



**SARASOTA
GARDEN CLUB**

"The Blooming Chatter" **NEWSLETTER**

February – 2025



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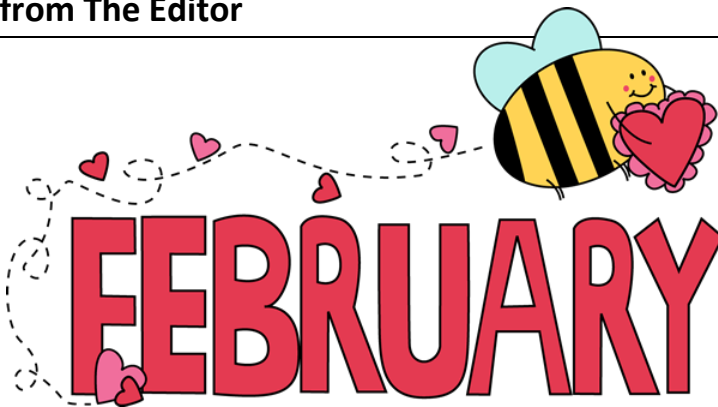
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President's Message

Dear Sarasota Garden Club Members, Welcome to 2025!

We're off to a bustling start at the Sarasota Garden Club, with an exciting lineup of programs, educational sessions, and building renovations nearing completion.

Our agenda for this year includes a variety of engaging events, such as:

- **Educational workshops** on the 'How To' for Flower Shows to help our members develop their skills and knowledge in floral design
- **Monthly General Members Monthly Meetings** - where we'll share updates on club activities, programs presented by outside experts, and discuss our shared passion for gardening, horticulture and floral arts.
- Special presentations on honey, garden explorations, and orchids, broadening our understanding of the natural world and the diverse elements that contribute to a thriving garden.



During February, our **Nominating Committee** will present the "slate" of officers for the next 2-year period (nominees for Committee positions). This begins with presenting to the Board of Directors for approval. Once approved the new officers will be inducted into their new role at our Annual Meeting in April. **The officer positions are:**

President	Vice President
Treasurer	Assistant Treasurer
Communications	Recording Secretary

This slate of officers will be presented at this February's Board of Directors meeting.

As we continue to grow and develop as a club, we also celebrate the progress made on our building renovations. These upgrades will provide a welcoming space to host our various events and activities.

We are confident that 2025 will be a memorable and successful year for the Sarasota Garden Club. We look forward to sharing these experiences with you and strengthening our bonds as a community of passionate gardeners and floral enthusiasts.

Best Regards
Kelly L Goodwin
President
Tel: 941-718-3359
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SGC and The Bay Park Conservancy Update



The Bay continues to work tirelessly repairing and improving the grounds and building at 1131 Boulevard of the Arts. Here are a few key points:

- **The SGC offices** (*printer room, reception, finance office and library*) all near completion by **The Bay team**. The rooms are now all in full use, enjoying new windows, flooring and decoration throughout. New blinds are imminent, and behind the scenes, work has been carried out on the Internet, electricity and water systems.
- A hard-working team of SGC volunteers has been working to clear, sort, store and clean throughout as work gets completed and SGC moves back in.
- The library books were removed after the hurricanes, have been in storage since then, and are now being reviewed before recreating our treasured store of knowledge – coming soon. Our Librarians are heading up this activity. New furniture is forthcoming, particularly shelving for the library books.
- Temporary furniture has been donated with a modern look & feel, and the library may now be used for meetings and must be scheduled.
- The Friday Morning Garden volunteers have returned to maintain the Botanic Gardens adjacent to the building. **The Bay** is organizing the repairs to the ‘shed’ and building roofs, and garden fences. Our Sarasota Garden Club sign on Blvd of the Arts has been fixed and stood up by **The Bay**.
- **The Bay** is in the process of reviewing plans drawn up by Landscape Architect Firm, [Kimley-Horn](#), for the entire area, including the gardens which has grasses, landscaping and trees that can adapt and survive in our vulnerable area. The short-term plan focuses on replacing the damaged garden area during the planting season - February/June.
- The Waterfall in our Botanic Garden was damaged during the hurricanes. Volunteers are working in and around it to make it appear nicer, but a professional has been contacted to schedule cleaning this out.

We will share more of the progress of the renovation of our perimeter gardens as the project moves forward.

