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Programs*

To: Gulf Coast Garden Club Executive Committee

From: Rosemary DiLorenzo and Capp Morris

Date: March 30, 2016

Re: Proposed Program Schedule for 2016-2017

We are proposing the following plan for 2016-2017 for our garden club programs. Our focus has been on local resources and the expert speakers who represent them. We have tried to vary the programs to meet the needs of club members and also to offer something new, or perhaps old, but with a new take on its presentation.

With the exception of the December and April meetings we have told speakers their "time on" would be 10:40-11:30 a.m. We did this to be consistent with this year's program schedule. Due to the "luncheon" involved for the December holiday meeting and the annual spring luncheon, we need to determine where to place the time for the speaker.

Our brief outline is as follows:

**October 10, 2016 10:40-11:30**

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 for a raffle. I suggested that Andy bring business cards or material about her shop. We will offer a \$25 gift card for gas.

**November 14, 2016 10:40-11:30**

Donna Cook comes from Pine Island and is known to many as a "fun speaker". She will demonstrate holiday designing using what you have in the home or yard. Her fee is \$100 for gas reimbursement.

**December 12, 2016**

After the a.m. meeting, 9:30-10:15, our presentation will be from 10:15-11:00. We have asked Farmer Mike, Jr. to speak about "How to Choose your Veggies and Eat Them, Too." Following his presentation which will include a brief synopsis of the history of his family farm, location, and services offered, we will carpool approximately 3 miles to the farm stand (leaving Unity Church about 11 a.m.) for a special seasonal lunch at a special price (TBA). Decidedly a very busy man, Farmer Mike, Jr. showed great enthusiasm for this program inviting us to his farm. We will offer a \$25 gift check for gas reimbursement.

**January 9, 2017 10:40-11:30**

The "Two Designing Divas" program will highlight Suzy Valentine and Kathleen Hawryluk. They will present two decidedly different approaches to flower show design, present ways on how to organize ideas, choose plant material, and execute the actual design. Cost includes flowers

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purchased for presentation as well as a \$35 gift check for gas expenses for each designer (expected total is \$110).

### **February 13, 2017**

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 uses audio/visuals, and we will check what equipment he may need. We will give a \$100 donation to the Master Gardener Program.

### **March 13, 2017**

Judy White of Jade Orchids (a Naples nursery for 26 years and member of the Naples Orchid Society) will join us to talk about the cultivation of orchids as a hobby and the wild orchids that grow naturally in Southwest Florida. We will offer \$35 gift for gas.

### **April 10, 2017**

The annual spring luncheon will be held at:

Shangri-La Springs  
27750 Old 41 Road  
Bonita Springs, FL. 34135

9:00 a.m. Coffee, tea, and water available. Opportunity to view a short film about the history of Shangri-La. A self-guided tour of the rooms on the first floor could be done at this time also.

9:30 a.m. Installation of officers

10:30 a.m. Tour of grounds with tour guide, John.

11:00 a.m. Organic lunch

12:00 a.m. Program ends

Total cost for this event is \$30 per person. This includes lunch, tax, tip & tour. We agreed to be finished by 12:00 noon. We will give the tour guide a small gift (\$15). We project \$25 in additional expenses. We recommend car pooling as parking is limited, but handicapped parking can be arranged. (Tour is outside so wear appropriate shoes.)

### **May 8, 2017. 10:40-11:30 a.m.**

Martha Kendall comes from St. James City and works with 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 and will be selling her book that day also. Anyone interested in purchasing the book should bring \$25 in cash as no checks, debit cards, or credit cards will be accepted. We will offer a \$35 gift check for gas reimbursement. Martha will need a projector and screen for her Power Point program. She comes with a reputation as being a "good" presenter.

We are available for questions or comments on our proposal programs. We explained to the speakers that a brief, one page contract will be mailed to them approximately mid April, 2016. A reminder call or contact will come in September and again 10 days before their scheduled presentation. Both of us are excited about the line up of speakers and have put a lot of effort into finding professional speakers for our club.

Respectfully submitted,

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Budget Projection Total \$470  
Request - \$500 / \$550?