



**MAY 2025 – APRIL 2026
YEARBOOK**

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VILLAGEWALK GARDEN CLUB of BONITA SPRINGS

Founded in 2014 by Frances Mason-Barton and the late Trevor Barton. In 2015, the Club registered with the State of Florida as a nonprofit corporation. We then registered with the State of Florida as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in 2017.

Located in Bonita Springs, FL, the VillageWalk of Bonita Springs community is four miles east of I-75, directly off Bonita Beach Road (Exit 116).

Membership is open to all residents of VillageWalk of Bonita Springs.

MEETINGS

General Meetings: The third Tuesday of each month, November through April or as listed in the Yearbook. Meetings begin promptly at 1:00pm in the Town Center. Meetings are open to all residents of VillageWalk. To attend a

meeting, everyone must use SignUpGenius to secure a seat for the meeting.

Executive Board Meetings: The second Monday of each month, October through May, with time to be determined.

VILLAGEWALK GARDEN CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Club is to provide an opportunity for all who have a love for or interest in gardening and community beautification to share ideas and information. Members engage in gardening and other activities of common interest in the art and practice of garden cultivation and management.

The club exists to:

- Further members' horticultural knowledge
- Provide support for the Butterfly Gardens
- Aid in the protection of native plants, trees, and wildlife
- Offer members opportunities to engage in activities, trips and tours related to gardening and horticulture
- Further community education and beautification.

In all these activities, VWGC will do so in a spirit of fun, education and shared enjoyment.

PAST PRESIDENTS

2015—Steering Committee

2016—Gail Lane

2017—Marilyn Nor

2018—Cheryl Gedris

2019—Dolores Damiano-Szafran

2020—Anne Brownstone

2021—Val Shaha

2022—Val Shaha

2023—Jackie Fegan

2024—Jackie Fegan

2025-2026 OFFICERS

President: Cheryl Gedris

1st Vice President Co-Chairs: Leslie Bischoff & Jackie Fegan

2nd Vice President: Val Shaha

Treasurer: Don Blackwell

Secretary: LeeAnn Podruch

Past President: Jackie Fegan

2024-2025 DONORS

\$15,001 - \$200,000 PANTHER
(Florida State Animal)
Mack & Arlene Worl

\$10,001 - \$15,000 ZEBRA LONGWING
(Florida State Butterfly)

\$5,001 - \$10,000 ORANGE BLOSSOM
(Florida State Flower)

\$1,001 - \$5,000 MOCKINGBIRD
(Florida State Bird)

\$501 - \$1,000 COREOPSIS
(Florida State Native Flower)

Sharman Rosser
Mary Ann Louis
Dale Louis
Anonymous Donor
Terry C. Newcomb Trust

**\$101 - \$500 SABAL PALM
(Florida State Tree)**

Raymond & Josephine Barone

Michael Stauffacher

Mark Cade

Insurance Specialist of SW FL LLC

Paul Miller

Kelley Short - Berkshire Hathaway Florida Realty

Charleen McCarthy

Lynn Fox

Barbara Koss

Gina Lamouth

Julie Shakoar

\$100 FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN

Sylvia Daniels Plutter

Patricia Martin

Pamela Perretti

Catherine Buckalew

Brenda Topley

POLICIES

1. Members' names, addresses and other contact information shall not be published or distributed for any reason outside the VWGC. This information is to be used for Club communication only.
2. Officers and Committee Chairs shall obtain prior approval of the Executive Board for expenses.
3. Membership dues paid are non-refundable.
4. Approved expenditure receipts shall be presented to the Treasurer for reimbursement of expenses for VWGC project.
5. Proceeds from items sold or raffled shall be deposited into the VWGC Treasury.
6. Requests going to KW/HOA should be sent to the VWGC President who will forward to the appropriate person(s).

