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GARDEN CLUB**

"The Blooming Chatter"

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Highlights

- ✚ Special Events
- ✚ Committee Updates
- ✚ October – December Calendars, packed with exciting events
- ✚ Tech Tip
- ✚ And more

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Key October Dates

Diary Dates

OCTOBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1-2 NGC Gardening School – at Smyrna Beach Garden Club	1 Blooming Chatter Out			4 Friday Gardening	
	7 Board of Directors Meeting	8 Beautification Committee Meeting	9 Membership and Ad Hoc Committee Meetings		11 Friday Gardening	
	14 Fundraiser for 'Baby Basics of Sarasota County' (Fashion Show) at Sarasota Yacht Club		16 FFGC District VIII Fall Meeting - Tampa		18 Friday Gardening	
			23 General Members Monthly Meeting: with Annual Pot Luck		25 Friday Gardening & Cooking & Dining Experience	
		29 "Container Gardening" by EDUCATION	Library Window Replacement			

- The Friday Gardening at the Club is in full swing – every Friday 8-11am: come along if you can. **EXTRA HELP IS NEEDED TO CLEAR UP.**
- There are several committee meetings scheduled, and the library windows are being replaced (highlighted in yellow)
- 2 external events: 1 fundraiser for Baby Basics, and the FFGC District VIII Fall meeting in Tampa
- 23rd is our General Meeting WITH POT LUCK (4th week not 3rd as usual so as not to clash with FFGC meeting)
- 25th - **SPECIAL EVENT: Chef Rolf's Cooking and Fine Dining Experience – buy tickets online**
- 29th - **EDUCATION** workshop: "Container Gardening"

Always check the website calendar!

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



Review of September's General Members Monthly Meeting



On September 18, our members were welcomed back with delicious refreshments thanks to our Hospitality Committee, and a time of renewing friendships and meeting new friends.

Everyone enjoyed the speaker who gave us a lot of information on vegetable gardening and members were so interested they asked many good questions.



Thank you to Kay Weber and Shari Amato for handling the raffle!



Thank you to the Programs Committee for making it all happen. (Left to right: Kelly Goodwin (Club President), Joanie Lerner, Gary Patton (Speaker), and Lynda Wright.



Part of Gary's presentation included making a grow box Here are his instructions:

- The homemade grow box starts with an 18 gallon tote.
 - Cut out lid to make a floor for soil.
- Cut 4" hole in center, corresponding to center pot acting as one of the 5 floor supports.
 - Drill 1" hole in corner to allow PVC pipe to extend to bottom as a fill pipe.
 - Place remaining perimeter portion of lid back of top.
 - Place 5 each 6" or 8" pots in bottom of tote to support floor.
 - Center pot should be upright to hold soil.
 - In body of tote, drill small drainage hole at location just below floor level.
- Fill tote with potting mix and water from top until water runs from drainage hole.
 - Future watering from fill pipe.



Gary Patton's PowerPoint presentation is available on line HERE:

<https://sarasotagardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/Fall-Garden-Preparation.pdf>



Sarasota Garden Club General Members Monthly Meeting



PLEASE NOTE THIS IS
THE FOURTH
WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH, NOT THE
THIRD.

Wednesday October 23

“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 & Close around Noon
- **Annual Pot Luck Luncheon**

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

Programs Committee

2024/25

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The Programs Committee is responsible for planning and scheduling presentations for each General Members Monthly Meeting. Speakers are selected for a range of diverse topics which relate to the mission of the Sarasota Garden Club and are of interest to the members.

If you would like to join the Programs Committee, please email Lynda or Linda.

