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President's Report

by Dick Adams

As we wind down the season and our winter population has dropped by half, it has become quiet once again.

By many measures, this has been one of the busiest seasons we've had in quite some time, and it was beneficial to our local businesses that support the community. We did learn that our infrastructure was sorely tested as demonstrated by the congestion and parking issues, particularly the south beach and Old Marco areas. City Council and staff have been exploring alternatives and policies that might alleviate the situation in the next year but there does not appear to be an easy solution. One of the major concerns is the potential for Marco Island to develop into a daily transient beach destination as some other Florida locales have become. Those who choose our beaches will still come, however, creating accommodating services will be a further strain on our infrastructure.

These issues have been included in our current survey that will be sent to all members in the coming week. The format of this survey has been changed to include a brief issue statement to pro-

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vide context for the questions. The survey is not a scientific or statistically accurate measure but your opinions expressed are meaningful in shaping your board's agenda. The results are the foundation for developing positions on community issues that have been identified in the results and provide a collective membership voice of over 10,000. Many hear you and some of the City policymakers find it beneficial in shaping their individual views.

If you are going to be in the area over July Fourth, come enjoy Independence Day at Marco Island Residents' Beach. We are planning a terrific, family-fun day at the beach, complete with games, music, sandcastle building contest, grilled favorite foods, and fireworks!

During August, please remember to look for your MICA and Residents' Beach applications in your email inbox (if you have supplied us with your email address) or in your mailbox.

Have a healthy enjoyable summer where ever you are.

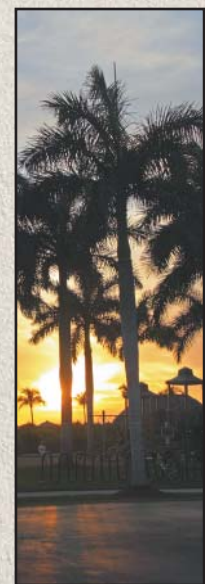
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Don't delay, act now. Thank you.



News from Across the Bridge

by *Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner*

Everyone has been concerned about the ponds at the Naples Zoo. It looks like they have been rescued. Thanks to Paul Arsenault who brought it to the public's attention, and with the public totally supporting the effort to protect the ponds, trees and water lilies, the issue is moving forward in the right direction. I brought it up under commissioner comments at the 4/10 BCC meeting, Paul and Zoo supporters spoke in favor. I had asked to bring the subject back to the next meeting (we cannot vote on anything unless we have two weeks' notice to advertise the subject to the public) and until then direct staff and the zoo officials to work out a solution, working with the City of Naples and FDOT.

No sooner did I leave the BCC meeting and walk to the car when my cell phone rang. It was Andrew McIlwaine, the Executive Director of the Conservancy, who said "I think I have the solution!" He suggested that the Conservancy and the Zoo have a dual entry, with each then having a road to connect to their own facility. He stated there would be a few kinks to work out like the traffic light, but it can be done.

I immediately called John Sorey, the Mayor of the City of Naples to offer the plan. He loved it and said, "I'll take care of the next step." He contacted FDOT and the school to suggest the light be moved to the new location, and the school use the other side of their parking lot as the exit from their facility at the new traffic light. It looks like it is moving forward to everyone's satisfaction and relief. It was presented to the BCC on Tuesday, April 24. Stay tuned.

Many of you know that I've been fighting to get the county to build a community center at the Eagle Lakes Community Park, the most utilized park in the entire county parks system. Actually, it is the ONLY community park in Collier County without a community center. This park caters mostly to the underprivileged children from the Habitat homes as well as Whistler's Cove and Naples Manor. The Marco YMCA has been so generous with its staff and time to offer after school programs and summer programs, but without a community center there is

no place to hold them. In fact, without a community center there is no place for a staff member to even work, so there is no one the children can turn to if one falls off a swing or gets hit in the head with a ball. These are some of the struggles that the people in East Naples contend with. They have more underprivileged children than Immokalee, yet in Immokalee they have three community centers and a lovely, huge pool. These kids have dirt, so they hang around the streets and corners. It's quite a shame indeed. I've been fighting for this community center for many years. Recently I found a funding source that no one had identified, and even though there was resistance to seek that funding, I was able to get by the "wall." We applied and received the grant. It's not enough to build a pool, but at least we will have a community center. It will be two years until it is actually built (I'm going to see if I can't push that into a faster time frame), but at least we'll have something for these children.

