



**SARASOTA**  
GARDEN CLUB



# *The Blooming Chatter*

The Sarasota Garden Club Newsletter  
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## **Our Mission**

**“Preserving our gardens and historic landmarks while promoting the environment, conservation and civic beautification through education and programs.”**



# *Highlights*

- + New “Keep In Touch” details
- + President’s Message
- + Club Dates
- + Fundraising Events
- + Botanic Garden Report
- + News from Alliances
- + Books and Plants

## **Flower of the month Bleeding Heart**



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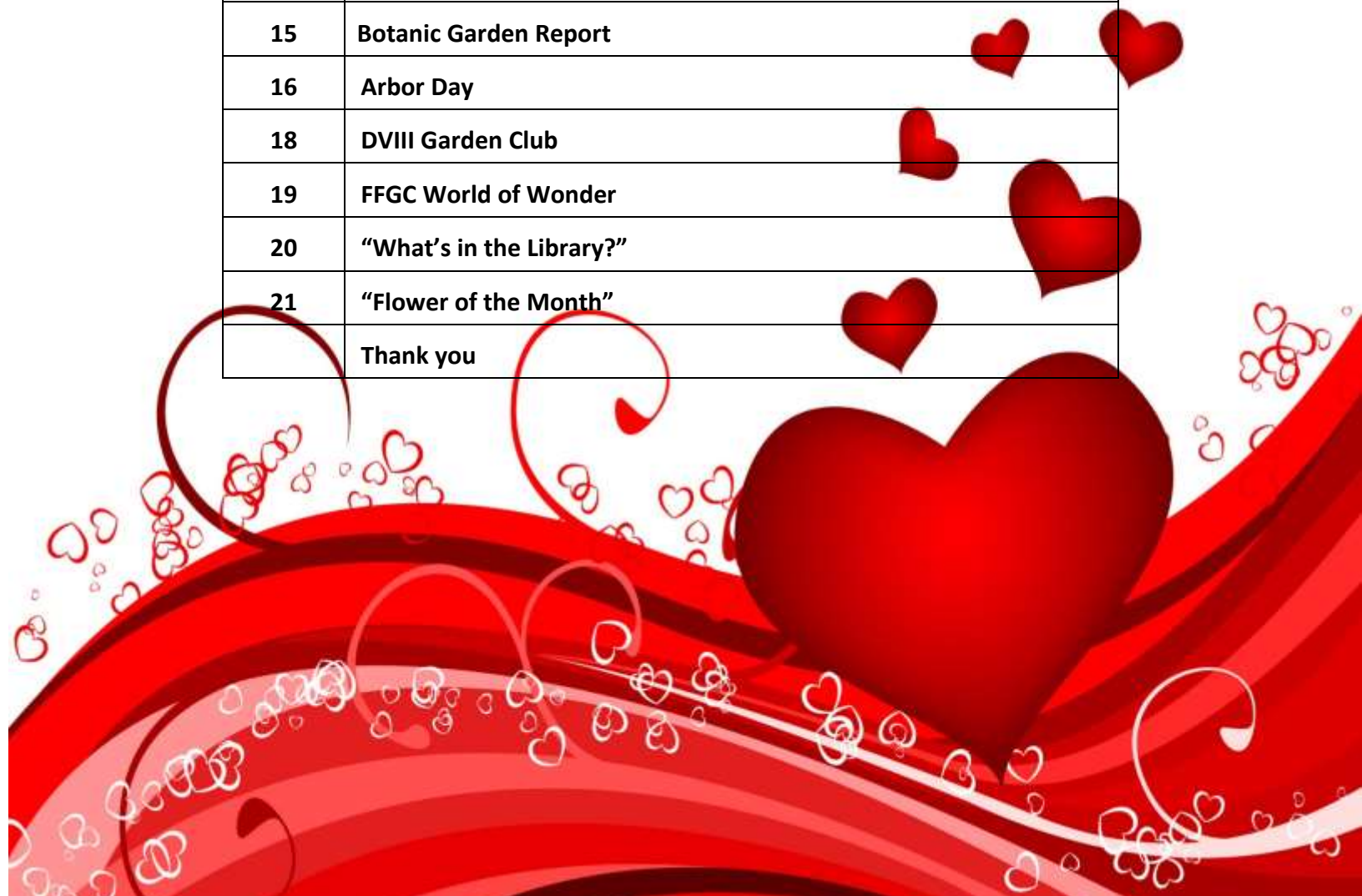
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# SGC Online: NEW Keep in Touch