7. Johnson's Tree Service, BrightView Landscape Services and Napier Irrigation employees should not be contacted directly during regular working hours

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. All Standing Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the President.
2. No Officer or Committee Chair may receive remuneration for services rendered in connection with the chairmanship in which he/she serves. Reimbursement for expenses up to the amount in the adopted budget may be submitted.
3. Each Committee Chair shall submit annual reports to the VWGC President.
4. Each Committee Chair shall submit budget requests to the Treasurer by January 31, for preparation of next fiscal year's budget.
5. All Standing Committee Chairs shall serve for the term of the current President. They may continue to serve only by reappointment by the newly elected President. If unable

to complete their duties, the Chairs must inform the President as soon as possible. The President is responsible to appoint a successor.

6. The outgoing Chair may suggest the replacement.

BUTTERFLY GARDENS COMMITTEE

Two acres located on the south side of VillageWalk Bonita Springs, between Queen Angel Way and Wahoo Drive.

Workdays: Every Wednesday, 8am-9:00am

Over four dozen volunteer gardeners tend the gardens and give each garden its own personality. Volunteers are always welcome.

There is no reason to stay on the sidewalk running the quarter-mile length of the gardens. Colorful flowers beckon visitors to stray off the cement and follow the mulched paths to find fourteen granite benches nestled in the foliage, a perfect oasis to view fluttering & nectaring butterflies or for some moments of respite and contemplation.

Butterflies are late sleepers, rising between 9:30 and 10:30 depending on the seasons and weather conditions. While sitting quietly you will be delighted with the sight of the different species magically appearing out of the greenery, one by one, as colorful gemstones.

Migrating birds use the gardens as a rest stop on their way to and from South America and the Caribbean. Photographers are often delighted to see Painted Buntings, Humming Birds, Cat Birds, Wrens, Warblers and Fly Catchers, along with our resident Red-tailed and Red-shouldered hawks, various woodpeckers (including “Woody” the pileated), mockingbirds galore, northern cardinals and blue jays, to name but a few.

Native plants and host plants are the focus of the gardens and are labeled.

The gardens are supported solely by fund-raising events and tax-deductible donations from residents and guests. Group Garden Tours can be arranged by contacting the Head

Gardener, Linda Blaise, and is available for a donation to the gardens.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee promotes engagement and information-sharing with the garden club membership and the public through various platforms.

Emails (villagewalkgardenclub@gmail.com)

Information on meetings, activities, website updates and newsletters is sent to the general membership using email. It is also a means for the public to contact the garden club.

Website (www.villagewalkgardenclub.com)

There is a wealth of information on the website on all things related to the garden club. Updates are done on a regular basis throughout the year.

Newsletter

It contains short articles and photographs dealing with garden club activities/events, gardening and nature. Publication is done regularly in season.

Posters and banners

These items are generated for events like the Annual Butterfly Festival and the Annual Plant & Bake Sale.

Flyers, VillageWalk's "Talk of the Walk" bimonthly magazine, social media platforms like NextDoor.

Communications regarding club meetings and events are done through these outlets.

Volunteers with different skills and interests make these communications and information exchanges possible. Writers generate content for the website and newsletter. Reviewers check the written content of communications. Visual information and videos are great ways of providing information and complementing the written content. Graphic artists make all communications methods more attractive and appealing. If you have interest in writing, reviewing,

photography, graphic arts, or just want to get involved in communications, please come and join our team on our journey. We always welcome new members and new ideas.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Guides the annual operating budget process, working with Club officers and Committee chairpersons.

The Treasurer chairs this Committee and solicits participation from the other Club officers and chairpersons of the various committees. Unless a special need arises, the Finance Committee has one annual task: preparing the operating budget for the next fiscal year.

The Committee meets to review the current year revenues and expenditures and discuss the operating plans for the coming year. A budget is prepared to guide planned activities and forecast the Club's financial position at the end of the next year. The final work product is submitted to the Executive Board for review and adoption

FUNDRAISING

Selling plants, baking goodies, and having fun for the benefit of the VillageWalk Garden Club's various programs and activities.

