

# Gardeners Out East Newsletter

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



## GOE News

Editor: Nancy Schneider

We hope everyone enjoyed the membership meeting October 4<sup>th</sup>. Sandra and our hospitality team put together a fun afternoon. We want to thank Judy Johnson for letting us spend time together at her beautiful home. See pictures in following pages. In November, we have another fun event with June Philips of Gilly Girls boutique in Lakewood Ranch.

Please visit our website [www.gardenersouteast.com](http://www.gardenersouteast.com) for lots more information about GOE. If you never signed on, the password is "Butterfly" and then change to your own.

### IN THIS ISSUE

#### **Carolyn's Corner**

This month Carolyn talks about a GOE as a giving organization and wants us to think about projects that help the environment or people.

#### **New feature**

Each month, we will post a new butterfly or some other picture. Guess the butterfly type. Send it to me (Nancy Schneider).

#### **Please Help**

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



## Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn Lowry-Nation

At the time Gardeners Out East became a reality in August, 2014, the originating members had a purpose. We were working on getting Amendment One, The Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative constitutional amendment, on the ballot. In order to do that, 1000 signatures were necessary from Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. GOE was going to do their share. It required members to go door to door and explain the nature of the referendum and describe the importance.

The Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative constitutional amendment asked voters if funds should be reserved to improve recreational and other lands with the state. The fund would acquire and improve conservation easements, wildlife habitats and recreational trails among other areas. In the November election that year the referendum passed; thus, the GOE members experienced success.

I have shared this story because in the future of Gardeners Out East, I personally would like to incorporate another meaningful purpose. With the upcoming placement of the Gold Star Memorial at the Library will provide meaningful purpose, but we are capable of more reasons for being. I am asking each member to give thought towards a worthwhile project, be it a community service, Habitat for Humanity Landscaping, etc.

## Announcements

**Save the Date: November 7<sup>th</sup>:** A fun "bow making class" by Gilly Girl owner June Philips. Gilly Girl is a gift boutique in Fantasy Flowers on Main Street. She is a dynamic speaker. You won't want to miss this fun event. The class is \$15 cash and bring your scissors. You will go home with bows for your holiday presents. An evite will come out during October so look for it in your email!

### Birthdays:

Gwen Grottola: November 1  
 Jeanne Michaels: November 11  
 Coleen Pfannenstiel: November 6  
 Maria Vikan: November 11  
 Kelley Wood: November 20

**New Members:** Please welcome Maria Baez, Tricia Brocco, Maria Vikan, Jen Champion, and Carol Klein-Touati to GOE!

### Add GOE to your Amazon Account:

AmazonSmile gives non-profits funds without doing anything but shopping on Amazon. You can sign up too by going to your Amazon account, select "Accounts and Lists," select "AmazonSmile Charity Lists," put Gardeners Out East in the search line and select it. Once activated, go to your Amazon shopping app and activate Amazon smile on your phone. That is all you have to do!

### 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

## 2022- 2023 Meeting Calendar

**November 7th:** A fun "bow making class" by Gilly Girl owner June Philips. The class is \$15 **cash** and bring your scissors. You will go home with bows for your holiday presents. An evite will come out during October. If you can, please bring the \$35 for the holiday luncheon as well (also cash).

**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 \$35.00 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. Please bring guests.

**April 10th:** This is the membership voting meeting for the new officers. There will be two speakers: Tammy Parrott, Manatee County Library Services Manager and Lorenzo Liberti, a high school youth who creates wooden US flags to honor veterans.

**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.**

**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.

### Membership Meeting Photos!

