



THE HIBISCUS LEAFLET

Coral Gables Garden Club, Coral Gables, Florida ~ Celebrating our 95th Year

March 2020

Getting Down to Business...Plenty of Volunteers Needed

"Give me odorous a sunrise a garden of beautiful flowers where I can walk undisturbed."

~ Walt Whitman

It happened almost overnight! My Queen's Wreath Vine (*Petrea Volubilis*) has burst into bloom. Delicate lavender racemes are dripping from my pergola, so much like the wisteria of northern climes, except for the intoxicating fragrance. Still, it is magical.

I have not taken a minute to "walk undisturbed" in my garden recently, but I intend to remedy that. Those moments are so few, but so precious. I hope each of you can find a beautiful garden in which to walk, at dawn or dusk or in-between. It will refresh your soul.

I hope you enjoyed Jennifer Possley's talk on South Florida ferns at our February meeting. It got me to dreaming of putting in a fern glade of my own! And Mayfair Hydro's Workshop got our creative juices flowing with her instructions on combining flowers with yarn tied panels. It was fascinating.

This month we must get down to Business (with a capital "B"!), so there will be a Workshop, Pot et Fleur, but no Program at our March 23rd meeting. Our nominating committee has informed me they have assembled slate of officers for 2020-2021 and the By-Laws Committee is also hard at work considering a few major changes. Stay tuned and be sure to attend the meeting to hear the exciting announcements.

Speaking of exciting times, the club is fairly humming. Our House and Garden Tour is only a month away on April 4, so we are busy looking for volunteers to staff the homes and nailing down the million details. When someone calls to ask for your participation, please make their day and say "Yes, of course I'll help!" An event this big requires everyone in the club to step up. I know you will!

With much love from the garden, Judy Mangasarian



March 23, 2020 Meeting

Location: The Biltmore - Danielson Gallery

Workshop: "Pot Et Fleur" the French art of Plant and Floral Design, Ruth Markham, Lucy Reinhardt, Sharon Trbovich

Program: Business Meeting (No Guests)

Lunch Committee: Ana Lam*, Ann Goodman, Beth Werner

Buffet Centerpiece: Lucy Reinhardt

Monthly Flower Show - Florida Flora (vertical design)

Class 1: Orchids in Flight

Class 2: Tropical Delight

Class 3: Birds of Paradise

All designs are "designers choice" for all classes throughout the year with additional instructions for type of show for each month.

Bountiful Display A Huge Success at Tour of Kitchen 2020



February Meeting and Fun Workshop Bring Big Smiles



Our February workshop with Mayfair Hydro was a creative event and much fun for the participants. Along with the most interesting program, The Ferns of South Florida with Jennifer Possley of Fairchild Tropical Garden, members enjoyed a wonderful afternoon.



House & Garden Tour 2020: Checklist for a successful event

1. Continue to sell...or buy tickets and give them to friends. If you need extra tickets, please contact Joanne Matthews. All ticket money and any unsold tickets are to be sent to Joanne.
2. Sign up to be a Hostess or Ticket-Taker. We are still in need of Hostesses and Ticket-Takers. Please sign up now by contacting Judy Mangasarian.
3. Each member must bake 2 dozen cookies. Please deliver them in disposable containers. They will be plated by the hostesses at the Presidents' Tea. If you have any questions, contact Denise West.
4. Bake delicious sweets for the Bake Sale. Wrap decoratively in clear wrap and ribbons, and list major allergens. If you have any questions, contact Cari Gardner.

A continued Thank You to the team of Professional, Hard Working Committee Chairs [Cari Gardner, Mary Frances Irvin, Sherry Jordan, Judy Mangasarian, Joanne Matthews, JoWanda Peterson, Lucy Reinhardt, Susan Rodriguez, Betsy Tilghman, Sharon Trbovich, Denise West, Kitty Winkler, Teresa Zohn], and to you, the Membership, for helping to make this a very successful Tour!



President Judy Mangasarian, Event Chairs, Alexis Ehrenhaft, Marie Vacca hard at work to make sure we have a successful tour.

GARDEN CLUB HAPPENINGS:

House & Garden Tour Baked Goods to be sold and your two dozen cookies for the Presidents Tea

BAKE SALE: Anything Sweet That's Good to Eat! Cakes, Breads, Pies, Muffins, Cinnamon Rolls, Cupcakes, Tarts, Bars, Brownies, Candies, Preserves, Granola, honey, Cookies. Please wrap your items decoratively with clear wrap and ribbons. Attach a note with the name of your item and please indicate any major allergens that may be in the ingredients. These include milk, egg, fish/shellfish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts and soybeans.

Presidents Tea Cookies -Each member is asked to make **two dozen cookies**. Please deliver cookies in a covered container, platter or box that is disposable. Refrigeration not available once delivered.

Preferred option- Deliver to the Montgomery Botanical Center on the day of the event, **Saturday, April 4 between 9am and 10am. 11901 Old Cutler Road** (Place on labeled picnic table near parking area, close to ticket check in table) **Alternative Option-** Deliver to a home on **Friday, April 3.**

North Gables- 725 Zamora Ave (Cari Gardner) 4-7PM
Central Gables- 5325 Orduna Drive (Denise West) 1-5pm
South Gables - 535 Solano Prado (Mary Frances Irving) 1-5pm

SPRING CLEANING TIME

Recycling of Electronics and Hazardous Waste. Saturday, April 18, 2020, 9am - noon. City Hall Parking Lot – 450 Biltmore Way – directly west of City Hall.

Please mark your calendar for our next Electronic (anything that has a plug or uses batteries) and Hazardous Waste (paint cans, solvents, pool chemicals, compact fluorescent light bulbs, cleaners, oils, batteries, household pesticides.) Collection Day! The City's Police Department will also be present with a shredding truck for the safe disposal of sensitive documents (a five box limit). For more information, please call Matt Anderson, 305-460-5008 or Marlin Ebbert, 305-665-5701.

~ Marlin Ebbert, Vice Chair, City's Sustainability Advisory Board, Club Environment Chair

