

# The Blooming Chatter

The Sarasota Garden Club Newsletter

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## Our Mission

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

The Botanical Gardens are open to the public for your exploration and enjoyment!

**Garden Hours:** Daylight - 7 days a week

**Location:** 1131 Boulevard of the Arts

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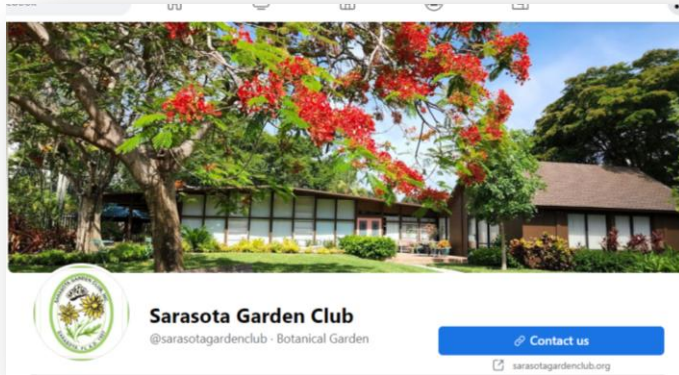
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# SGC Online: Keep in Touch

- **FOLLOW**  
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and **INSTAGRAM** for the latest  
information.



- **VISIT SARASOTA**  
**GARDEN CLUB WEBSITE**  
for information and  
event registration
- **[www.sarasotagardenclub.org](http://www.sarasotagardenclub.org)**
- **New Yearbook and Member Directory available now online – visit [THE MEMBERS AREAS](#)**
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# President's Message

## Greetings Garden Club Members!

We have been a very busy Club this Fall. Hard to believe it is already December! We have many exciting activities happening this month. We began with our "Christmas Tree Trimming Party" and then our "Holiday Music In The Gardens" concert this Sunday. Next, we have our exciting "Holiday Floral Design Workshop". We hope everyone can attend.

Our General Meeting this month will be "Holiday Epiphytes" and a "Plant Mounting Demonstration" on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be a very interesting program this month.

As everyone is aware, we are in the final stages of completing the Special Partnership agreement with The Bay. Our current status is meeting with the City Commission to finalize the document for us, Sarasota Garden Club and for The Bay. The date that this is scheduled for is January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023. If for some reason this date does not work out, it will be February 2023.

With this upcoming partnership, how we operate is changing. With this change, we now have member volunteers for key functions we need to continue. These areas are:

- **OFFICE HOURS** – we now have a pilot with office hours on Friday from 9-12 – with CJ Danna as our current volunteer for this
- **CALENDAR** – Calendar requests now to be sent to Kelly Goodwin – Kelly Goodwin is now maintaining the Calendar
- **EMAIL** – Email communications – CJ Danna and Dianne Beaver

If anyone has questions or recommendations on the new approach to these processes, please let me know.

Wishing everyone a JOYOUS DECEMBER!

Fondly, Kelly Goodwin, President




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# December Dates



DECEMBER 2022		
1 <sup>st</sup>	11.30am	Holiday Tree Trimming Party
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8-11am	Friday Gardening at SGC
4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living
	5pm	 <b>Holiday in the Gardens</b> <b>Klick Band</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>*SGC – Board of Directors Meeting</b>
	5pm	Sarasota Orchid Society
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	 <b>Holiday Floral Design</b> <b>WORKSHOP</b>
	1.30pm	<b>*SGC - Ad-Hoc Meeting</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	8-11am	Friday Gardening at SGC
	Ikebana Holiday Luncheon at Palm Aire	
11 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Center for Spiritual Living
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	The Founders Garden Club
	10.30am	Civic Beautification Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	 <b><u>MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING</u></b> <b>“Holiday Epiphytes”</b> <b>“Holiday Epiphytes” – A discussion of epiphyte history, care, and cultivation, followed by a plant mounting demonstration”</b> <b>By Addie Worth, Bliss Horticulture</b>
	1.30pm	<b>*SGC - Ad-Hoc Meeting</b>
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wedding Ceremony and Reception</b>	
	8-11am	Friday Gardening at SGC
18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living
20 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>*SGC – Executive Committee Meeting</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	1.30pm	<b>*SGC - Ad-Hoc Meeting</b>
23-30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Office Closed</b>	