Another resistance from a county person, who is no longer here, was that there would be no money to operate the center – staff could not be funded to work there. Again, the Marco YMCA said they will operate the after school program and the summer program through a grant they received from the Winter Wine Festival. I could just kiss them! If you see anyone from the Y, please thank them for reaching out to help others. We will also be able to handle a summer feeding program. Most of these kids do not have food in the summer when school is out. Once that center is built, things will improve. Now you can see why I want it sooner rather than later. I'll keep you posted.

The next thing I will be working on while I finalize this stuff, is a pool for these kids. Who knows.....maybe someone will come along and have a major fund raiser for this purpose. We went to the Wine Festival people, but they cannot, by their by-laws, award any grants to government. So, we'll find another way! You know me, I don't give up easily!

Have a great summer!



Residents' Beach FAQs

Q – I am a Residents' Beach member and I rent a car when I'm on Marco. How can I enter the Residents' Beach?

A- Stop by the MICA office with your driver's license. We'll take your picture and make a Residents' Beach ID for you. You can walk, bike or drive into the Residents' Beach by showing your ID. As an alternative, you can show your photo driver's license at the gate house, which will be checked against the membership list.

Q – As a Residents' Beach member, can I give my Residents' Beach ID card to my family members when they visit me?

A – No, the Residents' Beach ID card is for your use only. You may not give it to anyone else. If you give your Residents' Beach ID card to anyone else, you will lose your membership. If your visitors are staying with you in your home, you may obtain a Guest Pass (\$40 fee) at the MICA office. You may also ride in the car with your guests and show your Residents' Beach ID to the attendant, or you may bring your guests in your car with you.

Q – I don't like to put stickers on my car. Can I just show the decal to gain entrance?

A – No. Your decal must be permanently affixed to the windshield of the vehicle to which it is assigned. Rather than getting a decal that you are not going to use, we would suggest you have a Residents' Beach ID made. Stop by the MICA office with your driver's license. We'll take your picture and make a Residents' Beach ID for you. You can walk, bike or drive into the Residents' Beach by showing your ID.

Q – What is the procedure for changing my decal if my license plate changes or if I change cars during the membership year?

A – Take the decal off the windshield and bring it into the MICA office along with your new vehicle registration. MICA staff will then issue you a new decal for placement on the windshield. If you do not return the decal to the MICA office, you will be required to pay a \$25 fee.

Q- I have a Residents' Beach sticker on my car. Can I send my guests to Residents' Beach in my car?

A – Guests are required to have a Guest Pass or be accompanied by the Residents' Beach member. At any time while on the property gate attendants may ask for ID. If an individual is driving a vehicle with your Residents' Beach decal and the individual is someone other than yourself, you may lose your Residents' Beach membership. Remember to arrange for a Guest Pass prior to your guest's arrival on Marco.

Q- It's the last minute. I forgot to obtain a Guest Pass for my sister, cousin, son, grandson, etc. What can I do?

A – You can accompany your guest to Residents' Beach or you may obtain a Guest Pass either at the MICA office (M-F, 9-4) or online at MICA's website (www.marcocivic.com). The website allows you to pay via PayPal with a credit card.

Q – As a Residents' Beach member can I drive into the Residents' Beach property and tell the gate attendant that the car behind me is with me?

A – No, but you do have a few options. If the individuals in the second vehicle are staying with
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New MICA Board of Directors

MICA's 2012 Nominating Committee consisted of Eleanor Bezos, Sal Soldano, Kathy Sullivan, and Joanne Youman. The committee met and nominated the following MICA members to run for election to the MICA Board of Directors: Allan Bristow, Jim Curran, Christine DeSantis, Brian Kudis, Phyllis Marco and Bonnie Seigfried.