The Fundraising Committee is a fantastic way to get involved, meet new friends, and have fun! Meeting as needed throughout the year, our committee focuses on planning, organizing, and staffing our main fundraising event for the entire Garden Club, the annual Plant & Bake Sale, held on a Saturday in mid-January.

Selling creative, artistic plant arrangements, a selection of exotic flowering plants not found in local garden centers, select herbs and more. In addition to our plants, dozens of volunteers bake cookies, homemade breads, and other pastries for our customers to purchase and enjoy with a cup

of coffee while they shop our Plant & Bake Sale collection.

All money generated from these sales goes to offset the cost of our various club trips and tours, fund a wide variety of speakers and programs for our monthly meetings, and help maintain our eleven beautiful butterfly gardens. Our 2026 Plant & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 9:00 am-noon.

HORTICULTURE & WILDLIFE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Horticulture and Wildlife Education Committee inspires awareness and a love of gardening/nature by providing informative articles on local plants and wildlife to Club members while increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.

We are committed to sharing the knowledge we have accumulated from decades of experience with gardening around the country. We research several topics throughout

the year and publish many articles to help our community and neighbors.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee serves refreshments at our monthly meetings.

Members of our committee as well as other Garden Club members, supply us with fruit and veggie platters, sandwiches, and desserts for our monthly meetings.

We have a dedicated sub-committee that plans our yearly Holiday Party in the Town Center. This year's theme is "Silver Bells". This year's event will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Our goal is to enjoy socialization with people who have similar interests, while always being mindful of our environment.

MEMBERSHIP & GREETERS COMMITTEE

We provide the opportunity for VillageWalk of Bonita Springs Community residents who have an interest in gardening, beautification of our community and other activities to become VillageWalk Garden Club members.

The Membership and Greeters Committee maintains all information about our members – contact information, interests in areas of volunteering and programs and works closely with Communications to keep and update current email addresses. Also, the Committee collects dues from all members and processes the information appropriately.

At each meeting, the Committee greets and registers all members and guests who are attending the VillageWalk Garden Club meeting. This welcoming atmosphere they create helps to make all feel comfortable and included.

The VillageWalk Garden Club of Bonita issues a Yearbook that is created by the Membership Committee every year to all Club members. Our Yearbook is a members' handbook which includes descriptions of Club Bylaws, Committees, current and past Presidents, and current Officers of the Club. Generous donors, programs that will be presented for the upcoming year, as well as a directory of the entire membership with contact information are included as well. The Membership Committee sends monthly updates of new members and the latest information for all to add to the Yearbook.

NOMINATING & ELECTION COMMITTEE

This committee consists of at least 3 members from VWGC to recruit members to serve on the next fiscal years' Executive Board.

The Nomination and Election Committee will oversee each year's election of the Executive Board. This committee will actively recruit members to serve on the following year's Executive Board. Between November 1 and February 1 this committee will actively recruit and will inform each candidate about the roles and responsibilities of each position.

The committee will present a list of candidates to the Executive Board at the February Executive Board meeting and will present the list at the February General meeting. At this time nominations will be closed.

The Election will be at the March General Meeting with all potential candidates on ballot.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The Programs Committee will provide speakers who will give plant-based, environmental, pollinator, and wildlife presentations for the gardening community and all residents of VillageWalk of Bonita Springs.

The VW community will enjoy a wide variety of speakers to inform and to present gardeners about a wealth of subjects. In the past we have invited experts on every topic from beekeepers (with honey to purchase!) to diseases of palms and how to become a Master Gardener in Lee and Collier counties. Environmentally, we have delved into the Everglades to see the workings of an incredible ecosystem. We have learned of the effect of water issues in Southwest

Florida on our plants, trees, climate, and future. Our favorite plantings/species have had their own presentations: orchids, bromeliads, bonsai trees/arrangements.

In the coming year, we may repeat some of our favorites based on popular request. We may also try to involve the Garden Club members in planting. Our programs run from November through April. The last meeting of the season in May will be a “plant swap” where each member can swap a plant he/she has brought with one brought by another member.

