



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*

*One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day. (Unknown –
courtesy of Valorie Breen)*

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022

April Meeting

Our club meeting on Wednesday, 13th April will begin at 5:45 PM at the Kiwanis on Santa Barbara Blvd with a social half Hour, followed by

6:15 PM Annual Presentation of the Marty Ward Merit Awards

Co-Chairs Cheryl Byrd and Bonnie Manuel will present the 2022 **Marty Ward Merit Awards** to several young people from the Cape Coral area. Our business meeting will follow.

April Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes to all with an April Birthday:



Claude Anderson	Kristin Carlton
Janet Franzen	Sandy Gove
Hutch Hutchinson	Alessia Leathers

MIP Report

In spite of having to shut down early, March in the Park was very successful. All our booths, Plant, Thrift and Opportunity, did well. Opportunity suffered from the low attendance

(probably caused by the poor weather forecast) but pre-sales of tickets bought/sold by members were higher than last year – kudos to all our members. Rounded gross income was \$13,286; expenses \$4,588, making net income roughly \$8,698 – a great result for only 3 hours of shopping available to our patrons. Well done to our March in the Park Committee and to everyone who helped both at the event and before. Great job!

Breaking News – Susan Lawson Wins Berne Davis Service Award



*MITZI MARCKESANO
PRESENTING SUSAN
WITH THE AWARD*

At the Berne Davis Service Award luncheon Thursday, where our club was well represented by 19 members, it was announced that our club's nominee, **SUSAN LAWSON**, is this year's winner of the prestigious

Berne Davis Honorary Service Award, an annual

award made by the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council. Susan, a former President and current members of this club and President of the Garden Council, is such a worthy winner – she works hard constantly for this club - running our Fun with Flowers Programs and our Cups of Cheer Therapy program and has done a fabulous job during her first year as President of the Garden Council. She is really trying to bring garden clubs together and works very hard to achieve this – particularly through her innovation of the monthly socials. Many congratulations, Susan – we are so proud of you.

Habitat for Humanity Landscaping Project

Habitat for Humanity in Lee County is steadily building homes for low-income people who qualify for home ownership. They have classes for prospective owners about home maintenance and home financing. Owners, with the help of family and friends, are required to work 300 hours to get their “sweat equity” before owning a home. For 11 years, the Garden Club has partnered with Habitat to landscape one home each May. This home is completed by Mother’s Day and dedicated to a single mom. This project is called “Women’s Build”. Teams of volunteers from businesses and non-profits donate their time to complete the interior of the home and paint the outside. We are the team that does the landscaping.



The home is located at 1116 NW 14th St. The walls are up but the trusses have

been delayed. Thus, Habitat estimates that we may be working after Mother’s Day, perhaps the week of **May 16th**. We will start

at 8:00 and work until 11 or 12:00, stopping before we get overheated.

Our new chairperson, Lenore Hutchinson, and Sherie Bleiler are working together this year. They are looking for two kinds of volunteers.

1. People to repot and “babysit” filler plants until time to plant.
We are looking for some mostly native filler plants from members such as:
blanket flower (gallardia) and beach sunflower (Helianthus debilis)
1. People to weed, plant, mulch and water at the house on planting days.

If you are interested in participating in landscaping, we will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting. Please contact Sherie Bleiler with any questions or suggestions: sjbleilers@gmail.com or (239) 233-2438).

Reminder about Dues

It’s that time of year again when annual dues are due! However, if you joined the Club since January of this year, you are covered for this coming season 2022/2023. For the rest of us, please get your check made payable to Garden Club of Cape Coral to Terry Fisher, Membership Chair either at this coming meeting or the May meeting. If you are already out of town, please mail your check to GCCC, attn. Membership Chair, PO Box 152022, Cape Coral, FL 33915.

Dues rates are as follows:

Single Member \$30

Couple \$45

\$12 of the dues we pay goes to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs for membership of the Federation.

Members' Donations to Support Ukraine's Refugees

Thanks to Lillian Peterson's initiative and to many members of the Club, Lillian was able to drive a truckload of miscellaneous donations over to the Global Empowerment Mission in Doral. Here is the link: <https://ua-aid-centers.com/usa> ...They are sending several container loads a day to help the millions of refugees from the war in Ukraine. Most of these are women and children. In addition to donations of clothing and medical items, \$550 cash was also raised which Lillian used to buy baby food, diapers, medical supplies and canned food. Lillian, who is of Ukrainian, German and Polish descent, says "A big THANK YOU for the generosity of the Garden Club of Cape Coral."



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. Ann and Elsa will have more information at the Club meeting.

Our Biennial Flower Show – *The Golden Years of Cape Coral – A Retrospective*

Sign-up sheets for all the jobs to run the show will be available 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 27th when we will set up at the SW Cape Library big meeting room, 921 SW 39th Terr. The show ends with take-down on Saturday, April 30 at 3 pm. when you should collect your entries and ribbons.

The show has four sections: Horticulture, Design, Botanical Arts and an Exhibition section. There will also be sign-up sheets to enter all sections at the meeting.

Horticulture is so easy to enter – just snip anything from your yard that matches any of the categories shown in the Schedule and bring it to the SW Cape Library on entry days. You just need to know the item's botanical name; if you don't either google the Common 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: Paula Novander

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contact Paula if you have questions about this class.



A petite design no larger than 12” x 12” including container, staged on 18” of a black painted surface 48” 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: Paula Novander

A creative design staged on 12” of a black painted surface 48” high provided by Committee, having some or all plant material and other optional component(s) submerged in water.



EXAMPLE OF PETITE UNDERWATER DESIGN

Plant material and other components under water must contribute to the overall design and are selected for their lasting quality.

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

Entries/Consultant: Paula Novander



PETITE CREATIVE MASS DESIGN EXAMPLE

A creative design staged on 10” of a black painted surface 48” 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 two 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

A tray (supplied by exhibitor) for one, with a Decorative Unit in proportion to the single 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 appropriate-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.

EXAMPLE OF A DUO DESIGN

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

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 28th April, bring your horticulture entries to the back side door of the SW Cape 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 April 29th, entries for both horticulture and design will be accepted between 9 am and 11:00 am. All exhibitors must leave the room at 11:00 am.

Full information about the show is in the show schedule which is attached again to the email circulating this newsletter. If you have general questions, contact either Kathy Woodlock or Sylvia Swartz.

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.

Take the challenge – enter the show and provide viewing delight for the many members of the public who visit 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 4 Thursday, 4/28 2-4PM

Design a Florida Friendly Yard:
Friday, 9 AM – noon, 4/8

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.

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

Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 4/23 at Rotary Park, 9 AM to 1PM and
Cape Coral Parks and Recs Spring Native Plant Sale and Tropical Plant Sale Rotary Park, 4/23, 9 AM to 1 PM

Edison-Ford Estates upcoming events:

4/9 – Grow Fort Myers Plant Sale and Workshops, 9 AM

Workshops (start at 9:30 a.m.):

Orchids 101

Container Gardening

Bromeliads 101

Butterfly Gardening

Register www.EdisonFordWinterEstates.org

4/22 7:30 PM Fort Myers Film Festival at Edison Ford on the Henry Ford Estate lawn
\$10 Edison Ford Members, \$15 nonmembers

July 29-31 Caladium Festival, Lake Placid