

HOW WE BEGAN

The **Sarasota Garden Club** had its beginnings in 1927, when it was formed by Mable Ringling and her friends, and has continued to grow as Sarasota Garden Club - for almost 100 years.

Among the founding members were
Mable Ringling (First President),
Owen Burns, **Ellen Caples** and **Marie Selby**.



Our historical building was built in 1960 in the style of the Sarasota School of Architecture, and is now on the Sarasota Historic and National Register - meticulously maintained by the club through fundraising, dedicated volunteers and The Bay.



In the heart of downtown Sarasota, its grounds remain open to the public **FREE OF CHARGE**.

“Central Park of Sarasota”

WHAT WE DO

- Create a friendly environment for people interested in supporting our Mission, to meet and aid the activities of the club on a regular basis
- Provide Educational, Environmental, Horticultural and Floral Design Workshops – *with recognized guest speakers*
- Organize a social environment in which to raise funds to support our Mission
- Award scholarships at High School and College Levels – *used in study areas that advance our Mission in the Natural Science fields*
- Facilitate Civic Beautification Awards – *encouraging beautification of our community*
- Maintain the Blue Star Marker and the Doughboy Statue in JD Hamel Memorial Park - *highlighting Memorial and Veterans Days*
- Provide Youth Educational Programs – *for special needs and school groups to enrich their appreciation of gardens and butterflies*
- Promote conservation and natural resource programs
- Maintain the Botanical Garden at SGC and **Mable’s Secret Garden** at Ringling Museum

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CLUB

BENEFITS of MEMBERSHIP

- A group of like-minded people to engage with
- Monthly general meetings with interesting and knowledgeable speakers
- A comprehensive monthly Education Program with live demonstrations and hands-on “Make & Take” workshops*
- Off-site trips to places of interest (often private), with guided tours
- Discounts to SGC events and at some local garden centers
- Sarasota Garden Club gardens in which to work and learn: every Friday morning
- Monthly Newsletter - “Blooming Chatter”
- Educational opportunities for study about environment, horticulture, landscape design, floral arrangement, and more – at SGC and through membership in Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (www.ffgc.org) and membership in National Garden Clubs (www.gardenclubs.org)
- Library access to 100s of garden-related reference books
- Individual and Club Award recognition and honors
- Annual convention opportunities
- Up-to-date information on SGC Website, with Yearbook and Members Directory
- Introduction to mentors with common interests creating life-long friendships

* Additional charge may apply to M&T workshops to cover material costs

Sarasota Garden Club is a member-supported, 501(c) (3) non- profit educational organization.

HOW WE DO IT

**WITH MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES
WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO
MAKE THINGS HAPPEN**

Please consider joining our club!

FUNDRAISING:

SIGNATURE EVENTS throughout the season include an outstanding annual garden tour:



and “Music in the Gardens”

A series of musical events throughout the year, held in the club's club house and botanical gardens, with dancing and dining to recognize celebratory events.

As well as:

DONATIONS: Corporate and Private

MEMORIAL BRICKS: Corporate and private dedications, honors, and memorials in our gardens

Sarasota Garden Club

As well as the wonderful historical building (*which is available for rental*), the Sarasota Garden Club comprises an established Botanical Garden (*maintained by club members and The Bay*) – open during daylight hours.

AFFILIATIONS

Joining the Sarasota Garden Club includes membership and benefits of:

- National Garden Clubs
- Deep South Regional Garden Clubs
- Florida Federated Garden Clubs
- District VIII

Which means that there are endless courses, events and activities available to you, with a single membership of Sarasota Garden Club.

PLEASE JOIN OUR CLUB

Visit our website,
click on **MEMBERSHIP**,
and fill in the form

or call/text Sue Angle

941-350-9784 (*Membership Chair*)

**YOU WILL LOVE IT! &
we'll love having YOU!**



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All fundraising supports our

Mission:

“Preserving our gardens and our historic landmarks while promoting the environment, conservation, and civic beautification through education and programs.”

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