Please come and join us for a wonderful experience in a wonderful club!

STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The Committee is responsible for the planning and development of strategies and actions plans for the sustainment of the VillageWalk Garden Club and our entire community, which are composed of 3 pillars: Economic, Environmental and Social with a foundation of Education for each of the pillars.

Economic Sustainability: Involves the practices that support long-term economic growth without negatively impacting social and environmental aspects of the community. The goal is to invest financial resources today to fulfill the Club's financial needs going forward. Action items include: Finance Committee/Finance Oversight Committee. Build reserve up to status of endowment (live off income generated). Encourage donations from the community for the ongoing needs of the Club.

Environmental Sustainability: It is the responsibility to conserve natural resources and protect our ecosystems to support health and well-being now and in the future. Action items include: Incorporate more native plants and reduce lawn areas in the VW Community. Encourage the HOA to consider native plants when replacing plants, water conservation, using natural methods to control invasive plants both in waterways and on land, and reduce, reuse, recycle.

Social Sustainability: Create meaningful social activities that will promote interaction among members that are both inclusive, equitable, and add value to belonging to the

VillageWalk Garden Club. Action items include: Create a Social Committee. Have current Committees find ways to add more social interaction. Encourage interaction as a Club through community service and events.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sends cards to those members of the Club who are in the hospital or ill, and condolences as needed.

TRIPS AND TOURS COMMITTEE

The Trips and Tours Committee of the VillageWalk Garden Club researches and reviews tour options of local and regional venues to provide value-added experiences to our members at affordable prices.

The Trips and Tours Committee meet in person monthly from December through April and touch base May through November by email or Zoom calls.

The committee develops a list of places of interest for the next year usually in late February or March. Each committee member chooses one or two places to research.

Once the venue details are known, the committee picks the final list and starts planning the outings. Trips and Tours has an annual budget to subsidize transportation and/or the cost of trips to members. This has made it possible to offer trips to Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach, Fairchild Botanical Gardens in Miami and the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota.

Past memorable outings include Echo Farms, Everglades Wonder Gardens, Conservancy of SWFL, Rookery Bay, Naples Zoo and Shangri-La Organic Gardens, to name a few.

**2025-2026 COMMITTEE CHAIRS
AND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Butterfly Gardens Chair: Linda Blaise

Garden 1 Head Gardener: Nina Iraggi
Gardeners: Terry Galloway, Amy Swanson

Garden 2 Head Gardener: Candy Minnick
Gardeners: Leslie Bischoff, Marty Neis, Angie Warner,
Marlene Stalker

Garden 3 Head Gardener: Kristi DiCecco
Gardeners: Maureen Paonessa, Bernice Anzures, Ed Anzures

Garden 4 Head Gardener: Barbara Salatto
Gardeners: Linda Musick, Barbara McGuire

Garden 5 Head Gardener:
Gardeners: Dolores Damiano-Szafran

Anne Brownstone, Jerri Bushey, Susan Sorcinelli, Judy Solomon, Manijeh Goldberg, Peter Goldberg

Garden 6 Head Gardener: Linda Greendyke
Gardeners: Paula Kuk, Paul Kuk

Corner Garden Head Gardener: Elizabeth Henry
Gardeners: Cathy Japuntich, Jackie Fegan

Garden 7 Head Gardener: Sally Golightly
Gardeners: Joan Dilkey, Vivian Passuello, Claudia Griffin, Eric Stamm, Linda DiMario

Garden 8 Co-Head Gardeners: Ben Zeek & Susan Kovach

Garden 9 Head Gardener: Linda Blaise
Gardeners: Joe Garner, Kim Place, Jan Anderson,

Garden 10 Head Gardener: Don Blackwell
Gardeners: Jane Day, Herb Hofmann

Gardeners at Large: Walter Hintz, Chris Whipple, Linda Schweers, Gary Schweers

Communications Chair: Val Shaha

Denis Blaise, Ralph Brinley, Kristi DiCecco, Myra Finger, Cathy Japuntich, Toni McGlynn, Eileen McDonough