October – December Programs	
<p>October 23, 2024 <i>Wednesday, 9:30 am – 12 noon followed by lunch</i></p> <p>This meeting includes our annual Potluck.</p>	<p>Annual Pot Luck Luncheon & General Members Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Speaker: Kenny Coogan presents <i>“Florida Carnivorous Plants”</i></p> <p>Please sign up with what type of dish you will bring by emailing Linda at LLEliff@aol.com</p>
<p>November 20, 2024 <i>Wednesday, 9:30 am – 12 noon</i></p>	<p>General Members Monthly Meeting with Committee Information Tables</p> <p>Speaker: Forest Hecker presents <i>“Foodscaping for the Suncoast”</i></p>
<p>December 18, 2024 <i>Wednesday, 9:30 am – 12 noon</i></p>	<p>General Members Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Speaker: Sarah Munford presents <i>“Holidays in Sarasota with a Twist of Williamsburg”</i></p>

Special Event – October 25

[Book your tickets from our website](#)



Sarasota Garden Club
Presents



“Cooking Demo & Fine Dining Experience”

with Chef Rolf at
The Casey Key Resort’s New Florida Kitchen



Chef Rolf

Chef Rolf is trained in Switzerland, his restaurant has a sophisticated European flair, expertly crafted dishes and innovative excellence.



1660 S Tamiami Trail,
Osprey, Florida, 34229

www.chefrolf.us

Sarasota Garden Club is excited to partner with Chef Rolf’s New Florida Kitchen in Osprey and present a special cooking demonstration along with a five-course dinner, paired with special wines for each course.

Ticket Price: \$115 per person (SGC Members \$100)

**Friday October 25,
2024 – 4-8pm
Program**

- 4pm – Welcome Reception
 - 4:30pm – Cooking Demonstration
- 6:30pm – 5-course dinner
 - Door Prizes | Raffle
 - LIVE MUSIC
- (Discounted rooms available)

The delicious 5-course menu includes:

Wild cut salmon tartar paired with a German Reisling

Tuscan white bean and butternut squash soup with Sonoma Chardonnay

Fall salad with Chamisal Pinot Noir

Pork Wellington paired with Troublemaker Red blend

3-layer chocolate dream cake, paired with Maddelena Rose

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SEE FULL MENU ONLINE

www.SarasotaGardenClub.org for tickets
before **October 7**

CONTACT: CJ Danna (danna.cj@gmail.com), **Shari Amato** (shari@mailmt.com) - Office@SarasotaGardenClub.org

***Proceeds from this event will go to
Coral Reef Restoration***

EDUCATION Event

Register by 4th

Sarasota Garden Club

EDUCATION Committee Event

Tuesday October 29, 2024



“The Joy of Container Gardening” Workshop @ SGC



What is a Container Garden?

Container Gardening is when plants are grown in containers such as pots rather than in the ground. It is space-efficient and mobile, so it can be arranged to fit wherever you choose to set it up - on a windowsill, on a condominium balcony, and/or as a show piece when you enter a home.

The beauty of container gardening is that you can reuse old containers around your home, so it is budget and environmentally friendly. Container gardening also benefits urban birds, and butterflies.

Would you love to have a little gardening going on – but you do not have the time or place to plant a garden in the ground?

WE HAVE THE SOLUTION, and an opportunity for you to make your own Container Garden. Join us:

**Tuesday October 29
@ Sarasota Garden Club
10:30AM – 12:00 Noon**

- The cost for participants will be **\$15.00 per person** for instruction, container, potting mix, and plants. *The rest of the cost will be subsidized by your garden club (SGC).*
- Your instructor will be from the University of Florida IFAS Sarasota County Extension.

All registrations are due by Friday, October 4, 2024.

- To register, send a check for \$15.00 to: Ann Durlou at 1976 Cedar Oak Way Sarasota, 34233. Send Name and Email with your reservation. Your reservation is secured when payment is received.



EDUCATION Committee Update

To be clear, as well as the “General Members Monthly Meeting”, which is organized by the Programs Committee, there will be a 2nd meeting each month focusing on educational topics (being organized by the Education Committee)

- **Look at the list of sessions that have been organized Get these dates in your diaries now, and watch out for more information nearer the event dates.**
- **The next meeting of the Education Committee will take place on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8th at 11am, in the Great Room at SGC.**
 - **If you're interested:** contact Angela Bennink
AngelaBennink@yahoo.com

