



# GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL

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Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., (District IX) and Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council

## NEWSLETTER – March 2020

### MARCH MEETING

Doors open at 5:45 pm. at the Kiwanis Hall on Santa Barbara. Meeting will begin promptly at 6:15 pm with the inspirational message and Pledge of Allegiance by our new Chaplain, Rachele Epp . This month, in place of our regular educational program, our Ways and Means Committee will discuss final arrangements for March in the Park, (March 14). Bring your questions and get all the information you need to help YOU make this our most successful March in the Park yet. This is how we raise the funds we need to support our various charitable projects, like our Marty Ward Merit awards which give scholarships to local high-school kids, the donations we make to schools to help with horticultural/environmental projects, and our annual donation to the Butterfly garden at Rotary Park in memory of members who have passed. Without a successful March in the Park, none of this will be possible. Remember, we are a registered non-profit 501c3 company, [set up for charitable purposes.](#)

Greeters: Kim White  
Tammy Wilson

Hosts: Colleen Carty Cheryl Byrd  
Susan Campbell Martha Howard  
Joan Simmons Lynne Viacava  
Janet Pung

Beverages: Cindy Wasilak Carol Arnholt  
Serving Table Centerpiece: Fran McIntyre

If you can't fulfil the function indicated, try to get someone to do it for you. As a **last** resort, contact Debbie Cooper.

Don't forget to support our monthly Opportunity Drawings! The income from this helps defray our rental of the Kiwanis Hall (\$150 monthly).

Also, remember to shop at Amazon by clicking on the link on our webpage. We get a small percentage of your purchase and it costs you nothing to do this. Just go to our website [gardenclubofcapecoral.com](http://gardenclubofcapecoral.com) and click on the **SHOP** link on our home page.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Sue Noble, Membership Chair, will be accepting dues for next year beginning September 2020 at the next three meetings (March, April and May). Dues are \$30 for an individual and \$45 for a couple. Membership dues need to be paid to the club by the end of May in order to ensure inclusion in the next year's Club Directory.

Please make checks payable to Garden Club of Cape Coral. If you need to mail your check, please mail it to GCCC, Membership, PO Box 152022, Cape Coral, 33915 to arrive before May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## March in the Park

If you have an MIP shirt on order, this meeting is your last chance to pick it up before MIP. See Gail Miller to get your shirt. If you haven't already returned your opportunity drawing ticket stubs to Charlene Anderson, please do so at this meeting even if you haven't sold them. We need all the tickets we can get to sell from the Opportunity Drawing Booth at the event. If you didn't get your tickets, see Charlene at this meeting to get your \$20 worth of tickets to either sell or buy yourself and get the stubs/cash to her at the Opportunity Drawing Booth as early as you can at MIP.

## Our Spring Biennial Flower Show – *The Golden Years of Cape Coral*

Sign up sheets for all the jobs to run the show will again be on the sign-up table for you to choose what you would like to do. If we do not get enough volunteers, we will be calling members to assign jobs.

As a reminder, the activities around the show begin on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> when we will set up at the SW Cape Library big meeting room, 921 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Terr. The show ends with take-down on Saturday, May 2 at 3 pm. when you should collect your entries and ribbons.

The show has four sections: Horticulture, Design, Botanical Arts and an Exhibition section.

**Horticulture** is so easy to enter – just snip anything from your yard that matches any of the categories shown in the catalogue and bring it to the SW Cape Library on entry days. There will be samples of horticulture entries for you to see at the meeting (thank you, Sue Lawson, for doing this.) You just need to know the item's botanical name, or someone will help you look it up at the show.

### Design:

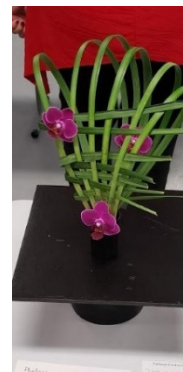
Design takes a little more effort than Horticulture. Below you will see an extract from our schedule with examples of designs that match our classes. Remember that the theme of the show celebrates *the Golden Years of Cape Coral* so all the classes reflect that title, and it follows that your designs should try to reflect/interpret the title of the particular class you are entering.

Key things to remember: NO ARTIFICIAL MATERIAL IN THE DESIGN AND NO DYED PLANT MATERIAL

### SECTION A. *Golden Nuggets*

#### *Class 1: Golden Sunset in Cape Coral – 12" Petite Design*

Entries Consultant: Julia Palmer



A petite design no larger than 12" x 12" including container, staged on 18" of a black painted surface 42" high provided by Committee. Underlay to be provided by designer (counts toward overall size).

