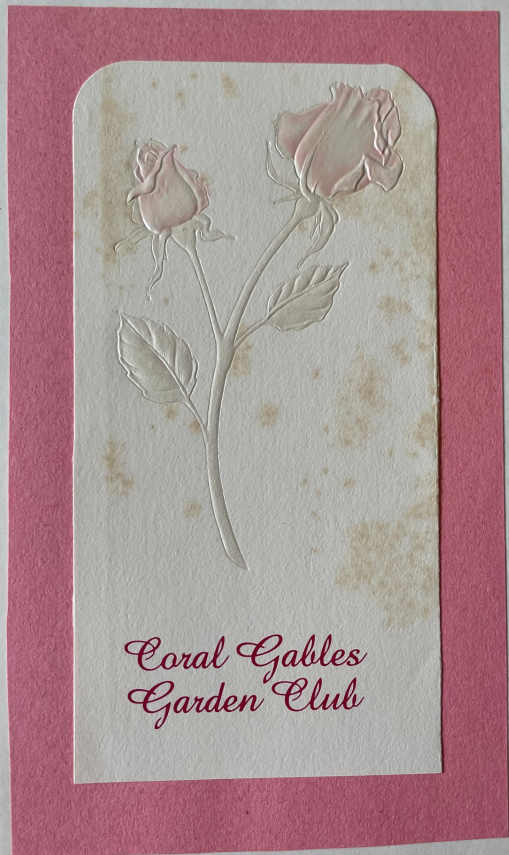


Coral Gables Garden Club

1990-1991





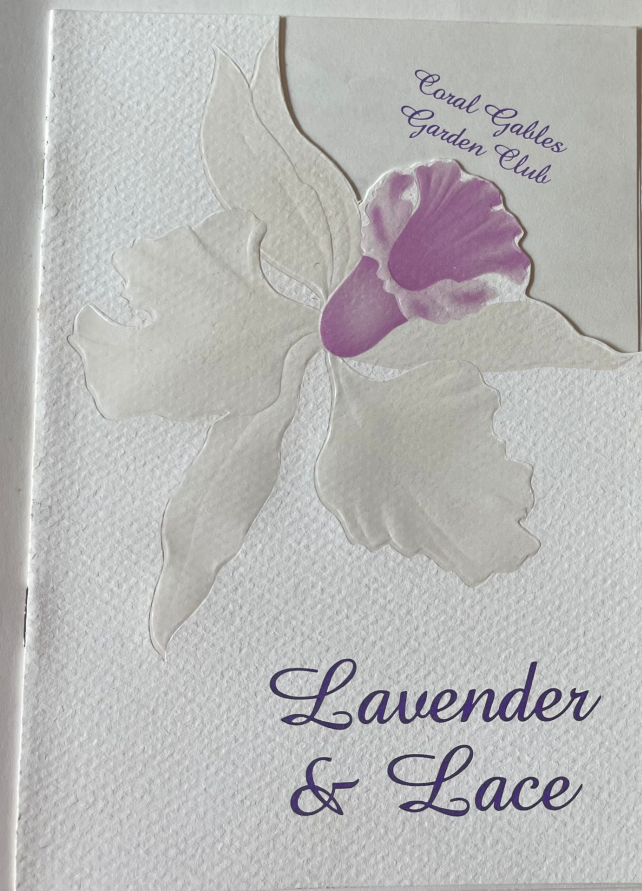


MRS. LAWRENCE ADAMS

BETSY

1990-1991

PRESIDENT





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MAY, 1990

PRESIDENT: BETSY ADAMS

Dear Members:

The May Installation Luncheon was a beautiful affair that aptly recognized the achievements of the past twelve months and provided the perfect setting for us to launch next years' programs and activities. The reception and luncheon areas were beautifully decorated by Lois Furr and members of the Decorating Committee. Luncheon Chairman, Dorothy Stein, and members of her committee planned and presented a quality event that captured all elements of a successful Installation Luncheon. Thanks for an exceptional job!

And Selma Nowlin, dear Selma, thank you for your beautiful and prayerful installation. I speak for all you installed when I say it was a humbling, challenging and memorable message for everyone. You touched our hearts in a special way. We thank God for all of the blessings you brought to each of us and we will always remember you as a sweet, caring and loving friend. Our sorrow is softened because we know that you and Betty Pat are together in Heaven with our Eternal Father.

As you know, our Bazaar Chairman, Brenda Krieger, and her committee will be working on crafts throughout the summer, so please respond to her call for participation. Also, I'm excited to report that our special Ad Hoc Committee concerning our "Adopt an Entrance", recently met with Mayor George Corrigan and City Manager, Jack Eads, who were very supportive of our proposed project. We will be meeting with the City Public Works Director and Architect during the summer months to develop the "Action Program" phase. Details will be presented at our regular September meeting.

I'm pleased regarding your commitment and dedication to the ideals of gardening. I'm especially proud of the joyous love that you demonstrate for one another. I wish you all a safe and pleasant vacation and look forward to our forthcoming year.

Sincerely,
Betsy

Wekiva Camp Update

We have 2 boys (both 5th graders) in Camp starting June 6th through June 24th and 2 girls (both 2nd graders) in camp starting July 8th through July 14th. Their parents said they are so excited and can't wait to go. I feel we'll have a note from them that you will hear about!

Thank you.
Betsy

AWARDS

Our yearbook won 1st place from the Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County. They awarded us a \$15.00 check - Thanks Marian Apgar for all your work on the yearbook.

Speaking of yearbooks..... If you have any corrections, change of address, change of phone number, change of name, please let Marian Apgar know RIGHT NOW!!!!

The Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County also awarded our club with an award of appreciation for the Arbor Day tree planting at 2600 Galiano.

A NOTE FROM DOROTHY STEN.....

LOVELY LADIES OF GENTLE MANNERS
IN LAVENDER & LACE

ALL OF THE 152 MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT OUR MAY BREAKFAST CREATED A COLLAGE OF THE BEST OF THE CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB ENHANCED BY LAVENDER & LACE.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR 64TH ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST--THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE EVER--AND FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL COMPLIMENTS ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY.

IT WAS A JOY TO BE YOUR CHAIRMAN FOR THIS GRAND FINALE OF A SUCCESSFUL CLUB YEAR.-- AND A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THIS TALENTED AND COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE. THANK YOU, LOVELY LADIES.....

