



The Garden Gate

Lemon Bay Garden Club

480 Yale Street, Englewood, Florida April 2023

Our next membership meeting will be at the Clubhouse
on Monday, April 3 at 10:00am.
The program will be "Flowering Trees for Southwest Florida"
which will be presented by Ralph Mitchell.

Bring your lunch.
The Hostess Committee provides drinks and dessert.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to the commitment of dedicated members much has been accomplished this club year. We are well on our way to recovering from Ian. Repairs to the clubhouse are underway. A new roof and a new fence are on the horizon. Our gardens are being revived with the well pump and the irrigation system back in operation.

We have important business to take care of this month. At the April meeting, we will elect our new officers for the 2023-2025 term. The draft Bylaws revisions and the 2023-2024 budget will be emailed to all members to be voted on at our May Annual Meeting.

The May meeting and luncheon will be held at the Heron Creek Country Club on **TUESDAY, May 2.**

Although we do not have club meetings June through September, please plan to join the fun on Friday mornings working in the gardens or making beautiful crafts and cards.

Thank you all for all you do.

With sincere appreciation,
Barb Jacobson
(941) 769-1019

I see trees of green
Red roses too
I see them bloom
For me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world See more



ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

New officers will be elected at the April meeting. The slate of proposed officers and a short biography of each follow.

SLATE:

Susan Burke, President
Suzanne Bayley, Co-1st Vice President
Karen Kissane, Co-1st Vice President
Mary Willhoit, 2nd Vice President
Linda St. Germaine, Recording Secretary
Maryellen Bradley, Corresponding Secretary
Cathy Lackmann, Treasurer

Susan Burke

Susan has been a member, President, Vice President and Program Chair of her New Jersey garden club: The Pines Lake Garden Club. She excels in design, has been her club's Flower Design Chairman for 4 years, plant sale chairman for several years and has attended Flower Show School for 2 years. Susan is also a Master Gardener since 2007. She has been chairman of museum decorating projects, for historic holidays. She is a former Board Member of Lauralwood Arboretum. She has worked in the corporate world and owned her own stained glass business for 13 years.

Suzanne Bayley

New York to Cape Cod to Florida. Biking, birding and butterflies.

Karen Methven Kissane

From the time she was small Karen has been an avid traveler and history buff -attributes and passions instilled by her parents. She was raised in Philadelphia and educated in New England. Her early career was in hotels. She married a hotel executive, Ted, in 1977 and as a result now holds dual United States and Canadian citizenship. She has two grown daughters - one living in Toronto, Canada and one in New York City.

She has strong marketing skills, and experience working on behalf of corporations, municipalities and non-profit organizations. Her oath of community service began as a Girl Scout, and acclimated to new surroundings and friends as a weekly widow raising children in the suburbs. Gardening became an important outlet, therapy, and learning experience in Zone 2 of Banff National Park. She has received recognition by the town of Cohasset MA, the city of San Diego, the town of Banff, and various museums, hospitals and parks.

Mary Willhoit

Mary has had a life-long love of flowers and the outdoors fostered by long walks with her father in the woods and working with him in their flower and vegetable gardens. This former resident of New Jersey, while pursuing her career and raising a family, held varied PTA offices which provided opportunities to share that love with the students through creating memorial gardens, initiating school beautification projects, and planning Arbor Day events.

Upon moving to Florida, Mary visited a few garden clubs before deciding that Lemon Bay Garden Club was the one for her. She joined us as a member in 2019!

Linda St. Germain --- Choose one or all!!

1. Linda enjoyed serving as corresponding secretary and looks forward to her new role as recording secretary. She enjoys her privacy and dislikes writing pretentious crap about herself.

2. I'm the illegitimate child of Strategy and Creativity. Now, neither parent admits to having me.

3. When I was a kid I spent a lot of time in La-la-land. La-la-land is like an out-of-body experience - when your mouth is eating lunch your mind is conversing with Captain Kirk.

Maryellen Bradley

I was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. In 1970 I received my Masters degree in deaf education at Canisius College in Buffalo NY and subsequently taught first grade at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf in Brooklyn for 32 years. My wife (Mary Convy) and I had a vacation home in the Pocono Mountains in PA during that time and we enjoyed spending weekends and summers "in the country". After retiring in 2002 we moved to the PA house but the cold winters soon had us spending more and more time in Florida. We bought our home in Englewood in 2010 and in 2016 gave up the snowbird life and became full time residents. It was around this time that I joined the Lemon Bay Garden Club. I am a member of the Venice Area Quilt guild and in addition to gardening enjoy cooking, hiking and kayaking.

Cathy Lackmann

I have been involved in gardening since I was a young girl. We had a huge vegetable garden on my family's farm which was used to feed our family through the long Minnesota winters. When I married and had a place of my own I kept up the vegetable garden tradition, on a smaller scale, and also expanded my knowledge of bushes, trees and flowers. I always enjoyed yard work and spending time outside during the summer.