\*SGC Members are welcome to attend ALL SGC Meetings: Board, Executive and Ad-Hoc

# January 2023 Dates ALREADY!?


JANUARY 2023		
1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living – also 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	<b>*SGC – Board of Directors Meeting</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>		SGC @ The Bay at City Hall to process Special Partnership
4 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Floralia 16
6 <sup>th</sup>	8-11am	<b>* Friday Gardening at SGC – also 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup></b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	9am	The Founders Garden Club
	10.30am	<b>** SGC Civic Beautification Meeting</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers Club
17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>*SGC – Executive Committee Meeting</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>“Habitat restoration and Urban Ecology Practices in Florida-friendly Landscapes by Sean Patton, Stocking Savvy</b>
	3pm	Butterfly Club
21 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Wedding Ceremony and Reception</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<b>** SGC Civic Beautification Meeting</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Civic Beautification Awards Luncheon</b> (below – at last year’s awards)
30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ikebana Society Meeting



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If you think the monthly Calendar looks shorter, I’ve concatenated repeating events ... so you can see at a glance when regular events are occurring.

# General Members Meetings Schedule - 2022-2023

<p>Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> 2022</p>	<p><b>“Holiday Epiphytes”</b>  <b>A discussion of epiphyte history, care, and cultivation, followed by a plant mounting demonstration”</b>          By Addie Worth, Bliss Horticulture</p>
<p><b>*** SGC members and guests are invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to <u>“Toys for Tots”</u> ***</b></p> 	
<p>Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023</p>	<p><b>“Habitat restoration and Urban Ecology Practices in Florida-friendly Landscapes”</b>          By Sean Patton, Stocking Savvy</p>
<p>Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2023</p>	<p><b>“Spring in Paradise” – Floral Arrangements Using Florida Foliages and Florals</b>          By Betty Call</p>
<p>Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2023</p>	<p><b>“Exploring, Capturing and Sharing Sarasota Beyond the Pavement”</b>          By Miri Hardy          Ph.D. Wildlife Photographer and Environmental Educator</p>
<p>Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2023</p>	<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p>
<p>Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023</p>	<p><b>“What is a Flower Show? - Design, Horticulture, Photography, Education”</b>  <b>How to enter, what to look for in your plants, judging, rules and all your questions answered”</b>          By Leading Flower Show Experts TBA</p>

**If you would like to join the Programs Committee, please email Carol Lackey at [programs@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:programs@SarasotaGardenClub.org).  
**All Members welcome!!****

# Review of Floral Demonstration

On Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sara Munford and Laurel Quarberg demonstrated their fabulous flower design skills to a captive audience of SGC members and guests. This was organized by Dianne Beaver who manages the club's Horticulture schedule. **DECEMBER WORKSHOP SCHEDULED.**



**FLORAL DESIGN**  
Sarasota Garden Club presents  
**HOLIDAY FLORAL DESIGN DEMONSTRATION**  
By Sara Munford & Laurel Quarberg  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, 10:30 - 11:30  
1131 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota  
No Charge \$\$

Sarah Munford and Laurel Quarberg owned *The New Leaf*, a floral design studio in Norfolk's Chelsea business district. In 2015, they were among 13 women honored by the YWCA of South Hampton Roads as *Women of Distinction* in the business category. The business celebrated its 30th anniversary throughout 2017. In 2020 they celebrated 34 years of being in business. Now SGC has the honor of them joining our Club.  
They will do a Workshop on December 7, 10:30am - 1:30pm

The delightful duo produced 5 individual table pieces and flower arrangements, in front of our eyes, whilst recounting hilarious tales gathered during their 30+ year career in flower designs for key individuals and events. Who'd have thought it could be so much fun, whilst learning some valuable lessons and getting tips to create our own arrangements.



(left) The first table decoration was a combination of garden foliage, supermarket lilies and even GRAPES, presented in a high-stemmed container, easily found in charity/yard sales. Ideal on a dinner table for a special event.

At the other extreme (right), this delightful display looked huge, but was designed (with space for birds to fly through) with a view to create an attractive, light and interesting display for a sideboard or table.