- **FOLLOW SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB on FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM for news and photos – add YOUR photos and comments**



- **VISIT the SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB WEBSITE for information and event registration: [www.sarasotagardenclub.org](http://www.sarasotagardenclub.org)**
- **View club and member details in the 2022/23 YEARBOOK AND MEMBER DIRECTORY, which is available on the website in THE MEMBERS AREA**  
Forgotten your password? Email [Membership@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:Membership@SarasotaGardenClub.org)

## **We want to hear from you – please USE THESE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES to contact your club**

- [President@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:President@SarasotaGardenClub.org) - to contact Kelly Goodwin, President of the Club
- [Office@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:Office@SarasotaGardenClub.org) for **any** GENERAL queries. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate person to deal with your enquiry
- [BloomingChatter@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:BloomingChatter@SarasotaGardenClub.org) to contact CJ and Becci Bond with issues relating to the monthly newsletter. You are all welcome to submit content to appear in the newsletter
- [FinanceOffice@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:FinanceOffice@SarasotaGardenClub.org) to contact Dianne Beaver with FINANCE-related issues
- [Membership@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:Membership@SarasotaGardenClub.org) for MEMBERSHIP-related issues
- [Communications@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:Communications@SarasotaGardenClub.org) to contact CJ as Chair of the Communications Committee – to facilitate emails and messages from the Club to Members
- [Fundraising@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:Fundraising@SarasotaGardenClub.org) to contact Shari Amato with FUNDRAISING-related issues
- [Programs@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:Programs@SarasotaGardenClub.org) to contact Carol Lackey who welcomes input to the Club's program calendar

# President's Message

## Greetings Garden Club Members! February already!

The Garden Club started the new year with its General Monthly Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January with a passionate speaker, Sean Patton, Founder of Stocking Savvy, who extolled the virtues of a Florida Friendly Gardening approach. The Program Committee (chaired by Carol Lackey) has done a great job in organizing an interesting and varied list of speakers for this year's members – and I hope to see you at the Fashion Show on 8<sup>th</sup> February and of course at February's meeting.

Following on from the City of Sarasota Commissioners finalizing the Special Partnership between our Sarasota Garden Club and The Bay, we are now in a transition phase whereby all our services are being transferred (i.e. water, power etc ....) and both parties are trying to make it as seamless as possible.

- Dianne Beaver is the Point Person between the Club and The Bay, so please contact her on [FinanceOffice@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:FinanceOffice@SarasotaGardenClub.org) with any questions, comments etc.

With The Bay taking over a lot of the running costs of the Club, we may have additional funds available and aim to use these to focus on providing more features and functions to be enjoyed by the members – even more horticultural events, and garden/center visits for example. **Tell me what YOU'd like to see added to the club's program: [President@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:President@SarasotaGardenClub.org).**

**During February, we have several important events, which I urge you to support:**

- **8th: Fashion Show Charity event – see page 12**  
please try to support this worthy project, in aid of the Donte's Den, Canine Sanctuary & Hospital
- **15th: "Spring in Paradise" – General Meeting – see page 10**  
"Floral Arrangements Using Florida Foliage and Florals", by Sarasota Garden Club member Betty Call.
- **16<sup>th</sup>: Ceremony to celebrate Sarasota Garden Club's County Historical Marker** and our National Historic Designation of our property – at the club - **see page 11**

AND NEXT MONTH, March, will see "Gardens In Paradise": SGC's largest fund raiser. We need volunteers to greet visitors at the gardens; contact Gloria Thomas [email: gtsarasota@comcast.net](mailto:gtsarasota@comcast.net)

See you all soon!  
Fondly, Kelly L Goodwin, President  
941-718-3359  
[President@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:President@SarasotaGardenClub.org)

