



**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
- + HAPPY NEW YEAR
- + Reviews of events
- + Forthcoming events
- + Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Flower of the month



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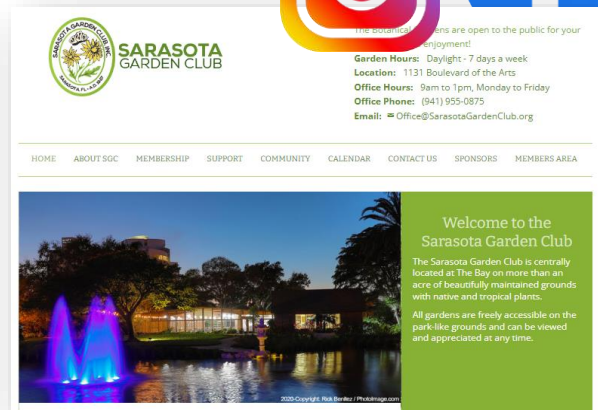
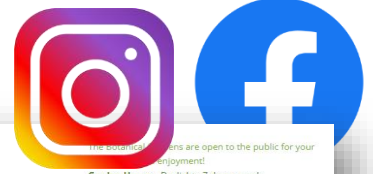
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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**
- **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 contents to appear in the newsletter
- Finance@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

President's Message

Greetings Garden Club Members!

Happy New Year

Welcome to Sarasota Garden Club 2023!

Hope everyone had wonderful holidays with friends and family.

The Garden Club had a very busy December with our Floral Design Workshop and a wonderful program on "Holiday Epiphytes" and a "Plant-mounting Demonstration". It was wonderful to see everyone at our "Holiday in the Gardens" event, also.

With January already here we are off to a very busy start. As everyone is aware, January 3rd was our meeting with the City of Sarasota Commissioners. We presented our Partnership Opportunity between The Sarasota Garden Club and The Bay, thus receiving a 5-1 approval to cancel our lease enabling us to move forward with The Bay Partnership. Our Partnership is now in place and went into effect on January 4th at 12:01 am.

With the Partnership in place, we have initiated a transition plan with The Bay to convert services and building items to The Bay. We expect the transition will take most of the month of January. As we have shared before, we believe this is an excellent opportunity for the Garden Club and the Historic Building.

This weekend our members are supporting the Orchid Society Show with our members creating the "stage" floral design. Our club is provided a table at this event to showcase our club, events and the skills of our members' floral design.

During January, we have a wonderful program planned, "Habitat Restoration and Urban Ecology Practices in Florida-friendly Landscapes". Hope everyone can join us for this program on Wednesday, January 18th.

In February, we will have a very special ceremony to receive the **Historic Plaques and Designations** for the Sarasota Garden Club Building. Many, many thanks to our member **Olivia Haynes** for all her efforts, work and staying with it, to achieve these designations. She deserves a medal for this. The ceremony will be on Thursday, January 16th.

We are seeking volunteers to join the Flower Show Committee to enable our club's next Flower Show. Please contact CJ Dana to volunteer for this team.

See you all soon!

Fondly, Kelly L Goodwin, President

941-718-3359

President@SarasotaGardenClub.org



2023

This new year, I'm making resolutions I can actually keep:



Joseph Tychonievich

Gardeners, eh?

January 2023 Dates ALREADY!?

Key events this month include:

- SGC Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings
- On the docket at City Hall to formalize the Special Partnership
 - Monthly General Meeting

JANUARY 2023		
1 st	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living – also 8 th , 15 th and 22 nd
3 rd	SGC and The Bay on the docket at City Hall to process Special Partnership <i>We would appreciate your support by attending this event</i>	
4 th	9am	Floralia 16
6 th	8-11am	* Friday Gardening at SGC – also 13 th , 20 th and 27 th
7 th & 8 th	Orchids in Paradise Show at Sarasota Municipal Auditorium	
9 th	10am	*SGC – Board of Directors Meeting
10 th	9am	The Founders Garden Club
	10.30am	** SGC Civic Beautification Committee Meeting
11 th	6pm	Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers Club
17 th	10am	*SGC – Executive Committee Meeting
18 th	10am	<u>MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING</u> “Habitat restoration and Urban Ecology Practices in Florida-friendly Landscapes” by Sean Patton, Stocking Savvy
	4.30pm	Butterfly Club: First meeting 2023 and Super Raffle
21 st	Wedding Ceremony and Reception	
30 th	9.30am	Ikebana Society Meeting



February 2023 Dates

Key events this month include:

- SGC Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings
 - Fashion Show
 - Monthly General Meeting
 - Historic Building Designation

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



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

<p><u>NEXT</u> <u>MEETING</u> Wednesday January 18th 2023</p>	<p>“Habitat restoration and Urban Ecology Practices in Florida-friendly Landscapes” By Sean Patton, Stocking Savvy</p>
<p>Wednesday February 15th 2023</p>	<p>“Spring in Paradise” – Floral Arrangements Using Florida Foliages and Florals By Betty Call</p>
<p>Wednesday March 15th 2023</p>	<p>“Exploring, Capturing and Sharing Sarasota Beyond the Pavement” By Miri Hardy Ph.D. Wildlife Photographer and Environmental Educator</p>
<p>Tuesday April 18th 2023</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting at Sara Bay Golf & Country Club</p>
<p>Wednesday May 17th 2023</p>	<p>“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” By Leading Flower Show Experts TBA</p>

Review of Last Month's (DEC) General Meeting



Thank you to the **Hospitality Committee** for the delicious breakfast treats!



Club Business:



Thank you to SGC Members who brought a toy to December's general meeting – for “Toys for Tots”. **THANK YOU, we had a terrific response which was much appreciated.**

Guest Speaker - Bliss Horticulture "Holiday Epiphytes"

On Wednesday December 14th 2022, Addie Worth, of Bliss Horticulture, presented:

"Holiday Epiphytes" – a discussion of epiphyte history, care, and cultivation, followed by a plant mounting demonstration.



"We had a great time learning about epiphytes and their care.



Addie demonstrated how to mount **tillandsia** and **bromeliads** into wreath and other forms. With minimal care and some adjusting, the designs can last for years.

We hope to conduct a make-and-take design workshop with Addie if enough interest. Such creativity." – Horticulture.



Review of “Holiday Tree Trimming Party”

On Thursday 1st

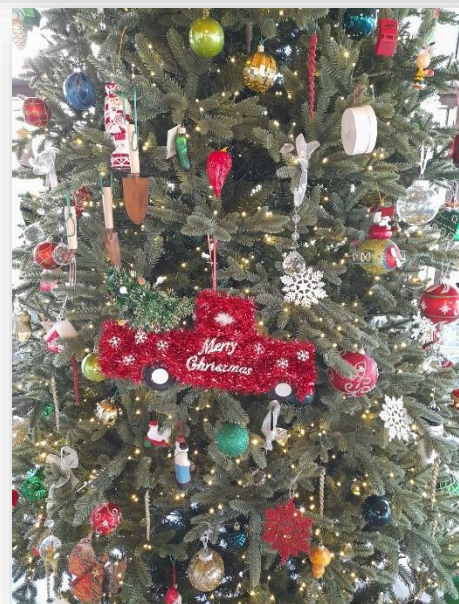
December,

a small group of Sarasota Garden Club members met at the club to decorate the Holiday Tree – doesn't it look beautiful?

- Welcome to Lorelie Paster who called in to renew her club membership.
- Thank you to Deborah Alves, Linda Driggs and Dana Westmark who, as relatively new members, were extremely hands-on. Dana ventured up to the top of the tree: but only once!
- **Out of the blue – Lynda Wright, a SGC member, arrived with her harp, to play holiday music and keep us in the mood.**
The Sweetwater Players: 612-759-3311.

Thank you to CJ for Turkey Soup and delicious snacks and bubbly, Shari and Carolyn for encouragement, and Becci for bringing her sister along to celebrate.

This year we will bring it to Members' attention earlier so that more members may join in the frivolity!



Review of "Holiday Music in the Gardens"

On Sunday December 4th

the Klick Band entertained a dance-worthy audience to an evening of engaging music – that really got everyone up and dancing.

Taking a look at these photos from the evening:



 **SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB**
PRESENTS
"HOLIDAY MUSIC IN THE GARDENS"
1131 Blvd. of the Arts
Sarasota, FL
Sunday December 4th, 2022
\$30.00 PER PERSON

"The Klick Band"  6:00pm - 8:00pm

Dance and enjoy music from the 50's to present, while sitting or strolling through our beautiful botanical garden setting (maintained by the SGC Club members).

- Champagne, wine, and hors d'oeuvres provided by SGC
- Plus Silent Auction and Prizes

[BOOK ONLINE](#)
Or please RSVP to Kelly Goodwin
941-718-3359 / klbg@me.com

This was a very successful fund-raising event. Thank you to everyone that helped organize it – and thank you to everyone that bought tickets and attended, and especially to THE DANCERS!