**Note: Kay Weber won this in the raffle! Lucky lady.**





# Review of Floral Demonstration Cont/...

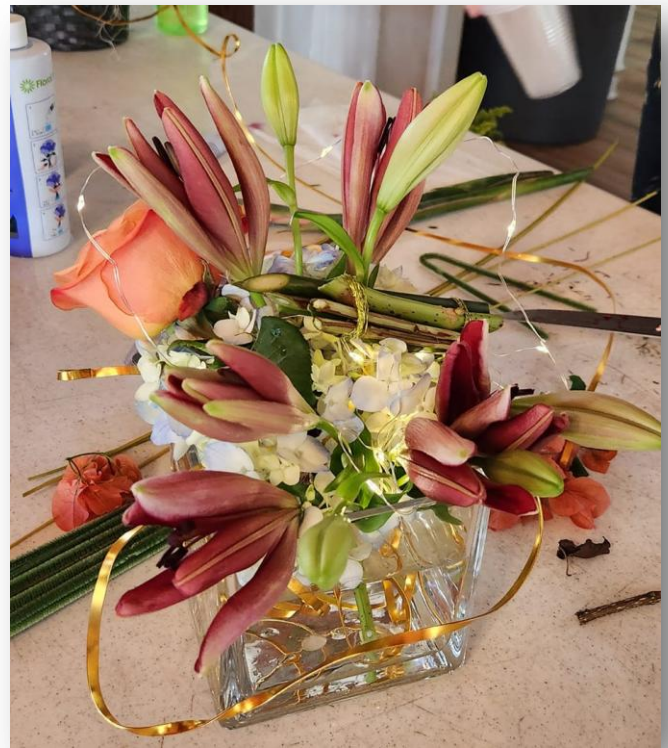
**My personal favorite was a smaller table decoration, using a hydrangea as the oasis, with roses, lilies, whatever, sitting in its petals.**

In the container, put copper-colored ribbon/wire, and even battery operated lights (water proof) to bring it alive.

For extra effect, continue the copper wire and lighting along the table, and place one or two of the flowers along it, to create a really professional look.

I shall be taking this design back to England to recreate on our Christmas Holiday Table, and we'll see if it looks as good!

**SARAH & LAUREL are running a hands-on WORKSHOP on DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>. SIGN UP ON LINE ASAP AS NUMBERS are RESTRICTED TO 30.**



**Just a few of the tips they mentioned include:**

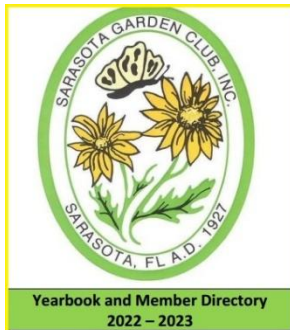
- (1) Conditioning flowers is a 'must', and **Quickdip floral hydration** was recommended (@ \$14 online) to *"bring things right back up!"* - or something like that.
- (2) When picking garden flowers, put them in to a bucket of water **IMMEDIATELY** – within 3 seconds – none of that Bronte Sisters gathering flowers in a wicker basket...
- (3) Buy lilies a few days before you want to show your display to ensure they open (and remove stamens and staining pollen with a pipe cleaner!)
- (4) Microwave moss to get rid of pests
- (5) Squeeze Bird of Paradise flowers to expose up to 3 blooms! – everybody found this fascinating – and I for one have been checking out every one planted in a public space ....

# Review of November's General Members Meeting



**An enthralled audience and another busy General Meeting:**

## **Yearbook and Member Directory**



The Communications Committee is pleased to announce that the Members Yearbook and Directory is finalized and **AVAILABLE ONLINE**.

Members have been sent an email with a direct link to the online Yearbook – for the most up-to-date information, and you can print some/all pages (at any size) of the document at home.

**New members** to the club will automatically receive a printed, bound copy of the Yearbook, and several existing members have also requested printed copies, which will be available soon.

Go to the website | Select **Members Section** | enter the **Password** provided – if you do not know the password, please email [office@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:office@SarasotaGardenClub.org).

