# 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 - **100 years in 2027.**

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
- 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)
- Reference books
- Individual and Club Award recognition and honors
- Annual convention opportunities
- SGC Website, with Yearbook and Member 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:

Gardens in Paradise
Sarasota Garden Club Presents
A Premier Tour of Private Exclusive Gardens

## *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 from The Bay),* 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 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 email Becci on**
**Communications@SarasotaGardenClub.org**

# 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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