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"The Blooming Chatter" NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Greetings Garden Club Members!

The summer is almost over, and it is hard to believe! Hoping everyone had a great summer wherever your travels took you.

This summer your Board of Directors has been busy planning our 2023 – 2024 season of programs, meetings and events. Believe it or not, our first General Members Meeting is **Wednesday September 20th, 2023, at 9:30 am.**



Through the planning of our next season activities, our **Executive Committee** and **Board of Directors** worked together, through teamwork, and have continued to strengthen our teaming spirit. Thank you to both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for your efforts, working together on our 2023- 2024 agenda!

As my theme for the Sarasota Garden Club is **“Teamwork”**, you will continue to hear me recognize teamwork and share the importance of teamwork throughout the year. Teamwork to me is working collaboratively together to achieve our Sarasota Garden Club Mission and make friendships along the way.

This summer our **Hospitality Committee** held two “Music in the Gardens” hospitality events. One was held in June and the other was held in August. Both had great attendance. Thank you to our Hospitality Committee led by Olivia Haynes.

Another significant activity under way this summer, was the **Flower Show Committee**. They have been working diligently to define the theme, agenda, flower show floor plans, schedule, types of design and horticulture to be included in the show. The “Ghostly Gala Flower Show” will be held on Saturday October 28th. The Flower Show Committee has 2 Floral Design workshops scheduled in September for those members who want to further learn design techniques for their floral design submissions.

The **Gardeners** continued their Friday gardening every week this summer led by Kay Weber and even though we have had unending heat during the drought, this committee showed up every week. Thank you to all our gardeners for your commitment to our gardens!

Our partnership with The Bay has continued to progress very well during the transition timeframe.

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As everyone knows, we are an organization of volunteers, including the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. A generous member of ours volunteered to step into the Vice Presidents role for the 2022 – 2023 year. The member is CJ Danna and I want to thank her for willingness to give her time to the vice presidency this past year, in addition to her other volunteer roles.

CJ Danna will continue in her role as Communications Chair and will also continue to mentor our Fundraising Chair. Thank you, CJ, for work as last year's Vice President.

Going forward, we are seeking to locate someone who is willing to volunteer for the Vice President's role for the 2023 – 2024 and 2024 – 2025 years. This is a two-year term. The purpose of this role is to work with the President to learn the operation of the Club and the Committees. The next step after Vice President is the rewarding role as President. Anyone who is interested, or who has questions about this Club role, please contact me.

We have a new Chair of Membership, Sue Angle. Thank you Sue for taking on this very important and rewarding role!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

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.



September 2023 Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2023		
1 st	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
4 th	10am	SGC – Board of Directors Meeting
5 th	10am	SGC – Flower Show PLANNING Meeting
6 th	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
8 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
12 th	Registration deadline for Flower Show School in Bradenton	
	10am	SGC – Gardens in Paradise PLANNING meeting
13 th	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
	10am	Reflective Design Class Flower Show Design Demonstration by Emily Yaffe
14 th	9.30am	SGC – Membership Committee Meeting
15 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
19 th	10am	SGC – Flower Show PLANNING Meeting
20 th	9.30am	SGC – MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
22 nd	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
25 th	10am	IKEBANA meeting: “Here Comes the Sun”, arranging with sunflowers.
26 th	10am	SGC – “Gardens In Paradise” PLANNING Meeting
27 th	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
28 th	9am	BUTTERFLY CLUB meeting: “Tale of the Atala and Coontie”
	10am	SGC – Fundraising Committee Meeting
29 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens

Check out the website for a list of Upcoming Events:

[Upcoming Events](#)



Meetings DO get cancelled or rescheduled so for the most up-to-date information, visit our on-line CALENDAR [SarasotaGardenClub.org](https://www.sarasotagardenclub.org)

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
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	SGC – MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
	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
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



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Regular Committee Meetings

As you can see from the entries in the Calendar, committee meetings are held at the club on a regular basis.