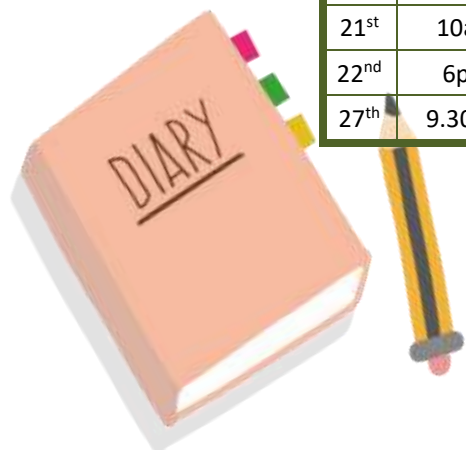


# February 2023 Dates

## Key events this month include:

- SGC Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings
  - **Fashion Show – see page 12**
    - Monthly General Meeting
- **Historic Building Designation – see page 11**

FEBRUARY 2023		
1 <sup>st</sup>	9am	Floralia 16
	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Weekly Meeting – also on 15 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8-11am	* Friday Gardening at SGC – also 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living – also 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup>	10am	SGC – Board of Directors Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup>	11am	SGC FUNDRAISING EVENT: Fashion Show – “Panache with Pooches”
9 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Reception
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding Ceremony and Reception	
14 <sup>th</sup>	9am	The Founders Garden Club
15 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<u>MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING</u> “Spring in Paradise” Floral Arrangements Using Florida Foliages and Florals - By Betty Call
16 <sup>th</sup>	10am	SGC Historic Building Designation and Plaque Presentation and Ceremony
17 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding Ceremony and Reception	
18 <sup>th</sup>	12 o'clock	Shakespeare and Company
19 <sup>th</sup>		
21 <sup>st</sup>	10am	*SGC – Executive Committee Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm	Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers Club
27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ikebana Society Meeting



For the most up-to-date information, visit our on-line CALENDAR  
<https://sarasotagardenclub.org>  
 You will note that several events are booked out by The Bay – often only as a stand-by for their outside events, should bad weather occur

# March 2023 Dates

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  - **Monthly General Meeting**
- **“Gardens in Paradise” – see page 13**

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# General Members Monthly Meetings Schedule - 2023

The General Members Monthly Meetings are organized by the Programs Committee.

Carol Lackey is the Chair of the Programs Committee.

If you would like to join the Programs Committee, or would like to suggest a speaker, please email [Programs@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:Programs@SarasotaGardenClub.org)

<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>February</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></p>	<p><b>“Spring in Paradise”</b> <b>Floral Arrangements Using Florida Foliages and Florals</b> <b>By Betty Call</b></p>
<p>Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2023</p>	<p><b>“Exploring, Capturing and Sharing Sarasota Beyond the Pavement”</b> <b>By Miri Hardy Ph.D.</b> Wildlife Photographer and Environmental Educator</p>
<p>Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2023</p>	<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b> <b>at Sara Bay Golf &amp; Country Club</b></p>
<p>Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023</p>	<p><b>“What is a Flower Show? - Design, Horticulture, Photography, Education, How to enter, What to look for in your plants, Judging, Rules and all your questions answered”</b> <b>By Leading Flower Show Experts TBA</b></p>

# Review of Last Month's (January) General Meeting



Members and guests enjoyed hospitality, friendship and the presentation at the Sarasota Garden Club's monthly meeting

## Club Business – a busy month!

### Reading and Pledge of Allegiance.

**Update on The Bay partnership.** Report from Dianne Beaver, who is the Point Person between SGC and The Bay. **The Bay sees the presence of the Sarasota Garden Club as an integral part of the its vision.**

Contracts agreed and signed, and we are now in the midst of transition of utility bills and maintenance to The Bay. The Bay has taken over the costs of running the building, while we retain the use of it for the next 25 years. This partnership means that we can focus on Garden Club programs and funnel energy and funds into more and even better! If you have suggestions or questions please email [Office@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:Office@SarasotaGardenClub.org).

**Education Committee** – as well as the monthly General Meetings organized by Carol Lackey, which everybody has been thoroughly enjoying, Dianne has been acting Chair of the “Education Committee”, and she has heard from members that they/we would like to see 2 events per month, as well as the General Meetings.