The election procedure is a very important process in furthering the mission of the Marco Island Civic Association, so we truly appreciate the efforts of those who served on the committee and those who ran for the MICA Board.

During the first week of February ballots were mailed to all MICA members and at the end of the month they were tabulated. As a result the following individuals were elected to the board: Jim Curran, Allan Bristow, Phyllis Marco and Brian Kudis. Also, because of a resignation from the board due to a schedule conflict, Christine DeSantis was appointed to the board. Bonnie Seigfried continues to serve on MICA's Architectural Review Committee. Thanks to everyone who cast a ballot to fulfill the election process.

At its meeting in March the MICA Board members elected officers, as directed by the bylaws. Elected to serve as president for the next year was Dick Adams; vice president, Allan Bristow; treasurer, Bernardo Bezos; and secretary, Jim Johnson.

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A Little History Lesson

by Ruth McCann

The Marco Island Civic Association, more commonly known as “MICA,” while meeting informally for several years, organized and incorporated in 1973 and has been running strong since.

Three very unique events took place that made MICA stand out from all other civic associations in Florida. First was receiving the deed to the Residents’ Beach in 1975.

MICA works hard to maintain our spectacular beachfront property and has made continual improvements over the years, including construction of the Robert Sessions Pavilion in 2006.

Another milestone occurred in 1986 when Deltona, as the subdivider of Marco Island, assigned MICA all the subdivider’s rights to enforce the Deed Restrictions on Marco Island. MICA was then responsible for enforcing Deed Restrictions that are part of most of the property deeds on Marco. Deed Restrictions, which we have written about in the past, help to protect property values on our gorgeous island. In 1999, Deltona further assigned all subdivider rights it had retained to MICA in an out-of-court settlement.

In 1995 developer Jack Antaramian deeded the park property at Collier Boulevard and Swallow Avenue to MICA. MICA named the park in honor of golf legend Gene Sarazen who lived on Marco Island. MICA has added electric, playground, restroom facilities and the largest chickee on Marco Island.

The above unique events have allowed MICA to become the largest civic association that we are aware of in the State of Florida. MICA has two types of membership - the Marco Island Civic Association and the Marco Island Residents’ Beach.

Since MICA’s incorporation 39 years ago every major Marco Island issue has had MICA’s input involved in its development. Members now enjoy professionally staffed offices and beach properties. We have our own newspaper, members discount program, a professionally administered Architectural Review Committee, and we monitor all levels of government on behalf of our members. MICA sponsors the well-attended Candidates Forum that



October 30, 1986 - Deltona assigns deed restriction authority to MICA. Richard McManon, Esq., J Barrett White, MICA President, James Stackpoole, Vice President Deltona Corporation

allows residents to hear and meet candidates for public office.

With regard to the Marco Island Residents’ Beach, I think we all can agree that it is one of the (if not the) most beautiful beach sites in our great nation. This wonderful facility, also known as “The Crown Jewel” of Marco Island, is a towering example of what an active and well-administered civic association can accomplish with the strong support of its community. Both of MICA’s Beach properties are protected for the residents of Marco with reverter clauses that are contained in the deeds of Residents’ Beach and Sarazen Park.

Deltona created the deed restrictions to protect the integrity of the island and to assure conformity of all new construction in those geographical areas covered by the restrictions. The Deed Restrictions cover single-family residential, multi-family residential and commercial properties and apply to most of the island. Deed Restrictions are an excellent tool for maintaining or increasing property values.

A condition of the turnover agreement was that an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) be formed which would act as an authority in the review process. The restrictions state that no new structure shall be constructed without a review of the design drawings and written approval by ARC.

MICA's ARC continues to meet monthly and has met on a regular basis since 1986, or for 26 years. ARC is composed of volunteers who are engineers, architects and individuals with a background in construction. Of particular interest to the committee are setback requirements.

