

The Blooming Chatter

The Sarasota Garden Club Newsletter

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“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!

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Highlights

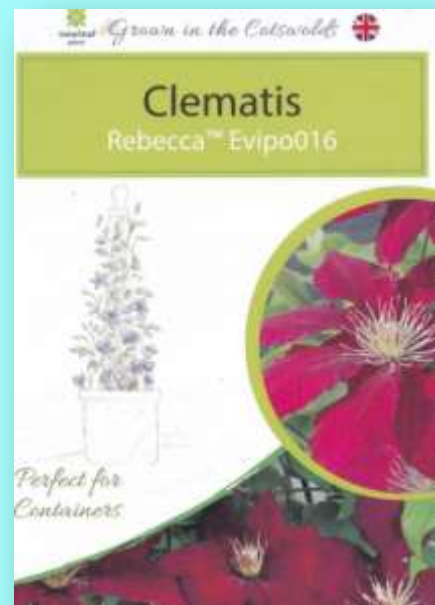
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✚ Fundraising

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Flower of the month (Rebecca)



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- **FOLLOW**
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information.



- **VISIT**
SARASOTA
GARDEN CLUB
WEBSITE for
information
and event
registration



- **www.SarasotaGardenClub.org**

President's Message

Hello Members!

We hope that you and yours are safe and sound from the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. We are grateful to report that our club house suffered minimal damage, but there is a lot of debris and some downed trees in the gardens.

- **BIG thank you** to Kay and Carolyn and their team of garden volunteers who have been working hard to bring the gardens back in to shape.

We also thank Bill Waddill, of The Bay, as he and his teams have been assisting us with removing and replanting the big trees impacted by the storm, and any items Kay and the team need assistance with.

- Please note that the **“Music in the Gardens”** fundraising event, which was to be held on Sunday 9th October, is rescheduled to Sunday, December 4th, but apart from that we are on schedule and we look forward to seeing you soon.

- **We are excited to welcome Shari Amato as our Fundraising Chair.**
Welcome and thank you Shari!



The search continues to seek Chairs for the **Membership, Education, Flower Show, Floral Design and Horticulture.**

If anyone is interested in any of these areas, please let us know.

Taking on one of these roles can be an excellent way to meet others with common interests.

SGC / The Bay Partnership

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors is working to complete the Sarasota Garden Club's partnership with The Bay Park Conservancy.

Currently, the partnership is in legal review. We continue to work towards a November 1st, 2022 effective date.

The Bay has been assisting us with removing and replanting the big trees impacted by the storm.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me on any questions or concerns you may have.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our October General Meeting and our exciting activities this month.

Fondly,
Kelly Goodwin,
President
941-718-3359



October Dates

OCTOBER 2022 Dates in the Diary		
10 th	10am	SGC Board Meeting
11 th	9am	The Founders Club
	10.30am	Civic Beautification Meeting
13 th	10-11.30am	New Member Social
14 th	8-11am	Friday Gardening at SGC
	"The Bay" opening	
18 th	10am	Executive Committee Meeting
19 th	10am - midday	<u>MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING</u> "Landscaping Your Yard with Native Plants" Plantings to attract birds, butterflies, pollinators and wildlife <i>By Tom Heitzman, Sweet Bay Nursery</i>
20 th	9am	Butterfly Club Meeting
21 st	8-11am	Friday Gardening at SGC
23 rd	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living
24 th	FFGC – Fall District Meeting, Clearwater Garden Club	
26 th	6pm	Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers club
28 th	8-11am	Friday Gardening at SGC
	FFGC – District VIII Horticulture Extravaganza, Garden Club of St Petersburg	
30 th	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living
31 st	9.30am	Ikebana Society Meeting "Eeeekebana!!" Freestyle Halloween Theme Workshop. Demonstration, Workshop and Critique



