



# GARDEN CLUB OF CAPE CORAL

*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*

“And if I asked you to name all the things you love, how long  
would it take for you to name yourself “?”

*-Courtesy of Valorie Breen*

## NEWSLETTER – January 2022

### January Meeting

Our Social half hour on January 12 begins at 5:45 pm at the Kiwanis, (360 Santa Barbara Blvd.), followed at 6:15 PM by a presentation from Wanda Schmoyer and Nancy Kopp of the James E. Hendry Chapter, American Hibiscus Society, who will tell us “Everything You Want to Know about the Hibiscus.” Our business meeting will follow.

### January Birthdays

Charlene Anderson	Terry Fisher
Marta Nunes	Barbara Philibert
Becky Ruben	Sylvia Swartz
Mary Ann Sedlock	

Birthday wishes to every one of you –  
hope you all enjoy a special day.

### January Club Special Event

January’s special event is a visit to Buckingham Farms (12931 Orange River Blvd., Fort Myers) on Wednesday, January 19, for a tour and honey tasting (\$10). Lunch (preselected) is \$20. If you haven’t already signed up, Cindy Wasilak and Carol Arnholt, our Special Events team, will be taking reservations and accepting checks (made payable to Garden Club of Cape Coral) at the January meeting. We will carpool from the parking lot near Bealls, in the Coralwood Mall, leaving at 9:30 am.

### March in the Park

For those of you new to the Club, March in the Park is our annual main fund raiser. It’s a juried art and garden show that we stage at Jaycee Park, Beach Parkway, Cape Coral. The 2022 event is on March 12 and all members are expected to

participate in some way. All proceeds go toward funding our charitable donations.

We all wear yellow shirts with our club logo on the front and “MARCH IN THE PARK” on the back. The shirts are provided free of charge by the club. If you are new to the club, please sign up for one at the Club meeting. We also wear decorated hats – you can get creative with this – there will be a prize for the best decorated hat!

There are many jobs that need to be done to ensure the event’s success and there will be sign-up sheets at the January meeting for you to choose what you would like to do. Sylvia will also be emailing the list of sign-up sheets in case you aren’t able to attend the meeting. That way, you can email back and let her know what you would like to do.

Apart from signing up for an MIP job, we also ask club members to donate plants that they have grown. The Ways and Means Committee which organizes March in the Park recently sent an email to each member asking you to indicate what plants you might be able to grow for MIP. If you haven’t already returned that form or emailed a list to Colleen Carty [please do this](#) asap. If you have questions, please contact Sylvia Swartz, Cathy Dunn, or Colleen Carty.

Nancy Wallin, who is running the Kids’ Booth at MIP, wonders if any of you grandparents out there have left over stickers, glitter, washable paints/crayons from when the grand kids visited!! She would love to hear from you if you have any items suitable for the activities at our

free Kids booth. Also, if you have the talent of face painting, additional help is always needed in that area.

Whilst on the subject of ‘need’, we will also need lots of plastic grocery-type disposable bags both at the Plant booth and at the Thrift booth so, if you could, please start hoarding them rather than recycling! Thrift table also needs waste wrapping paper to wrap their more delicate wares!

**Staghorn Fern** - Do you have, or do you know of anyone who has, a large staghorn fern that could either be donated to us in total or babies harvested from it? If you do, please contact Terry Fisher. We are in need of more for March in the Park.

## Fun Workshop

Terry Fisher and Ande Garlanger are staging two “How to Marbleize Ceramic Plant Pots” workshops. The first will be on Thursday, Jan. 13 and the second on Thursday, Feb. 3, both at 10 am at Terry Fisher’s home (see Directory for address.) Pots to be marbleized need to be clean since they must be painted before dipping to marbleize them. The pots will be sold by the Thrift Booth at March in the Park. There will be sign-up sheets at the Club meeting.

Any members who have spare (clean) terracotta pots are invited to bring them to the Club meeting and give them to either Terry or Ande.

## Club Service Award Sherie Bleiler



*SHERIE BLEILER ANNOUNCES THE CLUB SERVICE  
AWARD WINNER AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY*

The Club Service award recognizes a member who goes above and beyond in their service to the club.

The recipient of the 2021 Club Service Award, announced at the Holiday Party, is Kathy Woodlock. Kathy was recognized for her many years of dedicated service to the garden club. She



has been a member for 21 years and helped in countless ways, large and small. She has served as the Club Historian, Vice President, President, and Secretary, thus serving on the Board of Directors for many years. She has also been a leader in

organizing our biennial flower shows. In alternate years, she assists with the flower shows for the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council. Kathy is also a master gardener and a qualified flower show judge and always ready to share her knowledge with others.

