

Calusa Garden Club  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2025

Meeting called to order 11:00 am, Linda Colombo, President

Quorum established, Ann Sepe, Recording Secretary

Salute to Flag

Approval of October 13, 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes. Ann Sepe, Recording Secretary

President's Report and Announcements

Linda Colombo, President, announced there is a vacancy for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/ Programs this year. Updated on Watermark programs. Spoke about Grants and Awards

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report – Valerie Aguis

Val reported on membership. Two new members Laura Baurman and Victoria Meyers were inducted. Val acknowledged guests.

Treasurer Report - Margie Bramel

Report provided to membership, report attached

Assistant Treasurer - Nancy Adams

No Report

Corresponding Secretary – Kimberly Porter

Reported on cards sent. Reminded members to contact her with any sunshine needs.

Recording Secretary – Ann Sepe

No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Beautification – Marianne Foley

Updated members on Memorial Markers. Gloria Fabijani announced that the two plaques were replaced on posts near two trees on library property. Russ Colombo installed them.

Communication and Technology – Susan Neustadt

Susan asked members to contact her if having difficulties receiving on line information.

Publicity – Sara Wolf

Updated members on plant sale publicity.

Smoke Signals Newsletter – Barbara Perez.

Current edition available. Please submit information by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to have it appear in next newsletter.

Community Education & Outreach – Kathy McNabb

Reported on Eco Tots Children's Program at Tommy Barfield. This includes 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Flowers in Public Places – Marianne Foley explained program to membership. Any member can make design and Marianne will explain how and where to place it.

Library Project – Kim Porter will chair this project at the library Dec. 17. This is a program for the public to attend. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. They donate the funds for our supplies.

Linda Scherzinger reported on Beautification Advisory Committee = Calusa will help identify homes for the Marco in Bloom. Also spoke about Beautification Advisory Committee projects such as installing many new trees on Marco.

Member Enrichment – Marisa Iwicki

Marisa will be presenting today's Program. It will be held at Watermark Assisted Living.

Environment - Nancy Reynolds – absent. Nancy submitted program. Linda Colombo read about Wild Boars/Hogs

Floral Design Workshops - Sara Wolf showed video on conditioning your flowers prior to the making design.

Gadabouts - Susan Oldershaw updated members on November 13<sup>th</sup> programs. There will be a trip to Bentley Villages Garden and to Collier Mosquito Control.

Member Events – Vacant

Holiday Party – Liz Clancy and Margie Bramel - Registration is open for December Holiday Party. Register on line or send check to Margie.

Meeting Hospitality – Liz Clancy and Debra Kuhlman – All refreshments today were organized by Liz and Debra.

Ways and Means – Vacant

Field Trip - Susan Ridyard reported there are seats left for Fairchild Field trip

Meeting Raffles – Jen Ferrier – Absent. Liz stood in for Jen

Plant Sale – Sara Wolf and Kimberly Porter updated members on sale. November 22, 2025 will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale. There is a handout regarding instructions for donating items available for members.

We need tents, wagons, boxes, containers. It was reported that there will be family activities at sale. Nancy Adams has the plant tags members should use to identify the plant and its needs.

Old Business -

Linda Colombo reported on Watermark Program. November 13<sup>th</sup> program cancelled. Calusa is awaiting response from Watermark as to how to move forward now that Diane Chestnut is not the liaison.

New Business

Linda Colombo reported on Business Cards she has purchased at her expense. They are available for members to hand out to public.

There is a flyer and coupon from Bella Florals available to members. They have moved to 1000 N. Collier.

Program previously scheduled for Watermark will be presented at Library today by Marisa Iwicki, Horticulture Chair. Topic — Growing Herbs in Raised Beds.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10

Ann Sepe

Recording Secretary