*Example of a petite design*

#### *Class 2: Diving for Gold in Cape Coral – 8" Petite underwater Design -*

Entries/Consultant: Julia Palmer

*Example of petite underwater design*



A creative design staged on 18" of a black painted surface 42" high provided by Committee, having some or all plant material and other optional component(s) submerged in water. Plant material and other components under water must contribute to the overall design and are selected for their lasting quality.

Class descriptions continue on next page.

**Class 3: A Salute to Cape Coral -  
5" Petite Creative Mass design -**

Entries/Consultant: Julia Palmer



*Petite creative mass design example*

A creative design staged on 18" of a black painted surface 42" high provided by the Committee, emphasizing a greater proportion of plant material and components other than space. The silhouette of the design is visually closed, and rhythm contained within. Open spaces may be incorporated within the closed silhouette. Designer underlay optional.

**SECTION B. Eating Out in the Cape  
Class 4: Picnicking on Cape Coral Beach -  
A Functional Table for Alfresco dining**

Entries/Consultant: Susan Lawson

*Table setting for two*



A functional table set for service of 2 people with a decorative unit (a completed floral design using plant material and other accessories) included. A container-grown plant alone is not a design. Staged on a 30"

square card table supplied by the committee. Exhibitor should supply a suitable table covering.

**Class 5: Caloosahatchee Reflections -  
An Exhibition Table**

Entries/Consultant: Susan Lawson



Designer's choice of materials staged on half of a 6' table (36" W) x 30" D, x 29" high, covered with a beige cloth supplied by Committee, incorporating a 48" high by 32" wide staging panel backboard provided by the exhibitor. (Backboards available on loan from Committee). Underlay optional. Created artistically to suggest the service of food with no requirements as to the type or number of table appointments. Plant material must be used as needed for the overall design.

**Class 6: Brunch on the Boat - A Tray design -**

Entries/Consultant: Susan Lawson



*Example of tray design for*

A tray (supplied by exhibitor) for one, with a Decorative Unit in proportion to the one place setting. Will be staged on 1/4 of a 6' table covered with a beige cloth provided by the Committee. Space allotted measures 36" W x 15" D x 29" high, freestanding. The tray requires an appropriately-sized Decorative Unit with the stability of the Decorative Unit given importance.

**SECTION C. Tripling the Gold**

**Class 7: Sunrise over the Beach -  
Creative Line Design**

Entries/Consultant: Fran McIntyre

*Example of a creative line design:*



A creative design where line is dominant with a minimum of plant material and other optional components. The line may be straight, curved or a combination. There may be one or more points of emergence and focal areas. Use of a two-dimensional 48" x 32" wide staging panel is suggested. Underlays supplied by exhibitor are permitted.

**Class 8: Golden Days in Cape Coral - Duo Design**

Entries/Consultant: Fran McIntyre

*Example of a duo design (front)*



A creative design staged on half of a 6' x 30' x 29" high table covered with a beige cloth supplied by Committee. Design is organized in one container or containers joined to appear as one. Organized as two designs back to back and entered in two separate design classes with the schedule specifying both titles. Each side appears as a distinctly different design. Staging must

allow for easy viewing on both sides of the design.

### **Class 9: Golden Nights in Cape Coral – Duo Design**

Entries/Consultant: Fran McIntyre

*Example of a duo design (back)*



A creative design staged on half of a 6' x 30' x 29" high table covered with a beige cloth supplied by Committee. Design is organized in one container or containers joined to appear as one. Organized as two designs back to back and entered in two separate design classes with the schedule specifying both titles. Each side appears as a distinctly different design. Staging must allow for easy viewing on both sides of the design.

#### **How to enter:**

On 30<sup>th</sup> April, bring your horticulture entries to the back side door of the Library at any time between 9 am and 4:30 pm. Design and Botanical Arts entries will be accepted between noon and 4:30 pm that day. On Friday May 1, entries for both horticulture and design will be accepted between 9 am and 11:30 am. All exhibitors must leave the room at 11:30 am.

Full information about the show is in the show schedule which was emailed to all members in February. If you did not receive the schedule, please tell Kathy Woodlock, and she will get it emailed to you.

We will again be running a design workshop and more information will be available on that at the meeting, together with a sign-up sheet.

There are other Flower Shows taking place shortly. Make time to visit them so that you can really see what a flower show is all about. All NGC flower shows are free and open to the public.

