



# THE HIBISCUS LEAFLET

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

November 2019

## *The Rhythms of Life: A Time To Reap. A Gift from the Garden*

*"To every thing (turn, turn, turn), there is a season (turn, turn, turn), and a time to every purpose under heaven . . . A time to plant, a time to reap . . . "*  
An old song by The Byrds, with even older lyrics

This Friday our members, Susan Thomas and Evelyn Budde, with the help of City Horticulturist, Valeria Quintanilla, planted the Heritage Garden at the Merrick House with herbs and vegetables. It was an effort full of hope for a bounteous crop as our growing season begins. Elsewhere in the country, gardens are being put to bed, with dreams of springtime growth and renewal.

The rhythms of life are predictable and inexorable, but comforting all the same. Every season has its joys as does every age and stage of life. It makes me stop and marvel, and I can't help but apply this thought to our membership. Every member, whether brand new or Emeritus, brings joy and value to the club. Let's appreciate each other and what a garden can teach us.



Enjoying the Fall colors in Quebec, Canada

November is upon us, if we have survived the ghosties and ghoulies of Halloween! The most exciting event coming up is on November 19th, as we host Kathryn Parrish's "Floral Extravaganza". It promises to be a delightful morning with her demonstrations of beautiful holiday arrangements, a Pop-Up Flower Shop, a Bake Sale, and a delicious Sparkling Reception. We will need everyone's help in making it a success so, if you haven't already done so, please contact Susan Rodriguez or Betsy Tilghman to offer your assistance. Remember to buy your \$30 ticket online at our website, [www.coralgablesgardenclub.org](http://www.coralgablesgardenclub.org) and invite your friends to join you! It will be a lovely way to begin the holiday season.



Time for planting the Heritage Garden.

We are making headway, bit by bit, with plans for the Lamar Louse Curry Park. The City Attorney's office has drafted an agreement which we are assessing carefully before signing. Once we approve and sign it, we can disburse the \$50,000 for phase one of the project, and we will be on our way.

We have decided to offer our assistance in setting up gardens at a second school in Coral Gables, the Crystal Academy. It is an amazing place that gives children on the Autistic Spectrum counseling in Behavioral, Physical and Occupational Therapy. They are enthusiastic about this opportunity to introduce their students to gardening and are ready to get started. We need to find a member willing to work with their teacher(s) to make this a reality. Susan Rodriguez has already

offered to give them her raised beds, and Beth Werner can give you advice on how she has worked with Ponce de Leon Middle School. I hope one of you will be able to volunteer for this important outreach.

Our next General Meeting on November 25th will be back in the Biltmore's Laguna Room for a program on "Monet and Giverny", with a workshop on Interpretive Floral Design, based on one of Monet's paintings. It promises to be an artfully inspiring morning, so plan to come! Until then, take care and enjoy the season.

- Judy Mangasarian, President



*Program drew gasps, laughter and many A-ha moments.*



A full house greeted Peter Kouchalakos who presented us with an interesting program. Instead of the scheduled "how to repot orchids," he shared his inside secrets of successful orchid growing. Who knew "meatballs" can be so useful.

Many thanks to Derita Downey, Vicky Busot, and Cathy Zuckerman for the buffet luncheon and to Suzuyo Fox for her Floral Centerpiece.

*...Members enjoyed October program and the fellowship*



## Around our Club and Beyond...

### The Silence Project:

This past summer Downtown Coral Gables with the Business Improvement District (BID) of Coral Gables welcomed a new art project...The Silence Project by artist Flor Mayoral. It featured portraits of Coral Gables community members brandishing the universally recognized gesture and symbol for silence. These single portraits are telling a story of a community that can elevate itself above the noise and still connect," said Venny Torre, president of the BID of Coral Gables. "Coral Gables is made up of people from all walks of life, so this is a project that celebrates the city's diversity and culture.

Fourteen storefronts showcased 75 black and white portraits. One of the portraits was our own Garden Club member, Jeanett Slesnick.



### November 25, 2019 Meeting

**Location:** The Biltmore - Laguna Room

**Workshop:** Art in Bloom- Interpretive Floral Design - Sandy Milledge

**Program:** Monet and Giverny, how he planned the landscape

Ninon Rodriguez, Retired Professor of Humanities

**Lunch Committee:** Kitty Winker\*, Donna Box, Cathy Zuckerman

**Buffet Centerpiece:** Donna Box

### Monthly Flower Show ...All entries due before Noon All designs are "Designers Choice" for all classes.

#### November 25, 2019 "Celebrations"

**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 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.

## Happy Congratulations!



Jeanne Ann and Charles Rigl recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Our many warm congratulations.

## 2019 Yearbook Information

Please open your yearbook and use it. In addition to contact info on members, there is a lot of information about our club, the National Garden Club, Inc., The Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc and our District XII.

There is information about our monthly meetings, including workshops and flower shows. The book includes our by-laws and standing rules and committee chairmen.

The budget is given to you in a separate sheet, because advertisers ask for copies of the book, other people receive a copy of our book that are not current members, and we decided to make this information private to club members.

We have a couple of changes that you need to make now in your book.

**Page 6.** House and Garden Tour-please change the date to April 4 and on page 20, please change the date of the House and Garden Tour there as well.

**Page 53** add Ginger Mead 10255 Sabal Palm Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33156 and on **page 56** please delete Janice Pryor.

Please send any changes or corrections to Teresa Zohn