These are, in summary:

Board of Directors	Held at the beginning of each month and attended by the Executive Board (which comprises Committee Chairs). If you wish to bring a matter to the Board, please contact Kelly Goodwin - klgbrg@me.com
Friday Garden Volunteers	Volunteers meet to maintain the Botanical Gardens every Friday 8am-11am . Come along – contact Kay Weber - kayw33@comcast.net
Ad-hoc Leadership	Weekly Ad-hoc Leadership meetings appear in the calendar as placeholders, and used when necessary to discuss urgent issues if they arise.
Fundraising	Meets the last Thursday of each month : 28 th September and 26 th October. Contact Shari Amato - shari@mailmt.com
Membership	Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 9.30am in the club. 14 th September, 12 th October. Contact Sue Angle - sueangle000@gmail.com
Flower Show PLANNING	Currently meeting regularly leading up to October 28 th show. Contact Dianne Beaver - diannebeaver@gmail.com
Gardens in Paradise PLANNING	GIP planning meetings are in the calendar for 12 th September, 16 th October, 14 th November and 12 th December. Contact Kelly Goodwin - klgbrg@me.com

Finance Committee Report



Dianne Beaver is the Chair of the Finance Committee and can be contacted by email on FinanceOffice@SarasotaGardenClub.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: RENEWING CLUB MEMBERSHIP

RENEW BETWEEN DECEMBER 1ST AND 15TH!

Renewal is online at: [Membership Renewal \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](http://Membership Renewal (sarasotagardenclub.org))

“In an effort to align our fiscal year with the calendar year, our membership renewal process will now take place in December.

With this alignment, current members’ membership is extended 4 months this year one time.

New member cost is \$95 at any time during the year. “

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

September 20 th	Paradise Found Nursery https://www.paradisefoundnursery.com/
October 11 th	Christine Johnson, <i>President</i> Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast conservationfoundation.com And Members' Pot Luck
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

January 17th	Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Jennifer Rominiecki, <i>CEO</i> “Update on Master Plan” 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	Sarasota Butterfly Club (TBD) sarasotabutterfly.com
April 17th	Annual Meeting - TBD
May 15th	Dennis Cathcart Tropiflora Nursery tropiflora.com

FIELD TRIPS AND SITE VISITS 2023/24

November 1st	Elling Eide Center Arboretum Tour—Rare Plants and Trees Guided Tour with Norman Burr ellingoeide.org
January 24th	Sarasota Audubon Society Guided Tour of Nature Center and Grounds sarasotaaudubon.org
February 14th	Tropiflora Nursery Guided Tour of Open Greenhouses and Retail Center tropiflora.com
April 10th	TBD
To Sign Up for these field trips and nursery visits, please email: programs@sarasotagardenclub.org Some facilities have a tour limit of 20 people. Questions or recommendations for tours, please email and let us know.	

FLOWER SHOW Update



An NGC
Standard Flower Show
Presented by
Sarasota Garden Club, Inc.
1131 Boulevard of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34236
Saturday, October 28, 2023
10 AM - 4PM
Admission Free and Open to the Public

Proud Member of
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
District VIII

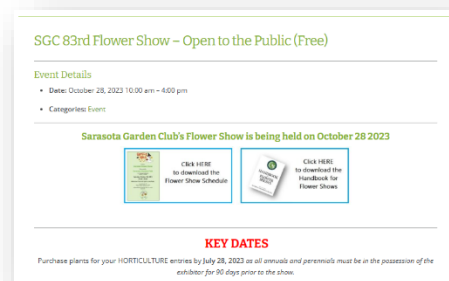


The Flower Show Committee has been meeting regularly over the summer and plans are well underway.

- For the most up-to-date information, visit the Flower Show page on our website: [SGC 83rd Flower Show](#)

The Flower Show **SCHEDULE** explains the entire show in detail:

3 Divisions (Horticulture, Design and Education), with numerous Sections, Classes and Exhibits, with Halloween themes to inspire glorious colors and designs. We encourage all members to consider entering something.



[CLICK HERE FOR THE SCHEDULE](#)

- **Flower Show Table Designs Workshop:**
On August 15th, Clare Milligan, table designer extraordinaire, demonstrated 2 designs from our Ghostly Gala Flower Show. Clare showed us how to create a Table for Two, Four and an Exhibition Table. This was scheduled prior to the Flower Show, to encourage members to enter the competition. See photos on next page
- **Flower Show Reflective Design Workshop:**
On September 13th Emily Yaffe, Flower Show Judge and gifted floral designer, will demonstrate floral designs from our Ghostly Gala Flower Show. Emily will show us how to create a Reflective Design with a few examples.
- **Flower Show Floral design Workshop:**
On September 18th Barbara Rao, wonderfully skilled, will demonstrate Creative Line and Mono-botanic designs.

Photographs from Clare Milligan’s workshop:



Figure 1: Exhibition Table

“for
4”



Figure 2 - Table for Four



Figure 3 - Table for Two

Other important Dates relating to the Flower Show:

- The registration forms are online, to be printed, completed and submitted by (Design) **October 10th**, and (Horticulture) **October 19th**.
- The chart (right) - which is in the Schedule) shows how long plant material must have been in an exhibitor’s possession in advance of the show.