# FFGC award for the SGC Flower Show October 2021 "Garden to Table"



Our October 2021 Flower Show "Garden to Table" Co-Chairs Emily Yaffe and Sara Bagley were recognized by the National Garden Club and Florida Federation of Garden Clubs as the recipients of the Award of Merit for a Standard Flower Show by a Club with Over 100 Members. What an amazing achievement.



The flower show is an all volunteer member effort for the

community, and allows us to highlight the design and creative talents of our members in Horticulture, Design, and Education.

*Thank you to members and FFGC District 8 Trustee Sue Angle and President Kelly Goodwin for highlighting the achievements of our club.*



## Flower Show continued ....

I'm sure I can speak for other club members in saying that we are very much looking forward to the next Flower Show, especially now that we have seen what an exciting event it can be, and how the whole event is open to everyone to submit one or more exhibits.

## Notice of HISTORICAL MARKER award for SGC

The Sarasota Garden Club building already hold [a City Historic Designation](#), which is hanging on the outside of the door leading in to the Great Room.

These are awarded to buildings that meet the City of Sarasota's goal:

*"It shall be the goal of the City of Sarasota to identify, document, protect, preserve, and enhance all cultural, historic, architectural, archaeological resources of the City."*

Olivia Haynes, Community Projects Manager, announced at this month's general meeting that we are finally about to receive **THE HISTORIC MARKER**, which has been 6 years in the making. SEE BELOW: in the foundry!

*Historical Markers have been used since the late 1800s to educate residents and visitors about many significant historical locations across the country.*

Receiving this award gives us a trifecta of historic documentation, the City, the County, and the National; recognition of our 95-year-old club and our 62-year-old building.



**MORE ON THIS SOON - as an award ceremony is being scheduled, and it deserves a full report to thank everybody that has been involved over a considerable amount of time/effort.**

# Guest Speaker: Sarasota Orchid Society

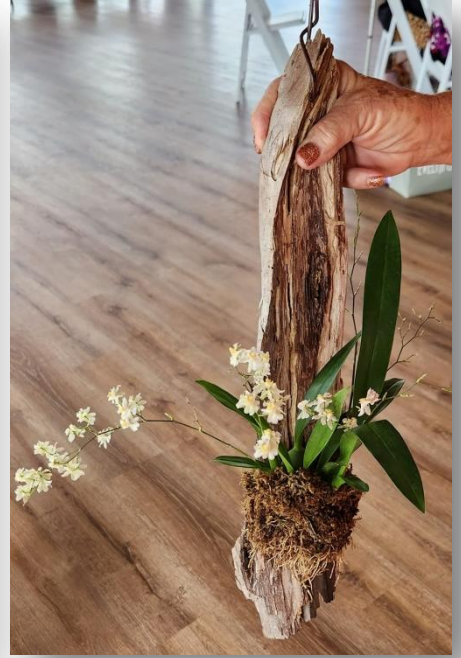
On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November the owner of “**All Around Orchids**” (*also a member of the Sarasota Orchid Society*), **Elfi Espino**, gave a superb demonstration on mounting and re-potting orchids.

**Mounting:** Look at these 2 beautiful examples of orchids mounted on driftwood, complete with a wire hook to hang it on a tree.

She recommends to tie orchids with zip ties, galvanized wire, or panty hose to retain moisture. Tie it tight as they like to feel contact with their new home. Oh, and cut the excess roots! That looked brutal but she insists.

**Re-potting:** re-pot in to a pot ONLY 1” larger, trim the orchid’s roots, use styrofoam (packing chips) in the bottom 1/3 of the pot, fill with moss and orchid mix and PUSH IT ALL DOWN HARD, to make it firm enough to pick up by the flower stem. They like to feel snug!

**Elfi, who has over 25 years’ experience, admits that there’s always lots to learn!** She had bought along a selection of orchids for members to buy, which they did with glee. This month’s Flower of the Month is one of them. THANK YOU ELFI.