Upcoming Flower shows in the area:

1. **"On your Mark . . . Ready . . . Set . . . Go"** - Gulf Coast Garden Club Annual Flower Show March 6-7<sup>th</sup>, Unity Church, Imperial Pkwy., Bonita Springs
2. **"The Colors of Spring"** presented by the Royal Palm Garden Club and Potpourri Designers, March 26 - 27, Thursday 3 – 6 p.m. & Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at FMLCGC Headquarters Building 1600 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers, FL

## **Club Directory Photography Competition**

Keep those entries coming! Go ahead, showcase your gardens and plants that you're proud of. It's very simple, just take a photo of a plant, a flower or your entire garden and send it to Norah Hoover, Joint First VP.

Winner will be announced at our May meeting and the winning photo will adorn the cover of our next year's directory.

## **Club Trips/Events**

The date of the trip to **Sundance Orchids** has been changed to April 25.

The New Members Garden Walk and Tea is scheduled for March 29. New Members since May of 2019 – watch out for your invitations and please be sure to respond. This event is all about you.

## **Upcoming Events**

Cape Coral Historical Society is offering the following programs at their 505 Cultural Park Blvd. location. There is a \$5 fee for the programs.

FL Yards/Neighborhoods Mar. 17, 9:30-11:00  
Butterfly Gardens Apr 21, 9:30-11:00

Contact Janel Trull, CCHS Exec. Director, for more information (239) 772-7037)

## Upcoming Events – continued

The Master Gardeners who care for the FYN gardens at the Historical Society host garden tours the 2nd Wed of the month, Oct through April, 1pm to 3:30pm at the CC Historical Museum. No registration required. Contact Master Gardener and club member, Carolyn France,) for more information.

3/9 – Cups of Cheer Garden Therapy at Coral Trace. Contact Sue Lawson if you would like to help or if you can donate mugs/cups.

3/13 Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council meeting, 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers. 9 am Social half hour, 9:30 am Program: *Plant This – Not That*, presented by Master Gardener, Vanessa Hazelton.

**3/14 MARCH IN THE PARK, Jaycee Park**  
**ALL HANDS ON DECK! Remember to wear a hat (as outrageous as possible) and your March in the Park shirt. Remember to bring bug spray, skin protection, and greet all our guests with a big smile and extreme friendliness. Also wear sneakers or closed-in shoes – there are sometimes fire ants at Jaycee Park.**

3/14 Alva Garden Club Plant/Bake/Sale/ Strawberry Fest, 9 am to 1 pm., Alva Museum, Alva.

3/20 Fun with Flowers – sign up on our website or talk to Sue Lawson at the meeting. The event takes place at FMLCGC HQ, 10 am to noon, \$20. Bring pruners/sturdy scissors. Flowers and container provided.

4/18. Bonsai Society Public Auction and Picnic FMLCGC, 9 am to noon.

### Edison-Ford Upcoming Events:

Monthly Garden talks:

3/13 – Why Native plants are great!

4/11 Bulbs for the South

\$10 EF members. \$15 Nonmembers.

Participants get 20% off at the Garden Shop.

### Edison Gardening Classes:

March 21, 11 am: Making an Herbarium (2-part series). Learn about selecting appropriate plants for growing in an herbarium and create your own herbarium.

\$50 members, \$75 nonmembers. Includes all materials. Event will take place at the FMLCGC building, across from the EF car park.

### Free Guided Nature Walks - Lee County Parks and Recreation

Saturday, March 21st

Wild Turkey Strand Preserve. 11901 Rod & Gun Club Rd., Fort Myers, Trail 1.8 miles. Moderate.

Wednesday, March 25th

Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve, 6351 Stringfellow Rd., St James City, Pine Island, Trail 1.1 miles, Moderate.

All walks are free. No registration is required.

Walks are led by trained volunteers and interpretive naturalists. Meeting location is the preserve parking area. Parking is free. Suggested items to bring include water, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and camera. Please wear closed-toe shoes. No sandals. For questions, call (239) 204-1125

### Reminders from Lakes Park

**1st Saturday** 8 AM Bird Walks 12 months a year. Meet at shelter A7

**2nd Saturday** Guided Garden Walks - Oct-April **9:00 – 10:00 AM.** Meet at Community Garden Sign; end of parking lot #3

**Wednesdays** Farmers Market runs October through April 9 AM– 1 PM

**Tuesdays and Thursdays** – Volunteer Workdays year-round 8 am to 10 am

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The next Newsletter will be published in early April. Please send information to Sylvia Swartz on anything you would like included in the newsletter.