7. All plant material must have been in the possession of the exhibitor the appropriate number of days listed in the chart below.

Combination Plantings	<i>6 weeks growing together</i>
Annuals	<i>90 days, no minimum for early maturing</i>
Bulbs	<i>90 days, no minimum for forced bulbs</i>
Houseplants	<i>90 days</i>
Perennials (Herbaceous)	<i>90 days</i>
Arboreals (Woody Ornamentals)	<i>6 months</i>

Fundraising Committee Report



Shari Amato is the Chair of the Fundraising Committee, supported by CJ Danna, AND has taken over the sale of Honor Bricks.

[Honor Bricks in the Gardens \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](http://sarasotagardenclub.org).

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.

If you would like to join the Fundraising Committee, which meets on the last Thursday of each month, Email shari@mailmt.com / Tel: 941-320-4532. Please reach out if you have any details of a potential sponsor.

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

- With the Flower Show taking place in October, the next event will be the “Painting in the Gardens” on **November 7th**
- “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**

Communications Committee

CJ Danna, Communications Committee Chair, says:

- Please use our Website more often as it is a good source of up-to-date information www.SarasotaGardenClub.org.
- If you have questions or cannot get into the “Members Only” section, please let me know.
- Since we have no Secretary, please purchase your event tickets online. We will be looking for volunteers for our events this season and you know "it takes a village".
- Please attend our Fundraising Meetings (last Thursday of each month) to volunteer at these events.
- We will be sending out "Sign Up Genius" for events.

Thank you, CJ Danna

Email: cj.sarasotagardenclub@gmail.com Tel: 954-461-9155

Music in the Gardens

There was bustling excitement on Sunday August 20th at the Sarasota Garden Club for the last Summer Series of “Music in the Gardens”. Even with the rain, the turnout was formidable.



Thank you to our wonderful Hospitality Committee, especially the Chair, Olivia Haynes, which made this event possible. As usual, the hors d'oeuvres, wine, and champagne were perfect.



Elijah Luzginov, our young violinist, has been entertaining at our club since he was 12 years old he is now 17.

Elijah took requests as attendees danced and had a great time.



The Sarasota Garden Club has planned a myriad of great events for the upcoming Season. Please check us out at SarasotaGardenClub.org and like us on Facebook.

"Painting in the Gardens"

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.

If you have any questions,
please contact Shari Amato

shari@mailmt.com

Tel: 941-320-4532

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

Below is one of Corinne Jo
Fallacaro's works – isn't it
beautiful?

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



Botanical Gardens Report



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

Email: kayw33@comcast.net



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.



The 9 individual gardens (*left is the Herb/Knot Garden*) are doing well, even though (at time of writing) we are still experiencing drought weather. Around 10 faithful volunteers have been showing up throughout the summer months and, because it's so hot, we take turns cooling off inside the building every 30 minutes.

We are gifted with 2 **new volunteers**, Toby and Andrea (right). Both ladies also joined the Sarasota County Butterfly Club, and they are working on their plot in the butterfly garden first, before helping the garden club by watering the pots under the overhang.



We held a **Community Project** on July 28th for "New Generation" and 22 members toured our gardens followed by The Bay. They said they really enjoyed the butterfly garden as there were so many butterflies that Friday.



We had a **Tour, Potluck Lunch and a Plant Share** at Bob & Olivia Haynes's on July 24th. What a great day for the volunteers that work in the garden – we try to do something off-site several times a year. We all had a great day and we are now calling Bob “Chef Bob” as the ribs he grilled were excellent. Thank you both, and for the tour of your garden.

Special thanks to Veronica and Scott who **repaired and painted the butterfly bench** in the butterfly garden. It is bright yellow now, and we have received so many nice compliments from visitors.



“Gardening makes us even in this world”

By Kay Weber, Botanical Garden Chair

“Friday Morning Workers” are working every Friday.

Sarasota Succulents Society



**Phalaenopsis
Moth Orchid**

Sarasota Succulents Society's next Big Annual Sale and Special Presentation will be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th, 2023.

Our gates will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, with our featured presentation beginning at 10:00.

As always, you are invited to join us. Admission is free.

Membership Committee Report

Sue Angle is the new Chairman of our Membership Committee.