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# Next Monthly Meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>

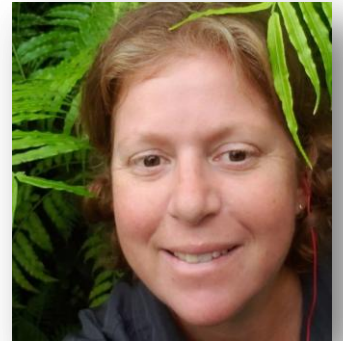
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## “HOLIDAY EPIPHYTES”



- **Speaker:**  
**Addie Worth,**  
**Bliss Horticulture**



**addieworth@gmail.com**

- **“Holiday Epiphytes”**
- **A discussion of epiphyte history, care, and cultivation, and**
- **Plant mounting demonstration**

### **Just so you know:**

An epiphyte is a plant growing on other plants. Epiphytes are known as “**air plants**” because they are not anchored in the soil. Epiphytes derive nutrients from rainwater, air and from other sources. There are many adaptations present in the epiphytes to get nutrients and survive.

Epiphytes are found on branches, leaves, trunk and other surfaces of plants. Epiphytes anchor themselves to a tree, but do not obtain water or other nutrients directly from it. Epiphytes are commonly found in rainforests.

# Review of Horticulture Study

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November Florida-Friendly Landscaping Outreach Specialist, Forest Hecker, from UF | University of FLORIDA, gave a detailed presentation on “Florida-Friendly Landscaping 101”.

Forest is passionate and extremely knowledgeable on his topic, and keen for other people to appreciate that Florida-Friendly gardening can create a beautiful and productive space. *One thing’s for sure, he doesn’t believe in grass in areas that ‘just don’t need it’; use mulch or pebbles instead.*

UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability is located at 6700 Clark Road, Twin Lakes Park (Green Building), Sarasota, FL 34241 – and well worth a visit.

Check out their website: [Sarasota County - UF/IFAS Extension \(ufl.edu\)](https://www.sarasota.fl.ifas.ufl.edu/)

Forest (perfect name, right?) explained the Nine Florida-Friendly Landscaping Principles – see below:

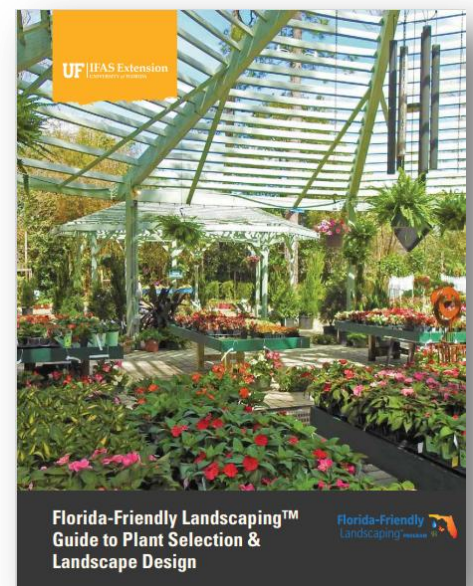
1. Right Plant, Right Place
2. Water Efficiently
3. Fertilize Appropriately
4. Mulch
5. Attract Wildlife
6. Manage Yard Pests Responsibly
7. Recycle
8. Manage Stormwater Runoff
- 9.
10. Protect The Waterfront

He gave everyone a copy of this super 130-page document, packed full of ideas and information, INCLUDING fully detailed design options for plots and information on how to convert your yard to be FF. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the book comprises the FF Plant List, providing a rich source of information to help gardeners select RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE. SGC Members may recognize this – but it’s the latest version.

Click on the image above, or this link to download a pdf version of the booklet

[https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/fflifasufledu/docs/FFL-Plant-Guide\\_v03222022\\_web.pdf](https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/fflifasufledu/docs/FFL-Plant-Guide_v03222022_web.pdf)

Check out the **fflplantguide.com** application, available on Apple Store and Google Play



# Fundraising: Holiday Music in the Gardens December 4th



## SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS

### "HOLIDAY MUSIC IN THE GARDENS"

1131 Blvd. of the Arts  
Sarasota, FL

Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**\$30.00 PER PERSON**

### "The Klick Band"



6:00pm -  
8:00pm

Dance and enjoy music from the 50's to present,  
while sitting or strolling through our beautiful  
botanical garden setting.

