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MARATHON GARDEN CLUB

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Letter from the President

Welcome Back, again! Wait until you all see the inside of the Club. The walls have been painted and as you receive this newsletter the new carpeting has arrived and is awaiting installation. A huge thank you to 3rd Vice President, Dale Chorebanian, for making all this happen.

Have you seen the Gift Shop? Gail and Alene have worked all summer on our little shop. They have new merchandise and the shop has a lovely new look. Thank you ladies for all your hard work. The shop is currently open and sales have been steady! Stop in.

So as the 'season' begins, we look forward to our first big event: Holiday Treasures Sale and Razzle Dazzle Boutique...did you save your holiday stuff to bring in?

Also, our annual Christmas Dinner is being planned. The Chef at the Marathon High School Culinary Institute will be catering

our dinner this year which will be held at the Club so that we can showcase our newly renovated room. See the invitation (on page 5) in this newsletter.

One update: there will NOT be a Holiday Centerpiece workshop in December as listed in your yearbook.

HOUSE TOUR UPDATE: as of this writing we have only one house for the tour. A huge thank you to Susan Bankard to agreeing to put her house on the tour. However, we NEED MORE HOMES AND GARDENS!!!! This is everyone's responsibility, so please, please offer up your house/garden or give us names of owners that we can contact. We are now desperate. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year.

Lastly, thank you to Linnea Cunningham for handling the October meeting for me. See you all at the November meeting.

Rosemary Thomas

SAVE THESE DATES

November 29, 2014 Holiday Treasures Sale & Razzle Dazzle Boutique

December 13, 2014 MGC Christmas Dinner at Garden Club

January 24, 2015 January Jamboree

March 6, 2015 Wine & Cheese Party for House Tour volunteers, art donors & property owners

March 7, 2015 House & Garden Tour

1st Vice President's Report

Patrick Garvey, owner of the former Grimal Grove property on Big Pine Key, and founder of the "Growing Hope Initiative", will be the featured speaker at our monthly meeting on **Friday, November 21st**. Patrick will share with us his vision for transforming this 1.7 acre property once owned by tropical fruit tree collector Adolph Grimal, into a continuing education center focused on growing edible plants and trees.

We will also learn what makes this site particularly unique for his plans based on its elevation, unique irrigation system, the approximately 40 edible species on site and how we can help with the process.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public.



The **HOLIDAY TREASURES SALE** (please see flyer attached at the end of this newsletter) is fast approaching and we need your help! On Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th (from 9am-1pm at the club) we will be accepting those gently used **Christmas decorations & ornaments** for our second largest fund raiser of the year to be held on Saturday, November 29, 2014 from 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you are not planning on returning to the Keys in time for the sale and have items you would like to donate, please contact either Sande Neiditz (Sneiditz@gmail.com) or Mary Ann Worthington (wewbuilder@aol.com).

We will also be accepting **Holiday clothing & accessories** for the "**Razzle Dazzle Boutique**". The more "Bling", the better. Linnea will be selling plants from the nursery, so **decorative pots and containers** will also be accepted. If you have a special recipe for **Holiday Goodies**, those items will be appreciated. **Please contact Loi Baltes** (ljinthekeys@yahoo.com)

regarding how you can help with the Gourmet Table We will be looking for things that make nice gifts and/or keep well such as: jams, jellies, spiced nuts, rum cakes, fruit cakes, truffles, etc. Surprise us! Those items can be dropped off on Friday, November 28th.

In addition, we will be hosting orchid, jewelry, art & handmade ornament vendors to start your holiday shopping. There will be a Chinese Raffle and a "Money Tree" benefitting our Scholarship Fund. The "Money Tree" will be comprised of gift certificates placed on a Norfolk Pine donated by Linnea from the club nursery. **Dale Chorebanian will be looking for gift certificates to put on this tree** (dalechorebanian@hotmail.com). Possibly you have received some that you have not used or want to donate one from a store or business you frequent. This would be so helpful in making the "Money Tree" a big success and it will help grow our scholarship fund.

Mark your calendar for November 29th. This should be a fun day, helps to support the club and will get you into the Holiday Spirit.

Mary Ann Worthington

FFGC District XII Fall Meeting

The Coral Gables Garden Club hosted an outstanding District meeting on Oct. 20th at the magnificent Biltmore Hotel with 100+ in attendance. The FFGC officers were all on hand to bring us up to date. MGC delegates, from l→r, were Pat Greeley, Donna Hanson & Nancy Miller. It was fun to see old friends and make some new acquaintances. Donna was the lucky one in the group; the winner of



Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 17, 2014

Opening

The regular meeting of the Marathon Garden Club was called to order at 1:05 on Friday, October 17, 2014 at the Marathon Garden Club by Linnea Cunningham in the absence of President, Rosemary Thomas. The Invocation was given by Janie Byland, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Phyllis Schewe stated 5 members had joined the garden club during the summer. Currently our membership is 101. Phyllis then welcomed and introduced 4 guests.