Deed Restriction setbacks differ from City of Marco Island zoning setbacks and in all cases property owners must meet the most stringent setbacks. Corner or shoulder lots have unique deed restrictions. It is suggested that ARC be contacted prior to commencing design.

MICA plays an active role in the community and has defended the deed restrictions on a legal basis on numerous occasions, including the Mazzini Case, wherein Dr. Mazzini had the city of Marco Island rezone properties along San Marco Road from single-family residential to commercial. However, the properties remained deed restricted single-family residential. One of MICA's concerns was creeping commercialism. The court upheld the deed restrictions and restated that the properties remained single-family residential.

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you in your home, you may obtain a Guest Pass at the MICA office. You may also ride in the car with your guests and show your Residents' Beach ID to the attendant, or you may bring your guests in your car with you.

Q – I'd like to have a small picnic at Residents' Beach. What's the procedure?

A – There is a short form that you will need to complete at the MICA office prior to the day of your picnic. Everyone who will be attending must be a member, have a guest pass or come in with a member. You cannot shuttle people in and out.

Gas or propane grills or cooking devices are never permitted at Residents' Beach or Sarazen Park. Charcoal grills are available to members. Just remember to bring your charcoal.

Q - How do those renting on Marco Island use the Residents' Beach?

A - If renting for a minimum of one month, a renter may purchase a membership for the time period he or she is renting. The application is available at the MICA office and on MICA's website (www.marcocivic.com) and must be submitted with a copy of the lease agreement, photo ID and fee.

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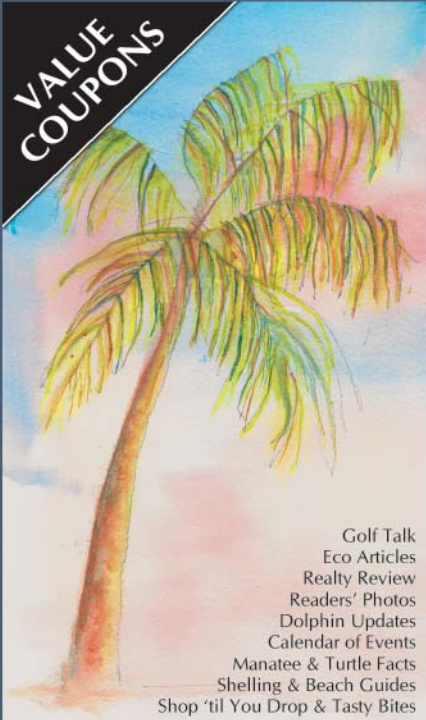


Hurricane Preparedness Tips

Atlantic Region Hurricane Season officially kicks off June 1 and ends November 30. As hurricane season approaches, NBC-2 offers the following Hurricane Preparedness tips. Here are some things you can do at the beginning of the season, to help make your home and family “hurricane resistant.”

- Prepare your survival kit with enough supplies to last you, your family, and pets for at least three days.
- As you purchase items on the list, check them off until your kit is complete. Next to the list, write down where the kit and any separate items are stored. Even if you plan to evacuate, you need to have these supplies with you.
- Check your insurance to be sure you are covered for wind and flood damage. If you rent, purchase renter’s insurance. Know your deductibles.
- Videotape or take a written inventory of all your belongings.
- Keep your yard free of debris. Cut down any dead tree limbs. Remove weak, damaged or diseased trees.
- If you do not have pre-installed shutters, measure all windows and doors for plywood covers. Pre-cut the plywood and install anchors.
- Purchase a kit to brace your garage door, especially if your home was built before 1993.
- Purchase a battery operated weather radio with the tone alert.
- Make sure your street address is clearly marked on your home.
- Complete your personal hurricane plan.

