



# The Garden Gate

Lemon Bay Garden Club

480 Yale Street, Englewood, Florida November 2024

Our next membership meeting will be on Monday, November 4  
At the Clubhouse

The program will be "The Bee Lady" presented by Christy Linke and will begin at 10am.

*"Just the facts, ma'am. Nothing but the facts."  
.... Joe Friday*

*...Well, most of them anyway.... Mari Franklin*

## **WINTER LUNCHEON**

Our winter luncheon has been changed due to recent storms. It is now on Monday, 12/2/24, at 11:00 at Boca Royale Country Club on 1601 Englewood Road, Englewood. It will be \$40 per person. The menu is buffet style: Caesar salad, chicken parmesan, grilled shrimp, jasmine rice, seasonal vegetables, assorted cookies, water, soft drinks, coffee, tea. Cash bar available.

Checks made payable to LBGC can be given to Debbie Ott at the meeting on Monday, November 4 or sent to her at: Debbie Ott, 5837 S Miami Rd, Venice, FL 34293. Please call Debbie with any questions: 732-740-7534.

Thanks.... Debbie Ott

## **District VIII Meeting**

The District VIII Meeting was a success. Centerpieces and place settings were cleverly created to reflect the "Fins and Tails" theme.

The speaker, also in keeping with the theme, was from Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium. We all had the opportunity to handle and/or see manatee bones, turtle shells and bones, and learn about the creatures that inhabit our waters.

An amazing number of baskets were raffled off with useful, clever and fun items. And just a few bottles of wine!

Kudos to all who worked at the meeting and especially the talented organizers - Barb Jacobson and Elaine Schweitzer

## **GARDENS**

Our Club property, like that of many of our members' properties, were hit hard by the back-to-back hurricanes, Helene and Milton. Members have suffered enormous losses including belongings, property and even huge damage to their homes. We all have quite a bit of work ahead of us.

While there is damage to trees, bushes and plants, the horticulture areas are recovering. Bromeliads are looking good thanks to the hard work of our bromeliad experts. The propagation shed is filling up - with everyone hoping that the new cuttings take root. The sales area for the plants we've propagated looks pretty empty.

Our butterfly garden is in need of a lot of work. Not only have bushes been damaged but the weeds have taken over due to the glorious amounts of rain - also known as Hurricanes Helene and Milton. No special expertise is needed!! Bring your gardening gloves and a bottle of water and prepare to dig in (and pull out) those lousy weeds! If you have suggestions about what plants to plant or how to design the garden, we can all chat to hash out some ideas.

Many of the other areas are in need of work - and workers. Weeding, trimming bushes, picking up plant debris and just showing a friendly face and giving encouragement can help.

Please consider giving a couple of hours to lend a hand. Normal workdays are Fridays from about 8:30am to 10:30am, with some of the workers staying later or even coming in for an hour or two on other days of the week that are more convenient for them.

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

Mark your calendars for this year's Rummage Sale which will be held on the following days:

Thursday, February 20, 2025 - Pre sale, \$5 entry donation  
Friday, February 21, 2025 - free admission  
Saturday, February 22, 2025 - \$5 per bag

Right now is the time to clean out and pack up those gently used, clean items that you're willing to part with. Remember these donated items can become a treasured bargain in another household.

Advertising - especially on social media - reached the most number of customers in the past. You can help us advertise by posting a flyer about the sale on your social media (most notably Facebook, Instagram, and X), distributing flyers when they become available. You will be alerted to further details of preparatory work days to deliver donations to the club, set up, sales work and clean-up. Remember circle the dates, donate, advertise, and volunteer to work.

Thanks in advance, Barbara Gordon, Sue Burke and Co-Chairs

...Barbara Gordon and Sue Burke

## **HOUSE**

The Clubhouse floor has been replaced. Beautiful job!!

The vanity and faucet in the bathroom has been replaced by our "Leonard of all trades" - Leonard Lackmann.

...Linda Geoghegan

## **HORTICULTURE SHOW AND GARDEN FAIR**

First the bad news - The Garden Fair has been cancelled courtesy of Helene and Milton. I'm sure you all recognize those names.

And now the *GOOD NEWS* - The Horticulture Show will happen as planned - and all will act as a learning experience for all.

Elaine Schweitzer and Barb Jacobson will be presenting training sessions that ALL are encouraged to attend. They will cover all aspects of creating a Horticulture entry at a level that we all can understand. This will de-mystify, de-scarify, and de-worrify the process for all of us.

As you (should) know, our goal as a garden club is to give back to our communities. The Flower/ Horticulture shows that we have presented are free to the public and can serve to interest others in joining our club and sharing their knowledge - as well as us sharing our knowledge with them.

Please mark your calendars to attend the trainings and participate in the Horticulture Show.

More details at the membership meeting.

Contact: Barb Jacobson and Elaine Schweitzer