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President's Message

Greetings Garden Club Members!

Our next General Members Meeting is **Wednesday December 13th.**

Hello everyone, and Happy Holiday Season!



Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and enjoyed your November!

Our Garden Club has had a very busy and enjoyable Fall Season with many activities, so we are now moving rapidly into our Holiday Season.

We have our “Holiday in the Gardens” this Sunday, December 3 at 6:00pm. Hope to see many of you there. This event is for such a good cause in supporting the Sarasota Garden Club Scholarships we provide yearly, the Blue Star Memorial, and the Secret Garden to name a few. Please consider joining us.

This month’s programs will be very interesting with the Sarasota Bromeliad Society sharing and presenting to us on December 13, 2023.

We will continue our committee planning meetings for our 2024 “Gardens in Paradise” during December. We currently are seeking “day of event” volunteers. Please join in and assist us with supporting our greatest event of the year. Please talk with Gloria Thomas or anyone on the Committee.

Looking forward to seeing everyone during December!

Fondly

Kelly L Goodwin, President

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Honoring our leader, Kelly, for her leadership skills. Submitted by a SGC member.

It's not about where we are or what we have, it's about vision we hold for ourselves, it's about the dreams we dare to dream and future we aspire to create. It's about envisioning a world that is yet to be and then having the courage, grit and determination and resilience to bring that vision to life. So, let's not limit ourselves to what is, but let's dare to imagine what could be. It takes each of us to imagine what could be. It takes each of us, not just one. Because in the end it's all about vision and working together.

Kelly Goodwin led the way for SGC to connect with peers and experts for inspiration and support, and expanding our professional network. Thank you, Kelly, for enhancing our leadership development and professional network. There is no better way to celebrate than by empowering your leadership. Thank you.

*For she's a small type dynamo, even when she's feeling low.
Cut a finger, stub a toe - she's off hopping on the go.*

*Led us to a smooth transition.
From each of us she'd gain permission,
to lead our way forward,
for The Bay transition.*

December 2023 Calendar

DECEMBER 2023		
1 st	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
3 rd	6pm - 8pm	“HOLIDAY MUSIC IN THE GARDENS” with the Klick Band
4 th	10am	SGC – Board of Directors Meeting
	2pm	Orchid Society Meeting
6 th	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
8 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
12 th	10am	SGC – GIP Committee Meeting
13 th	9.30am – midday	SGC – DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING Sarasota Bromeliad Society “Design with Tropical Plants”
	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
15 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
22 nd	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
25 th	Christmas Holiday	
29 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens



Meetings DO get cancelled or rescheduled so for the most up-to-date information, visit our on-line CALENDAR SarasotaGardenClub.org

January 2024 Calendar

JANUARY 2024		
5 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
6 th / 7 th		OFFSITE – ORCHID SHOW – ORCHID SOCIETY
8 th	10am	SGC – Civic Beautification Meeting
9 th	10 am	SGC – Gardens in Paradise (GIP) Committee Meeting
10 th	1.30 pm	SGC - Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
11 th	9.30am	SGC – Membership Committee Meeting
12 th	8am – 11am	SGC – Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
17 th	9.30am – midday	<p>SGC – JANUARY GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>Jennifer Rominiecki, CEO Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Update on Master Plan and Mike McLaughlin, Director of Horticulture Angel Lara, VP for Botanical Horticulture www.selby.org</p>
	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
19 th	8am start	HORTICULTURE Happy Hour
		SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
20 th	11 am	Butterfly Club Meeting
22 nd	9:30 am	Ikebana Meeting
23 rd	10am	SGC – GIP Committee Meeting
24 th	1:30 pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
26 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
29 th	7am	SGC – Civic Beautification Meeting
31 st	1:30 pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting



HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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Oh Christmas Tree

Thank you to a surprisingly small group that gathered at the Club to decorate the tree on Wednesday 29th November. This event is normally very well attended. Please support your club when you can.

SPECIAL thanks to Jan and Marge – 2 new volunteers – (below with Carolyn) and we promise it will be better next year.