She says *"I think I speak for everyone when I say "Thank You So Much" to Anne Stegall who guided this committee through and beyond the Pandemic to reach out and welcome new members to our club – we are so glad she will continue to help on this committee. "*

The Membership Committee, which currently comprises Sue Angle ((Chair), Susan Binks, Becci Bond, Stephanie Cotton, Anita Laesser, and Barbara Rao, is responsible for the promotion and recruitment of new members through campaigns and visible presence at all SGC and other appropriate events, as well as mentoring new members and maintaining the membership database, Yearbook and Membership Directory edits and publishing, and creating name tags.

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

1. **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW** – because if you renew your membership any time between now and the end of December 2023, your membership **will be valid until THE END OF DECEMBER 2024**. This is to coincide with the club's Finance division changing from a May/April financial year, to a January/December Calendar year.

<https://sarasotagardenclub.org/membership/membership-renewal/>
[Membership Renewal \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](https://sarasotagardenclub.org/membership/membership-renewal/)

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 to enjoy these benefits:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly (September through May) meetings with education programs on horticulture, floral design, conservation and other Florida-friendly topics.• Unlimited access to our botanical gardens for you, your family & friends• Special member-only events throughout the year• Membership in the National Garden Clubs Inc, Deep South Region of NGC Inc, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc.• Nationally accredited educational schools on floral design, landscape design, environmental & garden study opportunities• Subscription to The Florida Gardener Magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exclusive SGC monthly newsletters: Blooming Chatter• Information and opportunities to enjoy statewide sponsored events• Floral design workshops, lectures, flower show, horticultural workshops• Access to SGC's comprehensive botanical library• Discounts at participating Garden Centers and Nurseries• Discounted tickets to events• Discounted rental rate for use of SGC Facility (after 1 year)• Travel Opportunities• 2 Guest Passes to Member Programs
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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 scheduled for:** September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14 (2023), January 11, February 8, March 14, April TBA, and May 9 (2024).

Scholarship Committee Report

“Happy Summer to Everyone”, from Sharon Davisson.

Our Scholarship Committee consists of Nancy Lewis (Chair - Tel 941-358-7000 Email nancy504@gmail.com), Lynn Biega, Andy and Mary Fran Papineau, myself and Kathleen Strobel. **We are always looking for new committee members. If this is an area of interest for you, please contact Nancy.**



Our Garden Club has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarship funds over the last 20 years. Most of the funds were raised by events that our club has held.

Gratefully, three years ago, one of our members Judy Schneider (now deceased) donated her mother’s trust fund to us in the amount of \$250,000 to be used for scholarships for students graduating from Sarasota schools. Each year, the Scholarship Committee asks for approval from the Board of Directors for a specified sum to be withdrawn from Judy’s fund, and these monies get added to additional monies from our Garden Club to award to qualified students.

In the past three years alone we have proudly awarded \$90,000 from Judy’s fund and from our club to talented students.

In the past, the awardees and their parents were asked to our Annual Meeting but during covid days, with no annual meetings, we held a special ceremony for them at the club, usually the 1st Monday in May. All our club members are invited. This year’s plan is to try to “capture” one or more of our scholarship winners while they are home, and have them come to one of our General Monthly Meetings. My hope is that the sun, the moon, and the stars all align to make this happen.

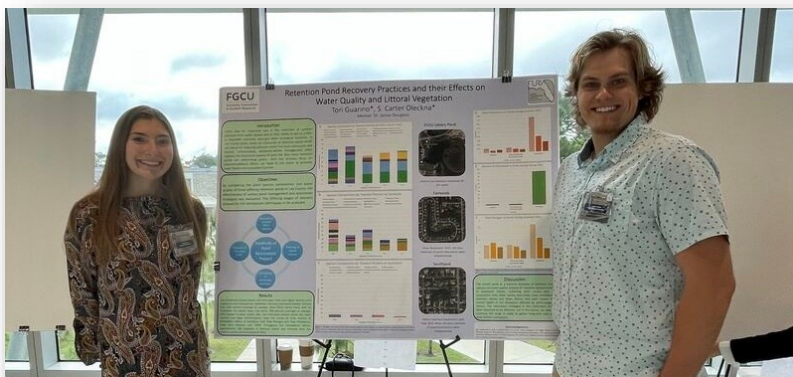
In the meantime, we will begin introducing you to our awardees monthly in the Blooming Chatter.