This Month's General Meeting: Wednesday January 18th 2023

Please join us for our January Meeting!

**"Habitat Restoration and Urban Ecology
practices in Florida Friendly Landscapes"**



**Sean Patton
STOCKING SAVVY**

<http://www.stockingsavvy.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!**

Stocking Savvy
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We are an independent environmental consulting firm passionate about using ecological principles and native species to restore and protect Florida's ecosystems. Florida has tens of thousands of man-made ponds, lakes, and stormwater retention systems that are supposed to filter nutrients and pollutants flowing downstream. However, when we make these ponds we often don't plant them or stock the algae eaters and filter feeders necessary to form a healthy ecosystem. Stocking Savvy is proud to be the first and only company stocking a variety of native fish, invertebrates, and plants to maintain your pond in an environmentally and financially responsible way.

Next Month's General Meeting: February 15th 2023



Sarasota Garden Club General Members Meeting

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.

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Botanical Gardens Report

“Gardening makes us even in this world”

By Kay Weber, Botanical Garden Chair

“Friday Morning Workers” are working every Friday.



We Friday Morning Workers are a dedicated crew that really works hard each and every Friday. No matter how many people turn up, and this week we had a RECORD 17 volunteers, the transformation is obvious, and it's terribly satisfying to open the gates to a leaf-ridden garden upon arrival, to turn around at the end of the morning's work to view a clean and tidy, sparkling GREEN botanic garden, and lots of smiley faces on the volunteers' faces. SATISFACTION!

17 volunteers on a Friday is a LOT, and every person is invaluable, whatever their gardening experience. Only enthusiasm, and perhaps a bit of energy, is required. The snowbirds are beginning to trickle back The weather's not so hot, which makes gardening more enjoyable And new volunteers continue to arrive.



THANK YOU to Nicole and her friend Katie, who arrived this Friday, to volunteer their services. So lovely to hear the chatter of young voices busy in the garden. When asked if they'd enjoyed themselves, Nicole pronounced how much she LOVES GARDENING, how she hopes to make time to come more often, and then went on to describe how she has worked at an animal shelter since she was 13.

Good on her!



AND

Thank you to **Michael** (aka Tarzan) the J-ROTC (Junior-Reserve Officers Training Corp) volunteer - that helped us with re-laying the commemorative brick



pathway last year - who, with youth and vigor on his side, climbed the large oak tree in the middle of the garden (*above*), detached the gigantic Stag Horn Fern that fell from the tree during the hurricanes – and hacked it in to many pieces that were then re-located around the gardens, given to The Bay for relocation AND taken by volunteers to place in local gardens and/or random trees.



Stephanie in her optimum position for weeding!

Claudia – back in the garden

(below) **Becci** looking stern!



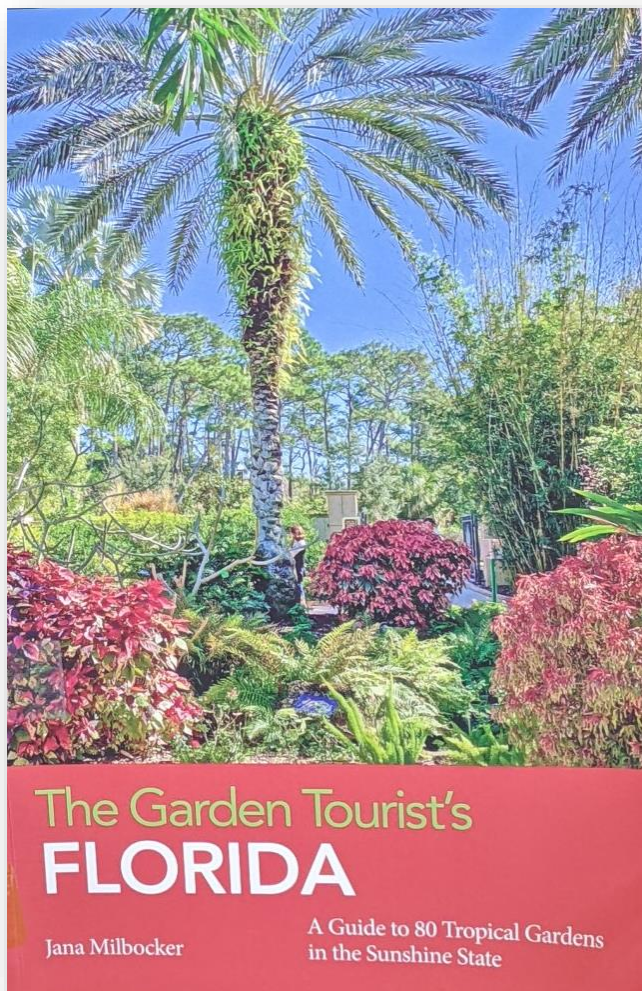
Lots of others too!