Finance Chair: Don Blackwell

Cheryl Gedris, Leslie Bischoff, Jackie Fegan, Val Shaha, LeeAnn Podruch, Linda Blaise, Eileen McDonough

Fundraising Chair: Jackie Fegan

Don Blackwell, Cheryl Gedris, Val Shaha, Leslie Bischoff, Dolores Damiano-Szafran, Eileen McDonough, Walter Hintz, Ellen Hintz

Horticulture & Wildlife Education Chair: TBD

Hospitality Co-Chairs: Nina Iraggi & Elizabet Banks

Barbara Salatto, Linda Musick, Dianne Sturzenberger, Val Shaha, Myra Finger, Joanne Kittinger, Kathy Priest, Linda Sullivan, Mary Jane Binsky, Claudia Griffin, Eric Stamm, Michele Liska

Membership & Greeters Chair: Eileen McDonough

Mary Golding, Candy Minnick, Val Shaha, Pat Krusac, Linda Laughlin

Nominating & Election Chair: TBD

Programs Co-Chairs: Leslie Bischoff & Jackie Fegan

Strategies for Sustainability Chair: Dolores Damiano-Szafran

Cheryl Gedris, Len Boucher, JB Schuetz, Eileen McDonough, Sue Weeks, Bruce Rydbeck

Sunshine Chair: Kim Place

Trips & Tours Chair: Linda Musick

Gail Brinley, Barb VanEsler, Jackie Fegan

VILLAGEWALK GARDEN CLUB BY-LAWS

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be: VillageWalk Garden Club of Bonita Springs, Inc., hereafter VWGC.

Article II – Mission

The VWGC is open to all with an appreciation for and an interest in gardening and furthering community beautification. The VWGC exists to:

- Further members' horticultural knowledge.
- Provide support for the Butterfly Gardens.
- Aid in the protection of native plants and wildlife.
- Offer members opportunities to engage in activities, trips, and tours of local and regional venues of interest.
- Further community education and beautification.

VWGC will engage in these activities in a spirit of enjoyment,

education, and fellowship.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to all residents of VillageWalk of Bonita Springs.

Section 2. Membership is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, or religious affiliation.

Section 3. Anyone interested in the mission of the VWGC is invited to join by completing a membership form and paying the annual dues.

Section 4. All members are encouraged to attend meetings, participate in VWGC projects and enjoy the fellowship of the VWGC.

Section 5. A member's dues must be current to vote.

Section 6. A member whose dues remain unpaid after May 1 shall forfeit membership.

Article IV – Dues

Section 1. Members shall pay annual dues. The Membership Committee shall notify by e-mail any member who is in arrears with annual dues.

Section 2. The amount of dues shall be fixed by the Executive

Board.

Section 3. Dues shall be paid by May 1 and are valid for the entire fiscal year.

Article V - Finances

Section 1. The fiscal year of the VWGC shall be May 1 to April 30.

Section 2. The VWGC is a Federal 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation registered with the State of Florida as a nonprofit corporation.

Section 3. The VWGC is eligible to receive donations, to receive, manage, administer, take, and hold real and personal property by gift, grant, devise or bequest and to do all that is necessary and incidental to the accomplishments of any and all of the purposes.

Article VI – Election of Executive Board

Section 1. The officers of the Executive Board shall be: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Immediate Past President shall serve as a non-voting advisor to the Executive Board for a term of

one year.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall appoint a Nomination and Election Committee consisting of no fewer than three members by November 1. The Nomination and Election Committee shall present the slate of candidates to the Executive Board at the February Executive Board Meeting and to the Membership at the February General meeting. Nominations shall not be taken from the floor.

Section 3. The Nomination and Election Committee shall publicize the election to the membership from November 1 to February 1 and ask for volunteers to serve. Volunteers shall declare their candidacy by February 1. All volunteers' names shall appear on the ballot.

