



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

A proud member of the National Garden Club, Inc. and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

October 2023

# The Hibiscus

## A Record Turnout and Tribute to Our Dear Grace

### President's Message

It was a pleasure to reunite with all of you at our September meeting, where we had a remarkable turnout with 53 members and 12 guests, setting what I believe is a new record for a September gathering. Our 1st Vice-President, Barbara Reese, orchestrated an exceptional program featuring Dalton Goolsby from the Miami-Dade extension office—his insightful presentation concerned seasonal planting, particularly pollinator-friendly plants, and delectable edibles. Growing your vegetables undoubtedly offers a taste that surpasses store-bought produce, and incorporating pollinator plants into your landscape promises to boost your yield. For further information on seasonal plantings in South Florida, explore the Gardening Solutions website by clicking [here](#).

As many of you know, we recently bid a fond farewell to our beloved member, Grace Carricarte, who left us too soon on September 29th, 2023. Her memorial at Fairchild, organized by her family, was a lovely event for a passionate club member. Grace deeply loved the environment, animals, family, neighbors, and friends. Her contributions to the Coral Gables Magazine, where she consistently championed our like-minded interests, were both eloquent and heartfelt. Her memory will remain in my heart, and her enduring impact on those who knew her remains indelible. May she finally rest in peace.

Lastly, I encourage you to peruse the club's upcoming events in your newly minted yearbook; various exciting activities are planned for this Fall. For those who have not received your books they will be at the October 23rd meeting. There may be changes during the year, so please read your emails for any updates. I look forward to our next general meeting, scheduled for the evening of October 23rd, during which I hope to see you all again.

Happy Gardening, Susan Rodriguez



### October 23rd Program News

By Barbara Reese

**Workshop:** 5:00pm in the Garden Center

**Topic:** Floral Design from the Supermarket

**Presenter:** Treat yourself to a beautiful table centerpiece or special spot of beauty for entry table or mantel. We will learn the materials, containers and flowers you need. We will look at some simple containers, materials and how to choose the right flowers for your arrangement. We will begin at 5:00 in the garden center.

**General Membership Meeting** food service at 6:15 pm in the Laguna Room. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

**Program:** "Orchid Scapes" by Drew Mullin, orchid specialist at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden

**Hostesses:** Teresa Zohn, Katy Sobrado, France Ingraham, Wendy Cook, Rhonda Anderson, Fabiola Bolanos, Maria Ason, Tara Auclair

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

## September General Meeting



Dalton Goolsby, Supervisor of the Urban Horticulture Program at UF/IFAS Extension Miami-Dade County. Members brought cuttings (flowering or non-flowering) from their gardens in a clear glass bottle or their favorite potted plant. Included on a notecard was the scientific name and the common name.

A wonderful workshop was given by Sandy Milledge, Carmen Cason and Sherry Jordan on botanical arts.

## Pollinator Palooza



In partnership with the Coral Gables Parks and Recreation department and the Marlene Kerdyke Beautification Fund, the third-annual Parks Pollinator Palooza took place in September. The children had a chance to plant pollinator plants and spotted their first butterfly.

## Photography Workshop *Bonnie Seipp*

Enjoy a conversation and presentation with Ernesto Rodriguez, focusing on his process for his award winning photography.. Wednesday October 25th, at 7 p.m. at the Garden Center. Fee \$10

## Corrections to The Yearbook

*JoWanda Peterson*

Mabel's last name should be spelled GALOPPI

Kay Lores' email is [kmlores@gmail.com](mailto:kmlores@gmail.com)

## Garden Therapy

*Carmen Cason*

Our first Garden Therapy Session will be October 31st at Crystal Academy. Please be there at 9:45 a.m. if you would like to participate.

107 Antilla Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134

## The Monthly October Flower Show

*Donna Box*

At this meeting, I will present a Cascade Design. The cascade design has the emphasis on the downward rhythmic movement. It is also called the waterfall design. It is supported by a container and has a minimum of components extending upward. A full description is on Page 73 of the [Handbook for Flower Shows](#).

I will have some free [Florida Flower Arrangement Calendars](#) available for you to enjoy.



## Coral Gables Fall Recycling Event

*Marlin Ebbert*

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)

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

## Commemorative Giving

*Susan Rodriguez*

Over the past year, our Coral Gables Garden Club family has experienced the loss of several cherished members who held a special place in our hearts. As we remember and honor their legacies, we want to offer a meaningful way for all of us to pay tribute to these individuals who enriched our lives.

Donating to the Coral Gables Garden Club is a special way to honor or remember a member or non-member. Gifts may be made in gratitude, in honor of an accomplishment, milestone, or memorial. An acknowledgment letter will be sent to the honoree or their family.

Gifts to this fund will be used to enhance Club programs, Arbor Day, and other Club activities.

Please use this form to give a Commemorative Gift, now or in the future. Thank you for thinking of the Coral Gables Garden Club to remember someone dear to you. You can print the form below.

*If you would like to write a check, please make your check payable to the "Coral Gables Garden Club" and mail it to our Treasurer, Maureen Gragg, 11015 Girasol Ave, Coral Gables, 33156*

## My Acorn Rosary

*By Betsy Tilghman*

Musings from the North Carolina mountains from your Horticulture Chair:

They startle me with the noise of their fall – so hard on the deck that their caps fly away from their nuts. They are almost as loud as the hickory nuts that for years awakened me at night - before Hurricane Irma silenced them. This acorn tree is surely enjoying the space the hickory had unexpectedly given up.

I go out on the deck. The weather is cool – it is the end of September. I



pick up a few of the nuts and roll them around in my fingers. They are beautiful in my hand. I think about rosaries and worry stones and the prayers and pleas through the centuries which have been part of our tactile experience with the spiritual. And I think of meditation, prayer, hope and despair.

As I look across Highway 107 to the saddle between Rock and Chimney Top Mountains the sun is waning and a handful of bats are taking flight. Low clouds appear and striate the view. I reach for my camera. But now there is a house in the saddle. More houses are coming. More everything man-made is careening towards us.

I feel blessed to have been the recipient of so much quiet beauty for so long. I'm praying my acorn rosary for a new level of serenity and within that serenity will be my noisy oak tree and the bounty it bestows on me and our earth.