Even with serious health issues and family responsibilities, Kathy remains committed to serving in any way she can, for the benefit of our garden club. We appreciate her participation so much! Due to back surgery, Kathy was unable to be present for the award presentation, so Sherie Bleiler delivered it to her at home. She was surprised yet very pleased. Congratulations Kathy!

## Holiday Party

Wow – what a success! Congratulations to Frannie Cox and her Holiday Party Committee on organizing the Party of the Year! Beautiful decorations, good food and lots of fun activities for all to enjoy. Special thanks to Ellen Morris and friends for providing the lovely seasonal music.

Here is a small selection of the many photos taken at the party:



*SANTA FRANNIE*



*HOLIDAY PARTY COMMITTEE, SANTA AND BRUTUS*



*OUR SANTA HOSTS*

## **2022 Biennial Flower Show**

Covid forced the cancellation of our 2020 Biennial Flower Show which was set to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Cape Coral's incorporation. Now, here we are, two years later and your Flower Show Committee (Kathy Woodlock, Sylvia Swartz (Co-Chairs), Nancy Colgan, Sue Lawson, and Fran McIntyre) have decided to retain the Schedule set for that show as a retrospective celebration of and homage to our city's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Flower Show will take place at the SW Cape Coral Library on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. Design and Horticulture entries will be accepted on both Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and early on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (detailed timings in the Show Schedule). Judging will commence at 11:30 AM on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Show Schedule will be circulated to all members later this month. If you are a novice designer, talk to Fran McIntyre, Kathy Woodlock, or Sue Lawson to discuss your ideas – they are always ready to help.

If you're not a designer, think about Horticulture. We all have stuff growing in our yards so everyone can enter some class or other in the horticulture section. It's as easy as snipping something from your garden and fitting it to a category. Kathy and Sylvia will be talking in more detail about the show at our March meeting but if you have questions beforehand, contact either of them or anyone on the Flower Show Committee.

## **Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council General Meeting**

Mary Pulick, a Master Flower Show Judge, will be demonstrating how to preserve plant material – something that we all need to know for use at our upcoming Flower Show! She will also be showing us how to press a flower and make a bookmark using the flower. If you would like to participate in that project (which is free), bring a pair of scissors with you. All other materials will be provided.

Social half-hour is at 9 am., and the meeting begins at 9:30 am. at the Council Headquarters on Virginia Ave. in Fort Myers. It's a wonderful way to meet folks from other clubs and hear what they are doing in their clubs – plus get a bookmark that you have made yourself!

## **More Garden Council News – Advance Notice of The Revival of “The Strolling Flower Show!”**

The Strolling Flower Show is coming back - but to downtown Fort Myers.

Remember when it used to be held in the Bell Tower Shopping Plaza? Now, thanks to Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council President, Sue Lawson, the newly revived Strolling Flower Show will be held the weekend of February 4, in conjunction with Art Walk in Downtown Fort Myers. It's also the weekend of the Fort Myers Art Show, so there will be lots of exposure for the Council and the clubs and societies who are participating.

The event will officially be open from 6pm to 8pm; voting for People's Choice will open at 6pm. The winner will be announced by the show sponsor at 8:30 pm at 1st and Hendry Streets. This first year will NOT be an FFGC judged event. The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council (FMLCGC) will be working with the River District Alliance (RDA) to stage the show. The RDA have secured the storefront windows for the designs, and FMLCGC will provide signage for the designs/displays. Designs will stay in the window thru the weekend. So, make a date for dinner on Feb 4 in Downtown Fort Myers and “stroll the show!”

## **Fran McIntyre Wins President's Choice Award**

“The World is Yours to Explore” was the theme for the outgoing President of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Flower Show. Past President Judy Francino chose Fran McIntyre's striking design as her President's Choice award. Winner.



FRAN PICTURED WITH HER DESIGN



Sue Lawson with her winning Topiary entry

## Upcoming Events

Please refer to the January page in the Directory for January events.

## Lakes Park Reminders

**1st Saturday** Bird Walks year-round –  
8 AM-10 AM. Meet at shelter A7

**2nd Saturday** Guided Garden Walks - Oct-  
April

9 AM– 10 AM Meet at Community Garden  
Sign; end of parking lot #3

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

**Tuesdays & Thursdays** Volunteer  
Workdays year-round 8 AM-10 AM

## Newsletter Online

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