*(maintained by the SGC Club members).*

- Champagne, wine, and hors d'oeuvres provided by SGC
- Plus Silent Auction and Prizes

[BOOK ONLINE](#)

Or please RSVP to Kelly Goodwin  
941-718-3359 / [klgbrg@me.com](mailto:klgbrg@me.com)





# Early Bird Special Ticket Price for Gardens in Paradise Tour 2023



**EARLY BIRD  
GARDENS IN PARADISE TOUR  
MARCH 25, 2023**

**Early Bird Savings!** The last couple of tours, we ran an **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL** for members and past attendees. It has been a huge success! So, this year, you can take advantage again of this wonderful deal from **October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. **Members** will be able to purchase unlimited tickets on our Sarasota Garden Club website for **\$20**, and **non-members** can purchase unlimited tickets for **\$25** a ticket up until **December 31, 2022**. Tickets will be available for purchase on our SGC website shortly. You will receive an email when our website sales go live and also a form if you wish to pay with a check. You can also purchase Early bird tickets at our **October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, and December 14<sup>th</sup> General Meetings**.

Please send any questions to Kelly Goodwin, [klgbrg@icloud.com](mailto:klgbrg@icloud.com)

*These tickets make an ideal gift for holiday, Christmas, thank you, and for friends and family*

**This tour, scheduled for March 25, 2023, requires a big commitment from our members but it is also a great opportunity for us to have fun together doing something we all love.**

**GIP coordinating Team will be meeting on the third Friday of the month at 11 am at the Club and by zoom. Please join us!**



# Gardens *in* Paradise

9th Annual Sarasota Garden Club  
*Premier Garden Tour  
of Private Gardens*

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**9:30am - 4pm**

*Rain or Shine*

**Advanced Reservations: \$35/person**

**Day of Tour: \$40/person**

Group rates available upon request

**Lunches available at SGC Gardens:**

11:30am to 1:30pm, \$15



**For More Information  
& Reservations**

[www.SarasotaGardenClub.org](http://www.SarasotaGardenClub.org)

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# Thank you from the Sarasota Children's Garden



**The Children's Garden** was created in 2003 by Joan Marie Condon who wanted a special place for children to go and leave the electronic world behind and discover new adventures in the natural world. It is a small piece of wonder, a place for creative play and to find magic in Mother Nature.

<http://www.sarasotachildrengarden.com/>

- The Sarasota Garden Club is a great supporter of this organization
- The Children's Garden has an ongoing Plant Sale to raise funds

## BIG THANK YOU

**From Olivia Haynes, Community Projects Manager:**

*"Many thanks to the Sarasota Garden Club members who donated plants to help the Children's Garden raise money at their ongoing Plant Sale. Bob and I (in photo) brought a truckload over to the Children's Garden and they were very gratefully accepted. Some of the plants will be planted there to fill in empty spots from storm damage and the rest will be sold."*

- Special thanks to **Carol Lackey** for getting a carload of plants left over from Selby's Garden Plant Sale, and to
- **Ann Madden** for the plants from the Master Gardener's Plant Sale and getting them to the Children's Garden.



**This is such a nice way to support a fellow organization. We plan to do this again in a few months, so if you didn't get to donate for this one, you will have another opportunity.**

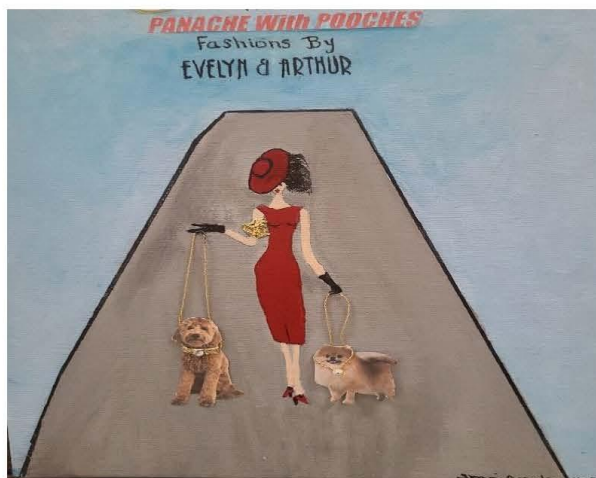
# Charity Event: Fashion Show

## February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023



### SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB

#### Presents



**\$50.00**

Please join us for a fashion show charity event with Dante's Den

Sponsored by The Sarasota Garden Club  
1131 Blvd. of the Arts

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 4:00pm – 6:00pm*  
*Shopping outside in the gardens – 12pm-6pm*

