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BLOOMING CHATTER CALENDAR

MARCH 2022

- 1st. 7:00pm Succulent Soc. Mtg.
- 2nd 9:00am Floralia 16 Mtg.
- 4th WEDDING
- 5th WEDDING
- 6th 8:00am Center for Spiritual Living
- 6th 4:00pm WEDDING
- 7th. 10:00am BOD Mtg.
- 8th 9:00am Founder's Garden Club Mtg.
- 8th 10:30am Civic Beautification Comm. Mtg.
- 10th 4:00pm The Bay
- 13th WEDDING & RECEPTION
- 15th 10:30am Civic Beautification Comm. Mtg.
- 17th ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 19th WEDDING & RECEPTION
- 20th 8:00am Center for Spiritual Living
- 21st 10:00am General Mtg.
- 22nd 10:00am Executive Comm. Mtg.
- 22nd 10:30am Civic Beautification Comm. Mtg.
- 23rd 6:00pm Mangrove Fly Fishers
- 24th 9:00am Butterfly Club Mtg.
- 25th GIP SET UP
- 26th 9:30am 8th Annual GIP Tour
- 27th 8:00am Center for Spiritual Living
- 28th 9:30am Ikebana Soc. Mtg.
- 30th 2:00pm Set up for Civic Beautification Awards
- 31st Civic Awards Luncheon

BLOOMING CHATTER CALENDAR

APRIL 2022

- 1st PATTERSON FOUNDATION
- 2nd WEDDING & RECEPTION
- 3rd 8:00am Center for Spiritual Living
- 4th 10:00am BOD Mtg.
- 5th 7:00pm Succulent Soc. Mtg.
- 6th IKEBANA SOC. ANNUAL EXHIBITION
- 7th IKEBANA SOC. ANNUAL EXHIBITION
- 8th PRE WEDDING PARTY & RECEPTION
- 10th 8:00am Center for Spiritual Living
- 12th-14TH FFGC CONVENTION - ORLANDO
- 12th 9:00am Founder's Garden Club Mtg.
- 14th THE BAY
- 15th-17TH OFFICE CLOSED – EASTER HOLIDAY
- 17th 8:00am Center for Spiritual Living
- 25th 9:30am Ikebana Soc. Mtg.
- 26th 10:00am Executive Comm. Mtg.
- 27th 6:00pm Mangrove Fly Fishers
- 30th 11:00am Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation



President's Message

GROW



TOGETHER!!

Nancy Lewis, President

Normally, fewer club activities occur during our summer months. However, last summer, due to replacement of two air conditioners, as well as completing work on our irrigation system for the fountains and diagnosing underground water issues which caused odors inside and outside around the grounds at SGC, we were kept very busy indeed.

The work of your Executive Committee and Board of Directors goes on all year round and HUGE THANKS goes out to our Chairpersons and Garden Volunteers (under the direction of Kay Weber) who work in the gardens every Friday, every week, twelve months a year, come rain or shine). It is unimaginable to think of the resulting chaos in our gardens without the dedication of the weekly volunteers who manage to push themselves through the heat and rains of summer and the humid days with soaring temperatures. If you care to make a monetary contribution to the care and upkeep of our gardens, we gratefully accept any gift you may contribute to the effort to sustain them. I promise you every contribution will be put to excellent use by our Friday volunteers.

The Executive Committee has been busy preparing for the coming year and winding down building upkeep like the tenting of our entire garden club for three days to ensure that termite damage is stopped.

We also are considering what members want to do to plan for committees, responsibilities and goals - which they selected on the membership surveys in 2021. Kelly Goodwin has been busy lining up ideas for speakers and programs for the coming 2022-23 season.

Committee Chairs are busy working on current events, such as Gardens In Paradise (GIP) and current fundraising events. We are making an effort to meet the expressed interests of our members with programs which members list as having the highest appeal. Please support GIP on March 26th 2022 and bring friends and neighbors with you. The GIP Preview Party will be held on March 18th.

General Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 - 10:00am

SGC Members enjoy 10% DISCOUNT at Troy's Tropics!

**The Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd. of the Arts
Snacks and Refreshments will be provided by SGC**



**SPEAKER WILL BE ALEX
BARTH**



Alex Barth is a Design Manager/ Landscape Consultant at Troy's Tropics. Florida native with over 15 years of Retail Nursery and landscape experience. Certified through the University of Florida's extension cooperative in landscape management, pesticide application and Palm disease identification. Recognized by the FNGLA (Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association) as a Horticultural professional expert. Quarterly contributor on all things plants and landscapes on ABC7 Suncoast View.

Alex's vast knowledge of everything landscaping, there will be Q&A after the presentation.

There will be a raffle to benefit the SGC Botanical Gardens



All SGC members are always free and guests are welcome for a fee of \$10.00 each.

GENERAL MEETING RECAP

"A PEOPLE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR PAST HISTORY, ORIGIN AND CULTURE IS LIKE A TREE WITHOUT ROOTS"

Our guest speaker for the February's general meeting was Kathryn Chesley in the guise of Mary Jane Wyatt Whitaker - who would have been 191 years old this coming April. Kathryn always dresses up for her presentations, and on this occasion wore an authentic 1880 maternity dress, which she described as being "well worn and fully adjustable!"

Kathryn has an in-depth knowledge of the history of Sarasota and her presentation was full of detail. Many of the audience went away with a better understanding of how Sarasota came about, and I'll never drive down any of the 'fruit streets' (orange, lemon etc – but not strawberry) without thinking of these fruits being exchanged in trade for Florida cattle.



Kathryn Chesley aka
Mary Jane Wyatt
Whitaker aged 191!

GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the meetings, and encourage you to invite guests to public meetings to introduce them to the Sarasota Garden Club and perhaps gain further members and more support.

Light refreshments are served, and a raffle is run at each meeting to generate funds to support our club. Thank you for your support.

Here is our schedule for the rest of the season:

March 21st – at the invitation of Kay Weber and Judy Harman – **Alex Barth from Troy's Tropics**

April 18th – MEMBERS ONLY - **Annual Meeting takes place of General Meeting**

May 16th – Kay Weber and Judy Herman – **to be arranged**

March and May's General Meetings are open to the public for a fee of \$10

The April meeting is for members only, May is off-site and there is no charge to the public.

If you have any ideas for a program, please submit them to the Program Chair, CJ Danna cj.sarasotagardenclub@gmail.com



Botanical

"Gardening makes us even in this world"

February sure was a cooler month with light frost for a couple of days, but not too much damage in our gardens. We were busy cutting back plants, bushes and trees getting ready for the tenting of our building for termite treatment. The bigger job was moving all of our huge pots off of the sidewalk areas. The second biggest job was moving all the big pots back in place. It was a busy two Fridays and we workers were sure tired each of them.

Doing updating of the Woodland Garden by taking out many Bromeliads that were taking over the whole garden. Working hard to update the garden on the patio also, the Ferns and Bromeliads were taking over that little oval garden. Both areas are looking much better. Shared the plants we took out with all the volunteer workers.

We are getting more requests to do tours on Fridays with students from our local schools, and/or home-schooled children as well. Happy to do this also. Lots of visitors on Fridays now. The most asked question is always "What is the tall yellow tree?" Of course, that's the African Tulip tree that has been in bloom since November. Many of them want to take a picture of themselves standing under the tree.

We open up about 8:30a.m. each Friday & work until about 11:00a.m. If you have time to volunteer, even if its once a month that's okay, We have water & snacks each week. We try once a month to have a Pot/Luck Lunch. or a Tour offsite & a Pot/Luck lunch or bag lunch.

Special thank you for all the faithful Friday Morning Workers volunteers and the volunteers from the Butterfly Club that maintain the Butterfly Garden.

