



THE HIBISCUS LEAFLET

Coral Gables Garden Club, Coral Gables, Florida

October 2018

Tending Our Gardens... Together



Bill Kerdyk, Mary Snow, Executive Director of the Coral Gables Community Foundation, Betsy Tilghman, and Tracy Kerdyk unveiled the new Marlene Kerdyk Beautification Fund at September Meeting.

We started off the year with an exciting presentation by the Kerdyk family at our September General Membership meeting. Bill and Tracy Kerdyk unveiled the new **Marlene Kerdyk Beautification Fund** they created at the Coral Gables Community Foundation in memory of their mother, a beloved member of our club for 29 years. Bill explained that all of the income from this \$75,000 endowment will be directed to the Coral Gables Garden Club for our use in beautifying Coral Gables. We are honored and thrilled that the Kerdyk family has chosen us as stewards for this income stream, and we look forward to continuing and augmenting our beautification projects with this generous and lasting gift.

As I think about the months ahead, filling our planters with flowers and our gardens with spots of color, I am reminded of our club's expanding garden projects, and of more expanding partnerships. By the time you will have received this newsletter a small

cadre of members, in partnership with the City, will have replanted Althea's Garden and the Heritage Garden at the Merrick House. And throughout October we will be working with Ponce de Leon Middle School to help establish their Unity vegetable garden and groom their contemplative quiet space, the Peace Garden. This project too will be rooted in partnerships, which will unfold in the weeks ahead.

And on **Oct 9th** in the Coral Gables City Commission Chambers we will present to the Commission the naming request for the **Lamar Louise Curry Park** on a triangular plot of land across from Venetian Pool. This will be the beginning of a many month signature partnership with the City as we create a park with the funds bequeathed to our club by Miss Lamar Louise Curry. Please mark your calendar to join us at City Hall at 10:00 am.

I hope you have also marked your calendars for our **November 9th Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication**, taking place at 11am on the lawn of the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center. On this Veterans' Day weekend, we are joining hands with the City, military officers, veterans and the National Garden Club Blue Star Memorial Committee, to honor all men and women who serve in The United States Armed Services.

Our outstanding General Membership Programs and workshops, the White Elephant Sale, our Sybil Sylvester Floral Presentation, and a lovely FFGC District XII meeting round out the coming fall weeks. A busy and fun time for us all!

- Betsy Tilghman, President



Coral Gables Garden Club, Inc. is a proud member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc; and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Members enjoy a day at Merrick House

Recently, Garden Club ladies replanted Althea's Garden and the Heritage Garden at the Merrick House. Bob Boberman and his city landscaping crew helped us dig the big holes in Althea's Garden, but we did a pretty amazing job on the Heritage Garden. Nina Jarp and Joan Wright filled the entryway pots with beautiful bromeliads and succulents donated by Garden Club members.

Members who came to help were: Betsy Tilghman, Charlotte Henderson, Victoria Cabeza, Olga Lazo, Nita Norman, Joan Wright, Nina Jarp, Susan Rodriguez and Judy Mangasarian. And many thanks to Sherry Jordan, club photographer.



Club Happenings:

RECYCLING DAY IN THE GABLES:

The City of Coral Gables will again be hosting a "Recycling Day" on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the City Hall Parking lot from 9 am - 12 noon. Electronic (anything with a plug or that uses batteries), hazardous waste (pool chemicals, old paint cans, etc.) and paper shredding of sensitive papers will be available.

For inquiries please call Matt Anderson 305-460-5008 or Marlin Ebbert 305-665-5701

DISTRICT XII FALL MEETING:

The Fall District Meeting will be 23 October, 2018, 9:30am - 3:00pm at the UM WATSCO Center.

This will be your opportunity to meet your FFGC Officers, hear all about the organization we are part of and to hear accomplishments of other clubs in our District.

This meeting provides a wonderful opportunity for our new members to experience all that FFGC and our District has to offer.

