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Floral Design • SWFL Horticulture



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Bonita Springs, FL 2016-2017



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GULF COAST GARDEN CLUB (GCGC)

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Louella McAloose, President

"Challenge Yourself"

PO Box 94, Bonita Springs, FL 34133

76 Members

*Appreciate and share
knowledge and love of
our SW Florida plants through
gardening and floral design.*

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(FMLCGC) *FMLCGardencouncil.com*

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"Let us Seek to Take Action for our Council Members, Gardens and Community."

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- GCGC Website – gulfcoastgardenclub.org – Standing Rules, Bylaws, Agendas, Photos, Links and more!
Webmaster: Ben Bachrach
- GCGC Facebook Page – www.facebook.com/GCGCSWFL
- FFGC.org – FFGC website – Where Gardeners Gather to Share, Learn, Create and Enjoy.
- FFGCListens@gmail.com – Ask any questions about anything at all related to garden club.
- FFGCdistrict9.org – District IX website
- FMLCGardencouncil.com – Ft. Myers/Lee County Garden Council

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Bonita Springs Library:
December Display Case

GULF COAST GARDEN CLUB

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The Board of Directors meets the first Monday of the month, October through May, at 9:30 am at Unity Church.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| Yearbook | Mary Lou Magliocca, Jenie Sandler |

OUR PRESIDENT: **Louella McAloose**

"Challenge Yourself"

Having enjoyed gardening in New York, Maryland and North Carolina (where I was a Master Gardener), Florida gardening presented new challenges. Thankfully we have members like Suzy Valentine and David Southall to help add to our knowledge and appreciation of Florida horticulture.

Having been a past member of three other garden clubs that did not hold Flower Shows, learning Floral Design was another challenge. Now as a new National Flower Show Judge, continued learning is totally a joy – but still a challenge!



My vision for the Gulf Coast Garden Club is of a cohesive membership that cultivates dynamic friendships, while expanding knowledge of horticulture, floral design and our Southwest Florida environment. Programs will be interesting and educational. Meetings will be held in an environment that is encouraging and conducive to sharing and learning. There will be more involvement in community outreach with emphasis on the education of children.

Our former presidents have set us on a fertile path, enabling us to grow stronger with each year. My thinking is that our positive relationships, one to another, are the foundation for all other aspects of our mission. When voices are raised, let them be with laughter and joy.

Louella McAloose

OUR HISTORY AND MISSION

The Gulf Coast Garden Club (GCGC) planted its roots when Carole Mack, Betty Mazarella and Linda Edsall decided to form a new garden club in Bonita Springs that ANYONE could join. They recruited 25 enthusiastic gardeners, and held the first meeting in December of 2003 with a holiday program. Everyone made a design to take home from that meeting. Hands-on experience became a core part of the Mission.

GCGC was accepted into the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in April 2004. Meetings were held in various locations until Unity Church of Bonita Springs became the regular meeting place.

GCGC is a non-profit organization comprised of both experienced and novice gardeners and designers who share their ideas, designs and information with all who are interested. "The Gulf Coast Garden Club provides education, resources, local, state, and national opportunities for its' members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic, and environmental responsibility." – This is our mission.

Florida Growing Zones



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the Second Monday of the Month,
October through May, from 9:00 am – Noon
at Unity Church of Bonita Springs
28285 Imperial Parkway,
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

Fee for guests – \$5

Summer meetings, June through September,
are held at GCGC Members' Homes.

MEETING SCHEDULE

9:00 – HOSPITALITY – Coffee and Conversation

(Conserve – bring your own cup!)

Share Green Thumb*. Buy fundraising tickets!

9:30 – WAKE UP & LEARN - Wake Up & Learn is a unique feature of GCGC Meetings, led by David Southall and Suzy Valentine. Timely topics are presented with additional interest provided by designs relating to the topic of the day. Members are invited to bring a design if they are so inspired! These will be enjoyed by all, and briefly 'critiqued' by our trained judges.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - This season, Plants of the Month will be TREES! Flowering, foliage, native or not, we need to get to know these neighbors. Some are desirable neighbors—but not all! We'll introduce you to these good and bad examples, and explain why.

10:00 – GENERAL MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance

Inspirational Message

Club Business

10:30 – FUNDRAISER DRAWING. SET UP FOR PROGRAM.

