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SGC Fashion Show a Grand Success

The Sarasota Garden Club kicked off its 90th anniversary by paying homage to the decade it was founded — the roaring '20s.

by: Anna Brugmann, *The Observer*

The Sarasota Garden Club's "Isn't it Grand" fashion show was as much about the past as it was about the future.

The event was set to a 1920s theme — an intentional choice because the Sarasota Garden Club was founded in 1927. The fashion show held on Jan. 19 at Michael's On East kicked off the club's 90th year. The event featured a silent auction and a keynote address from Sarasota clothing designer Camilyn Beth. Beth said she draws inspiration from trends throughout the decades, particularly trends indicative of the 1920s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s.

"That is kind of the theme," Garden Club Fundraising Chairwoman Jackie Cutrone said. "How elements of the past contribute to the clothes we wear today."



Image courtesy of Rick Benitez

SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB

90

ANNIVERSARY
1927-2017

SAVE THE DATE:
THE ROAR OF THE TWENTIES
A GRAND AFFAIR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2017: VIP DINNER \$125

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH, 2017: FESTIVAL FREE

FRIDAY:

LIVE MUSIC
DINNER AND DANCING
SILENT AUCTION
ANTIQUÉ CARS
HISTORICAL MOMENTS

SATURDAY:

ART FESTIVAL
FOOD TRUCKS
VENDORS
PETTING ZOO
ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW
OPPORTUNITY DRAWING
HISTORY

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:
SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB
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Hello to all of our returning snowbirds and new members! January was a very busy month for SGC. The Annual Fashion Show, Isn't it Grand, was held on January 19th at Michael's on East and was a great success. Jackie Cutrone, Emily Yaffe, Terry Damm, Deborah Grigraitis and their committee worked for months to put such a great show together. They did a fabulous job and thanks to them we made more than any of our other fashion shows in previous years. The Fundraising Committee took a chance of increasing the cost of a member ticket to \$65 and a regular ticket to \$70.00 and it paid off. Thank you to all of our members who supported our event by joining in the fun afternoon of fashions, music, silent auction bidding and especially for bringing friends! We have already had an increase in membership as a result of the show! We also couldn't have had such a great success without the continued participation and support of our sponsors and donors. We wish to thank all of them for items in the silent auction.

Last Wednesday, we planted a tree for the Suncoast Academy in honor of Florida Arbor Day. Thank you to Barbara Rao for putting this together with the help of Ginger Vance and the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida Troop 207.

Thank you to Olivia Haynes and Ann Madden for being the speakers for the Speaker's Bureau Presentation at the Windward Isles Women's Club. The club also received a small donation from them.

All SGC members are encouraged to check our website for schedules and please get involved with the Flower Show February 18th and 19th. You can enter floral design and/or Horticulture or volunteer to be a host/hostess. We are sure to have an award-winning show this year and we look forward to sharing this event with the community. Please bring a friend when you are visiting the show!

Next up will be our very well received Gardens in Paradise tour of 5 local private gardens. Save the Date for Saturday, March 18th for the tour and check back to our website for your member-discounted tickets. Want to get involved with the tour? Volunteers are being coordinated now and the GIP Committee will be in touch soon.

We are selling tickets to the VIP Dinner and Dance for the 90th Anniversary. Ron McCarty, Curator of The Ringling, will be our MC. We have 198 tickets left. See the flyer located in this issue of Blooming Chatter for more information.

