

# 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 writes about our visit to Historic Spanish Point and provides a bit of context to our visit.

### **New feature**

Except for this month, we will have a new butterfly or some other picture. Guess the butterfly type. Send it to me (Nancy Schneider).

### **Please Help**

We are looking for people who would like to be on committees. Please see the list and heads of the committees on following pages

## GOE News

Editor: Nancy Schneider

On behalf of GOE, we wish everyone a Happy New Year. Our new year will be filled with lots of interesting meetings and field trips. Please come and enjoy all of them. We will be looking for feedback from you because you are the reason for our club.

Please remember there is no meeting in January. February will resume with a visit to Spanish Point. There is much more information inside. If you haven't gotten your Evite for the event, please contact Karen Eckert. Joann Graceffo will be making lunch reservations at Deep Lagoon. It is very close to Spanish Point. We will be carpooling so watch for more news.



## Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn Lowry-Nation

Since we are visiting Historic Spanish Point in February, I thought I would provide some color around the visit because it is a historic, environmental, and botanical site. Archeologic records exist from approximately 6000 years ago. Prehistoric people living on Tampa Bay's shoreline began using ceramics and transitioned from nomadic hunters to settled subsistence societies. They used the Sarasota Bay abundant resources to further develop permanent and seasonal settlements. They developed specialized tools but disappeared from the archeological records from the site around 1100 AD. Fast forward to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, a New Yorker named John Webb moved his family to Sarasota with a short stopover in Key West. There he met a Spanish trader who told him about an elevated site on the shores of Sarasota Bay. John named the site "Spanish Point." The family planted citrus, sugar cane, and other vegetables and built a packing house to ship the citrus north. In the early 1900's, John tried to sell parcels of land to new settlers but it was not successful. In 1910, a wealthy Chicago socialite named Bertha Palmer bought Spanish Point and thousands of acres for cattle ranching, citrus groves, and real estate development. She was a force in Sarasota history. She preserved pioneer buildings and connected them with lavish gardens and lawns. In 1959, her grandson dedicated her home as a museum. The location offers an opportunity to view different habitats and plant and tree combinations. Among the most important are the mangroves. It is also the home of many species of birds and insects including my beloved butterflies. Enjoy your visit!

## Announcements

### No Meeting in January

**Save the Date: February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Join us to visit Historic Spanish Point at 10:00. If you have not received your Evite, please contact Karen Eckert at 727-542-0905. For members of Selby Garden, the cost is free. If you go with a member, it is \$8 otherwise it is \$16. After our visit, we will have lunch at the Deep Lagoon, 482 Blackburn Ave, Osprey. Reservations will be made for 12:30. It is important that we get a good headcount for both Spanish Point and for Deep Lagoon.

### Birthdays:

Sandra Lewis: February 2  
Debbie Coppola: February 3  
Ginny Kepp: February 13  
Gwyneth Paget: January 4  
Nancy Schneider: January 25

**New Members:** Please welcome Pam Glenn!

**Name Tags:** GOE name tags are available for purchase. Contact Venwood Awards at [sales@venwoodawards.com](mailto:sales@venwoodawards.com). They are \$8.00 plus shipping and tax. Their phone number is 931-473-0708.

**Tee Shirts:** Either Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve Tee Shirts are available from Salty Printing. We will have to put together a minimum of 6 of a single type to have them printed. The price will be \$19 for short sleeves and \$22 for long sleeves. 2XL and 3XL will have an additional cost.

### Classes

For those of you who love orchids, the Venice Orchid Society on February 4-5th at the Venice Community Center in Downtown Venice.

GOE Website

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

## 2022- 2023 Meeting Calendar

### January: No Meeting

**February 13<sup>th</sup>:** 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 13<sup>th</sup>:** Orchids! Everyone's favorite topic. The speaker will be Julie McClure who is the President of the Manatee Orchid Society. Please bring guests.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** 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 9<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

### **Exciting News: GOE is honored to place a Gold Star Memorial at the New Lakewood Ranch Library**

GOE has received written approval from Manatee County to place a Gold Star Memorial at the new Lakewood Ranch Library at 16410 Rangeland Parkway.

The library is expected to be completed this summer. We anticipate the dedication will take place in November. Club members who are interested in working on the planning committee to coordinate the dedication ceremony should contact Melodie Friedebach at [mfriedeb@gmail.com](mailto:mfriedeb@gmail.com)

Below is an example of the Gold Star Memorial



