

"The Blooming Chatter" NEWSLETTER

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September's birth month flowers are the aster and morning glory

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Highlights

- President's Message
- Committee Updates
- October December Calendars, packed with exciting events planned over the summer break
- And more

The Sarasota Garden Club premises and gardens are closed until September 6, while major renovations take place

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Key Dates



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					6 SGC / The Bay renovation project end date	
					13 Resume Friday morning volunteer gardening	14 Andy Papineau's memorial service
			General Members Monthly Meeting: "Fall Vegetable Gardening in Florida"		20 Friday Gardening	
					27 Friday Gardening	

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IGC Gardening	1-2 School – at Smyrna Garden Club				4 Friday Gardening	
					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 Event	

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					1 Friday Gardening	
			199	7 Painting in the Gardens	8 Friday Gardening	
			13 "Cornucopia Flower Design" by EDUCATION		15 Friday Gardening	
			General Members Monthly Meeting: Member Social and Committee Gala		22 Friday Gardening	
					29 Friday Gardening	

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			18 General Members Monthly Meeting		20 Friday Gardening	
			25 Christmas Day		27 Friday Gardening	
					29 Friday Gardening	

President's Message

Greetings SGC Members!

Wow, it is September already and

Florida's heat is at its peak! While we can head inside to escape, our plants cannot! Luckily, our plants have had lots of rain over the course of this summer.



Hoping everyone who experienced the large amounts of rain are ok and if anyone experienced the flooding hoping this situation is improving for you.

With September, we begin our 2024 – 2025 Sarasota Garden Club season.

This means our programs begin this month and our committees have a full slate of programs, education, hospitality and events planned for this season.

• September's program is on vegetable gardening in Florida. This will be a very timely topic for us!

The large renovation project for the Sarasota Garden Club Building is coming along with the Great Room looking very beautiful. As this was a large project, the kitchen windows and library windows have not been started yet. These window replacements will be planned for this fall, while working around the many different activities on the calendar.

Hope to see you at our September meeting and wishing everyone a wonderful month.

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

klgkey@outlook.com

Update on SGC Building Renovation Project



The SGC Renovation project is well underway!

Thank you to Carol Lackey for taking the below photos to show us what's going on. As you can see, the work is making good progress, and wont it be lovely to see it all bright and new?

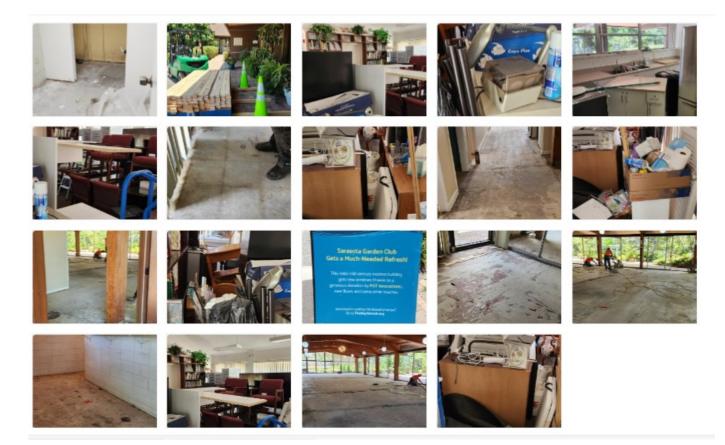
VOLUNTEERS will be required to help sort and put stuff back into the cupboards etc.
 Contact Gloria on gtsarasota@comcast.net

The Bay Schedule is moving right along with a few schedule changes being discussed. The Great Room will be available to us for our September General Meeting which will be very nice. In addition to replacing the sliding glass doors, east and west windows and flooring in the Great Room, all new air conditioning, ducts and air handlers were installed. Now when the air conditioning runs, it will be much quieter.

 The Garden Committee Friday morning gardening is scheduled to resume on September 13, 2024.

As the construction zones will continue to be in place, to replace the Kitchen and Library windows, Dianne Beaver and Kelly Goodwin will be meeting with The Bay leadership this week to determine our schedule for September 13th and beyond.

This link provides a video of the Great Room https://www.facebook.com/reel/534132042395276



Garden Committee Update

With the SGC Renovation Project progressing nicely, the Garden Committee is scheduled to resume working in the Garden starting

Friday, September 13, 2024.



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

Kay Weber is the Chair of the Botanical Gardens
Committee and Carol Fugate is the new Co-Chair.
Between them they manage the FRIDAY MORNING
WORKERS who maintain the garden every week!

