



**SARASOTA
GARDEN CLUB**

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"The Blooming Chatter"

NEWSLETTER

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March 2024 Calendar

1 st	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
5 th	1 pm	SGC – Gardens in Paradise (GIP) Committee Meeting
6 th	1:30 pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
8 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
11 th	1:30 pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
12 th	1 pm	SGC – Gardens in Paradise (GIP) Committee Meeting
13 th	9.30am	SGC - MARCH GENERAL MEETING Kate Brenner, Paradise Found Nursery Succulent and Cactus Growing with Native Florida Plant Conservation https://www.paradisefoundnursery.com/
	1:30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
14 th	10am	SGC OFF-SITE: Tropiflora
	9.30am	SGC – Membership Committee Meeting
	10am	SGC – Gardens in Paradise (GIP) Committee Meeting
15 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
Check online Calendar as there are various meetings being held in the lead-up to the Gardens In Paradise Garden Tour.		
16 th : Succulent Society workshop: “how to create dish gardens” at 1310 38 th Street		
19 th	1 pm	SGC – Gardens in Paradise (GIP) Committee Meeting
20 th	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
22 nd	8am – 11am	SGC – Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
23 rd	9.30am – 4pm	GARDENS IN PARADISE GARDEN TOUR
25 th		Ikebana meeting at SGC – see flyer
26 th	10am	SGC – Executive Committee Meeting
	1 pm	SGC – Gardens in Paradise (GIP) Committee Meeting
27 th	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
28 th	9am	Affiliate Meeting: Butterfly Club
	10am	SGC – Fundraising Committee Meeting - Library
29 th	8am – 11am	SGC – Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
31 st	EASTER SUNDAY	



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

April 2024 Calendar

1 st	10:00 am	SGC – Board of Directors Meeting
3 rd	1.30 pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
4 th	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	SGC Fundraiser “TRIVIA TEA in the Gardens”
5 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
10 th – 11 th	2-DAY “Giving Challenge”	
9 th – 12 th	OFFSITE – 4-day FFGC CONVENTION	
12 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
16 th	10:00 am	SGC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At Founders club
19 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens
23 rd	10am	SGC – GIP Committee Wrap Up meeting
24 th	1.30pm	SGC – Ad Hoc Leadership Meeting
25 th	10:00am	SGC – Fundraising Committee Meeting
26 th	8am – 11am	SGC - Friday Garden Volunteers – in the botanical gardens

March's General Monthly Meeting

Wednesday March 13

(2nd week in March, not 3rd so as not to be too close to Gardens In Paradise)

9.30am - 10am - Refreshments and Social Time -
come as early as you can

10am - 10.30am - Members Business Meeting

10.30am - 11.30am - Speakers Presentation and Q&A

Kate Brenner, Paradise Found Nursery
Succulent and Cactus Growing with Native Florida Plant
Conservation <https://www.paradisefoundnursery.com/>

Be sure to come along!
And bring a guest.

The next day: 14th March: Off site visit to
Tropiflora

February's Meeting Review

Tenille Dixon Pawlus Butterflies and Blossoms FL "Plant Parenthood"



<https://www.butterfliesandblossomsfl.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/butterfliesandblossomsfl>

Tenille Dixon Paulus, Owner, Butterflies and Blossoms: A plant collector, butterfly chaser, lover of flora and fauna and passionate about helping others create their own green oasis. Tenille is a garden consultant, certified landscape designer from Emory University, container gardener, teacher and plant seller in Sarasota, FL with a registered FL nursery license, Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program Certified Professional, GI-BMP Certified and FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional. She specializes in pollinator, shade, container, tropical and FL gardening plants and designs.

Another terrific program at our monthly members general meeting last month.



Carol Lackey, Programs Chair, says: "Wonderful day at our monthly meeting Wednesday! Thank you all for joining us to learn from Tenille Dixon Pawlus of Butterflies and Blossoms FL on how to make our plants thrive.

