



**SARASOTA
GARDEN CLUB**

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"The Blooming Chatter" **NEWSLETTER**

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Key December Dates

Diary Dates

DECEMBER		2024				
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Blooming Chatter Out		3 Decorate the Christmas Tree social & 'A Holiday Centerpiece' workshop by EDUCATION			No Friday Gardening until further notice	
8 Holiday Music in the Gardens		10 SGC – Board of Directors meeting (ZOOM)				
			18 General Members Monthly Meeting		After December 21 the Sarasota Garden Club is closed for the Holiday	
			Membership Committee Meeting			
			25 Christmas Day			

- No Friday Gardening at the Club until further notice
- 3rd – Christmas Tree Decoration Social (AM) &
- 3rd - EDUCATION workshop: “A Holiday Centerpiece” (see flyer – max 25 people, \$15)
- 8th – HOLIDAY themed “Music in the Gardens” (see flyer)
- 18th – General Members Monthly Meeting (see flyer for full details)
- > 21st – The club is closed



[Always check the website calendar!](https://sarasotagardenclub.org/calendar/)

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Review of November's General Members Monthly Meeting



A full house at the Club on Wednesday November 20

"Florida's Carnivorous Plants"
- Talk by Kenny Coogan with plant/book sale
& Annual Pot Luck Luncheon



Florida has dozens of native species of carnivorous plants – more than any other state in the United States. These plants use appealing scents, leaves, and sticky fluids to trap and imprison insects. Learn the evolution, people, and natural history of this area to discover why Florida is a hotspot of carnivorous plants.

Kenny's book "Florida's Carnivorous Plants" and a selection of native and exotic carnivorous plants will be available for purchase after the talk!

9:30am to 2pm (including Pot Luck Luncheon)

- 9:30 - 10am - Refreshments and Social Time
- 10 to 10:30am - Members' Business Meeting
- 10:30 to 11:30am - Speaker's Presentation and Q&A
- Raffle & Close around Noon
- Annual Pot Luck Luncheon

About our SPEAKER:
Kenny Coogan has a Master's Degree in Global Sustainability and is passionate about Florida's wildlife and plants. He now runs a successful carnivorous plant nursery in Tampa, Florida.

Contact Linda who is coordinating the Pot Luck dishes on linda199@potluck.com.
EMAIL HER NOW IF YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO BRING

Review by Christy May, "Sarasota Garden Club member for nearly 8 years and forever! I live in Lakewood Ranch but my office is the Coldwell Banker office across 41 at 100 N. Tamiami.

Carnivorous Plants?!!! I wasn't going to go, but wanted to see my friends at the Garden Club! Thought it would be boring?!

Not boring! Wowiee Wow Wow! It was fascinating and taught to us by a crazy great school teacher of middle school kids. I know they were fascinated and learned by Kenny's way of interweaving history, plants, and his topic.

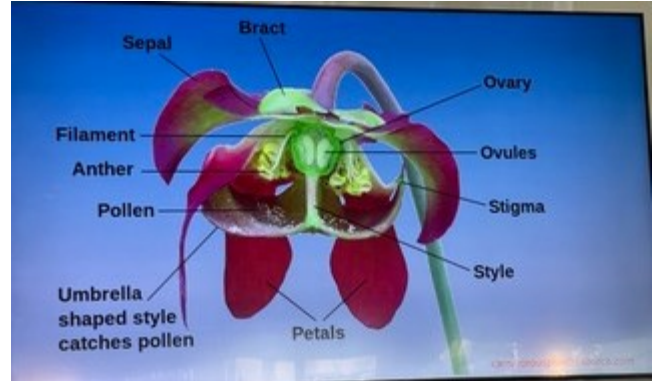


Hey! I bought 2 plants and his book!



