



THE HIBISCUS LEAFLET

Coral Gables Garden Club, Coral Gables, Florida

February 2019

What's in your envelope?

Springtime in Althea's Neighborhood is a few short weeks away! This tour is the keystone of our club year, securing all of the other pieces together into a strong, unified whole. Please honor our co-chairs **Teresa Zohn** and **Lucy Reinhardt** and their hard-working team, by helping in every way you can – working a shift, baking cookies and selling or buying extra tickets. The rhythm of a spring fundraiser is new to us. Always before, ours was a holiday tour, and at the end of December we were pooped, but happily counting our proceeds and dreaming about the projects we could fund. This year we visit houses and gardens – how appropriate for a garden club! – but including gardens leads to a spring date, and that means an event later in our club year.



Marilyn Davison and Betsy Tilghman load up January Meeting Centerpiece...A beautiful, lilac Cattleya.

Be on the lookout for any unconscious jumping over spring as you begin to focus on summer planning! (Okay, I admit to walking the neighborhood listening to French tapes as I anticipate my early summer sojourn 😊) And please, before you place extra tickets in an envelope to return to the club, think about how you can sell them or give as gifts. We advertise, but there is so much happening in our city, and so many ways to spend a weekend. Being our own best promoters ensures that lots of people enjoy our beautiful homes and gardens - and that our coffers overflow! Thank you. This tour will be spectacular! - Betsy Tilghman, President

February 25, 2019 Meeting - Biltmore Hotel, Laguna Room

10:30 -11:30: Workshop: *The mechanics of Floral Design - Donna Box*

Program: *In keeping with the Floral Design theme we will feature Creative Floral Design - You Can Do It! - Mayfair Hydro, NGC accredited Life Flower Show Judge, President of the Metropolitan Flower Show.*

Lunch Committee: *Co-hosts: Mercy Arrieta, Maria More, Sharon Trbovich, Carolyn Durham, Lamonte Haynes*

Buffet Centerpiece: *Suzuyo Fox*

Monthly Flower Schedule: *No Show this month.*

Other Club Happenings:

Membership News: *Our February 25th meeting is the final meeting for bringing a guest you would like to propose for membership this year. The candidate must have attended two meetings before she is eligible for proposing.*

The Plant Swap Table: *We had a few items last month on our table - and they quickly disappeared! We look forward to more cuttings and plants this month, and.....*

The President's Council plant raffle is hosted by our club this month, Monday, February 18th. Please donate any plants, cuttings or kikis by dropping off in Betsy Tilghman's carport anytime before Feb. 18th. Thank you!

Garden Therapy - Wednesday, March 6th at the Riviera Health Resort. 1:30-3:30. Please call Victoria Cabeza to volunteer. 305-443-3448

Crime Watch - During the Holiday Season the Coral Gables police department protected many parcels that were delivered to front porches. Police officers stopped and either alerted the recipients if they were at home; otherwise they moved out of sight over 350 packages that were left on doorsteps. Thieves have stolen countless UPS, Fedex and US postal packages from porches throughout the country.

Innovation within the fire department is on the horizon when telemedicine arrives. This highly touted method will enable emergency rescue trucks with patients en route to hospitals to be able to visually interact with physicians, thus potentially saving untold lives when seconds count. Also within the fire department is a new rescue truck that has 360 degree view which will reduce substantially the danger of collisions that current fire and emergency trucks encounter on every run. Both the police and fire continue excellent performance for the protection and safety of its residents.

- Dorothy Thomson, Crime Watch Chairman

Many Hands Make Light Work...And A Successful Event

Springtime in Althea's Neighborhood is right around the corner. Members need to do the following:

~ **Sell or buy tickets and give them to friends.** Jo Anne Mathews and Marlin Ebbert have extras

~ **Sign up for a shift** as a hostess, ticket taker, helping at the President's Tea, the bake sale or the plant boutique. Lucy Reinhardt and her committee will be calling you, but email lucyreinhardt@me.com to save them the trouble of calling and let them know whether you can work morning or afternoon.