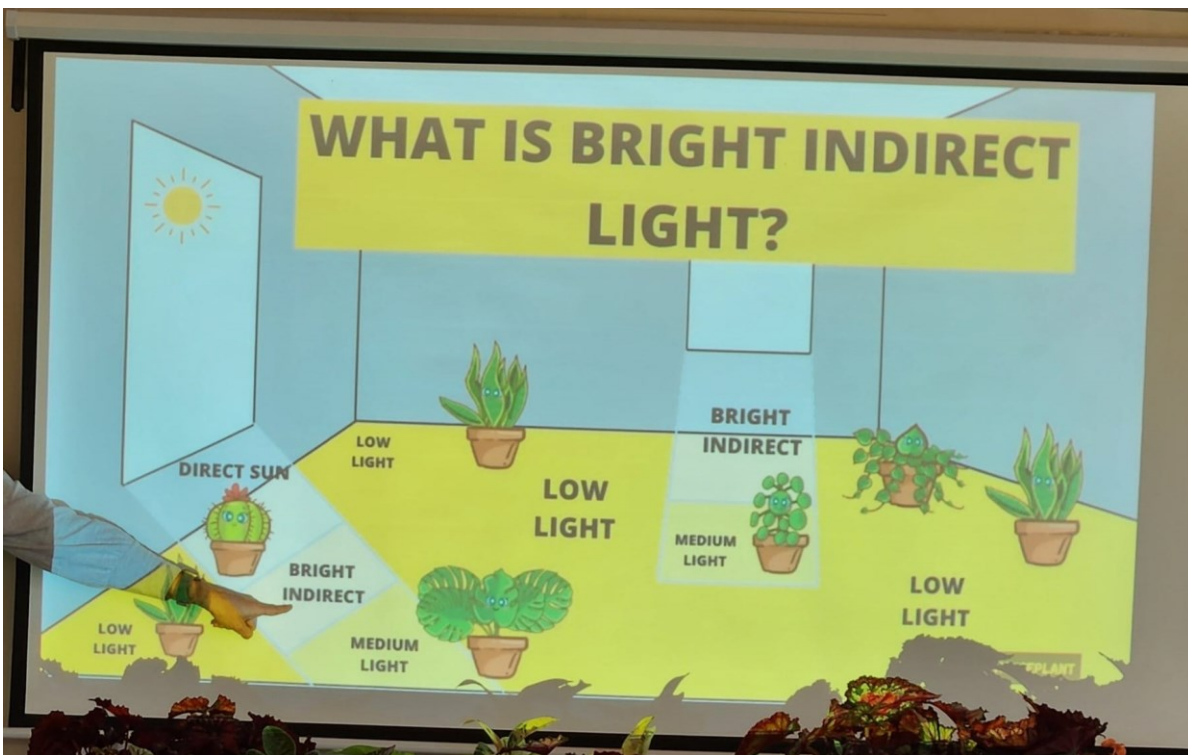
So many terrific tips and tricks to encourage proper growth and long-lasting life of our potted plants. Love the idea of interior plant-scaping as a design element in one's home and finding the correct lighting conditions to have the best results.

Once again, our members and guests enjoyed a great spread by our Hospitality Committee and giveaways from our "archives" of vases and books.

Please read more about Tenille and her business at her website. Members were happy to purchase great plants that she brought, along with some gift and gardening items.

<https://www.butterfliesandblossomsfl.com/>

Here's the answer to a difficult question:



Shari Amato, Fundraising Chair, gave the reading:

- "Winter is not a season, it's a celebration." — ...
- "Every winter has its spring." — ...
- "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: If we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." — ...
- "In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer." —

Anne Bradstreet, The Works of Anne Bradstreet

Membership Committee Report!

A well-attended and much-enjoyed General Meeting on February 21 began with delicious refreshments by our-hard working hospitality committee which we thank them for, and a social time with friends.



We welcomed our newest member Pat Belote, seen above between Sue (left) and Dianne (right), and were so happy to have the following guests with us:

- Becci Bond brought her sister, Veronica Weatherhead, all the way from England, with a broken arm
- Sharon Davisson's daughter, Valerie, was with us from Boston
- Pat Bonarek had her cousin, Nancy Kalieta, here from Buffalo, NY. Nancy is 2nd VP of the New York State Federated Garden Clubs.