Email: kayw33@comcast.net



"Friday Morning Workers"

is a dedicated crew with a shared interest in gardening, that work hard each and every Friday to maintain the nine botanical gardens at Sarasota Garden Club.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Come along any time between 8am – 11am on a Friday –
whenever and however long you can.
No experience needed, there's always a list of things to do for everyone.
Refreshments provided.

We will need all the help we can get – especially with the Music in the Gardens event taking place on September 29.

- PLEASE COME ALONG
 - FOR HOWEVER LONG &

HOWEVER OFTEN YOU CAN –

BRING FRIENDS -

For more information email Kayw33@comcast.net

EDUCATION Committee Update

Below are the dates and topics that comprise the wonderful new offering from the Education Committee.

Look at the lovely list of sessions that have been organized Get these dates in your diaries now, and watch out for more information nearer the event dates.

- October 29th Container Gardening
- November 13th Cornucopia Flower Design
- **December 3rd** Holiday Centrepiece event
- 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
- **To be clear,** as well as the "Monthly General Members 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 below)

EDUCATION Committee – 2024 – 2025				
	Name	Email		
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CO-Citalis	Pat Belote	pbelote11@gmail.com		
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	Carol Lackey	sailorgal@msn.com		
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	Ros Stafford	rosstafford1@gmail.com		
	Dianne Beaver	diannebeaver@gmail.com		

MEMBERSHIP Committee Update

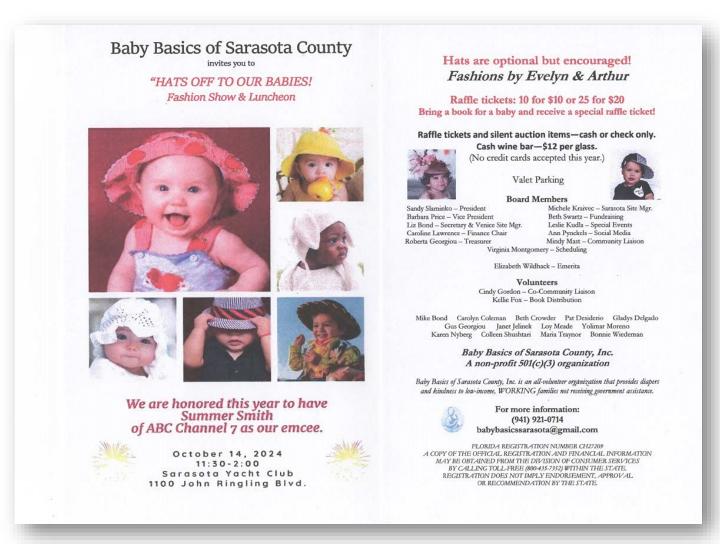
Dear MEMBERS

Seventeen SGC members and friends enjoyed breakfast and fellowship at **Der Dutchman Restaurant**, including two new members. We thank Livy Haynes (and husband Bob) for putting the 2 summer breakfasts together for us.

Sandy Slaminko, Co-President of the Butterfly Club and a huge supporter of our Garden Club, joined us (as she does at so many of our events) and gave us the below invitation to the "Hats Off To Our Babies!" Fashion Show and luncheon being held at Sarasota Yacht



Club on October 14. Sandy is President of Baby Basics of Sarasota County, a non-profit all-volunteer 501 (c) 3 organization which provides diapers and kindness to low-income, working families who do not receive government assistance. This group gives a Hand Up to these families who have a one-to-three-year-old baby at a time when that help is greatly needed.



Several of our members have attended their Fashion Shows in previous years and since a table for 8 can be reserved, if you would like to join us in showing support as a group from Sarasota Garden Club, please contact Sue Angle at sueangle000@gmail.com or (941) 350-9784.

Sarasota Garden Club General Members Monthly Meeting



September 18 - 9.30AM start





9:30am to Noon

- 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

"Fall Vegetable Gardening in Florida"

September begins the fall vegetable gardening season in Florida, and you can grow a successful garden in-ground or in containers. Enjoy the benefits of homegrown fresh vegetables that are safe to eat.

Speaker: Gary Patton

Gary volunteers with ACE and gives presentations on growing fruits, vegetables, and flowers in the backyard. He has been a Florida resident for over 65 years and a gardener for more than 45 years. Gary grew up in a semi-rural setting in Arcadia, Florida, with vegetable and flower gardens, a milk cow, and chickens. One of his first jobs was working in commercial orange groves.