EVERYONE WELCOME – between 8 and 11am.



Just turn up!

What's in the Library?



In "The Garden Tourist's FLORIDA", garden designer Jana Milbocker guides you on a fantastic tour of 80 diverse gardens and provides all the information you need to make the most of your visit.

Our SCG gardens are one of the featured gardens

From the plantation-style gardens of northern Florida to the private Edens of artists, botanical collections of world-renowned plant hunters, and European-inspired estates of Miami, there is something for every gardener to enjoy in a tour of the state.

The Garden Tourist's FLORIDA features outstanding botanical gardens, historic estates, butterfly gardens and zoos, specialty nurseries, and off-the-beaten-path destinations for the passionate gardener.

Jana Milbocker is a garden writer, speaker, and landscape designer. Her books include The Garden Tourist, The Garden Tourist's New England, and The Garden Tourist's Florida.

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.**

The awards received by SGC are also maintained by the Library Chair.
Tel: 941-918-4356

Flower of the Month

Brassavola Nodosa Orchid

“Lady of the Night”



I (Becci Bond) bought this orchid at the November General Meeting. It was recommended to me, by Elfi Espino, as one that would be good to have in my lanai for the 6 months I am in Sarasota, and then to go in my large oak tree when I leave. It smells terrific!

Brassavola nodosa, the Lady-of-the-Night Orchid, smells of citrus at night to attract a nocturnal moth. Their range in the wild includes Mexico, the Caribbean, Venezuela, and Peru – but now it's just off Stickney Point!

I've read all the instructions on www.orchid-care-tips.com and am delighted to read that “These are easy orchids to care for; it's no wonder they're so popular.” (Things may work out well after all!):

- Give them warm temperatures to keep them happy. 75-80°F (24-29C) works well during the day, and there should be a 10-15°F drop at night (6-8C).
- Medium to high light works best for these orchids. Give them more than [Phalaenopsis](#) light, and up to as much as [Cattleya](#) light. **There will be red spotting on the leaves if the lighting is sufficient;** keep moving the plant to brighter spots until you see these. (But give it some shade if you see sunburn appearing.)
- Let them get dry in between frequent [waterings](#). Use a very well-drained [potting mix](#), such as [coarse fir bark](#) or wine corks, to achieve this. They are often [mounted on slabs of bark](#) to achieve the same result; this works well as they get more air to the roots as well, but they'll need daily watering. Fortunately, they look really attractive this way. It looks a lot like how they grow as epiphytes in the wild, and there's nothing quite like a big ball of leaves and flowers sticking out of a piece of bark.
- They can deal with as little as 40% humidity, but will be happier at 50-70% humidity. Humidity is especially important if they are grown mounted.
- They grow quickly with proper care, so you'll soon have very many flowers each time it blooms!

Fundraising: Fashion Show

February 8th 2023



SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB

Presents



\$50.00

Please join us for a fashion show charity event with Dante's Den

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 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**

**If you have any questions, please contact CJ Danna
cj.SarasotaGardenClub@gmail.com or call 941-955-0875**

Fundraising: "Gardens in Paradise" March 25th 2023



**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
(941) 718-3359



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Update from GIP Committee:

Emily and team have secured 6 private gardens for the Gardens in Paradise Tour.

- And we have our botanic garden as well
- The GIP team are going to do a drive-by the gardens with Emily on January 10th
- We'll schedule time in early February with the homeowners for us to actually walk the gardens
- **Thereafter it's "all hands on deck" to organize the event!**

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

Sarasota Orchid Society



The Sarasota Orchid Society presented its 65th Annual Show and Sale at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium in beautiful downtown Sarasota, FL on Saturday, January 7th and Sunday 8th.

The show's theme this year was "Orchids in Paradise".

For two days, over 20 vendors filled the auditorium with an explosion of color and smells, exhibiting and selling thousands of blooming orchid plants, as well as presenting gorgeous displays. Accredited American Orchid Society judges judged the orchids and displays presented by the region's orchid societies, and commercial and individual growers.

- Sarasota Garden Club got a free table, thanks to Kay Weber, which is worth \$600.
- We always do a huge design on the stage (waiting for names of people to accredit)



Photos from Orchids in Paradise



More photographs on Facebook, and in next month's Blooming Chatter



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs



Did you know?