RENEWAL REMINDER

Everybody is so busy with LIFE,
and administrative items like renewing memberships
can easily slip one's mind But

- **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO SUPPORT SARASOTA
GARDEN CLUB for 2025 to**
 - **ENJOY THE MONTHLY PROGRAMS**
 - **LEARN AT THE EDUCATION EVENTS**
 - **PARTICIPATE IN A FLOWER SHOW**
 - **AND MUCH MORE**

**If you have not already done so, please renew online or you will not receive
further mailings or invites to member events**

<https://sarasotagardenclub.org/membership/membership-renewal/>

Or notify Dianne Beaver FinanceOffice@SarasotaGardenClub.org

or send check to 1131 Blvd of the Arts

Botanical Garden Committee



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

Kay Weber, Botanical Gardens Chair, continues to lead the team of volunteers that work in the Sarasota Gardens each and every Friday. THANK YOU, KAY – you are a constant source of garden knowledge and we love working with you.

Friday January 31 saw a good number of people arrive at the garden in response to an email asking for HELP, as the garden has been severely damaged by the hurricanes. **HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED ... it's never taken for granted. PLEASE COME.**

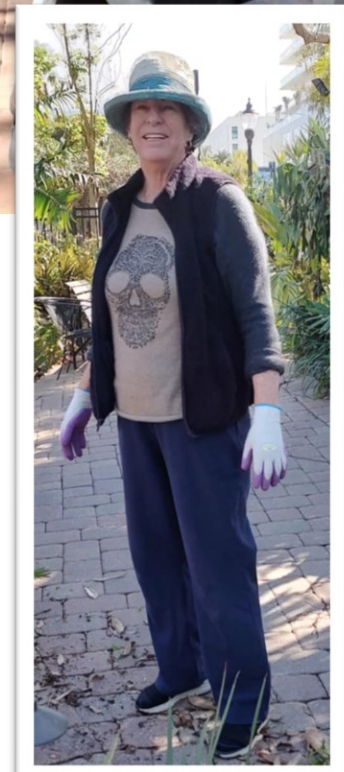
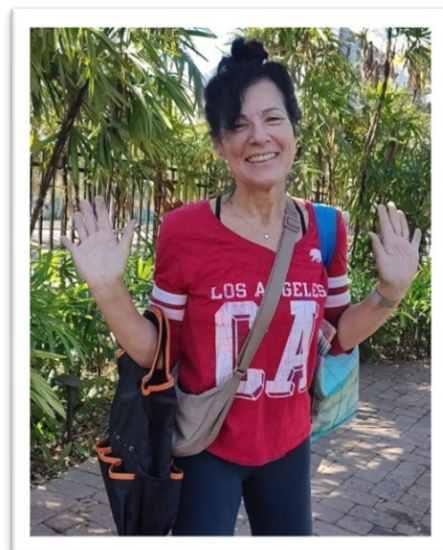
The Sarasota Garden Club relies upon VOLUNTEERS to nurture and maintain the Botanical Section of the garden (immediately adjacent to the building) – The Bay is active in resurrecting the entire area around 1131 Blvd of the Arts.

Every Friday a group of Members (and friends) meet any time between 8am and 11am (sometimes a bit later) to GROOM the Botanical Garden, but since the garden's been hit by 3 hurricanes, it's not so much a matter of grooming, as REJUVENATING. All help is much appreciated.



Last week, we made great headway in about ½ of the Botanical Garden, and we mulched all the areas that have been rejuvenated.

There is still a decent amount of gardening to do, so if you can help, even if it's for a short time on a Friday, put it in your Calendar and come along.



THANK YOU



PLEASE COME AGAIN



Key February Calendar Dates At a Glance

FEBRUARY					2025	
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY NOW	1 Blooming Chatter
2	3 Board of Directors Meeting	4	5	6	7 Education Committee Meeting	8
					Friday Gardening	
9	10	11	12 General Members Monthly Meeting – off site at Ringling	13	14 Friday Gardening	15 Rob Branch & Succulent Society Sales
16	17 Flower show Setup	18 Flower Show Setup	19 FLOWER SHOW – Mardi Gras	20 Flower Show De-brief	21 Friday Gardening	22
23	24	25	26	27 Education Event: Off site visit to Selby Gardens @ Spanish Point	28 Friday Gardening	