We have a lot of visitors to Florida – snowbirds that stay for long periods of time come from all over America and from further afield, where growing conditions are quite different from the Florida ones. This presentation will explain how best to make the MOST of our conditions, and as we all know, things grow fast here, so however long or short your stay is, you'll benefit from his knowledge and experience.

Music in the Gardens with Tana September 29



Tana Matz is a dynamic singer-songwriter from Reading, Ohio, and has been passionate about music from a young age. By 4, she was picking up tunes on toy instruments, by high school, she had taught herself guitar and started crafting her own songs. In 2017 Tana moved to Nashville, released her EP 'In Time' and toured nationally with Alexandra Kay while releasing 4 new singles.

ON-LINE RESERVATIONS

www.SarasotaGardenClub.org (or click on Music in the Gardens banner below)

Members - \$30 Non-members - \$35

Call Kelly on 941-718-3359 if you need help Sarasota Garden
Club opens
its newly renovated
historic building
and gardens



at 1131 Blvd. of the Arts,

for a delightful evening of Music in the Gardens.

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

Sunday September 29 6:30 – 8:30 PM - join us for:

- "Music" by singer, songwriter -Tana Matz – appearing for the 1st time in Sarasota
- "Gardens" maintained by Sarasota Garden Club
- Hors d'oeuvres, champagne and wine by the Hospitality Committee

CLICK HERE TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

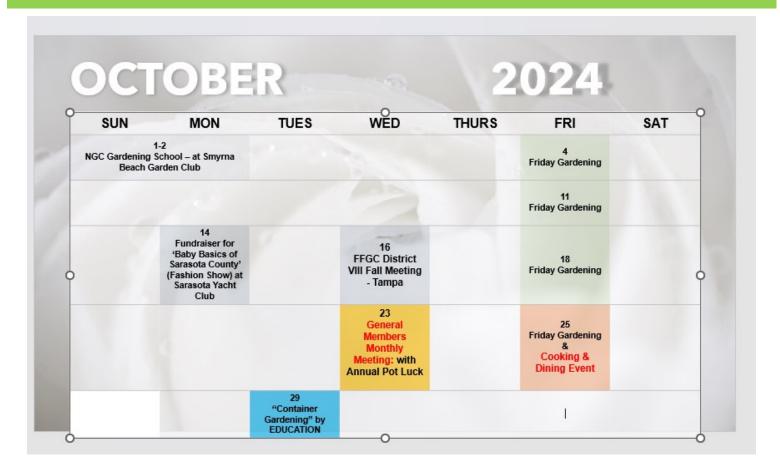
MUSIC & GARDENS

MAKE YOUR
RESERVATION
ON LINE NOW
- CLICK HERE

This is Tana's first time performing in Sarasota.

She has been recommended by Jean Ruff, and will be a great entertainer at our event.

OCTOBER DATES



- The last 2 days of the NGC Gardening School on 1st/2nd for which you will have had to have registered with Phyllis Weber by September 23
 - Baby Basics "Hats Off To Babies" Fashion show fundraiser on 14th
 - The FFGC District VIII Fall Meeting in Tampa on 16th, which you'll need to send in the form on page 15 by October 1st
- Our General Members Monthly Meeting on 23rd, with a Speaker and Pot Luck please contact Programs Committee (Lynda, Linda and Joanie) on Ilelliff@aol.com to tell her what you could bring along
- A special COOKING EVENT is being organized on 25th for which you'll need to contact Shari on <u>shari@mailmt.com</u>. More information soon.
 - The first of the EDUCATION sessions on 29th, which you'll need to have contacted Angela Bennink on **angelabennink@yahoo.com** to register your attendance
 - And of course, EVERY FRIDAY anyone and everyone is always welcome to meet at the club between 8AM and 11AM to help out in the garden – plenty of jobs for everyone. BRING FRIENDS. More information – email Kay Weber or just turn up

NGC Gardening School

OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

NGC President Brenda Moore FFGC President Tina Tuttle FFGC District VI Director. Valerie Seinfeld

Local School Chairman

Sally Flanagan sfflan@aol.com 416.229.4763 Registrar Claudette Johnson 3531 Grand Tuscany Way New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 advtranslation@comcast.net 724.942.7577

FFGC Gardening & Credentials Chairman Sally Flanagan sfflan@aol.com 416.229.4763



Permitted Equipment: Desktop or Laptop computer, Tablet, or iPad Operating system: Microsoft Windows, Apple MacOS, Apple iOS on iPad, Android, or Tablet. nones NOT permitted unless it is for