10:40 – PROGRAM

11:30 – BREAKDOWN/CLEAN-UP – All members.

*GREEN THUMB

This is your opportunity to "SHOW WHAT YOU GROW!"

Home, condo or patio! Bring a cutting or a container or – if it's really big – a photograph of your home-grown plant. Please include a card with the name of your plant.

GCGC DESIGN & HORTICULTURE ADVICE FOR 2016-2017

DESIGN WORKSHOPS:

LOCATION: BONITA BAY, ESTERO PAVILION

TIME: 1:00 PM

GCGC offers hands-on Workshops in Floral Design open to members and guests. Bring your own foliage, dried plant material and/or flowers. A Container, Oasis and Handout materials are provided. Members: \$10.00, Guests \$15.00. Limited to 20. Register with Chair: Lorna O'Hara (239 948-3606 or lornahohara@gmail.com)

SCHEDULE/INSTRUCTOR:

Nov. 28, 2016 – **Table Artistry**, Lorna O'Hara

Jan. 30, 2017 – **Creative Back Drops**, Shirley Wiggenton

Feb. 27, 2017 – **Ikebana**, June Rickard

March 27, 2017 – **Abstract Designs**, Robbie Baltzer

HORTICULTURE ADVICE with David Southall:

*David holds degrees in Forestry and Biology, a Masters in Botany and completed an Internship at Brooklyn Botanical Garden. He founded **Botanicus** in Buffalo, NY, a landscape/nursery/greenhouse operation, which led to a large nursery in Bonita Springs. David was VP of Education for Associated Landscape Contractors of America. He is a Florida State Certified Biologist. David developed the original Master Naturalist Program for the Conservancy of SW Florida, and created the Native Plant Garden as Curator of Education at the Collier County Museum. He is an NGC Gardening Study School Instructor. Now a "plant hobbyist," he is willing to help others grow successfully. ("A Proven Winner!" says wife Suzy Valentine.)*

Do you have questions about plants, soils or pests in Florida?

Email David at d.southall@att.net for all the answers!

GCGC MEETING - OCTOBER 10, 2016

9:00 - HOSPITALITY...Coffee and Conversation

✿ HOSTESS – *Maureen Deegan* ✿

GREEN THUMB

50/50 RAFFLE

9:30 - WAKE UP AND LEARN

“Designs”

—What, Why & How (In 20 Minutes!)

✿ PLANT OF THE MONTH: ✿

Good Tree: *Magnolia*

Bad Tree: *Bauhinia blakeana* (Hong Kong Orchid)

10:40 - PROGRAM - Container Planting

You won't want to miss this one! Andy Sipe is the owner of *“The Planted Pot”* in Naples. She will show us, demonstration-style, how to plant a pot or container. She will donate the planted container to a lucky winner in the audience.

HAPPENINGS FOR OCTOBER:

GCGC MEETING - NOVEMBER 14, 2016

9:00 - HOSPITALITY...Coffee and Conversation

🌸 HOSTESS – Ellen Milotte 🌸

GREEN THUMB

50/50 RAFFLE

9:30 - WAKE UP AND LEARN

“Herbs”

—What Works Here & Grows Together in Containers

🌿 PLANT OF THE MONTH: 🌿

Good Tree: *Hibiscus tileaceus* (Mahoe)

Bad Tree: *Cupianopsis anacardioides* (Carrotwood)

10:40 - PROGRAM - Holiday Designing

Donna Cook, joining us from Pine Island, will demonstrate holiday designing using what we have in our homes or gardens.

HAPPENINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 11: FMLCGC General Meeting (See page 19 for info)

Nov. 28: GCGC Design Workshop (See page 7 for info)

GCGC MEETING - DECEMBER 12, 2016

HOLIDAY MEETING AND LUNCH AT FARMER MIKE'S

9:00 - HOSPITALITY...Coffee and Conversation

✿ *HOSTESSES - Denise Baier & Madeline Wallace* ✿

9:30 - WAKE UP AND LEARN

Christmas Plants & What NOT To Do After the Holidays

✿ **PLANT OF THE MONTH:** ✿

Araucaria heterophylla (Norfolk Island Pine)

MEETING

**10:15 - PROGRAM - How to Choose Your Veggies
and Eat Them, Too!**

Farmer Mike, Jr.'s presentation will include a brief history of his family farm, the location and services offered. Whoever wishes can then carpool (approx. 3 miles) to the farm stand for a special seasonal lunch.