***As a member of the Sarasota Garden Club,
you are also a member of the National
Garden Club?***

Message from Sue Angle, a member of the SGC since 1989:



*"I was honored to have been elected to serve as **District VIII Director** and then an **officer of FFGC as 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Vice Presidents and then President over a 10-year period.** This gave me the opportunity to travel the state, visiting the clubs in FFGC, helping me to realize how fortunate we are to belong to a federated garden club and be a part of these larger parent organizations who offer the guidance and opportunities to fulfil our mission, Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or particular interest in any of the programs offered through FFGC."*

Email: sueangle000@gmail.com / Cell: 941-350-9784

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS / FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS / DEEP SOUTH REGION OF GARDEN CLUBS - DISTRICT VIII / SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB

As a member of the Sarasota Garden Club, you are also a member of the National Garden Club (NGC), along with thousands of other like-minded people whose mission is to promote the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility by providing education, resources and networking opportunities for our members, youth and the community.

Belonging to SGC, we are members of the NGC, one of the largest volunteer gardening organizations, with federated clubs in each of the 50 states as well as the District of Columbia. NGC has developed and shared many wonderful opportunities that our federated garden clubs enjoy and share with members and the community. Check out the website at <https://gardenclub.org/>

- NGC is comprised of **8 Regions**, and **SGC** is in the "**Deep South**" Region of Garden Clubs (DS) which includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. So as a member of SGC, we are members of the Deep South Region.
- SGC members are also members of the **Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC)** which is comprised of 145 federated garden clubs and their 10,000+ members around the state. Our headquarters is in Winter Park and website is <https://ffgc.org/>
 - FFGC has 12 Districts and we are in District VIII which goes from New Port Richey in the north to Englewood in the south and as far east as Plant City. This includes 24 federated garden clubs totalling over 1,500 members.

Being a part of these organizations offers SGC a multitude of opportunities to help us fulfil our mission. Some of these opportunities are listed below:

- **Blue Star Memorial Markers** honoring our veterans and **Gold Star Markers** which support families who have lost a loved one in service to our country through the U. Armed Forces.
 - SGC has dedicated two Blue Star Markers: one in downtown Sarasota at Rt. 41 & Main St., and the other at the National Cemetery on Rt. 72. This program was started by NGC in 1945, and since 1949 Florida garden clubs have acquired 200 Markers, 8 of which are Gold Star Families markers.
- **Education for members through NGC Schools** including Flower Show, Gardening Study, Environmental Study and Landscape Design Schools.
- **Three Annual Short Courses** hosted by District I in the Panhandle, by District V with University of Florida in Gainesville, and by District X in various areas between West Palm Beach and Boca Raton.
- **Junior Garden Clubs** organized by federated garden clubs for youth in schools, churches, neighborhoods, Scouts, 4-H, etc., to introduce students to gardening, awareness of the environment, natural resources, ecology, conservation, composting, and recycling.
- **Wekiwa Youth Camp**, a residential nature camp for 3rd thru 8th Grade youngsters sponsored by FFGC for 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. It is held at Wekiwa Springs State Park in Apopka every summer.
- **S.E.E.K (Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge)**, an environmental conference for students entering grades 10-12 held at the University of Florida each summer. SEEK inspires student interest through field excursions and hands-on experimental activities at labs around the UF Campus.
- Besides the wonderful **scholarships** SGC sponsors, college scholarships for high school seniors and college students are also available through NGC, DS, and FFGC.
- SGC has donated to **“Penny Pines”**, another NGC program, which partners with the USDA Forest Service to sustain our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program. Collecting pennies adds to a \$68.00 club donation to help the replanting/ replacement of trees to a particular damaged area, whether by fire or by other natural catastrophes.
- SGC has also donated to **Coral Restoration** to restore and preserve our coral reefs for future generations.
- **National Garden Week** provides ways to communicate and interact with the community to promote gardening and encourage joining a garden club.
- SGC has participated in **Habitat for Humanity** homes with landscaping.
- **NGC, DS and FFGC Awards are presented** – this year SGC received an NGC Flower Show Award for our “Garden To Table” Flower Show.

And many more!

Be sure to check out FFGC’s website at <https://ffgc.org/>

which includes the Winter Issue of The Florida Gardener at

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/4112375d-b8d1-4739-83cd-d576cbe8e3c3>



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

Email:

BloomingChatter@SarasotaGarden
Club.org

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

Email: ✉ Office@SarasotaGardenClub.org