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President's Message

Greetings Garden Club Members!

Our next General Members Meeting is **Wednesday October 11th, 2023, at 9.30am – and includes a Pot Luck lunch afterwards.**



Welcome back to some of our seasonal members! It is so nice to see you back here at the Garden Club.

It is hard to believe September is over...

We have a very exciting Sarasota Garden Club season planned. Our September General Meeting had a great program with Corrin Springer, of Lady Nature designs, providing a fantastic presentation and demonstration on floral design with sustainable materials.

This month's program will be very engaging, with the topic being Community Conservation. Our October meeting will also be our Club Potluck right after the General Meeting.

We have a very busy Fall and Holiday season planned. In October, our Sarasota Garden Club will present our Flower Show, Ghostly Gala. The Flower Show Committee has been working very diligently on the show. There is a significant amount of planning, organizing and preparation to produce a Flower Show and our Flower Show Planning Committee is a great example of executing as a team, with excellent "teamwork and collaboration".

Some of us just attended the first segment of Flower Show School last week, and we learned so much more about Flower Shows. The next segment will be held in January 2024. Our own, Dianne Beaver, is on the Education Organizing Committee for these courses.

October also has our FFGC District VIII meeting at the Dade City Garden Club, on October 27, 2023, 10am – 2pm. Attending these meetings provides good insight into our district clubs, the opportunity to meet other members, and better understanding of programs and activities within District VIII and FFGC. Anyone who wants to attend, please see Sue Angle.

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We have already initiated the planning for our 2024 Gardens in Paradise. We currently are seeking “day of event” volunteers.

Has anyone considered the opportunity to be Vice President per the information outlined in the September newsletter? Please contact me if you have questions or interest.

The Bay Partnership continues to move forward. Our air conditioner in the library went out and The Bay responded rapidly working with the AC company to replace the air conditioner. All is in place and working well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in October!

Fondly

Kelly L Goodwin, President

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Sarasota Garden Club Mission

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



October 2023 Calendar

| OCTOBER 2023 | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 nd | 10am | SGC – Board of Directors Meeting |
| | Sarasota Orchid Society Annual Orchid Sale at Selby Gardens | |
| 3 rd | 10am | SGC – Flower Show Committee PLANNING Meeting |
| 4 th | 1.30pm | SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting |
| 6 th | 8am – 11am | SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens |
| | Deadline to register for FFGC meeting | |
| 10 th | 10am | SGC – Flower Show Committee PLANNING Meeting Deadline for DESIGN Registration Forms to be submitted for the Flower Show |
| 11 th | 9.30am – 1.30pm | SGC – MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast “What’s Community Conservation and How You Can Help.” & Pot Luck |
| | 1.30pm | SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting |
| 12 th | 9.30am | SGC – Membership Committee Meeting |
| 13 th | 8am – 11am | SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens |
| 14 th | 8.30am – 3pm | UF/IFAS Master Gardener 17th Annual Plant Sale & EdFest |
| | 9.30am | Butterfly Club Meeting: Monarch Butterflies |
| 16 th | 10am | SGC – Gardens in Paradise PLANNING meeting |
| 17 th | 10am | SGC – Flower Show Committee Meeting |
| 18 th | 1.30pm | SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting |
| 19 th | Deadline for HORTICULTURE Registration Forms to be submitted for Flower Show | |
| 20 th | 8am – 11am | SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens |
| 23/27 th | SGC – Flower Show Preparation and Setup | |
| 26 th | 9am | Butterfly Club Meeting |
| | Flower Show Judging and Judges Luncheon | |
| | 10am | SGC – Fundraising Committee Meeting |
| 27 th | FFGC District VIII Meeting - OFF SITE | |
| 28 th | 10am-4pm | FLOWER SHOW – GHOSTLY GALA |
| 30 th | 9.30am | IKEBANA meeting |
| | 10am | SGC – Executive Committee Meeting |

November 2023 Calendar

| NOVEMBER 2023 | | |
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| 1 st | 1.30pm | SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting |
| 3 rd | 8am – 11am | SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens |
| 6 th | 10am | SGC – Board of Directors Meeting |
| 7 th | 2pm | SGC – FUNDRAISING Event: Painting in the Gardens |
| 8 th | 8am | SGC – New Members Meeting |
| | 1.30pm | SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting |
| 9 th | 9.30am | SGC – Membership Committee Meeting |
| 10 th | 8am – 11am | SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens |
| 13 th | 10am | SGC – EDUCATION Event: Floral Design – Make and Take |
| 14 th | 10am | SGC – Gardens In Paradise PLANNING Committee Meeting |
| 15 th | 9.30am | SGC – MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING |
| | 1.30am | SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting |
| 16 th | 9am | Butterfly Club Meeting |
| 17 th | 8am – 11am | SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens |
| 18 th | 2pm | WEDDING |
| 22 nd | 1.30pm | SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting |
| | 6pm | Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers Club Meeting |
| 24 th | 8am – 11am | SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens |
| 27 th | 9.30am | IKEBANA meeting |
| 29 th | 10am | SGC - Decorate Christmas Tree |
| | 1.30pm | SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting |
| 30 th | 10am | SGC – Fundraising Committee Meeting |



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

Review of Last Month's General Meeting

By Carol Lackey, Programs Chair – taken from Facebook.



