



**SARASOTA
GARDEN CLUB**

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August is celebrated with the gladiolus and the poppy as its birth flowers, embodying the month's themes of strength, remembrance, and beauty

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The Sarasota Garden Club premises and gardens will be closed between July 8 and September 6 while major renovations take place

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More information on the website:

SarasotaGardenClub.org

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Some Key Dates

Diary Dates

July 7 – September 6	SGC / The Bay - Renovation Project
August 6	“Lunch & Learn” at District VIII – Writing Awards
August 17	Tag Sale at Manatee River Garden Club
August 30	SGC “Breakfast Together” at Der Deutschman
September 13	Resume Friday morning volunteer gardening
September 18	SGC Monthly General Meeting
September 29	“Music In the Gardens”
October 16	FFGC District VIII Fall Meeting - Tampa
October 23	SGC Monthly General Meeting – with Annual Pot Luck
October 25	Cooking & Dining Event
October 29	“Container Gardening” by Education
November 7	“Painting in the Gardens”
November 12	“Cornucopia Flower Design” by Education
November 20	SGC Monthly General Meeting
December 3	Christmas Tree Decoration and Creating a Holiday Centerpiece by Education
December 8	Holiday “Music in the Gardens”

Always check the
website calendar!

[Calendar \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](https://sarasotagardenclub.org)

<https://sarasotagardenclub.org/calendar/>



President's Message

Greetings SGC Members!

Wow, it is August already and Florida's heat is at its peak! While we can head inside to escape, our plants cannot!

Look for signs of heat stress and combat as needed with hand watering. Plants with recent nutritional issues and young plants are most susceptible. Be sure to monitor your irrigation system zones and timings to make the most of the water you're applying.



Our Sarasota Garden Club members completed the large task of “clearing the closets” ahead of schedule for the construction project. The Bay’s Renovation Project of the Sarasota Garden Club is fully under way and is progressing very well.



..... to the “Clearing the Closets” committee for all their time and efforts to complete this significant activity!

Once the renovation project is complete and finalized, we will be enlisting assistance to move the items back in...!!!!!!

Just a reminder while this construction is underway, we are not able to use the building or work in the gardens.

In lieu of working in the gardens, our Hospitality Committee has held one “Breakfast Get-together” which had 25+ attendees. The next one is this month on August 30, at 10:00 AM at the Der Dutchman. Please join us if you can!

Wishing everyone a wonderful August!

Fondly - Kelly L Goodwin

President - Tel: 941-718-3359

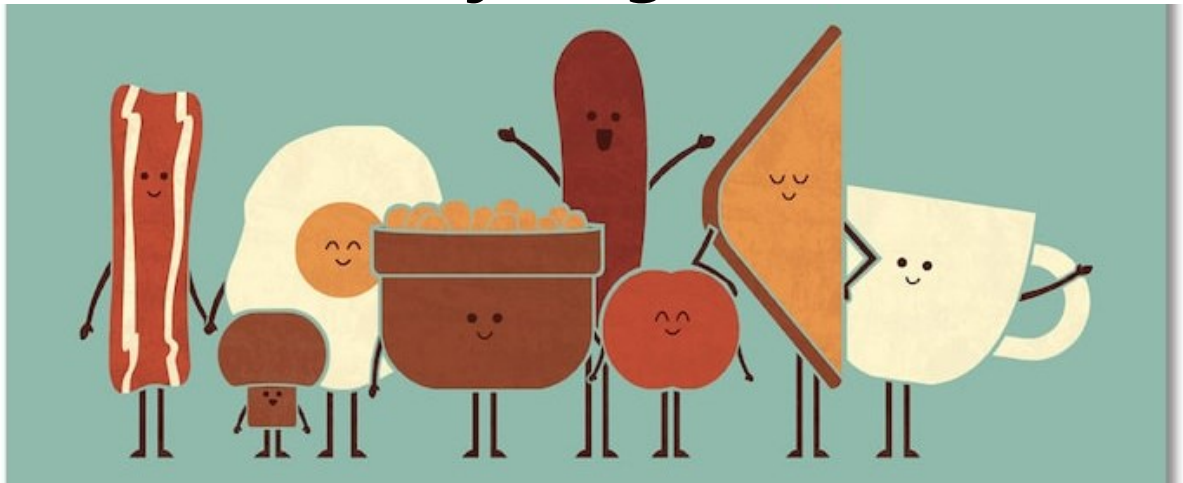
klgkey@outlook.com

Breakfast Get-together

August Hospitality Events for SGC Members

2nd of Summer Breakfast Get-togethers

Friday August 30



This is a great opportunity to get together and catch up, meet new people, get to know others better, and just have a good time – and breakfast!

