



THE HIBISCUS LEAFLET

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

October 2019

I think that I shall never see, A Poem lovely as a tree...

Thanks to a “Treemendous” Program at our September meeting by Jorge Rivera, the City of Coral Gables’ Arborist, we learned more than we could have possibly imagined about the secret life of trees. Can you believe they actually warn each other of dangerous pests so they can mount chemical defenses? And they even protect and feed the saplings and elderly trees around them? So much interesting information packed into one program! We are lucky to have Mr. Rivera as our tree-whisperer in the Gables.

Our floral designers continued the theme of trees with the precious bonsai on each lunch table. Lucky are the members who bought one to take home! Thank you Carmen, Mercy and Maria for being so creative!

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, the City’s Landscape Architect, announced the wonderful news that the City has approved \$175,000 in funding for the Parks and Recreation Department in the FY 2019-2020 Budget. This will allow us to proceed with the Lamar Louise Curry Park because the City will cover certain expenses that Miss Curry’s bequest should not. As soon as we sign an agreement with the City regarding the timeline for our disbursements, the concept plan and community meetings phase will commence. It’s such an exciting time!



I hope you each have claimed your beautiful new yearbook so you can have all the information you need at your fingertips. Peter Kouchalakos will regale us with tales about orchids, and tempt us with orchids for sale too. I hope to see you all there!

~ Judy Mangasarian, President

In keeping with our focus on trees...

As reported in The Economist in the June 2019 issue: Planting trees would be the most effective way to combat climate change, a landmark study has found. Work by Tom Crowther’s team at ETH Zurich, published in Science quantified for the first time the feasibility and likely effects of a global planting push. The world’s forests could be expanded by one-third, an area the size of America, without impact on human activity. This much new woodland would put into storage over two-thirds of the 300bn tonnes of carbon added to the Earth’s atmosphere since the industrial revolution. However, Mr Crowther notes that it is vital that existing forests are protected, and fossil fuels phased out, in tandem with this policy. The study also finds fault with projections claiming that global warming will increase forests—possible gains in Siberia would be outweighed by huge losses in the tropics. Although urgent, the task is eminently achievable. The battle for the climate could be won or lost in the forests.”

Our own efforts to help reforest areas damaged by insects, fires, or natural catastrophes through the NGC’s Penny Pines program have helped the US Forest Service supply 214,200 indigenous seedlings (and not only pine trees) to 1,071 plantations. In fact, the FFGC led the way with the most Penny Pines donations in 2018!

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Great Workshop and September Meeting Start A New Garden Club Year



Members were happy to return to the Biltmore for the interesting workshop and the program for the September meeting. The workshop was well received and club members learned more about the basis of floral arrangements.

Flamboyant Fiesta celebrates its 82nd year of beauty.



This year celebrated the 82nd year of the Royal Poinciana Fiesta. Members of the CGGC assisted with refreshments and the children's program. The Fiesta ran through June 8 -10. Many thanks to all members and friends who participated.

Beth Werner is the new liaison for the Flowering Tree Society Committee. June 6-7, 2020 are the dates selected for The Fiesta in the new year.

Many Projects will keep members busy this coming year

Simple Tips for going "GREEN" in your home

1. Fix leaky faucets.
2. Unplug chargers when not in use.
3. Wash in cold water.
4. Turn off the computer at night.
5. Turn off lights/fans in unoccupied rooms.
6. When buying paper towels - buy the brand that has "select-a-size".
7. Invest in a permanent filter for your coffee pot
8. Use cloth dish towels. We all have plenty.
9. Use cloth napkins
10. It's planting season in South Florida – the nurseries are loaded with pots of herbs! Buy your favorites and keep them on your kitchen window sill or in pots on your patio or porch and snip only the amount that you need.

~ Marlin Ebbert, Environmental Chairman

Save the Date!

The Coral Gables Garden Club presents
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.



The Spade Brigade still looking for Volunteers

On October 2, Linda Waldron and Betsy Tilghman at the Coral Gables Library Butterfly Garden with the 11th graders from the International Studies Preparatory Academy. A great tour of the Garden was provided by Linda Waldron. The Garden is ready for the Fall Plantings and will need more volunteers.

October 28, 2019 Meeting

Location: The Coral Gables Congregational Church, 3010 De Soto Blvd., Coral Gables. (Please note the change of location)

Workshop: No workshop this month. Orchid Sale instead

Program: How to Re-Pot and split Orchids

Peter Kouchalakos.

Lunch Committee: Derita Downey*, Vicky Busot, Cathy Zuckerman

Buffet Centerpiece: Suzuyo Fox

Monthly Flower Show ...All entries due before Noon

For our October General Meeting, there will be no show, but here is the selections for our November 25, 2019 meeting.

Class 1: Thanksgiving Sunrise

Class 2: Sparkling Holiday (May be illuminated)

Class 3: New Year's (Art Deco Style)

Horticulture Division: All plants must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor in in possession for 90 days. All entries must be properly identified with complete botanical nomenclature. Common name may also be given. See Yearbook (Page 14) for all class requirements.