~ **Show up for your shift on time.**

~ **Each member must bake 2 dozen cookies** (please deliver in disposable container, they will be plated by the hostesses at the reception.) Any questions call Denise West

~ **Bake SPRINGTIME** cakes, breads, pies, muffins, tarts, bars, cupcakes, cookies, specialty desserts (non-refrigerated), candies, preserves, honey, granolas. **Wrap decoratively in clear wrap and ribbons** and list major Allergens that may be in the ingredients (milk, egg, fish/shell fish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts, and soybeans). Questions call Cari Gardner

~ **Deliver cookies and baked goods** to one of 3 locations Friday, March 15, between 1-5PM North Gables 725 Zamora Ave (Cari Gardner), Central Gables 5325 Orduna Drive (Denise West) or South Gables (535 Solano Prado (Mary Frances Irving). Refrigeration is not available once delivered. May also deliver to Merrick House March 16, between 9-10AM 907 Coral Way.

Manage Posts

The committee is working very hard to make this a terrific Garden and House Tour and the homeowners are very excited about getting their homes ready for the tour. Please support the Garden Club by doing your part to make SPRINGTIME in Althea's Neighborhood another success.

~ Teresa Zohn and Lucy Reinhardt, Co-Chairs Garden and Home Tour



Kampong In Coconut Grove Field Trip ~ Saturday, February 16

Meet in the Biltmore parking lot at 9:30 am and we will carpool over. Please bring a picnic lunch. \$20 cash or check fee.

The Fruit & Spice Park, Homestead, FL

Wednesday, April 3rd at noon, followed by lunch.

Please contact Beth Werner to reserve your spot! betwerner@gmail.com or call 305-815-3872

It's almost time for Spring Cleaning!

Remember when you are cleaning out closets or your garage to save all of your electronics and hazardous waste to bring to our Spring Recycling Day at City Hall on Saturday, April 27th from 9am - noon!

Helpful Horticulture Tips:

Plants, especially those in pots loved brewed coffee. When I have some leftover in a pot, I add water up to the rim and water my plants both those inside and out. And the plants really like it. They do want it black, no cream or sugar. Anthuriums, ferns, begonias and orchids do well with the added acid. And my potted philodendrons really like it! I've heard negative comments about adding coffee grounds to plants, so I do stay away from that.



Showstopper... This Gold Digger Cattleya graces the front of Ginger Jochem's lovely home. What a beauty! Congratulations Ginger!

January Meeting: The Ultimate Lunch and Learn



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Members who came to the January workshop and meeting left with a wealth of knowledge. Photo 1: Betsy Tilghman, Cynthia Trescott, Lucy Reinhardt. Photo 2: Guest, Ellen Oppenheimer, Michele Wiseheart, Barbara Reese, Connie Cabeza, Donna Box. Photo 3: Carl Lewis, Director, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Judy Mangasarian. Photo 4: Guest, Gena Kuczewski, Kay Lores. Photo 5: Our favorite guest, Javi Sobrado. Photo 6: Alejandro Alvarez (Coral Gables Library), Fabien Desrouleaux and Patricia Hardin (City of Coral Gables' Adult Activity Center) with Judy Mangasarian.

Tour of Kitchens Event Allows for Fun and Fellowship



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Our Plant Sale at the February 9th Tour of Kitchens was a big success. Thank you Susan Rodriguez for filling our tables with beautiful orchid arrangements, bromeliads, herbs and locally sourced honey. It was a fun filled day! Photo 1: Susan Rodriguez picking up two cases of honey in Homestead at Going Bananas, Photo 2: Carmen Cason, Ana Lam, Mariya More, Mercy Arrieta, Glenda Hayley, Charlotte Henderson, Nancy Ameglio and Susan Rodriguez, Photo 3: Betsy and Susan in Homestead, Photo 4: Susan at the plant sale, Photo 5: Judy Mangasarian, Cathy Zuckerman, Betsy Tilghman and Betsy's sister Bonnie Weaver.