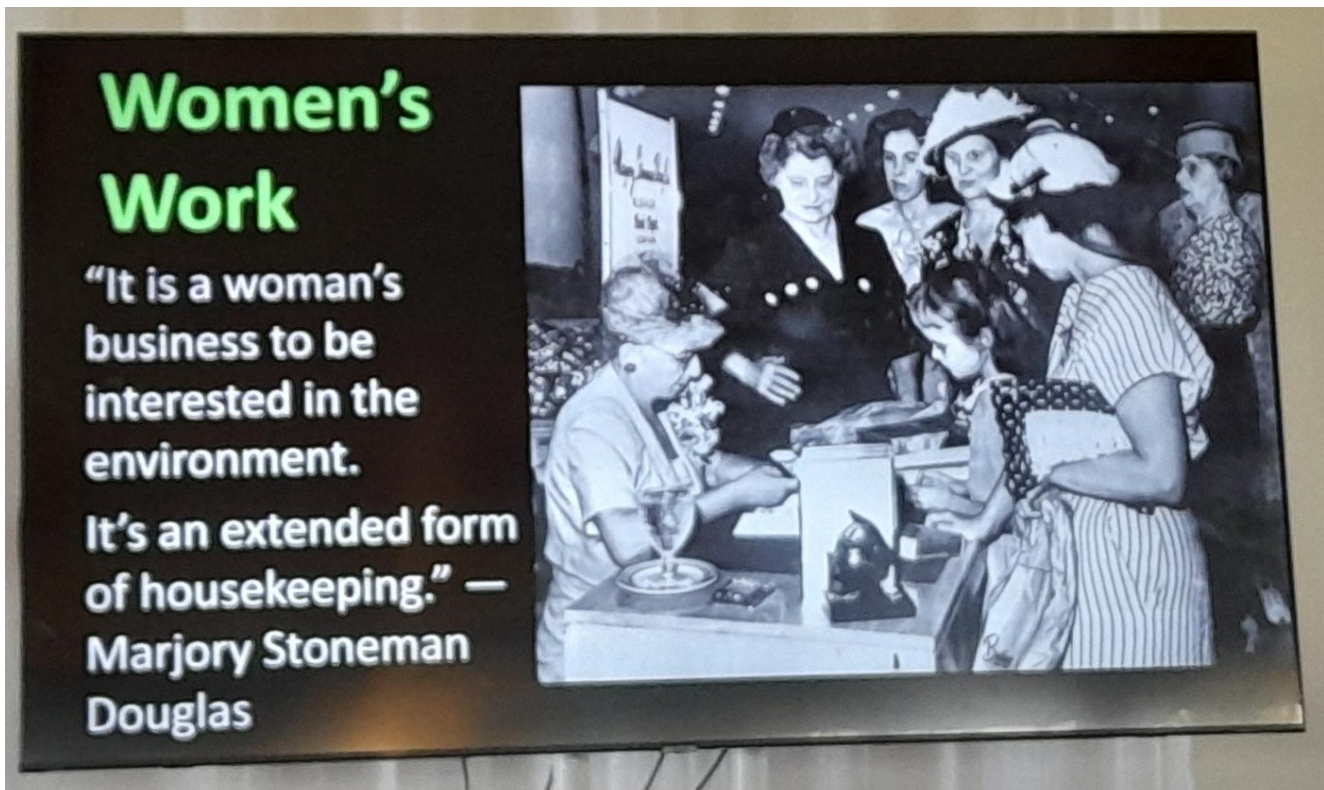
I couldn't keep the plants in my lanai because I don't have enough bugs! The ones I bought are aromatic in a good way and greet my visitors at my front door tree! Venus fly traps are a different genus and have multiple species too and are aromatic in a necrotic bad way!

Kenny taught us about the makeup of an orchid! He taught us that the pitcher of the plant hung off the big green leaf and could not be filled with water in a rain storm because it has a built-in umbrella.



Also, the pitcher is a one-shot capture and die to allow the other pitchers to feed the orchid proteins! Same with the Venus flytraps that snap shut just once! Good thing all carnivorous plants have many flowers! I learned so much.

He talked about the environment! History was built into the program!!! Yowza!



He talked about native orchids and Florida! Wow. He went back to when Florida was a lot bigger. Our Florida is getting smaller and smaller.



Sarasota Garden Club General Members Monthly Meetings

(SGCGMMM!!) are difficult to describe, one day a month, with input from lots of people, to engage the SGC Members and Guests (who can visit twice for \$10 each while they consider joining), with delicious refreshments, some SGC business to keep up to date with what's going on, social interaction with members with common interest, an interesting and relevant (to our mission) presentation, often a raffle and just ... BELONGING TO THE CLUB.

Our traditional annual pot luck luncheon after the speaker session was lovely and so enjoyed by attendees.