*Meets Zoom.com System Requirements

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

Each of the four courses consists of ten hours of lectures. Attendance is mandatory for the student to take the exam and receive credit. Exams are optional, but must be taken by those who want to be certified as an NGC Gardening Consultant. NGC garden club members completing the series of four courses with a passing grade of 70 or above may apply for the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant. All lectures and exams are open to the public for the stated fees, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership. A non-member student who has successfully completed the four courses and passed the exams may apply for consultant certification upon joining a garden club affiliated with NGC within one year after completing the series. Certificates of Completion may be issued to non-NGC

- There are 3-4 lectures per day with breaks
- Instructors' outlines are emailed in advance to all registered attendees.
- Exam guestions are multiple-choice and taken Refreshers do not take the exam.
- Courses do not have to be taken in sequence
- More than one course may be taken per year
- Provisional Consultant status eligibility is
- attained after passing two exams
- Provisional Consultants may join Tri-Council
- Courses are open to residents of any State
- The courses and NGC certification do not confer professional status.

For more information on Gardening Schools, see the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website.



NGC GARDENING SCHOOL Course 1 Series 11

SEPTEMBER 30. OCTOBER 1-2, 2024 8::15 AM-12:00 PM

Zoom Tech & Course Review Meeting (Required) Sat. Sept 28 2024 10 AM EST

> Presented via ZOOM





Sponsored by New Smyrna Beach Garden Club Florida Federation of Garden Clubs,

For more information contact **Phyllis** Weber Email: pcweb er@tampaba y.rr.com

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO-**RMATION** NGC -'Gardening School' - at Smyrna Beach **Garden Club** (sarasotagar denclub.org)

OVERVIEW

The NGC Gardening School Courses are designed to provide educational information to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects. The School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of Instruction, followed by a general examination. Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest. Additional topics and areas of interest that may be covered are subjects such as the NGC Gardening with Nature program that promotes the planting of native plants as the base of the food chain that supports all wildlife including pollinators vital to our agriculture, and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

Course Requirements

Attendance is mandatory at all lectures of a course for the student to take the exam receive credit. Prospective consultants must take a written examination. Each course includes:

- · Ten hours of lectures, including a supplemental subject lecture
- A multiple-choice exam book/notes) based on the lectures and required reading. Exams are optional, but must be taken by those who apply for NGC

COURSE 1 HIGHLIGHTS

BASIC BOTANY

A. Plant anatomy (roots, stems, leaves, flowers) B. Plant requirements (light, temperature, water,

C. Life cycle of plants (annuals, biennials,

D. Reproduction (sexual, asexual - pollination and

fertilization)
E. Study of plant structure (specific plant group studied) SOILS

A. Characteristics and structure of soil

B. Soil testing (Extension Service/state)
C. Function of soil

D. Importance of roots F. Maintenance

F. Fertilization (compost, fertilizers)
TECHNIQUES FOR GROWING OUTDOOR

A. Environmental factors and choice of plant material

B. Organic gardening
C. Crop rotation and landscape suitability

D. Pruning and training of plants ns and problem solving F. Probler

PLANT PROPAGATION

A. Seed selection lecture

B. Vegetative propagation

C. Propagation SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT Study of specific local plant group

REQUIRED FORMS

Form 6 or 7 must be submitted electronically, before the Course begins. Email Form 6 to the Course Chairman.

Form 7 must be signed by the State Chair and then emailed to the Course Chairman.

RECOMMENDED READING

Botany for Gardeners, Brian Capone, Nature's Best Hope, Doug Tallamy, Secrets to Great Soil, Elizabeth Stell

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE for registration, cancellations and refunds: Monday Sept. 23, 2024 LATE REGISTRATIONS are subject to availability.



Make checks payable to:

New Smyrna Beach Garden Club

Fill out Registration Form online Click on link below

https://forms.gle/P7BwX1DKn2Mm7v1V6

Mail check to:

Claudette Johnson 3531 Grand Tuscany Way New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

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Full Course, 3 Days for CREDIT \$65.00 Add Fxam Fee \$5.00 Full Course, 3 Days Refresher \$65.00

Add Refresher Fee \$5.00 Full course, 3 Days for Audit \$65.00 Total Amount of Check \$___

SGC & 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

FFGC Awards: The District VIII Lunch & Learn event took place on August 6, 2024, at the Davis Island Garden Club in Tampa, and was attended by SGC's **Sue Angle, Barbara Rao, and Deborah Alves**.