Sarasota Garden Club
General Members Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 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
11:30 AM to 12:00 PM Social Time and Raffles

Please join us for our September Meeting!
"Floral Design Using Locally Available and Sustainable Materials"
Presented by Corinn Sprigler, Lady Nature Designs



As always, Members are Free and Guests are \$10 cash or check.
Thank you to our Hospitality Committee for the refreshments at our meetings!

We had a terrific first Members Meeting of the season at our Clubhouse. It was great to have us all back together again and share news of our summer fun, and, of course, gardening and the weather!



Corinn Sprigler of Lady Nature Designs provided us with a fantastic presentation and demonstration, making four arrangements using mainly sustainable materials (*repurposed vessels, chicken wire, foraged flowers and greens*) and locally available florals.

We all learned so much and had a great time observing various techniques and tricks of the trade and so enjoyed Corinn's energy and passion for design.

We hope to have her present a workshop for us some time in 2024. Stay tuned!

We raffled her beautiful arrangements for the benefit of our SGC Mission. Once again, the Hospitality Committee arranged a delicious breakfast and we welcomed two new members!



Ros, Corinn our presenter, Dorinda and Shari – lucky raffle winners.

Membership Committee Update

Welcome New Members!!



The Membership Committee welcomes and introduces new members to the club at the Monthly General Members Meetings.

Invite YOUR friends to come along as guests, and they may want to join our club too. Apart from the social element, there are lots of benefits to joining, including membership of the Florida Flower Gardening Club along with educational and informational elements.

Two of our new members from over the summer joined us at our September General Meeting.



On the left is **Shirl Gauthier**, whose husband, Rob, also joined our club. The Gauthiers are from Maryland, are going north to enjoy the autumn leaves next month and when they return, they look forward to helping in our gardens on Friday mornings.

Stephanie Rubner, on the right, also attended and very much enjoyed the floral design workshop that Barbara Rao presented and looks forward to seeing the workings of our Flower Show for her first time in October. Stephanie is a busy stay-at-home mom with two boys ages 5 and 8.

We welcome Shirl, Rob and Stephanie – be sure to search them out at our meetings and introduce yourselves. We are happy to have them as fellow members.

IMPORTANT DATE

Please put Wednesday morning, Wednesday November 8th

on your calendar and plan to attend the “**Member Social to Welcome New Members**”. Come and enjoy refreshments, time with garden club friends, hear what is being planned through our committees, and share your thoughts with us about what you would like in our club. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Each new member is given a gift – these are from Sue Angle, Membership Committee Chair – and suitable for window ledges or gardens as we all have different ‘gardens’!

Members and guest always enjoy a plant raffle each month. Plants from Mama's Plantz in North Port and propagated and member grown plants by Kay Weber.



Finance Committee Update

It was an uneventful summer for SGC finances. The major income was a rental fee from the church which meets every Sunday. Expenses were to support Music in the Garden and Ghostly Gala Flower Show. Our account balances are healthy, with sufficient funds to support club activities and programs through the next several months.

Contact Dianne Beaver for additional information.

Next General Meeting



Sarasota Garden Club General Members Meeting Wednesday, October 11, 2023 9:30 AM to 12:30 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
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Pot Luck Luncheon

Please join us for our October Meeting!

Christine Johnson, President
Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
"What's Community Conservation and How You Can Help."



Members Pot Luck Luncheon after speaker presentation.

Sign Up on Clipboard or email [Olivia thinkolivia@gmail.com](mailto:thinkolivia@gmail.com)

As always, Members are Free and Guests are \$10 cash or check.
Thank you to our Hospitality Committee for the refreshments at our meetings!



Christine Johnson,
President - CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION OF THE
GULF COAST

"I grew up here and am so lucky to have this fulfilling career. I know that the work we do today – saving the beautiful area of my childhood – will last forever!"

"What's Community Conservation and How You Can Help"

Christine P. Johnson is a fifth generation Floridian who shares the Foundation's vision for the human and natural words of Southwest Florida to flourish together.

After earning a BS in Business Administration from the College of Charleston and an MBA from the University of Florida, Christine worked in management and consulted with Fortune 500 companies in fields ranging from manufacturing to media.

Her Florida roots run deep though and this Manatee County native couldn't stay away for long. Christine has worked in our region's nonprofit sector since 2004.

She successfully completed the Girl Scouts of Gulf coast Florida's \$7M capital campaign to build a regional headquarters and then served as Director of Development for Ringling College of Art and Design overseeing their largest fundraising campaign, leading a team of five to raise over \$100M.

