



**SARASOTA
GARDEN CLUB**

"The Blooming Chatter" NEWSLETTER

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Larkspur is the birthday flower for July

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- + SGC Renovation Project Update
- + Diary and Save The dates
- + Latest News from FFGC District VIII
- + Event reviews
- + Committee Reports
- + And more

***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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Some Key Dates

Diary Dates

July 7 – September 6	SGC / The Bay - Renovation Project
July 19	SGC “Breakfast Together” at Der Deutschman
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!

Welcome July! *As I write this newsletter, summer has arrived here in Florida with high temperatures and our summer rain pattern has returned. AND July brings the 4th of July celebration with many activities in all our local communities.*



I hope all you seasonal members (snowbirds) are enjoying summer and gardening in your areas. You will see in our newsletter this month; Becci has provided pictures and information on her gardening in England. Please share any gardening you may be doing with our club, by sending to beccibond@hotmail.com and she will publish in our August newsletter.

WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR GARDENING.

Sarasota Garden Club members have been very busy “clearing the closets” in preparation of The Bay’s Renovation Project of the Sarasota Garden Club.

- The committee, Chaired by Carol Lackey, has done a tremendous job with removing all items – a huge job
 - The committee had a target of completing this initiative by Monday, July 1
- They finalized moving all the remaining items to a storage unit on Friday morning, June 28
- This renovation project will commence on July 8, with a completion date of September 6
- While this renovation is underway, we will not be able to use the building or work in the gardens

Many, many thanks to this tremendous committee and all the members that were able to help!

During this time, we have planned **two “Sarasota Garden Club Breakfast Together”** events on Fridays, **July 19** and August 30. Please save these dates and RSVP to Olivia Haynes.

When we return to the Garden Club building in September, we will have a very beautifully renovated club. This project will enhance and beautify the building in the Great Room and associated areas. As the project progresses, we will keep everyone updated on the progress of this very large project.

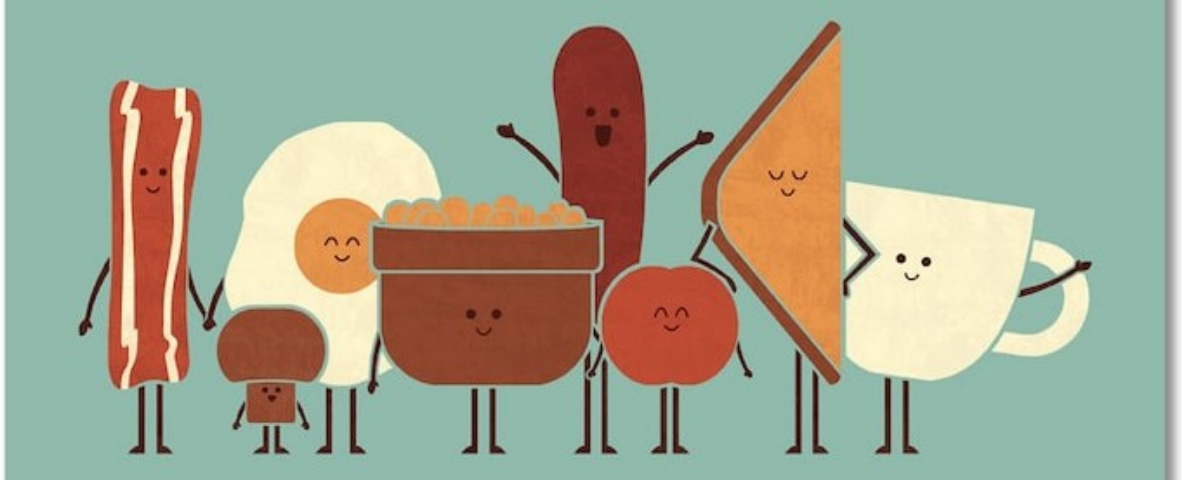
Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Fondly - Kelly L Goodwin, President - Tel: 941-718-3359 - klgkey@outlook.com

Save the Date(s)

July & August Hospitality Events for SGC Members

2 x Summer Breakfast Get-togethers



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

Friday July 19
RSVP by July 17

Friday August 30
RSVP by August 26

**Meet up on one or both of
these dates at 10:00 AM
at Der Dutchman**

**3713 Bahia Vista Street
Sarasota**



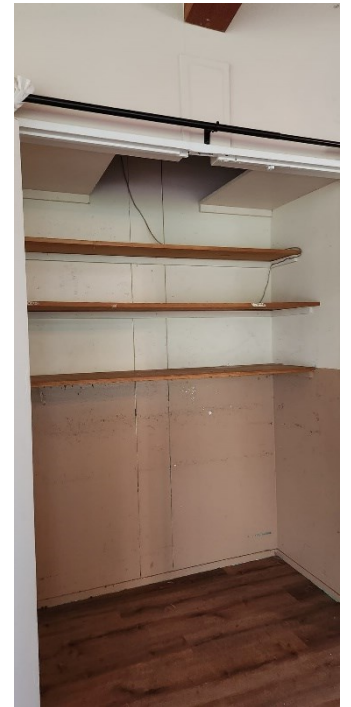
Update on SGC Building Renovation Project



