara Wolf <sarawolf617@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 6, 2026 at 2:37 PM

To: Nancy Reynolds <nancyj0411@yahoo.com>, Ann Sepe <help4animals.ann@gmail.com>, Linda Colombo <lindadeec@comcast.net>

One typo:

Theresa is a stray letter "s" after

Valerie's name in the report on J. McLaughlin.

I ask that the member meeting minutes state the dates and locations of the Art in Bloom events that I reported. Why? So that members who were absent can read the minutes and make a note of the dates and places.

My report was:

1. Four CGC members will participate in Artful Arrangements on January 16-18 in the Naples Art District. They are Linda Colombo, Debra Kuhlman, Marianne Foley and Sara Wolf.

2. Art in Bloom will be held at Peace River Sculpture and Botanical Garden in Punta Gorda on February 22 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

In addition, I ask (again) that the minutes state the names and causes of cards sent by the corresponding secretary. Also that the corresponding secretary announce the name and causes of the cards at the meeting.

Why? Because by reading the minutes we are not informed that Monna Hormel's husband died. So we cannot offer her our sympathy when we see her. We do not want to ask "How is your husband Terry? Is he playing golf?" And require Monna to say, "Terry died."

Thanks!

Sara

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island <calusa

@membershipworks.org>

Date: February 6, 2026 at 1:20:56 PM EST

To: sarawolf617@gmail.com

Subject: CGC Docs for February 9, 2026 Member Meeting

Reply-To: Calusa Garden Club of Marco Island <sneustad@icloud.com>

Please click each link to read documents for Monday's meeting:

February 12, 2026 Agenda

January 12, 2026 Minutes for Approval

Treasurer's Report

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