In October of 2011, she was named President of Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast where she works to save land, ensure good land conservation public policy, and that all have access to natural places.

She is past chair of the Science and Environment Council, past chair of Visit Sarasota County, board member of Crowley Museum & Nature Center, past chair of the Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation, vice chair of the Florida Alliance of Land Trusts, and on the national Land Trust Alliance Leadership Council. Nature is where Christine's family spends their time together.

POT LUCK LUNCH AFTER MEETING

[Click here to access "Sign-up Genius"](#) to say what you're going to bring along for the Pot Luck, or email thinkolivia@gmail.com

Programs Committee Report



Carol Lackey is the Chair of the Programs Committee and can be contacted by email on Programs@SarasotaGardenClub.org. If you would like to join the Programs Committee, or would like to suggest a speaker, please make contact.

The Programs Committee schedules and plans the General Members Monthly Meeting presentations and workshops, as well as field trips and site visits that are relevant to the SGC Mission.

General Members Meetings take place on the **third Wednesday of each month** (*between September and May*), except where noted, and are open to all members, with a \$10 fee for guests. It is the best way to meet fellow members and keep up to date with club activities. Please come along and bring a guest.

General Members Monthly Meeting Agenda:

- 9.30 am Arrive for refreshments, provided by the Hospitality Committee
- 10 - 10.30 am SGC Business Meeting
- 10.30 - 11.30 am Guest Speaker
- 11.30 – midday Q&A and plant raffle

GENERAL MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETINGS 2023

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| October 11 th | Christine Johnson, <i>President</i> Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast “What’s Community Conservation and How You Can Help.” conservationfoundation.com And Members’ Pot Luck at Midday – 1.30pm |
| November 15 th | Annie Schiller Florida Native Plants Nursery floridanativeplants.com |
| December 13 th | Nancy Abramson Sarasota Bromeliad Society “Design with Tropical Plants” sarasotabromeliadsociety.org |

GENERAL MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETINGS 2024

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| January 17th | Jennifer Rominiecki, <i>CEO</i> Marie Selby Botanical Gardens <i>"Update on Master Plan"</i> and Mike McLaughlin, <i>Director of Horticulture</i> Angel Lara, <i>VP for Botanical Horticulture</i> selby.org |
| February 21st | Dr Maria Passarelli - Save Our Seabirds saveourseabirds.org |
| March 13th | Kate Brenner Paradise Found Nursery <i>"Succulent and Cactus Growing with Native Florida Plant Conservation"</i> paradisefoundnursery.com |
| April 17th | Annual Meeting - TBD |
| May 8th | "Creative Floral Designs Make and Take Workshop" Members will be provided instruction and floral materials with design guidance by a local professional florist. Pre-registration required |

FIELD TRIPS AND SITE VISITS 2023/24

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| November 1st | Elling Eide Center Gardens Arboretum Tour Norman Burr, Osprey ellingoeide.org |
| January 24th | Sarasota Audubon Society Celery Fields sarasotaaudubon.org |
| <p>To Sign Up for these field trips and nursery visits, please email:</p> <p>programs@sarasotagardenclub.org</p> <p>Some facilities have a tour limit of 20 people. Questions or recommendations for tours, please email and let us know.</p> | |

Flower Show Update

SGC's 83rd Flower Show "Ghostly Gala" will be held on
Saturday October 28th, 2023.



The Flower Show Committee worked all summer planning for the show and many milestones have been completed. Our talented committee developed the theme, came up with a logo, created the show Schedule, designed signage for staging, obtained tee shirts with the logo, and laid out the floor plan for exhibits.

- Check out the show Schedule online at SarasotaGardenClub.org. Barbara Rao has sent the Schedules out to the show Judges and everything is ready for judging to take place on October 26th. HERE IS THE LINK TO THE FULL SCHEDULE:
[Ghostly Gala, Flower Show 2023 Schedule \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](https://SarasotaGardenClub.org)
- **DEADLINE FOR ENTERING YOUR DESIGN FOR THE FLOWER SHOW IS OCTOBER 10th.**
 - Go to <https://sarasotagardenclub.org/events/event/sgc-flower-show/>
 - Click on the Flower Show Schedule and check out the **Design** information on pages 9-14
 - If you need any help in determining what you might be able to enter, or how to enter whatever you have, please don't hesitate to contact Emily Jaffe at eyaffe13@yahoo.com 941-780-7808
 - [Complete the DESIGN Entry Form](#)



SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB - FLOWER SHOW 2023

DESIGN ENTRY FORM

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ON THIS FORM OR SAME INFORMATION VIA EMAIL