"The Best Is Yet To Come!" -CJ Danna

The 2016 Civic Beautification Committee awards Luncheon will take place on **Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017 from 11:30am to 2:00pm**. There are some new and interesting awards for 2016. Members are certainly welcome, however we **MUST** have your RSVP **by Jan. 25** in order to plan for food preparation. Please call Carol/Yvonne in the office or email them at:
Office@SarasotaGardenClub.org

A Note from Catherine
Dear Friends -
Thank you to everyone who sent cards, made phone calls, sent beautiful flowers, and brought food. Everything was so appreciated. Garden Club friends are the best friends of all. I am feeling much better!! I am so grateful for everyone in my life. Catherine LaBrie

February

- 1 Floralia Mtg: 9:30am
- 2 Library Committee: 9:30am
- 3 Executive Committee: 11:30am
- 6 SGC Board of Directors: 10am
- SRQ Orchid Society: 6pm
- 7 Floral Design Class: 9am
- SRQ Succulent Society: 7pm
- 8 SGC Horticulture Study Group: 9:30am
- 9 Civic Beautification Luncheon: 8am
- Sierra Club: 6pm
- 10 Bldg. Preservation Cmmittee: 11am
- 13 C.O.N.A.: 5pm
- 17 Flower Show Preview Party: 6pm
- 18 Flower Show: 10am-4pm
- 19 Flower Show: 11am-3pm
- 20 Membership Com w/Hort Study: 10am
- SRQ Bromeliad Society: 7:30pm
- 21 SGC Membership Committee: 10am
- Mangrove Flyfishers: 6pm
- 22 Appalachian Trail Club: 6pm
- 23 Butterfly Club Mtg: 9:30am
- 24 Ikebana Society Board Mtg: 10am
- Friends of SRQ History Center Mtg: 7pm
- 27 Ikebana Society Mtg: 9:30am
- 28 New Member Coffee: 10am



Save the Date

SGC Flower Show—MUSIC IN OUR GARDENS

Saturday and Sunday, February 18th and 19th, 2017

Friday, February 17th, Preview Party

SGC Gardens in Paradise Private Gardens Tour

Saturday, March 18, 2017

SGC Annual Meeting, Friday, April 21st, 10am-2pm, Sarasota Yacht Club,

SGC 90th Anniversary Celebration—A GRAND AFFAIR! November 2017

90th Anniversary T-Shirts

The Sarasota Garden Club is celebrating its 90th year in 2017! To spread the word and join the fun, buy your logo tee shirt and wear it proudly. Available for sale at \$15 each. See Dianne Beaver.



Welcome New Members:

Marie McKee

Karalee Hammes

Debra Keal Kahn

Diane Keal

Edward Durbin

Maria Casas



Images courtesy of Rick Benitez



Images courtesy of Rick Benitez

Fashions by Lisa Boutique, Camilyn Beth and Martin Freeman Clothing



Help needed from SGC Members

We are requesting help for the Blue Star Marker Dedication Ceremony. We need help setting up the hall on the day before the ceremony, and on the day of providing sandwiches and desserts for the reception. We are expecting about 75 people.

We will set up hall on Monday, April 17 from 1pm to 3pm.

We will also need some hostesses for putting out the buffet and greeting and seating guests as they arrive.

We are hoping that some of our District Clubs will help with providing food as well as floral decorations too.

We need everyone to bring in Photos or momentos of their loved ones to Honor. Please bring to Hall on Monday to display between 1pm and 3pm.

Also we would appreciate financial donations, for those unable to attend, for costs with the reception, sign installation and program printing. The Garden Club website has a Support/ Donation page that has a Blue Star Dedication Fund there to donate using PayPal or you can also send donations to the Garden Club office.

Contact Betty Call at BettyCall@comcast.net or Barbara Rao at Barbara_rao@hotmail.com for offering your assistance & participation or for any questions regarding this most patriotic event.