(Above) Our very own Sarasota Garden Club Christmas Fairy

With the help of the BIG LADDER, the Fundraising Committee added the last few balls and bows to the top of the tree the following day, while preparing for the 'Holiday in the Garden' event on Sunday.

Next General Meeting



**Sarasota Garden Club
General Members Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

9:30 AM to 10:00 AM - Refreshments and Social Time

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM - Members Business Meeting

10:30 to 11:30 AM - Speakers Presentation and Q&A

Raffle – including one of Nancy's designs

**Nancy Abramson
Member, Sarasota Bromeliad Society**



**INTERIOR PLANTSCAPING
Bringing Nature Indoors**

As always, Members are Free and Guests are \$10 cash or check.

Thank you to our Hospitality Committee for the refreshments at our meetings!

Be sure to come along!

Fundraising Committee Report



Promoting the Fundraising Committee and “Gardens in Paradise” at November’s General Meeting

Shari Amato, Carolyn and Kathleen
(Left to Right in above picture).
Shari is the Chair of the
Fundraising Committee.
Contact her on shari@mailmt.com
/ 941-320-4532.

The next fundraising
event is
“Holiday in the Gardens”
on
Sunday December 3rd
6-8 pm

SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB
PRESENTS
HOLIDAY IN THE GARDENS
1131 Blvd. of the Arts
Sarasota, FL
December 3rd, 2023
6:00pm – 8:00pm
\$35.00 PER PERSON

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:
SarasotaGardenClub.org

“The Klick Band”

Dance and enjoy music from
all genres to present while sitting in a beautiful
garden setting or strolling through the beautiful
gardens which are maintained by the members.
Champagne, wine, and hors d'oeuvres will be
provided by SGC -Plus Silent Auction & Prizes

Please Direct Questions to: Kelly Goodwin
941-718-3359 or klgbrg@me.com

“Painting in the Garden”

The last fundraising event was “Painting in the Gardens”, which took place on Tuesday 7th November.



A packed house of budding artists – taking instruction from Corinne Jo Fallacaro.



The event was such a success, it will definitely be repeated going forward.

GIP Committee Message

Greetings and Happy Holidays Everyone!

SIGN UP FOR SIGN IN GREETERS

As mentioned in November's General Member Meeting, here is the SignUp Genius link to allow you to pick a slot and sign up for one of the most important ways to help our Gardens in Paradise Tour of Private Gardens be a success—the SIGN IN GREETERS!

The tour will be held Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Just click the link and look at slot and then check your calendar and sign up. Call a pal and volunteer together. It is such a fun day and the available shifts are only for 2 hours each, so plenty of time to still tour all of the gardens.

HERE IS THE LINK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944ACAF29A0FC1-46074726-2024>



[2024 Gardens in Paradise Volunteers for Saturday, March 23rd](#)

Please review the available slots and click on the button to sign up. If you have difficulty signing up, please contact programs@sarasotagardenclub.org or call Carol Lackey at 215-518-8479 Thank you for volunteering!
www.signupgenius.com

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programs@sarasotagardenclub.org or call**

Carol Lackey at 215-518-8479

Don't forget to purchase your Early Bird Half Price Tour Tickets---discount available until December 31st — makes a great gift for friends and neighbors. Get a group together and tour with other members!

[Gardens In Paradise Early Bird Tickets Until Dec. 31, 2023 \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](#)

Thank you all for supporting the Club and donating your time and efforts to our tour!

GIP EARLY BIRD TICKETS

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW for great savings: they make lovely gifts for friends and family. *½ price if you buy now vs Day of Event*