Kay's Corner



Caring for your Orchid
by Kay Weber
Sarasota Orchid Society & Sarasota Garden Club Member

March is Spring in southern Florida!

Danger of a freeze or frost continues past mid-month, so be ready to bring orchids inside, or cover them with sheets or beach towels if growing outside is better for you. Having waited so long for the flowers we want to enjoy them as long as possible.

Water with Epsom Salts:

As colder weather can turn your orchid foliage a reddish colour; water them with an application of Epsom salts - one tablespoon per gallon of water is recommended. Water early in the morning as this ensures complete water evaporation by nightfall.

Re-pot in the right size pots:

Right after flowering is usually an excellent time for re-potting a plant; and the cool day-time Spring temperatures are hospitable to the orchid grower as well.

Remember - do not use pots that are not the correct size for what you are planting. Don't plant small orchids in large pots.

If you are dividing your large orchids remember to plant each of them in a smaller pot. Most orchids require a 4-5-6-inch pot, although there are seedlings and miniature orchids that require much smaller ones.

Older specimen plants (Cymbidium, Phalaenopsis & large Cattleya) often require 8-10-inch pots.







PREVIEW IN PARADISE



Friday, March 18, 2022

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**1708 Shoreland Drive
Sarasota, FL 34239**



Light Bites and Libations

Come and Enjoy an Evening in the Gardens!

**Party is poolside, on the grounds and in the gardens
of a home in the Southside Village Neighborhood**

\$25 per person

RSVP office@sarasotagardenclub.org

941-955-0875

Parking Available all along Shoreland Drive and Old Oak Drive

**The Sarasota Garden Club wishes to thank
Carol Lackey for her generous hospitality in sponsoring this event.**





Gardens *in* Paradise

8th Annual Sarasota Garden Club
*Premier Garden Tour
of Private Gardens*

Saturday, March 26, 2022 • 9:30am – 4pm

Rain or Shine



Advanced Reservations: \$35/person • Day of Tour: \$40/person

Group rates available upon request

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Box lunches available at SGC Gardens: 11:30am – 1:30pm • \$15



**For More Information & Reservations,
Visit SarasotaGardenClub.org or call 941.718.3359**
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HISTORIC DESIGNATION

The Sarasota Garden Club has just been notified that application was unanimously approved for the National Register of Historic Places. National Register listings identify historically significant buildings, districts, structures, sites, and objects and document their significance. Listings can help build community pride in the history of that community and its built environment.

SGC now has the trifecta of historic documentation, the City, the County, and the National Designations. These are wonderful recognitions of our 95 year old club and our 63 year old building. The people who need to be recognized are Andy Papineau for the City, Olivia Haynes for the County, and Bruce Jensen for the National.

It has been a journey!

SGC CELEBRATING 95TH ANNIVERSARY 1927-2022



Featured Plant!

Oxalis Regnellii / Shamrock!

Characterized by clover-like leaves and dainty white blooms, this South African native plant is much more than just a St. Patrick's Day staple. The pure-white flowers sweep gracefully from their stems atop the unique, triangular foliage, making Oxalis Regnellii a stand-out feature on windowsills, along decks, in pots, and around porch edgings. You'll probably spot it all over now, and each time you spot it, that means good luck for you!



95th FFGC Convention April 2022

"Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility by providing education, resources and networking opportunities for our members, youth and the community."



**Register NOW for the
95th Annual Convention in
Kissimmee!!**

**Embassy Suites Orlando,
Lake Buena Vista South**

April 12-14, 2022

www.ffgc.org/convention-2022

Convention Co-Chairpersons - Mary Whisler & Carol Wood.
Mary Whisler at (352) 212-6661 - mary.whisler66@gmail.com
Carol Wood at (813) 235-3917 - carolwood@outlook.com



This is That

"Green Room" - from Adrienne Wagner

Adrienne Wagner opens the Green Room which sells design components and many additional items for our members to purchase at reasonable prices. The Green Room is open during each General Meeting on the third Mondays. Adrienne would like to invite members and guests to stop by and have a look at the variety of items in the store. She is available to help find interesting pieces for you. Please take a few minutes to have a look at what we offer. Profits are returned to the club and we appreciate your patronage.