To: Emily: eyaffe13@yahoo.com or 5350 Hidden Harbor Rd., Sarasota 34242

Pre-Registration is required. **Entry Deadline is Tuesday, October 10, 2023**



NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ SGC MEMBER: Yes / No

PLEASE LIST IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY SECTION LIMIT TOTAL 10 ENTRIES PER ENTRANT

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- **DEADLINE FOR ENTERING YOUR HORTICULTURE FOR THE FLOWER SHOW IS OCTOBER 19th.**

- Go to <https://sarasotagardenclub.org/events/event/sgc-flower-show/>
- Click on the Flower Show Schedule and check out the **Horticulture** information on pages 15 – 22
- If you need any help in determining what you might be able to enter, or how to enter whatever you have, please don't hesitate to contact Sue Angle at sueangle000@gmail.com or (941) 350-9784. We're hoping for lots of entries and You can help.
- [Complete the HORTICULTURE Entry Form](#)



SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB - FLOWER SHOW 2023

HORTICULTURE ENTRY FORM

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ON THIS FORM OR SAME INFORMATION VIA EMAIL

To: Sue Angle: Sueangle000@gmail.com or 6972 Country Lakes Cir, Sarasota, 34243

Pre-Registration is required. **Entry Deadline is Thursday, October 19, 2023**

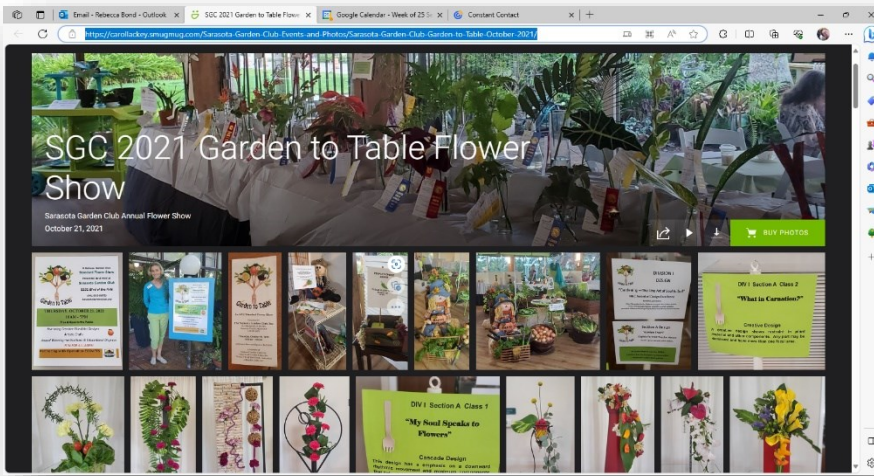


NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ SGC MEMBER: Yes / No

PLEASE LIST IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY SECTION LIMIT TOTAL 10 ENTRIES PER ENTRANT

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Floral Design Workshops

As part of the Flower Show Planning Program, the Committee organized 3 presentations at the club, each on specific areas of the Flower Show. Each one expanded upon what sort of exhibits would be expected, how to prepare in advance, and demonstrated some examples.

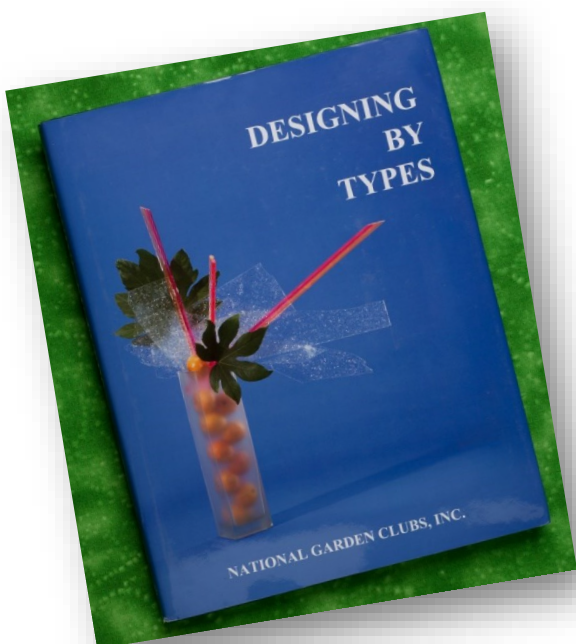
The first one was on Flower Show Table Designs, presented by Clare Milligan, and was covered in the September Issue of Blooming Chatter. Thank you again Clare.

The second one took place on September 13th, and thank you to Emily Yaffe, Flower Show Judge and gifted floral designer, who delivered a thorough “Reflective Design Workshop”, one of a series of workshops for Sarasota Garden Club Members to better understand the Flower Show categories.



The third one took place on September 18th, and thank you to **Barbara Rao**, wonderfully skilled, who demonstrated “Creative Line” and

“Mono-botanic” designs. Barbara brought to our attention a book that is in our library: *Designing by Types*, published by the National Garden Club. She suggests this as a source of inspiration to budding designers.



And here’s Kelly, Ros and Angela on the training course mentioned in The President’s Message.