*Adorable pooches, wine, refreshments, lite bites,  
fashions, vendors for you and your dogs, silent  
auctions, and a great afternoon.*

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE** [SarasotaGardenClub.org](http://SarasotaGardenClub.org) by  
clicking on PANACHE WITH POOCHES

**OR**

**Mail a check to Sarasota Garden Club, Attn. Panache With Pooches, 1131  
Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236**

**If you have any questions, please contact CJ Danna**  
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# Civic Beautification Committee

Civic Beautification Committee (CBC) Co-chairs	Pat Bonarek Jim Whalen	Pat: 941-355-4792 / (c) 941-228-1610	<a href="mailto:patbon5@verison.net">patbon5@verison.net</a> <a href="mailto:jwalenpa@aol.com">jwalenpa@aol.com</a>
<p>Civic Beautification Committee members canvas local area public and commercial business properties, both large and small, in an assigned Sarasota County zip code and take photographs.</p> <p>The Committee then selects those which have attained outstanding landscaping. Beautification awards are then presented at a celebration ceremony luncheon on Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2023.</p>			

Civic Beautification Meeting Schedule	
CANCELLED October 11 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial meeting review process.</li> <li>Assign zip codes and evaluation sheets</li> </ul>
November 8 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial review of pictures and evaluations of properties</li> <li>Stress importance of correct contact names, addresses and zip codes</li> </ul>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b> <b>December 13</b> <b>2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Continue to review pictures</b></li> <li><b>Discuss choices for “Special Award Winners”</b></li> </ul>
January 10 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address invitations to award winners</li> <li>Choose “Special Award Winners”, order plaques, compile lists for certificates, encourage hand delivery of invitations to all award winners by CBC members, contact media, contact food and beverage committee, arrange contact list for office for attendance count</li> </ul>
January 25 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Room set-up, display picture boards, arrange table centerpieces, arrange check-in process, assign helpers, arrange certificates, plaques and presenter area</li> </ul>
January 26 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CBC Winners arrive – LUNCHEON</b></li> <li><b>Awards Ceremony</b></li> </ul>

# Botanical Gardens Report

**“Gardening makes us even in this world”**

*By Kay Weber, Botanical Garden Chair*

**“Friday Morning Workers” are working every Friday.**



We are still doing cleanup from hurricanes Ian and Nicole, but the garden’s looking good.

The new fence, erected by The Bay, is of ‘open’ design, and makes the garden more visible, so our main job last week was to clean up along the street side to create the best view.



We have a great crew that really works so hard each and every Friday. New volunteers Elaine and Martha came to help with more cleanup. Donald (*right*) is working on painting our damaged SGC sign on The Bay side.

**Nice surprise as Snowbird Wiley (left in above photo) is back also.** He and Emily were very busy cutting back the damaged Black Bamboo and the Strawberry Guava Trees.



The week before Thanksgiving we had a really tasty Pot Luck Lunch, attended by 15 volunteers – SOME with crazy socks!



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**We are a mix of serious gardeners and keen enthusiasts, who work hard - and we sure have a good time together.**

My Co-Chair Carolyn and I open up about 8.30am and work until 11am, or so.

There is a job waiting for you too – all listed on the erasable board; you can

choose what you would like to accomplish each Friday, as we always have 7-8 items on the board. Come when you can. We always have water and light snacks.

- Thank you to **Carol Lackey** for donating a wooden bench AND dozens of plants to add to the Falling Waters and Quiet Gardens.
- Thank you to **Debbie S** for two new birdhouses – the old ones fell foul of the hurricanes.



# Kay's Orchid Tips for December



- December marks the beginning of the seriously dry season in South Florida. December is the month of the shortest day lengths.
- In December, remember to water early in the day, so your plants have as many hours as possible to dry – and water very heavily allowing longer intervals between watering.
- If it does rain the night before, you can skip a day – always check how wet or dry your orchid is before watering.