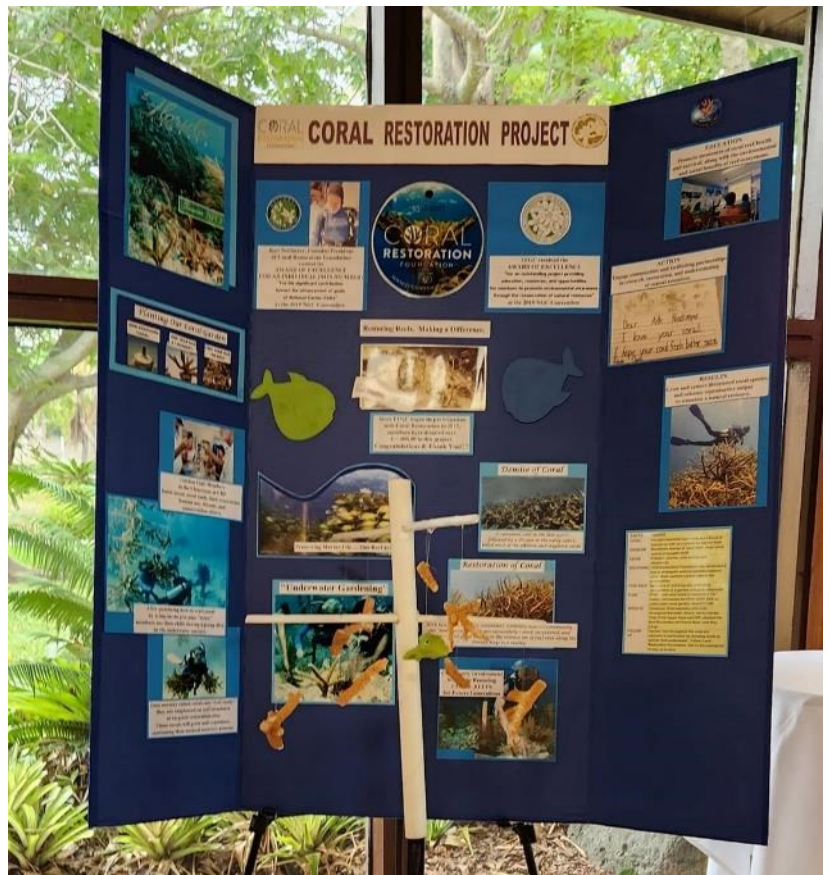
The next GIP Meeting will be on Tuesday December 12 at 10 pm in the library.

	Member	Non-member
“Early Bird” <i>(between now and December 31)</i>	\$25	\$30
“Advance Reservations” <i>(January 1 – day of)</i>	\$40	\$45
Day of	\$50	

BOOK TICKETS ON LINE NOW

November's Meeting

November's meeting was a bit different. As well as our guest speaker, each Committee of the Club was represented at a table, and on hand to explain what the Committee was all about, with a view to encourage members to join. **Here's just a few photos (all and more on Facebook).**





Programs, Membership, Arbor Day, Communications, Blue Star Marker and JD Hamel Memorial, and Wekiva Youth Camp committees

Flower Show Committee Report

The Flower Show "Ghostly Gala" Award Winners were announced at the November 15, 2023 General Meeting.



Sue Angle, Susan Binks, Ros Stafford, Angela Bennick, Dianne Beaver, Emily Yaffe and Olivia Haynes.

The "Ghostly Gala" Flower Show Committee met on November 13, 2023 to discuss the show and to begin planning for the next Flower Show.

Recommendations were reviewed that will assure our future show's just as wonderful as this one was. Many good ideas were discussed for a theme for the next show, although no theme was decided upon yet.

So, everyone keep thinking about a FUN theme!!

- **Our next show will be February 22, 2025. This was determined to be the best date to hold the event.**



Botanical Garden Report

Kay Weber is the Chair of the Botanical Gardens Committee and Carolynn Michielsen is her very active and dedicated Co-chair.



Carolyn and I both appreciate when you Friday Morning Workers show up to volunteer each and every Friday.

Emails: kayw33@comcast.net chmichielsen@yahoo.com

Friday Morning Workers are a dedicated crew with a shared interest in gardening, that works hard each and every Friday.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Come along any time between 8am – 11am on a Friday whenever you can. No experience needed, there's always a list of things to do for everyone. Refreshments provided.



Special thank you to the Friday Morning workers for donating the refreshments for the November General Meeting, and helping out with the raffle.

Kay says: We are doing so much better now that we are getting some rain, and some much cooler weather to work in our 9 gardens. 2 Fridays ago, we did a great project - "Mulch Day" - spreading over 60 bags of mulch that morning. Tom was a great helper to bring all the heavy bags to us, and the gardens our looking so much better.