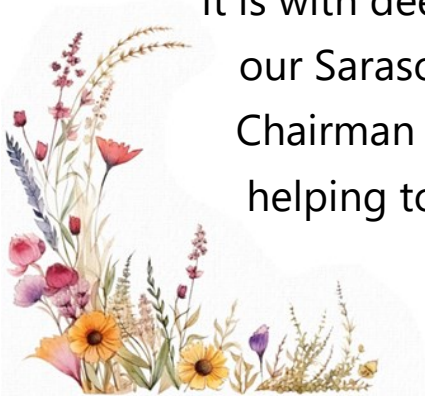


- **Tuesday October 29th** – Container Gardening – register by October 4
- **November 13th** – Cornucopia Flower Design
- **December 3rd** – Holiday Centrepiece event, following tree decoration
- **Jan 28th** - Hort and Design in preparation for entries for Flower Show
- **February 27th** - Off site visit to Selby/Spanish Point
- **March 25th** - Orchid Workshop and Clinic
- **April 29th** – The Sarasota Honey Company

Sad News

It is with deep sympathy that we share the news of the passing of our Sarasota Garden Club member, Pat Belote. Pat was a Co-Chairman of the Education Committee and had been active in helping to organize the wonderful educational opportunities scheduled for this garden club year.

Pat will be greatly missed.



Membership Committee Update



From Sue Angle, Membership Committee Chair

What a great start to our 2024-2025 Garden Club Season!!

Six new members were introduced at our general meeting, and were presented with a gift of a bromeliad and a New Member Folder with information about our Sarasota Garden Club.

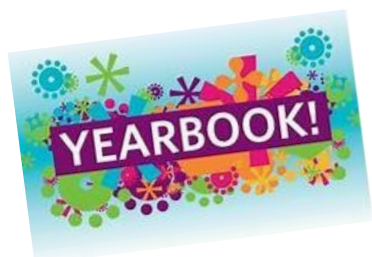


We welcome Susan Daigle, Sally Del Cegno, Brandi Fano, Stacey Maloney, Dana Scher, and Valerie Szymaniak

to our Club and are so happy to have them with us.

Our October General Meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of October because our District VIII meeting is being held on the third Wednesday, so plan to come to SGC on October 23rd.

- That will include a Potluck Luncheon, which we do every October, and is a time of plentiful and delicious foods for every taste, so be sure to come and enjoy.
- Bring a friend, neighbor, relative, or tell someone in line with you at the Supermarket or Home Depot about October 23rd. **The more the merrier and guests only pay \$10.**



Our October meeting will also have the new Yearbook distributed which will have all the members' contact information with as many member pictures as we have received as well as a wealth of information about our organization.

If you would like to join us on our Membership Committee, we would love to have you! Please get in touch with any of the current members:

We look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting - Wednesday, October 23

Membership Committee – 2024 – 2025			
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Civic Beautification Committee Announcement: October 8 meeting

The Civic Beautification Committee comes
under the heading of
COMMUNITY PROJECTS,
along with JD Hamel Memorial Park and Blue
Star Marker, and Scholarships



Civic Beautification – Sarasota Garden Club continues to encourage the beautification of our community by recognizing outstanding landscaping at businesses, public buildings, churches/places of worship, homeowner’s associations, parks and recreational areas. [Florida Federation of Garden Clubs](#) and Sarasota Garden Club are committed to the belief that “Good landscaping is good business”. Civic Beautification Committee members survey and photograph assigned zip codes, looking for properties with attractive curb appeal and which meet our criteria. Beautification awards are presented at a luncheon, usually in January.

The Civic Beautification Committee (CBC) 2024/2025 kick-off meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 8 at 10 AM in the library.

- We'll be getting together to organize the January 2025 Civic Beautification Awards Luncheon.
- We need volunteers to help locate and photograph those properties in our area that present attractive curb appeal.
- From a list of approximately 20 to 30 properties the committee will select 6 winners who will be honored at our luncheon.
- We will be meeting once monthly in October, November and perhaps twice in December.
- Please come along if you are interested in joining this Committee
- Thank you for your kind attention.
- **Questions:** please email Jim Whalen jwhalenpa@aol.com