11:00 - LUNCH (OPTIONAL) – (Cost TBD)

HAPPENINGS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 1-31: **GCGC** Bonita Springs Library Display Case

Dec. 6: **GCGC** Trip to 6 Mile Cyprus Slough (See page 16 for details)

GCGC MEETING - JANUARY 9, 2017

9:00 - HOSPITALITY...Coffee and Conversation

🌸 *HOSTESS - Suzy Valentine* 🌸

GREEN THUMB

50/50 RAFFLE

9:30 - WAKE UP AND LEARN

"Native Plants"

Why, Which & Where

🌸 **PLANT OF THE MONTH:** 🌸

Good Tree: *Coccoloba uvifera* (Sea Grape)

Bad Tree: *Ficus* (Many different)

10:40 - PROGRAM - Two Designing Divas

Kathleen Hawryluk and Suzy Valentine will present two decidedly different approaches to flower show design, present ways to organize ideas, choose plant material and execute the actual design.

HAPPENINGS FOR JANUARY:

- Jan. 9: GCGC Board of Directors announces Nominating Committee members.
- Jan. 13: FMLCGC General Meeting (see page 19 for info)
- Jan 17: GCGC Guided Tour of The Mound and Mound House (See page 16 for details)
- Jan.26: Set-up for GCGC Flower Show
- Jan. 27-28: GCGC Flower Show and Plant Sale
- Jan. 30: GCGC Design Workshop (see page 7 for details)

GCGC MEETING - FEBRUARY 13, 2017

9:00 - HOSPITALITY...Coffee and Conversation

✿ HOSTESSES - Lynn Bird & Rose Ford ✿

GREEN THUMB

50/50 RAFFLE

9:30 - WAKE UP AND LEARN

"Invasive Plants"

Caution Advised!

✿ PLANT OF THE MONTH: ✿

Good Tree: *Acer rubra* (Red Maple)

Bad Tree: *Schefflera actinophylla* (Umbrella/octopus tree)

10:40 - PROGRAM - Principles of Design

Leave your hat and sunscreen at home! Chris Gilbert from the Collier County Master Gardener Program will discuss how to apply principles of design in our landscape. Chris has spoken at the Garden Workshops in Naples, run by the master gardeners of Collier County Extension Service. He will take us on a virtual tour using audio/visual aids.

HAPPENINGS FOR FEBRUARY:

Feb. 13: GCGC Nominating Committee announces
Slate of Officers

Feb. 17: GCGC Trip to Koreshan State Historic Site and Happa-
hatchee Center (See page 16 for details)

Feb. 27: GCGC Design Workshop (see page 7 for details)

GCGC MEETING - MARCH 13, 2017

9:00 - HOSPITALITY...Coffee and Conversation

✿ **HOSTESSES - Patricia Eggenschiller & Devon Foley** ✿

GREEN THUMB

50/50 RAFFLE

9:30 - WAKE UP AND LEARN

"Brief Intro to Bonsai & Ikebana"

How They Are Related

✿ **PLANT OF THE MONTH:** ✿

Good Tree: *Koelreuteria elegans* (Flamegold, or Raintree)

Bad Tree: *Melia azedarach* (Chinaberry)

10:00 - ELECTIONS

1st Vice President

3rd Vice President

Recording Secretary

- Finance Committee presents the 2017-2018 Budget

10:40 - PROGRAM - Orchids - Fun & Wild

Judy White of Jade Orchids (a Naples nursery for 26 years and a member of the Naples Orchid Society) will join us to talk about cultivation of orchids as a hobby and the wild orchids that grow naturally in SWFL.

HAPPENINGS FOR MARCH:

March 10: FMLCGC General Meeting (see page 19 for info)

March 17: FMLCGCouncil Flower Show at Council Headquarters

March 27: GCGC Design Workshop (see page 7 for details)

GCGC MEETING - APRIL 10, 2017

ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AT SHANGRI-LA SPRINGS

27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

🌸 HOSTESSES 🌸

Rosemary DiLorenzo and Capp Morris

9:00 - COFFEE AND TEA - Self-guided tour of first floor rooms.