Last month, members enjoyed a Floral Design demonstration and workshop by SGC members Sarah and Laurel, and we are looking at another epiphytes workshop with Addie Worth, Bliss Horticulture, and perhaps we can arrange other events, such as field trips, or visits ... CAN YOU HELP?



# COMMITTEE DRIVE

**There is a real need for Members to join committees and actively volunteer to support the club. We have significant talent amongst our members, and the club will really benefit from additional input.**

One committee that is active on a WEEKLY basis, is the “Botanical Garden” committee, chaired by Kay Weber and co-chaired by Carolyn Michielsen, which meets every Friday between 8-11am at the gardens - to maintain them. It’s been a tough time getting them back in to shape after the hurricanes, and as well as being an integral part of attracting rentals, it provides sheer enjoyment to visitors when it is open. If you would like to come along on a Friday, contact Kay or Carolyn.

On a MONTHLY basis, the “Programs Committee”, chaired by Carol Lackey, delivers an interesting and relevant selection of speakers. As described above, we may be in a position to include additional Education Programs, to work in conjunction with the Programs Committee – if you have ideas, or experience, please contact Carol Lackey and/or Dianne Beaver.

At almost every event that’s held at the club, the “Hospitality Committee”, chaired by Livy Haynes and well-supported by her team, handle the refreshments - which can range from coffee and biscuits to a full-blown Pot-Luck, or catered event. It may look as if it appears ‘invisibly’ but it takes considerable effort before and AFTER an event, so if you’d like to help please contact her at thinkolivia@gmail.com

“Fund Raising” has been a very important committee and has been chaired by our President and Vice President, Kelly and CJ, but recently Shari Amato has taken on the chair and is busy arranging the imminent FASHION SHOW, an event requested by Garden Club members. This event takes place on 8<sup>th</sup> February, so please support it by buying tickets for the Fashion Show “Pooches with Panache” but we also need help making sure these events physically take place and run smoothly. Right now, you can best help by buying tickets for you and your friends and contact Shari, to find out how you can help more in advance or on the day.

Of course another very active committee is “Gardens in Paradise”, which is 100% focused on the largest revenue-generating event of the SGC year. Last year we raised \$30,000! Right now, the Logistics Team is calling for 35-40 Welcome Table volunteers to be at each of the 7 gardens (including ours) to welcome and check ticket-holders in. If you’d like to sign up for this, please contact Gloria.

The “Membership Committee” (led by Anne Anne Stegall) is highly efficient at recording and interacting with new and old members. The Club could always use more members as annual dues mean we can organize more for the members to enjoy. So PLEASE recommend your friends join our club. It’s not expensive and gives members such benefits: friendly environment, interesting learning programs, discount on SGC events and at selected garden centers, and lots more. Please consider asking your friends to join.

[Descriptions of the Committees and Interest Groups are in the Yearbook, which can be viewed on line HERE>](#)

# Guest Speaker @ Jan's meeting

On Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, Sean Patton, Founder of Stocking Savvy, [www.stockingsavvy.com](http://www.stockingsavvy.com) presented:

## “Habitat restoration and urban ecology practices in Florida-friendly landscapes”



- Check your email for a link to Sean’s slide presentation or [CLICK HERE>>](#) STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, especially if you were unable to attend the meeting.

Sean is a personable, lively, incredibly informed, entertaining presenter, who revels in presenting his topic; a subject dear to all Floridians. Preserving the environment. He reiterates the motto:

### “Right Plant, Right Place”

He immediately shocked us with this statistic: “that 50% of red tide is due to the nutrients that enter the water table from maintaining grass lawns”. SHOCKING.

AND another key message: “HOAs cannot stop you planting Florida native plants” ([Florida Statute 373.185](#)). Check it out. INTERESTING.

His talk was full of interesting statistics and facts, as well as plenty of tips on how to achieve the motto “RPRP”, and his use of PUNS was ..... (what’s the word?)