VENICE AREA GARDEN CLUB 2017

Tuesday March 21st and Wednesday March 22nd

TO:

Kanahapa Botanical Gardens, Gainesville, FL
Butterfly Rainforest at FL Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Home & State Park, Cross Creek, FL
Florida Botanical Gardens and Heritage Village, Largo, FL

Trip includes:

Transportation
1 Night lodging at Windham Gardens Hotel (double occupancy)
Tuesday Lunch and Dinner
Wednesday Breakfast and Lunch

Cost: Based on a minimum of 25 travelers

\$200 VAGC members

\$225 Guests

Deposit: \$50 Due by Jan 31, 2017

Balance: \$150 VAGC members due by February 23

\$175 Guests due by February 23, 2017

Checks payable to: Venice Area Garden Club
Mail to: Linda Andrews, 744 Nokomis Ave S, Venice 34285
Phone: 941-412-1620 Email: lindakenfield@aol.com

Cancellation Policy:

Refund two weeks prior to trip if we have a waiting list. Otherwise, refund depends on ability to cancel supplier.

VAGC assumes no legal liability for any damages or loss of personal property or personal injury.





Sarasota Garden Club's 79th Annual Flower Show!

Sarasota Garden Club's 79th Annual Flower Show is just around the corner – be sure to have a part in this great event.

Registrations are open for Design, Horticulture and Photography now so check the website for schedules and ENTER – ENTER – ENTER!!!

Judith Hydeman is waiting for your Design entries and there are opportunities for everyone. Tables, Petites, All fresh plant material designs, and Designs of your choice. Send your entries to Judith by February 3rd at hydemanaz@gmail.com. It can be your first time entering and who knows – you might go home with a blue ribbon and if you don't, you can be proud that you entered! I heard one judge say she went home disappointed with her white ribbon but felt much better when her husband said "White's my favorite color!!"

The public loves seeing the plants that we grow at home, so please enter Horticulture and send your entries to Penny Thomas at financeoffice@sarasotagardenclub.org by February 1st. If you need help, just let us know. With the number of members we have, it is very important that we have lots of horticulture -- awards are based on the participation of our members. You can register a total of 10 horticulture entries by Feb. 1st, and then delete and/or add at the time of horticulture entry pick up on February 13 and 14, staying within the 10 total limit. To delete or add, use the "ADDITIONAL Horticulture Entry Form" on the Website or in the Flower Show box in the office. If entering a plant from last year, be sure to check the horticulture schedule because the Class # will have changed, so check the schedule first.

Photography is the new interest added to our Flower Show from last year and visitors love it. Send your entries to Carol Malott at mcmalott@gmail.com by February 3rd. Check out the exciting and inspiring titles of the five photography classes – there's definitely something for you!

If you haven't signed up for the Preview Party, call the office right now to add your name to the list – and bring family and friends. The Sarasota Catering Company will cater the festive event from 6pm to 8pm on Friday evening, February 17. Cost is \$15.00 per person and deadline to sign up is February 3. There will be "Music in Our Gardens" that evening as well as during the Flower Show.

The hours of the Flower Show will be from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, February 18, and on Sunday, February 19 from 11am to 3pm. We need Hostesses to welcome and help guests, as well as provide safety for the Flower Show exhibits. Please contact Hostess Co-Chairs, Joy Lightcap, rojol@sbcglobal.net or Mary Lee, mlee6611@gmail.com to sign up. We will have vendors, and we will be selling Caladiums – COME – invite your friends and get the word out!!

If you have questions, or wish to talk with someone about your Flower Show entries, please contact us. We want YOU to be a part of this spectacular event, so please join us and enjoy!!

Sue Angle, Chair

Clare Milligan, Co-Chair

Horticulture Tips for Entering the Flower Show

- Plant must have been in **exhibitor’s possession for at least 90 days**
- **Read Schedule** to comply with all rules for class being entered
- **Label Entry** with genus, species and/or cultivar – for help, come to Plant I.D. Days or contact Horticulture Entries Chairmen
- **If entering a plant from last year**, check the horticulture schedule because the Class # will have changed. So check schedule first.
- **Staking** is permitted, but should be unobtrusive and not extend above top of plant
- **Grooming is important** – Plants should be clean and free of disease and insects. Dried leaves and flowers should be removed. Trim foliage following the leaf’s natural outline to eliminate dry tips or edges.
- **Container is considered part of the plant’s culture** and therefore must be clean, free of salt build-up or other stains. Patina is acceptable. It must be properly sized to the plant, and should not have distracting pattern or inappropriate color.