November Dates

NOVEMBER 2022 Dates in the Diary		
3 rd	Wedding and Reception	
4 th	8-11am	Friday Gardening at SGC
6 th	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living
7 th	10am	Board of Directors Meeting
	5pm	Sarasota Orchid Society
8 th	9am	The Founders Club
	10.30am	Civic Beautification Meeting
11 th	Wedding and Reception	
	8-11am	Friday Gardening at SGC
12 th	4pm	Reception
13 th	10.30am	Civic Beautification Meeting
	4-6pm	Save our Seabirds Cocktail Party and Art Sale Art in the Garden with Community Artists
14 th	10am	Horticultural Program
15 th	10am	Executive Committee Meeting
16 th	10am	<u>MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING</u> Sarasota Orchid Club
	6pm	Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers Club
17 th	9am	Butterfly Club Meeting
18 th	8-11am	Friday Gardening at SGC
20 th	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living
24/25 th	Office Closed	
27 th	8.30am	Center for Spiritual Living
28 th	9.30am	Ikebana Society Meeting



General Members Meetings

Monthly - 2022-2023

<p>NEXT MEETING Wednesday October 19th 2022</p>	<p>“Landscaping Your Yard with Native Plants” Plantings to attract birds, butterflies, pollinators and wildlife By Tom Heitzman, Sweet Bay Nursery</p>
<p>Wednesday November 16th 2022</p>	<p>Sarasota Orchid Society TBA</p>
<p>Wednesday December 14th 2022</p>	<p>“Holiday Epiphytes” – A discussion of epiphyte history, care, and cultivation, followed by a plant mounting demonstration” By Addie Worth, Bliss Horticulture</p>
<p>Wednesday January 18th 2023</p>	<p>“Habitat restoration and Urban Ecology Practices in Florida-friendly Landscapes” By Sean Patton, Stocking Savvy</p>
<p>Wednesday February 15th 2023</p>	<p>“Spring in Paradise” – Floral Arrangements Using Florida Foliages and Florals By Betty Call</p>
<p>Wednesday March 15th 2023</p>	<p>“Exploring, Capturing and Sharing Sarasota Beyond the Pavement” By Miri Hardy Ph.D. Wildlife Photographer and Environmental Educator</p>
<p>Wednesday April 19th 2023</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday May 17th 2023</p>	<p>“What is a Flower Show? - Design, Horticulture, Photography, Education” How to enter, what to look for in your plants, judging, rules and all your questions answered” By Leading Flower Show Experts TBA</p>

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

Review of September's General Members Meeting

The first General Meeting of the season was kicked off with the Selby Garden's President and CEO, **Jennifer Rominiecki**, giving an update on future enhancements to the Gardens.

April 1, 2022 – Marie Selby Botanical Gardens has received the permit to begin vertical construction on Phase One of the Master Plan for its Downtown Sarasota campus. In addition, an underground storm water vault, which already has been constructed, will capture and treat all storm water runoff that passes through the Phase One footprint.

Also, **Christopher Elenstar**, Senior Director for Gardens Horticulture at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, gave an update on Renovation of the Native Plant Garden at Selby's Downtown Campus.



General Members Meeting - October 19th



Sarasota Garden Club General Members Meeting and Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday, October 19, 2022
10 AM to 1:00 PM

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM Members Business Meeting
10:30 to 11:30 AM Speakers Presentation
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Raffle and Potluck Luncheon

Please join us for our October Meeting!

“Landscaping your yard with Native Plants.
Plantings to attract birds, butterflies, pollinators and wildlife”



Tom Heitzman
Sweet Bay Nursery, Parrish, Florida

As always, Members are Free and Guests are \$10 cash or check.
Sign Up at the September Meeting for Potluck Luncheon!

Horticulture Study



SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB

HORTICULTURE STUDY

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

1131 Blvd. of the Arts

10:00am

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Sarasota County

“Florida-Friendly Landscaping 101”



Speaker, Forest Hecker



Community Outreach and Program Coordinator. Extensive knowledge of Florida flora and fauna, both terrestrial and aquatic. Passionate about the natural world and how we can engage the public to create a sustainable, healthy, beautiful place for the next generation.