Linnea thanked Betsy Philipps as the hostess and Phyllis Schewe for her floral arrangement. She also thanked Nancy Miller for being the Greeter.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting luncheon were printed in the membership newsletter. Sande Neiditz made a motion which was seconded by Laurie Reeves to approve the minutes as printed. All agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Carl Miller began the treasurer's report by saying the club had a very good summer financially, especially with club rentals. As of October 16th there was \$22,000.00 in the bank account, but the club would have large expenses with the floor expenses, painting and bumper rail placement. A check for \$6,000.00 was written for carpeting. The club also has C.D's valued at approximately \$20,000.00

Existing Issues:

Gift Shop - Alene Teynor talked about the recently updated gift shop. She passed around two sign-up sheets to work in the gift

shop. Gail Shambaugh demonstrated some to the items for sale in the gift shop,

Holiday Treasures Sale and Razzle Dazzle Boutique

Sande Neiditz explained the sale and boutique that will be November 29th from 9 A.M. until 2 P.M. Sande stated there are 7 portions to the boutique and sale.

1. Gently used Christmas decorations.
2. Gently used holiday clothing for the Boutique.
3. Linnea will have plants from the nursery for sale.
4. Holiday goodies as jams, jellies, nuts or other specialty items.
5. A few vendors.
6. Chinese raffle which will consist of a money tree with gift cards.
7. Small table top decorated trees that will be for sale.

The membership can help by bringing their gently used items to the club Nov. 24th or 25th (9-2) Food items can be brought to the club (Friday) Nov. 28th (9-2) It was hoped members could bring their donated gift cards to the next membership meeting November 21st. Sande also asked that all members take a couple of posters to put up around town.

House and Garden Tour - Sande Neiditz stated they are still looking for homes for the House and Garden tour. Thus far they have no homes for the event March 7th. Betsy Philipps also made a plea for houses.

As there were no more issues to discuss, Linnea announced that Rosemary would be arriving this week and was looking forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting. Linnea then introduced Janice Duquesnel who had a very interesting presentation about rare plants and their conservation. The program was followed by the raffle drawing and meeting adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Hamrick, Recording Secretary

Mark your Calendar

Wed., Nov. 12 MGC Board Mtg. 9 am

Sat., Nov. 16 UF/IFAS Plant Clinic 9-12 at Home Depot, 4555 O/S Hwy, Marathon

Friday, Nov. 21 MGC Meeting 1 pm

Nov. 29 Holiday Treasures Sale & Razzle Dazzle Boutique 9 am - 2 pm

Dec. 12 Holiday Centerpieces Workshop has been cancelled

Dec. 13 Christmas Dinner

Jan. 24 January Jamboree 8:30 am - 3 pm

Mar. 7 House & Garden Tour

Apr. 18-19 **Rhythm of the Tropics, FFGC**
89th Annual Convention hosted by members of District XI and District XII (*that's us*) at the Embassy Suites, Boca Raton

Garden Volunteers

The garden continues to grow and the season has arrived when many guests visit the Garden Club. We are very proud of all the work that a few hardy souls put into keeping the grounds looking good but we could use more help. If you're interested in getting your hands dirty and learning about plants: their identification, growing habits, susceptibility to pest and disease and care, come join us on Thursday mornings and help keep the garden beautiful (8:30-11:00) or whatever time you can spare.

Thank you,

Scarlett Duffy

Yearbooks

The 2014-2015 Yearbook will be available at the November meeting. It can also be viewed and/or printed as a pdf file which was sent directly to MGC members.

Contact Nancy Miller with any corrections:
E-mail: Cnmil@msn.com

Horticulture Tip

Monarch butterflies, those quintessential garden beauties, are in decline. To help in the repopulation effort, plant one of their primary food sources, milkweed, in your garden.

Pat Greeley

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is currently open Wed. thru Sat. from 10 - 2. Gail and Alene still need a few volunteers for Saturdays and some more so they can open on Monday & Tuesday. Stop by the shop to see all the new merchandise or give them a call if you would like to help.

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Rosemary Adams (MGC member from 1993-2005) on the passing of her husband, Bob [Dr. Robert Adams].

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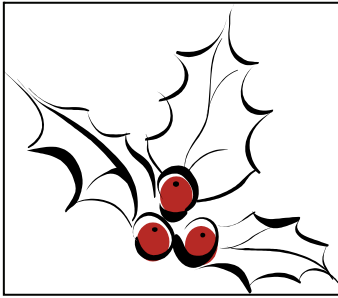
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Marathon Garden Club Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2014

Marathon Garden Club MM50

Cocktails: 6:00pm (wine, beer, soft drinks included)

\$40/per person

Buffet: Herb Crusted Snapper, Balsamic Glazed Chicken, Pasta Pomodoro, vegetables, rice and dessert

Please make checks payable to **Marathon Garden Club**; mail the portion below with your check to: Rosemary Thomas

204 Anglers Dr South
Marathon, FL 33050

Questions: call Rosemary at 289-9537

Reservations due by: 12/08/14

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____

Holiday Treasures

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Boutique

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MM 50 Bayside



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Juanita's Orchids - Orchids & Arrangements
Gail and Amber Holley - Unique Ornaments & Gifts
Bees-n-the-Keys - Local Florida Keys Honey
The Village Square - Jewelry & Gifts

The Marathon Garden Club's
Annual Holiday Sale, featuring:

- ✦ Gently used Christmas decorations and holiday items
- ✦ Holiday clothing and accessories
- ✦ Orchid sale
- ✦ Raffle items
- ✦ Money Tree
- ✦ Gourmet goodies
- ✦ Gift vendors
- ✦ *Plus!* A plant sale from the club nursery