Flower Show Volunteer Opportunity

Flower Show Clerks work in teams of two who accompany each three judge panel, recording the judges' remarks, and attaching ribbons to winning entries. Our show is in need of 16 clerks on Friday February 17, from 1pm-3pm to do this important task. There will be a short training session prior to the judging to acquaint clerks with materials and procedures. If you can help with this easy but important assignment, please email corridonilinda@hotmail.com to sign up.

Linda Corridoni
Clerk Chair

There are so many ways to be a part of this Flower Show, and one way that will be such a huge support to help defray the expenses for this gift to our community is by being a donor in the amount you would like to give. Please make your check to “Sarasota Garden Club – Flower Show” and mail to Shirley Cook, 3300 Duncan Ave., Sarasota, FL 34239-6603, indicating how you would like your name to appear and the category you wish to support.

Patron \$15.00
Sponsor \$25.00
Friend \$50.00
Benefactor \$100.00
Champion over \$100.00

Your generosity helps to provide this special event as a gift to the people of the Sarasota area.
THANK YOU!!

We are still hard at work on the Succulent Garden. We are thinning out many of the overgrown plants and adding small succulent plants that we divided from plants already growing in place. The irrigation system is back in working order as well.

We are working on the basic Spring clean up of all of the gardens. We are concentrating our efforts in the Falling Waters and Quiet Gardens. We are adding new plants as well as plants we have propagated. The "Snow Birds" are back and ready to get back to work. It is so nice to see so many friends come back to work in the gardens and the weather is much cooler now.

Feel free to join us Friday mornings from 8:00am to 11:00am. Even if you can only spend a couple of hours, that is okay with us.

Many thanks to all who are donating plants from their gardens. It's good to know that we have so many hands-on-gardeners at SGC.



Kay Weber
Botanical Gardens Chair

Happy Gardening!

Horticulture Club Report

General Meeting Program
Monday February 20th 10:00 am



The Horticulture Study Group presents a program once a year at the general membership meeting. This year's topic is "Better Plant Choices." Speaker will be Linda Corridoni. Why do we plant the same 20 plants everywhere? Are they good for our environment as well as for our native animals? Linda will bring many native plants and teach us why they are better choices. This is a must see program for all gardeners.

We will have a raffle to benefit our SGC Botanical Gardens. Some plants that Linda will talk about will be in the raffle as well as fresh water driftwood, gardening books, containers, vintage galvanized watering can, etc.

All SGC members are free & guests are always welcome for a \$5.00 fee per person. Hostesses are Sue DeGrandis, Mary Lee, Joy Lightcap, and Carol Johnson. Any questions email me at kayw33@comcast.net

We-Do-So-Love-Hands-On-Gardening,
Kay Weber & Judy Herman

Happy Valentine's Day Remember your Valentine this year!

Our focus now moving forward is to continue work on the handrails on the inside garden bridges. It is important for safety and beauty. If you can spare a few hours on Friday mornings we would certainly welcome your help. Also, we are undertaking a large logistic project – our reorganization and purging of our Garden Shed. Any help is appreciated. We have limited space and area so logistics are important. Please stop by and lend a hand.

Our ladies in the Garden can always use a “strong arm” to lift and carry yard waste to the dumpster, carry mulch to their various gardens, and carry plants to be planted. There are many jobs to be done. Anytime you would like to stop by for a tour and learn the jobs to be done, in just a couple of hours, please feel free to do so. And, if you are inclined, our dear old building could always use another set of hands changing light bulbs, repairing door stops and general loving care. I would welcome your garden hands and your friendship.

According to John C.



I look forward to meeting you in the gardens – my old friends and new.