Volunteer for 'Meet & Greet' and CLERKS at Flower Show



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are calling for volunteers to help with greeting and welcoming visitors and to help make sure that people do not touch anything during the event.

DATE: Saturday October 28, 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please choose any of the following time frames here below,
to register as HOSTESS for 2 (TWO) hours increment periods
and send an email to:

(Dorinda Wilkinson) dorindawilkinson@gmail.com

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to receiving your reply

before **FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2023**

or call: 941-284-4443

Email dorindawilkinson@gmail.com

or call 941-284-4443

To volunteer as a **Flower Show CLERK** please email
Sharon Davisson at srdstl41@gmail.com 941-358-7000

Featured Scholarship Recipient

This month we would like to showcase another of our scholarship recipients, Nicole Norwine (below). The "Friday garden workers" know her best, as she volunteers to work in the gardens when her schedule permits. Nicole worked on water projects when she was in high school, and continues to do so now in college. She is passionate about using water resources efficiently. We are so fortunate to have these young scholars in our lives. Our world will be in a better place because of their creativity, drive, passions, and intelligence. Our garden club is so proud to be able to help them.



Nicole's reply to my request of "what are you doing?" follows.

"I am in my third year of studying Chemical Engineering at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

I am concentrating on resource technology mostly in water resource technology through my electives, internships, and research opportunities.

I have worked for Tampa Bay Water, a government agency that supplies Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco County, the City of Tampa, New Port Richey, and St. Petersburg, since January 2022.

I have learned so much about the industry I am looking forward to joining after I earn my degree and soon after my Professional Engineering (PE) License. I plan to work in resource technology and eventually work as a consultant to innovate and advance technology around the world.

In Spring 2023 I worked as a research assistant for a professor at USF on cellulose coatings for fertilizer pellets to eliminate the plastic coating conventionally used that leads to the leaching of microplastics in the soil and water.

I plan to continue my research from high school, which consists of advancing my prototype of an environmentally friendly and energy-efficient filter and overall system for desalination in the future. This would create an advanced alternative water resource with the planet in mind.

I am a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), the Society of Women Engineers (SWE USF), and the USF Botanical Gardens Club. Back home I volunteer at the Humane Society of Sarasota County animal shelter and the Sarasota Garden Club in my free time.

My college life mainly consists of studying, being active (nature walks, basketball, etc.), and my hobbies (gardening, sewing, reading, and music). My five-year plan for my career is to graduate with my bachelor's degree, possibly continue to get my master's degree, work in my selected field, acquire my PE, and learn all I can to eventually become a consultant and travel. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to ask. I am looking forward to coming back to volunteer during my breaks from school. I hope you have a wonderful day and thank you so, so much for everything you have all done for me. I will be forever grateful for all of Sarasota Garden Club's help and support, it truly means the world to me. Thank you!"

The Scholarship Committee is always looking for new members.

It is a joyful volunteer service to our club. Please talk to any committee member about joining.

Nancy Lewis, Lynn Biega, Andy and Mary Jo Papineau, Kathleen Strobel

From Sharon Davisson SRDSTL41@Gmail.com

Fundraising Committee Report



Shari Amato is the Chair of the Fundraising Committee, supported by CJ Danna. Email shari@mailmt.com / Tel: 941-320-4532.

All of our events raise funds for our Mission, and success requires the help and support from everyone in the club. All members are asked to pitch in and embrace events whenever you can.

**PUT THESE DATES OF SPECIAL EVENTS IN YOUR DIARY
and start inviting your friends**

The next fundraising event will be the
“Painting in the Gardens” on **November 7th**

THE SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS



Painting
in the
Gardens



Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – 2:00pm–5:00pm
1131 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota

\$55.00 Non-Members / \$50.00 Members
Please purchase your tickets online at SarasotaGardenClub.org

Instructor will be Corinne Jo Fallacaro, an award-winning pastel impressionist, painter. She is an internationally published illustrator, graphic designer, and art teacher. Her work has been exhibited in galleries around the country.

All supplies, wine, champagne, and refreshments will be provided by SGC. Just bring your imagination.

[Reserve your
seat ONLINE
NOW!!!](#)

The painting will be pre-determined by Shari and Corinne, will be of a flower/garden theme, and acrylics will be used.

- “Holiday in the Gardens” will take place on **December 3rd**
- There will also be a “Cooking Class” in the **Spring 2024**
- And of course “Gardens in Paradise” happens on **March 23rd 2024**

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Sarasota Garden Club maintains the landscaping around the bases of the Blue Star Marker and the Doughboy Statue in the JD Hamel memorial Park - highlighting Memorial Day and Veterans Day. This service is done in conjunction with the City of Sarasota. These sites are viewed as an important part of SGC's community services. Volunteers to help maintain are wanted. Co-chairs: Adrienne and John Wagner

In 1946 the National Garden Clubs embarked on its first nationwide project. Known as the Blue Star Memorial program, affiliated garden clubs across the country began erecting memorial plaques surrounded by attractive planting material along designated highways in honor of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Over the last 70 years more than 3,000 Blue Star Memorial markers have been dedicated across the country. The first Blue Star Memorial marker in the state was placed at the foot of US 1 in Key West in 1949. Since then more than 200 Blue/Gold Star Memorial markers of the three authorized types have been dedicated in Florida along highways, at veteran's centers, at parks, at national cemeteries, and at many other civic locations.