MAY BREAKFAST CHAIRMAN, MRS. M. BERMAN STEIN
HONORARY CHAIRMAN, MRS. LARRY ADAMS
AWARDS, MRS. WILLIAM CRESS
CORSAGES, MRS. VINCENT BONDERUD
DESIGN DECOR, MRS. WILLIAM FURR
FASHION PARADE, MRS. GENE GABRIEL
FAVORS, MRS. THOMAS GOWIN, MRS. JAMES HERRIN
MRS. DWIGHT SMITH, JR.
FINANCE, MRS. THOMAS STOKES
INITIATIONS/PROTOCOL, MRS. GEORGE WILSON
LAVENDER & LACE JUDGES, MRS. ROBERT MOORMAN
MRS. HUGH GENTRY, MRS. HENRY SIMPSON
MUSIC, MRS. CLARENCE HENRY
NEW MEMBERS PRESENTATION, MRS. W. KEITH PHILLIPS, JR.
PHOTOGRAPHER, MRS. WALTER DAVISON

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OCTOBER, 1990

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 10 - Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Mrs. Clarence Henry's Home
- 12-14 - FFGC State Flower Show, Tallahassee
- 15 - President's Council Meeting - 9:30 a.m. at Simpson Garden
- 17 - Horticulture Workshop is CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 7TH
- 22 - Artistic Workshop - Dried Arrangements at Biltmore Complex 10:00 a.m.
- 22 - General Membership Meeting 12:15 (lunch) 1:00 (meeting) at the Biltmore Complex
- 19-21 - Tropica 90 - South Fla. Horticultural Society - Dade County Youth Fair Grounds. Admission \$6.00
- 26 - District XII Fall Meeting - Marathon

NOVEMBER

- 2 - President's Council Luncheon Book Review - Nancy Husted 11:30 - 1:30 So. Miami Lutheran Church 7190 Sunset Drive - Tickets \$10.00 Call Monica Beatty 235-5083
- 7 - Horticulture Workshop - PALMS at Mrs. Clyde Wootens
- 13-15 - Floral Design Study Units 1-9, Plant City
- 14 - Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Mrs. James Jude
- 28 - General Membership Meeting Tri Club Luncheon at Coral Gables Women's Club at 12:00 noon

ARTISTIC WORKSHOP

CHAIRMAN: MRS. M. J. GOLDSTROHM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1990 at 10:00 A.M. AT THE BILTMORE COMPLEX

"DRIED ARRANGEMENTS YOU CAN MAKE AND ENJOY"

ROBERTA DICKINSON OF "THE HANGING BASKET" WILL BE OUR INSTRUCTOR

Members:

presented our "Adopt an Entrance" project the Coral Gables Mayor and City Commission they unanimously and enthusiastically approved. next step is to get this one built (City is seeing construction), and to call a "Town Hall" meeting with the City and other entities within the "Entrance" of their choice and build other similar structures using ours at Coral Way and Red Road as example. Plans are being finalized and you will be informed. We've also applied for a National Award Community Involvement, sponsored by Exxon. Thank you for your confidence and support. I voted to join and support our local Crime Watch organization and we need someone to attend these meetings (Friday, every other week, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Police Station) and bring the information to our club members. Any Volunteers? Please let me know. We could alternate those who

presented. I'm sorry I will miss this month's Board Meeting, I'm looking forward to the workshop with Roberta Dickinson and the Book Review by Nancy Husted at our next Regular Meeting. Welcome to you New Members! We look forward to participation in all our projects or pick your own. Just let us know your interest. Thanks to all you Chairmen, our busy year has begun with things happening!

See you,
Betsy

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!!!!

RD MEETING - OCTOBER, 1990

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1990
9:30 A.M. (REFRESHMENTS)
10:00 A.M. (MEETING BEGINS)

THE HOME OF MRS. CLARENCE HENRY
2320 SEGOVIA CIRCLE
ESSAYS: MRS. EDWIN KRIEGER
MRS. CHARLOTTE HENDERSON
MRS. OLIVER ALFORD

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - OCTOBER 22, 1990

Budding gardeners can show work

A 20th activity has been added to this year's Junior Orange Bowl Festival.

Young gardeners in preschool and kindergarten through sixth grade may exhibit their plants between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday at the Coral Gables Youth Center, 400 Anastasia Ave.

In the exhibit, sponsored by the Coral Gables Garden Club, potted plants, dried or fresh flower arrangements and dish gardens, containing only three plants, may be submitted.

The ninth annual Junior Fair also will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the center's gymnasium. Children ages 2 to 6 will be admitted with their parents to enjoy making things such as paper flowers and macaroni necklaces and taking part in face painting, coloring, jumps in hay and playing in an orchestra.

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Plant exhibits made by youngsters must be delivered to the Youth Center by 10 a.m. Saturday.



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SEPTEMBER, 1990

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Dear Members:

I hope you all had a wonderful vacation. I had a great North Carolina style family reunion with all eleven brothers and sisters and our families. On the way back home, I joined Brenda Krieger, Co-Chairman of our Crafts Committee and Lois Furr, in Atlanta where we totaled five FULL WALKING DAYS at the Merchandise Mart, purchasing special supplies and "Goodies" at wholesale prices for our forthcoming series of craft workshops. These workshops present a great opportunity to learn ideas and techniques from some very talented ladies!!!!

Our "Adopt an Entrance" ad-hoc committee has worked hard during the summer and you will hear an exciting report at our September meeting. I know you will be proud of the positive and permanent impact our club will make to carry forward a significant segment of George Herrick's original beautification plan for our community.

We look forward to participation during the 'Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' Annual convention which will be held in Miami next April. I know you will be pleased to know that we have re-activated a Junior Gardener's Project with Jane Seipp's as our Chairman. I am thankful to all of you who have accepted committee responsibilities for this year of exciting programs and projects. I'll see you Board Members at our first Board Meeting at Jane Wilson's Home on September 2th and you, our Regular Members, at our first Regular Meeting at the Biltmore on September 24th.

Thanks,
Betsy

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!

BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER, 1990

DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1990

TIME: 9:30 A.M. (REFRESHMENTS)

10:00 A.M. (MEETING BEGINS)

HERE: THE HOME OF MRS. GEORGE WILSON

6867 GRANANDA BOULEVARD

HOSTESS: MRS. THOMAS STOKES

MRS. HAROLD NORMAN

MRS. FRED BILLUPS

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

11-13 - Flower Show School Course V

District VI

12 -Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

at Mrs. George Wilson's home.