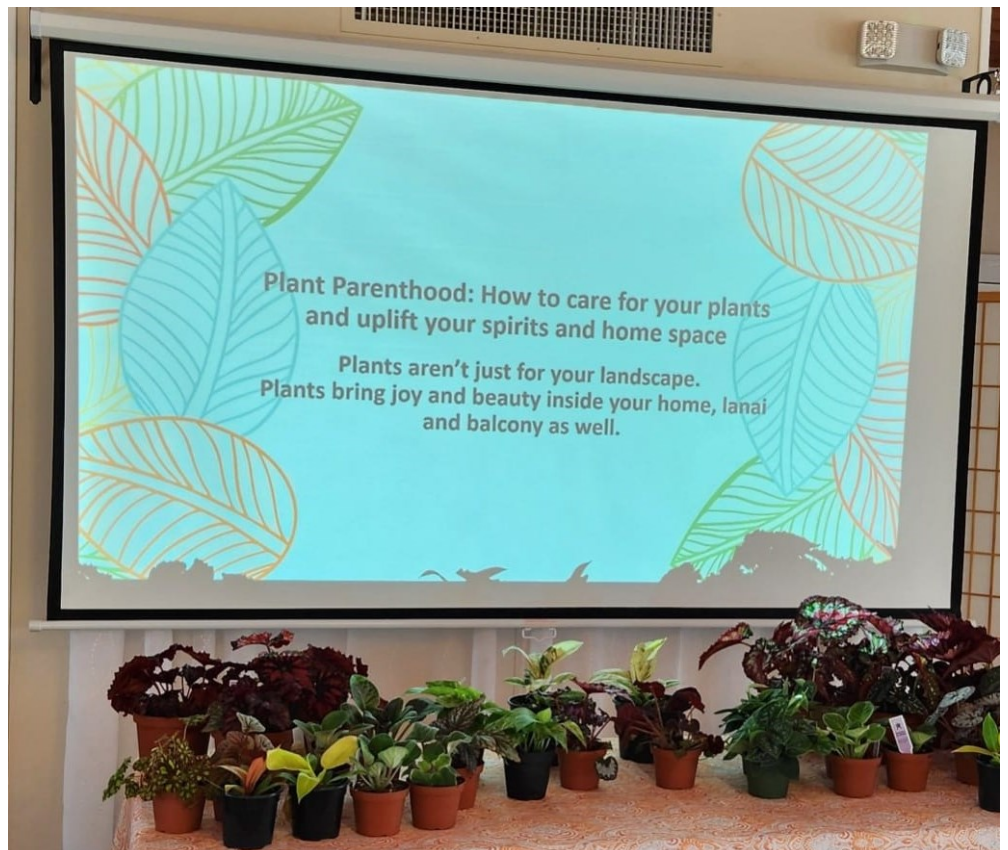
As well as the following guests:

Elaine Conley, Gina Hayby, Rosanna McGarrahan, and Suzy Nolan

We love having guests come and learn more about our garden club so bring your friends, neighbors and relatives, and don't hesitate to invite people you talk to in line at the grocery store or Home Depot and Lowes. All are welcome!

The program by Tenille Dixon Pawlus, owner of Butterflies and Blossoms, spoke on

"Plant Parenthood" which offered so many great gardening tips and was enjoyed by all.



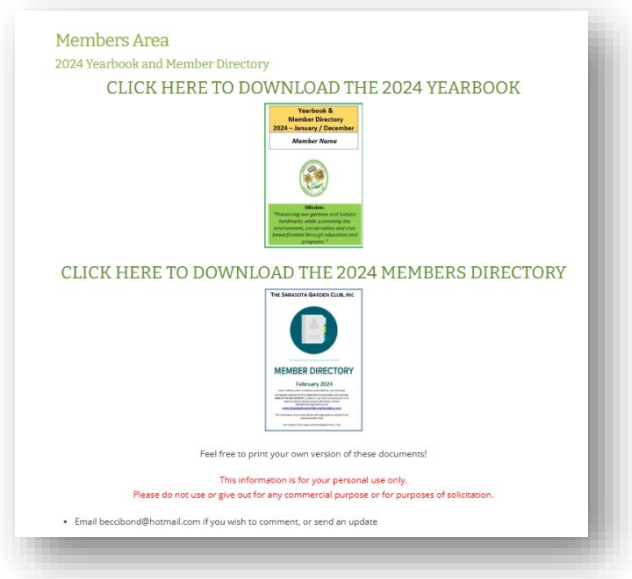
2024 Yearbook and Members Directory

The **Yearbook** has been updated by Becci Bond and it is not only beautiful but also full of wonderful information.

It is on our website in the “Members Area” and for your privacy that content is password protected. Simply contact this Chairman for the Password so you can enjoy a plethora of information.

- A printed copy of a shortened version of the Yearbook will be made available to those who want one at our March General Meeting.

The Yearbook also has a Membership Section with each member’s contact information and picture. It is so nice to be able to put a name with a face, and therefore if you haven’t provided your photo, please send a head and shoulder photo to this chairman so it can be included.



Membership Satisfaction and Suggestion Survey – We want to hear from you!!

The Membership Committee has created a “Membership Satisfaction and Suggestion Survey” to be sent to all members for your input and much-needed.

Watch for this in your emails as it is important to us to have your ideas, suggestions, and your likes and/or dislikes about our club (also on next page).