Click Here for a list of: [Blue Star Memorial Markers](#)

Sarasota Garden Club Blue Star Marker

Located along US 41 East, on the Bayfront opposite Marina Jack just south of Main Street, Sarasota, our blue star marker was dedicated in 1959, honoring those who sacrificed their lives for our country serving in the US Armed Forces. This marker represents a worthy partnership between our club, the City of Sarasota and the National Garden Clubs.

Update from Adrienne and John Wagner:

"Irrigation around our Blue Star Memorial Marker is insufficient for most flowering annuals. Over the past couple of years, we have planted about 6 Dwarf Bougainvillea around the marker. These are doing quite well and survived Hurricane Ian last year and have survived the hot dry summer we have had this year. They do not bloom constantly, but are very colorful when they do bloom. They do not require major maintenance---just trimming to keep them growing compactly."

Thank you to John and Adrienne for continuing to maintain these important memorials.



War Memorial (Doughboy Statue)

The Doughboy

A bronze World War I soldier known as the “Spirit of the American Doughboy” was unveiled on May 25, 1998, in a Memorial Day ceremony. It was reproduced by Sarasota sculptor Frank Colson from an original created in 1920 by Ernest Moore Visquesney.



Update from Adrienne and John Wagner:

“Irrigation around the Doughboy Statue is adequate, however plantings there do suffer from winter cold and hot dry summer weather. We have planted a few Dwarf Ixora next to the marker to reduce the cost and the amount of work required to maintain the garden area. In addition to the Ixora, we have planted Blue My Mind Blue Daze around the outside and Dwarf Pentas in a center ring for color. This area requires more maintenance because of the need to replace plantings as they suffer from the weather and environment.”

Comments from people walking through Hamel Park have always been complimentary and appreciative of the work the Garden Club does to maintain the two areas.”

The COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMMITTEE is Chaired by Anita Laesser
and there are different *INTEREST GROUPS* under the Community Projects heading.

- **Civic Beautification**, co-chaired by Pat Bonarek and Jim Whalen
- **JD Hamel Memorial Park, Blue Start Marker**, co-chaired by Adrienne and John Wagner
- **Scholarships**, Chaired by Nancy Lewis

The GREEN ROOM



Thank you to Adrienne for providing the wonderful services offered by The Green Room.



News from Adrienne:

“The Green Room (in the Great Room) is open at every monthly meeting at the garden club and some events.

Please check it out whenever it's open, and if you need something, and I'm not there, don't hesitate to ask a Board Member to open it for you.

We are getting new and used items in all the time. If you have a request, don't hesitate to ask and I'll look in to ordering it, if possible. Also, if you'd like to DONATE something you're willing to part with, you can do that. The Green Room's a little on the small side, but I'll do my best to squeeze it in.”

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Delivery of UGLU ADHESIVE TAPE!



We have just received a box of UGLU!!

This was ordered after getting quite a few requests to restock it.

For those of you, not familiar with UGLU, it is a clear sticky, invisible adhesive tape used to secure leaves, or whatever you want, to cling together in your flower arrangements.

Contact Adrienne on johnadri@comcast.net.

Botanical Garden Report

We are still working in hot, steamy weather, and we are also still going inside every 30 minutes to cool off. It's worked ok so far, but we're looking forward to cooler weather.

We are also still cleaning up from Hurricane Idalia! The Bay picked up lots of Oak Tree limbs that had been strewn over the grassy areas. Emily chain-sawed the Black Bamboo that was bent over the shed, and trimmed back the Fire Bushes that were also damaged.

Toby (below left) holding the ladder while Andrea (right) trimmed all the Palm Trees Fronds and Stag Horn Ferns – and busy clearing debris.



We are ALL taking turns watering the big pots and gardens as we are still in a drought, even after that downpour!

Tony, Ralph and I picked up dozens of big plants in large pots and many dozens of pots of smaller plants that had been donated. These donations will be placed all over our 9 gardens.

We were invited by Jesse and Donn, from Sarasota County Butterfly Club, to have an off-site garden tour of their gardens and a thoroughly enjoyable lunch. Anne and I had a great time, and we all enjoyed talking about their stunning gardens.

Kathleen grooming the Quiet Garden (right), and Shari (left) sorting out the bed on the patio.



Ann Durloo (left) going ape, and Tess (above) watering.

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



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.



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



Rumor is that soon, some of our SNOWBIRDS will be flying in and coming back to volunteer in our gardens!!