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*...Take them to “Kids Free Fridays” at Rookery Bay,
which runs June 8 through August 10*

This summer education program provides free admission for children ages 12 and younger who are accompanied by an adult. Educators will present a variety of topics each week tied to the overall theme of marine mammals, including dolphins, manatees, otters and whales. Activities include marine critter touch tank, story time, crafts, films, and weekly series of pre-recorded virtual dolphin encounter presentations and live video chats with trainers and dolphins from the Dolphin Research Center in Marathon, Florida.

In addition, the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center presents the “Ocean’s Edge: The

Corridor of Life” art exhibit from May 7 through Sept. 7. Tampa artist Sigrid Tidmore exhibits more than 30 colorful paintings and illustrations of sea life, birds, flowers and the environment. The show will be the premiere of her Galapagos illustrations, based on her stay there last year. I’m passionate about estuary preservation and restoration,” Tidmore says. “The message of my work is to raise the public’s consciousness that all life is connected.”

The center, located at 300 Tower Road, has summer hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. More info: rookerybay.org, [facebook.com/friendsfrookerybay](https://www.facebook.com/friendsfrookerybay) and 417-6310.



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Marco Island Residents' Beach
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“Local Knowledge and Highway Signs” Do you know your waterways?

by Phil Madonia, of the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 95

Marco Island is made up of many waterways, canals and keys. We have very shallow water, tides and currents to manage. Because we live on an island it is very important that you understand the local Aides to Navigation (ATONS) which are those red and green markers in the water. Most boaters understand that you keep the red markers on the right side of your boat when you return from the sea (“red right return”, R, R, R) or green on your right as you are going out to sea. These markers may be remembered as Green Odd Square and Red Even Triangle.

On Marco Island you do keep the red markers on the right side of your boat when you return from sea from Capri Pass. However, when you go under the Jolly Bridge you keep the green markers on the right because you are now returning to sea to Coon Key light on the other side of Goodland.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary’s flagship program is “Boating Skills & Seamanship.” The topics covered are Florida Boating Laws, Equipment for your Boat, Your Highway Signs (as described above), Rules of Nautical Road, Boating Safety, Navigation and Lines & Knots for your boat.

The USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 95 has developed another program to assist boaters called “Boaters’

Local Knowledge.” Aerial photos along with those taken on-board are extensively used to help identify shallow areas and clear channels for safe boating. We encourage all boaters to obtain local knowledge of the area either by attending this program or working with a friend who knows the area.

Our “Suddenly in Command “ program provides classroom and on the water instruction for women and men who may have to be suddenly in command of a boat. The course will involve classroom time as well as time on the water. Do you know how to stabilize the boat and the person needing emergency assistance?

If you have a boat and would like to have a “free” vessel examination, contact our Vessel Examination Officer Richard Geschrei @ 239-394-5911. This ensures boaters have the required safety equipment to meet federal, state and local laws by identifying equipment needed to operate a boat safely and by increasing awareness of safety practices and costly breakdowns.

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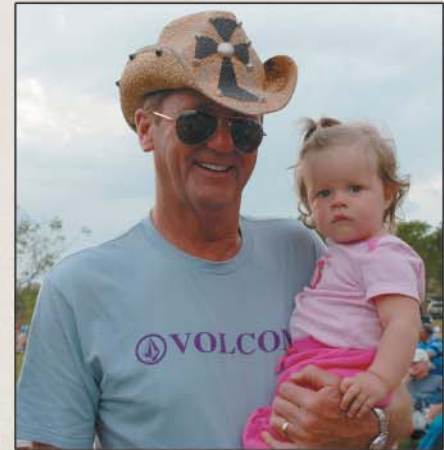
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Turtle Tattle

by Stephen Barker

Summer is here and the beach is hotting up in more ways than one. Now the snowbirds have departed it's time for some of Marco's other locals to turn towards nesting and raising their young ...

The Loggerhead sea turtle is the most frequently observed turtle in SW Florida waters and with courtship activity occurring in late April to early June, nesting isn't far behind. Females nest a few weeks after mating with most activity on Marco beaches between May 1st and the end of September. Mating is triggered by the Gulf water temperature and, since it was warmer throughout March this year than 2011, we expect to see an early start to nesting season.