Section 4. The election shall be conducted at the March General Meeting by the Nomination and Election Committee. If there is but one candidate for each opening on the Executive Board, the Secretary shall be instructed to cast the ballot. If a position has more than one candidate, the Nomination and Election Committee shall provide a paper ballot. The ballots shall be distributed to the members in good standing as they enter the venue by a

member of the Nomination and Election Committee. In the event of a tie a second paper ballot shall be provided. The vote shall be decided by simple majority. If no one steps forward for a position on the Executive Board, it shall remain open, and the newly elected Executive Board shall appoint someone to serve in the position.

Section 5. All officers shall serve a term of one year beginning with their installation at the April meeting.

Section 6. Vacancies: The 1st Vice President shall succeed to the office of President for the unexpired term should the President become unable to serve. All other vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article VII – Duties of Officers

Section 1. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed in these Bylaws and follow Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall appoint all Committee Chairs.

Section 3. The President shall be the executive officer of the VWGC and shall preside at meetings of the VWGC and

Executive Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member of every committee except the Nomination and Election Committee. The President shall be a signatory on the VWGC's bank checking account.

Section 4. The 1st Vice President shall preside at all meetings when the President is absent. In case of vacancy in the office of President, the 1st Vice President shall become President. The 1st VP is the Chair the of Programs Committee.

Section 5. The 2nd Vice President shall chair the Communications Committee and assist the other committee Chairs as needed.

Section 6. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and record the business of the VWGC at the General Membership and Executive Board Meetings.

The Secretary shall be the custodian of all the VWGC records, including officer and committee reports. The Secretary shall have available at all meetings a copy of the minutes for the current year, a list of current members and the VWGC Bylaws.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall have the fiduciary responsibility for all VWGC funds, maintain banking records and accounts for the club and pay all expenses approved by the Executive

Board. The Treasurer shall report receipts and expenses and report the current balance at each meeting. Unbudgeted expenses of more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars shall be preapproved by the Executive Board.

Section 8. All contracts binding the club shall be signed by the President after approval by the Executive Board.

Section 9. All officers shall keep a file of their work, which shall be passed on to their successors, along with all materials pertinent to their office. All officers shall present their reports at the Annual Meeting.

Article VIII – Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and the Immediate Past President, who shall serve a one-year term as advisor without voting right.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet at least three (3) times per year at a time established by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Executive Board members are expected to attend Executive Board meetings. If unable to attend a meeting, they are responsible for obtaining information pertinent to that meeting. A quorum is three (3) members of the Executive Board.

Section 4. A Special Executive Board meeting may be called at any time by:

- a. the President;
- b. the written request from three (3) members of the Executive Board to the President
- c. the written request to the President from ten percent (10%) of the VWGC membership.

The President shall comply with the above requests (b. and/or c.) by setting an Executive Board Meeting within thirty days (30 days) of the receipt(s) of said request(s) and by notifying the membership at least seven (7) days in advance. Said notification shall include date, time, and place. The business of the request(s) shall be the only business to be transacted.

Article IX – General Meetings

Section 1. There shall be at least six (6) General Meetings per year, one of which shall be the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. The date and location of the General Meetings of the VWGC shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 3. The purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be to receive annual reports from all officers and standing

committee Chairs, approve the budget install the Executive Board for the following year.

Section 4. Special General Membership Meetings may be called by:

- a. the President
- b. the written request from three (3) members of the Executive Board to the President
- c. the written request to the President from ten percent (10%) of the VWGC membership.

The President shall comply with the above requests (b. and/or c.) by setting up a General Membership meeting within thirty (30) days of receipt(s) of said request(s) and by notifying the membership at least seven (7) days in advance. Said notification shall include date, time, and place. The business of the request(s) shall be the only business to be transacted.

Section 5. To comply with the spirit of Florida Sunshine Law, all Meetings of the Executive Board and the General Membership shall be open to all members in good standing. All members shall be sent notification of all meetings of the Executive Board and the General Membership which shall include date, time, place, agenda, and copies of the approved

minutes of previous meeting.

