



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*

What if today we were just grateful for everything. Charlie Brown - (Courtesy Valorie Breen)

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November Club meeting

Palmetto Pine Country Club is up and running again and we look forward to seeing you there at our meeting on November 9, 5:45 PM. (1940 SW 9th Ct, Cape Coral, off Skyline Blvd.) Cathy Dunn, Program Chair, has lined up a great speaker – our old friend Tony Mauriello, a FL Master Naturalist, who is going to talk to us about propagating plants. This is a particularly important topic for us at this time of year as we begin to prepare for our major annual fundraiser March in the Park. November is not too early to begin propagating plants for our plant booth nor is it too early to sow herbs or annuals for our big event.

October and November Birthdays



Because of Hurricane Ian, there was no October Newsletter, so we are sending belated birthday greetings to our October birthday members and birthday wishes to all our November birthday babies!

Mirta Barnet
Nancy Colgan

Linda Bauschek
Cathy Dunn

Birthdays - continued

Jim Gastringer
Deborah Haggett
Janice Johnsen
Marilou Lucas
Dale Manuel
Bev Nugent
Sally Stevens

Suzanne Gilliott
Ginny Huffer
Deb Leh
Patty Lyon
Susan Noble
Lillian Peterson
Cindy Wasilak

Habitat for Humanity Landscaping Project



L-R BARBARA SERY, DEBBIE CLEMENTS, SHERIE BLEILER, TERRY FISHER, ELSA SCHUTZMAN, LENORE HUTCHINSON

The team was finally able to complete landscaping at the 2022 Habitat Women's Build home in September. Many thanks to the team who designed the landscape and

completed the work. Pictured above, l-r: Barbara Sery, Sherie Bleiler, Terry Fisher, Elsa Schutzman and Lenore Hutchinson, Habitat Chair.

Let's Welcome New Members:

Zoe Abernathie



I'm Zoe Abernathie. I moved to NE Cape in May 2021 from Chesapeake, VA. Retired, kind of, from being self employed as a wallpaper installer/painter for the last 35+ years. I'm loving the weather here

and discovering all kinds of beautiful, interesting plants to grow. I might need a bigger yard!

Elizabeth (Liz) Guilfoyle: I was born and lived in Kansas until 2019 when I retired and moved to Florida. I grew up in the country and with my mother had many beautiful gardens. I was a chef for 40 years and owned a restaurant and successful catering business. Gardening and cooking have always been my passions. I dreamed of living in Florida to be able to garden 12 months of the year!



Linda and Rick Spadaccini



Rick and Linda Spadaccini moved to Cape Coral more than a year and

a half ago. Originally from



Connecticut they are building a new house in the NW Cape. They both want to learn about the plants in this. Rick enjoys golfing and boating. Linda enjoys hiking and boating.

Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is on Friday, November 11 at the Garden Council building on Virginia Ave. in Fort Myers. The meeting begins at 9 AM with a social half hour and refreshments provided by members of Alva Garden Club. The program is of particular relevance at this time post Hurricane Ian. John Cassani, the Caloosahatchee River Water Keeper will be talking about the work of the Caloosahatchee Water Keepers.

All members of the Garden Club of Cape Coral are eligible and encouraged to attend Garden Council meetings. It's a terrific way to meet people from other Lee County Garden Clubs and to learn what other clubs are up to. Also, the Berne Davis Botanical Gardens on the Council's property are really worth a visit. The Master Gardeners who care for the gardens have done a superb job restoring everything post Ian and making the gardens beautiful again.



FOUNTAIN TERRACE, BERNE DAVIS GARDENS

FFGC District IX Fall Meeting

Yet another casualty of Hurricane Ian, the Fall District IX meeting was canceled. No decision has yet been made on a new date.



Annual Holiday Party

Look out in your email for your invitation to our holiday party on December 14 at Palmetto Pine County Club. This year it is a luncheon – social gathering at 11:30 and lunch at 12:15 PM - and there will be entertainment! Cash bar available. Responses and checks for \$30 per person with menu choice to Charlene Anderson at 2721 SW 36th Ln., Cape Coral, FL 33914. Guests are welcome. Come celebrate the season with your garden club friends.

There will be a collection box to support the Cape Coral Caring Center – canned and boxed foods only – no fresh foods. Thanks!

Naples Yard and Garden Show November 12 and 13



Join the Collier County Master Gardeners at the annual Naples Yard and Garden Show. Make the most of your visit by combining

your interests in shopping and garden knowledge. Use the curated collection of

plants and ideas for enhancing your own home.