Hope to see many of you in attendance.

- Sharon Trbovich, District XII Director

OCTOBER 22 MEETING:

Workshop: Composting, Ernesto Clark

Location: Danielson Gallery

Program: Gertrude Jekyll and the Arts and Crafts Movement with Victor Lazzara, MLA, ASLA

Lunch Committee: Teresa Zohn*, Maria Garcia, Sallye Jude, Kitty Winkler

Buffet Centerpiece: Sharon Trbovich



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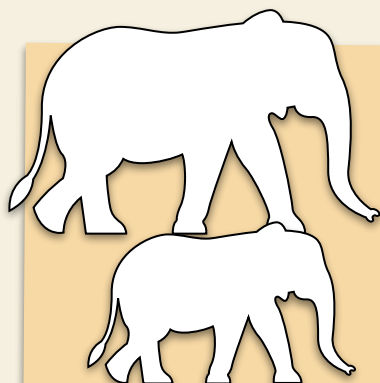


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Photo 1: Members who attended the meeting at Ponce Middle School to discuss their edible/flower gardens. With articles on our District XII Meetings and Recycling, we thought we would recycle some photos from our archives. Photo 2: Nita Norman at the FFGC District Meeting in 2001. Photo 3: Diana Jaramillo, Miami Bat Squad, was our September Workshop. Photo 4: Our September program on Edible Tropical Garden, Nora Ledesma, Curator of Tropical Fruit at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.



CGGC WHITE ELEPHANT SALE COMING ON NOVEMBER 26

Members and their guests are invited to shop the fabulous "finds" that will be on display from 9:30 to 11:30 that day. Start searching your attics and garages now for good things to donate and get a head start on the "Clearing" which has been on your to-do list.

Bring your donations to the Garden Center on Friday, October 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm; Monday, October 22 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; Friday, November 2 from 10:00 to 12:00 pm. Mari Arnold, 2846 DeSoto Blvd. also can store items in her garage. 305-582-6817

Garden Club to host famous floral designer in November

Sybil Sylvester, owner of Wildflower Designs, Birmingham, has been creating breathtaking floral creations for home delivery, special occasions, gala events, parties and weddings for more than two decades. Her signature style has earned her a place among the nation's top floral designers. Sybil educates other floral enthusiasts, garden clubs and businesses, whether they be complete beginners or more advanced designers

We are pleased to introduce Sybil to Coral Gables and to watch her demonstrate the fine art of creating beautiful arrangements for our homes.



Thursday, November 29th, 2018

**Coral Gables Congregational Church Fellowship Hall
3010 De Soto Blvd, Coral Gables**

9:30 – Doors Open

10:00- 11:15 – Demonstration

11:15-11:30 – Raffle of Arrangements

11:30 – 12:30 – Book Signing

Refreshments will be served

Tickets are \$25. Make checks payable to the Coral Gables Garden Club and send to Olga Lazo, 50 Minorca Ave., PH 1, Coral Gables, FL 33134



***Horticulture
Check Up:
Panty Hose vs
Plastic Tie***

***And how does
your Bletia grow?***

It's a good time to check up on the orchids that were distributed by Fairchild at last April's workshop. The 2 photos show *Encyclia Tampensis* and the ground orchid, *Bletia Purpurea*. So far, so good! My *Encyclia* is attached to a thin trunked palm. I wrapped pantyhose around the roots and it's doing very well. I have another *Encyclia*, but I used a plastic tie to secure it and it is not doing nearly as well. It seems the pantyhose retains enough moisture to give the plant just what it needs. I use pantyhose to secure all my plants to trees and it works very well.

The *Bletia* is also growing just like it should. It's under a large palm and gets filtered light. I did put a little wire cage around it as it does look like one of the many palm seedlings that you have to pull out every year! It was planted so the little bulb is above ground and I'm hoping to have flowers this coming spring. Hope yours are doing as well!

- Susan Thomas, Horticulture