Garden Committee Update



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

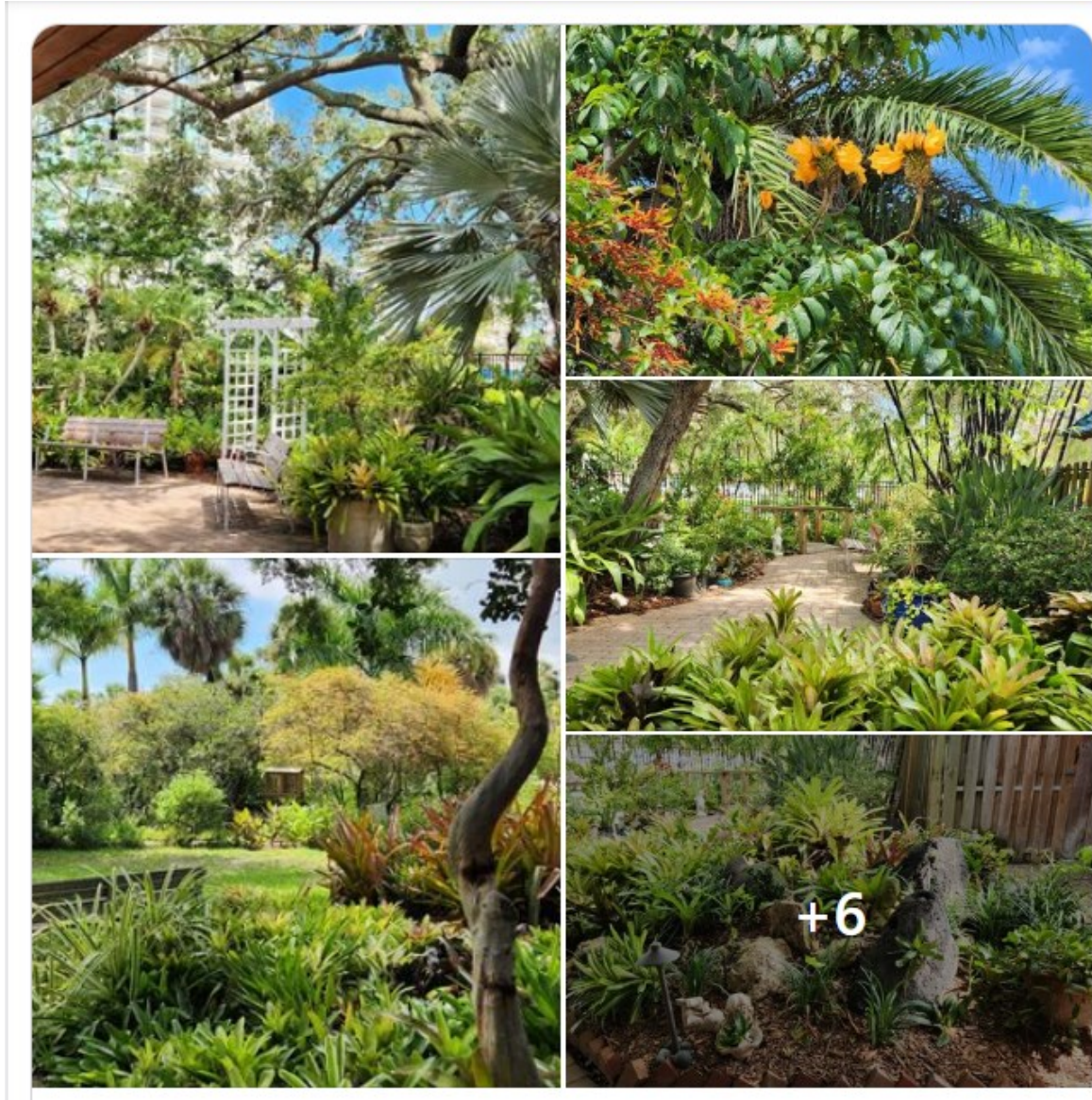
**From Kay Weber,
Chair of the Garden
Committee**

“We finally got back to work in the gardens after 10 long weeks away, during which time The Bay undertook renovation work on the club. We had lots of rainy days, and everything is looking good.”



**Volunteers are welcome to
come each Friday, between
8am - 11am**





Check out the Sarasota Garden Club Facebook page online where pictures of the garden and news of events are regularly posted.