This year, daily talks will be presented at the Cottage Garden Gazebo on both Saturday and Sunday on a variety of subjects including:

9:30 am - Raising Backyard Chickens
10:30 am - Displaying your Orchids
11:30 am - Raising Bees
12:30 pm - Propagating Fruit Trees
1:30 pm - Winter Veggies & Herbs
2:30 pm - Attract Butterflies with Native Plants

Enjoy a Tour of the Display Gardens and find inspiration on Saturday and Sunday from touring the themed gardens. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer all your gardening questions.

Indoor 'Lunch and Learn - As an addition to this year's program, there will be two talks at noon in the main presentation room given by Collier County Extension Agents: Saturday's discussion will address [Climate Change 101](#)

Sunday's talk will focus on [Edge Gardening with Native Plants](#)

Where: 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL.

Shop and visit the gardens under the Oakes at the Collier County Extension Service. (Right in front of the fairgrounds.). Shop vendors, visit display gardens, and plant clinic.

Creating Terrarium Gardens

From the National Gardening Association:
By Kathy Bond Borie

Terrariums can take many forms; all you really need is a clear glass container without drainage holes that's large enough to fit the plant or plants without them hugging the sides, which can lead to disease. You can find some unique containers by searching antique shops and second-hand stores. Glass bell jars are especially beautiful.



Tools and Materials

- glass container with lid
- pea gravel
- activated charcoal
- sphagnum moss
- coarse builder's sand
- sterile potting mix

Choose compatible plants. Plants that appreciate the atmosphere in a terrarium are those that thrive on humidity and indirect light. Choose plants that will not grow large or quickly. Some good options are ferns, bromeliads, Swedish ivy, baby tears, creeping fig, oxalis, iresine, fittonia, pilea, miniature begonias and anthuriums, and carnivorous plants such as pitcher plants, and venus fly traps. Combine plants of different heights, colors, and leaf shapes just like you would in a garden bed.

Creating the planting area. Since the container doesn't have drainage holes, spread a 1- to 3-inch layer of pea gravel over the bottom so excess water can drain from soil. Add a 1/2-inch layer of activated charcoal (the type recommended for aquariums) to act as a filter and purify the water and air as the organic materials gradually decompose.

Spread a thin layer of sphagnum moss on top of the charcoal to keep the soil layer from sifting down into the gravel and clogging it. Finally, spread a thick layer of a soil mix consisting of one-part coarse builder's sand to two parts sterilized potting mix. Moisten the mix beforehand. If space allows, sculpt some hills and valleys.

Plant your garden. Use miniature hand tools or a fork to rake the soil surface smooth, then make small planting holes. Remove plants from their pots and plant, firming soil gently.

Add rocks, or shells, or even miniature pink flamingoes if that tickles your fancy. Mist the plants and leave the lid off for a couple of days until the foliage dries. Then close the lid.

In a completely closed system, the terrarium should need very little water. Moisture will collect on the insides of the glass and drip back down onto the soil and plants. If condensation becomes excessive, just open the lid to air it out for a day or two. When the plants need water, do so gently and sparingly.

Even in a terrarium without a lid, err on the side of too little water rather than too much because there's no place for the water to drain.

Keep the terrarium in bright light but out of direct sunlight, which can cause the temperature to build up inside the glass.

Don't fertilize the plants regularly because you don't want to encourage rapid growth and fertilizer build-up, but if plants seem to need a boost, use a very dilute (1/4 strength) solution.

Snip any leaves that touch the glass and pinch the tips and trim plants as needed

to keep them in bounds. You may need to replace a plant now and then.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 3-4 **Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society** Annual Plant Sale. Edison-Ford Estates

Edison-Ford Estates Events

Website for Registration:

<https://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org>

**Rhythm on the River
Appalachian Road Show
November 11, 6:30 p.m.**

Spend the evening along the Caloosahatchee, while enjoying great music, a fantastic sunset, and refreshing beverages! Please bring a lawn chair and sweater. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m.; doors open at 6 PM

Tickets may be purchased on the Edison-Ford website.. Individual tickets: \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members; tickets

at the door will be \$40. A VIP seating area may be reserved by the table for \$225

**Wine and Cheese Pairing Event
November 18, 5:30 p.m.
Register by November 14 at 5 p.m.**

We are partnering with The Wine Room and Grazing Haus to offer visitors the opportunity to sample wine and cheese at the historic site. The event will take place in the river pavilion, along the Caloosahatchee River.

Tickets are \$75 for non-members and \$65 for Edison Ford members.

November 19-20 – Fall Garden Festival
December 3-4 – Bromeliad Sale

Edison-Ford Garden Talks:

November 12 – Designing a Cool Season Color Garden

December 10 – Make a Holiday Wreath

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