FFGC:



Wekiva Youth Camp

If you have a child, grandchild or know someone who might be interested in this exciting experience,
or if you'd like to volunteer for a week teaching nature or crafts,
check Wekiva's website <https://www.wekivayouthcamp.org/>
or contact Sue Angle at sueangle000@gmail.com or (941) 350-9784.

DID YOU KNOW that being a member of Sarasota Garden Club, and therefore Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, you are:

- Part of making FFGC's WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP available to 3rd thru 8th Grade youngsters every summer.
- **Critter Camp** is also for **1st & 2nd Graders** for two nights. WYC is a residential nature camp – the only one built and operated by a federated garden club in the U.S.



Since 1975, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, with the support of all the federated garden clubs in Florida, have sponsored Wekiva Youth Camp with the purpose of instilling a love and respect for the REAL Florida in our youth through nature study, conservation and protection of our environment for the future of our state and our planet. Wekiva Youth Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association.

Each summer there are six one-week sessions during June and July in Wekiwa Springs State Park in Apopka, FL. FFGC partners with the Florida Parks Service to improve and maintain the facilities so that campers can have an unforgettable experience enjoying nature, crafts, and the beauty of the natural world in a magical, pristine setting. Florida residency is not required and campers are welcomed without regard to race, color, religion or ethnicity. Campers enjoy a unique outdoor living and learning experience, with close supervision.

Garden Club members volunteer along with Environmental Educators to serve as Program Leaders and Role Models to our Campers, the infirmary is staffed with a Registered nurse on site daily, and our Camp Director supervises the activities of the Campers and Counselors, many who are former campers.

Our motto for our youth is:

“Campers Today – Environmental Leaders Tomorrow.”

News from the FFGC District VIII

The Fall District VIII Meeting will be on **October 27th** at Dade City Garden Club and FFGC Officers will bring information on what's new with our Garden Club organization.

Our club Membership of 123 members is entitled to 5 Delegates (President plus four (4)) so please notify Kelly if you plan on attending.

Plan to attend, represent SGC, and meet others with garden club interests and ideas.

Deadline to register is October 6. Anyone wanting a ride, please email or call sueangle000@gmail.com or (941) 350-9784. Learn more about what's going on in District VIII at www.floridadistrictVIII.com



Happy 100th Birthday to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC)

Registration For
2023 District VIII Fall Meeting
Friday, October 27, 2023

Registration Deadline is October 6, 2023
Mail registration and \$35.00 to:
DCGC, P.O. Box 1794, Dade City, FL 33526-1794
Email questions/concerns: monagoossens@hotmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Garden Club: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Please check ALL categories that apply to you:

- National Officer Former National Officer
 FFGC Officer FFGC Committee Chair
 Former FFGC President — Years _____
 District Director Former Dist Director
 District Board Member (Officers and Committee Chair)
 Garden Club Member Circle Pres. Club Pres.

Delegate—Please check if:

- You are a Club or Circle President OR
You are attending in place of your Club or Circle President OR
You were selected to be a delegate by your Garden Club Pres OR
You are a Dist VIII Officer or Committee Chair OR
You are an FFGC Officer or FFGC Chair living in Dist VIII OR
You are a former FFGC Pres or former Dist VIII Director living in Dist VIII

Alternate (selected by your Garden Club or Circle)

District VIII Club/Circle member Visitor/Guest

SGC members are invited to attend the DISTRICT VIII Fall Meeting on Friday 27th October 2023

NEWS From the Butterfly Club

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

Join us

ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH
AT 9:30

FOR DR. CHIP TAYLOR'S
PRESENTATION



MONARCH BUTTERFLY SCIENTIST DR. ORLEY "CHIP" TAYLOR WILL JOIN US VIRTUALLY.

DR TAYLOR IS FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF MONARCH WATCH WWW.MONARCHWATCH.ORG
EMERITUS PROFESSOR ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
TRAINED AS AN INSECT ECOLOGIST' DR. TAYLOR HAS PUBLISHED PAPERS ON SPECIES
ASSEMBLAGES, HYBRIDIZATION, REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY, POPULATION DYNAMICS AND
PLANT DEMOGRAPHICS AND POLLINATION.

IN 1992, DR. TAYLOR FOUNDED MONARCH WATCH, AN OUTREACH PROGRAM FOCUSED
ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION OF MONARCH BUTTERFLIES.

THERE WILL BE TIME FOR DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

 SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB, 1131 BOULEVARD OF THE ARTS





Dorinda Wilkinson (SGC Member) is the liaison for the Ikebana International Chapter 115 Sarasota and the Sarasota Garden Club. (941-284-4443) www.iisarasota.com

**Ikebana meetings are held at the Sarasota Garden Club*



IKEBANA CHAPTER 115 SARASOTA

The Ikebana Chapter 115 Sarasota meets every **LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH** (between September 2023 and April 2024) at the meeting room of the Sarasota Garden Club.