17 -First meeting, Council of Garden Club Presidents

24 - General Membership Meeting

12:15 (lunch) 1:00 (meeting)

at the Biltmore Complex

OCTOBER

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MONTHLY FLOWER SHOW

MRS. VINCENT L. BONDERUD, CHAIRMAN

ARTISTIC DIVISION:

CLASS I "END OF SUMMER" ALL FRESH FOLIAGE ARRANGEMENT SUITABLE FOR A PATIO DINNER

CLASS II "ORIENTAL INFLUENCE" FRESH AND DRY, LOW CONTAINER

CLASS III DESIGNER'S CHOICE

HORTICULTURE DIVISION:

SEE YEARBOOK

PLANT EXCHANGE.....

MRS. BEN W. TURNER, CHAIRMAN

PLEASE BRING IN PLANTS TO SHARE.....

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Dear Members:

The October 22nd meeting date was a day we will remember for awhile! Starting with the creative workshop on dried flowers, then our scrumptious lunch and our program with Nancy Husted's book review was absolutely superb! Thanks to all of you who made this possible. We do have a cassette tape and video of Nancy's book review for those of you who missed it. Let us know if you are interested and we will set up a date.

Edith Cress has been very busy visiting our homes for the Christmas Home Tour in preparation for our Flower Show schedule she is writing. Edith, we thank you for your dedication to our club. This is a lot of work and we appreciate YOU! Many have said YES when asked to be a part of these working committees for our Home Tour and we're indebted to you....

The Annual Tri-Club Luncheon (for you new members this is the Coral Gables Music Club, Coral Gables Women's Club and our Garden Club) Committee is working and we have that beautiful Christmas Program to look forward to on Wednesday, November 28th. This will be our regular November meeting (a short one) and we need to start thinking Christmas Arrangements for our monthly flower show. Garden Clubbers, let's really think BIG and BEAUTIFUL for this show to let the other clubs and the visitors see what we can do with our flowers and plants!

I'm in the Christmas Spirit already and looking forward to our busy days ahead! Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Thanks to all,
Betsy

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 7 - Horticulture Workshop - PALMS
Mrs. Clyde Wootens
- 13-15 - Floral Design Study Units 1-9 Plant City
- 14 - Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
at Mrs. James Jude's Home
- 22 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!
- 28 - General Membership Meeting
Tri-Club Luncheon at Coral Gables
Women's Club at 12:00 noon

DECEMBER

- 1 - RAMPAGE - FAIRCHILD TROP GARDENS (9:00-4:30)
- 9 - CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB
HOME TOUR - 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 12 - Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
at Mrs. Hugh Gentry's Home
- 19 - Coral Gables Beautification
inaugural "Tree Tour" - 10:00 a.m.

MONTHLY FLOWER SHOW

CHAIRMAN: MRS. VINCENT L. BONDERUD

CLASS I

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" (DOOR HANGINGS OR
HOUSE DECORATIONS)

CLASS II

"CHRISTMAS ELEGANCE" (SUITABLE FOR
DINING TABLE)

CLASS III

"AWAY IN THE MANGER" ACCESSORIES
PERMITTED, FRESH AND/OR DRY.

CLASS IV

DESIGNER'S CHOICE - ANYTHING GOES
EXCEPT ARTIFICIAL MATERIAL IN
ARRANGEMENTS

LET'S MAKE A BIG SHOWING OF OUR
ARRANGEMENTS SINCE THIS WILL BE
OUR TRI CLUB LUNCHEON!!!!!!!!!!!!

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WAYS AND MEANS

CHAIRMAN: MRS. E. C. LUNSFORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!!!

BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER, 1990

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1990

TIME: 9:30 A.M. (REFRESHMENTS)

10:00 A.M. (MEETING BEGINS)

WHERE: THE HOME OF MRS. JAMES JUDE
200 EDGEWATER DRIVE

HOSTESSES: MRS. DWIGHT SMITH
MRS. HENRY SIMPSON
MRS. THOMAS HARMON

On View

by Pat Gabrieli



Bush chapter, U-M Women's Cancer Association held a successful Country Western hoo-down at Rod & Reel, masterminded by Alyce Wahl and her co, Augusta Bennett. Larry Ropes got to wear his authentic Stetson. Wife Jean (who's president) told of their helping son David move his family to upstate New York. Betty Rode, accompanied by stepdaughter Candy, won the \$100 money tree.

Three J's - Janet Wayne, Jean Graziani and Jo Ann Swain hostessed a champagne brunch at the Country Club of Coral Gables, earning kudos from friends. Good to see

Inga Buzhardt out and about after two hip replacements. Everyone was admiring Dorothy Stein's svelte figure. Marge and Cliff Hendrick were packed and ready to spend the holidays in Guam.

Suzanna Elmore had the female lead in "Send Me No Flowers" at CCGG's theater group's diamond jubilee production and has felt like a star ever since. Her usual offering is singing opera or ballads. Ed Clarke was the male lead. Cynthia Dawson presented a fashion show luncheon, "Holiday Gems", which featured Mickie Panebianco miming "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend".

The Big Three service clubs in Coral

Gables celebrated the holiday season with a joint luncheon meeting at the historic Coral Gables Women's Club, organized in 1923. Coral Gables Garden Club came two years later and the Music Club was founded in 1939. Clearing tables was newly-appointed Comm. Jeanne Ann Moorman, who was swamped with congratulations.

Newest grandmother is Ernestine Bebout. Her son Terry and wife Wendy named their beautiful red-headed baby Avery Amanda. Since they live in Tallahassee, you can be sure Ernestine and her steady Charlie Sharkus will become frequent flyers.

A Trilogy of Gables Clubs History

Today's Joint Meeting of the three major woman's clubs of Coral Gables marks the third year we revive this charming old tradition. The Garden Club has provided organization and coordinated this renewed joint effort. In days past, at this Holiday meeting, The Woman's Club provided warm hospitality at their lovely club house. Decorations of the season were artistically arranged by The Garden Club and The Music Club arranged and sponsored a joyous musical program. Our tri-club members who have planned this lovely celebration have graciously followed in this tradition. Today's Joint Meeting of the three major woman's clubs of Coral Gables is the third annual one in this historical revival initiated in 1988 by the three Presidents of that year - Mrs. John Thomson, Woman's Club; Mrs. George Wilson, Garden Club and Mrs. Lawrence Weiss, Music Club.