- **Committee Meetings** scheduled early in the month
- **Friday Gardening resumed** – please volunteer to make our gardens beautiful again – takes place every week
- **12th – General Members Monthly Meeting** – Off-site @ Ringling. Fully booked.
- **15th – Rob Branch and Succulent Society Sale** (same location – see flyers)
- **17th – 20th – a full-on week with the Pop-up Flower Show on Wednesday 19th**
- **27th - EDUCATION event** – off-site at Selby Gardens Spanish Point

[Always check the website calendar!](https://sarasotagardenclub.org/calendar/)

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Scholarship Time

\$60,000 Scholarship



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [Sarasota Garden Club Scholarships](#) (under Community Projects).

Nancy Lewis writes:

“For more than two decades our club has awarded varying monetary scholarships to seniors in Sarasota High Schools who plan to study Natural Sciences as a career.

JUDITH WOODBRIDGE SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Judith Woodbridge Schneider, our member, left our club a large bequest which is invested with the large Sarasota consortium of not-for-profits active in the greater Sarasota area. Each year our club is able to use our investment as scholarships awarded to Sarasota County seniors who have been accepted at accredited universities to study Natural Sciences. Our committee takes the amount the Garden Club Board of Directors feels is appropriate and remaining funds carry over for the next academic year to fund new scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors from Sarasota County.

This year \$60,000 has been approved for the Scholarship Program – imagine what a difference that makes to our young students in persuing such worthwhile careers?

The Scholarship Committee is in the process of advertizing the SGC Scholarship program to [Sarasota County Educational Foundation](#) which candidates know to approach. We shall soon be receiving applications for review, **up until April 1st. Scholarships are awarded at an event at the club which is to take place on May 5th.**

For more information, please contact:

- Nancy Lewis, Community Projects Committee Chair – nancy-lewis@comcast.net
- Sharon Davisson, Community Projects Committee – SRDSTL41@gmail.com / 941-270-3418
- Other committee members include: Lynn Biega, Kathleen Strobel, and Mary Fran

NEXT General Members Monthly Meeting February 12

February's General Members Monthly Meeting is off-site with a guided walking tour of the SGC-maintained Ringling Gardens by Olivia Haynes.

The Walking Tour is now fully booked

Olivia Haynes will be the gardens tour guide and speaker for our Ringling meet-up on February 12, 2025. This replaces our monthly members' meeting. Plan on gathering in the Ringling lobby entrance at 10:00 a.m. *Ringling has gifted our club comp reservations.*

- Following the tour, those who want to meet for lunch at The Ringling Grillroom are invited to join us. **Please RSVP to Lynda at: lynda7948@gmail.com**



Olivia Haynes has been a very involved member of the Sarasota Garden Club for 24 years. She has held many Chair positions, including Vice President and President. As President she brought back Music in the Gardens, a program started by Sue Angle which had been discontinued.

One of the major projects she undertook was to get the Garden Club the historic marker that is now proudly displayed on our property and she assisted in getting our building on the National Historic Register.

She is now Hospitality Chair, History Chair, and Secret Garden Chair.

Livy retired and moved to Sarasota with her husband Bob in 2000. They joined the Sarasota Garden Club two weeks after moving here. Livy is a reading specialist and teaches reading for The Thinking Center in Sarasota three days a week, and is a member of The Sarasota County Butterfly Club.

Next month's March Program

Sarasota Garden Club General Members Monthly Meeting Wednesday March 19, 2025



*“Florida Highwaymen
Original artists of Florida’s
contemporary art tradition*



About our **SPEAKER:**
John McCarthy

Vice President for Regional History for Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is known for his knowledge of our local history.

A former Sarasota County Historian, he has a passion for the artworks of the Florida Highwayman

www.floridahighwaymenpaintings.com

**Please join us for
March’s General
Members Monthly
Meeting at the club
house**

Come learn the story of the Florida Highwaymen Artists, who sold their artworks in the 1950’s and ‘60’s.