**“I don’t want to soil your day, but want to get to the root of your problems”**

# Some slides from Sean Patton

DOWNLOAD THE FULL PRESENTATION AT

[Habitat Restoration and Urban Ecology Practices in Florida Friendly Landscapes \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](https://sarasotagardenclub.org)



## Upcoming Projects and Opportunities



- Epiphyte Restoration in Trees
- New Natives in Captivity, Yearly
- Sarasota Manatee EcoFlora Project
- Habitat Restoration Kits as Gifts
  - Made on an individual basis
- Monthly Newsletter on Restoration and Volunteer Opportunities on [stockingsavvy.com](https://stockingsavvy.com)
- Contact Information for Sean Patton
  - email: [stockingsavvy@gmail.com](mailto:stockingsavvy@gmail.com)
  - Phone: 941-500-2218

If you have any difficulty in downloading/viewing the presentation please email [office@sarasotagardenclub.org](mailto:office@sarasotagardenclub.org)

## Landscaping Takeaways

- Use the right plant right place.
  - Soil, light, water, etc.
- If it's not native, not edible, not used, don't plant it!
- The state of Florida protects you from HOA's if you plant native, edible, or drought tolerant landscaping. Section 373.185 Florida Statute
- Flowering plants throughout the seasons not just everblooming.
- Plant multiple of each native, it encourages reseeding and promotes their respective wildlife.
- Remember your layers; trees and shrubs, flowers/herbs, groundcovers, vines.
- Turf grass is high maintenance and terrible for the environment get rid of it.
  - Numerous alternatives; mulch or pathways, mowed meadow, edible plants, mixed native groundcovers, tree canopy, or mixed levels of habitat.



# February's General Meeting "Spring in Paradise"

Come join us at our monthly meeting  
and bring a guest

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**10:00 AM to 10:30 AM Members Business Meeting  
10:30 to 11:30 AM Speakers Presentation and Q&A  
11:30 AM to 12:00 PM Social Time and Raffle**

**Please join us for our February Meeting!**

**"Spring in Paradise"**

**Floral Arrangements using Florida Foliage and Florals**



**Betty Call, Floral Design and past SGC Flower Show Chair**

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

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

# Historic Marker Ceremony

## 16<sup>th</sup> February - 10am

In December's newsletter, we announced the news about our Historic Marker.

**NOW**

The County is organizing a ceremony to celebrate the unveiling of our Sarasota County Historic Marker AND the National Historic Designation plaque on Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am:

**If you would like to come along please inform CJ Danna and/or Kelly Goodwin**

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE

COUNTY'S CEREMONY, UNVEILING THE HISTORICAL MARKER AND THE NATIONAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION PLAQUE  
AT THE SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB

- Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> - **inform CJ Danna and/or Kelly Goodwin**
- 10am - The outside ceremony should take about 45 minutes followed by a reception inside
- The event is a celebration of the unveiling of our Sarasota County Historic Marker and the National Historic Designation plaque that will hang on our beautiful Sarasota School of Architecture, mid-century modern building

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**For more information: Sarasota County Historical Marker Program**

[Historical Markers | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](https://www.sarasotacountyfl.gov/historical-markers)

The Historical Marker Program recognizes historic sites, persons, and events that are significant in the areas of archaeology, architecture, traditional culture, and local, regional, state, and national history.

# Fashion Show

## Wednesday February 8th

The Fashion Show fundraising event has been organized following a survey of members which indicated that this type of event would be enjoyed.

**PLEASE COME AND SHOP EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE FASHION SHOW. THERE WILL BE BEAUTIFUL HAND MADE POTS, HAND MADE CANVAS SHOES, ORCHIDS, PLANTS, ARTWORK, AND MORE.**



**\$50.00**

Please join us for a fashion show charity event with

**Donte's Den & Evelyn & Arthur**

**Sponsored by The Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd. of the Arts**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 4:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Shopping outside in the gardens – 12pm-6pm**

*Adorable pooches, wine, refreshments, lite bites, fashions, vendors for you and your dogs, silent auctions, and a great afternoon.*

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE** [SarasotaGardenClub.org](http://SarasotaGardenClub.org) by clicking on **PANACHE WITH POOCHES**

**OR**

Mail a check to **Sarasota Garden Club, Attn. Panache With Pooches, 1131 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236**



EVELYN & ARTHUR



SARASOTA  
**Observer**

**We need your support and appreciate your attendance.**

**Please buy your ticket online NOW!**

**Come along on the day to visit the vendors in the garden (12-4pm), and enjoy refreshments at the Fashion Show 4-6pm.**

**Silent Auction for super prizes.**


# Gardens in Paradise

## Saturday March 25th

We have 6 beautiful gardens, lots of tickets have been sold, and we expect a lot more to be bought nearer the time.

