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Coral Gables Garden Club, Coral Gables, Florida

Nuture something new in the New Year.

Happy New Year! As I look ahead to a new year and to our glorious winter and spring months, I am thinking of the usual seasonal flowers and herbs I largely neglected to plant before the holidays, and how I'm going to remedy that misstep with a trip to Galloway Farms Nursery. But when I go, this year I'll strive to take home those plants which can bring more insects and butterflies into my garden. I'll buy two parsley plants - one for the Eastern Black Swallowtail and one for me. I'll plant some milkweed for the Monarch, and a cootie for that atala butterfly I followed around in my yard yesterday. And I'll simply buy a few things I don't often see. I've heard it said that most of our suburban landscapes are comprised of the same few plants – as I look around, I see how true that observation is – and so I'd like to change my own garden and surround myself and my insects with a few more options to enjoy.

We are mid-way through our Garden Club year, with much to look forward to in the coming months. Our January 28th meeting brings Fairchild's Director, **Carl Lewis**, to our meeting, presenting the fascinating **Recreation of David Fairchild's "Cheng Ho" Expedition**. And at our workshop you will discover everything you ever wanted to know about **The Coral Gables Library and the Adult Activity Center at the Youth Center**, learning how we can tap into their extensive resources.

Saturday, March 16th is merely 2 months away. This is the day we prepare for all year – our House and Garden Tour, **Springtime in Althea's Neighborhood**. So much of what we are able to do as a club depends on the success of this event. It will be a fun day – a day of celebrating our beautiful city and the gardens and homes within it, a day of showcasing the Coral Gables Garden Club and its members, and a day of pride, as we start and end the tour at the Butterfly Garden at the library, and the Merrick House on Coral Way, both of which we have supported over many decades in many large and meaningful ways.

I'm toasting the New Year with my new reusable silicon baggies in one hand and a posy of parsley in the other, while grateful to you for all we have accomplished together and all the good works and fun that lie ahead. Wishing our bees and butterflies and each of you and your families health, prosperity and happiness in the coming year!



January 28, 2019 Meeting - Biltmore Hotel, Danielson Gallery

10:30 -11:30: Workshop: Coral Gables Library and Adult Activity Center Resources with Will Runyan and Fabien Desrouleaux

Program: The Re-creation of the David Fairchild's "Cheng Ho" Expedition with Carl Lewis, Director of Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens.

Lunch Committee: Charlotte Henderson*, Marie Harley, Derita Downey, Linda Waldron and Ginger Jochem

Buffet Centerpiece: Sharon Trbovich

Monthly Flower Schedule: All designs are "designer's choice" for all classes through out the year with instructions for type of show given. This month, "Explore Color." Class 1: Fire; Class 2: Sunsets in Miami; Class 3: Art Deco Silver

Horticulture Division: All plant materials must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor or in possession for 90 days. All entries must be properly identified with complete botanical nomenclature. Common name may be given. Class 1: Cacti and Succulents; Class 2: Bromeliads; Class 3: Orchidaceae; Class 4: Container grown plants flowering; Class 5: Container grown plants (foliage); Class 6: Cut flowers (1 stem if large, at least 3, if small).

Historic Landmark Re-Opening proves to be a big success



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The City's Grand Re-Opening of the Merrick House was a huge success. The Merrick House and grounds have never looked more splendid. The Garden Club festooned the halls and porches with greenery, poinsettias and holiday décor. Thank you, chairman Gayle Duncan and your committee of Mercy Arrieta, Evelyn Budde, Rebecca Calvert, Nina Jarp, Joan Johnson, Mariya More, Lucy Reinhardt, Betsy Tilghman, Joan Wright and Cathy Zukerman.

Photo 1: Ana Lam, Judy Mangasarian, Saint Nick, Marlin Ebbert, Betsy Tilghman, Linda Waldron. Photo 2: Arva Parks, Betsy Tilghman. Photo 3: Nina Jarp. Photo 4: Barbara Reese, Marie Harley, Betsy Tilghman, Ana Lam, Marie's friend, Alexis Ehrenhaft, Nina Jarp. Photo 6: Judy Mangasarian, Brook Dannemiller from the City of Coral Gables, Deena Bell-Llewellyn, City Landscape Architect. Photo 6: Judy Mangasarian, Betsy Tilghman, Marlin Ebbert.