Carter Oleckna is a second year awardee. He and his best friend **Tori Guarino** both attend FGCU and collaborate on research and papers. Tori lives in Naples and is outside of our required residence area for scholarship purposes. Carter and Tori and a professor, James Douglass, concentrate on **Retention Pond Recovery Practices and its Effects on Water Quality and Littoral Vegetation**. Carter sent a synopsis of his work. With brevity, the first paragraph is as follows:

“In Lee County, Florida, there are more than 3,000 retention ponds which are critical in preventing flooding and reducing pollution. Most are performing poorly due to improper pond management. For the reduction of pollution, plants play an important role in this process because they act as a filter to sequester nutrients. In Southwest Florida, pollution control is often overlooked due to the aesthetics-driven management and the lack of enforcement of regulations within communities. The lack of knowledge on proper pond management causes an ineffective method of pollution removal through vegetation.”

And he notes this summer:

“I am currently at Cornell University for a 10 week program studying how plant defense mechanisms are influenced by their landscapes. I am expected to graduate with my B.S. from Florida Gulf Coast University in the Spring of 2024. After I graduate, I have plans to attend a graduate program in Florida.”



Carter and Tori have presented papers and been invited to conferences at the University of Wisconsin, St. Thomas University, 32nd Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference, and Southwest Florida Cisma 2022 Invasive Species Symposium among others.

"Gardens in Paradise" (2024) Please - Plan to Participate

• 10TH Annual "Gardens in Paradise": March 23rd 2024

The "Gardens in Paradise" tour (GIP) has been our club's largest and most successful fundraiser for 10 years!

As one GIP ends, the next is already being planned, and the GIP Committee PLANNING MEETINGS have started, so please come along. The Chair of GIP is Kelly Goodwin, Emily Yaffe is looking for beautiful gardens, Gloria Thomas is in charge of Logistics and others form the GIP committee – **you can be a part of it too!**

Because it is so important for our Club, and to accomplish our Mission, **WE ASK YOU ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME WAY**, so please look at the list below and consider volunteering to accomplish our 10th Annual "Gardens in Paradise" tour.

PPP: Come to the Gardens in Paradise PLANNING meetings:
10am at the Club on 12th September / 16th October

OUTLINE FOR GIP VOLUNTEERS: Signing up to volunteer will be organized online by a program called : SIGN UP GENIUS. Info will be offered at our September General Meeting and via email. **We want to assure you that all volunteers will have time to view the gardens even though they work a shift.**

DAY OF EVENT - in each of the Private Gardens:

- 3 Volunteer shifts per garden (number of volunteers will be determined as gardens are identified).
9:00am-11:30am
11:30am-2pm
2pm-4pm and picking up all supplies at your garden
- 2 Garden Captain shifts per garden to monitor volunteer shift changes, patrons questions, safety precautions, parking issues, garden owner concerns.
- 1-2 Parking Attendant shifts per garden (if needed).
2 morning shifts needed usually (friends, family can help here)

After Tour Clean-Up crew: a day or two following the tour, 2-3 members will organize, clean, and put away all GIP supplies pulled out. That schedule will be set around tour time.



Dorinda Wilkinson (SGC Member) is the liaison between the Ikebana and Sarasota Garden Clubs. (941-284-4443)

www.iisarasota.com ikebanasarasota@gmail.com

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

<h2>2023-2024 - AFFILIATES</h2> <h3>Ikebana International Chapter 115 Sarasota</h3>	
NEXT MEETING Monday September 25, 2023 10:00 a.m.	<i>"Here Comes the Sun":</i> Arranging with Sunflowers Demonstration: Polly Curran (Wafu) Workshop and Critique: Sogetsu Teachers
Monday October 30, 2023 10:00 a.m.	Using Unconventional Materials Demonstration: Claire Spencer-Spears (Sogetsu) Workshop and Critique: Sogetsu Teachers
Monday November 27, 2023 10:00 a.m.	Two-Container Arrangement (Ichiyo) Demonstration: Gail Newman Workshop and Critique: Ichiyo Teachers White Elephant Sale
Monday January 22, 2024 10:00 a.m.	"The poetry of Leaves": Leaf Manipulation Demonstration, Workshop and Critique: Jeanne Houlton (Junior Executive Master)
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
Monday April 29, 2024 10:00 a.m.	President's Tea Election/Installation of Board Officers and Mawari-ike Tradition

News from Sarasota County Butterfly Club

Susan Morris is the Chairman of the Sarasota County Butterfly Club (SCBC):
<https://sarasotabutterfly.com/> - Email: susan.morris.srq@gmail.com

No guest fee for SGC members (donations jar available)



**THE TALE OF ATALA
AND COONTIE:
A FLORIDA-FRIENDLY
LANDSCAPING SUCCESS STORY**

**SEPTEMBER 28TH
AT 9:30 AM**
Sarasota Garden Club
1131 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota FL

Learn about the **Atala butterfly** that is back from the brink of extinction in part due to our **Florida-Friendly Landscaping™** choices. The history of the Atala's host plant and our colonization of Florida is an interesting one.