We had about a dozen volunteers on the Friday after Thanksgiving, which is much appreciated.



With Dale's help we did a great project of trimming back the black bamboo (left), limbs in all of our 9 gardens and in the Butterfly Garden. We also had a lot of visitors in our gardens that Friday, many having enjoyed a walk around The Bay, which naturally brings them to our beautiful gardens.

Welcome back to Stephanie (right) another, of our Snowbirds.



And here's a rare photograph of the Greater Botanic Chair – a unique species of Sarasota gardener, often seen sporting a seasonal and topical plumage.

*Kay Weber
Chair of the Sarasota Garden Club
Botanical Garden Committee
(much loved by us all).*



Look at the garbage that was the result of this Friday's Garden maintenance activity!

Membership Committee Report

If you have any questions or would like to join the committee, contact me on sueangle000@gmail.com.



Prior to our Members General Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, members experienced a “Member Social”, a special get together to welcome new members, socialize and get to know other members while they enjoyed delicious refreshments provided by the Hospitality Committee.

Many thanks to each of our Committee Chairmen who provided information so that members could visit their tables and learn about each committee and their activities during this social time. During the meeting that followed, FIVE NEW MEMBERS WERE WELCOMED.

Left to right: Marge Hehman, Lynn MacAdam, Cassandra Yacovazzi, Judy Gleave-Hornig, Camille Van Sant We are so happy to have these new members – be sure to welcome them when you see them in our meetings or at our events.



Following an interesting program on Pollinators by Karen Rosenbeck, door prizes of colorful fall mum plants were won by attending members in addition to special donations from Membership Committee member Barbara Rao which consisted of a beautiful floral-decorated cornucopia, a darling turkey pineapple, and a tray full of various gourds to decorate a Thanksgiving dinner table.



- **A TIP FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON:** Present a gift of Garden Club Membership to a family member, a friend, or neighbor and bring them with you to the next General Meeting.
- **NEXT MEMBERS GENERAL MEETING** will be on Wednesday, December 13. The program will be “Design with Tropical Plants” by Nancy Abramson of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society. Plan to join us!

Renew your Membership

We hope that you have enjoyed this year's full program of events, and being part of the Sarasota Garden Club for an extra 3 months **FREE**.

We very much hope that you will renew your SGC membership NOW, valid until end of 2024.

PLEASE RENEW BETWEEN December 1 through December 15, 2023 to allow time to process ready for January 1 2024.

- You can renew online at <https://sarasotagardenclub.org/membership/membership-renewal/>
- Or by mailing your check to "Sarasota Garden Club Renewal", 1131 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236
- Along with your payment, please note any changes to your address, phone number or contact information.

Single membership renewal is \$95. Couple membership is \$180. If you are an FFGC Life Member, then your renewal is only \$83. *Only those who renew will be kept on the SGC Membership list after December 31, 2023.*

1. **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW** – [https://sarasotagardenclub.org/membership/membership-renewal/Membership Renewal \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](https://sarasotagardenclub.org/membership/membership-renewal/Membership%20Renewal%20(sarasotagardenclub.org))
2. **ENCOURAGE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN THE CLUB** – new members are always welcome – because *"the more the merrier"* - so please bring prospective members along to a fundraising event or one of the Monthly General Members Meeting to see if they'd like to join
3. **THE YEARBOOK and MEMBERS DIRECTORY** is a very useful tool for all Sarasota Garden Club members as it has names and contact details of all of the members. Even a photograph to put a face to a name. <https://sarasotagardenclub.org/members-area/>. If you've forgotten the password, email Sue.

4.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS: January 11, February 8, March 14, April TBA, and May 9 (2024).

