



# The Hibiscus

*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*

*December 2023*

## Happy Holidays

### *President's Message*

Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season! A heartfelt thank you to all our incredible members whose dedication made this season special.

Vice-Mayor Anderson has been tirelessly planting trees across Coral Gables and at Coral Gables High School, nurturing them from saved or repotted cuttings. Her commitment to our environment is truly commendable. Cathy Zuckerman orchestrated a spectacular committee that beautifully adorned the Merrick House. Her committee's efforts have added

immense charm to the Merrick House. Gratitude to those who sponsored new provisional members this fall—Sharon Trbovich, Audrey Ross, Teresa Zohn, Betsy Tilghman, and Wendy Cook. Your support is invaluable, and a warm welcome to our new provisional members—Marina Berberian, Katherine Norman, Elizabeth von Peterffy, and Tonya Meister-Griffith. We embrace you wholeheartedly and trust that your Garden Club experience will enrich your lives. A big thank you to our December hospitality team, Bonnie Seipp, Sally Morris, Jo Wanda Peterson, Glenda Hayley, Norma Gavarette-Centurian, Carmen Cason, and Susan Thomas, for putting on an amazing holiday lunch. We have some fun pictures to share.

Thanks to all the Board of Managers and committee chairs for their exceptional dedication and hard work. I look forward to the new year as we have planned exciting things. I want to recognize Barbara Reese and Jo Wanda Peterson for chairing the Fashions and Florals Spring fundraiser for the third consecutive time. It is truly commendable. Past President Sharon Trbovich, your leadership in chairing the National Garden Club Standard Flower Show is invaluable. A big shout out to past President Betsy Tilghman, who always comes through when asked to help on various projects, and to Teresa Zohn for agreeing to be our Centennial Chair. I hope everyone attends her meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the Garden Center to support her ideas and plans.

Lastly, I hope this holiday season overflows with joy and happiness for you and your families.

Much Love, Susan Rodriguez

President



## January 22nd Program News

*By Barbara Reese*

**Workshop:** Creative Greens in Design

**Topic:** With the April flower show in sight, the January workshop will focus on using various greens to enhance and create unique designs.

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

**Program:** "The Life of Dr. David Fairchild"

**Presenter:** The speaker will be Chad Husby, Botanist and present-day Plant Explorer for Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. He will speak about the life and adventures of the first Plant Explorer of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

**Hostesses:** Denise West, Maureen Grag, Teresa Zohn, Kristal Meyer, Marlene Riesco, Connie Cabeza, Michele Wisehart, Damaris Gibb.

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

Holiday Luncheon



Christina Soler &  
France Ingraham



Sidney Daniel, Tracy  
Umansky & Maria Fieto



Eleanor Ware, Betsy  
Tilghman, Christina  
Delacruz, Maria Ason



Deena Bell  
Llewellyn, Vice  
Mayor Anderson



Hospitality Team for Dec.



Tonya Meister Griffith &  
Teresa Zohn



Connie Cabeza & Elaine  
Plasky



Saesha and Rita  
Tennyson & Ana Lam



Holiday Luncheon



Sally Morris, Carmen  
Cason & Norma  
Gavarette-Centurian



Karen Luneburg & Judy  
Mangasarian



President, Susan  
Rodriguez



Victoria Cabeza &  
Donna Box



Nita Norman &  
Katherine NOrman



Peggy Groves &  
Marlin Ebbert



Sandy Milledge



Maria Teofilo, Lynn  
Kerdyk, Christina Soler



Jodi Zaban &  
Denise Glasser



**Flower Show***Sharon Trbovich*

Get ready for an extraordinary Flower Show this year! We're thrilled to invite you to showcase your creativity—whether it's through stunning floral designs, impressive horticulture displays, or captivating table settings. Stay tuned as we unveil more about this upcoming event. For further details, reach out to Sharon Trbovich at [skyyeterriers1@gmail.com](mailto:skyyeterriers1@gmail.com). Your participation will make this show bloom with beauty and talent!