A major influence in the civic and social life of our City Beautiful, these venerable clubs - The Woman's Club, founded in 1923; The Garden Club, founded in 1925 and The Music Club, founded in 1939 have made a significant contribution to the lifestyle of Coral Gables. Each of us takes pride in carrying on and advancing the noble work and purpose of all those who have served before us.

- Dorothy McDaniel Stein

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL COMMITTEES

DECORATIONS

Mrs. William Furr, Chairman

Mrs. Larry Adams Mrs. Edwin Krieger
Mrs. Vincent Bonderud Mrs. Jim Hinds

LUNCHEON

Mrs. Larry Craig (Music Club)
Mrs. Charlotte Henderson (Garden Club)
Mrs. George Stebbins (Woman's Club)

PROGRAM

Mrs. Robert Henderson (Music)
Mrs. Berman Stein (Printed)

RECEPTION & REGISTRATION

Mrs. Richard Leslie (Garden Club) Mrs. John Nolan (Woman's Club) Mrs. Lawrence Schroll (Woman's Club) Mrs. George Stebbins (Music Club) Mrs. Thomas Stokes (Garden Club)



Holiday Festival

Wednesday • November 28, 1990

A Trilogy of Gables Clubs

WOMAN'S CLUB

Founded 1923

GARDEN CLUB

Founded 1925

MUSIC CLUB

Founded 1939





WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1990

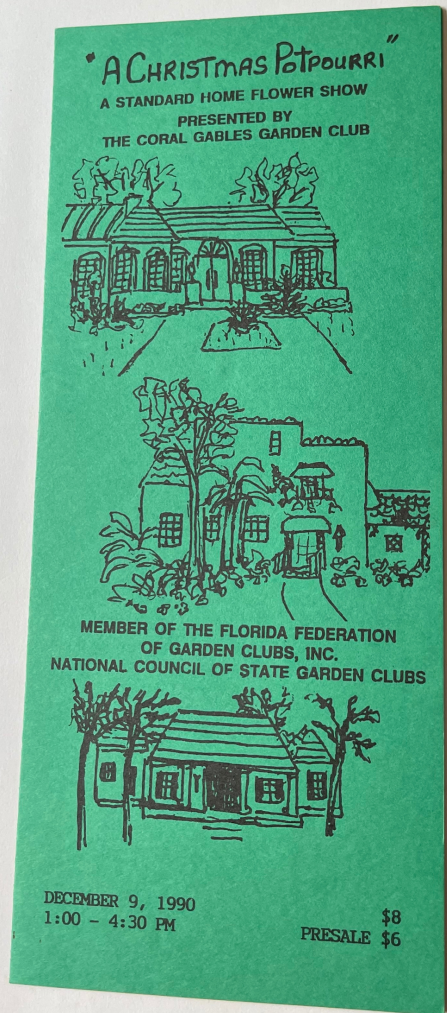
CORAL GABLES WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE
HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

THINGS TO DO
Weekend
SECTION G, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1990
The Miami Herald



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TIMES
AROUND
THE
RAMBLE

*Fairchild
Tropical Garden
is having a big
anniversary
party, 13G*





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Dear Members:

Our busiest times are NOW! It is also our most wonderful times with our Holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we must not forget that!

The Tri-Club Luncheon was a beautiful Christmas Party. Didn't you enjoy it? At last report we fed around 160 people. We're happy it's popular, but it appears we will have to take reservations next year. Special THANKS to the kitchen crew who worked very hard. We owe the success of the Luncheon to many of you and the Music Club and Woman's Club Members. Thanks Again.

This newsletter is a short one since we can't possibly receive it in time to announce all that's happening for our Christmas Home Tour. Our schedules are full and we're working towards another year of Beautiful Homes we'll share with our friends. God Bless you all for working together like a big happy family. See you at our December Board Meeting at Martha Gentry's on Fisher Island. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours!

Love,

Betsy

ANNOUNCEMENTS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER, 1990

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1990
9:30 A.M. (REFRESHMENTS)
10:00 A.M. (MEETING BEGINS)

WHERE: THE HOME OF MRS. HUGH GENTRY
2111 FISHER ISLAND DRIVE.
(PLEASE TRY TO CAR POOL)

HOSTESSES: MRS. MALCOLM WELDON
MRS. J. E. JUNKIN
MRS. FRANK KAVANAUGH

NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 1-2 RAMBLE FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDEN
9:00-4:30 P.M.
- 9 CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB
HOME TOUR - 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.
- 12 BOARD MEETING AT 9:30 A.M.
AT MRS. HUGH GENTRY'S HOME
- 19 CORAL GABLES BEAUTIFICATION
INAUGURAL "TREE TOUR" - 10:00 A.M.

JANUARY, 1991

- 9 BOARD MEETING AT 9:30 A.M.
AT MRS. ROBERT MOORMAN'S HOME
- 28 10:00 A.M. ARTISTIC WORKSHOP
12:15 P.M. LUNCH
1:00 P.M. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AT CORAL GABLES HOUSE
- 29-30 TROPICAL SHORT COURSE - W. PALM BEACH

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SPRING IN JANUARY

THE PRESIDENTS COUNCIL WANTS TO CONTRIBUTE IN A SPECIAL WAY TO THE COMMUNITY BY SPONSORING A SERIES OF SATURDAY WORKSHOPS AND DEMONSTRATIONS TO HELP YOU IN PLANNING, PLANTING, AND BEAUTIFYING YOUR HOME.

WHAT: GARDENING KNOW HOW.....

WHEN: EVERY SATURDAY IN JANUARY, 1991
9:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

COST: FREE

WHO: ANYONE, EVERYONE, YOU, AND ME...

WHERE: SIMPSON GARDEN CENTER, SIMPSON PARK
55 S. W. 17TH ROAD, MIAMI 856-6801

JAN 5 - WHAT HOW, WHEN AND WHERE OF GARDENING

12 - FLORIDA TREES..PLUS GUIDED TOUR
OF SIMPSON PARK

19 - PATIO PLANTS AND SPECIALTIES

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Dear Members:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We all have much to be Thankful for, but I know many of you feel for this New Year and perhaps we can do more this year for each other, our club, our community and ultimately our world!

I have heard nothing but PRAISES about our Christmas Home Tour and Flower Show and many said it was one of our best. I do think we should have dialogue with those who worked it and those who may have things to report, in order for us to make it better next year. We'll do this at our Board Meeting. Something added this year was food for sale at the Bazaar and it sold out in a hurry. We owe this to Mary Frances Irvin and Cathy Hamill's Mom. Again, Thanks to everyone who worked so HARD to make this the success it was. We also need to Thank each home owner every chance we get. We want them to know we appreciate all the work they did also.