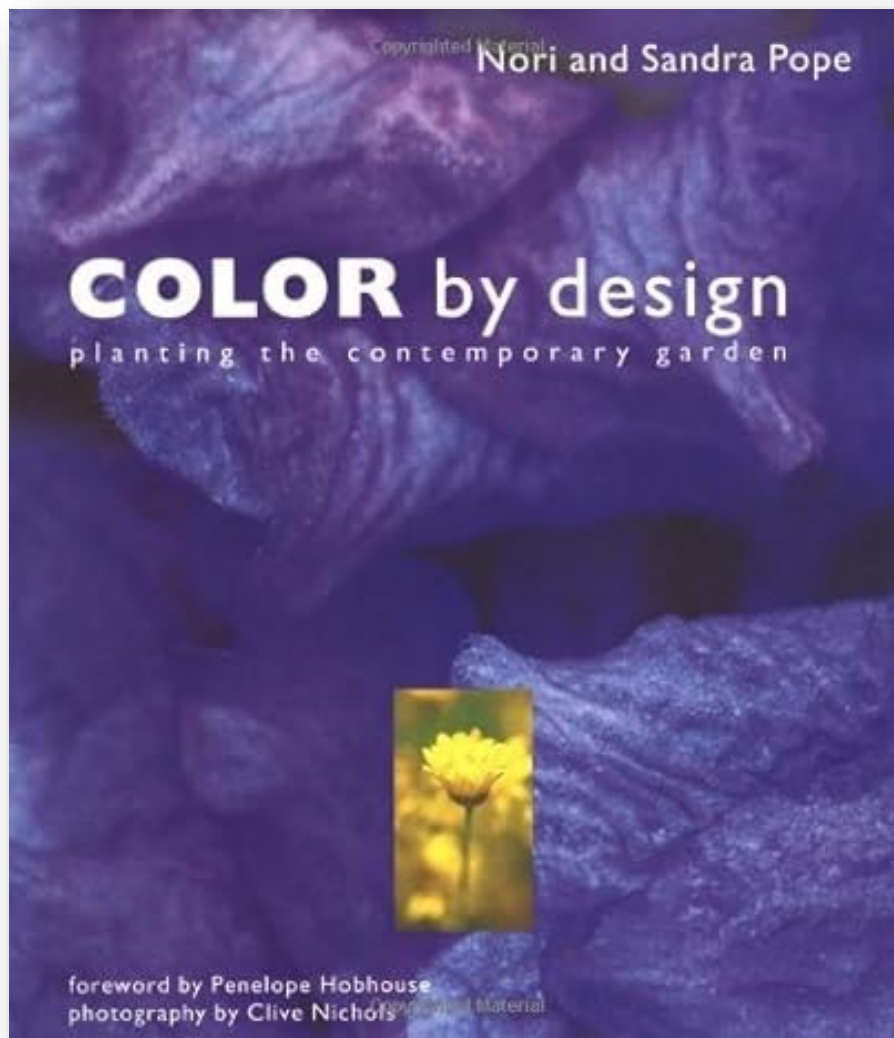
What's in the Library?

This month's book is
"COLOR by design, planting the contemporary garden"
by Nori and Sandra Pope.

Library Reference: Horticulture Section / 635.9681 / Pop

This book devotes nine independent chapters to the colors available to the gardener. Working through the spectrum of colors, we see how each can be used to evoke a particular mood or image; from the drama of red to the cool restfulness of blue; from the Eastern spice market of an orange border to the bleached Mediterranean effect of a pastel and silver design.

Master gardeners Nori and Sandra Pope show how to harness the full potential of color through garden design and reveal their own unique approach to planting. They demonstrate the emotional implications of color and how to effectively plant singular color schemes that can be sustained throughout the year. 300 color photos.



This article was submitted by Lynn Biega – Chair of the Sarasota Garden Club's Library Interest Group.

The Library Interest Group is responsible for all Sarasota Garden Club's books (located in our Library) relating to gardening and horticulture.

This is a priceless collection of information for Florida gardeners – pay it a visit.

Civic Beautification Committee Report

The Civic Beautification Meeting was held 10 AM November 28th - there were 6 members present.

Photos of locations were presented. Continued selection and additional photos are forthcoming. Photos of suggested locations may be sent to Jwhalenpa@aol.com. These will be touched up and printed on 5X7 stock.