Popular with tourists, these colorful paintings invite us to appreciate the history and natural landscape of the Sunshine State.



by R L Lewis, Florida Highwayman

Agenda: 9.30 – around Noon

- 9.30 - 10am – Social and Refreshments
- 10 to 10:30am – Business Meeting
- 10:30 to 11:30am – Program
- Raffle, & Close around Noon

Membership Committee Report



From Sue Angle, Membership Committee Chairman

Our Garden Club's January General Members Monthly Meeting had over 40 in attendance who heard news from Committee Chairs about the goings on in their committees and then learned about "Water 101 for Homeowners" from Bruno Kapacinskas, the Government Affairs Manager of Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Prior to our meeting, we enjoyed a social time with members and guests as we had delicious refreshments provided by the Hospitality Committee – thank you.

The following new members were welcomed, introduced, and given a gift of a plant, 2025 Yearbook/ Member Directory and New Member Folder.

- **Joan Hyde** lives in a Hi-Rise across from our club and has owned a Senior Living Facility and enjoys working with their residents.

This is something our Garden Club has done in the past by going to Assisted Facilities and the like in Sarasota to do hands-on things like potting a plant, or creating a small floral arrangement with the residents. For several years we also had a Tea for Assisted Living Facilities who brought their residents to our Garden Club to enjoy tea and cookies and a tour of our gardens.



- **Lela Pentsa** came to work in the gardens some time ago - when she didn't realize there was no Friday gardening and, after calling to find out there would be no group to garden with, she spent time taking pictures of the gardens instead! Lela worked at a Senior Living Facility here in Sarasota several years ago and she actually drove the bus and brought some of her residents to the Special Teas we had for those residents to be able to enjoy our gardens.
- **Bozena Jedlinski** joined our club that morning and in time to be introduced, and has already joined the Education Committee. She is from Poland and came to Sarasota by way of Chicago and then Florida's east coast. Bozena also stopped and talked with us at the Orchid Show where our members manned a Membership Table to talk with visitors about our club. Some of our members also created beautiful floral arrangements for the Orchid Show's stage.

We welcome these new members and hope you will look for them at our future meetings to make them feel a part of our club. Following our meeting, Guest Maria Bartlett completed her application to join SGC!

Welcome to ALL!

We hope you will bring a friend with you to one of our monthly meetings – it is a joy to have guests and there's always the possibility they will be a new member in the future. As we hear from many, we are a friendly and welcoming group and enjoy not only each other but also the wonderful programs that are available to us each month.

You need to have renewed your Sarasota Garden Club Membership for 2025 by now (end of January) to remain a member and enjoy the Programs, Educational Events, and meetings.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT SUE ANGLE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RENEWED AND WISH TO REMAIN ON THE MEMBER LIST

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Review of January's GMMM



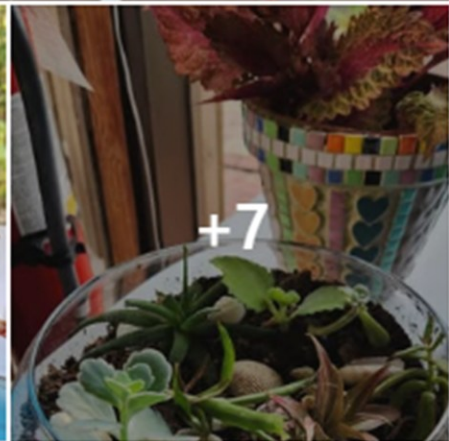
Sarasota Garden Club

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Our General Members Monthly Meeting last week was so informative. Members and guests gathered at our beautiful clubhouse to learn more about our local water resources management from SWFWMD Government Affairs Manager Bruce Kapacinskas.

The "Water 101 for Ho... See more



You, Carol Lackey, Carolyn Michielson and 9 others

9 comments · 1 share

CHECK IT OUT, WITH LOTS OF PHOTOS,
ON FACEBOOK

Review of January's Education Event "Preparing for a Flower Show"



Members gathered to learn all about what it takes to enter a flower show, whether it be for design or horticulture. Members who are very experienced (and some judges) went through the process with our attendees and delighted them with their own table displays, plants and design entry "samples".

Thank you to Angela Bennink (Education Committee), Claire Milligan (demonstrated an Exhibition piece), Barbara Rao (Horticulture), Dianne Beaver (Flower Show Chair) and Emily Yaffe (Design) for leading the group demonstrations and encouraging our members to enter our Members-Only Pop-up flower show that will be held at our Clubhouse on Wednesday, February 19th.