It's going to be a super event! But we do need your help.

If you'd like to volunteer your much-needed services on the day, please contact Gloria. Lots of opportunities!



**Gardens in Paradise**


9th Annual Sarasota Garden Club  
*Premier Garden Tour  
of Private Gardens*

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**  
**9:30am - 4pm**  
*Rain or Shine*

**Advanced Reservations:** \$35/person  
**Day of Tour:** \$40/person  
Group rates available upon request  
**Lunches available at SGC Gardens:**  
11:30am to 1:30pm, \$15



**For More Information  
& Reservations**  
[www.SarasotaGardenClub.org](http://www.SarasotaGardenClub.org)  
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Contact Gloria on email: [gtsarasota@comcast.net](mailto:gtsarasota@comcast.net)

# Botanic Garden Report – Kay Weber

You wouldn't believe it, but the garden is **STILL** recovering from the hurricanes. The physical damage may have been cleared away, but many of the plants are still recovering from the impact of the extreme weather (and recent cold snap).

Again, thank you to all the Friday Morning Workers that faithfully turn up whenever they can between 8-11am on a Friday to maintain the Sarasota Garden Club botanic gardens. Every Friday's effort makes a **HUGE** difference – and this weekend there was a wedding booked for Saturday, so we tried to make it extra-specially nice!

## Donation

Imagine our surprise when a delightful man, Chris Pitarra, turned up at the Club one Friday morning, offering to donate a most **STUNNING** garden planter. Here are the Before and After photos:



(Left: Chris / [cpdraftndesignllc@gmail.com](mailto:cpdraftndesignllc@gmail.com))

(Below: Filled with plants donated by Kay Weber, Chair of the Botanic Garden). You need to visit to see the **SCALE** of this beautiful piece of garden architecture.



**THIS DONATION IS SO UNEXPECTED AND VERY WELCOME,  
THANK YOU CHRIS PITARRA (and he came the following Friday to help us out  
and tidied the bromeliad garden.**

*I bet you can't believe what these gorgeous planters are made out of? And if you want one, he'll be at the Fashion Show and/or contact the club!*



# Friday Gardening Photos



The Fern Garden is experiencing increased foot traffic as visitors are directed to our garden when they visit The Bay building, so additional effort is being put in to improving its appearance.



Arbor Day saw a new tree planted, and last week the gardening team cleared the area around it to highlight the tree and expose the pink crinum or “swamp lily”.

Close by, Carol Fugate and Claudia greatly improved the area behind the store, clearing the undergrowth and planting several Aloes donated by Kay Weber.



## EXTRA HELP WILL BE NEEDED FOR “GARDENS IN PARADISE” (March)

We will need to have the Botanic Gardens in pristine condition for “Gardens In Paradise”, so please, if you can help, come along on a Friday morning between now and March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Also, we need to really groom our Gardens **on Friday March 24th** and volunteer on **Saturday March 25th as Docents**. By the way, this only happens once a year. We will need 3 volunteers in 8 of our gardens.

The shifts are 9-11,30am, 11.30am-1.30pm and the last shift is from 1.30-3.30pm. Please send me an email about what shift you would be able to volunteer for.

**Email: [kayw33@comcast.net](mailto:kayw33@comcast.net)**

# Arbor Day

Kay Weber, Chair of the Botanic Garden, donated a 3-year old mango tree that she had grown from a seed, which Carol Fugate and Donald planted in the Sarasota Garden Club by the Fern Garden, taking in to account our mantra: “Right Plant / Right Place”. It’s in a sheltered place that gets plenty of light .....



**Above:** Bob and Livy, Becci, Stephanie, Donald, CJ, Carolyn, Kimberly, Kay Weber, Sandy, Elaine and Pattie.

**Right:** Carol and Donald did the hard work!

**Arbor Day was started in Nebraska on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1872, as a tree-planting day. Each state recognizes Arbor Day based on the best planting time for trees – Florida’s Arbor Day is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in January.**



# DVIII Garden Club

See below the flyer announcing Course 1 of the NGC Environmental School to be held at the Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa. The class will be available in person and on zoom. Course 2 will be held in October.