The SGC Renovation project will begin on Monday, July 8. We've been "clearing the closets", and moving day took place on Friday, June 28. **THANK YOU EVERYBODY!**



There must have been so much stuff to sort through and deal with. GREAT WORK!



When the project begins, the SGC building, grounds, especially the patio, will become a construction site, and only contractors will have access to these areas. For clarity, this means:

1. There will be no access to taped-off areas and all surrounding grounds of the Sarasota Garden Club
2. There will be no parking in the SGC circle, as this area will be dedicated to construction vehicles only
3. There will be no access to the facility, for any reason. Restrooms, Great Room, Kitchen, Office Area, and Library are off-limits, basically, the entire building
4. There will be no access to the patio or shed
5. There will be no gardening for the duration of the construction project, from Friday, June 28, until Friday September 6

We know there is concern for the gardens during this time, so The Bay has arranged for Justin to go through the grounds frequently during this time checking on plants, irrigation, and watering plants as needed.

When we return to Sarasota Garden Club, it will be very nicely upgraded with the new sliding glass doors, windows, flooring, and walls painted. When you see anyone from The Bay, please thank them for all these wonderful upgrades beautifying the building. HERE'S THE BEFORE!



Please let us know if you have questions or concerns
Kelly Goodwin Tel: 941-718-3359 - klgkey@outlook.com

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS TAKEN PART
IN PREPARING FOR THIS PROJECT**

Review of June's Selby tour

Members enjoyed a terrific tour of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Downtown Campus on Tuesday June 11, organized by Carol Lackey/Programs, and led by Ashley Jimenez and Angel Lara.

We were excited to learn about the completion of Phase One of the Selby Master Plan from Ashley, and then tour the Entry Gardens and Conservatory with Angel.

Hearing about how the Horticulture staff interprets the theme of the current exhibit and designs and installs the plant material and props was fascinating. Such creativity and fun brought to the exhibit.

On our own we toured the grounds and we discovered the further designs that conveyed and linked to both Yayoi Kusama and Georgia O'Keefe artistry and design moda.

We were lucky that the rain held off for us as we headed for the Museum of Botany and The Arts to see prints, paintings, ephemera and much more of both artists and learn more about their connection and how Kusama was encouraged to pursue her passion.

More photos from Carol Lackey on Facebook



The new area in front of the Welcome Center features a display above our heads that references both Kusama's use of repetitive dots and rounds while also aligning with O'Keefe's affinity for the desert surroundings of much of her career surrounded by cacti.



Palm Avenue has been transformed into a pedestrian walkway, void of vehicles and enhancing the property with a new lily pond garden, welcome center and future access to the Phase Two glasshouses.

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

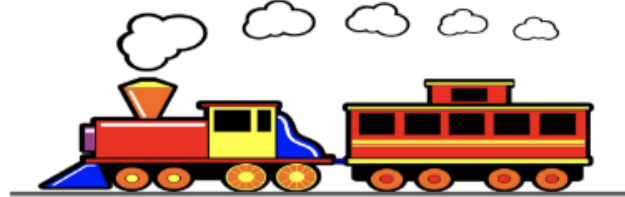
81 Columbus Drive Tampa Florida 33606

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))

News from the Membership Committee

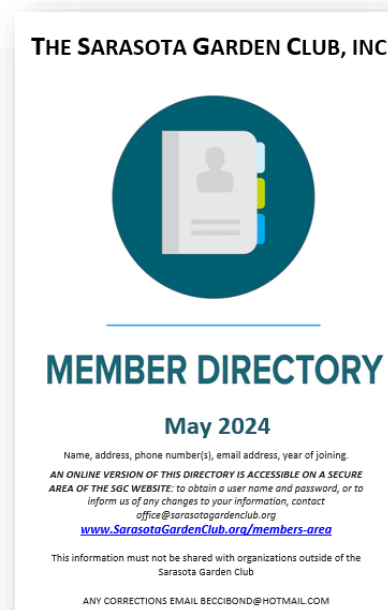


Our Sarasota Garden Club continues to grow while new members as well as long-time members are encouraged to get involved in activities, learn from interesting programs, experience working together, and enjoy the friendly atmosphere with like-minded gardeners.