Section 6. The Executive Board may go into an executive session where executives may discuss sensitive matters which may arise. The resolution of the matter, including motion(s) and vote(s), shall take place in the regular open Executive Board meeting.

Article X – Committees

Section 1. Standing Committee Chairs and any other Ad-Hoc Committee Chair deemed necessary shall be appointed by the Executive Board and serve at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Standing Committee Chairs shall submit a report at the Annual Meeting and present a budget request to the Treasurer for the following fiscal year by January 31.

Section 3. Ad-Hoc Committees shall conduct their business and report to the Executive Board in a timely fashion.

Section 4. Committee Chairs shall keep a file of their work, which shall be passed on to their successors along with all materials pertinent to that committee.

Section 5. At the Annual Meeting Committee Chairs shall report to the General Membership.

Section 6. In order to conduct the annual financial review the Executive Board shall appoint qualified individual(s), either inside or outside the VWGC, at the Executive Board meeting in May. The financial review shall be presented at the July Executive Board meeting.

Article XI – Amendments

Provisions of these Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3rd vote of the VWGC members present at any General Membership meeting provided notice is given to every member at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. The notice shall include date, time, place, and the proposed changes.

Article XII – Conflict of Interest

No member shall derive financial or material benefit from any actions or decisions made in his/her official capacity with the VWGC

Article XIII – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of VWGC, the Executive Board shall, after paying all club liabilities, dispose of the assets by disbursing these assets to an entity as approved by three votes of the

Executive Board.

Article XIV – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the VWGC in all instances in which they are applicable.

Original Bylaws adopted October 20, 2015

Revised March 15, 2016

Revised May 16, 2017

Revised January 21, 2020

Revised November 9, 2021

Revised January 16, 2024

PLEASE NOTE

Use SignUpGenius to register for each General Membership to secure ample space for meetings.

General Membership Meetings are open to all residents of VillageWalk of Bonita Springs.

All meeting locations, programs, speakers, trips and tours are subject to change. Please check your emails from VillageWalk Garden Club to keep informed.

Annual Membership dues are accepted at every General Meeting for the next fiscal year (May-April). Membership dues are payable by April 30th.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

MAY 2025

MAY 12th, 2025 – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Hibiscus Room

1:00-2:00pm

MAY 20th GENERAL MEETING

Grand Cypress Room

1:00-2:30

Please use **SignUpGenius** to attend.

“Garden Club Plant Exchange”

Business Meeting

Finance Report

Committee Reports

New/Old Business

Introduction of Committee Chairs

Committee Chairs to introduce Committee Members.

**GARDEN CLUB WILL NOT MEET JUNE, JULY, AUGUST,
SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.**

The Executive Board will meet as needed.

Committees will meet as needed

NOVEMBER 2025

NOVEMBER 3rd EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Hibiscus Room

1:00pm

NOVEMBER 11th GENERAL MEETING

Please note date change due to Thanksgiving

Grand Cypress Room

Meeting starts at 1:00pm.

Please use **SignUpGenius** to attend.

Speaker – JB Schuetz,

Bougainvillea

Business Meeting

Financial Report

Committee Reports

NOVEMBER 11TH GENERAL MEETING CONTNUED

New/Old Business

Refreshments & Socialization

Provided by our Hospitality Committee.

DECEMBER 2025

DECEMBER 1stEXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Hibiscus Room

1:00pm

DECEMBER 4, 2025

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE'S

HOLIDAY PARTY

For members and their guest.

VillageWalk Town Center

5:30pm - 9:00pm

Everyone must **RSVP** with payment **by Nov. 24th, 2025**, to

Carol Zeek

Text (317)752-6697

DECEMBER 9th GENERAL MEETING

Please note date change due to Christmas

Grand Cypress Room

Meeting starts at 1:00pm.

Please use SignUpGenius to attend.

Speaker – Stephanie English,

Ikebana Demonstration

Business Meeting

Financial Report

Committee Reports

New/Old Business

Refreshments & Socialization

Provided by our Hospitality Committee.

