

# *Rio Lindo Garden Club of Port Saint Lucie*

## Newsletter

14 November 2011

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I begin my Presidents Message to everyone with the sad news of the passing of Gladys Rising, a dedicated Rio Lindo Member since 1990. She passed peacefully with her family with her...just as Gladys would have wanted it! Rio Lindo has lost one of our finest members, and she will be missed. But what a pleasure it was to know her! Let's rejoice in the knowledge that she was "ours" for a while. Garden-on, Gladys!



Memorial for Gladys will be on Wednesday, 11/16 at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church on PSL Blvd (the church we hold our card parties at).

Here in Florida on Veterans Day, 11/11/11 it was so cool, clear and crisp and the colors were so bright I felt like I was living in a cartoon. The butterfly garden looks like something Disney himself would have drawn. It feels like the holidays are upon us and everyone seems so busy getting ready and going places and doing things. I forced myself to SIT STILL in the garden, in my cartoon, and breath and just get into the groove of thankfulness. Talking of gardens I must mention than in the butterfly garden at the Botanical Garden we have a very interesting plant that every visitor is WOWing, It is a Cranberry Hibiscus which looks like a Japanese Maple but has flowers that are a deep burgundy. I am so grateful that I live in Florida, and even though the cold scares me, will it continue, will it get colder, will all the plants freeze again? Its absolutely beautiful now. Can you tell I hate the cold? I used to get so depressed in New Hampshire in August if I could detect the slight shift in the air, the smell of Fall. Most people love it, guess they are not here in Florida.

The Rose Garden is starting to look real good, thanks to the girls' hard work once a month on it. We will be have Doug from the discovery garden at the extension office talk at our club on the 28th about Roses. I for one will pick his brain bare! Be well all my lovely garden ladies and happy holidays, blessing and peace.

Your 'prez', Phyllis

### NOVEMBER 28 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Workshop is Holiday Mug Flower Arranging with Jeannette Waltz. Bring a coffee mug to donate. Also, check your garden for appropriate foliage greens for our flower arranging (fern, podacarpus, etc.)

Our program speaker is Doug Houghton on 'Roses'. As always, bring a friend!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NOVEMBER!

November 2—Sue Bird

November 13—Sally Mc Meekan

November 23—Darlene Enzian

### DECEMBER 9 RIO LINDO CARD PARTY!

Have you signed up to help serve? To bring a jello salad? Have you bought your own ticket and taken tickets to sell to friends? We need everyone to get behind this important fundraiser for our Club. Contact Connie Lydon for tickets and Judy Wolgast for work assignments and food needs. Bring raffle basket donations to the November meeting for Connie Lydon, also.

Thank you, everyone.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 12

We're celebrating the Holidays at the Legacy Golf Resort this year. Save the date and plan to

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sign up at the November meeting. See Ginger Opett to attend this fun event. Remember your Yankee Swap gift (\$15 value)!

#### **ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING—Jan 20, 2012**

Florida celebrates Arbor Day in January each year and once again, the PSL Botanical Garden is holding a ceremonial tree planting. Rio Lindo will again be part of this event. The memorial is open to anyone who would like to memorialize someone with a minimum donation of \$25. If you're interested, contact the Gardens (stop by) for the necessary Donation form and information.

#### **NAPLES BOTANICAL BUS TRIP—FEB 27, 2012**

Tickets for our February 27 bus trip to the new Naples Botanical Garden are available at the

November meeting. Price is \$45 each, brown bag lunch. You can purchase tickets for friends of course. See Joleen for your tickets. Checks payable to 'Rio Lindo GC'.

#### **NEWSLETTER DATES TO REMEMBER**

28 November—Monthly meeting at Parks Edge Recreation Center—9:30-1 pm

29 & 30 November—NGA Environmental Studies School, Stuart FL

9 December—Rio Lindo Fall Card Party

20 January, 2012—FL Arbor Day tree planting, PSL Botanical Garden 11 am

31 Jan & 1 Feb—FFGC Tropical Short Course, Mounts Botanical Garden, West Palm Beach

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