Please RSVP to Olivia Haynes at (941) 400-1710 / thinkolivia@gmail.com

**Meet up at 10:00 AM
at Der Dutchman**

**3713 Bahia Vista Street
Sarasota**

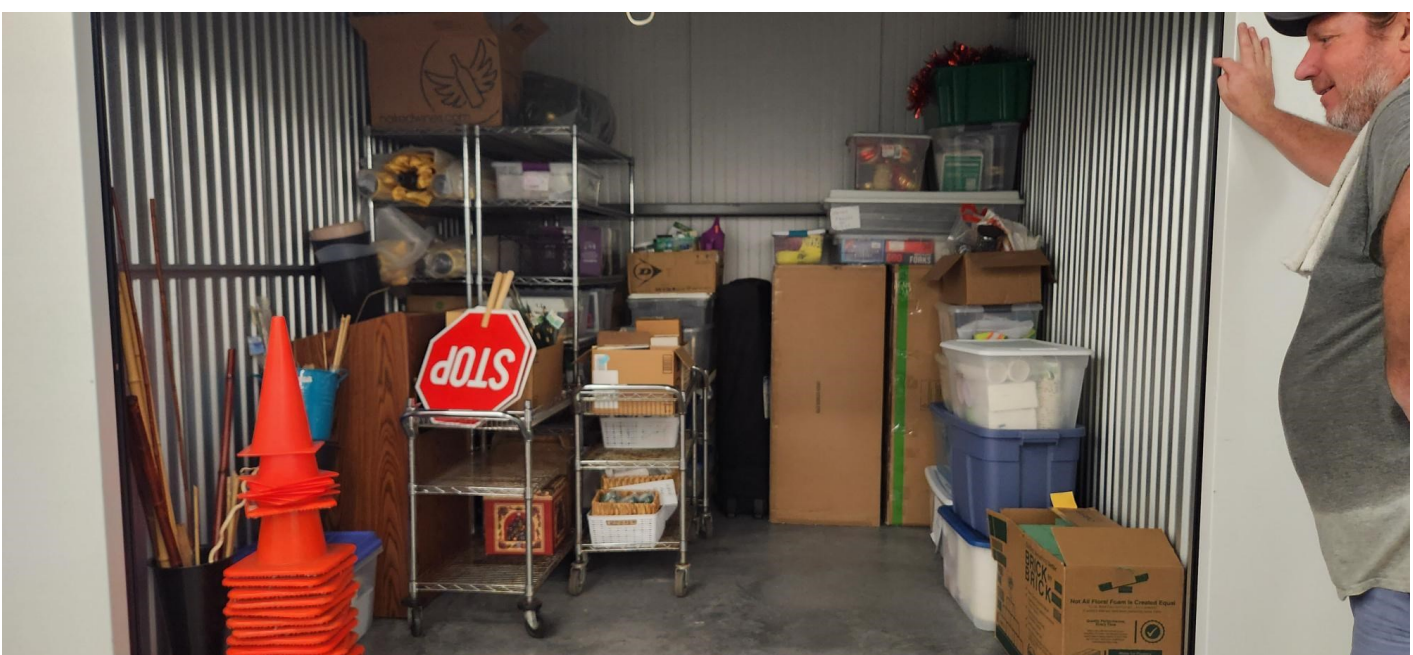


Update on SGC Building Renovation Project



The SGC Renovation project has begun!

Thank you to everyone involved in the clearing process which resulted in a MAN WITH A VAN and a LOCKUP as the new home for a considerable amount of Club paraphernalia.



SEPTEMBER

General Members Monthly Meeting

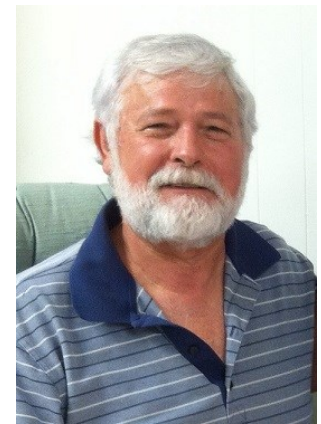


MEETING
September 18, 2024

- Seasonal meetings are back!
- Come join us at 9:30 a.m. on 9/18/24 for our first fall meeting at Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota
- Featuring “Fall Vegetable Gardening in Florida” - Sarasotagardenclub.org

“Fall Vegetable Gardening in Florida”

