



Coral Gables Garden Club, Coral Gables, Florida ~ Celebrating our 99th Year

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# Welcome to the 99th Year of the Coral Gables Garden Club

## President's Message

Dear Members,

Welcome back to the 99<sup>th</sup> season of the Coral Gables Garden Club! I trust you enjoyed a delightful summer, indulging in your favorite pastimes and finding respite from the South Florida heat. The summer showers have indeed blessed our gardens, nurturing our favorite plants and those persistent weeds. I've been spending quite a lot of time pulling weeds this summer. It has been a never-ending project, so I'm thrilled to share exciting news with you all. Please read Marlin's recipe in this issue for a natural herbicide to tackle these unwanted intruders with common household products. So now, as we reconvene, let's celebrate the essence of the Coral Gables Garden Club.

Our club isn't just about gardening; it's a sanctuary where we cultivate both the soil and our connections. We come together to enrich our lives, serve our city, embrace the joy of getting our hands in the dirt, learn information, new horticulture and design techniques, and fortify new and seasoned friendships. We have 12 new members to welcome this year, so make sure you greet them at our meetings. They can be identified by their Bumble Bee Pin. The upcoming year promises to be active and fun! There is something for everyone to enjoy, so here's to the Coral Gables Garden Club, where every moment spent in the company of fellow enthusiasts is a cherished memory in the making. Looking forward to the 99<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Coral Gables Garden Club.

With Love,

Susan Rodriguez, President

## September 23rd Program News

By Barbara Reese

**Workshop:** 10:00 am in the Garden Center

**Topic:** Botanical Arts Demonstration

**Presenter:** An optional division of a standard flower show. It is the creation of designs using only botanical materials. Leaves, stems, branches, seeds, and flowers are arranged to create a design for headpieces, clothing, shoes, purses, and jewelry. Even wall collages can be constructed.

We will learn techniques for these different types of designs and the Standard Flower Show guidelines that apply.



Photography Preview at the Coral Gables Museum

**General Membership Meeting** food service at 11:15 am in the Danielson Gallery. Meeting starts at 12:00 pm.

**Program:** "What to Plant Now" by Dalton Goolsby, Supervisor, Urban Horticulture Program, UF/IFAS Extension Miami-Dade County.

**Hostesses:** Evelyn Budde, Ann Goodman, Sharon Trbovich, Tracy Umanski, Maria Garcia, Carmen Roca, Maria Fieto, Lee Maloff

**Contact:** Remember to RSVP to the Evite you will receive. If you bring a guest, please provide their name.

## As I See It Photo Exhibition

Susan Rodriguez



The "As I See It"/Capture Coral Gables photo exhibition commenced on August 10th, drawing an impressive crowd of over 250 attendees on its opening night. The exhibition is housed in galleries 109. Showcased within are 50 winning photographs capturing the beauty of nature, wildlife, and Coral Gables. Complementing these photos, additional photos are presented on monitors in a continuous loop. This exhibition will remain accessible until October 1st, providing ample time to visit and cast your vote for the People's Choice Award, celebrating your favorite photograph from both contests. Bring a friend, plan lunch at Books and Books, and visit the Coral Gables Museum.

## Welcome Our 2023-2024 Provisional Members

Denise West



Our Garden Club is fortunate to have eleven enthusiastic provisional members: Donna Blythe, Alesya Burgio, Tess Doheny, Ariel Fernandez, Mabel Galoppi, Denise Glasser, Michele Koelsch, Peggy McMahon, Norma Gavarrete-Centrion, Gail Pinon and Eleanor Ware. Transfer member, Douglas Wieser, is also a new face.

They can be identified wearing their Busy Bee Pins. Introduce yourself and include them in your conversations and activities. Let's make them feel special!

## Join Our Private Facebook Group

Wendy Cook



Please join our private "members only" Facebook group to keep up with club info, events, and to view our photos and videos! Go to your personal Facebook page and enter the words "**CGGC Member Group**" in the search bar and click "join". Once we confirm you are a member, you will be accepted. Or send an email request to Wendy Cook at [wendy424@comcast.net](mailto:wendy424@comcast.net) to receive an invite via email. If you have any problems, text or call Wendy Cook at 305-321-4386.

## The Monthly Flower Show

Donna Box



Bring a cutting from your garden in a clear glass bottle or your favorite potted plant. Include on a notecard the Scientific name and the common name. (Tip for the cutting: You can wrap some clear plastic around the stem to keep the cutting upright.)

## Weed Killer Recipe

*Marlin Ebbert*

4 cups white vinegar  
1/4 cup salt  
1/4 teaspoon liquid soap (I used Dawn)

Combine and put into a spray bottle and spray on driveway/sidewalk weeds!

## Coral Gables Fall Recycling Event

*Marlin Ebbert*

Saturday, November 4, 2022  
9am - Noon  
City Hall Parking Lot

Collecting: Unwanted electronics, hazardous waste (paint cans, chemicals), sensitive documents to be shredded, gently used clothing (men's, women's, children's - for Camillus House)

## Community Learning Through Lectures

*Maria Ason*



Maria Ason will be conducting a lecture on "Being a fine artist and how to get started" at the Coral Gables Library on September 25th at 6:30pm. Consider contributing to our community by sharing your knowledge.

## A Magical Masquerade District XII Meeting

*Sharon Trbovich*



We are hosting the Fall District XII Meeting with the visiting FFGC State Officers.

