

Inverness Garden Club
Helen Parker, President
October 2022 District Meeting

KOKEDAMA WORKSHOP:

In the early part of the year, a Kokedama workshop was held in the Extension Gardens in Lecanto. Barbara McGhee presented the demonstration to twelve IGC participants. As a result all twelve participants produced fine examples of the art of Kokedama.

PLANT SALE PARTICIPATION:

Master gardeners of the IGC encouraged members to participation in the master gardener's plant sale held at the Extension in Lecando. To this end, members could get advice from experts concerning Florida friendly plants they wish to add to their gardens. This was in an effort by the club to fulfill our member's wishes to be a source of hands on gardening advice.

HOSPICE WORKSHOP:

Our Hospice workshop produced over one hundred individual arrangements which were distributed to hospice patients. The arrangements are always well received and give members a sense of satisfaction.

CALADIUM PLANT SALE:

Again our caladium plant sale was a great success, and provided the club with the necessary funds for another year.

SUMMER LUNCHONS:

While general meetings were on summer hiatus, a round of luncheons were organized by our oldest member. As a result, we were able to keep in touch socially and discuss our plans for the fall.

SHORTEN OUR MEETING AGENDA:

In response to our member's wishes to provide meetings that are centered around horticultural issues, our general meeting agenda was drastically shortened. As a consequence our general meetings went from two and a half hours to one and a half hours. This afforded our club to concentrate on gardening issues that our members were eager to explore.

To accomplish the shortening of the agenda, all officers reports as well as committee chair reports were presented at a board meeting directly before the general meeting. All members were invited to participate in the board meeting. Only those issues that were clearly identified at the board meeting were presented to the members at the general meeting. This has worked well!!!

Respectfully submitted – Helen Parker, President Inverness Garden Club