You do not have to sign your name, and it can be returned by:

- Email to www.Membership@SarasotaGardenClub.org
- Snail-mail to Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota 34236
- Or simply drop it off at the Garden Club – pop it in the letterbox

Sue Angle, Membership Committee Chairman Sueangle000@gmail.com

941-350-9784

MEMBER SATISFACTION & SUGGESTION SURVEY

We are very interested in how satisfied you are with our Garden Club. We want your suggestions and HONEST feedback. Please complete your ANONYMOUS survey using the back side of the form if needed.

Thank you for taking your time to complete this survey!!!!

How long have you been a member of Sarasota Garden Club? _____

IN THE FOLLOWING, PLEASE RANK YOUR ANSWERS 1-5:

5 IS GREAT AND 1 IS NOT SO GREAT.

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with Sarasota Garden Club _____
2. Overall, how satisfied are you with our meeting time _____
Our Club's organization _____ Our Club's Programs? _____
3. Do you feel our Club is "on the right track" with providing information about horticulture, floral design, our environment, and community?

PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW AND/OR THE REVERSE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS:

What suggestions do you have to improve our Club and/or its meetings?

Do you feel "welcomed" at our Club meetings and events? Suggestions?

Have you invited a friend or neighbor to join you at a Club meeting or event?

FUNdraiser - TRIVIA

April 4th

Shari Amato and the Fundraising Committee are pleased to announce an unusual TRIVIA event, whereby you come as a team (or teams will be created at tables of 6) to pool individuals' knowledge while answering questions posed by a Host.

Although the theme to the questions is entitled FLOWERS, they have been cleverly created to encompass all aspects of flower-related knowledge – from films, books, TV programs, common sayings

Everyone will have a good chance of answering the questions.

COME TO OUR TRIVIALI TEA /WINE

 **Sarasota Garden Club Presents:** 

Thursday, April 4, 2024

2:00pm – 5:00pm

1131 Blvd. of the Arts

Tea/Wine and Hors d’ouvres



Come and enjoy a fun afternoon of trivia based upon your knowledge of flowers

Prizes will be awarded

\$20.00 Members/\$25.00 Non-Members

Please purchase your tickets online: SarasotaGardenClub.org

For further information, contact Shari 941-320-4532
or email shari@mailmt.com

Save the date for Annual Meeting April 16th

Event Details

- **Date:** April 16, 2024 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
- **Categories:** Event, Sarasota Garden Club

The Sarasota Garden Club's Annual Meeting is being held at:

The Founders Club
3001 Founders Club Drive
Sarasota, FL 34240

All members are encouraged to attend to support the club, meet other members and hear what's planned going forward.

THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 9:30 am – Coffee and Pastries, Social Time
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am – SGC Program – Message from the President – Awards
- 11:00am – Midday – Guest Speaker
Dr. Maria Passarelli, Save our Seabirds, www.SaveOurSeabirds.org
- Midday – 1:00 pm – Luncheon

[SGC – Annual Meeting – off site \(sarasotagardenclub.org\)](http://sarasotagardenclub.org)

WATCH OUT FOR AN EMAIL WITH MORE DETAILS
BOOK YOUR TICKET ON LINE SOON

Civic Beautification

Last month saw the culmination of all the hard work of the Civic Beautification Committee at a packed Award Ceremony, following which we wanted to share this kind Thank You note from one of the winners – Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy.

From: CeCe Eckert <ceceekert@gmail.com>
Date: January 31, 2024 at 9:01:28 AM EST
To: "May, Christy" <christymayre@gmail.com>, office@sarasotagardenclub.org

Subject: Thank You

Dear Christy,

On behalf of the Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy, we thank you and the Sarasota Garden Club for honoring us with the Civic Beautification Award.

We so enjoyed the delicious and beautifully presented luncheon and presentation. So many beautiful places that we didn't know about. What a compliment to those who work so hard to make Sarasota and the surrounding areas beautiful. Yes, good landscaping is good for business!

Please extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to President, Kelly Goodwin and the CBC Committee. Pat Bonarek, Jim Whalen, Thomas Went, Sharon Davisson, Olivia Haynes, Adrienne Wagner, Carol Lackey and a special thanks to your volunteers and your chef!

We are looking forward to the 10th Annual Gardens in Paradise. Always a wonderful day.

Again, our thanks,
CeCe Kennedy

Help Promote Gardens In Paradise

Please help the club promote the Gardens In Paradise tour to everyone you know. This is our largest fundraiser and the monies raised go towards supporting the club's mission: MISSION.