I enjoy reading, jigsaw puzzles, genealogy, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. I also bring to the club a lot of experience in bookkeeping. I have worked in a corporate accounting department, managed a medical office, managed a construction office, and have had my own small bookkeeping business through the years. I am currently doing bookkeeping for a local business here in Englewood and I just finished a term as treasurer for our HOA. I look forward to being your treasurer and working with all the great people in the Lemon Bay Garden Club.

MAY LUNCHEON

Plan to be with us for our April meeting & program followed by a special spring dessert buffet. Your LBGC Hostesses are Judy Guinn, Tonyua Hollis, Aria Catterson, Debbie Ott & Joan Tyrer. Bring a sandwich, if you wish. Please volunteer to be part of a hostess team next year.

Sign up for our May 2nd (Tuesday) WHITE PARTY LUNCHEON AT Heron Creek Golf Course in North Port at 10:30a.m. The cost is \$30, tip included. Deadline is April 21. As you know, all attendees are asked to come wearing white!!! What a Kodak moment that will be! Our new officers will be installed following the meeting. We are post Hurricane Ian & Covid is fading, so show your allegiance to our amazing club & join in the fun!

If you need a ride, call a LBGC friend. Call or text me with any concerns. I look forward to seeing a room full of amazing friends dressed in white!

Angie Erickson
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MEMBERSHIP

Yearly dues (\$45) for Club membership can be paid at the April meeting or sent to Linda Geoghegan. Checks can be made out to LBGC. Dues must be paid by May 3.

Linda Geoghegan
1206 Hot Springs Point
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HORTICULTURE

Our plant inventory is at an all time low and the winter weather has not been ideal for propagating new plants to sell. If you find new shrubs, annuals or perennials sprouting up from seed in your landscape, please consider digging them up and donating them to the club. It is best to dig them late on a Thursday or early Friday morning, keep them moist and bring them to the club on Friday morning to be potted. This will increase our inventory faster than taking cuttings to root. We currently have a good supply of salvia, oyster plant, aloe and red fire spike, so these are not needed at this time. As always, we can use your excess bromeliads, especially the more unusual or showy varieties. We can also use any houseplants that may need to be revived or divided.

Thanks to everyone for your help.

Joan Tyrer, Horticulture Chair

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Lemon Bay Garden Club has been thanked by Guadalupe Epiphany Mission for the food donations that we have made to the community of Immokalee. Bobbie Medal has organized these donations for many years.

Thanks, Bobbie. It's nice to have our generosity acknowledged.

CRAFTS

The crafters have been busy making new cards and are offering a large selection of beautiful all-occasion cards to choose from.

Karen Purdue and Becky Silliman

MONTHLY DESIGN AT MEETINGS

Elaine would like to bring back the design/s display at our monthly meetings. We need some lovely designs to inspire us so we can have a flower show in 2024. We could share up to 2 designs per month. Elaine will start by bringing in the design for April's meeting.

If you'd like to give it a try, send your idea, name and the month you'd like to share to Elaine Schweitzer and Elaine will make a schedule. If you're willing to give it a try but haven't a firm idea, contact Elaine for help.

Elaine Schweitzer
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FLOWER POWER

We could have one more Flower Power get together in April if anyone could suggest a project and a date. ...Maybe white hats and/or fascinators to wear to our May luncheon??? Or white corsages??? Talk to Kathy Myers, Barb Jacobson or Elaine Schweitzer

FANTASY FLOWERS WORKSHOP

Twelve members shared a fun, successful Fantasy Flowers Workshop on Tuesday, March 28. They learned about cardboard palm, hot pots, corn husks, and more! Hopefully the ladies will make additional Fantasy Flowers creations to donate to our craft group for sale.



ARBOR DAY

Break-time at our meeting will include the planting of two Dahoon Holly trees on our property. The trees have been donated to our club by People For Trees, Inc., a not-for-profit organization located in North Port whose mission is to create awareness about the importance of protecting and maintaining our native trees.

For those of you wondering just what a Dahoon Holly is, a bit of info and a few pictures taken from IFAS Extension, University of Florida website. (edis.ifas.ufl.edu)

“Attractive when tightly clipped into a tall screen or allowed to grow naturally into its single-trunked, small tree form, dahoon holly is ideal for a variety of landscape settings. Capable of reaching 40 feet in height, dahoon holly is usually seen at a height of 20 to 30 feet with an 8 to 12-foot spread. The smooth, supple, shiny dark green, evergreen leaves, two to three inches long, have just a few serrations near the tip. Possessing male and female flowers on separate plants, at least two dahoon hollies (male and female) must be planted in the landscape to ensure production of the brilliant red berries in fall and winter. The berries serve as an excellent food source for wildlife but are far less prevalent than on East palatka or Fosters holly.”

Ilex cassine

Plant



Figure 5. Fruit—*Ilex cassine* Dahoon holly



Figure 6. Flower—*Ilex cassine* Dahoon holly

Note: Both IFAS Extension and People for Trees, Inc can be found on Facebook as well as on their own websites.