## TASKS FOR DECEMBER

- Protect cold-sensitive genera
- Provide extra potassium and magnesium
- Re-pot flowered-out plants, and be sure they are secure

## Sarasota Orchid Society – Orchids in Paradise:

- **January 2023:** SGC members will be designing the stage for the Orchids in Paradise show
- **The Sarasota Garden Club will have a table at the event, to promote the club – if you would like to volunteer for an hour or so to represent SGC, please contact Kelly Goodwin: [President@SarasotaGardenClub.org](mailto:President@SarasotaGardenClub.org)**
- **Members are advised that this is an excellent venue to buy Orchid-related supplies**







Thank you to all the garden  
volunteers

# Ikebana International

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YOU ARE INVITED



*Sarasota Chapter #115  
55th Anniversary Celebration*

Presents

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

**IKEBANA – JOY OF CELEBRATION**

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

10am – 2pm

Palm Aire Country Club

5601 Country Club Way

Sarasota, FL., 34243

941-355-9733

## **IKEBANA - The Japanese Art of Floral Design**

Ikebana is the 6th C. elegant art of Japanese floral design. This art-form was introduced into Japan along with the advancement of Buddhism. Ikebana International, an international organization dedicated to “Friendship through Flowers”, was founded in 1956 with the formation of Tokyo Founding Chapter in Tokyo, Japan. Ikebana Chapter #1 is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

### **SARASOTA CHAPTER #115 CELEBRATES 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Monthly meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at the Sarasota Garden Club Botanical Gardens. The meetings are open to the public. Membership in the local organization includes membership in the International organization with headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. For more information, please visit our website: [www.iisarasota.com](http://www.iisarasota.com).

# Reservation Form for Ikebana Int Holiday Luncheon

## Menu Choices

1. Vegetarian Pasta Primavera in a light lemon butter,
2. Pan Roasted Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce served over Rice Pilaf, Haricots Verts,
3. Chicken Blanquette (Sautéed Chicken Breast with Sherry Mushroom Cream Sauce), Champagne Risotto, Haricots Verts.

Holiday Fig and Pear Tart

Complementary beverages are tea, soda, and coffee.  
Wine, beer, and cocktails may be purchased from your server.

### Open Seating\* Individual Registrations (\$50/pp includes tax and gratuity)

\*Seats are not reserved

First and Last Name	Phone	Menu Choice	Special Menu Needed?-specify
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Table Registrations-8 people (\$400/table) Provide the names and each guest's menu choice on the back of this form.

Host Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Menu Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form and checks payable to I.I. Chapter #115 to:

Dorinda Wilkinson  
PO Box 242  
Osprey, FL 34229

Email questions to [johnadri@comcast.net](mailto:johnadri@comcast.net)

## Sarasota Garden Club members and Ikebana teachers are members:

- Adrienne Wagner, President - [johnadri@comcast.net](mailto:johnadri@comcast.net)
- Jennifer Walker, VP, Programs - [jwalker701@verizon.net](mailto:jwalker701@verizon.net)
- Patricia Bonarek, VP, Membership - [patbon5@verizon.net](mailto:patbon5@verizon.net)

**Most of us have lived and worked in Japan, studied Ikebana there and have earned teaching levels.**

# Butterfly Club

Announcing new President

of the Butterfly Club.

Susan Morris-Huse (far right) taking over from Karen Rosenbeck (left).



## BAZAAR!

December 17<sup>th</sup>

No more plants

required,

but come along

**Plant donations are needed.**

We are creating Pollinator Pots to be sold at our fundraising table.

**November 19<sup>th</sup> & December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Held at the Bazaar on Apricot and Lime.

**We need both host plants and nectar plants**

Carly Stem Passion vine	Twinflower
Maypop	Coneflower
Milkweed	Salvia

These are just some ideas; any container-friendly host or nectar plants are welcome.

Please respond as soon as possible and we'll arrange for a drop-off or pick-up location.

Thanks in advance.

# CONTRIBUTIONS

- Thank you to everyone who contributes to Blooming Chatter – “*content is king*” and everyone is welcome to submit copy for inclusion.
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- **FOLLOW SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB ON FACEBOOK for the latest information**



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