



# THE HIBISCUS LEAFLET

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

December 2019

## “It’s the **MOST** Wonderful Time of the Year!”

What a glorious time of the year it is! The summer swelter has abated and we now awaken to cool, clear skies. The holidays are here too, the season of giving. While you’re out buying gifts for your loved ones, be thinking of the gifts you can offer to our club, things you have a talent for and love to do. Whatever those gifts are, please offer them freely. We will be a much stronger, vibrant club with your help!

Speaking of a glorious time, I want to thank everyone who gave of their time and talents to make Kathryn Parrish’s Floral Extravaganza a fabulous success. It was an amazing event, attended by over 130 members of our club, friends and guests. We not only hosted a delightful demonstration by Ms. Parrish and a delicious reception, we also reminded the audience of how much our club has contributed to the community. One of our long-time members said she cried tears of happiness when she got in her car, thinking of how our members worked so hard to make it special and of how proud she was. Her thoughts were, “The club has never been stronger”. Thank you, Susan Rodriguez and Betsy Tilghman and your hard-working committee for making this “Friendraiser” a reality. It was wonderful!

Less than a week later, we enjoyed a delightful demonstration by Sandy Milledge interpreting one of Monet’s paintings in flowers, followed by a delicious Thanksgiving feast, Olga Lazo’s “swan song” before leaving us to move north. (We’ll miss you, Olga!). Then, a fascinating program on Monet and how his gardens influenced his art was given by Retired Professor of Humanities, Ninon Rodriguez. It was a lovely day with many “Happy Thanksgiving” wishes echoing through the halls.

Looking ahead to December, at our Evening Workshop on December 5th, Ruth Markham, Lucy Reinhardt, and Sharon Trbovich will teach us how to create three beautiful holiday decorations, and on December 6th, Gayle Duncan and Joan Johnson will inspire

a group of our ladies to deck the halls of the historic Merrick House with greens and Poinsettias. At our Workshop before the General Meeting on December 11th, Sherry Jordan will help us decorate Fascinators, those darling little hats, which we will then wear to our Christmas Social and Musicale. Another delicious feast and a merry celebration with “The Carolers” awaits us.

December promises to be “the most wonderful time of the year”. I do hope you all will be able to join in the fun!

With Best Holiday Wishes and love to all.

~ Judy Mangasarian, President



Judy Mangasarian with Kathryn Parrish. Below, Sandy Milledge’s beautiful workshop arrangement.



## Full House Greets Kathryn Parrish Fundraising Event



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Photo 1: Co-Chairmen, Susan Rodriguez and Teresa Zohn 2: Carmen Cason at the "Tools of the Trade" table. Photo 3: Thank you to all the bakers who made the bake sale a success. Photo 4: Marie Vacca and Glenda Hayley. Photo 5: Sharon Trbovich was a lucky raffle winner.

*...Many hands made the Parish Fundraiser a big success.*



Photo 1: JoAnne Matthews and Kitty Winkler were part of the success. Photo 2: Kay Lores, Gena Kuczanski. Photo 3: Suzuyo Fox with her guests Lori Haas, Karen Hoffman and Barbara Bass. Photo 4: Co-Chairman, Betsy Tilghman. Photo 5: Dorita Downey manned the refreshment table. Photo 6: One of the raffled off floral arrangements.

## Club Members had a fun, extraordinary month of November



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Photo 1: Sandy Milledge and visiting family, Krissa Nichols and son, Asa, attended her floral interpretation of Monet's painting. Photo 2: Kitty Winkler and Olga Lazo gave us a luncheon feast to be truly thankful for. Photo 3: Connie Cabeza, Judy Mangasarian and Terri Burke attended the Bulb Workshop at Susan Rodriguez's home. Photo 4: Joan Wright and Beth Werner enjoyed workshop. Photo 5: Thank you to Susan Rodriguez, Ruth Markham, Lucy Reinhart and Sharon Trbovich for putting on Workshop.



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### December 11, 2019 Holiday Meeting

**Location:** The Biltmore - Danielson Gallery

**Workshop:** Create a Festive Holiday Fascinator - Ana Lam, Sherry Jordan... Get ready to have fun!

**Program:** Christmas Social and Musicales with "The Carolers."

**Lunch Committee:** Terri Burke, Jo Anne Matthews, Betsy Tilghman.

**Buffet Centerpiece:** Sharon Trbovich