Our "Adopt an Entrance" is our main attraction now and the Groundbreaking Ceremony (January 8, 1991) has happened before this newsletter was printed. Let's watch our Red Road/Coral Way Entrance grow and be proud of it.

Thanks,
Betsy

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!!!

BOARD MEETING - JANUARY, 1991

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1991
9:30 A.M. (REFRESHMENTS)
10:00 A.M. (MEETING BEGINS)
WHERE: THE HOME OF MRS. ROBERT MOORMAN
740 SALDANO AVENUE
HOSTESS: MRS. ROBERT SEARLE
MRS. JAMES LOWE
MRS. ROBERT HENDERSON

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - JANUARY, 1991

WHEN: MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1991
10:00 - ARTISTIC WORKSHOP
12:15 - LIGHT LUNCH
1:00 - MEETING BEGINS
WHERE: CORAL GABLES HOUSE
PROGRAM: "OUR HISTORIC GABLES" BY ELLEN UGUCCIONI, CITY OF C.G.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADMINISTRATOR
OSTESS: MRS. WILLIAM HARTNETT
MRS. J. E. JUNKIN
MRS. IRBY H. KING
MRS. RICHARD LESLIE
MISS JANE REYNOLDS

CALENDAR

January

- 9 - Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Mrs. Robert Moorman
- 12 - "Spring in January" Workshop at Simpson Gardens. sponsor - Pres. Coun.
- 19 - "Spring in January" Workshop at Simpson Gardens.
- 21 - Pres. Council Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
Simpson Garden
- 28 - 10:00 a.m. Artistic Workshop
12:15 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. - General Membership Meet. at Coral Gables House
- 29-30-Tropical Short Course - W. Palm Beach

February

- 13 -Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Mrs. Kenneth Kniskern
- 16 - Country Day - spon. by Council of Garden Club Pres. 10:00 - 4:00
- 20 - Horticulture Workshop
10:00 Daylily at Mrs. Clyde Wooten
- 25 - 10:00 Artistic Workshop
12:15 lunch
1:00 - General Membership Meeting at the Biltmore

ARTISTIC WORKSHOP

CHAIRMAN: MRS. M. J. GOLDSTROHM

10:00 A.M. AT GABLES HOUSE
"OUR HISTORY IN MINIATURES"
INSTRUCTOR - MRS. WILBUR STONE OF SUNSET PARK GARDEN CLUB

MONTHLY FLOWER SHOW

CHAIRMAN: MRS. VINCENT L. BONDERUD

ARTISTIC DIVISION:

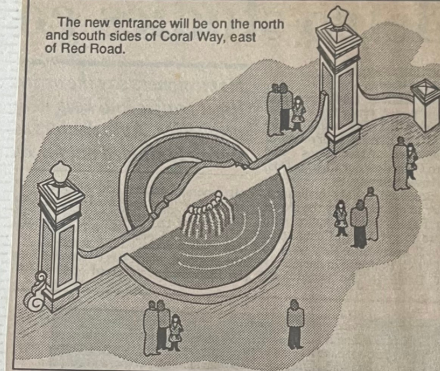
- CLASS I "CREATIVE MINIATURES" NOT TO EXCEED 8" IN ANY DIRECTION.
- CLASS II "SYMBOLS OF ROMANCE" ALL FRESH PLANT MATERIAL.
- CLASS III DESIGNER'S CHOICE.

ART CHAIRMAN - Mrs. Frank (Pat) Kavanaugh

Since "The Framing of the Picture" is the title of our Artistic Workshop (February)

NEW ENTRANCE

The new entrance will be on the north and south sides of Coral Way, east of Red Road.



RICK BROWNLEE/Miami Herald Staff

Grand entrances planned for Gables

By NANCY KLINGENER
Herald Staff Writer

Sixty-five years after Coral Gables founder George Merrick abandoned plans to build entrances all around his city, Gables residents are picking up the project.

The Coral Gables Garden Club has started a new "adopt-an-entrance" campaign, and has completed plans for the first new entrance, to be built at Red Road and Coral Way. Construction should begin by the end of the year.

"Hopefully we'll get one or two or three a year," said Betsy Adams, Garden Club president. "We're going to keep working on it and continue on this project for the next five or six years — whatever it takes."

Before being driven out of business by hurricanes and a real estate bust, Merrick completed the Douglas Entrance, the Granada Entrance, the Commercial Entrance (at Alhambra Circle and Douglas

Road) and the Country Club Prado Entrance.

Four more entrances were designed by Merrick's architect, Denman Fink, but never built. The Red Road-Coral Way intersection was to be the site of the "gladeside entrance," said Ellen Uguccioni, the city's historic preservation administrator.

The entrances are focal points for the city, she said.

"They automatically tell you you're now inside a new community," Uguccioni said.

Designing and building new gates to complement the old ones won't hurt the historic quality of the originals, she said.

City Architect Subrata Basu already has completed renderings of the new entrance, to be on the north and south sides of Coral Way, east of Red Road. It will be about 12 feet high at the ends.

"We're trying to blend in the feel

of the old entrances, and put it in today's context," Basu said. "You don't want to do things that replicate something that was done. You want something that's today."

The new entrance will cost \$65,000 to \$75,000, with most materials and labor donated by Gables businesses, Adams said. The city's Public Works Department is providing some in-kind services, like Basu's renderings.

The entrance project got enthusiastic endorsement from the City Commission last month.

The Garden Club plans to meet with all the city's civic clubs to interest them in adopting an entrance.

Club members and city staffers have found seven other entrance sites, including the intersections of Red and Bird roads, Miracle Mile and Douglas Road, and Le Jeune Road near Alhambra Circle, at the city's northern border.

CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB
"ADOPT AN ENTRANCE" PROJECT
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

CORAL WAY AND RED ROAD

JANUARY 8, 1991

12:15 P.M.