Membership Committee – 2024 - 2025			
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- [CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF MEMBERS \(via our website\)](#) – [new members, contact Sue for Password to Members Area](#)

Even though there are no General Meetings in June, July or August, watch your emails or the SGC website <https://SarasotaGardenClub.org> for special events throughout the summer.



Review of "Music in the Gardens"

See more photos by Carol Lackey on Facebook



Each summer, Sarasota Garden Club opens its historic building and botanical gardens to members and guests for a delightful afternoon of

"Music in the Gardens"

A great opportunity to enjoy the surroundings, inside and out, with refreshments provided by the Club, accompanied by this amazing violinist.

Sunday June 9, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
join us for:

- "Music" by **Elijah The Violinist**
- "Gardens" maintained by Sarasota Garden Club
- **Hors d'oeuvres, champagne and wine** by the Hospitality Committee

ON-LINE RESERVATIONS
www.SarasotaGardenClub.org
or click on Music in the Gardens button below

Members - \$30
Non-members - \$35
Call Kelly on 941-718-8359 if you need help

CLICK HERE TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

MUSIC & GARDENS

Other
"Music in the
Gardens" events are
planned for
Sundays
September 29
&
December 8





Thank you to Shari and CJ who created the pretty posies



Kelly Goodwin, President, says:
“I hope all who attended Music in Gardens enjoyed this hospitality event. Thank you to Livy, the Hospitality Committee and everyone that helped, for such a lovely evening!”

Botanical Gardens Report

[Click here for more photos from Kay Weber on Facebook](#)