We are in need of some additional zip code coverage: **34229, 34231, 34232, 34233, 34237, 34238, 34239 and 34242.**

- Our next meeting - to make our final selections - will be on January 8th at 10AM.
- The Awards Luncheon will be on Monday January 29th.

RIP



Eleanor Yates, a dear member of Sarasota Garden Club FL and FFGC since 1997, passed on Sunday 11/5/23.

She was treasured by many in NGC where she served in many roles. These include:

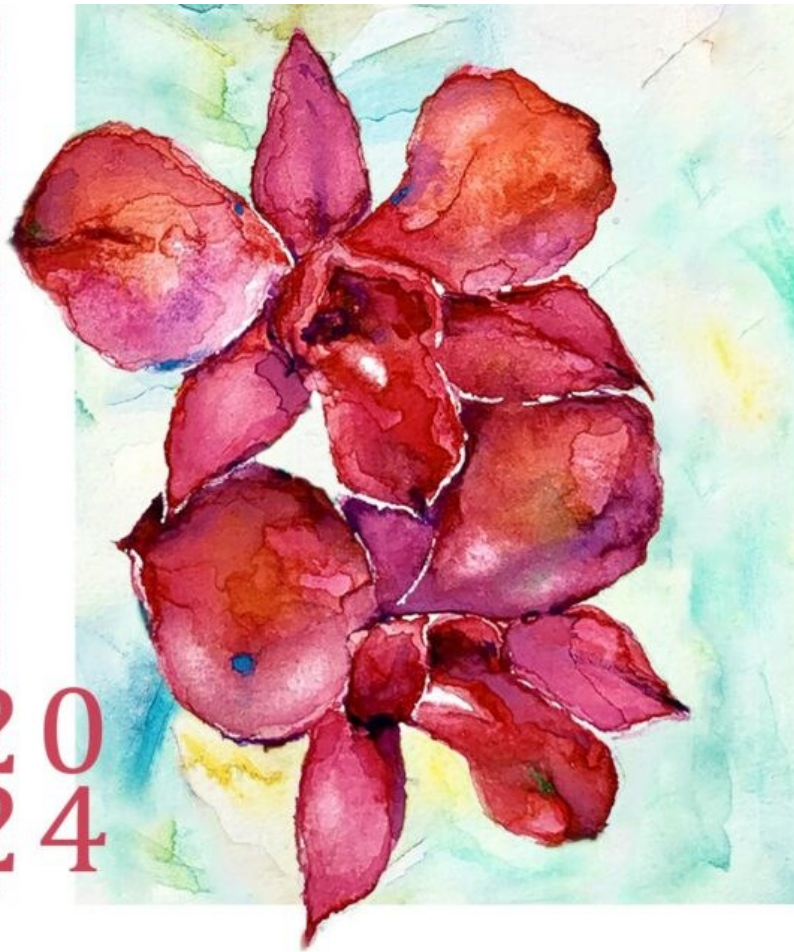
- National Garden Club President 93-95
- Garden Club of North Carolina President
- South Atlantic Region President in 1980,
- and as a Flower Show Judge in District VIII

Eleanor was an expert in Bromeliads, and a talented flower arranger. (Her dear friend Sandy Walters provided much of this information.)

Sue Ange presenting the Floralia XVI Award (Designer's Choice Award) at the "Stars and Stripes Forever" Flower Show she chaired at the Municipal Auditorium in 2004.

"Eleanor never changed and we, along with many, miss that delightful "Southern Lady"."





Orchids in Paradise

January 6th & 7th, 2024
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 10am-4pm

Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Admission \$5



The Sarasota Garden Club are given a table at this event, which is used to promote our club.

Would you like to volunteer?

Contact Kay.

News from FFGC

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Sarasota Garden Club is **97 years old** this year, and has been a Federated Club, a member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, for **90 years**

AND

that Florida Federation of Garden Clubs will celebrate **100 years** in 2024.

To observe that 100th Anniversary of FFGC, along with Florida's Arbor Day, the approximately 150 federated garden clubs throughout the state will plant a tree at a location in their community all at the same time - which will be **11:00am EST on Friday, January 19, 2024.**

Sarasota Garden Club plans to hold our tree planting ceremony at Oak Park School in Sarasota which is a school for special needs students Pre K – age 22.