-AGENDA-

- I. WELCOME: MRS. LARRY ADAMS, PRESIDENT, CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB
- II. INVOCATION: MRS. MARGE SELECMAN, DEVOTIONAL CHRM., GARDEN CLUB
- III. PROJECT STATEMENT: MRS. LARRY ADAMS
- IV. INTRODUCTIONS: MRS. LARRY ADAMS
 - A. GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE
 - B. CONTRIBUTORS
 - C. CITY OFFICIALS
- V. PROJECT SCOPE: MR. SUBRATA BASU AND MR. JOHN NICHOLS
- VI. MAYOR'S RESPONSE: MAYOR GEORGE CORRIGAN
- VII. OFFICIAL GROUND BREAKING
- VIII. REFRESHMENTS
- IX. ADJOURNE



IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE

TO: CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

FROM: MRS. LARRY ADAMS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY
CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB - "ADOPT AN ENTRANCE" PROJECT

PLACE: CORAL WAY AND RED ROAD

DATE: JANUARY 8, 1991

TIME: 12:15 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS: PUNCH AND LIGHT SNACKS

V.I.P. GUESTS: MAYOR, CITY COMMISSIONERS, CITY MANAGER, CITY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, CITY ARCHITECT, CITY PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR, CITY HISTORICAL DIRECTOR, CITY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE, CITY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE, CITY BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, GARDEN CLUB MEN'S ADVISORY GROUP, JOHN NICHOLS AND ANN JACKAWAY OF THE NICHOLS PARTNERSHIP, INC., BRUCE HOWARD, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, JIM BOYD OF RINKER MATERIALS CORP., TOM DANIEL OF DANIEL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC. AND CRAIG NAGEL OF WITTERS CONSTRUCTION. ALSO IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA WILL BE PRESENT.

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The Hibiscus Leaflet



PUBLISHED BY:
**THE CORAL GABLES
GARDEN CLUB, INC.**

CHAIRMAN: NARDIS WELDON

FEBRUARY, 1991

PRESIDENT: BETSY ADAMS

Dear Members:

Time races on! It is February already and we have much to do in the next few months before our May Breakfast and Summer Vacations.

We've been busy applying for State and Local Awards as they apply to our club activities. Also, as our "Adopt an Entrance" Project looms higher and wider at Red Road and Coral Way, we have been working with it's progress, locating fountain bowls, lion's heads and coping. It's Exciting!!!

By the way, February and March are the last two General Meetings that we can invite our friends to attend and then present them through letters of endorsement to our Board of Managers for Membership. Our membership can only be 250 and fulfillment is close, so put some serious thought to those in our community who would be assets to our club.

Please re-read our Calendar-of-Events and participate when possible. Especially, remember we must attend the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Convention at the Miami Airport Hilton, the 17th and 18th of April. Let us hear from you who are interested because our reservations must be sent in soon.

Thanks for your support,

Betsy

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!!!!!!!

BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY, 1991

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1991
9:30 A.M. (REFRESHMENTS)
10:00 A.M. (MEETING BEGINS)
WHERE: THE HOME OF MRS. KENNETH KNISKERN
945 ANDORA AVENUE
HOSTESS: MRS. BEN TURNER
MRS. M. J. GOLDSTROHM
MRS. ROSS APGAR

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FEBRUARY, 1991

WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1991
10:00 A.M. - ARTISTIC WORKSHOP
12:15 P.M. - LIGHT LUNCH
1:00 P.M. - MEETING BEGINS

WHERE: THE BILTMORE COMPLEX
PROGRAM: "A CURRENT GARDENING TOPIC"
GEORGIA TASKER, GARDENING EDITOR
OF THE MIAMI HERALD

CALENDAR

February

- 13 - Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Mrs. Kenneth Kniskern's home
- 16 - Country Day - USDA - 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Council of Garden Club Pres.
- 18 - Council of Garden Club Pres. 9:30 a.m.
Simpson Gardens
- 18-21 - Blanche Covington Nature Study Course
- 20 - Horticulture Workshop - 10:00 a.m.
Daylillies - Jeanne Wooten's
- 25 - Artistic Workshop - 10:00 a.m. (Biltmore)
Lunch - 12:15 p.m.
General Meeting 1:00 p.m.

March

- 6 - Field Trip to R.F. Orchids
28100 S. W. 82nd Ave.
- 13 - Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Mrs. William Hartnett's home.
- 21-23 - Deep South Convention, Birmingham, Ala.
- 25 - General Membership Meeting
GARDEN TOUR

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ARTISTIC WORKSHOP

CHAIRMAN: MRS. M. J. GOLDSTROHM

10:00 A.M. AT BILTMORE COMPLEX
"THE FRAMING OF THE PICTURE"

INSTRUCTOR - MRS. URBAN KOKENGE OF
MIAMI BEACH GARDEN CLUB

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MONTHLY FLOWER SHOW

CHAIRMAN: MRS. VINCENT L. BONDERUD

ARTISTIC DIVISION

CLASS I "THE MAGIC OF 1 FLOWER"
ALL FRESH.

CLASS II "COMPATIBLE CONTRASTS"
FRESH AND/OR DRY.

CLASS III DESIGNER'S CHOICE.

DON'T FORGET - ART CHAIRMAN, PAT KAVANAUGH
WANTS US TO INCLUDE "FLOWERING ART WORKS. THIS
WILL BE A DISPLAY OF PAINTINGS OF FLOWERS
AND PLANTS DONE BY OUR MEMBERS. PLEASE
CALL PAT TO VOLUNTEER TO SHOW YOUR WORK.
444-9604



The Hibiscus Leaflet



PUBLISHED BY:
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CHAIRMAN: NARDIS WELDON

APRIL, 1991

PRESIDENT: BETSY ADAMS

Dear Members:

Our Coral Gables Garden Club is not GOOD because it is Great, IT IS GREAT BECAUSE IT IS GOOD!!!! Our motives are Pure. Our purpose is one of selfless service to improve the quality of our community. During the past two years we have enhanced the traditional Garden Club programs and activities because of your total dedication and commitment to maximize the application of your talents and skills. Your positive "can-do" attitude and your love and respect for each other has provided the perfect environment that has led to setting and exceeding high priority objectives.

Our "Adopt-An-Entrance" project is strong testimony that our club has unique vision, possesses the ability to develop a solid strategy, program and process, knows how to create effective partnerships with our City Officials and community business leaders and can provide the leadership to motivate other community organizations to work as a coalition to complete George Merrick's Entranceway Program. We are looking forward to the April 23rd dedication of the Coral Way and Red Road Entrance Way and the "Adopt-An-Entrance" Town Hall Meeting in the City Commission Chambers on April 24th.

It has been a special privilege to serve as your President during the past two years. I thank you and God Bless each of you.

