



The Garden Gate

Lemon Bay Garden Club

480 Yale Street, Englewood, Florida February 2024

Our next membership meeting will be at the Clubhouse
on Monday,
February 5 at 10:00am.
The program will be "Wild Florida"
and will be presented by Mary Lundeberg, Ph. D., Author/Activist
Ms. Lundeberg will have some of her books available for purchase.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **(with MANY liberties taken by the editor!)**

We've had quite a busy time so far this year. A beach picnic. An off-site meeting at Lemon Bay Park. Our Garden Fair - Tour of local gardens plus plant and craft sales where we made almost \$10,000! A nice luncheon at Heron Creek G&C Club in North Port. Some very interesting speakers: Forest Hecker ("Planting for Wildlife and Pollinators"), Bobbi Rogers ("Plant Replacement after Ian"), Jon Thaxton (who nixed his planned talk to educate us about "Sarasota Then and Now," based on his knowledge of Sarasota attributed to his family's five generations of Sarasotans). And just recently tree removal and replacement on our property, Florida Arbor Day Tree Plantings, and Charlotte County Proclamations honoring LBGC, the Port Charlotte Garden Club and the Punta Gorda Garden Club.

WHEW!!! All that since October!! Who ever thought garden clubbing could be so interesting, exhausting - and most of all so rewarding?!

Next up is the Rummage Sale! A chance to clean out your closets, garages, attics, and those nooks and crannies where you've stashed all the stuff you haven't had the heart to toss.



Well, Let the fun continue!!

With sincere appreciation,
Sue Burke, President



RUMMAGE SALE

I hope all of you are preparing for our upcoming Rummage, Bake and Plant Sales as am I. This is your chance to clean out those special spots at home. You know. ... those spots that take up valuable storage space with items that haven't been used in a very long time. How about your jewelry box? Does it have several single earrings waiting to be reunited with a long lost partner? Perhaps there is a necklace you no longer wear or cherish that could be donated. These items, boxed, bagged and brought to the Clubhouse will make some Garden-Club-supporting shopper very happy!

Items for donation can be placed on the porch after our February 5 meeting or any other day for the rest of that week and the next between 9am and noon. Items may include DVDs, VCR tapes, games, cookbooks, and coffee table books. All VINTAGE items seem to sell well and are certainly welcome. NO ELECTRONICS will be accepted.

Flyers are at the end of the newsletter and attached to the email. Please print and distribute them to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and businesses willing to display them.

After the February 5 meeting, setup will begin. Please fold your chair and take it outside to the breezeway for storage. If you can, please help with table setup. Maps will be available to guide placement. If you have a free hour or two, feel free to lend a hand from 9am til noon, February 6 thru February 13. We'll be collecting, sorting, pricing and displaying donations.

There are signup sheets for all the tasks needed to ensure a successful sale. Volunteers are needed to hand out flyers at the Englewood Farmers Market on February 8 and 15. Volunteers are needed as traffic coordinators, cashiers, baggers, floaters/sales people.

Thanks in advance - Barbara Gordon 941-391-2753

A Bake Sale will also be held - coordinated by Anna Hook. ... Calling all members to assist with this year's Bake Sale held along with the Rummage and Plant Sales. We need to provide energy for all those coming to purchase as well as our own members who will be working so hard. We welcome all kinds of baked goods and sweet goodies: candies, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, muffins, rolls, etc. Please label items as to what they are and if they are gluten free, lactose free, or contain nuts. You can prepackage items in small ziplock bags (suggested is 4 cookies per bag) or bring your goodies in bulk as we have packaging containers/bags on hand. We will accept baked goods and goodies on Thursday morning, February 15 from 9am til 1pm. Or contact Anna Hook to make other arrangements.

Thanks in advance - Anna Hook 217-259-2662

And of course, how would we call ourselves a Garden Club if we didn't add a Plant Sale to the festivities!!? Signup sheets will also be available at the meeting for various shifts.

Coordinator is Joan Tyrer - 941-474-2061

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Englewood Elementary School has received a grant from UF/Sarasota County Extension Services to support a vegetable garden patch outside a second grade classroom. Karen Kissane is looking for Club volunteers to assist in this project.

In years past LBGC has planted and helped maintain a butterfly garden as well as a vegetable garden with the second grade students.

All who are interested in working with the second graders (gardening and reading in the classroom) will first need to sign up with Sarasota County Schools to be a Level 1 Volunteer.

Contact Karen Kissane (kkisane2@hotmail.com ... 941-218-6155)

CRAFTING

Crafting will resume after the Rummage/Bake/Plant Sales on Friday mornings from 9am til noon. It will be fun seeing everyone as we start planning and creating new crafts for our fall sale. We look forward to our new members joining us and sharing their ideas and passion.

Remember to pack a sandwich for lunch!

Thank you, Karen Purdue and Becky Silliman

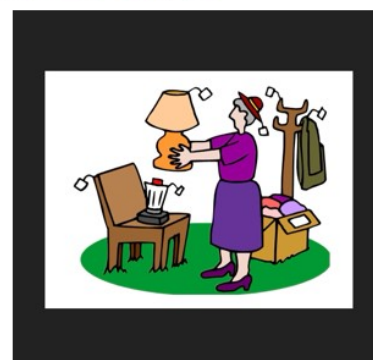
LemonBay Garden Club Rummage and Plant Sale



**2/15/24 Preview \$3 Donation
10AM-1PM**



**2/16/24 Free Admission
9AM-1PM**



**2/17/24 \$5 Bag Sale
9AM-1PM**

**480 Yale St, Englewood- Corner of Yale and Cedar
501(c)(3) Non Profit Organization**

SPRING DISTRICT VIII MEETING



Lemon Bay Garden Club is one of the 21 garden clubs in District VIII of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. There are 12 Districts in Florida. Our District color is red. The District Director is Phyllis Weber from the Lakewood Ranch Garden Club.

In the Fall and the Spring of each year a club hosts a meeting for the District Officers and members of all the clubs to come together. On Thursday, May 9th our club will be hosting the District Meeting at Heron Creek Country Club in North Port. There will be morning coffee, a business meeting, an opportunity to hear from Club Presidents, a luncheon, card sales, raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, and a program.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. If you would like to be on the Committee for this event please contact Barb Jacobson at the club meeting or by email: Chuck7503@aol.com Registration flyer coming soon.



TAILS AND FINS

SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024

District VIII Spring Meeting

Heron Creek Golf & Country Club

North Port, Florida

Hosted by Lemon Bay Garden Club, Inc.

Program by Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Welcome to our new Club members!!

BOVA, Carrie	ROULEAU, Louise	YERGEAU, Paula
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BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Check out the new addition to our Butterfly Garden thanks to the Sarasota County Rain Barrel Program!

