



THE HIBISCUS LEAFLET

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Coral Gables Garden Club, Coral Gables, Florida

Gather Around Our Blue Star Memorial Marker

On Friday, November 9, just a few short days from now, we will come together at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center to dedicate our Blue Star Memorial Marker. This beautiful marker will be located in front of the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center and perpetually landscaped with flowers to honor and remember those brave men and women who serve our country in the Armed Forces. This project is a successful partnership between our Club, the City of Coral Gables and the National Garden Clubs.

Since the Blue Star Marker program began about 70 years ago, over 3,000 markers surrounded by flowering landscapes have been dedicated all across the country. In Florida our first Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was dedicated on May 30, 1949 at the terminus of US 1 in Key West. Over 190 markers are now in place across our state. We are proud there will soon be a marker in Coral Gables. Member Evelyn Budde has been the driving force behind this project. It is an accomplishment that will be remembered as long as this marker stands, and I personally will think of Evelyn's determination and can-do attitude whenever I drive down University Drive past the Youth Center.

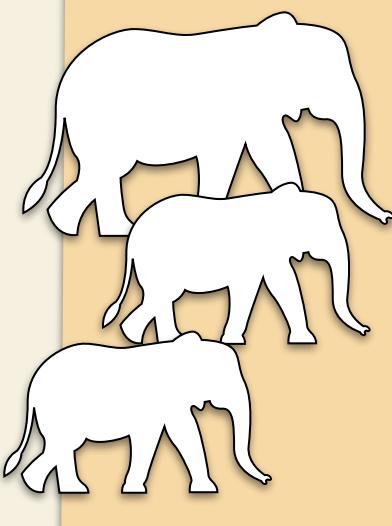
And now it is up to us, dear members, to honor our Armed Forces, our City, National Garden Club, Inc, Evelyn and our Club as we attend this Veteran's weekend memorial. Thank you to those of you who are bringing cookies! Please do come – this is an important event in the life and purpose of our club! Friday, November 9 at 11:00 AM!

- Betsy Tilghman, President



At the recent Fall District Meeting, held at the UM Watsco Center, the CGGC was well represented. Above is President, Betsy Tilghman with Olga Lazo.

Each club provided a centerpiece for a table and a gift basket which were raffled off. And each club was asked to present a "story board" to display their club report, the projects of the past year, programs for the coming year.



WHITE ELEPHANT SALE COMING ON NOVEMBER 26

Shop the fabulous "finds" that will be on display from 9:30 to 11:30 in Coral Gables Garden Club's Garden Center at the Biltmore Hotel on November 26.

For sale will be collectibles (silver, china, crystal and ceramics), paintings, prints, lamps, decorative pillows, table linens, other kitchen and dining room items, and gardening and coffee table books. Also, select fashion accessories will be featured – jewelry, belts, scarves and designer handbags.

Bring a guest to the sale and General Meeting that day, or simply invite friends to make their own way to the sale between 9:30 and 11:30 on November 26.

Come early and shop lots – it will be a great event!

Lamar Louise Curry ~ December 1906 - December 2012

Lamar Louise Curry taught U.S. history in Miami-Dade County schools for 35 years and lived it for more than a century.

On October 9th, 2018 the Coral Gables Garden Club asked for and received approval from the Coral Gables City Commission to name the triangular green space in front of the Venetian Pool the LAMAR LOUISE CURRY PARK.

Our Garden Club will share in building this park with \$200,000 bequeathed by Miss Curry to the club and would like to share a bit of her history with others when asked "who was Lamar Louise Curry".

Miss Curry, our beloved and cherished friend provided leadership, support, love and exceptional generosity to our club and our community.

- For Coral Gables Garden Club she helped our many projects, entrances and awards. One of the large fountains at Douglas Road and Miracle Mile is in her honor.
- Provided land to enable Marathon Garden Club to build a Club House in the Keys
- Provided a "Perpetual Garden" in Bay Front Park Miami next to the Astronauts "Challenger Memorial" with ongoing care and received the FFGC Leadership Award for this Garden. With extensive holdings in the Keys she helped to protect many acres of land with responsible building.
- For her dedication, inspiration and generosity to education the Lamar Louise Curry Middle School is named for her.
- The College of the Ozarks; Historical Museum of Southern Florida; The University of Miami Women's Guild; United Methodist Church and Children's Home; Fairchild Garden, and many others benefit from her generosity.



Thank you to all members who attended the Coral Gables City Commission meeting: Audrey Ross, Betsy Tilghman, Pat Keon (commissioner and club member) Fred Couceyro, Haydee Pichardo, Nita Norman, Donna Box, Sherry Jordan, Charlotte Smiley, Sharon Trbovich, Judy Mangasarian and Evelyn Budde.