Love,
Betsy

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOARD MEETING - APRIL, 1991

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1991
9:30 A.M. (REFRESHMENTS)
10:00 A.M. (MEETING BEGINS)
WHERE: THE HOME OF MRS. WILLIAM FURR
741 SUNSET DRIVE
HOSTESSES: MRS. THOMAS GOWIN
MRS. NICHOLAS POLIZZI
MRS. LLOYD REES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - APRIL, 1991

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1991
10:00 - ARTISTIC WORKSHOP
12:15 - LUNCH
1:00 - MEETING BEGINS
WHERE: FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDEN
HOSTESSES: MRS. JIM HINDS
MRS. EDWIN KRIEGER
MRS. NICHOLAS POLIZZI
MRS. STEVEN SIMMONS
MRS. DWIGHT SMITH

MAY BREAKFAST

THEME: WELCOME SWEET MAY TIME

MAY 1, 1991

RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB

SOCIAL HOUR 11:00 A.M.

LUNCHEON: 12:00 NOON

\$23.00

BE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKET EARLY
SO YOU CAN ENJOY THIS LOVELY AFFAIR.
OUR LAST EVENT OF A GREAT YEAR!

WE MUST CONFIRM OUR COUNT WITH
RIVIERA BY APRIL 26.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM
PAT CROW AT THE APRIL MEETING OR
YOU MAY CALL HER TO PURCHASE YOUR
TICKET BY MAIL. PHONE 686-6804.

MRS. WILLIAM FURR, CHAIRMAN

MONTHLY FLOWER SHOW

MRS. VINCENT BONDERUD, CHAIRMAN

ARTISTIC DIVISION:

CLASS I - "TROPICAL SPLENDOR" ALL FRESH
PLANT MATERIAL
CLASS II - "MODERN ELEGANCE" FRESH AND/OR
DRY.
CLASS III - DESIGNER'S CHOICE

ARTISTIC WORKSHOP - DO NOT MISS THIS

MRS. M. J. GOLDSTROHM, CHAIRMAN

MONDAY - APRIL 22, 1991
10:00 A.M. AT TROPICAL FAIRCHILD

"UNUSUAL AND RARE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS"
BY MR. TOM CUNNINGHAM OF CUNNINGHAM'S
FLORIST, SOUTH MIAMI

THIS WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION YOU WILL
NOT WANT TO MISS!!!!!!

GARDEN TOUR

OUR 1991 GARDEN TOUR PROMISES TO BE INTERESTING,
INFORMATIVE AND FULL OF FLORIDA'S LUSH NATURAL
PLANTS. IN THE MARCH NEWLETTER WE WILL PUBLISH
INFORMATION ON EACH OF THE HOMES ON OUR TOUR.

THE ZEDERS - A NATURAL OAK HAMMOCK
7810 S. W. 47TH AVENUE

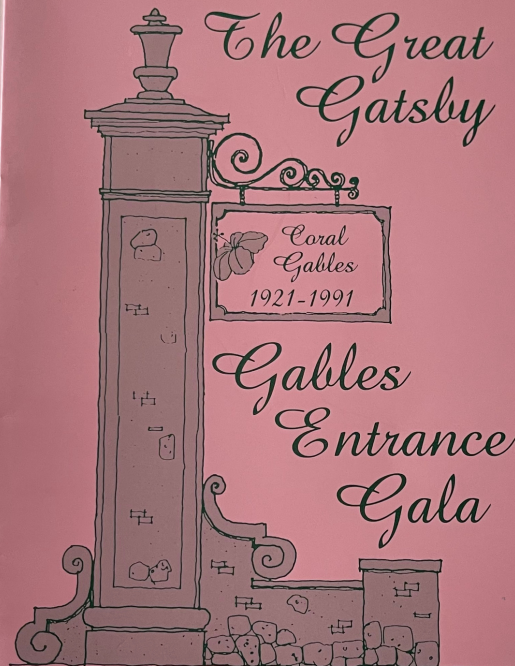
THE COLSONS - A 2 ACRE OAK HAMMOCK
8150 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD

WILLIAM & PETIE COX
8375 S. W. 52ND AVENUE

WALTHER & BARBARA HINTERKOFF
4821 HAMMOCK LAKE DRIVE

THE TOUR WILL BE FROM 10:00 TO 11:30 A.M. ON
MONDAY, MARCH 25TH. LUNCH AND MEETING TO FOLLOW
AT FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDENS.





Coral Gables Garden Club
"Creating Tomorrow's History Today"



**THE
 CORAL GABLES
 GARDEN CLUB, INC.**

P. O. Box 141463
 Coral Gables, Florida 33114

March 12, 1991

Dear

Seventy years ago in 1921, Coral Gables' founder, George Merrick, planned to build entrances into his city. Four of these eight planned entrances were completed before he was driven out of business by the 1926 Hurricane and a real estate bust.

The Coral Gables Garden Club now wants to complete the four unfinished entrances and has started a new "Adopt-An-Entrance" project. Construction has already begun on the entrance at Red Road and Coral Way and plans are in the process for completion of the others. The seed money provided by the Coral Gables Garden Club for the first entrance has been parlayed many times by the generous donations of material and labor from local businesses as a result of the initiative and leadership provided by the Coral Gables Garden Club.

On Friday, April 5, 1991, a festive evening has been planned — *"The Great Gatsby — Gables Entrance Gala."* Cocktails in "The Courtyard" at the Biltmore will feature vintage cars and the excitement of jazz music and twenties entertainment as the "Great Gatsby" guests mix and mingle. The Country Club Ballroom at the Biltmore Hotel will provide the elegant atmosphere of a bygone era where you will enjoy formal dining and dancing at this gala fund raising event.

In order to assist in making this event a success, we need your help! We invite you to become an underwriter of this special project by your cash donation or to sponsor a table of eight or ten. Ticket price is \$60 per person. Table sponsors and benefactors of \$500 or more will be listed in the program.

Checks should be made payable to Coral Gables Garden Club. Your donation is a tax-deductible gift.

Sincerely yours,

Special Events Committee
 Coral Gables Garden Club



Lois Furr, chairperson; Mayor George Corrigan; Betsy Adams, president; Berman Stein and Dorothy Stein, chairperson.

GREAT GALA: The Coral Gables Garden Club held its Great Gatsby Gala on Friday night at the Biltmore County Club Ballroom in Coral Gables' Biltmore Hotel. About 400 people attended the \$60-per-person event and raised more than \$12,000 to benefit The Gables Entrance Completion Project.