Presented by
Forest Hecker

Forest Hecker is the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Community Educator for Sarasota County's UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability department. A FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional, Forest previously worked as the Outreach Coordinator for Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens. A longtime resident of Florida, Forest loves the tropics and everything you can grow only in Florida. Personal interests include growing vanilla, cacao, coffee, and other tropical edibles. On a professional note, areas of interest include edible landscaping, landscaping for wildlife, and landscaping for pollinators. Highlighting the benefits of trees and working towards a greater urban biodiversity of specimen trees is another professional goal of Forest's. Fun fact, Forest was named after the rain forest not after the movie. Both of his parents work in horticulture and environmental protection!

News from the FFGC



From Sue Angle

As our Sarasota Garden Club becomes 96 years old this year and celebrates being a Federated Garden Club for 90 years, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in April, 2024.

There will be special events observing this important birthday. The first being Arbor Day, when plans will have each of the over 150 federated garden clubs in Florida plant a tree at the same time throughout the state at 11 am EST on **January 19, 2024**.

A quilt for the 100th will be created with a patch depicting each of the FFGC clubs around the state. Our square has an embroidered and cross-stitched SGC logo against a red background, which is District VIII's color.



Save these dates – much more news to follow.

- **April 24, 2024**, the birthday of FFGC 100th, there will be a celebration at our FFGC Headquarters in Winter Park with both a brunch and dinner party – take your pick to attend and enjoy the festivities.
- **April 10 – 12, 2024**. Plan to attend 97th FFGC State Convention at the Southbank Marriott Hotel in Jacksonville.



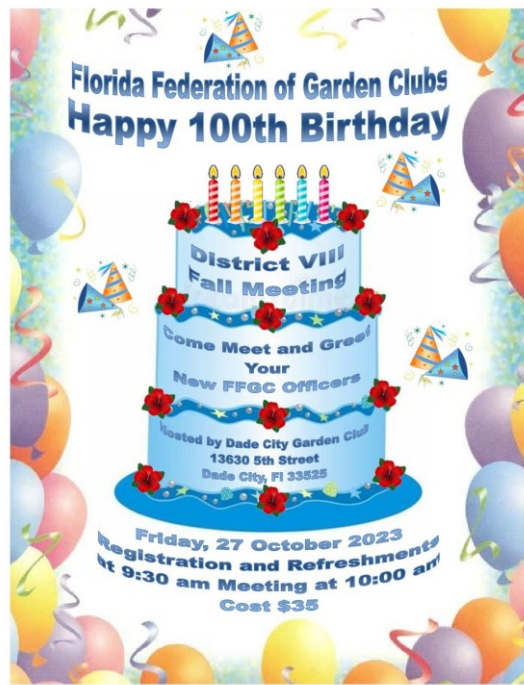
Did you know that each of the 12 Districts in Florida were assigned a color from the color wheel years ago, showing the relationship between colors and the relationship between Florida's Federated Garden Clubs. **Some members wear red when they attend the District meetings to represent our District VIII.**

Go to the FFGC Website – ffgc.org – for more information about all this and much more including The Florida Gardener.

News from the FFGC Cont....

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.

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

The Flower Show School is a comprehensive program that teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing, and chairing an NGC flower show. There are 4 courses each generally scheduled over a 2-3-day period, and each with a specific curriculum that includes horticulture, design, and flower show procedure (FSP). If you are considering becoming a flower show judge, planning to chair a flower show, or simply want to learn more, your first step is to attend **Course I**. Subjects are taught by qualified instructors and outlines will be provided.