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

Please note that this report was written before Helene.

The garden did suffer damage, and The Bay are working hard to get things sorted.

FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS GREATLY NEEDED, PLEASE COME ALONG

Member's Garden Photo

These are Linda Elliff's red spider lilies

(Lycoris radiata – in the amaryllis family) also known as red magic lily, corpse flower, or equinox flower). Aren't they stunning?

Linda says: "The bulbs were brought from my family in Mississippi up to Virginia and they were lovely this September.

They are some of my favorite treasures."



PLEASE SEND ME A PHOTO OF YOUR GARDEN TREASURES

We love to see each other's gardens and plants
email beccibond@hotmail.com

SGC & FFGC District VIII



“The Natural Springs and Waterways of Florida” what a great subject for a program. You can attend that talk at our District VIII Meeting on October 16th at the Tampa Garden Club. But time is running out. Registrations must be by October 1st so Tampa Garden Club can prepare the coffee and snacks and also the lunch that will be served.

Join the other district clubs and friends as we get together at the meeting and share our activities and friendships



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

(should have registered by Oct 1 but if you want to go, contact

Sue Angle - Sueangle000@gmail.com, 941-350-9784)

Important Dates in the FFGC Calendar 2025	
January 6-11, 2025	Winter FFGC Board of Directors Meeting/CRUISE
March 11-13, 2025	Deep South Garden Club Convention Valdosta, Georgia
April 7-10, 2025	FFGC Annual Convention & Installation, Southbank Marriott Hotel, Jacksonville
May 18-21, 2025	NGC Convention, Embassy Suites, North Charleston, South Carolina
June 1-7, 2025	National Garden Week

Affiliates: Ikebana



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OCTOBER PROGRAM – MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024 SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB – 10:00 a.m.

Come and join us at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 28th for a two-fold adventure! First, Marcy Chapman (Sogetsu School), will show you how to make a truly individual arrangement with YOUR favorite flower and vase! Bring your vase and flowers for a creative session!

Next, Polly Curran will show you how to photograph your new arrangement to its best advantage! Don't forget your phone (or camera) to take a picture of your FAVORITE flower and vase!

This will be fun and pictures can be shared afterwards.

GUEST FEE: \$10

Let us know if you would like to join:

Email: dorindawilkinson@gmail.com / Call or Text: 941-284-4443



Affiliates: Orchid Society

Sarasota Orchid Society ORCHID AUCTION

Monday

October 7th

SELBY GARDENS

1534 Mound Street,
Sarasota

A wide variety of unique and distinctive quality orchids offered by vendors and our members.

Roy Krueger will be our Auctioneer

DOORS OPEN

6:15 PM

Register/Get bidding paddle

PREVIEWS START

6:30 pm

LIVE AUCTION

7:00 pm

Public is welcome!

Proceeds to fund
SOS programs

Cash, and Credit Card Accepted

Google Lens to identify plants

Sitting in my conservatory the other morning, looking out over a rather damp garden, I saw movement on the picnic bench and this is what I saw >>>>>



I posted the photo on Facebook and my Friends kindly identified it as a caterpillar of a Pale Tussock.

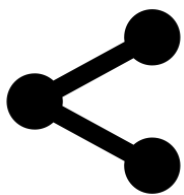
VISUAL MATCHES

BUT
THAT'S NOT ALL
GOOGLE LENS



One of my more techie friends told me to use Google Lens from my phone camera. To do that:

- Take a photo on your phone



• Share it – to Google / Search image

which turns out to be

Google Lens and,

sure enough, Google came up

with loads of information relating to it ... as if I'd typed in "Pale Tussock Caterpillar"

THOUGHT I'D SHARE THIS WITH YOU - YOU MIGHT WELL KNOW IT ALREADY



Google Lens
Software

Google Lens is an image recognition technology developed by Google, designed to bring up relevant information related to objects it identifies using visual analysis based on a neural network. [Wikipedia](#)

Developer(s): Google

Initial release: October 4, 2017; 6 years ago

Operating system: [Android](#), [iOS](#), [Microsoft Windows](#), [macOS](#), [ChromeOS](#), [Linux](#)

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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