Gary Patton

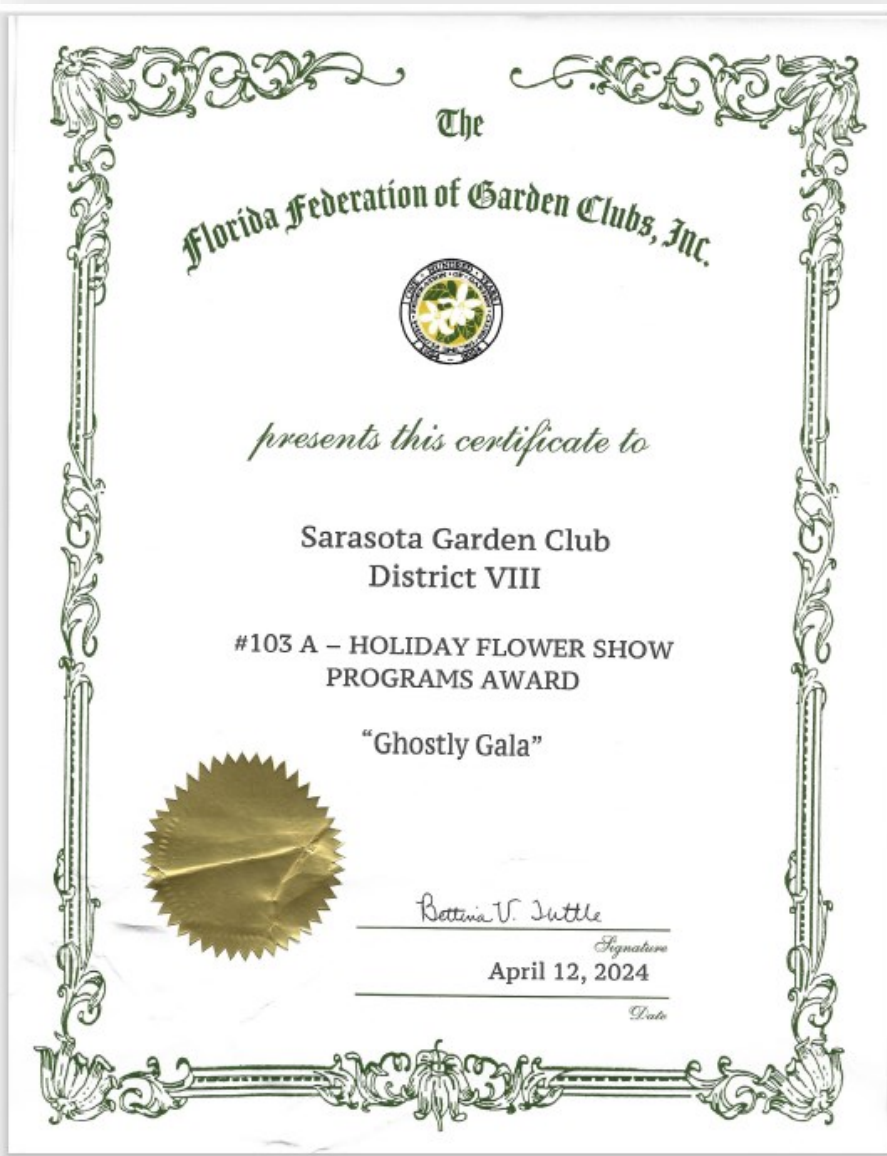


Gary volunteers with ACE and gives presentations on growing fruits, vegetables, and flowers in the backyard. He has been a Florida resident for over 65 years and a gardener for more than 45 years. Gary grew up in a semi-rural setting in Arcadia, Florida, with vegetable and flower gardens, a milk cow, and chickens. One of his first jobs was working in commercial orange groves.

September begins the fall vegetable gardening season in Florida, and you can grow a successful garden in-ground or in containers. Enjoy the benefits of homegrown fresh vegetables that are safe to eat.

We have a lot of visitors to Florida – snowbirds that stay for long periods of time come from all over America and from further afield, where growing conditions are quite different from the Florida ones. This presentation will explain how best to make the MOST of our conditions, and as we all know, things grow fast here, so however long or short your stay is, you’ll benefit from his knowledge and experience.

Award for our 2024 Flower Show



**We won a FFGC
award for this
year's flower
show:**



NEXT YEAR'S FLOWER SHOW

IS SCHEDULED FOR

Friday/Saturday 21/22 February 2025

be sure to get involved!

Member's Garden in NE Ohio, USA

Thank you to Stephanie Cotton for sharing her garden with us. Stephanie is a regular Friday Morning Garden Volunteer, and an active club member while she snowbirds in Florida.

Hi all

Here is our NE Ohio garden on the farm (which is about 20% smaller than it used to be!)