9:30 - WAKE UP AND LEARN

"Tillandsias on Tables"

🌿 PLANT OF THE MONTH: 🌿

Good Tree: *Melaleuca alternifolia* (Tea Tree)

Bad Tree: *Melaleuca quinquervia*

10:00 - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

10:30 - TOUR OF GROUNDS WITH TOUR GUIDE.

11:00 - ORGANIC LUNCH (OPTIONAL) – \$TBA

HAPPENINGS FOR APRIL:

April ??: GCGC Mystery Trip

GCGC MEETING - MAY 8, 2017

9:00 - HOSPITALITY...Coffee and Conversation

🌸 HOSTESS - Janet Gordon 🌸

GREEN THUMB

50/50 RAFFLE

9:30 - WAKE UP AND LEARN

"Bats & Moths"

—The Night Shift of Pollinators

🌸 PLANT OF THE MONTH: 🌸

Ilex cassine (Dahoon Holly)

10:40 - PROGRAM - Plant World of the Calusa

Martha Kendall comes from St. James City and works at the Randell Research Center.

She will speak to us about the plant world of the Calusa. She has written a book by the same name. She is a professional presenter and author. What a great way to learn more about the early inhabitants of SWFL! Her book will be available (\$25 cash only).

HAPPENINGS FOR MAY:

May 12: FMLCGC General Meeting (see page 19 for info)

TRIPS & TOURS:

Trips & Tours Chair and Coordinator:

Audrey Secrest (239 992-4384)

Carpooling from Unity Church for all trips will leave 1 hour before tour, unless otherwise noted. Please park on the south side of the building.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

10:00 am

Six Mile Cyprus Slough Preserve

We will have a 90 minute tour of these wetlands, home to a diverse population of plants and animals, which also serve as a corridor for wildlife to travel safely. A restored boardwalk has recently been opened.

7751 Penzance Blvd

Fort Myers, FL 33966

COST: \$3 per person , \$1/hr car fee.

January 17, 2017

Calusa Indian Mound and Mound House

We will have a guided tour of the oldest standing structure (1921) on Estero Island. It is located on the unique archeological and historical site of the 2000 year old Calusa Indian Shell Mound.

451 Connecticut St.

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

COST: \$10 per person

February 17, 2017

Koreshan State Historic Site and Happahatchee Center

We start at Koreshan State Historic Site. Started in 1894 as a colony known as the Koreshan Unity, it encompasses 11 historic structures and unique ornamental exotic vegetation from throughout the world. Our 1 - 1½ hr. guided tour will concentrate on the landscaping.

After lunch, we will be given a tour of Happahatchee Center, located just across Rt. 41, with its natural setting of trees, vegetation, organic garden, bamboo forests, butterfly garden, and ponds; and home to fish, turtles and birds. The tour will probably take less than an hour.

8791 and 3800 Corkscrew Rd

Estero, FL 33928

COST: \$TBD

April, 2017

Mystery Trip

TBD.

Destination... Paradise



*A Standard
Flower Show*
presented by

Gulf Coast Garden Club

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.,
Deep South Region,
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.,
and Florida District IX

Friday, January 27, 2017, 2:30pm to 6pm
Saturday, January 28, 2017, 10am to 3pm

Unity Church of Bonita Springs
28285 Imperial Parkway
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Free and ☆ Open to the Public

FORT MYERS/LEE COUNTY GARDEN COUNCIL, INC.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council (FMLCGC) offers its member clubs and societies a range of resources to assist in their missions. The Council was created in 1957 as the *Fort Myers Garden Council* by nine local clubs and societies joining together. In 1967 it was renamed the *Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council* as its membership had far outgrown the city limits. The Council now consists of over 20 garden clubs, eight plant societies and two affiliates totaling over 1,800 members. It is the home of the *Berne Davis Botanical Garden* and *Mina Edison Botanical Reference Library*.

A wonderful part of Fort Myers public art history lives on. The graceful 5' tall marble sculpture known as Lorelei is now located at the Berne Davis Garden at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council property, located at 2166 Virginia Avenue.