20 - 21 APRIL 2024

THE CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB  
&  
THE CORAL GABLES MUSEUM  
PRESENTS

A NIGHT AT  
THE MUSEUM

A NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB,  
STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

EXPLORE A WEEKEND OF FLORAL DELIGHTS WITH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS  
FOR ALL AGES – WORKSHOPS, STORYTIMES, AND INTERACTIVE SESSIONS  
AWAIT AT OUR FLOWER SHOW!

SATURDAY, 10 AM-6 PM    SUNDAY, 11 AM- 5 PM  
285 ARAGON AVE, CORAL GABLES, FL  
MUSEUM GENERAL ADMISSION

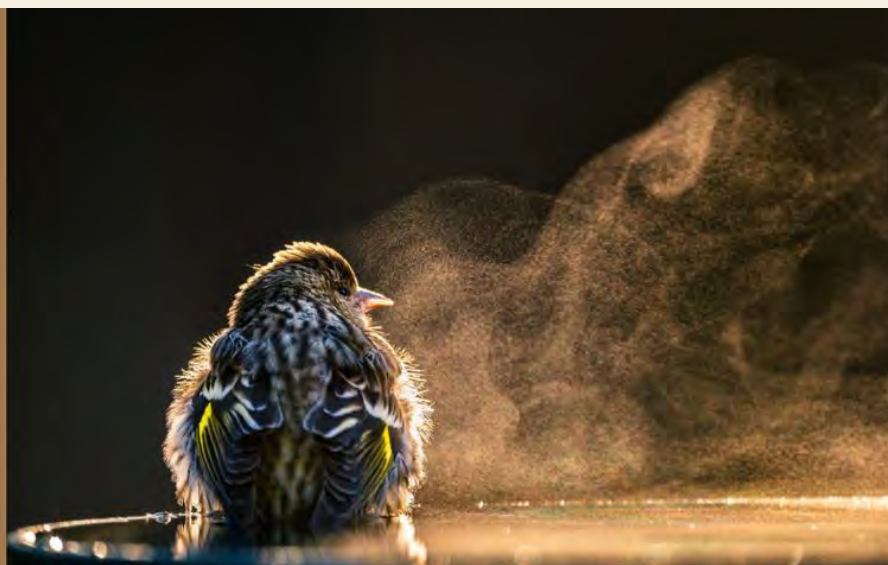


**Photo Contest***Susan Rodriguez*

Exciting news! Our updated categories now feature the enchanting 'City of Coral Gables' and a fascinating 'Smartphone' category. Let's capture the essence of our beautiful city during this stunning season. Grab your camera or smartphone, explore our city's charm, and submit your best shots. Let's celebrate the beauty of Coral Gables together!

**A JURIED NATURE AND WILDLIFE  
PHOTO COMPETITION**

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NIGHTFALL WONDERS | FLORAL PORTRAITS | THE BLUE HOUR |  
WILD REALMS | TREASURES CAPTURED | MONOCHROME | SMARTPHONE



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## Sustainability Tip

*Marlin Ebbert*



To help with the increase of cardboard boxes as the holiday shopping season kicks off, a drop-off container for excessive cardboard boxes has been placed at the War Memorial Youth Center and will be there through January 12, 2024! Please make sure that all boxes have been broken down and flattened before dropping them off!

Also, the City will offer free Christmas tree recycling for Coral Gables residents beginning on December 27. Please watch for notices from the City about the schedule for your neighborhood and placement requirements!

## Field Trips

*Margaret McMahon*

### **Vizcaya Restored Rose Gardens**

The Rose Garden has been restored after 100 years and features historic roses. For more information: [Vizcaya.org](http://Vizcaya.org)

Scheduled for **Wednesday, February 21, 11am Garden Tour; 12pm House Tour**. Attendees are limited to a max of 21 people. **There is no charge.**

For more information please visit [vizcaya.org](http://vizcaya.org).

Please confirm attendance with Peggy:  
[mrmcmahon132@gmail.com](mailto:mrmcmahon132@gmail.com)



## Membership Information

*Jo Wanda Peterson*

If you plan to sponsor a candidate for membership, please submit the application, which is available on the CGGC website, and a letter of recommendation before March 1st. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [jogpeterson@gmail.com](mailto:jogpeterson@gmail.com).