Great Gatsby!

PHOTOS BY JOAN NIELSEN



Ed & Carole Russo



Jack & Linda Eads, Betsy & Larry Adams



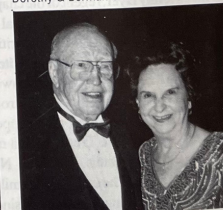
Dorothy & Berman Stein



Evelyn & Rollo Budde, Jo Ann Swain



Judge Jack & Rita Turner, Judy & Larry Stowe



Jack Thompson, Polly Grentner





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THE NEW: Architect Subrata Basu at the almost-finished entrance to Coral Gables at Red Road and Coral Way.

Gates TO THE Gables

Club fulfilling Merrick's dream

By BEA MOSS
Herald Staff Writer

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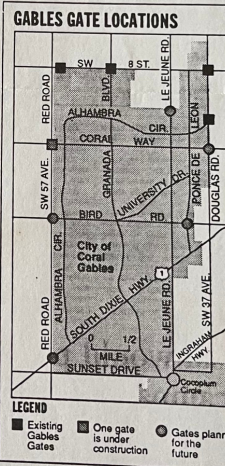
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THE OLD: The Granada entrance.



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GABLES ENTRANCE DEDICATION

Ceremony at Coral Way and Red Road
Tuesday, April 23, 1991 at 12:15 p.m.

Please come and join with the Coral Gables Garden Club and City Officials for this important event. Light refreshments served.

TOWN HALL MEETING

"ADOPT-AN-ENTRANCE" PROJECT
Wednesday, April 24, 1991, 6:00 p.m.

In Coral Gables Commission Chambers
Join with Community and Civic Leaders in discussing plans to complete the Gables Entrance.



IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICES

TO: CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

FROM: MRS. LARRY ADAMS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: DEDICATION CEREMONY
CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB - "ADOPT AND ENTRANCE" PROJECT

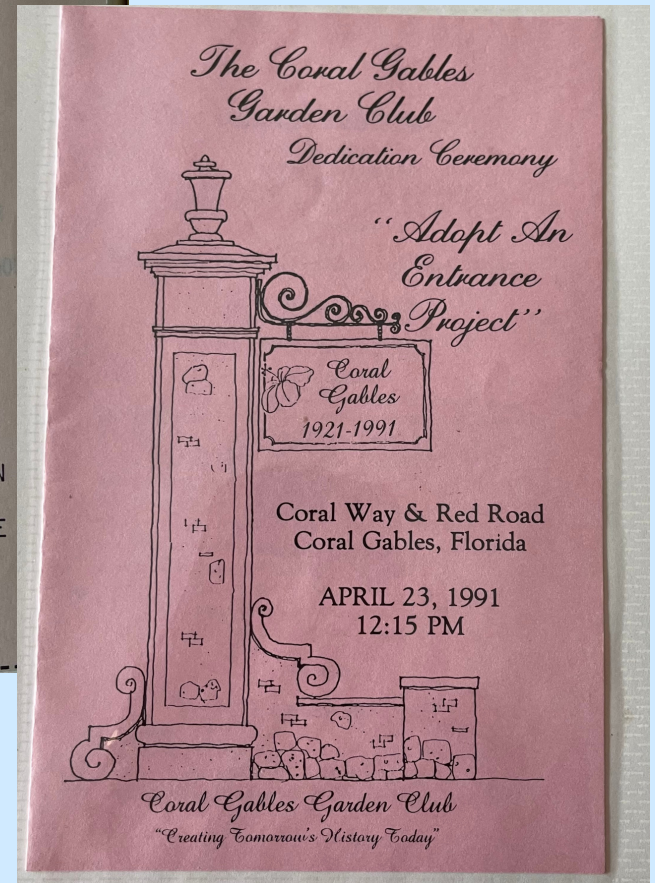
PLACE: CORAL WAY AND RED ROAD

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1991

TIME: 12:15 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS: PUNCH AND LIGHT SNACKS

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Gables entrances to be commended

Editor: Cheers for the ladies of the Coral Gables Club. Their "Adopt-an-entrance" project at Red Road and Coral Way is a splendid structure admired by all who pass this busy intersection [New Gables gate fulfills old dream, April 25].

City architect Subrata Basu has managed to capture the essence of founder George Merrick's Mediterranean-style concept.

May their dream to add other like entrances at Douglas Road, Le Jeune Road, Alhambra Circle, Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Bird Road, U.S. 1 and Red Road and at Red and Bird roads be realized.

Kudos to all who provided materials, labor and funds.

William D. Epps
Coral Gables

THE MIAMI HERALD, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1991



RAUL RUBIERA / Miami Herald Staff

DEDICATION: Members of the Coral Gables Garden Club inaugurate the opening of a gateway on Coral Way near Red Road. It was the first gateway to be constructed since 1926.

New Gables gate fulfills old dream

One of the newest additions to Coral Gables is a reality because of an old idea put forth by George Merrick, the city's founder.

A new entranceway to the city, the first built since 1926, was dedicated Tuesday at the site on either side of Coral Way just east of Red Road.

The dedication was made possible

through the efforts of the Coral Gables Garden Club, the City of Coral Gables and local businesses.

Four additional entranceways are planned through a program called Adopt an Entrance Project. It is an attempt to complete Merrick's original plans to have decorative entrances at all major roads leading into Coral Gables. The original four

entrances were completed in 1926. Mediterranean-style pillars, decorative walls, water fountains and landscaping are features of the new Coral Way structures that cost approximately \$70,000.

The city's public works department was responsible for the design and construction.

— BEA MOSS

1991



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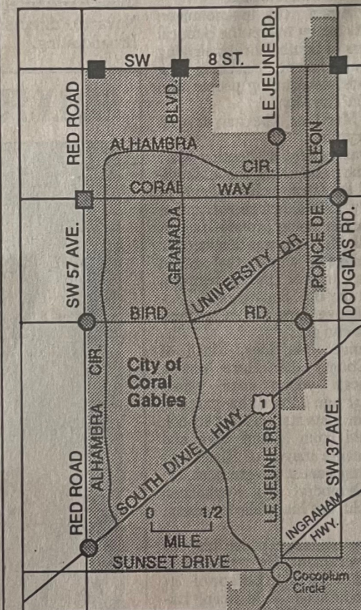
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GABLES GATE LOCATIONS



LEGEND

- Existing Gables Gates
- ▨ One gate is under construction
- Gates planned for the future

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