This workshop was a hands-on tutorial on applying for FFGC awards. There is more to receiving an award than just because 'it feels good' and 'you win a little cash', although these **are** nice reasons to apply for one.

- Sarasota Garden Club is not only a community of like-minded people
 who come together to exchange ideas and have some fun, but it also has an important
 mission in line with those of FFGC, District VIII, Deep South and NGC, all of which SGC is a
 member.
- Giving awards is an effective way to incentivize action towards accomplishing that mission.



There are several different types of awards that can be applied for, either by a garden club or individually by a member of the club, and they are listed in the Awards Handbook on the FFGC website (www.ffgc.org) / https://www.ffgc.org/Award-Descriptions-&-Rules

We encourage all members of SGC to look through that list of awards because you may find that you have already done something for which you deserve an award. You might also get an idea for a project or program that we could do as a club to apply for a particular award and could make that suggestion.

"100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years" – take a look at the list of "100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years" under award #51 because if you have accomplished anything on that list, such as reading a plant related book, or attending a garden club school, or any of the other 98 very doable things, then SGC would like to hear from you. Award #51 (Nell Coe Award) goes to the club with the largest number of completed activities from that list.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the award application process or in need of help applying for a specific award should not hesitate to speak with one of SGC's officers.

District VIII Lunch and Learn

August 6, 2024 10:00am Davis Island Garden club

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))

The Natural Springs and Waterways of Florida

Hosted by the Tampa Garden Club 2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33629

Registration and coffee - 9:30 am Call to order - 10:00 am

DEADLINE TO REGISTER -Tuesday, October 1, 2024 (No refunds after October 4th)

\$40.00 Includes registration, morning hospitality, and lunch. Please make checks payable to The Tampa Garden Club

Mail To : Pam Morse, Treasurer Tampa Garden Club 2629 Bayshore Blvd Tampa, FL 33629 Your Name	Questions to: Paula Meckley PaulaMeckley@gmail.com (813) 789-7553
Address	
City	Zip Garden Club
Phone Number	Email address
MENU: Chicken Salad on a bed	of lettuce /Croissant/Palma Ceia Springs Dessert
Lunch includes Tea or Lemonad	e
**Dietary restrictions and or allergies	
NGC Officer FFGC Officer FFGC Committee Chair Former FFGC President – Y District VIII Director	(District VIII Officers and Committee Chair)
Club President Circle P	esident
You were selected to be a de You are a District VIII Offic You are an FFGC Officer or You are a former FFGC Pres	ident fyour Club or Circle President OR egate by your Garden Club OR

Memorial Announcement September 14

Our former President Andy Papineau passed away August 10

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of our wonderful former SGC President, Andy Papineau. To know Andy was to love Andy. He was an active member of Sarasota Garden Club for 22 years and an amazing President. Andy was always willing to be involved and lead in any capacity when needed throughout those years, including working with "The Bay" from the very beginning.

Andy's dedication and his love and enthusiasm for our club will long be remembered and appreciated. We will miss him and our thoughts are with Mary Fran at this sad time.



Memorial Announcement Andy Papineau

Born to Earthly Life - September 19, 1939 Born to Eternal Life - August 10, 2024

> Service: Saturday September 14, 2024 10 AM -11AM



2929 Bee Ridge Road Sarasota FL, 34239

Following the Mass, Andrew's burial will take place in the Memorial Garden





Contact: Sue Angle, sueangle000@gmail.com, 941 350 9784

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: <u>Becci Bond & Hotmail.com</u>

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

September 18	SGC General Members Monthly Meeting "Fall Vegetable Gardening in Florida"
September 29	"Music In the Gardens" with Tana Matz
October 14	Fashion Show fundraiser by Baby Basics
October 16	FFGC District VIII Fall District Meeting – Tampa. "Discover the wonders of Florida's Natural Springs"
October 23	SGC General Members Monthly Meeting – Kenny Coogan, author of "Flowers, Flora and Fauna" & Annual Pot Luck Luncheon
October 25	Cooking & Dining Event
October 29	"Container Gardening" by Education
November 7	"Painting in the Gardens"
November 13	"Cornucopia Flower Design" by Education
November 20	SGC General Members Monthly Meeting "Member Social" & Representation by Committees
December 3	Christmas Tree Decoration and "Creating a Holiday Centerpiece" by Education
December 8	Holiday "Music in the Gardens"
December 18	SGC General Members Monthly Meeting

Always check the website calendar!

Calendar (sarasotagardenclub.org)

https://sarasotagardenclub.org/calendar/