Check out more
photographs on our
Facebook page –
Thank you Carol
Lackey

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

SGC Flower Show

February 19

Our Members-only, Pop-up Flower Show takes place on Wednesday February 19 – put it in your calendar NOW! Be there!!!!

**CALLING ALL CLUB MEMBERS TO ENTER:
DESIGN &/OR HORTICULTURE Classes**

All the documents that were distributed and/or mentioned at Tuesday's Education Event are now available on our website on the Flower Show Event Page - [SGC – “Pop-Up” Flower Show](#) or individually below:

- [NGC Flower Show Handbook - from NGC website](#)
- [Flower Show Schedule](#) – look at this for full description of the Flower Show
- [Division I DESIGN - "Masquerade" - Classes](#)
- [Division I DESIGN - ENTRY FORM](#)
- [Division II HORTICULTURE - Sections A-C](#)
- [Division II HORTICULTURE - ENTRY FORM](#)
- [Name Your Plant Correctly](#)
- [Book of Evidence of last year's Ghostly Gala Show](#)

If you have any **GENERAL FLOWER SHOW QUERIES** contact
Dianne Beaver – Flower Show Chair - diannebeaver@gmail.com - 941-780-2949

If you have any **DESIGN RELATED QUERIES** contact
Emily Yaffe - eyaffe13@yahoo.com - 941-780-7808

If you have any **HORTICULTURE RELATED QUERIES**
contact Barbara Rao - barbara_rao@hotmail.com - 401-524-5289

Sarasota Garden Club



“Pop-Up” Flower Show

Small Standard Flower Show

**Wednesday
February 19**

**All members are
encouraged to get
involved and
submit entries!**

PRIVATE SHOW: no public viewing

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE

Division I – DESIGN

3 DESIGN Classes (see below), 4 entries per Class (12 entries total)

“MARDI GRAS TIME” Flower Show

Division I - DESIGN– “MASQUERADE”

Section A: “French Quarter” (4 entries per class)

Rosette of burgundy ribbons

🏆 **Designs eligible for a Table Artistry Award**

- Designer’s choice of plant material. Plant materials used may be dried, treated dried and/or fresh (HB p. 43)

Class 1 4 entries	“Fat Tuesday” Functional Table for 2	<p>Functional Table for 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table planned and set for actual service. • Must include a Decorative Unit. • Staged on a table 30” square 29” from the floor and free standing for 360-degree viewing. • Table will be entirely covered by black stretch cloth provided by the committee. • Table cover to be provided by designer. • Frame of reference is 30” wide x 30” deep and unlimited height.
Class 2 4 entries	“Beignets, Beads and Masks” Functional Table for 4	<p>Functional Table for 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table planned and set for actual service. • Must include a decorative unit. • Staged on a table 30” square 29” from the floor and free standing for 60-degree viewing. • Table will be entirely covered by black stretch cloth provided by the committee. • Table cover to be provided by designer. • Frame of reference is 30” wide x 30” deep and unlimited height.
Class 3 4 entries	“King of the Carnival” Exhibition Table	<p>Exhibition Table - Not meant to be functional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created artistically to suggest the service of food. • Plant material must be used as needed for the overall design. • Property is a black rectangular frame, 30” high x 20” wide and 1 ½ inches deep. • Frame is supported on three 9” dowels seated on a black flat base. • Overall height of property is 40” x 20” wide. • Staged ½ of a 6’ long table 29” from the floor. • Table will be entirely covered by black stretch cloth provided by the committee. • Background is off white. • Frame of reference is 36” wide x 30” deep with unlimited height.

See page 9 of the Show Schedule

Submit your Design Entry by printing the Entry Form, completing it,
photographing it and texting it to Emily Yaffe - 941-780-7808

OR EMAIL HER THE RELEVANT INFORMATION eyaffe13@yahoo.com



SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB – Pop-Up FLOWER SHOW – February 19 2025

DESIGN ENTRY FORM

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ON THIS FORM OR SAME INFORMATION VIA EMAIL

To: Emily Yaffe: eyaffe13@yahoo.com or 5350 Hidden Harbor Rd., Sarasota 34242

Pre-Registration is required. **Entry Deadline is Saturday February 8**



NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SECTION	CLASS	CLASS TITLE

Any other information/comments:

"MARDI GRAS TIME" Flower Show

Division II – HORTICULTURE - Classes

Section A	"Fleur de Lis"	
	Container-Grown <u>Foliage</u> Plants - HB p.41 Eligible for 1 Grower's Choice Award Pots may not weigh more than 15 pounds and plant diameter no more than 24 inches.	
	Class 1	Bromeliad
	Class 2	Croton
	Class 3	Fern
	Class 4	Hoya
	Class 5	Succulent
Class 6	<i>Any Other Worthy Named Specimen</i>	
Section B	"Garden District"	
	Container-Grown or Mounted <u>Flowering</u> Plants - HB p 41 Eligible for 1 Grower's Choice Award Pots may not weigh more than 15 pounds and plant diameter no more than 24 inches.	
	Class 7	Anthurium
	Class 8	Orchid
	Class 9	Saintpaulia (African Violet)
	Class 10	Spathiphyllum (Peace Lily)
	Class 11	<i>Any Other Worthy Named Specimen</i>

Division II

HORTICULTURE

3 HORTICULTURE
Sections with a total
of 17 Classes

(On pages 12 and 13
in the Show Schedule)

Section C	"Street Car"	
	Cut Specimens – HB p41 Eligible for 1 Award of Merit One single stem or spray, not to exceed 30 inches. No foliage allowed below the waterline. Committee to furnish clear appropriately sized containers, clear plastic wrap for wedging, and weights (only if needed for stability).	
	Class 12	Aspidistra
	Class 13	Cordyline (Ti Plant)
	Class 14	Cycad
	Class 15	Fern
	Class 16	Rhapsis (Lady Palm)
Class 17	<i>Any Other Worthy Named Specimens</i>	

Submit your HORTICULTURE Entry by printing the below Entry Form, completing it, photographing it and texting it to Barbara Rao – 401 524 5289

OR EMAIL HER THE RELEVANT INFORMATION Barbara_Rao@hotmail.com
 (that’s an underscore between Barbara and Rao - Barbara_Rao)



SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB – Pop-Up FLOWER SHOW – February 19 2025

HORTICULTURE ENTRY FORM

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ON THIS FORM OR SAME INFORMATION VIA EMAIL

To: Barbara Rao: Barbara_rao@hotmail.com, 872 Bayport Circle, Venice, FL 34292

Pre-Registration is required. [Entry Deadline is Tuesday February 4](#)



NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE LIST IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY SECTION **LIMIT TOTAL 10 ENTRIES PER ENTRANT**

SECTION	CLASS	REQUIRED: GENUS, SPECIFIC EPITHET (SPECIES/VARIETY/CULTIVAR/CROSS) IF KNOWN COMMON NAME/FLOWER COLOR

- Click here for photographs from last year’s (public) Flower Show
<https://carollackey.smugmug.com/Sarasota-Garden-Club-Events-and-Photos/SGC-2023-Flower-Show-ALL>

- Click here for the Book Of Evidence which illustrates last year’s show
<https://sarasotagardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-Ghostly-Gala-Book-of-Evidence-FINAL.pdf>

Review of SGC Arbor Day



Sarasota Garden Club is at Sarasota Garden Club.

January 17 at 8:11 PM · Sarasota · 🌐

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Florida Arbor Day was a bit unusual today at our botanical gardens. When we found out our gardens landscape soil was infiltrated with salt water from both Hurricanes Helene and Milton, we knew planting a tree for this special day would not be an option on our grounds.

What a terrific idea the volunteer member gardeners came up with!!! Planting a native, salt-tolerant tree in a pot and have it be located within our patio waterfalls garden!!! It's a WIN/WIN, as we will re-plant the Silver Buttonwood tree from [Your Farm and Garden](#) when the landscape recovers!!