As a member of the Coral Gables Garden Club for 42 years, Miss Curry faithfully attended every meeting possible and was an example of how life should be lived.

As a history teacher for 35 years, 32 at Miami Senior High, she instilled the principles of love for our country in her students that included many of today's Miami leaders; judges, lawyers, doctors, entertainers, engineers, husbands, wives and mothers. She often admitted that she was strict but as her students put it "she was always fair."

She was a wonderful storyteller. Senator Bob Graham said "She taught history as an ongoing series of stories about human beings not just dry recitations of wars and other hallmarks of history courses".

Although having taught thousands she remembered each one. Living to be 105, her mind was sharp and with failing eyesight she remembered the words to hymns as we sung them together.

She was our friend.

~ Written by Nita Norman

It was a Busy October and followed by a busier November...

Even though the old saying states "a picture is worth a thousand words," we had far too many photos to do justice to all the work being done by members. Photo 1: Kitty Winkler and Betsy Tilghman at recent Board meeting at Jeannett Slesnick's home. Photo 2: Sherry Jordan, Jeannett Slesnick, Judy Mangasarian at Board Meeting. Photo 3: Katy Sobrado, Teresa Zohn at recent District Meeting; along with Photo 4: Sallye Jude, Donna Box and Evelyn Budde. Photo 5: Judy Mangasarian with our workshop speaker, Ernesto Clark who gave a wonderful program on composting. We are hoping to have him write an article for us in a future issue.

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November 26, 2018 Meeting - Laguna Room

9:30 -11:30: White Elephant Sale ~ Kitty Winkler, Chairman

Program: Coral Gables' Parks Master Plan, The City of Coral Gables

Lunch Committee: Cathy Zuckerman*, Alexis Ehrenhaft, Evelyn Budde, Michele Wisheart, Connie Cabeza

Buffet Centerpiece: Derita Downey

Other Happenings in the Neighborhood...

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

Horticulture for November: As we are starting our growing season for vegetables and many herbs, here are a few hints and suggestions I've found helpful. Many veggies and most herbs do as well in containers as in the ground. Tomatoes are much easier to grow in pots as is lettuce. I've tried several varieties of tomato and Early Girl and Patio do quite well in our climate. Any cherry tomato also does well, but the larger sized varieties like Beefsteak don't. Broccoli and radishes, peppers and beans all do well in the ground and don't take up much space. As to herbs "mint, oregano, and lemon grass" thrive. I've had better results growing basil in clay pots rather than in the ground. Chives and thyme also do well. The sissi spinach has taken on the properties of kudzu, so if you want a tasty ground cover, I'll bring more sprigs to the next meeting. ~ Susan Thomas, Horticulture

Community Effort A Big Success

On Saturday, October 13th, we met at Ponce Middle School to help trim, groom and refresh their Peace Garden, and to prepare the Unity Garden vegetable beds with new soil. Ms. Chermona Francois, Ponce's garden club sponsor and teacher for emotionally handicapped students, and our education chair, Beth Werner, worked together to make this a most successful and satisfying day for the children, parents and our club.

In the collaborative spirit of the well-named Unity Garden, we have reached out to the Coral Gables Community Foundation, and Slow Food Miami. The Foundation is generously donating a bench for the garden, and member Pat Keon, through the Foundation, is donating a second bench. Slow Food has given Ms. Francois a grant for a complete additional bed and will help educate her students as they plant the herbs and vegetables.

Our club supplied 45 cubic feet of rich potting soil, two trees and lots of flowering bushes to bring the Peace Garden back to beauty. We are indeed tending our gardens together!

Bring Friends to CGGC Floral Demonstration Fundraiser

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

Sybil educates other floral enthusiasts whether they be beginners or more advanced designers. She has been creating breathtaking creations for over two decades.

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



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Photo 1: Judy Mangasarian enjoyed the day with students. Photo 2: Matt and Jiwon Tilghman Photo 3: Students of Ponce Garden Club, along with teacher, Chermona Francois, Beth Warner, Judy Mangasarian and Betsy Tilghman.



If you were not at the October Meeting you will be receiving 5 tickets in the mail. You have already paid for one ticket in your dues. You are responsible for the tickets and must buy, sell the tickets or return them to JoAnne Mathews. **DO NOT LOSE THEM.**

The Garden and House tour will **Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 10:2:30** and include 6 locations starting at our Butterfly Garden and ending at the newly renovated Coral Gables Merrick House, the site of the Althea Merrick statue, the mother of George Merrick, and where we will have our President's Tea, plant sale and bake sale.

Your job right now is to begin talking about the tour, selling tickets, ads and sponsorships. Tickets will make a terrific Thanksgiving or Christmas gift.

Thanks for your help to make this a successful fundraiser.

If you have any questions, contact Co-Chairs Lucy Reinhardt or Teresa Zohn

