



# THE HIBISCUS LEAFLET

April 2019

Coral Gables Garden Club, Coral Gables, Florida

## Thanks for all the wonderful memories...

It was 2AM when it came to me that this would be my last president's message. In a mere month's time, I will graduate to "Director." I am proud of so many accomplishments and successes of our club in the past two years. And I am so grateful to each of you for the help, guidance and encouragement you have offered me along the way. Please come to our end of year May 1<sup>st</sup> Luncheon where I can personally thank you again and we can celebrate our successes and toast tomorrow's possibilities.

I look forward to what the coming years hold for us: the construction of the Lamar Louise Curry Park, and the renovation of our Garden Center being two exciting efforts. Leadership will pass to my friend Judy Mangasarian and her exceptional officers. Each one of our 2019-2020 officers cares deeply for our garden club, as evidenced by the many hours of work and dedication each has already given in diverse capacities. I know you will welcome them with open hearts and gratitude as they continue the journey of this great club.

*"A garden to walk in and immensity to dream in--what more could he ask? A few flowers at his feet and above him the stars."* ~ Victor Hugo, *Les Miserables*

Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Slate!

**Judy Mangasarian**, President, **Susan Rodriguez**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Teresa Zohn**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, **Denise West**, Recording Secretary, **Lucy Reinhardt**, Corresponding Secretary, **Olga Lazo**, Financial Secretary, **Sandy Milledge**, Treasurer, **Nancy Leslie**, Auditor.



## Earth Month Honors

Outstanding member and Environmental Chair, Marlin Ebbert, received an Earth Month Proclamation from the City of Coral Gables. She accepted her award with her visiting granddaughter Sienna. After the proclamation, it was off to Burger Bobs for pancakes!

*Photo above: Betsy Tilghman and Katy Sobrado received a Proclamation for the vital part the Club plays in the Arbor Day Celebration. This year scheduled for April 26 at Carver Elementary School. Our Katy Sobrado will teach 300 young students about enjoying fruit from our yards and the ways we can all work to save our natural world.*



# The Many, Many Facets of a Successful Tour...

I read on Facebook that women are very effective when they do things as a pack.

This is not to say women cannot accomplish things on their own, but when they join together as a force, they can pull off anything. However, the more I researched this topic, the more I decided pack, although sounding efficient and organized, did not really describe us. Our particular pack is really an army of women that turned into a Kaleidoscope of butterflies. We are colorful, creative, busy, mesmerizing, uplifting, attractive, we play well with others, and as a group we are particularly beautiful.

This project could not have been done without our Kaleidoscope of women and particularly these leaders.



**Betsy** helped us secure the houses and helped out wherever she was needed including publicity. **Lucy** my co-chair took on the task, with new members **Cynthia Trescott** and **Sally Morris**, of signing up the hostesses and herding their flock as people got sick and dropped out or changed their shift etc., a monumental task. **Sharon Trbovich**, recruited the floral designers and a special thanks to all the designer that made the ambiance of the day delightful. **Charlotte Smiley** motivated the Library board and therefore the City of Coral Gables and Miami Dade County to spiff up the Butterfly Garden. **JoAnne Matthews**, another new member, took charge of mailing and tracking tickets sales and **Marlin Ebbert** helped while **Katy Sobrado** took charge of Eventbrite. **Kitty Winkler** used her gift of writing to compose the house and garden descriptions included in the program brochure. The President's Tea group, **Denise West**, **Phyllis Hernandez** and **Mary Frances Irvin**, organized the treats and the volunteers to prepare and serve, it was lovely. **Sherry Jordan**, **Jeannett Slesnick** and **Nadima Chamoun** were our photographers for the program and the day of the event. **Cari Gardner** managed the Bake Sale and **Susan Rodriguez** secured the plants and then sold them at the plant sale. **Katy Sobrado** and **Cari Gardner** oversaw the social media.

A special thanks to our creative floral designers **Joan Johnson** and **James Dockerty** that designed their own homes. Member of the club were **Sharon Trbovitch**, **Lucy Reinhardt**, **Sandy Milledge**, **Carmen Cason**, **Connie Cabeza**, **Michele Wiseheart**, **Rosita Perez**, **Donna Box**, **Derita Downey** and **Suzuyo Fox**.

Our Kaleidoscope is a very diverse group of women, using our individual talents and skills to create, motivate and accomplish. We are always changing patterns and variations, as we do our best to glorify what is already in front of us.

Lucy and I truly thank you for fluttering through the Tour, whether you were one of our lead butterflies, you worked a shift, a double shift, cooked, arranged flowers, sold tickets, bought tickets, took photographs, donated money, bought or sold and ad, or cheered from the sidelines. You all worked to complete this most successful fundraiser. If you were not able to help this year, we hope you will find a way next year, because we need everyone to be a part of our ever-changing Kaleidoscope.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,

*Teresa Zohn and Lucy Reinhardt Co-Chairs  
SPRINGTIME In Athaea's Neighborhood*



*A Beautiful Day for a Beautiful Event Enjoyed By All*



*Members Work and Flutter Together To Achieve Success*



*Board Meeting Brought Members Together To Plan And Work*



## Members participate in the Metropolitan Miami Flower Show



Several members brought back first place ribbons from the recent Metropolitan Miami Flower Show. Betsy Tilghman for her Coconut Orchid plant, and Sallye Jude in Horticulture. Charlotte Henderson came back with a first prize for her Minnie Mouse in the Petite section. Sandy Milledge won 2nd prize for her Pirates of the Caribbean. Sallye Jude added several other awards and also won 2nd prize for her Cinderella.

What a great learning experience for all members who participated. And many thanks to the members of the Coral Pines Garden Club for working so hard to make this Metropolitan Miami Flower Show a big success and making the Magic of Disney truly magical.

**Arbor Day 2019**  
Hosted by the City of Coral Gables and the Coral Gables Garden Club  
**Date:** Friday, April 26  
**Volunteer Setup:** 8:30am  
**Program begins at :** 9:30am  
**Where:** Carver Elementary School, 238 Grand Ave., Coral Gables

**April 22, 2019 Meeting**  
Biltmore Hotel - Danielson Gallery, 1200 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables.  
3010 De Soto Blvd - Fellowship Hall

**Workshop:** Our "Fun with Palm Fronds" Workshop before the April 22nd meeting has evolved into an invitation to show off your favorite ways to use leaves and fronds in floral arrangements. Bring a few of your leafy clippings from your garden and a vase to demonstrate how to cut, bend, and otherwise manipulate them to add interest to your designs. All are welcome to demonstrate or just observe. We can all learn something new!

**Program:** Stormscaping With Palms: Hurricane Resistant Palm for South Florida Larry Noblick, PhD., Palm Biologist at Montgomery Botanical Center.

**Lunch Committee:** Nadima Chamoun\*, Gail Mase, Nancy Gray, Nancy Leslie, Laura Green.  
**Buffet Centerpiece:** Betsy Tilghman