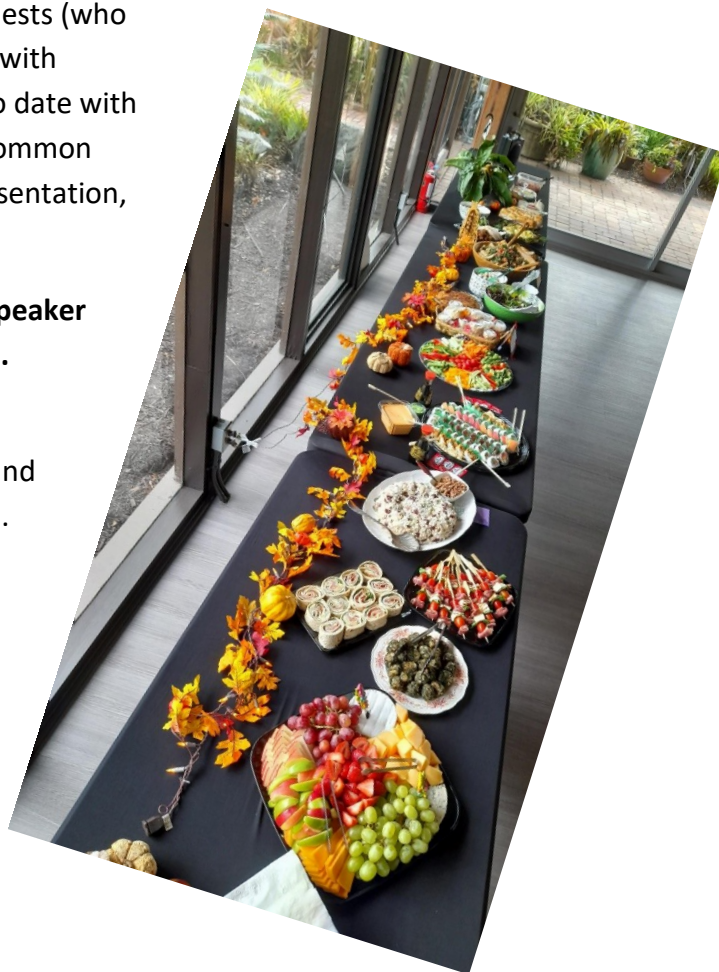
Just look at the assortment of delights!!!

Thank you all for your efforts to get us back on track and educating and entertaining our members and Friends.

Kudos to our Committee members of Hospitality, Communications and Programs for the stupendous effort!!"

Thank YOU to our Guest Program Reviewer, Christy May for giving us her experience and views of this month's meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 18




Next General Members Monthly Meeting December 18

Our December General Meeting will be Special, with Member Social to explore club Committee activities!!!

A “Member Social” time will be from 9:00am to 10:00am for an opportunity to enjoy refreshments while meeting and taking time with friends as well as learning about each of our club’s committees by talking one-on-one with the Chairmen.

At 10:00am the meeting will begin followed by a program “Holidays in Sarasota, with a Twist of Williamsburg” by our own Sarah Munford. This is something you won’t want to miss, even amidst holiday festivities.

“Holidays in Sarasota, with a Twist of Williamsburg”
A TALK describing Williamsburg-influenced holiday ideas,
& a DEMONSTRATION of a holiday piece >>>



December 2024’s General Members Monthly Meeting will take the form of a talk and demonstration given by Sarah Munford, an enthusiastic and energetic member of the Sarasota Garden Club.

Sarah will present classical holiday ideas, with a major Williamsburg influence

Join us to learn about the many diverse items used by the Virginia Colonists and which are still popular today to create beautiful and imaginative decorations.

About our SPEAKER:
Sarah Munford is a member of the Sarasota Garden Club.

A native of Virginia, she has been involved in the floral industry most of her life, and is a lively and entertaining presenter.

Please join us for our December meeting

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- 10 to 10:30am – Members’ Business Meeting
- 10:30 to 11:30am – Speaker’s Presentation, Demonstration and Q&A
- Raffle & Close around Noon

**Put it on your calendar now and we’ll look forward to seeing you then.
Introduce a friend, bring a Guest - \$10**

CHECK OUT YOUR YEARBOOK TO SEE ALL THE CLUB COMMITTEES

While members regularly benefit from events organized by the Programs, Education and Hospitality committees, there are other committees operating behind the scenes – many that would welcome additional help.

All of the Committees will be represented at the December General Members Monthly Meeting so please come early, 9am, to socialize and talk to Committee Chairs and perhaps find one that you may enjoy helping.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING A COMMITTEE

Membership Committee Report



From Sue Angle, Membership Committee Chair

We missed being together for our monthly meeting in October, thanks to three hurricanes in about a month, so November's get-together was a special treat. Members were so happy to see each other again and shared experiences of their trips through hurricanes Debbie, Hellene, and Milton. The program by Kenny Coogan about "Florida's Carnivorous Plants" was so interesting, and the Potluck Lunch was the Creme de la Crème! Many thanks to the Hospitality Committee for all their work from Kitchen to Buffet Table!