FOLLOW THE LINK TO DOWNLOAD THE FULL FORM [Flower Show Course Form](#)

<p>Everyone must register with Dianne Beaver Registration deadline: September 12, 2023 Late registration fee: \$15.00</p>	
<p>Registration Form: FFSJ District VIII Flower Show School Course 1 September 26-29, 2023 Please make check payable to: District VIII Flower Show Judges and mail to Registrar Dianne Beaver, 6560 Wild Orchid Lane, Sarasota, FL 34241 Phone (941) 780-2949 diannebeaver@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Name _____ Phone _____ Address _____ E Mail _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Garden Club _____ District _____ State _____</p>	<p>Taking exam for credit to become an NGC Flower Show Judge Yes _____ No _____</p>
<p>Full course \$140.00 Wednesday only - Horticulture \$ 75.00 Thursday only - Design \$ 75.00 Late Fee \$ 15.00 Total.....</p>	<p>Morning refreshments and lunch are provided.</p>
<p>Course 1</p> <p>Required Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The National Gardener Magazine</u> TNG Online (Digital PDF Version) found on the NGC website at > Member Login > TNG Online • <u>Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017</u> Revised Edition (3 Ring Binder or Digital version) PLEASE NOTE that the January 2022 revision of the digital Handbook for Flower Shows is now available to download free of charge: ngc-handbook-for-flower-shows-july-2022-revision.pdf (garden club.org) If you are ordering the binder and PRINTED copy of the handbook pictured on NGC website, please be aware that it contains the original pages of the 2017 Flower Show Handbook. You will also have to download all corrections and enter in the 2017 Handbook. • <u>Outlines of Period Flower Arrangement</u> (Hannay) • <u>Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging</u> <p>Recommended Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Guide to the New Petite Floral Designs</u> Anna G. Burns • <u>Hortulana The 21st Century Edition</u> (Heber) • <u>Designing by Types</u> (Osborne) <p>Books may be ordered from the NGC website, (http://www.gardenclub.org)</p> <p>A hotel room block has been set aside. Ask for MRGC (Rate Code) TownePlace Suites by Marriott 5451 Cortez Rd West 1 (941) 782-9992 Reservations should be made before August 26, 2023</p>	
<p>Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Tina Tuttle, President</p> <p>Florida Flower Show Judges Gina Jogan, President</p> <p>Florida Flower Show Judges District VIII Presents</p> <p>Flower Show School Course 1 September 26-29, 2023</p> <p>Manatee River Garden Club 3120 First Avenue West Bradenton, Florida 34205-3448</p>  <p>Judges Council District VIII Director Susan O'Donnell</p> <p>School CoChairmen Elaine Schweitzer and Dianne Beaver</p> <p>Registrar Dianne Beaver diannebeaver@gmail.com (941) 780-2949</p>	

News from Sarasota Orchid Society (SOS)



Visit their website at: <https://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/>

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Monday October 2nd 2023

*At Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 1534 Mound
Street
(Open to the Public)*

**Want help dividing that
huge orchid?
We'll Help You!**



We are trying something different this year to help expand the orchids we have available to bid on. If you have a large, healthy orchid that you would like to divide, call us! **We will come to your house, divide your orchid and repot the division(s).** All it costs is one of the divisions. We will care for the division until the auction. You'll need pots for your division(s) and media for the plants you keep.

**If you are interested, contact Susan Gerhardt at
susangerhardt@sarasotaorchidsociety.org.**

**This is an excellent learning opportunity and helps our
orchid society as well.**

English Garden Report

I thought you may be interested to hear about my trip to visit 2 English gardens: Waterperry and Highgrove (*residence of King Charles and Queen Camilla*), both quite near to Oxford. **By Becci Bond.**

Waterperry Gardens - [Waterperry Gardens](#) | [Garden Centre](#) | [Plant Centre](#) | [Tea Shop](#)

Back in the day, Waterperry Gardens was a **horticultural school for women**, run by Beatrix Havergal (*great name*).



The gardens were principally established for

educational purposes, and the 8 acres of garden are divided into 'rooms': The Virgin's Walk (for shady plants); a Rock Garden containing a range of rock plants and shrubs such as Alpine Phlox and Rock Roses; a serene River Walk (which is along the Thames) and a haven for wildlife; a Formal Garden featuring a Tudor knot garden with herbs for medicinal and culinary use; a (Plant Heritage) collection of Saxifrage; Herbaceous borders covering 3 distinct periods of flowering; a 70 year old Pear Orchard; Spring Bulbs starting in January, with a dedicated Fritillary Meadow in April; Alpine Garden with raised beds full of mountain plants; a Nursery Stockbed with a living catalogue of plants; Rose Gardens; a beautiful ornamental canal with a statue of Miranda from *The Tempest* surrounded

by water lilies; and, of course, a Walled Garden full of fruit and vegetables, herbs, and companion plants – full of bees, butterflies and other insects.