Bill rototills it and smooths the ground, then I prepare it by spreading 2 layers of wet newspaper over the plot, then put hay over that to help keep the weeds down, before planting. Last year, we must have missed digging a lot of potatoes, as they are coming up around the peas, tomatoes and onions.

We have flowers by every building as we love them.

I ring the garden with Marigolds, except for the side of Calla Lilies, which keep multiplying each year, and Zinnias are behind the Callas.

Seeds from last year's Cosmos are springing up everywhere and I let them go. On Fridays, I take 5-gallon buckets of vegetables to share with my knitting friends.



Peter Rabbit and his friends, the deer and groundhogs, have eaten the tops of the beets, green beans and lettuce. Even though I spray and hang deer repellent it doesn't seem to deter the rabbits.

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR GARDEN!

Email beccibond@hotmail.com



Have a great
Summer
everyone

News from FFGC District VIII



Members of Sarasota Garden Club are also members of Florida Federation Garden Club (FFGC), and SGC is part of District VIII (the largest of the 12 districts in FFGC).

For more information contact Sue Angle (SueAngle000@gmail.com) at SGC and/or Phyllis Weber (pcweber@tambabay.rr.com) from FFGC District VIII. [CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE FFGC DISTRICT VIII WEBSITE](#)

Would any member that's still in Florida please consider attending this "Lunch & Learn" on the topic of entering awards on behalf of our club? We love to win an award, and have done several times for flower shows, but we would like to enter for more. **WHO COULD GO** along with Sue?

District VIII Lunch and Learn

August 6, 2024 10:00am

Davis Island Garden club

81 Columbus Drive Tampa Florida 33606

This summer we are going to take a virtual train ride.

Valerie Seinfeld will be our Conductor as we learn about writing FFGC award winning applications.

So jump aboard and join in the ride.

What you will need to write your award: Note book with FFGC wording for your award (or your computer), pictures, information and facts about your award. Don't forget to go to the FFGC Website (ffgc.org and click on awards, click Description, click Handbook and find an award you would like to win). Yes we will provide written direction to keep you on track but you must be prepared to attend this hands on workshop.



Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Garden Club: _____ Award number: _____

Regular lunch: _____ Vegetarian: _____

Cost: \$15.00

Registrations due by August 1st

Send to: Phyllis Weber, 6610 Meandering Way, Lakewood Ranch Fl. 34202-1877

Make check out to FFGC District VIII

The FFGC District VIII Fall Meeting will be on
October 16, 2024 in Tampa

WANT TO GO?

Let Sue Angle know 'the more the merrier'

District VIII Fall Meeting, Wednesday, October 16, 2024

**DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF
FLORIDA'S NATURAL SPRINGS...**

District VIII Fall Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
The Tampa Garden Club
2629 Bayshore Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33629

*Guest Speaker Tom Ries from Ecosphere Restoration
Institute*

Registration and Coffee 9:30 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Cost \$40.00

Hosted by the Tampa Garden Club

Sue Angle - Sueangle000@gmail.com, 941-350-9784
(p.s. I'm going! (Becci))

Help Club Communications



Calling All Members

Please Join and/or Help
The COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

I (Becci) love telling everyone what's going on – and I **HATE** finding out that members missed out on an event or workshop because they ...

“DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT”

We send out Emails – We distribute the **Blooming Chatter Newsletter** –
We post on Facebook and Instagram – We send out Press Releases -
We put everything on our website.

We need additional help in these areas - and want to do even more!

- We could really use some help on the GRAPHICS front, to make our message MORE appealing - nothing TOO complicated, but attractive flyers to promote our events would be a big help
- Do you have a way with words – to help jazz up the club message to bring out the benefits?
- Do you BY ANY CHANCE have WordPress and/or Constant Contact experience – to help on the website and database?
- Do you have Excel and/or Word experience – to document and maintain club information (Yearbook)?

**Can
You
Help
?**

The Communications Committee currently comprises:

COMMUNICATIONS Committee – 2024 – 2025			
	Name	Telephone	Email
Chair	Becci Bond	941-284-6770 (Oct-May)	beccibond@hotmail.com
Constant Contact Database			
Blooming Chatter Newsletter			
Website	Becci Bond and Kelly Goodwin		
Social Media – Facebook, Instagram	Carol Lackey and Kelly Goodwin		
Marketing & PR	Carol Lackey	215 518 8479	sailorgal@msn.com

Email: beccibond@hotmail.com if you would like to find out more!

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

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

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

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

introduce new members **Becci Bond**

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

ALWAYS CHECK FOR INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE

WWW.SARASOTAGARDENCLUB.ORG