We welcomed four new members as they were introduced and presented with a bromeliad plant and New Member Folder:



- **Linda Lindberg** has been gardening for over 30 years in NY and Indiana and has 4 boys, 5 grandchildren and two dogs. She and her husband love to travel and now as retired, she gardens, and does cross stitch, rug hooking and sewing.
- **Kathryn Ross** goes back to her home in Westchester, NY, summers where she has family. She belonged to Pleasantville Garden Club in NY for 30 years and now looks forward to gardening in Florida. We're so glad she found us on the internet!
- **Jill Tench** came to Sarasota from Vero Beach 3 months ago and found our garden club while walking by. She is a realtor, loves to garden, and works part time at Bobby Jones Golf Course, so if you are a golfer, you can find her there too!
- **Jo Franz** has been a gardening volunteer at the Detroit Zoo, and at Selby Gardens for 20 years. She's been a gardener since her childhood and belonged to a garden club in Michigan. She found us through our GIP Garden Tours.

Welcome to ALL! We also were so happy to welcome guests: Veronica Weatherhead from England, sister of Becci Bond; Donna Lyons who came with Emily Yaffe; Aziza Lawal; Barbara Rothman; Carol Barker; and Lucy Sawa. **We hope to see them all again!**



The 2024-2025 Yearbook was distributed at the November meeting and if you did not get yours, you can pick one up at the December meeting. It tells you what's happening in our club throughout the year as well as including a Member Directory with pictures and contact information for each of our members.

PLEASE BE SURE TO DISPOSE OF PREVIOUS DIRECTORIES WITH CARE ... SHRED AT HOME, or bring back to the club and we will shred for you.

We look forward to seeing you at the December 18th "Member Social". Y'all Come!!

Sue Angle - Membership Committee Chairman

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Renew Membership for 2025



A reminder that the Sarasota Garden Club year for dues runs between January and December, in line with the club's accounting year.

We hope you agree that SGC Membership offers Members a great program of social and educational events throughout the year,
(with a short summer break while a lot of planning takes place)



DID YOU KNOW that \$12 per club member is paid to the Florida Federation of Gardening Clubs? which opens up a whole range of benefits. Many members attend Flower Design and other courses – ask Sue Angle for more information and/or visit their website at <https://www.ffgc.org/>

<p>RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON LINE</p> <p>https://sarasotagardenclub.org/membership/membership-renewal/</p> <p>n.b. if you have any problems with online payment, contact Kelly Goodwin</p>	<p>RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT DECEMBER'S MEETING</p> <p>Membership Committee and Dianne Beaver will be on hand to take cash and/or check</p>
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PROGRAM AND EDUCATION SCHEDULES are in your Yearbook

2024 – 2025 Education Program	
October 29, 2024	Container Gardening
November 13, 2024	Cornucopia Flower Design
December 3, 2024	Holiday Centerpiece Event
January 28, 2025	Horticulture & Design in preparation for entries for a Flower Show
February 27, 2025	Off-site visit to Selby/Spanish Point
March 29, 2025	Off-site Orchid Workshop & Clinic
April 29, 2025	The Sarasota Honey Company

2025 Program	
<p>January 15, 2025 <i>Wednesday</i> 9:30 am – 12 noon</p>	<p>General Members Monthly Meeting Speaker Bruno Kapacinskas, Southwest Florida Water Management District presents: <i>"Water 101 for Homeowners"</i></p>
<p>February 12, 2025 <i>Wednesday</i> 9:30 am – 12 noon</p>	<p>General Members Monthly Meeting at The Ringling Speaker Olivia Haynes presents: <i>"Mable and Her Secret Garden"</i></p>
<p>March 12, 2025 <i>Wednesday</i> 9:30 am – 12 noon</p>	<p>General Members Monthly Meeting Speaker John McCarthy, Vice President for Regional History, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens presents: <i>"The Florida Highwaymen - Reflections on Old Florida"</i></p>
<p>April 16, 2025 <i>OFF-SITE: Location and time to be announced</i></p>	<p>Annual Meeting and Luncheon Speaker Jason Robert-Shaw, Director of Adult Education Programming and Digital Learning, Mote Marine Laboratory, presents: <i>"Oceans for All"</i></p>
<p>May 14, 2025 <i>Wednesday</i> 9:30 am – 12 noon</p>	<p>General Members Monthly Meeting Speaker Holley Short, Shorebird Program Manager, Audubon Florida, presents: <i>"The Imperilled Shorebirds of Florida"</i></p>

We hope you will renew your membership, perhaps encourage friends to join too.