Lorelei

A founding member of the Periwinkle Garden Club along with Mina Edison and Berne Davis, Evelyn Rhea had a love and respect for the beauty in gardens. During a trip to Italy in 1930, she found the perfect addition to her own riverfront estate garden on East First Street: the finely-sculpted Italian marble sculpture of Lorelei. Upon her death in 1959, Lorelei was donated to the Public Library of Fort Myers.

Lorelei graced the front entry for decades. She stood relatively untouched until 1997, when vandals broke off her head, part of an arm, and several toes. When the library moved to its new quarters, Lorelei was left behind, leaving her future unknown.

Having a strong link to Fort Myers history and Mrs. Rhea, the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council proposed a partnership with the Fort Myers Public Art Committee to protect Lorelei. The statue would be relocated to the Garden Council property, and in return, the Council agreed to fund the maintenance and stabilization. After several months of work by volunteers, Lorelei now graces the entrance to the gardens, where she will continue to share her beauty to all that visit.

FMLCGC General Meetings are open to all, with great programs. They are held the 2nd Friday of the month, every other month, September to May, at Garden Council Headquarters, 2166 Virginia Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

Hospitality 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Meetings 9:30 am - 11:30 am

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| September 9, 2016 | <i>Pine Island Growers & Fruitscapes</i> |
| November 11, 2016 | <i>Everglades Wonder Gardens</i> |
| January 13, 2017 | <i>Archbold Biological Station /Agro-ecology Research Center</i> |
| March 10, 2017 | <i>Brookdale Basketeers</i> |
| May 12, 2017 | <i>Installation of new President</i> |

Special Events:

FMLCG Council Flower Show, “Celebration!” Our Past, Today & Tomorrow, at Council Headquarters, March 17, 2017

Berne Davis Botanical Gardens (at Garden Council Headquarters) are open for tours on Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, October through May.
2166 Virginia Avenue (off McGregor Blvd.) Fort Myers

Botanic Garden Tours - free

Monthly on the second Saturday, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Lakes Regional Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers

GCGC DELEGATES TO FMLGC

Primary: Anina Bachrach, Kathy Erickson, June Rickard
Alternate: Janice Miller

DID YOU KNOW...MEMBERS' CREDENTIALS

ANINA BACHRACH

NGC Gardening Consultant-Master
NGC Landscape Design Consultant-Master
NGC Environmental Studies Consultant
Master Gardener-Michigan

ROBBIE BALTZER

NGC Flower Show Judge-Master
NGC Landscape Design Consultant-Master

CAROL CONANT

NGC Flower Show Judge-Master

JOAN CROWTHER

NGC Flower Show Judge-Master
Master Gardener-New Jersey

KATHY ERICKSON

NGC Gardening Consultant



ROSE FORD

Master Gardener-Florida

LOIS GRESSMAN

"Retired" NGC Flower Show Judge-Master

KATHLEEN HAWRYLUK

FFGC District IX Director
NGC Flower Show Master Judge
NGC Judges Flower Show Design Instructor

ALICE JARVIS

NGC Landscape Design Consultant-Master
NGC Life Member

CAROLE MACK

NGC Flower Show Judge-Master

LOUELLA MCALOOSE

NGC Accredited Judge
Master Gardener-North Carolina

DIANE MCMILLEN

NGC Flower Show Judge-Master
NGC Life Member

JANICE MILLER

NGC Board of Directors 2015-2017
NGC Flower Show Accredited Judge
NGC Landscape Design Consultant
NGC Gardening Consultant
NGC Life Member

JANE MUCHMORE

Emeritis NG Flower Show Judge - Master

LORNA O'HARA

NGC Flower Show Judge-Master

GAIL PICA

NGC Flower Show Judge-Master

BARBARA RICCI

NGC Flower Show Life Judge

MARY SCHOENHEIDER

Master Gardener-Illinois

KATHY SPILKA

NGC Flower Show Judge-Master

JANET WARD

NGC Judge Emeritus-CT
Credentials Chair-CT

JANE WAUGH

President, The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc.
NGC Board of Directors
NGC Landscape Design Consultant-Master
CT Life Member
NGC Life Member

SUZY VALENTINE

President, Gardens of the World Garden Club
2nd Vice President, FMLCG Council
NGC Flower Show Judge-Master
NGC Gardening Consultant
Master Gardener-Florida (Collier County)

