



**SARASOTA
GARDEN CLUB**

"The Blooming Chatter"

NEWSLETTER

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Highlights

- + A shortened version this month because of disruption caused by Helene and Milton
- + Plenty of things going on in November / December

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Sarasota Orchid Society
ORCHID AUCTION
RESCHEDULED Saturday,
November 2nd

BAY HAVEN SCHOOL
2901 W Tamiami Cir,
Sarasota

A wide variety of unique and distinctive quality orchids offered by vendors and our members.
Donated plants from:
All Around Orchids
Florida Orchid House
Palmer Orchids
Plantio La Orquidea

DOORS OPEN
1:15 PM
Rescheduled from 11:00 AM

PREVIEWS START
1:30 pm

LIVE AUCTION
2:00 pm

Public is welcome!
Proceeds to fund SOS programs

Sarasota Orchid Society
Annual Orchid Auction
Saturday November 2

New Location & New Date

- Saturday November 2
- @ Bay Haven School, 2901 W Tamiami Circle, Sarasota

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

**FFGC District VIII - Fall Meeting**
Rescheduled to Tuesday November 19 9:30AM
start with refreshments - hosted by the Tampa Garden Club

"Natural Springs and Waterways of Florida"

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[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & Registration form](#)

A lot of other news was sent to members in an email earlier this week.

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[HERE to](#)

[view that email again](#)

Key November Dates

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 CLUB HOUSE RE-OPENING Garden NOT open yet Blooming Chatter	2 Sarasota Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction
	4 Web Site Committee Meeting	ELECTION DAY	6 Floralia Meeting		8 Education Committee Meeting	
	11 Board of Directors Meeting		13 "A Festive Cornucopia Floral Design Workshop" by EDUCATION	14 Membership Committee Meeting		
	18 Baby Basics Fundraiser	19 FFGC District VIII Fall Meeting in Tampa	20 General Members Monthly Meeting: Florida's Carnivorous Plants & ANNUAL POT LUCK	21 Butterfly Club Meeting		
	25 Ikebana Meeting			28 THANKSGIVING		

- The Friday Gardening is on hold until further notice
- Several committee meetings are scheduled **(yellow)**
- 3 external events: Sarasota Orchid Society auction, fundraiser for Baby Basics, and the FFGC District VIII Fall meeting in Tampa
- 13th - EDUCATION Make & Take: "Cornucopia"
- 20th is our General Members Monthly Meeting WITH POT LUCK LUNCHEON **(green)**
- A few of our Affiliate meetings are shown for information only **(pink)**

Always check the website calendar!

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



President's Message

Dear Sarasota Garden Club Members

As November begins, we reflect on the triumphs and challenges we have experienced as a community over the past few months.

While we have made great strides in beautifying our Sarasota Garden Club Building and Gardens through our partnership with The Bay, we have now encountered damaging effects of Hurricanes Helene and Milton on portions of the Sarasota Garden Club.



The Sarasota Garden Club Building and Gardens suffered damage due to both hurricanes, forcing us to temporarily close our facilities and cancel or reschedule events.

We are happy to announce that today, Friday, November 1, 2024, we will resume General Meetings and Events in the Great Room. The Great Room, Kitchen, Restrooms and Hallway were not damaged.

Unfortunately, the outside roof has some damage, and the Office Area, Restroom and Library had significant flooding in these areas. The cleanup and restoration of these areas is underway.

The grounds and gardens were hit very hard with the loss of many trees and plants. At this time, The Bay has asked that we not garden until further notice.

However, we are proud to say that The Bay and our organization have come together in the face of adversity, showing resilience and dedication to the preservation of all the Sarasota Garden Club grounds and building.

As we move forward, I ask for your continued support in helping us restore the Sarasota Garden Club to its former beauty. With your help, we can overcome the damage caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton and continue our mission of promoting the love and preservation of gardening.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Sarasota Garden Club. Together, we will refurbish the Library and Office areas.

Warm regards

Kelly L Goodwin, President - Tel: 941-718-3359

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Sarasota Garden Club

EDUCATION Committee Event

Wednesday November 13, 2024



“A Festive Cornucopia”

Make & Take - a beautiful decoration home |
and have some Fun!!

This event is only open to Sarasota Garden Club Members.



Numbers are restricted so, to avoid disappointment, please book your place now!

[GO ONLINE HERE!](#)

Wednesday November 13
@ Sarasota Garden Club
10 AM – 12:00 Noon

What is a Cornucopia?

A cornucopia is commonly associated with Thanksgiving.

It is a horn-shaped container that symbolizes abundance and is often depicted overflowing with flowers, fruit, vegetables, or wheat.

The word ‘cornucopia’ comes from the Latin words:

cornu (meaning “horn”) and
copia (meaning “plenty”)

Questions? Contact Ros Stafford
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- The cost for participants will be \$15.00 per person for instruction, container, flowers and material. *The rest of the cost will be subsidized by your garden club (SGC).*
- The instructor will be Jean Ruff, who is a longtime SGC member, past Education Committee Chair, Flower Show School participant, and has presented a wide variety of floral demonstrations.

All registrations are due by Friday,
November 8, 2024.

- [To register, BOOK VIA THE WEBSITE](#)
- **PLEASE BRING A TRAY OR BOX TO TRANSPORT YOUR CORNUCOPIA HOME**

[\\$15 fee - sign up in advance please](#)

Sarasota Garden Club General Members Monthly Meeting Wednesday November 20, 2024



“Florida's Carnivorous Plants”

**- Talk by Kenny Coogan with plant/book sale
& Annual Pot Luck Luncheon**



MINDY LIGHTHIPE

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!



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.

**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 & Book Signing
- **Annual Pot Luck Luncheon**

Don't forget to bring a dish to share