We look forward to sharing next year's activities with you.

Special Event – December 3

The Club really needs your support at these events ... please buy your tickets soon.



After a stressful autumn, Holiday “Music in the Gardens” is a great opportunity to get together with friends to enjoy an early evening of live music, tasty appetizers and drinks.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB by gathering your friends and booking tickets now



A great opportunity to enjoy the surroundings, inside and out, with refreshments provided by the Club, accompanied by live entertainment.

“Music” by Big Poppa & Friends band, featuring Jae’s vocals

“Gardens” maintained by Sarasota Garden Club

Hors d’oeuvres, champagne and wine by the Hospitality Committee

Sarasota Garden Club invites you to its annual

HOLIDAY



“Music in The Gardens”

Sunday December 8

6:00 – 8:00 PM


1131 Blvd. of the Arts (by The Bay)

[CLICK HERE FOR ON-LINE RESERVATIONS](#)

Tickets - \$30/35 including hors d’oeuvres, champagne and wine

Call Kelly on 941-718-3359 if you need help

Sarasota Garden Club
EDUCATION Committee Event
 Tuesday December 3, 2024



“A Holiday Centerpiece”
 ‘Make & Take’ a beautiful decoration home,
 designed to be refreshed and long-lasting!

Pascal Taradoux
 Lead Floral Designer
 from
 U P R O O T E D
Rose
 SARASOTA

Will guide us through
 creating a beautiful
 centerpiece that will
 last through the
 holidays.

A unique opportunity to
 experience a hands-on
 workshop given by
 Sarasota’s Luxury Florist,
 renowned for its elegant
 and beautiful modern
 flower arrangements
www.uprootedrose.com

This event is open to Sarasota Garden Club Members. Numbers are limited (25) so, to avoid disappointment, please book your place now!

Tuesday December 3
@ Sarasota Garden Club
 1131 Blvd of Arts
 12.30 – 2.30pm

- The workshop will comprise a short presentation prior to a demonstration and workshop for YOU to prepare YOUR Holiday Centerpiece to take home
- The cost for participants will be \$15.00 per person for instruction and all materials. *The rest of the cost will be subsidized by our club.*

All registrations are due by Wednesday November 27

- To register, **BOOK VIA THE WEBSITE**
- PLEASE BRING** an apron and a tray/box to take your creation home with you

Questions? Contact Sarah Munford munfordsarah@gmail.com and/or Becci Bond beccibond@hotmail.com

[GO ONLINE HERE!](#)

EDUCATION EVENT

Register NOW to fill last few places

When you see these events advertised, be sure to register early – don’t leave it until the last minute, because events are budgeted for 25. \$15 is great value for the experience and take-home. Members guests are welcome if spaces are available.

November’s Education Committee event was a FULL-HOUSE, and great fun with Jean Ruff providing terrific instruction, with lots of hints/tips, along with an entertaining repertoire of Thanksgiving-relevant history.



CHECK OUT THE PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK

Garden Committee Update



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

To bring you up to date on the situation regarding the botanical gardens following the hurricanes:

- The Botanical Gardens ‘survived’, are ‘battered’ but will recover, given time, care and \$\$\$\$\$
- The Friday Volunteers are not working in the garden at present, partly because, at one point, it was considered dangerous but right now the garden is being surveyed to assess the damage
- The watering system is active, and The Bay is making sure the pots are being watered etc.
- The Butterfly Garden was very badly damaged, mainly from the overflow of salt water which kills plants, and has recently been cleared >>>>>
- THE BAY was instrumental in the post-hurricane recovery, specifically removing the oak tree and other large limbs that fell



Veterans Day 11/11/2024



The Sarasota Veterans Day Parade, which took place on 11/11/2024, ended at the Statue of the Doughboy down by the waterfront at JD Hamel Park in Sarasota.

The Sarasota Garden Club maintains this, and the Blue Star Marker (left), areas.

Thank you to Adrienne and her husband John, who have looked after them over the years. Thank you to the members that contacted Adrienne to offer their support in the future.

Thank you to Carol Lackey for purchasing the plants to spruce it up after the hurricane.

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