**Required Reading:** • The National Gardener 4 issues per year • **Guide for Students and Consultants** (Will be provided in student packets with course outlines.)  
**Recommended Reading:** • Darke, Rick and Tallamy, Douglas W., **The Living Landscape: Designing For Beauty And Biodiversity In The Home Garden**; Timber Press, (2014) • Miller, Tyler G. Jr., **Living in the Environment**; Principles, Connections and Solutions; Books/Cole Publishing CO. (Living in the Environment is continuously revised.) • Tallamy, Douglas W., **Bringing Nature Home; How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants**. Updated and Expanded; Timber Press, (2009) for Course 1 • Tallamy, Douglas W., **Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard**; Doug Tallamy, 2020

## **Tampa Garden Club Specifics for NGC's Environmental School Series**

**Tampa Garden Club** has engaged a highly qualified & professional group of instructors from

- our local universities' Environmental Program,
- Hillsborough County Extension Service
- Hillsborough Community College

### **For questions or more information,**

Please contact:  
Kitty Wallace  
kittwal@aol.com  
813-992-0940

## **National Garden Clubs, Inc. Environmental School**

### **Goals and Objectives:**

- A. Develop a citizenry that is aware of, and concerned about, the total environment and its associated problems, and which has the knowledge, attitude, motivation, skill and commitment to work individually and collectively toward solutions of current problems and the prevention of new ones.
- B. Promote NGC, Inc. Env. School
- C. Foster value systems that preserve the biotic community
- D. Increase awareness of the interdependence of life on earth
- E. Prevent pollution to protect public health and heal the planet
- F. Help citizens become involved with their communities and natural world
- G. Network and reach out to all segments of the community to achieve goals
- H. Encourage conservation education
- I. Promote inclusion of environmental education in classrooms and youth organizations throughout the country
- J. Establish Environmental Councils to provide opportunity for personal growth and community service for NGC, Inc. Environmental Consultants and Provisionals.



## **Tampa Garden Club In conjunction with**

## **Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Presents**

## **National Garden Clubs, Inc. Environmental School Series XII, Course 1**

**Hybrid**  
**April 11 & 12, 2023**

<p><b>NGC, Inc. Environmental School Series</b>  <b>Mission Statement:</b> To teach Environmental Literacy, to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth.</p> <p><b>School Description:</b> The Living Earth Environmental School is composed of a minimum of 40 hours of study divided into four courses of ten hours each, which includes a two-hour field trip. The courses investigate AIR, LAND and WATER. The units are divided into Ecology and Environmental Science, Life on Earth, and Earth Stewardship. The courses teach participants environmental literacy, appreciation of the natural world, encourage action for sustainable development and appreciation of the interrelationship of all living things. Particular emphasis is presently placed on land conservation, water conservation and air quality.</p> <p>Optional open book exams are offered for those wishing to become NGC Accredited Environmental Consultants. These four courses must be completed within seven years. Exams are optional, however; if you wish to be an accredited Environmental Consultant, you must take the exams. After passing two courses, a student may become a Provisional Consultant and join an Environmental Consultants Council*. To remain in Good Standing, every five years Environmental Consultants must attend ES Refresher or an ES Course, no exam required</p> <p>*Florida has a Tri-Council serving Environmental, Gardening &amp; Landscape Design Schools.</p> <p><b>ALL VIRTUAL STUDENTS NEW TO ZOOM MUST ATTEND ZOOM TRAINING: INFO TO FOLLOW</b></p>	<p><b>Course 1: The Living Earth Offered Tuesday, Wednesday April 11, 12, 2023 10:00 am – 4 pm</b></p> <p>Course 2: Land and Related Issues To Be Offered Fall 2023</p> <p>Course 3: Air and Related Issues To Be Offered Spring 2024</p> <p>Course 4: Water and Related Issues To Be Offered Fall 2024</p> <p><i>Classes open to all Garden Club members and the general public!</i></p> <p><b>All Classes will take place either <u>in person</u> at the Tampa Garden Club or through virtual platform.</b></p> <p><b>Tampa Garden Club                  2629 Bayshore Blvd.                  Tampa, FL 33629</b></p> <p>Each class will also include a mandatory 2-hour field trip in addition to class time. Specific details will be provided closer to class date. Be sure to dress accordingly, if attending in person. Virtual option is provided.</p> <p>In person: Lunch, Coffee, Tea, Water, Juice will be provided.</p>	<p><b>Environmental School Series</b>                  Course 1, Series XII - Hybrid                  April 11 &amp; 12, 2023  <b>Registration Form</b>                  Register by April 1, 2023*</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Garden Club _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Virtual format (\$40) or*  <input type="checkbox"/> In person (\$65)*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Student or  <input type="checkbox"/> Refresher Class</p> <p>Send Registration form with check to:  <b>Registrar, Pamela Slagg,                  4315 W San Pedro Street                  Tampa, FL 33629;</b>                  *Add Late fee of \$25,                  if registering after April 1, 2023.</p>
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# Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