Girl Scouts make creations for Flower Show

The Girl Scouts of Troop 207 from Suncoast Academy in Sarasota have been working with our members to enter our February 18-19, 2017 Flower Show. The girls have planted dish gardens, created dried flower wreaths and will do a flower design all for entry in the Youth Division. Janet Leonberger, Nancy Lewis, brand new member Angela Marchesi, and Barbara Rao completed these two projects in the afterschool meeting.



The girls and their mentors spent quality time last month creating fresh flower Christmas arrangements before their school break. Kathleen Toale and Cynthia Titus spearheaded this project with Penny Thomas, Nancy Lewis, Emily Yaffe, and Janet Leonberger.

Floral Design Classes have been a big hit at SGC this year. The schedule for the classes are as follows (from 10am-12pm):

FEBRUARY 7 - Creative Design, Thinking Outside the Box/ Instructors: Lori Richie and Brenda Johnson will help us expand our creativity by using odd items as containers and showing us different methods of leaf manipulation. This workshop will be a great way to learn new ideas for your designs. Fee: \$15

MARCH 7 - Creative Ideas for the Dining Table/ Instructor: Barbara Rao will show us some fun ideas for decorating our own tables. Imagination is the key whether it be a romantic dinner for two or a party for 8. Barbara will inspire us to get the table "set" for any occasion. Fee: \$15

APRIL 4 - Traditional versus Creative Design/ Instructor: Barb Jacobson is currently the Director of District VIII and has won top exhibitor awards at local and state flower shows. Barb will show us the difference between traditional and creative design and will demonstrate some basic design types. Barb has a passion for flowers that you will not want to miss. Fee: \$15

MAY 9 - Underwater Design Techniques/ Instructor: Clare Milligan invites us to take the "plunge" into underwater design. Learn about the best mechanics to make your designs hold up under water. This impressive style of design is a crowd pleaser and will inspire you to new design heights. Fee: \$15

No materials are necessary. Just bring yourself and get ready to expand your creativity!

Maximum 30 per class. All classes will be held at Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Boulevard of the Arts, 34236

**To Register Send Check to:
SGC
1131 Blvd. of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34236
Include with your check which
classes you are taking with your
name, phone number and email.**

Questions: Contact Design Chair Jean Ruff sarasotasouthpaw@gmail.com 513-659-6620



Curried Chicken Salad

Ingredients:

6 split chicken breasts (bone in, skin on if roasting, boneless if poaching)

1 ½ cups Hellman's Mayo

1 small jar Major Grey's Mango Chutney (regular or hot)

3 Tablespoons curry powder (or to taste)

1 cup diced celery

1 cup large diced granny smith apple, peel on

Fresh ground black pepper (to taste)

1 cup whole roasted salted cashews

Options: Scallions, Craisins, Almonds, WINE to poaching liquid, low fat mayo or mayo/yogurt combo, etc.



Directions:

Place chicken breasts on parchment-lined sheet pan, brush with olive oil, salt and pepper, bake 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees until just cooked. When cool, remove skin and discard. Remove meat from bones and chop into rough dice ALTERNATIVELY

Place chicken breasts in a simmering bath of water or chicken stock and poach slowly over low heat until fully cooked, turning over several times. When cool to the touch, shred chicken using two forks by scraping into large pieces with the tines of forks (my fave)

Combine mayo, chutney and curry powder in separate bowl and mix together. Amounts of chutney and curry powder to use vary depending on taste. Add 1/3 cup chutney at a time.

Add mixture to chicken (use large bowl) and stir to combine.

Add celery and apples and mix thoroughly. Add black pepper if desired.

Let sit for a few hours to combine flavors

Before serving, add cashews and stir. ENJOY! Party Pleaser!

Recipe Courtesy of Carol Maher

To submit a recipe to have featured in this monthly column, please email full recipe and a photo to: bloomingchatter@sarasotagardenclub.org

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