

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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This month, we have a guest columnist. Tiffany Mautino is the Branch Supervisor for the LWR Library. We will be welcoming her at our meeting

New feature

Because it is Easter and Passover, our flower for this month is Amaryllis. This Amaryllis Forest is located in my lanai. Enjoy!

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

Last month's meeting was wonderful. Orchids are always a favorite! If you enjoyed it, please let us know. Did you see the article in the East County Observer? Link on following page.

April's meeting will also be a standout opportunity for our members. As we get closer to placing the Gold Star Memorial at the new Lakewood Ranch Library, we have two outstanding women who are integral to the success of our new library. Tammy Parrott is the Manatee County Library Services Manager and Tiffany Mautino who is the Branch Supervisor for the new Lakewood Ranch Library.



Carolyn's Corner

by Carolyn Lowry-Nation

GUEST COLUMNIST: TIFFANY MAUTINO

I'm glad to have this opportunity to connect with your membership about the new Lakewood Ranch Library (LWR), of Manatee County Public Library System (MCPLS). My name is Tiffany Mautino and I joined MCPLS on March 20th, 2023, as the Branch Supervisor of LWR and I'm already happily overwhelmed with the level of community engagement with the library. My first week was full of getting familiar with the various departments housed at the Central Library and diligently following my GPS across the County to visit the other branches, oh and buying books, we bought lots of books last week! We have our first LWR site visit scheduled on April 6th, the Friends of Lakewood Ranch Library will be joining us that afternoon and hopefully we'll be able to share some updates on our website and social media for everyone to see the progress. I'm interested to hear from the community and would love to talk with you more, there is potential room for growth of space, services, and collections at the Lakewood Ranch in the future and I think we're open to all kinds of possibilities at this point. Please feel free to email me at tiffany.mautino@mymanatee.org. Looking forward to connecting with you at your April 10th meeting.

P.S. As a point of interest and If you were not aware, this past weekend our [Palmetto](#) and [Braden River](#) branches both had their gardening areas spruced up over the

Announcements

Birthdays:

Mary Auger: April 22

Anna Campbell: April 23

Karen Eckert: April 26

Name Tags: GOE name tags are available for purchase. Contact Venwood Awards at 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. Contact Maddie Daraio at midaraio@gmail.com.

Events:

Venice Area Garden Club Flower Show: Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 9:00-5:30 PM at Indies House at Bay Indies Resort Community, 950 Freeport Ave. Venice. They have a couple of open classes if anyone is interested.

Branch Tropical Garden Open House: This is a must see if you haven't been there. 1318 38th St., Sarasota. Bring a camera and walk through Rob Branch's amazing gardens! Admission is free and there are plants to buy.

FFGC 96th Annual Meeting: April 18-20th at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South. Please register by March 27. Here is the website <https://ffgc.org/Convention-2023>

GOE Website

Please visit our website 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

April 10th: This is the membership voting meeting for the new officers. The program will have two speakers: Tammy Parrott, Manatee County Library Services Manager and Lorenzo Liberti, a high school youth who creates wooden US flags to honor veterans. Lorenzo is an inspiration. He started making wooden flags at the age of 15 after he met a homeless Veteran while serving meals at a food pantry. He has raised thousands of dollars for causes such as homeless Veterans, special needs children and first responders. He is a senior at Lakewood Ranch High School.

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.**

Link to East County Observer GOE article

https://www.youobserver.com/news/2023/mar/19/friendships-bloom-at-garden-club-orchid-presentation/?fbclid=IwAR0HUGSYJINA312m-ZxlqPG-lxytyAhGSg0c_o5ZFbHH7PPCI9eZVWE0w4Q

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.

The American horticultural Society provides another opportunity to enjoy gardening. For \$35, you receive the American Gardener and a Reciprocal Admissions Program to over 345 public gardens across the US and Canada. In Florida, some gardens include: Marie Selby Gardens: Downtown and Historic Spanish Point as well as Bok Tower, St. Petersburg Sunken Gardens, and so many more. Contact: www.ahsgardening.org for more information.



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