When ready to nest the female turtle returns to the beach where she was born

She crawls ashore at night, digs a shallow pit for her body and begins digging the hole for her eggs with her hind flippers. She then deposits between 70 and 150 white, ping pong ball sized eggs and fills in the hole. To camouflage the nest, she roughs up sand in a four foot area around it using her front flippers.

All being well, that first nest should hatch sometime towards the end of June/beginning of July. Once hatching starts, the race is on. As though a starter gun went off, the hatchlings all come out at once. They must find their way to the surf in the darkness by heading toward the brightest horizon. This is why it is extremely important to regulate beach lighting to prevent hatchlings from becoming disorientated.

2011 was a pretty good season and as you can see from the chart, the main beach was almost as successful as Sand Dollar spit with 1458 hatchlings making it out of nests to the Gulf waters.

Fill in that hole and leave nothing on the beach except footprints!

Believe it or not, Nancy Richie, Environmental Specialist at the City of Marco Island, tells us that there seems to be a weird trend toward beachgoers digging large holes in the sand and leaving them when they depart. No studies have yet been commissioned to determine why this trend is occurring. Some scientists believe it could be a result of moats around sandcastles, others believe it could be from archeological digs for Calusa remains and yet others are convinced they result from burying a partner alive who was strong enough to escape! Whatever the true reason, the remaining holes are great hazards to beach walkers and emergency, vendor and sea turtle monitoring vehicles but, more importantly, they can also trap wildlife such as sea turtle hatchlings and shorebird chicks.

If you dig a hole during your day at the beach, please fill it in when you leave. Also, take all litter home with you and the best advice we can give is to leave just your footprints in the sand.

The beach is a wonderful place in the summer, but please do all you can to help the wildlife that also calls it home - even if it is only for a few months.

Summary of Turtle 2011 nesting season

Total hatched nests:

Hideaway beach: 10 out of 11 - 871 hatchlings

Main beach: 17 out of 20 - 1,458 hatchlings

Sand Dollar: 20 out of 33 - 1,713 hatchlings

A total of 4,042 hatchlings from 47 successful nests.

A further 17 nests were washed out or inundated.

Most number of eggs in one nest: 174

Most hatchlings from one nest: 154

Highest percentage of eggs hatched in one nest: 98%

First nest: May 2nd,

Last nest: August 13th

First nest to hatch: July 8th,

Last nest to hatch: October 17th

Shortest incubation: 52 days

Longest incubation: 68 days



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Sculpture Challenge

By Sandi Johnson, President, Marco Island Foundation for the Arts, Inc.

Have you been to MICA's Sarazen Park lately? Did you notice the pedestal in front of the curved wall on the corner? Have you wondered about the purpose of this pedestal? Does this pedestal look a little bare and out of place to you? Well, the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts (MIFA) has the perfect solution....

The MIFA Board of Directors has been working for about a year to come up with a program to place a beautiful sculpture at MICA's Sarazen Park. The idea of a Sculpture Challenge was presented to the MICA Board of Directors, who loved it.



Lifesize sculpture "It's Only a Game" by Bill Bond being unveiled in October 2006

The MIFA Board is in the process of performing an extensive search of many wonderful sculptors and their works. The MIFA Board is looking for a sculptor who has spectacular craftsmanship and beautiful, appropriate pieces for the location. We're



The empty pedestal at Sarazen Park today

considering pieces at least five feet in height, similar to "Game".

The Challenge

The MIFA Board has offered to match funds raised at 50% up to \$15,000. A sculpture is anticipated to be in the \$35,000 to \$45,000 range for production, transport, and installation.

How You Can Help

The MICA and MIFA Boards are looking for funds to be contributed to help bring this dream to life. Substantial contributions will be listed on an on-site plaque. MIFA is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization. As such, your contribution may be tax-deductible. Please see your tax professional for details. We also encourage your social group to band together to sponsor the sculpture. We will be delighted to speak to your club about this project.