A very jolly, and festive Yuletide meeting wows members



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The December meeting was astounding in many ways. The food committee, headed by Olga Lazo outdid themselves; the entertainment...fun, lively and wonderful. Photo 1: the overview of the whole room. Photo 2: Miami's Top Brass Quintet. Photo 3: Hard-working food committee - Connie Cabeza, Michele Wiseheart, Julie Connors, Olga Lazo, Betsy Tilghman. Photo 4: Betsy Tilghman, Olga Lazo. Photo 5: Sharon Trbovich had an excellent "substitute" workshop and made floral arrangements instead of the planned "fascinators."

Time to roll up our sleeves for our Garden & House Tour

We hope everyone had a terrific holiday time with family and friends. As we return to the new year, Lucy and I hope you are getting energized for our SPRINGTIME IN ALTHEA'S NEIGHBORHOOD Garden and House Tour on a **March 16**. We have 6 lovely locations in the north Gables to tour. It will begin at the Butterfly Garden at the Coral Gables Library where the first 75 people will be able release a butterfly. The last stop will be at the newly renovated Merrick house where the President's Tea, the plant sale and the bake sale will take place. In between those stops will be a group of unique houses and gardens that will delight. Lucy Reinhardt, Sally Morris and Cynthia Trescott will be contacting you to sign up for hostess shifts and we have needs for shifts at the ticket table at the first stop as well as at the President's Tea. There is plenty for everyone to do, so please say "YES" to help when you are contacted. Please sell and buy tickets and there is still time to secure sponsorships and ads for the booklet. Contact Teresa or Lucy if you have any questions.

Teresa Zohn and Lucy Reinhardt, Co-Chairs SPINGTIME IN ALTHEA'S NEIGHBORHOOD



- Teresa Zohn, Chairman

Club Happenings:

Membership News:

The membership process requires an application and a letter of recommendation from the sponsor and two endorsers. The prospective member must be a resident of Coral Gables.

We have two remaining meetings in which to bring guests: January 28 and February 27. Applications and letters must be received by February 25. Applications will be available at all meetings. -

- Connie Cabeza, Membership Chairman

The Plant Swap is Back:

Remember when we would station our little white table in front of our Garden Center door to collect and trade plants and cuttings on our General Membership Meeting days? It is time to bring back this charming tradition. So, before you head out the door on Monday, Jan. 28th, look in your garden for something to divide and share. Think bromeliads, orchid pups, ferns or anything you love which you can take a spade to and share.

Bring your garden to us...Create a Floral Design

What are you enjoying in your garden right now? Bring a snip of it or the whole potted thing to our horticulture table in January! This one, unlike the plants on the plant swap table, you are not giving away – you get to take it home. One member has a strange plant that she didn't know would flower, but it is doing so right now, so come see it!

If you love to arrange flowers, whether as a long-time hobbyist or a novice, bring in a Designer's Choice arrangement this month. January and April are our last two shows. Unsure of what this is? Read pages 14-17 in our Yearbook. Donna Box, a National Council of Flower Show Judge, will help you discover your strengths and give you tips on how to make your designs even more awesome. The three January themes will be fire, Sunsets in Miami and Art Deco Silver. Questions? Call Donna Box at 305-235-4211.



Members gathered at Ponce Middle School on December 19 to plant the beds installed earlier by the Slow Food Movement. Beth Werner, Betsy Tilghman, Susan Rodriguez and teacher, Ms. Francois are pictured with the donated rakes and tools.



Designed by Hank Willis Thomas, this Thought Bubble bench is part of the City's initiative to bring art to the city during Art Basel season. Its temporary home is at the future site of the Lamar Louise Curry Park. It is pretty darned cute...What would Miss Curry "think"?



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