## "Worlds of Wonder"

April 18-20, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Lake Buena Vista South Kissimmee Florida



For full details visit:

[www.https://ffgc.org/convention-2023](https://ffgc.org/convention-2023)

Register online by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/3wxWLGd>

The raffle tickets and 50/50 can be purchased from CJ Danna at the General Meeting and Friday mornings.

# What's in The Library?

**DESIGN**



**SECTION**

MAJOR SUBCATEGORIES (SHELF ORDER)

1. Arrangers' Flower Gardens
2. Table Decoration
3. Landscape Design
4. Holiday and Party Decoration
5. Flower Arranging
6. Design Principles
7. Japanese Flower Arranging
8. Nature Craft

Sarasota Garden Club's library is divided into 3 main sections: DESIGN, HORTICULTURE, and MISCELLANEOUS. Each section is organized according to the Dewy Decimal System, and has a variety of books on a variety of topics. For example ---

**MISCELLANEOUS**



**SECTION**

MAJOR SUBCATEGORIES (SHELF ORDER)

1. Symbolism of Flowers
2. Botany
3. Weeds
4. Insects
5. Butterflies
6. Birds
7. Plant Propagation
8. Butterfly Gardening
9. Gardens of the World
10. Water Gardens
11. Garden Ornamentation

**HORTICULTURE**



**SECTION**

MAJOR SUBCATEGORIES (SHELF ORDER)

1. Flowers ; Wild Flowers
2. Succulents
3. Gardening Series Books
4. Vegetables ; Herbs
5. Florida and Southern Gardening
6. Pruning and Shaping
7. Annuals ; Perennials
8. Roses ; Orchids ; Bulbs
9. Landscape Plants
10. Shade Gardening
11. House Plants
12. Trees ; Shrubs
13. Bonsai
14. Gardening Under Glass
15. Garden Design

*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.**

# Flower of the Month

## (Valentine) Bleeding Heart - Dicentra,



is a genus of 8 species of herbaceous plants with oddly shaped flowers and finely divided leaves, native to eastern Asia and North America.

'**Valentine**' **Bleeding Heart** is a compact variety with dark green leaves and fragrant, delicate nodding cherry red flowers that hang from true red stems. It sports

the delicate heart-shaped flowers that Bleeding Hearts are known for and will feel at home in any shade garden.

### The top three most romantic flowers. In order of popularity:

1. **Roses.** A red rose might be a cliché, but they remain the most widely used flower on Valentine's Day and weddings for a reason.
2. **Tulips.** With a wider range of colors and cute petal options, you can say a lot about love with these common flowers.
3. **Ruffled** and pastel-colored **Peonies.** The lush look of the blooms makes a Peony bouquet an affectionate gift.



Thank you to everyone that  
contributes to the Blooming Chatter  
with content, photographs,  
comments etc.

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The Botanical Gardens are open to the public for your  
exploration and enjoyment!

**Garden Hours:** Daylight - 7 days a week

**Location:** 1131 Boulevard of the Arts

**Office Hours:** 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday

**Office Phone:** (941) 955-0875

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