

Gardeners Out East Newsletter

Welcome to the official Gardeners Out East Newsletter! We will bring you timely information about everything GOE.



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Carolyn's Corner

This month Carolyn talks about a subject that is very dear to her heart: the importance of butterflies for our environment.

Programs

There is so much exciting news about our programs, we gave them a whole page. It is also on the GOE website.

Topics of interest

Sandra Lewis makes the most beautiful raffle baskets but she needs stuff for the baskets. If you have items you wish to donate, preferably new, please contact her.

GOE News

Editor: Nancy Schneider

We are off and running for our exciting new year with Gardeners Out East! This is the program issue. Our Hospitality Team led by Sandra Lewis and our Program Team led by JoAnn Graceffo have put together some wonderful programs for the year. We are kicking it off with a Garden Tea Party on October 4th at Judy Johnson's house in Country Club West! Bring a favorite old tea cup and/or wear a wonderful hat. More details are inside. We hope to see all of you there! Please remember If you have a friend who wants to join a great group of people, invite them to become part of GOE!

Please note: Our meetings will be held at the Celebration of Life Center 4310 Solutions Lane, Lakewood Ranch, Florida

Our website www.gardenersouteast.com is being updated. We have started making changes but more to come. Butterfly is the password to use and then change to your own. Please visit the site. It has lots of helpful information.



Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn Lowry-Nation

One of my more favorite subjects to learn about, talk about, and watch are Butterflies. They are so important to our food chain. How else would gardens, both flower and veggie, would get pollinated if it weren't for butterflies, bees, wasps and other valuable pollinators.

DID YOU KNOW... Butterflies taste through their feet! Although some of a butterfly's taste receptors are located on their tube shaped mouthparts and antennae, most are found on their tarsus, or the bottom segment on their legs. The location of these receptors may seem odd, but they're vital to a butterfly's survival. Before a butterfly transforms into an adult, it spends its early days as a caterpillar gorging on surrounding plant material and growing, in some cases, around 1,000 times its birth weight. It uses those calories for their further growth.

Some caterpillars can munch on a family of plants; others eat only specific ones. The Black Swallowtail for example, is also known as the "parsley worm" because it eats several plants related to parsley, such as carrots, celery and parsnips. The endangered Monarch Butterfly caterpillar only munches on milkweed or a derivative of milkweed. While we just mentioned the Black Swallowtail and Monarch, we should mention the Florida State butterfly is the Zebra Longwing.

One of our members who became as excited about the Monarch Butterfly as I have purchased a butterfly house from Amazon for the caterpillars to spend their time munching away. She calls this procedure is known as "eating corn on the cob," Basically, they eat from one side to the next until the plant is completely gone. Amazing how these caterpillars can scarf down milkweed plant, even the stems!

For me, I have been selfish and have enjoyed the Monarch on my lanai...but since this member releases hers for posterity, I begrudgingly, have been allowing mine to fly free... Runaway!

Announcements

Save the Date:

October 4th: A Garden Tea Party: Membership meeting at Judy Johnson's home in 6649 The Masters Avenue, Country Club West from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Bring a favorite tea cup!

Birthdays:

CeCe Eckert: October 24
Melodie Friedebach: October 28

If you haven't already, please give your birthday (not year) to Maddie Daraio so we can include you in our newsletter.

Items of interest:

If you are interested in joining a committee, here is a list of opportunities and contacts:

Gold Star: Melodie Friedebach

Hospitality: Sandra Lewis

Membership: Maddie Daraio

Program: Joann Graceffo

Publicity: Nancy Schneider

Sunshine: Sandra Lewis (Please let Sandra know if any of our members are in the hospital or infirm at home or have deaths in the family so we can send our condolences.

New Members: Please welcome Sandy Hannigan to GOE!

Classes

FFGC FLORAL DESIGN STUDY SERIES UNITS 1-6:
Learn Step-by-Step Floral Design sponsored by Garden Club of St. Petersburg. 6 sessions starting January 4 2023. Contact: Jill Anderson: jillandersn@aol.com (727) 798-1970

Meeting Calendar

October 4th: A Garden Party Membership meeting at Judy Johnson's home. Bring your favorite tea cup and if you want, wear a fun hat. Her address is 6649 The Masters Avenue, Country Club West from 11:30 to 2:00.

November 7th: A fun "bow making class" by Gilly Girl owner June Philips. The class is \$20 cash and bring your scissors. You will go home with bows for your holiday presents. An evite will come out during October.

December 6th: Holiday Party and Luncheon at Rosemary and Thyme 511 W. Orange St. Sarasota from 11:30-2:00 PM. It will be a 3 course pre fixe lunch \$32.00 including tax and tip. As always, there will be some great raffle baskets.

January: No Meeting

February 6th: Field trip to Historic Spanish Point. It is located at 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. Lunch will be in a nearby restaurant. We will be carpooling there so watch for more news! Selby Garden's members are free and guest of members are \$12.00.

March 13th: Orchids! Everyone's favorite topic. The speaker will be Roy Krueger who is an expert in everything relating to orchids. He is a great speaker. He is a past president of the Manatee Orchid Society.

April 10th: TBD

May 9th: Year End Finale to be held at Ginny Kepp's home 4919 Bonito in Esplanade at Lakewood Ranch. More details to come

**All meetings will be held at:
The Celebration of Life Center
4310 Solutions Lane
Lakewood Ranch, Florida unless stated
otherwise.**

2022-2023 Programs!



Garden tea party



Historic Spanish Point