



# BLOOMING CHATTER

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## *CJ's Thoughts*

Since things are slowing down for the summer, SGC is gearing up for the next exciting event. It takes a "Village" for these events and our Chairs are asking for help. Our next Big Event will be GARDENFEST on October 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>. See page 2.

We will have one MUSIC IN THE GARDEN this summer on July 1st at 5:00 pm. Please make reservations by calling Carol Alexander. It is for members, friends and family. Come enjoy the evening with good friends. The cost will be \$10.00 per person.

Also, please contact me to volunteer for THE 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of SGC in APRIL 2017.

This summer we will be getting a new kitchen, which will enhance our building. Also, we will be having a garage sale to sell all the unneeded items we find in our Library and other closets. It will be a good time for you to do some late spring cleaning at your own home and donate for the sale. Bring your items in July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am (no clothing or plants). The sale will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

There is a lot to do. Get involved and enjoy your club. Those of you who will be away for the summer, enjoy, and we look forward to seeing you in September. Happy summer to all.

*-CJ*



Patsy Bonarek and Adrienne Wagner were at the annual Epcot Flower and Garden Festival in Orlando demonstrating ikebana design and answering many questions. They also met some former Sarasota residents who were very familiar with SGC and who commented what a wonderful club it is. Another woman who lives here wanted to know all the details of joining SGC and how to learn about ikebana. We all love potential new members.



## Floralia Honors Dorothy Boothroyd, '82

This is a creative design with weathered wood as a feature and was created by Eleanor Yates. Eleanor used materials that were Dorothy Boothroyd's and the design was done in her memory. Members of Floralia spoke about Dorothy and her friendship to many in the club. A memorial brick will be purchased to honor her.

Dear Gardening Friends,

**SGC's 2016 Annual Plant Sale & GardenFest will take place at our clubhouse on Saturday, October 8th, 9 am-4 pm.** This one-day event will include educational programs, local plant societies sharing their knowledge, gardening-related vendors, youth projects, homemade lunches and of course, lots of plants!

Hopefully this is where YOU come in!! Can you propagate 10-12 plants, one and two gallon sizes over the summer for this sale? We are looking for vegetables, herbs, butterfly plants, succulents, crotons, flowering plants, fruit trees. Maybe you have an exotic or unusual plant to share.

Large box stores and nurseries discount or toss their bruised and distressed plants. Many of these are revivable and would work great with a little TLC!

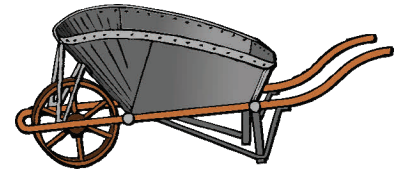
Your neighbors may be re-vamping their yard and have something wonderful to save. Or is there a home being demolished near you? Usually the plants get plowed under, so save a plant and help SGC by getting those plants donated!

Bonus: \$100 gift card goes to whomever brings the most plants in 1-2 gallon pots on October 8th.

Need any help digging up more than one or two plants?? We gotcha covered! Contact us.

Jackie Cutrone - [jackquelinacutrone@snet.net](mailto:jackquelinacutrone@snet.net)  
or Emily Yaffe - [eyaffe13@yahoo.com](mailto:eyaffe13@yahoo.com),  
Plant Sale & GardenFest Team

## GENTLEMEN'S CORNER



Welcome to a new feature in the Blooming Chatter! Each month I will be writing a column about the "goings on" for the men within our club. I will feature current projects that need assistance, upcoming projects that will need a "few good men", and other types of events that will help our club become the best it can be!

Currently I am looking for some MANPOWER to assist in cleaning the swail or drainage ditch. This project would be part of our Friday morning work crew and would be ongoing throughout the summer until completion. Our Friday work group hours are 8:00 am until 11:00 am. No need to call to register or sign in - JUST SHOW UP! We will all work together anytime you can.

As we move ahead I will let you know about other projects, both large and small. I look forward to meeting you in the Gardens - my old friends and new. If you have questions or just want to chat - call me at 941-400-5494 or email me at [jcgarden3305@yahoo.com](mailto:jcgarden3305@yahoo.com). Thank you.

