



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*

"Play in the dirt because life is too short to have clean fingernails."

theprairiehomestead.com – courtesy of Valorie Breen

NEWSLETTER March 2022

March Meeting

Our Social half hour begins at 5:45 pm on March 9th at the Kiwanis, (360 Santa Barbara Blvd.), followed at 6:15 PM by a presentation from Kathy Woodlock on our upcoming Flower Show, April 29 and 30th at the SW Cape Library. The theme for the show is "Celebrating the Golden Years of Cape Coral – a Retrospective."

March Birthdays

Colleen Carty	Susan Kennedy
Debbie Mackey	Lisa Mahar
Peggy Monkus	Justeen Oess
Kathy Rabassi	Twila Thalberg

Happy birthday wishes to you all! Enjoy your special day.

March in the Park

Don't forget to return to Patty Lyon or Twila Thalberg the ticket stubs and a check or cash for the Opportunity

Drawing tickets you have either sold to other people or are buying yourself. Please make checks payable to Garden Club of Cape Coral. If you have sold the tickets to others, make sure your name is on the back of each stub so that if the person to whom you have sold the ticket is not present when the drawing is made, the prize can be given to you for onward transmission to the lucky winner.

If you haven't yet picked up your tickets, see Patty and Twila at the Opp. Drg. Table near the Membership table at the March meeting.

Thanks to all who attended the label making and tablecloth making and bulb labelling gathering this last Saturday. It was such a productive morning and only took about two hours to get everything done!

Many thanks also to all the members who have grown plants for MIP. Your plant labels can be picked up from 4030 SW 9th

Place, Cape Coral beginning March 2. They will be in a basket on the front porch. Your label packets will include pricing guidance and blank pricing sticks. Please write the price in permanent blank ink without a dollar sign – just a number. If you are missing labels, call Sylvia 239-339-3778. Please no additional plants – the list closed Feb. 9.

Members have donated around 1,500 plants for our plant booth which is a record number!

Most of the MIP job slots have been filled and some time either later this week, or early in the week of March in the Park, you will receive an email with an attachment showing the job you signed up for.

Cathy Dunn and Sylvia Swartz, Co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee, thank you all SO MUCH for committing to making this year's event a resounding success.

STROLLING FLOWER SHOW

The return of this event organized by the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, was highly successful and received many positive comments.

Here are a couple of pictures of the designs placed in shop windows in downtown Fort Myers:



Kathy Woodlock and Barbara Salafia's tribute to Jean Shields

Fran McIntyre and Nancy Colgan, Potpourri Designers



Protect our Burrowing Owls!

Now that we are in burrowing owl nesting season, please read the following ordinance supplied by Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife that is now in effect:

“33-foot buffer for Owls -

Yes, the 33 ft buffer rule is now in effect. You may commence with calls into code enforcement because most contractors will not comply without being told to. They will need to extend the buffer to the farthest point possible up to 33ft. No new work within this buffer. If the house walls are already up, but the house is within the buffer, they can continue to work inside the house but no new exterior activities, especially ground disturbing activities

such as grading, should be conducted within the buffer zone. If they cannot meet this requirement then they should stop work until nesting season is over and buffer goes back to 10ft or get a take permit from FWC.

The number for Code Enforcement is 239-574-0613. The number for FWC is 888-404-3922”.

Hold the date – our 25th anniversary celebration



Please mark your calendars for our 25th anniversary celebration luncheon on Saturday, May 14th at Palmetto Pines Country Club, Skyline Blvd., Cape Coral. Look for more information in our April newsletter and at the March and April meetings.

Other upcoming Garden Club events:

3/20 **Fun with Flowers**, presented by Susan Lawson at the Ford Myers-Lee County Garden Council, Virginia Ave., Fort Myers. Open to members and the public with pre-registration. Register on our website: www.gardenclubofcapecoral.com. Cost is \$20.

4/29 and 4/30: our biennial Standard Flower Show *Celebrating the Golden Years of Cape Coral – a Retrospective*, at the SW Cape Library.

Upcoming Flower Shows:

Punta Gorda Garden Club Standard Flower Show on Tuesday March 22, The Punta Gorda Isles Yacht Club. Open to the Public, free of charge 1 PM to 3 PM

Royal Palm Garden Club Standard Flower show: *Colors of Spring*: March 24-25 Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, Thurs 3-6 PM and Fri 9 AM-2 PM.

Art in Bloom March 6, 12 p.m., Caretaker’s Cottage, Edison Ford Estates

Visit the *Art in Bloom* Show presented in partnership between the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council and Edison-Ford Estates. This unique one-day art show features floral designs matched with works of art from the Sustainable Conceptions exhibit. Prior to the show, participating Garden Council members are paired with a piece of artwork and then create a floral display based on their interpretation of the art - using the same colors and design feel.

Art in Bloom is included with general admission. Visitors may vote for their favorite design; the winners will be announced at the end of the show.

Parks and Recs classes at Rotary Park:

Rotary Park Environmental Center, 5505 Rose Garden Road, 239-549-4406. Registration is required.

Florida Friendly Landscaping Classes:

Classes 3: Saturday 3/26, 10 AM -noon
Classes 4 Thursday, 4/28 2-4PM

Design a Florida Friendly Yard:

Friday, 9 AM – noon, 4/1/ and 4/8

Don't forget – pre-registration is **REQUIRED**.

Florida's Mammals: learn about all the mammals in SW Fl., including prehistoric mammals that once roamed our land:
Tuesday, 3/15 1 -2PM

Florida Snakes:

Tuesday, 1-2 PM 4/12 – learn about native snake species, how to identify venomous snakes and the importance of snakes as Mother Nature's pest control.

Wild Edibles Walk – 3/16 10 -11 AM

03/17/22 Attracting Butterflies & Wildlife to your Garden. Lynn Barber, FFL Agent, UF/IFAS Hillsborough Extension County Office. At S. County Library, 21100 Three Oaks Pkwy, Estero.

4/7/22 Magic of Mulch, Molly Schweers, Lee County Solid Waste. At Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Rd., Fort Myers.

Edison-Ford Estates upcoming events:

Rhythm on the River: Caribbean Chillers
March 18, 6 p.m.
Individual tickets: \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members; \$30 at the door. A VIP seating area may be reserved for \$225. The ticket price includes a table and chairs.

Palms for your Landscape and Palm Care
March 8, 1:30 p.m. and March 12, 10 AM
Edison Ford members: \$35;

non-members: \$50

Gardening Class: Caladium Crazy

March 22, 1:30 p.m. and March 26, 10 AM

All participants will receive several caladium tubers and a 20% discount coupon for plant purchases in the Garden Shoppe. Edison Ford members: \$35; non-members: \$50

The next newsletter will be published in early April. Please send news, info on events, suggestions, etc. to Editor, Sylvia Swartz, tamargal2@aol.com