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Calusa Garden Club - It's Much More Than Flowers!

This past year Marco Island's Calusa Garden Club enjoyed a growth in membership, not because more floral designers moved into our community, but because all of the facets of the club met the needs and interests of so many people. Yes, the garden club has programs about flowers and floral design; but it also has so much more to offer.

Last fall Eileen Greensward presented a program detailing both the good and the not-so-good insects in our area. This was followed by the Island Garden Center's program, "Planting By the Compass on Your Patio or Grounds" - in other words, which plants thrive in sun or shade and which plants do best in containers or in the ground. This topic encompassed annual and perennial flowers as well as landscaping tips.

Since the annual flower show was approaching, in January professional floral designer Kathleen Hawryluk spent over an hour demonstrating a variety of methods to make beautiful flower arrangements, many of which used flowers and foliage (including palm fronds) from our gardens and landscape.

In February Marco Island's own Charlette

Roman, a Certified Florida Master Naturalist (and MICA Board Member), presented an informative evening power point program entitled "Marco's Natural Magic." Charlette showed the audience some of the many beautiful photographs she has taken in and around Marco Island, including Kice Island, Tigertail Lagoon, Jolley Bridge sandbar, ABC Islands, and Sand Dollar Spit and discussed the environmental impact of the changes caused by time, weather, and humans.

The final program this year was "Florida's Fabulous Crotons" presented by croton expert, Mark Peters.

In previous years presenters provided programs about fruits, vegetables, ground cover, native plants, swale landscaping, and specialty plants such as amaryllis.

Every meeting includes environmental reports: bees, water conservation, mangroves, birds of prey, native plants, and the Eagle Sanctuary, to name a few. Twice a year the club has strictly social functions: a Christmas party and a spring luncheon. As the club grows, members offer to host lunches in their homes so all members can meet casually and learn about each other.



In addition to scheduled meetings and programs, other activities are available depending on a variety of interests and talents.

We were honored to be selected as hosts for the District IX annual fall meeting which was held at Hideaway Beach. Club members made centerpieces, held a raffle, sold plants, designed informative displays, and asked Charlette Roman to present one of her inspiring programs. At the meeting the club was presented with state and national awards for a previous year's standard flower show entitled "Celebrating America."

Another program sponsored by the Calusa Garden Club is Jr. Gardeners which is held every month at Tommie Barfield Elementary School. This past year the students worked with worms, made paper, listened to the Spiderman Ranger, and created designs for the flower show. The club also sponsored one student for a scholarship to Camp Wekiva, a nature camp in Apopka, Florida. This coming year two students will be sponsored.

In February the garden club joined with the Marco Island Center for the Arts to present a flower show entitled "Art in Bloom – Off the Wall/ On the Wall." Instead of a typical flower show the club interpreted fiber art made by Maine artisans in an exchange program. The public was able to vote and decide which design was "Best In Show." Also included was horticulture based on what was learned last fall about using the compass to landscape and garden.

Calusa Garden Club members also provide "Flowers in Public Places." The floral designers in the club enjoy making and donating arrangements to a wide variety of establishments. Other floral designs donated by club members were used in local fund raisers such as the recent Breast Cancer Luncheon and ArtsAFire.

The Calusa Garden Club has donated funds to the City to continue their efforts to keep Marco Island beautiful. The funds are generally used to purchase a tree or provide landscaping for a specific location. The club also proudly accepted the request to host a Naples Botanical Garden tour of a local garden.

Several club members are on the local Beautification Committee. Another member taught two gardening courses. As many as seven members attended the Master Gardeners University Program series. The cover design on the national calendar was created by a Calusa Garden Club member. And the list goes on and on and on.....

The Calusa Garden Club meets at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall of Wesley United Methodist Church on the second Monday of each month from October through March. At 11 am, prior to the meeting, a design workshop is presented for those interested. For more information, call 642-6845.



*The Calusa Garden Club's Year in Pictures.....
Floral Designers, Junior Gardener Grace Roloff and
members enjoying social events*





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