-John Chrzczonowski

## **What's Happening: Meetings and Events**

### **June**

- 4 Rented
- 6 Orchid Society 6 pm
- 7 Succulent Society 7 pm
- 9 Sierra Club 6 pm
- 11 Rented
- 13 CONA 6 pm
- 15 Rented 11 am
- 18 Rented
- 20 Bromeliad Society 6 pm
- 22 Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers 6 pm
- 28 Tropical Fruit Society 6:30 pm
- 30 Rented

### **July**

- 1 Music in the Garden 5 pm. \$10/pp. See p.1
- 4 Sarasota Orchid Society 6 pm
- 8 Clean out SGC's Kitchen. See right
- 9 SGC Garage Sale. See right
  
- 13 Hort Study Tour of Edie Smith's garden  
See p 5
- " Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers 6 pm
- 14 Sierra Club 6 pm
- 18 Bromeliad Society 6 pm

### **August**

- 1 Sarasota Orchid Society 6 pm
- 10 Hypertufa Workshop. See p. 5

## **Welcome to our New Members:**

Judy Alexander	Warren Bacon
James Dodds	Deborah Grigaitis
Judith Harper	Marcia Jewell
Marcie Rickenbacker	

## **KITCHEN CLEAN OUT**

**Friday July 8: 9 am – 3 pm**

There are many duplicates of silverware & serving pieces in the Kitchen. These need sorting and boxing for use in new cabinets. Everyone needs to help & all will be contacted to help. You will not be left out of this fun summer activity! We will need boxes.

What is usable but not needed in the Kitchen will go to the Garage Sale.

## **GARAGE SALE**

**Saturday July 9: 8 am – 3 pm**

If you have items that can be included in the Garage Sale, we will be happy to take them. These items may be brought in on the day before, July 8 at 9 am and *may not include clothing or plants*. There will be a sign-up system soon for the workers and those who price items for the Garage Sale. We will need boxes for what we want to keep, for the Pines to take for the leftovers and for the shoppers.

If you have questions, please call GINGER VANCE at 941-351-8098.

## **Botanical Gardens Report**

We will be working every Friday during the summer months from 8- 10:30 am or so. We are on a shorter staff as so many snowbirds have left, so any amount of time you can give to maintaining the gardens is much appreciated. Water & light refreshments will be provided. Rain or Shine: it's our work.

A note of interest: have you ever wondered how many hours a month it take to maintain the SGC Gardens? I totaled the hours from the last 4 weeks and got an average of 22 of the Friday morning group and the Sarasota Butterfly Club members working an average of 2.5 hours per person. I took into account that some work more & some work fewer hours & came up with 220 hours in the last 4 weeks. I am in awe of my fellow hands-on gardeners.

Send any questions to [kayw33@comcast.net](mailto:kayw33@comcast.net). Happy Gardening. - Kay Weber, Botanical Gardens Chair

## Design Programs 2016-17

Advanced Floral Design Classes 7-9

### Unit #7 OCTOBER 11

Instructor: Janice Hamlin

### Unit #8 October 25

Instructor: Parke Finold

### Unit # 9 NOVEMBER 8

Instructor: Carol Lucia

\$40 for all three classes or \$15 each

### JANUARY 10th

Instructor: Sandy Walters

#### **Pitfalls and Prize Winners of Flower Shows**

Fee: \$15

### FEBRUARY 7

Instructors: Lori Richie and Brenda Johnson

#### **Creative Design, Thinking Outside the Box**

Fee: \$15

### MARCH 7

Instructor: Barbara Rao

#### **Creative Ideas for the Dining Table**

Fee: \$15

### APRIL 4

Instructor: Barb Jacobson

#### **Traditional versus Creative Design**

Fee: \$15

### MAY 9

Instructor: Clare Milligan

#### **Underwater Design**

Fee: \$15

All 8 classes may be purchased together for \$100 if bought by October 1. After October 1, it will be \$115 for all 8 classes. All classes may also be purchased individually. Maximum 30 per class, 9 am-2 pm.