We will plant a Gumbo Limbo Tree. Its scientific name is *Bursera simaruba* and is native to South Florida and the tropical offshore islands. The gumbo limbo tree is a beautiful large semi-evergreen tree whose soft, light weight and easily carved wood was used for making carousel horses before the advent of molded plastics. The showy red bark peels back - reminiscent of sunburned skin - which gives gumbo limbo the nickname of the "Tourist Tree." We think the students at Oak Park will enjoy this very interesting tree in their school yard.

**MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND
PLAN TO JOIN US AT**

OAK PARK SCHOOL, 7285 Hand Rd., Sarasota

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

Livy Haynes, SGC Arbor Day Chairman
For more information contact Sue Angle,
sueangle000@gmail.com or (941) 350-9784



News from Ikebana



Ikebana International **Chapter 115 - Sarasota**

WWW.IISARASOTA.COM

Ikebana International was founded by Mrs. Ellen G. Allen in 1956 at Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Allen had lived in Japan with her husband and had experienced the art. Washington, DC became Chapter #1 for this was the home of Mrs. Allen. Ikebana International is administered by enthusiastic volunteers of many different nationalities and Ikebana schools. Some of the Ikebana schools stress classic styles while others focus on creative, contemporary forms and some blend the two. While each school is different, they openly share their inspirations, styles, philosophy, history and techniques with each other. Membership in I.I. is open to all persons interested in the art of Ikebana and the ideals of I.I. regardless of previous experience.

The Ikebana International Chapter 115 Sarasota meets every last Monday of the month at the Sarasota Garden Club, from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.. Here below is the program for the coming year:

Monday January 22, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

“The Poetry of Leaves”: Leaf Manipulation
Demonstration, Workshop and Critique:
Jeanne Houlton - Junior Executive Master (Ichiyo)

Monday February 26, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

“Flower Symbolism, East and West”
Speakers: Patsy Bonarek and Nancy Kalieta
Workshop: From GINZA to Arrangement
Designing an arrangement from Ginza purchase:
Bring flowers and funds to purchase containers

Monday March 25, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Renka Group Arrangements
Demonstration, Workshop and Critique:
Teachers from four Ikebana Schools
Nomination of Board Officers 2024-2025

Saturday April 27, 2024

Ikebana Chapter 115 Sarasota - EXHIBITION 2024
Gulf Gate Library, Sarasota (more info to follow)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

CONTACT: Dorinda Wilkinson

941-284-4443

News from Butterfly Club



Ever-GREEN Days at The Bay

Butterflies & Pollinators

Sunday, Dec 3
1- 3PM

Ever-GREEN Days at The Bay: Butterflies & Pollinators

Sunday, December 3

Walk-ups only. No Registration Required.

Experience the beauty of a live butterfly exhibit showcasing the four stages of a butterfly. Learn about the various butterflies in the region and how to cultivate viable habitats for these essential pollinators.

About Ever-GREEN Days at The Bay

Come to The Bay, Sarasota's newest signature park and blue-and-green oasis along Sarasota Bay. Engage in, learn and enjoy a wide range of free interactive green and eco-friendly experiences including family-friendly activities, guided eco-tours, hands-on environmental programming, and more! As always, all events at The Bay are free and open to everyone, so bring your family and friends and find your adventure!

Comment from The SGC Blooming Chatter Editor: Becci Bond (the Brit)

FIRST AND FOREMOST – A HUGE Thank you
to everyone that contributes to the Blooming Chatter with
content, photographs, insight and information (historical and
current), comments etc.

The more the merrier – send your comments, input,
announcement, 'whatever', to: BecciBond@hotmail.com

It is my personal goal to inform the Club Members of the activities of the
Sarasota Garden Club so that they may join in, get the most out of the
club's activities, enjoy themselves, meet like-minded folk and make friends,
make suggestions on how to improve the club, entice you to get more
involved, introduce new members

Becci Bond

Cell: 941-284-6770 (between October and May)