JANUARY 2026

JANUARY 12th EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Hibiscus Room

1:00pm

JANUARY 20th GENERAL MEETING

Grand Cypress Room

Meeting starts at 1:00pm.

Please use **SignUpGenius** to attend.

Speaker – Jay Hebert,

Gardening for Snowbirds

Business Meeting

Financial Report

Committee Reports

New/Old Business

Refreshments & Socialization

Provided by our Hospitality Committee.

JANUARY 24th FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE'S

"9th ANNUAL PLANT & BAKE SALE"

Bocci Court Parking Lot

9am-12noon

Rain Date January 25th

JANUARY 31st - Budget requests from all committees are due to the Treasurer for Fiscal Year May 1st, 2026-April 30th, 2027

FEBRUARY 2026

FEBRUARY 9th EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Hibiscus Room

1:00pm

Nominating Committee presents slate of officers.

FEBRUARY 17th GENERAL MEETING

Grand Cypress Room

Meeting starts at 1:00pm.

Please use **SignUpGenius** to attend.

Speaker – Connie Nagele,

Importance of Butterfly Counts

Business Meeting

Financial Report

Committee Reports

New/Old Business
FEBRUARY 17TH GENERAL MEETING CONTINUED-

Nominating Committee presents slate of
of officers to general membership.

Refreshments & Socialization

Provided by our Hospitality Committee.

MARCH 2026

**MARCH 7TH BUTTERFLY GARDENS COMMITTEE'S
"6TH ANNUAL BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL"**

Scrub Jay Lane & VillageWalk Circle

10:00am to 2:00pm

Rain Date March 8th

MARCH 9th EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Hibiscus Room

1:00pm

Finance Committee Presents Annual Budget

MARCH 17th GENERAL MEETING

Grand Cypress Room

Meeting starts at 1:00pm.

Please use **SignUpGenius** to attend.

Speaker – TBD

Business Meeting

Financial Report

Committee Reports

New/Old Business

Election of the Executive Board for the fiscal year

May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027

Refreshments & Socialization

Provided by our Hospitality Committee.

APRIL 2026

APRIL 13th EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Hibiscus Room

1:00pm

Approve Annual Budget

APRIL 23RD – (THURSDAY) ANNUAL MEETING

Please note change of day to THURSDAY.

Grand Cypress Room

Meeting starts at 1:00pm.

Please use **SignUpGenius** to attend.

Speaker – TBD

Business Meeting

Annual budget presented to the general membership.

New/Old Business

Committee Chairs present annual reports.

Installation of Executive Board

Refreshments & Socialization

Provided by our Hospitality Committee.

**APRIL 30TH – DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEE FOR
MAY 1ST 2026-APRIL 30TH 2027**

MAY 2026

MAY 11TH – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Hibiscus Room

1:00pm

MAY 19th GENERAL MEETING

Grand Cypress Room

Meeting starts at 1:00pm

Please use **SignUpGenius** to attend.

“Garden Club Annual Plant Exchange”

Business Meeting

Financial Report

Committee Reports

New/Old Business

Introduction of Committee Chairs

Committee Chairs introduce committee members.

Refreshments & Socialization

Provided by our Hospitality Committee.

**GARDEN CLUB WILL NOT MEET JUNE, JULY, AUGUST,
SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER**

The Executive Board will meet as needed.
Committees will meet as needed.

NOVEMBER 2026

NOVEMBER 2nd EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Please note the date change due to Thanksgiving.
Hibiscus Room
2:00-3:00pm

NOVEMBER 10th GENERAL MEETING

Please note the date change due to Thanksgiving.
Grand Cypress Room
Meeting starts at 1:00pm
Please use **SignUp Genius** to attend.
Speaker
TBD
Business Meeting

Financial Report
NOVEMBER 10TH GENERAL MEETING CONTINUED -
Committee Reports
New/Old Business
Introduction of Committee Chairs
Committee Chairs to introduce committee members.
Refreshments & Socialization
Provided by our Hospitality Committee.

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