-Jean Ruff

## Girl Scout Program Raises Interest



Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Lemon Bay Garden Club and Sarasota Garden Club teamed up to present programs to these girls to earn a patch from NGC. This was the NATIVE PLANTS PATCH. Our clubs combined talents and ideas to create 5 lessons and a field trip to meet the requirement for this patch. We met with 10 girls from Sarasota and Port Charlotte in late afternoons to learn about native plants, to plant wildflowers, do related craft projects and share knowledge.

We were pleased to have enthusiastic girls and moms who enjoyed these activities. A field trip to Cedar Point Environmental Park was the highlight. We saw budding native plants and blooming wildflowers on a 1.5 mile walk led by two county rangers who kept everyone interested and informed. We hope to continue with this project and have applied for a Florida Wildflower patch with criteria and requirements from NGC.

-Barbara Rao

*Have an awesome*





## Horticulture Study Group: Two Summer Programs

Judy & I have been working on the next club year programs. We are taking the month of June off to get them all scheduled & to line up co-hostesses.

On July 13th at 10:00a.m. we will be going to SGC member Edie Smiths' garden for a walking tour of "I Grow It /Come Help Me Know It." Edie will have tags for us to help her identify the many plants, trees, and bushes she is growing. She has an unusual garden with many decorative touches, hanging objects in her trees, some fruit trees, & even cotton. We will have a pot luck luncheon to round out this tour . Glenys Neely & Jeannie Weyrick will be co-hostesses. Please email me at [kayw33@comcast.net](mailto:kayw33@comcast.net) if you plan on attending & let me know which dish you are bringing to share. Examples: main dish, salad, vegetable, fruit, dessert, bread, drinks, etc. No guests at this meeting, please. We do need a head count so we have enough chairs & tables set up for lunch.

As parking is very limited we all need to carpool. If meeting at SGC be there by 9:15 am to leave promptly at 9:30 am. Remember that the weather is warmer now, so dress accordingly, wear your name tag, & wear comfortable shoes, as the grounds are uneven. Edie's address is in the SGC yearbook.

On August 20th at 9:30 am at SGC; Nancy Abramson will hold a Hypertufa workshop. We will be making a hand similar to the ones she makes for her own garden. We are asking for a \$5.00 fee per person to pay for the materials needed. You also will need to bring a 5-6" clay or plastic pot to put your completed hand in to dry. Feel free to bring a bag lunch and your own drink. The kitchen will not be available as it is being renovated. Please email me at [kayw33@comcast.net](mailto:kayw33@comcast.net) to sign up as we need a head count for purchasing materials needed for this project.



Nancy's hypertufa hands

If you did not sign up at our recent tour of Tropiflora Nursery their website is [www.tropiflora.com](http://www.tropiflora.com) to become a V.I.P.P. (Very Important Plant Person) . You will then receive their emails offering a discount at their sales as well as at festival events. Usually you receive a \$5.00 off a \$25.00 purchase coupon. I personally received a nice thank you email from Dennis Carthart family & staff for bringing the SGC group of 30 members & guests. They love having SGC members come for a behind the scene tour. Their son Scott reminded me that SGC sent him to Wekiva Youth Camp when he was 9 years old. What goes around sure does come back around. I had such a nice visit with the whole family after everyone had left.

We -Do-So-Love-Hands-On-Gardening,  
Kay Weber & Judy Herman Horticulture Study Group Co-Chairs

### In the June Garden: What to Plant (source: [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep450#SECTION\\_6](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep450#SECTION_6))

**Annuals:** Annuals that can take full sun during the increasingly hot summer months include celosia, portulaca, vinca, and some coleus. **See Annuals:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_annual\\_landscape\\_plants](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants)

**Palms:** Summer's warm, rainy months are the perfect time to plant palms. Make sure not to cover the trunk with soil. **See Palms:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_palms](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palms)

**Herbs:** Plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. Pinch back regularly to prevent flowering and enhance branching. **See Herbs:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_herbs](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs)

**Vegetables:** Plant okra, southern pea, calabaza, Malabar spinach, and sweet potato. It is too late to plant tomatoes. **See Vegetable Gardening in Florida:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_vegetable\\_gardening](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening)

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Editor's note: I have had my pleasure to serve as the Editor since 2010. Beginning with the July-August issue Rachel Nichols will assume the role. Please note the new email address as shown above to send articles. Welcome, Rachel!

-Janet Leonberger