Guests pay \$5.00 and Membership is \$85.00 per YEAR

Please see the website below, for more information

SAVE THE DATE:

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2023 IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER 115 SARASOTA



IKENOBO:

TRADITIONAL TO CONTEMPORARY

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 2023
PALM AIRE COUNTRY CLUB

Demonstrator: Stephanie English (Ikenobo Master)



For information call: 941-284-4443

IKEBANA DEMONSTRATIONS AND WORKSHOPS (2023-2024)

SEPTEMBER 2023 PROGRAM (SEPTEMBER 25, 2023):
"HERE COMES THE SUIN" – by: Polly Curran
(WAFU Demonstrator)



OCTOBER 2023 PROGRAM:
"FRESH & UNCONVENTIONAL MATERIAL"
by: Claire Spencer-Spears
(SOGETSU Demonstrator)

DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 30, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Our October Program will be a demonstration by Chapter member **Claire Spencer-Spears**, followed by a workshop.

Claire will show us how working with unconventional materials allows for pushing creative ideas.

Be adventurous and choose unusual items for either your container and/or arrangement

This is an excellent opportunity for us to think and stretch our imaginations to create interesting forms.



COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENT
www.ii.sarasota.com

Orchid Society Auction

Sarasota Orchid Society

ORCHID AUCTION

Monday

October 2nd

SELBY GARDENS

1534 Mound Street, Sarasota

Wide Variety of unique and distinctive quality orchids offered by SOS premier growers and accomplished members, including:

- All Around Orchids
- Bredren Orchids
- Palmer Orchids
- Plantio La Orquidea

Plant descriptions will be BRIEF.

Bill Nunez will be our Auctioneer

DOORS OPEN

6:15 PM

Register/Get bidding paddle

PREVIEWS START

6:30 pm

LIVE AUCTION

7:00 pm sharp

Public is welcome!

Proceeds to fund
SOS education

Cash, and Credit Card Accepted

Master Gardener Plant Sale

UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Sarasota County

17th Annual Plant Sale + EdFest



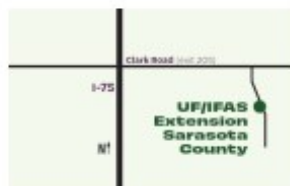
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October 14 8:30a to 3p

FREE ADMISSION | Cash/checks only for plant sales

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Green Building
Twin Lakes Park
6700 Clark Road, Sarasota



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- 941.861.5000
- sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu

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Sarasota County

Thank you to our organizing partner: Friends of Sarasota County Parks.

SGC Website

www.SarasotaGardenClub.org

The **Home Page of the website** shows the **next 5 Events** that the club is organizing. Click on an event for more information and to order tickets, if applicable.

We strongly recommend that you visit the website for the most up-to-date information, and hope that the illustration below shows you where to find things easily.

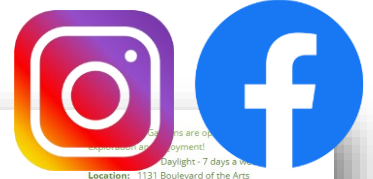
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| | About the Garden Club / History | Introduction to Membership | Introduction to Education | Help our Garden Grow: Donate Now | Introduction to Community: Civic Beautification, Florida Arbor Day, Scholarships and Youth Programs | Live Calendar of events at the SGC | | | Requires password to access | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo gallery • Welcome Message | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Mission | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Application | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flower Show • Horticulture Study • Floral Design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Events with links to event pages | Garden and Office Hours and Contact Us FORM | List of Sponsors | Secure areas for Members: Handbook and Members Directory | Library of Newsletters: Blooming Chatter |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (5) Upcoming Events with hot links to events <i>(populated by Calendar)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Botanical Gardens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Renewal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGC School (under development) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor Bricks in the Garden | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signature Events | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Featured Event | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGC Botanical Map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift in Kind Donation | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE GARDENS (Link to The Botanical Gardens) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Club Gallery | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Support FAQs | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEMBERSHIP (Link to Membership) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGC Officers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order Magnetic Badge | | | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMUNITY (Link to Community) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Useful Links | | | | | | | | | |

Access to **MEMBERS AREA** (for the Yearbook and Members Directory) and **NEWSLETTERS** (for Blooming Chatter) – requires a password.

The Password can be obtained by contacting any Board Member

SGC Online: 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**
- **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

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

- President@SarasotaGardenClub.org - to contact Kelly Goodwin, President of the Club
- Office@SarasotaGardenClub.org for **any** GENERAL queries. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate person to deal with your enquiry
- 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 to contact Dianne Beaver with FINANCE-related issues
- Membership@SarasotaGardenClub.org for MEMBERSHIP-related issues
- 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 to contact Shari Amato with FUNDRAISING-related issues
- Programs@SarasotaGardenClub.org to contact Carol Lackey who welcomes input to the Club's program calendar

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:

BloomingChatter@SarasotaGardenClub.org

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

BecciBond@hotmail.com

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