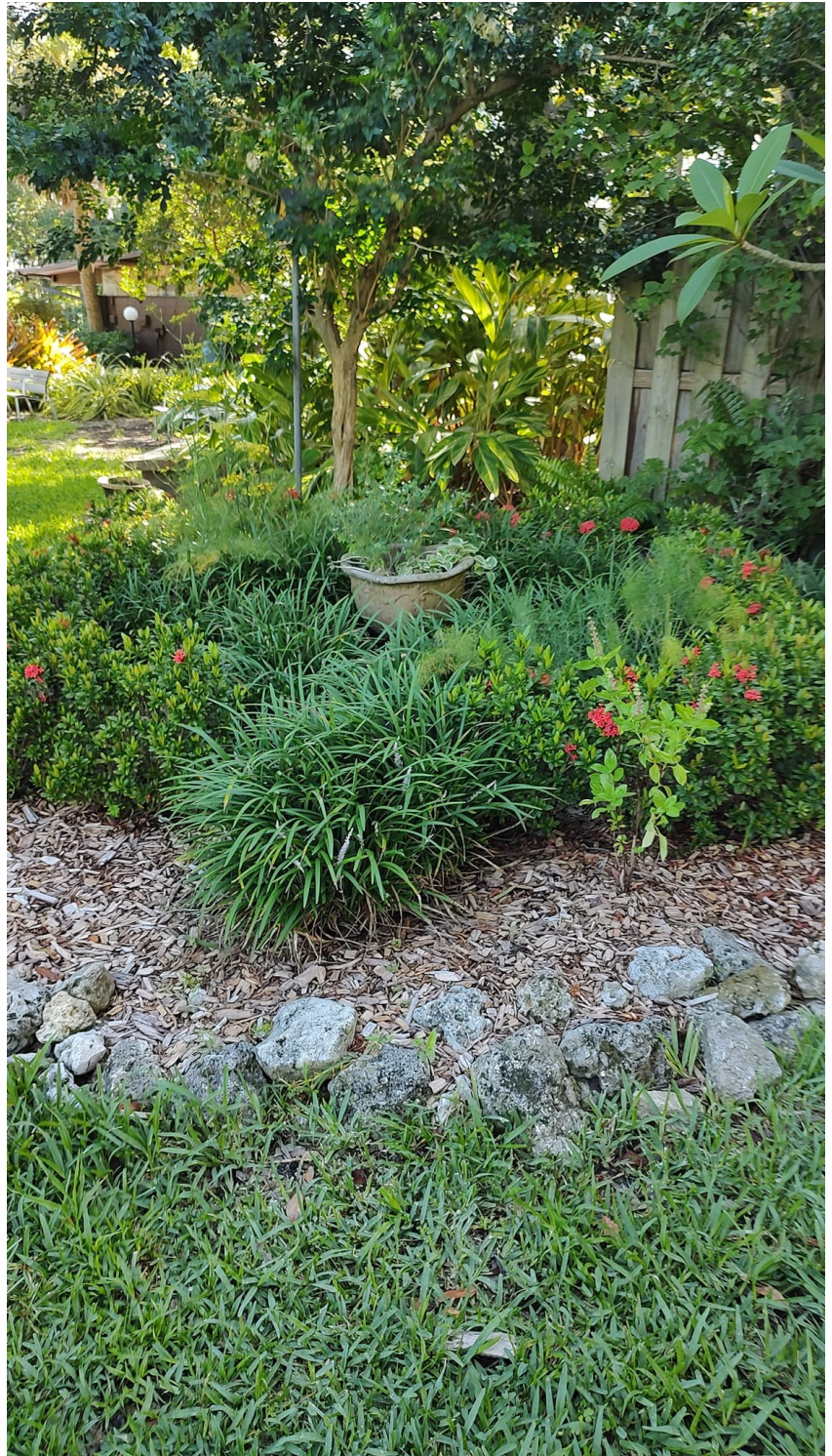


!! That looks like it took a bit of doing!
Michael working on the Ixora 's in
the Butterfly Garden.

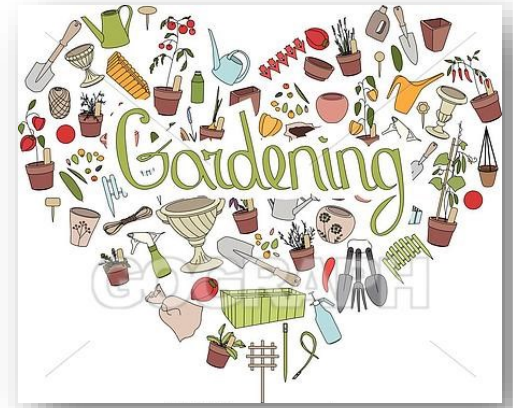
PLEASE NOTE:

- Due to the Renovation Project, the gardening on Friday mornings will cease beginning Friday, July 5.
- The Bay will water the gardens each week and maintain garden areas during this time

PLEASE CONTACT KAY WEBER
for more information:
941-685-0690
kay33@comcast.net



Education Committee (Floral Design & Horticulture)



Pat Belote, Ann Durloo, Barbara Rao, Carol Lackey, Raji Patel, and Angela Bennink attended the Education Committee's meeting on June 19th. **The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31st**
– please come along!

All aspects of fulfilling the mission of the Sarasota Garden Club were discussed.

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

Right now, the Education Committee is busy planning a series of events for Sarasota Garden Club Members to attend – with the aim of adding an Education Meeting each month, starting from September.

There's been a myriad of ideas for future events, such as workshops demonstrating both floral design and horticulture topics, excursions and environmentally themed projects.

If you have a suggestion for a meeting, please contact:

Angela Bennink: angelabennink@yahoo.com
&/or Pat Belote pbelote11@gmail.com

October 29 – 2024

**“The Joy of Container
Gardening”**
with a “Make & Take” to follow



celebrates 50 years

The Wekiva Youth Camp is an **environmental education program** begun in 1959 as a Junior Nature Camp where garden club volunteers helped to instill a love, concern, and desire to protect the flora and fauna of our beautiful state of Florida.

To learn more about Camp Wekiva, go to the website here: [Wekiva Youth Camp](https://www.wekivayouthcamp.org/).

<https://www.wekivayouthcamp.org/>

Wekiva Summer Camp & SEEK Youth Programs is one of the Sarasota Garden Club's Community Projects Outreach Projects - [Outreach Programs \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](https://www.sarasotagardenclub.org)

(Below is from our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=sarasota%20garden%20club>)



Editor's Garden in England

Hello everyone. I live in Baywood Colony, Sarasota, 6 months a year, and the other half of the year I return to my home in [Bassingbourn](#), near Cambridge in England.



In the UK, we have a house in the village, with a small/medium-sized garden, which I 'put to bed' in October, and am lucky enough to have somebody awaken it for me in April, one month before we return. Unfortunately, I miss the Spring flowers (daffodils, tulips, snowdrops etc.) but a focus of my garden is HOSTAS in pots, which do very well in my absence.



THIS YEAR, I had to remove an old, broken-down [Pyracantha](#) (left) which, at about 8ft tall, had torn itself away from the wall fixings. Such a shame, because it was a haven for birds to shelter and nest in, and provided early blossoms for bees and bright orange berries for birds in the winter. **It's being replaced with a Ceanothus (right) and another Pyracantha.**



While I'm waiting for the above to grow, I've planted **RUNNER BEANS** that are growing by inches every day, and should be ready to harvest in about another month.

Americans are not too familiar with Runner Beans – they must be an English thing. (Left) is the size of the beans as they mature, and (Right) is what they look like against my wall right now>>>>

The red flowers will germinate to produce the beans, and they will go on and on for about 2 months! DELICIOUS!



PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT YOUR GARDEN!

Email beccibond@hotmail.com

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