"Thanks For GIP Volunteers" - From Gloria Thomas

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to staff Welcome Tables at the gardens on the Gardens in Paradise Tour on March 26th. You will be contacted by one of the members of the logistics team listed below during the week of March 7th with your shift assignment, garden location and check-in responsibilities.

We'll have fun and a great tour!

Logistics Team: Gloria Thomas | Beth Juraska |
Marcie Rickenbacker | Ann Durloo

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION

LOOK AROUND OUR LOVELY COMMUNITY:

For over 90 plus years the Sarasota Garden Club has awarded CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION SPECIAL AWARDS to public and commercial business properties both large and small that have maintained outstanding landscaping. The members of this committee canvas our beautiful community, take photographs, and then select the best properties that showcase curb appeal. Beatification Awards are then presented at a Celebration Ceremony

Luncheon on March 31, 2022.

*******PLEASE CONTACT ME TO VOLUNTEER TO BE
A PRIZED MEMBER OF THIS IMPORTANT
OUT REACH COMMUNITY PROJECT *******

Here is a list of our currently scheduled meetings 10:30am:

March 8, 2022

March 15, 2022

March 22, 2022

March 30, 2022

Award Luncheon--March 31, 2022

Contact--Pat Bonarek, patbon5@verizon.net

phone--941-355-4792

Affiliate's Corner

Ikebana International

Ikebana is the 6th C. elegant art of Japanese floral design.

This artform was introduced into Japan along with the advancement of Buddhism. Ikebana International, an organization dedicated to "Friendship through Flowers", was founded in 1956 with headquarters in Tokyo, Japan.

One of our affiliates, Ikebana, is holding the first exhibition for 3 years at Sarasota Garden Club on April 6th/7th 2022.

SAVE THE DATE and COME ALONG!

www.iisarasota.com

We present a special exhibition with some of the most beautiful arrangements by our Chapter members. There will be demonstrations throughout the day, with some of the arrangements for purchase, a special Ginza shopping experience in a most beautiful setting among The Sarasota Garden Club Botanical Gardens. This is open to the public; a small \$5 donation is appreciated.

March 28, 2022 — Monday, 10:00 am at Sarasota Garden Club
Author Richard Saddlemyre, "Geisha in the Attic"
Practice Workshop for Exhibition
White Elephant Sale
April 6-7, 2022-Wednesday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
54th Annual Exhibition - "Blossoms on the Bayfront"
at the Sarasota Garden Club
Exhibition, Demonstrations, Ginza Sales of Oriental Items
April 25, 2022-Monday, 10:00 am at Sarasota Garden Club
Election & Installation of Board Members
Practice in Free Style Arrangements \n Presidents' Tea

Affiliate's Corner

THE BAY

Road, walkway and parking update

<https://www.thebaysarasota.org/>

Sidewalk Closed:

The northern sidewalk on Blvd of the Arts from Van Wezel Way to the west is closed and will remain closed until Phase I of The Bay is opened.

In addition, our new ADA-accessible sidewalk east of Van Wezel Way (alongside the Fountain Garden and Sarasota Garden Club) is open.

Temporary Closures:

Starting on Monday, February 28th Portions of the Mangrove Bayou Walkway and the pedestrian bridge will be closed for renovations, including the laying of rubber surfacing and the addition of new benches and etchings to the bridge.

Area Closure:

The south-western edge of Phase I, where the Tree Nursery currently stands, is closed for construction.

Parking:

If you're coming to visit The Bay, please use our main park entrance at the 10th Street roundabout.

There is plenty of parking available in the Van Wezel and Arts and Culture District parking lots.



Fundraising

Welcome!

