



THE HIBISCUS LEAFLET

Coral Gables Garden Club, Coral Gables, Florida ~ Celebrating our 94th Year

September 2019

Another year, another opportunity to shorten our bucket list

Welcome back to a new year in the Garden Club! I hope you all have had time to relax, unwind, and enjoy the “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer”. I can’t wait to hear about your adventures and see what you’ve been up to!

As for me, I’ve finally checked one item off my “bucket list”. While snorkeling on the reefs of French Polynesia, I saw a fish I had fallen in love with when I was 12 years old. I had even memorized it’s Hawaiian name, Humuhumunukunua’pua’a! Otherwise known as the Picasso Triggerfish, it has amazingly beautiful colors, as if it were painted. My heart leapt when I saw not one, but five! And I couldn’t help but laugh, which, of course, made my mask leak. Don’t even ask me about swimming with black tip reef sharks, wild dolphins and velvety stingrays. It was all amazing.

Back in Miami, I’m also amazed. My garden could not be more lush and green. With Hurricane Dorian now a fizzled storm and our summer drawing to a close, it is time to look forward to the joys of the Garden Club.



What a wonderful feeling to have it laid out before us, full of promise! The learning, the doing, and the friendships we make along the way add richness and purpose to our lives.

Welcome back to you all and here’s to another successful year in the Coral Gables Garden Club. Who knows what things on our “bucket list” we will check off?

~ Judy Mangasarian, President

See you in September...

Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 11. Coffee at 9:30 am. Meeting at 10:00 am at Teresa Zohn’s home, 9999 Fairchild Way, Snapper Creek.

General Meeting: Danielson Gallery

Monday, September 23. Lunch at 11:30 am. Meeting at 12:00

Lunch Committee: Denise West, Sandy Milledge, Susan Rodriguez, Susan Maurer

Buffet Centerpiece: Derita Downey

Small Table Florals:

Carmen Cason, Mercy Arrieta, Maria More.

Workshop: Fun with Flowers. Learn the basics of Floral Design with Ruth Markham, Lucy Reinhardt and Sharon Trbovich

Program: The Secret Life of Trees by Jorge Rivera, City of Coral Gables Arborist.

Special Guests: Deena Bell-Llewellyn, City of Coral Gables Landscape Architect City Landscape employees.



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Crazy Days of Summer...Trying to reason with Hurricane Season



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Photo 1: Denise and Mac West enjoy a wine tasting at the palatial Wurzburg Residenz cellar in Bavaria. A stop along their two week Danube/Rhine River Cruise. Photo 2: Maureen and Larry Gragg sent a Tokyo vacation photo. Photo 3: Jim and Betsy Tilghman "following Kitty's Alsace Tip." Photo 4: Rhonda Anderson with Lisa visited Yosemite this summer. Photo 5: Kitty making like a tourist in the pedestrian section of Colmar. Photo 6: The Rigl family and friends gathered to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of Jeanne Ann and Charlie Rigl. Photo 7: Kitty Winkler in front of the thermal baths in Baden-Baden. Photo 8: Sharon Trbovich enjoyed a Staycation and took a iPhoto Photo course. Here is result of her summer. Photo 9: Photo of Mimi Johnston Munroe's Balsam North Carolina garden sent by Charlotte Smiley. Mimi belongs to the South Miami Garden Club.



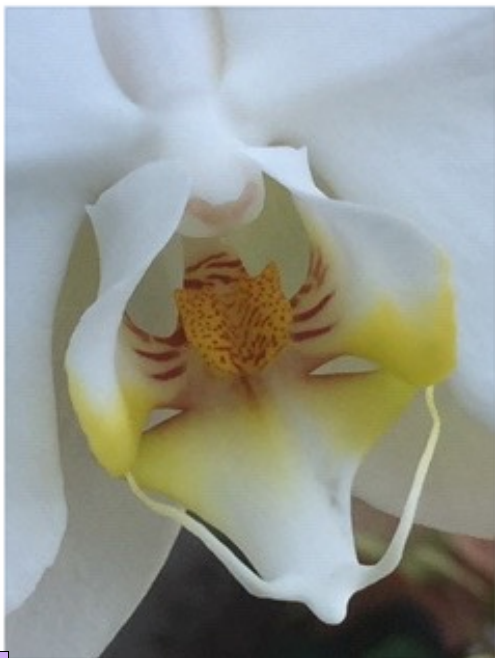
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Garden Club Volunteer Opportunities for Growth and Fun

FRIENDS OF THE GIFFORD ARBORETUM:

UM has hired a new Director of the Gifford Arboretum. The new Director will be Dr. Mauro Galetti, who will be starting in January, 2020 and he will also be part of the Biology Dept. faculty. Dr. Galetti is from Brazil and he has great expertise and interest in plants and the environment.

In the meantime, Stephen Pearson will serve as volunteer Director and to arrange some educational programs for the fall semester.

Finally, Pearson sent us a video about the Arboretum that was made in the fall of 2018. Here is the link for the video: <https://youtu.be/U11clVomQmU>



SPADE BRIGADE LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC GARDNERS

Our "Spade Brigade" is being formed of enthusiastic gardeners who would love to offer hands-on help to keep our Butterfly Garden at the Library and the Heritage Garden at the Merrick House in tip-top shape.

If you would like to volunteer for this activity, please let me know! We will meet approximately every other week, depending on the need for weed pulling and grooming of our gardens. It will not be quite so often in the summer, since the growing season for veggies and herbs is over. In September, Bob Boberman, of the City, will refresh the beds with new soil and we'll put veggies, herbs and butterfly plants in then for the Fall-Winter-Spring season.

Camaraderie and playing in the dirt . . . what could be better? Sign up now for lots of fun!

~ Evelyn Budde , privatebanker1@aol.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our new members are Rhonda Anderson, Vicky Busot, Teresa Burke, Maria Gonzalez, Gena Kuczwanski, Elizabeth Maloff, Susan Maurer and June Morris. Ellen Oppenheimer is a transfer member. We welcome all of you and hope you will be an active member.

NOW is the time to start thinking about prospective members to introduce next year. Encourage them to come to two meetings this year and learn about our wonderful garden club.

Remember: Prospective members have to attend two meetings before being proposed for membership.

Contact Connie Cabeza or Kitty Winkler for applications.

DO YOU KNOW THE THREE R'S?

To those of us of a certain age, and especially at this time of year – the 3Rs traditionally meant: Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic. In the 1970s and 80s the 3Rs took on a new meaning: REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE.

About this same time American communities enthusiastically took on recycling programs and individual households embraced home recycling. For many years, China was the recipient of our recycled goods.

China's decision a few years ago to stop being the world's trash compactor is forcing individuals and municipalities to look at recycling differently. Communities have gone from *earning* money on recycled goods to *spending* money to get rid of it.

There is a reason that RECYCLING is the third R. We should now attempt to change our way of thinking to concentrate more on the first two Rs: REDUCE and REUSE

If we don't buy the plastic bottle in the first place, then we won't have to recycle it! ~ Marlin Ebbert, Environmental Chair

Save the Date!

**The Coral Gables Garden Club has invited
Kathryn Parrish, an extraordinary floral designer
to showcase her talent with a
FLORAL EXTRAVAGANZA**

November 19, 2019, 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Kathryn will have a "Pop Up" Flower Shop and our "Tools of the Trade" gift bags are available.

**Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ
3010 DeSoto Blvd., Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

**A sparkling reception to follow.
Bake Sale items will be available.
\$30 per person.**

