



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*

Quote of the month: *The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.* –
Marcus Aurelius (courtesy of Val Breen)

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May Meeting

Our club meeting on Wednesday, 11th May will begin at 5:45 PM at the Kiwanis on Santa Barbara Blvd with a social half Hour. You will not want to miss the program vital to all who want to attract Pollinators. Florida Master Naturalist Tony Mauriello will be talking to us about **Native Host and Nectar Plants for Commonly Found Butterflies in SW FL.**

May Birthdays

**It's our birthday –
Many happy
returns of the day
to us!**



Members with May birthdays:

Jane Anderson	Ann Block
Frannie Cox	Sherry Embrey
Ande Garlanger	Nora Hoover
Linda Keirstead	Judy Lindhorst
Cynthia Mahoney	Betty & Jim McCullough
Elsa Schutzman	Mary Ann Sloan Greiner

What a lot of May birthdays! Hope you all have a great day.

Habitat for Humanity Landscaping Project



Don't forget to sign up to help with landscaping

our Habitat for Humanity home. Chair 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)**

2. People to weed, plant, mulch and water at the house on planting days.

Contacts for questions:

Lenore Hutchinson or Sherie Bleiler – see contact info in Directory

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 at 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:

Single Member \$30

Couple \$45

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

Our 25th Anniversary Celebration

This is taking place at Palmetto Pines Country Club, Skyline Blvd., Cape Coral beginning at 11:30 on Saturday May 14 – Ann and Elsa will have more to share at the meeting.

Report on Our Biennial Flower Show – *The Golden Years of Cape Coral*

The Show was spectacular – more than a hundred members of the public visited it and many compliments were received both from the judges and from the general public on what talented members we have. Kudos to us! There were nearly 200 entries in the horticulture section.

Many thanks to the hardworking Committee who put the show together and to those of you who helped out in a multitude of ways to make the show successful. It was a true team effort.

A list of winners is attached to the Newsletter email – you can see all the photos at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/KMPUwQC8cXA49s9JA>

but here is a small selection:



HORTICULTURE TABLES



Charlene Anderson with her winning Desert Rose.



ANDE GARLANGER'S WINNING TILLANDSIA COLLECTION



JOANNE KISHFY'S WINNING ENTRY



FASCINATORS FOR A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!



TERRY FISHER'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GIFT BOX – CAN YOU BELIEVE THE GREEN BOW IS MADE FROM BROMELIAD LEAVES!!

These were just a small sample of the beautiful entries that many members of the club submitted. Do please take the time to look at the pictures online. If you've never seen a flower show and are confused about how to participate, these pictures will really make it much clearer for you.

Lastly, huge thanks to Anina Bachrach, the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council photographer, who stepped in at the last minute to photograph the show – Anina: we are so grateful for your beautiful photographs.



Nancy Colgan with her winning Duo Design

Our Summer Scene

Many thanks to Debbie Cooper for agreeing to organize some summer get togethers. Stay tuned for information from Debbie on where and when – you can bet it will be fun!

Lake Placid Caladium Festival

The Caladium Festival at Lake Placid is taking place July 29-31. It's a very fun event with lots of street vendors and free air-conditioned buses to take you on tours around the caladium growers. If you are interested in carpooling to this event, please contact Sylvia Swartz - It's just under a 2-hours car ride.

FFGC District IX Meeting Naples

Nine members of the Club attended the FFGC District IX Spring meeting held at the Naples Botanical Garden. At this meeting, Dale DeFeo, District IX Director, presented the FFGC Awards that were announced at the Convention. We won five awards as follows:

Award 14-2 DePalma Sillik Website Award

– many thanks to Lillian Peterson for doing such a great job keeping our website fresh and updated and for writing the Award application. Her brilliant website has been recognized several times by both FFGC and NGC.

Award 36-3 Community Service Award –

this was in respect of our 2021 March in the Park event which so many people who had been house-bound with Covid were so happy to attend. Thank you, Sylvia Swartz for compiling all the information needed for the application.

Award 44-4 Native Plant Landscaping

Award and Deep South Award #10

Landscape Design – Both of these awards were in respect of the 2021 Habitat for Humanity Native Landscape Design at the Women's Build. Kudos to Sherie Bleiler and her team and thanks to Sherie for writing the application.

The Club also won the award for the most trees planted in the State – a total of 96 trees! The runner up was 55 – big difference. Well done all you tree planters and thanks to Elsa for tallying!

The date of the District IX Fall meeting to be hosted jointly by Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council and Garden Club of Cape Coral at the Embassy Suites in Estero is October 18. Mark your calendars! Many of the people who came to the Spring meeting from our club were first time attendees and they all said how much they enjoyed it. The FFGC Officer team will be at the meeting, presenting their plans for 2023 and beyond. Debbie Hughes, of Edison Ford Estates will be giving a short talk – topic to be announced.

2022-2023 Program and Membership Directory

Work will begin over the summer on compiling our 2022-2023 Program and Membership Directory. Please check your entry in the current directory and tell Sylvia Swartz, if there is a change to be made. If you are planning to move during the summer, again let Sylvia and Terry Fisher, Membership Chair, know your new address and changes to contact details. If there is any feature or information that you would like to see added to the Directory again please contact Sylvia.

April 2022 FFGC State Convention

Two members of our club, Sue Lawson and Cathy Dunn, attended this year's State convention in Kissimmee. They both reported on a very enjoyable and informative experience. Cathy has provided a full report to the Board on the value derived from the experience and ideas for future fund raising. Stay tuned! The National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention is also in Florida at Orlando, May 16-19

Parks and Recs Summer Activities

Here is a link to the full Parks and Recs summer program – lots of fun stuff for grown-up and kids alike!

<https://cld.bz/oN54cwa>

Edison-Ford Winter Estates Summer Activities

Edison Ford horticultural staff instruct participants on a variety of topics relating to gardening in Southwest Florida:

May 14, 2022 – Bulbarama

June 11, 2022 – Bromeliads

July 9, 2022 – Edison's Bamboo

Plants will be available for purchase and Garden Talk participants will receive a coupon for 20% off plant purchases for use in the Garden Shoppe. Registration is needed to monitor and limit the number of people attending the talk, which will be capped at 25 participants. Guests should wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen and a hat, and bring drinking water.

Tickets for the talk are \$10 for Edison Ford members, or \$15 for non-members (does not include tours). Registration is only available at the door on first come, first served basis.



This is the last newsletter of the 2021-2022 season. The next

newsletter will be for the September 2022 club meeting. Thanks for reading and hope you enjoyed. Comments always welcome – Happy Summer to all!