We would appreciate it if you could bring a basket at least 11-12" in diameter to our September meeting for table arrangements we would like to create for the RAFFLE event.

We will celebrate 100 years of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs on Wednesday, October 18th, at the Watsco Center at UM. The cost to attend is \$60, which includes parking. You can meet state officers and win a prize for sporting the most impressive mask! Floral designers are invited to create designs. Contact Sharon Trbovich (401) 935-6709 or [skyeterriers1@gmail.com](mailto:skyeterriers1@gmail.com). All details on the call letter that was sent on September 1st.

## Remembering Jeannett

By Betsy Tilghman

As I look across the golf course at the Slesnick home on North Greenway, I find it hard to believe that Jeannett is gone. The Slesnicks have been our “across the golf course” neighbors since 1986, Don and Jeannett having bought their home a little over two years after we moved in. They have been wonderful neighbors – daughter Kathleen baby sat our boys – she just walked straight across the golf course – a splendid sensation in its own right. Jeannett had the most neighborly spirit – filling the years and her welcoming home with neighborhood gatherings – often purely social, sometimes political, sometimes uniquely creative, like the time she and Don hosted a look-out party in their front yard for the endangered bonneted bat which had been discovered to live and fly on the golf course at night. There was even a Bacardi tent! Whatever the event, camaraderie and new connections were sure to be made.

I hope you have had the chance to read Jeannett’s obituary in the Miami Herald, written by Howard Cohen. It is a beautiful tribute to one of our city’s most exceptional and civic minded women, our friend and our cherished member.

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/obituaries/article277956128.html>

Jeannett, a Coral Gables Garden Club Legacy Member, joined our club in 1997. For over 25 years she was an active and supportive member – we could always count on Jeannett to be everywhere with camera in hand – proudly capturing our events and accomplishments. I remember her telling me when I was president, that she didn’t have time to take on a big role in our club, but that she could take pictures, open her home for board meetings and would help when I needed her assistance or advice. And, of course she and her real estate partner, Ginger Jochem, were always quick to place generous ads in our directories and event programs. I admired Jeannett’s ability to decide where and how she could best contribute in a life that was exceedingly full. How full? Aside from her thriving real estate firm, Jeannett was (and this is not a complete list!) a City Commissioner, first lady of Coral Gables for a decade, Coral Gables Community Foundation Board Chair, Senior Warden at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, a champion of Actors’ Playhouse, President of the Junior Orange Bowl, board member of the Coral Gables Museum and Vice Chair of the Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board.

What an exuberant life Jeannett had, and how much she will be missed by Don, her family and her friends.

I was wondering how to close this article, when I glanced at my inbox, and there was Jeannett with her final *Jeannett’s Journal*. I felt like she was still across the golf course. But no, her bags had been packed, she left the final touches of the *Journal* to her editor, and she was on her way.

Godspeed, Jeannett.

Betsy Tilghman



## 2023 Club Happenings

2023 Dates	Time	Event	Location
Aug 10 (Thurs) - Oct 1 (Sun)	Ongoing	<b>Exhibition of the AS I SEE IT</b> , photography winners.	Coral Gables Museum, 285 Aragon Avenue
Sep 9 (Sat)	9:30am	<b>Prepping of the Heritage Garden</b>	Merrick House, 907 Coral Way
Sep 13 (Wed)	9:30am-11:30am	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Garden Center, 1200 Anastasia Avenue
Sep 23 (Sat)	10:00am	<b>Pollinator Palooza</b> - collaboration with the City of Coral Gables	CG Youth Center, 405 University Drive
Sep 25 (Mon)	11:15 am	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	Danielson Gallery, 1200 Anastasia Avenue
Oct 8 (Sat)	9:30am	<b>Planting of the Heritage Garden</b>	Merrick House, 907 Coral Way
Oct 11 (Wed)	9:30am-11:30am	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Garden Center, 1200 Anastasia Avenue
Oct 18 (Wed)	9:30am	<b>District XII meeting</b> , FFGC Officers attending	Wasco Center, University of Miami, 1245 Dauer Drive
Oct 23 (Mon)	6:30	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	Danielson Gallery, 1200 Anastasia Avenue
Oct 25 (Wed)	7pm	<b>Frame Fatales</b> , Camera Club Meeting	Garden Center, 1200 Anastasia Avenue
Oct 30 (Wed)	10am	<b>Garden Therapy</b>	Crystal Academy, 107 Antilla Avenue
Nov 8 (Wed)	9:30am-11:30am	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Garden Center, 1200 Anastasia Avenue
Nov 18 (Sat)	10am	<b>Frame Fatales</b> , Camera Club Meeting	Garden Center, 1200 Anastasia Avenue
Nov 27 (Mon)	11:15am	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	Danielson Gallery, 1200 Anastasia Avenue
Dec 1 (Fri)	10am	<b>Merrick House decorating activity</b>	Merrick House, 907 Coral Way
Dec 2 (Sat)	9:30am	<b>Heritage Garden Planting</b>	Merrick House, 907 Coral Way
Dec 5 (Tues)	10am-1pm	<b>The Floating Classroom on Biscayne Bay, Miami Waterkeeper</b>	Fee and Meeting Location TBD
Dec 13 (Wed)	11:15am	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	Danielson Gallery, 1200 Anastasia Avenue

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**This page will not appear again until January, when we add the 2024 dates. All club happenings will be in the yearbook. Please print this page.**