We have been busy developing our Fundraising Agenda for the Sarasota Garden Club 2021-2022 year.

All our events raise funds for our mission, which include:

Scholarships

Children's Programs

Education in Horticulture / Floral Design

Outreach Programs and

Infrastructure of our history mid-century modern building

Along with our many gardens.

Each special event, such as Gardens in Paradise Tour and GIP Preview in Paradise Party, have their own brand of rewards, and act as a vehicle for communicating our mission to the community.

Revenue is generated from our Fundraising Events, Sponsors and In-Kind-Gifts. SGC is a non-profit 501©3 and an IRS designated educational organization.

If you wish to be a part of this committee, please contact: Kelly Goodwin – (941) 718-3359



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CELEBRATING 60 PLUS YEARS

Sarasota Garden Club's HISTORIC MID-CENTURY MODERN BUILDING

1959-2022

Over 60 years ago members of the **Sarasota Garden Club** took a leap of faith after much planning and fundraising and built our Mid-Century Modern building designed in the Sarasota School of Architecture in 1959 by John Crowell. It was beautiful and soon the gardens became a show place for our community.

After these many years our beloved building desperately needs some major restoration to return to her previous beauty and glory. **Our goal to accomplish this is \$215,000 by December 2022.**

How can you help? By participating in one of two programs:

- (1) Buy a Brick for our Historic Mid-Century Modern building by either buying a brick or bricks for each \$250 donation. Bricks are customized with your name, a family member's name, a family name, or business name and will be placed in our garden along with acknowledgement on our Donor's Board, or
- (2) Become a Patron by donating \$1,000 to \$10,000 and joining other Patrons (both individuals, families, and/or companies). You will be memorialized on a Bronze Garden Plaque to be located in our garden, a brick, and acknowledged on our Donor's Board.

You can make your donation online at www.sarasotagardenclub.org/contributions or mail a check to Sarasota Garden Club, Attention: Kelly Goodwin, 1131 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Thank you for your love for our historic building and your continued support!

Sincerely,

Kelly Goodwin

Kelly Goodwin

SGC Fundraising

P.S. We are planning to have a Success Celebration in January 2022 or when we reach our goal. More later....

Over the past ninety plus years we have been providing the community of Sarasota with educational, environmental, horticultural & floral design workshops, and a place for our surrounding community to come and garden in our beautiful 9 botanical gardens. Open 7 days a week. **FREE TO THE PUBLIC.** We are the 2nd largest green space in downtown Sarasota.



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Yes, I would like to contribute to the Sarasota Garden Club.

NAME(S): _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____

I will pay by Check _____ **Visa** _____

Charge my Visa Card # _____

Exp. Date: _____ **CVC Code:** _____

Signature _____

Please print the name(s) you want on the brick(s) and/or plaque:

My contribution will go toward the renovations of our Historic Mid-Century Modern building and grounds at 1131 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236. I will receive a tax deductible form from the Sarasota Garden Club and will receive updates as the project develops.

Signature: _____

Please return this form and check to: Sarasota Garden Club, Attn: Kelly Goodwin, 1131 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors at Sarasota Garden Club <i>"We thank you for all that you do for the club"</i>	
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Message From The Editors

HELLO GLEEFUL
GARDENERS!

HUGE THANK YOU TO BECCI BOND FOR JOINING THE
BLOOMING CHATTER TEAM & CJ DANNA FOR HER
CONTINUED CONTRIBUTION.

WHAT SEEDS ARE YOU INTENTIONALLY PLANTING INTO
YOUR LIFE THIS SEASON?

HOW ARE YOU CULTIVATING YOUR INNER SOIL?

ANYTHING THAT NEEDS WEEDING OUT?

IS THERE ANYTHING THAT APPEARS TO BE A WEED
THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE BENEFICIAL OR HERE TO
SHARE A LESSON?

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR ALL THE NEW
BLOOMS & KEEP WATERING YOURSELF WITH LOVE!

LILLY & NICOLE :)