As we sat in the open-sided marquee for lunch (made with ingredients from the garden of course), wrapped up in our Spring jackets, toasting with a crisp, cold white wine – **the wind blew a fine drizzle into our faces and we longed for Florida sun! Ah, British summers.**

Highgrove - [Highgrove House and Gardens, Tetbury, England | King Charles III \(highgrovegardens.com\)](http://highgrovegardens.com)

As the coach approached Highgrove (along beautifully kept country roads and green and golden fields, as we're approaching harvest time) we were greeted by a fearsome security guard, complete with automatic rifle, and goodness knows what else in all his bulging pockets. I'm thinking Taser, hand gun, grenades etc ... accompanied by a 'absolute darling of a man', called Rob, kitted out in a full-length Barbour wax jacket and tweed shirt and tie (which is the traditional garb for 'gentlemen farmers'), with one of the best English accents I've heard! Terribly Nice!

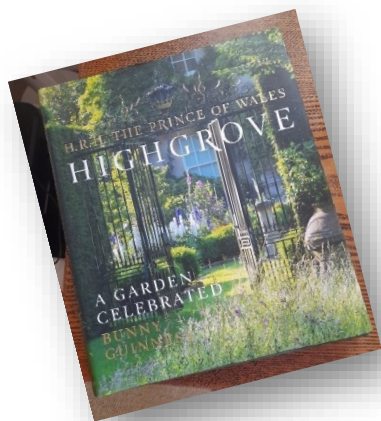
Rob needed the Barbour, as the sky was dark with rain looming, but nothing was going to stop us taking the 1½ hour, high-security accompanied tour around His Majesty's retreat, where he has lived for 35 years, creating a magnificent garden without using pesticides. Like every garden, it has its good times and 'not so good' times, so not all of the gardens were in peak condition, but it was still a sight to behold.

WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS ONCE PAST THE MAIN ENTRANCE, but just before that – we saw the elephants at Highgrove!

Of course, the result of not being allowed to take photos during the tour, is that the Gift Shop does a roaring trade in selling a beautiful, hard-back, picture/coffee table book, showing each of the gardens throughout the seasons of the year.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES HIGHGROVE, A Garden Celebrated.

OF COURSE I bought one. I'll bring it over for you all to see.



The gardens comprised: Kitchen Garden; Sundial Garden; Stumpery and Moss Garden; Cottage Garden; Winterbourne Garden; Front & Rear Drives; Meadow; Dovecote; The House; Terrace Garden; Thyme Walk; Rose Pergola; Azalea Walk; The 'Lawn'; Transylvanian Meadow; Carpet Garden; Lily Pool Garden; Arboretum; Orchards; Hedges; surrounded by Parkland.

Veronica, my sister, and I thoroughly enjoyed our lunch in the beautifully designed, light and airy, restaurant painted in the classing National Trust Green, with pine tables all laid up with white tablecloths and replicas of The Queen Mother's favorite tea service which are slightly oversized cups and saucers (perhaps to deter theft) each decorated with colorful plants, flowers, leaves, insects and other garden illustrations. EVERYTHING that came out was in the same design, which made quite a show. Our waiters were local students equally smartly dressed.

STRONGLY RECOMMEND A VISIT, BUT YOU MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE

Here's our lunch bill:



Plant sale

PRESIDENTS DAY (Open the Saturday before)
MOTHERS DAY (Open the Saturday before)
LABOR DAY (Open Monday)

Exotic Plant Sale! **Explore the Gardens!**

OPEN 9 am - 3 pm
NO ENTRY BEFORE 9am

Admission is free.
Bring your camera and your friends.
Explore a variety of world-class plant collections.
Stroll the gardens at your own pace.

Garden sale.
The owners and their favorite growers
will be here to answer questions and offer
landscape advice. A wide variety of
unusual plants, driftwood and ceramics
will be available for purchase.

BRANCH TROPICAL GARDEN

Next to Sarasota Succulent Garden
1315 38th Street, Sarasota, Florida
(941) 358-4953

Visit Rob Branch on Facebook

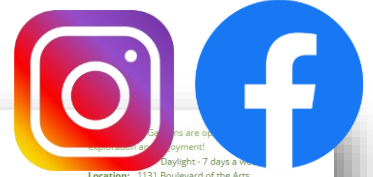
Rainforest Trail
Kol Pond & Waterfall
Cactus & Succulent Garden
Rare Palm Collection (over 280 varieties)
Thousands of colorful bromellads,
orchids, aroids, heliconias, gingers,
bamboo & much more!



n.b. this is still going ahead

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

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