At last month's meeting Letter-sized versions of these little handouts and larger flyer were provided to each member. Please pass these on to any interested parties, and if you would like more don't hesitate to contact Becci Bond: beccibond@hotmail.com

The image displays five promotional flyers for the 10th Annual Sarasota Garden Club Premier Garden Tour of Private Gardens. Four are smaller, letter-sized versions, and one is a larger flyer. All flyers feature the event title, date (Saturday, March 23, 2024), time (9:30am-4:00pm), and pricing details. The larger flyer includes logos for Ms. Scarlett's Flowers, Sarasota Scene, and The May Group Coldwell Banker.

Gardens in Paradise
 10th Annual Sarasota Garden Club
Premier Garden Tour of Private Gardens
 Saturday, March 23, 2024
 9:30am-4:00pm
Rain or Shine

Advanced Reservations: \$40/Member
 \$45/Non-Member
 Day of Tour: \$50
 Group rates available upon request
LUNCHES AVAILABLE:
 11:30am - 1:30pm, \$15

For More Information & Reservations
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 11:30am to 1:30pm, \$15

For More Information & Purchase tickets
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Ms. Scarlett's FLOWERS
 SARASOTA SCENE
 THE MAY GROUP
 COLDWELL BANKER

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Botanical Garden Report

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

Emails: kayw33@comcast.net chmichielsen@yahoo.com



Friday Morning Workers is 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.



Kay says: "What a month this has been.

Welcome back to two hard-working gentlemen: Michael and Sam. We also had a 'walk-in' volunteer, Anna, who asked if she could clean up the garden statues. So far, she has restored 4 of them, and will be doing more in March.

We have many people coming through the gardens each Friday. We also had a group of children with their leader, who was teaching them photography. I took pictures of them as they took pictures of us working in the 9 gardens.

The biggest job was done by Tom D who came to clean the debris from the Lagoon and Falling Water gardens. Emily and Sam were really busy that day, and everyone was helping take care of the other gardens.



Another interesting thing happened – we found a missing sign, and Andrea, Michael, and Toby dug a hole, put a limb in it, and put the sign back on the limb. It's where you walk the sidewalk outside the building and hopefully will encourage more people to visit SGC.



PLEASE COME ALONG TO HELP

MAINTAIN THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Gardening makes us even in this world, Kay Weber, Botanical Gardens Chair

Save the Date!

For the annual ... **GIVING CHALLENGE**

**All donations \$25 - \$100
will be matched**



You may already be familiar with this event – open to every Non-Profit Organization, whereby donations (\$25-100) made by you, are automatically matched by Community Foundation of Sarasota – effectively doubling your contribution.

The Giving Challenge is an exciting 24-hour online giving event that connects about 700 nonprofit organizations with passionate donors and community members to support diverse causes and create enduring impact in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties.

SGC have identified a special recipient for our donations this year – to be announced soon.
More information at www.givingchallenge.org

News from Succulent Society

Sarasota Succulent Society

1310 38th Street (off Myrtle Street)

Sarasota, FL 34234

www.SarasotaSucculentSociety.org

Workshop

How to Create Dish Gardens Presented by Kate Brenner

Kate is the owner of Paradise Found Rare Plant Nursery, an on-line source for rare succulents, cacti, caudiciforms and sansevieria,

In addition to plants Kate will be making available, Sarasota Succulent Society's garden has been restocked with a wide variety of succulents, air plants and cactus perfect for you to create your own dish display.

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.; presentation at 10:00 a.m.

News from FFGC



Celebrate FFGC's 97th Convention and 100th Anniversary in Jacksonville, FL.

Centennial Celebration

**JOIN THE CELEBRATION
FFGC'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY
AT THE 97TH STATE CONVENTION**

APRIL 10-12, 2024

At the
SOUTHBANK HOTEL JACKSONVILLE RIVERWALK

DEADLINE MARCH 11
Go to - <https://www.ffgc.org/convention>

News from Ikebana



**IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL
CHAPTER 115, SARASOTA**

***I.I. Meeting - MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024
10:00 a.m. - Sarasota Garden Club***



RENKA GROUP ARRANGEMENTS

Our next program will unite members into groups who will arrange in sequence. Attendants will be required to organize a group with other members prior to the Ikebana Chapter 115 meeting of Monday, March 25, 2024 at the Sarasota Garden Club.

Create a theme for your design. Consider coordinating your containers and using complimentary materials. Each arranger will work independently and freely using their own style. The arrangements will then be placed together to create one arrangement. Renka stimulates our imagination and improvisation. You will be surprised at how much fun you will have.



English garden: March 2024

As some of you may know, I am in England at the moment, where it is cold, grey and wet, although right now the sun has broken through the dark, ominous clouds.

Here are a few snaps of my garden which is left to run wild while we're in Florida.



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

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