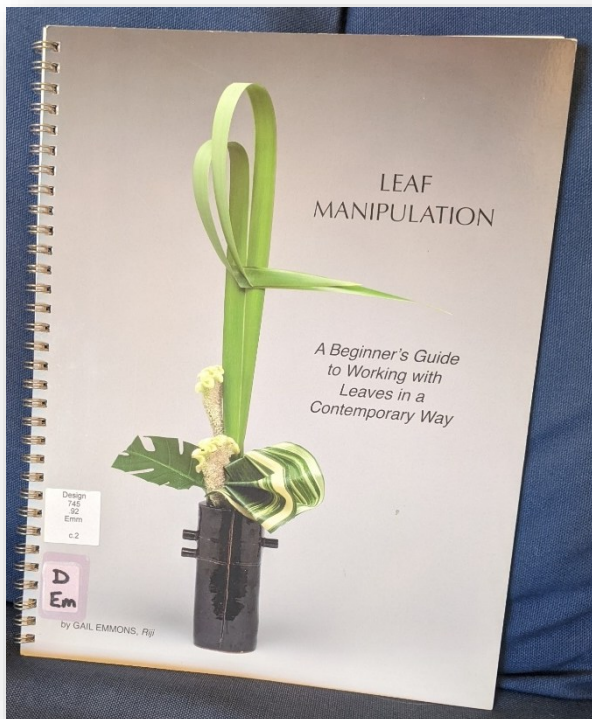
Come see the tree any time. It's a beauty. AND, if you enjoy gardening, come join our volunteer gardeners on Fridays. Right now we are clearing up and cleaning out the damaged landscape from 9 AM to 11 AM every week!! See you then!



[CHECK OUT THE FACEBOOK POST](#)

A book from the off-site Library

A sincere thank you to Lynn Biega who has consistently maintained the Sarasota Garden Club Library collection AND we have all enjoyed her “What’s in the Library?” article for Blooming Chatter, and sincerely appreciate her valued knowledge to assist in re-installing the Library Collection in its updated location.



Bibliographic Reference : Design Section
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LEAF MANIPULATION

A beginner’s guide to working with leaves in a contemporary way.

By Gail Emmons.

Gail Emmons started her flower arranging journey while living in Hong Kong and taking classes in Ikebana. When she returned to the U.S., she continued with Ikebana, as well as beginning her studies and involvement in western flower arranging. Her trademark in flower arranging has been the development of a dynamic sculptural style that mixes the traditions of both East and West in new and daring ways.

This article was submitted by Lynn Biega – Chair of the Sarasota Garden Club’s Library Interest Group.

The Library Interest Group is responsible for all Sarasota Garden Club’s books (located in our Library) relating to gardening and horticulture. **This is a priceless collection of information for Florida gardeners.**

The awards received by SGC are also maintained by the Library Chair.
Tel: 941-918-4356

News from Ikebana



**IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL
CHAPTER 115, SARASOTA**



***I.I. Meeting -
MONDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2025
10:00 a.m. - Sarasota Garden Club
WWW.IISARASOTA.COM***

**I.I. General Meeting
Monday February 24, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

**Sarasota Garden Club
Sogetsu School:**

MORIMONO
Arrangements

**Demonstration, Workshop
and Critique:
Doris Botshon**



GUEST FEE: \$10

Let us know if you would like to join:

Email: dorindawilkinson@gmail.com

Call or Text: 941-284-4443

PRESIDENTS DAY (Open the Saturday before)
MOTHERS DAY (Open the Saturday before)
LABOR DAY (Open Monday)

Exotic Plant Sale!

Explore the Gardens!



OPEN 9 am - 3 pm
NO ENTRY BEFORE 9am

Admission is free.

Bring your camera and your friends.
Explore a variety of world-class plant collections.
Stroll the gardens at your own pace.

Garden sale.

The owners and their favorite growers
will be here to answer questions and offer
landscape advice. A wide variety of
unusual plants, driftwood and ceramics
will be available for purchase.



BRANCH TROPICAL GARDEN

Next to Sarasota Succulent Garden
1315 38th Street, Sarasota, Florida
(941) 358-4953

Visit Rob Branch on Facebook



Rainforest Trail
Koi Pond & Waterfall
Cactus & Succulent Garden
Rare Palm Collection (over 280 varieties)
Thousands of colorful bromeliads,
orchids, aroids, heliconias, gingers,
bamboo & much more!



Sarasota Succulent Society

Annual Presidents Day Sale

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Featured Speaker

Mitch Kessler
Kessler's Cacti & Things

Mitch will be presenting a fun-filled session on how to care for and grow cacti and succulents in Florida.

Kessler's Cacti & Things will also be presenting a large selection of plants for you to shop in addition to our inventory of beautiful succulents, dish gardens and air plants.

Garden Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Presentation at 10:00 a.m.

Sarasota Succulent Society
1310 38th Street
Sarasota, FL 34234



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**

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