



PRESS RELEASE - Coral Gables Garden Club  
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**THE CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB  
COMMEMORATES CENTENNIAL YEAR  
WITH 100<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE BOARD INSTALLATION**

Founded in 1925, the Coral Gables Garden Club focuses on educating our members, our youth, and the public in gardening, horticulture, environmental issues, civic projects, the art of floral design and community beautification.

In celebrating our Centennial year, the 100<sup>th</sup> Installation of Executive Board Members took place during a “*Havana in Bloom*” themed luncheon on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Granada Church in Coral Gables, a Platinum Centennial Sponsor of the garden club.

The festivity began with the introduction of guests, honorary members, new active members and new provisionals, followed by the presentation of awards, scholarships, remembrances, recognition of legacy members and special thanks to the 2024-2025 Executive Board.

2024-2025 Executive Board

President – Bonnie Seipp  
First Vice President – Barbara Reese  
Second Vice President – Jo Wanda Peterson  
Treasurer – Jose Riera  
Assistant Treasurer – Liz Parnes  
Recording Secretary – Denise Glasser  
Corresponding Secretary – Fabiola Bolanos  
Auditor – Sandy Milledge

Acting as emcee for the 100<sup>th</sup> Installation, Director, Betsy Tilgman cleverly and humorously incorporated gardening tools to describe the duties for each position. The seven-member 2025-2026 Executive Board includes four members from the 2024-2025 Executive Board, including Bonnie Seipp as President.

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First Vice President – Jo Wanda Peterson

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Following the installation of officers, Bonnie Seipp, President of the Coral Gables Garden Club for the second year in a row stated, “I am so proud and thankful to all of you for your dedication and contributions to the continued success of our garden club. From the successful home and garden tour, our historical exhibition, community outreach, Heritage Garden planting and our centennial celebration, our 100<sup>th</sup> season has been an exceptional year. I look forward to our 101<sup>st</sup> year!”

Highlights from 2024-2025 Season include:

- Centennial Home & Garden Tour
- Butterfly Garden Centennial Refresh at the Coral Gables Library
- Centennial in Bloom Historical Exhibition at George Merrick House
- Centennial Pollinator Plant Coloring Book
- Centennial Anniversary Book
- Centennial in the Garden Celebration at Fairchild Tropical Garden
- Field Trip to The Society of the Four Arts Garden in Palm Beach
- Greenfingers Movie at Coral Gables Arts Cinema

Upcoming Projects:

- Installation of the Coral Gables Garden Club & Xavier Cortado Centennial Sculpture at the Coral Gables Library

The Coral Gables Garden Club is a not-for-profit organization whose sole purpose is to educate youth and the broader public in various aspects of gardening, horticulture, environmental issues, civic beautification, and floral design. Organized in 1925 by ladies who wanted to share plant knowledge and were committed to civic beautification. George Merrick’s mother Althea and wife Eunice were founding members. Eunice was the Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> President. The club continues this tradition and has several initiatives planned for the remainder of its centennial year.

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