There will be refreshments and snacks.

Plants for sale and a raffle

Members will be no charge and non-members \$10.00

Hosted by Dianne Beaver, Hort. Study
Chair and Master Gardener

Fundraising: Music in the Gardens

Rescheduled from Oct 9th to Dec 4th



**SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB
PRESENTS**

HOLIDAY IN THE GARDENS

1131 Blvd. of the Arts

Sarasota, FL

December 4th, 2022

6:00pm - 8:00pm

\$30.00 PER PERSON



"The Klick Band"

Dance and enjoy music from the 50's to present while sitting in a beautiful garden setting or strolling through the beautiful gardens which are maintained by the members. Champagne, wine, and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by SGC

Plus Silent Auction & Prizes

Please RSVP to Kelly Goodwin

941-718-3359 or klgbrg@me.com

Fundraising: Early Bird 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 1st to December 31st, 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 19th, November 16th, and December 14th General Meetings**.

Please send any questions to Kelly Goodwin, klgbrg@icloud.com

Thank you for your continued support of our Club!

Kelly Goodwin, President 2022-2024

The Gardens in Paradise (GIP) Coordinating Team had an initial meeting on September 13.

We decided to continue the early bird discounted ticket sales and Tour ticket prices at last year's rates.

Ticket sales for members will begin in October.

The Garden Selection team has secured two private gardens already with the goal of five private gardens plus our lovely gardens!

We welcome your ideas for a venue for the Preview Party.

The 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!

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.



Coming Saturday March 25th, 2023

9:30am - 4:00pm

**A unique opportunity to visit 5
BEAUTIFUL, PRIVATELY-OWNED GARDENS &
THE GARDENS AT SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB**

Take advantage of our Early Bird Special

October 1st – December 31st 2022

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY

Members: \$20 | Non-Members: \$25 | Add Lunch: \$15

Pricing after December 31st:

- **Advanced Reservations: \$35/person**
- **Day of Tour: \$40/person**
- **Group rates available upon request**

Email:

CJsarasotagardenclub@gmail.com

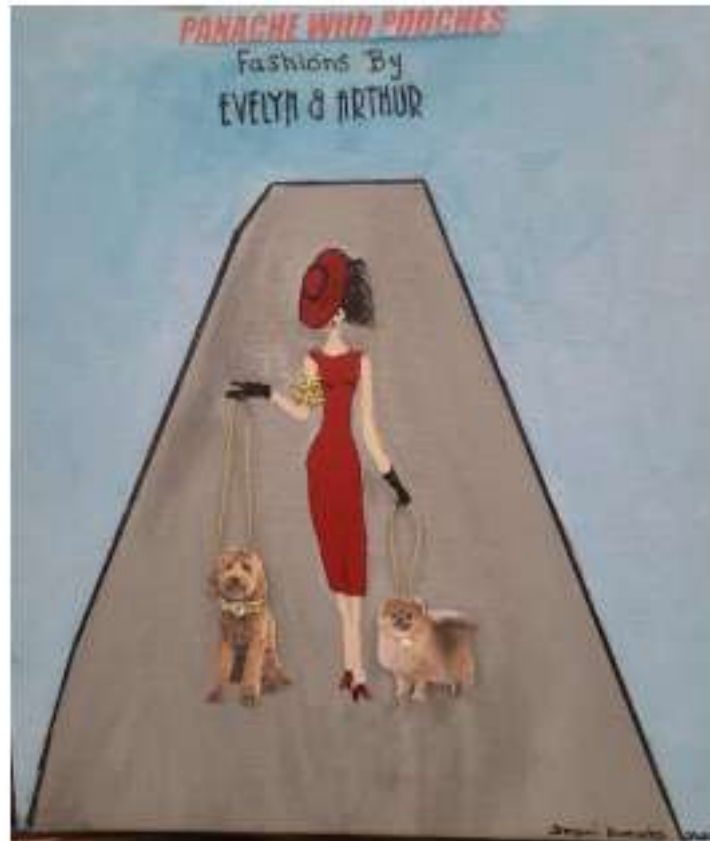


Charity Event: Fashion Show



SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB

Presents



Please join us for a fashion show charity event to support the Pooches

*Sponsored by
The Sarasota Garden Club
1131 Blvd, of the Arts*

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 4:00pm – 6:00pm

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

Civic Beautification Committee

Civic Beautification Committee (CBC) Co-chairs	Pat Bonarek Jim Whalen	Pat: 941-355-4792 / (c) 941-228-1610	patbon5@verison.net jwalenpa@aol.com
<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 26th 2023.</p>			

Civic Beautification Meeting Schedule	
CANCELLED October 11 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting review process. Assign zip codes and evaluation sheets
NEXT MEETING November 8 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial review of pictures and evaluations of properties Stress importance of correct contact names, addresses and zip codes
December 13 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to review pictures Discuss choices for "Special Award Winners"
January 10 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address invitations to award winners 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
January 25 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room set-up, display picture boards, arrange table centerpieces, arrange check-in process, assign helpers, arrange certificates, plaques and presenter area
January 26 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC Winners arrive – LUNCHEON Awards Ceremony

Botanical Gardens Report

“Gardening makes us even in this world”

By Kay Weber, Botanical Garden Chair

“Friday Morning Workers” are working every Friday, even in the rain, which is kind of nice actually, as it cools us off a bit.

Welcome back Gloria, Ros and Emily – and we have a new volunteer Julie C, thanks to Kathleen who invited her to join us. And, more snowbirds will be returning soon. **We’ve been:**

- Busy working in the Fern, Bromeliad and Circle Gardens
 - Re-doing an area under the Japtropha tree, which is along the sidewalk
 - Adding many plants to the Oval Garden on the patio.
- Several of us Friday workers have been discussing what we need to do there. Most Fridays we bounce ideas back and forth, deciding what needs to be done. Everybody’s input is important and welcome.

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POT LUCK LUNCH!

At the end of last Friday’s gardening, we enjoyed a Pot-Luck Lunch, where everybody brings a dish to share – AND WE ALL WORE FUNNY HATS! We’ll all be wearing funny SOCKS (not unusual!) at the NEXT Pot-Luck! And we do have little prizes to hand out as well.

What do we talk about? Mostly about plants, and how we garden at our homes.

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

Volunteer as a “Friday Morning Worker” at SGC

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.

Volunteers: thank you!



Volunteers are in the process of bringing the gardens back to life after Hurricane Ian.







Kay's Orchid Tips for October

October is a month of change in South Florida.

- Usually in the middle of the month, cooler weather is coming in and rainy days will be slacking back again
- If your orchids need watering, do it early in the morning. As days are getting shorter, your orchids need to dry out quite a bit
- Vanda* orchids need full sun and the roots can still be watered every day
- Check your orchids to see if the bloom spikes have turned brown. If they have, they can be cut off

TASKS FOR OCTOBER

- Space plants to increase air circulation
- Move Dendrobiums*, Catasetums*, Calanthe* and other dormant plants to dry out in bright locations
- Reduce general fertilizers. (I prefer to do time-release fertilizer twice a year and I usually do this in January and July - as this has always worked for me.)

Vanda	A genus in the orchid family, Orchidaceae. There are about 87 species, and the genus is commonly cultivated for the marketplace.	
Dendrobium	A genus of mostly epiphytic and lithophytic orchids in the family Orchidaceae.	
Catasetum	A genus of showy epiphytic Orchids with 166 species	
Calanthe	Commonly known as Christmas orchids, is a genus of about 220 species of orchids in the family Orchidaceae	

AFFILIATES NEWS

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs



www.FFGC.org

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Tel: (407) 647-7016 / Email: FFGC@FFGCmail.com



Fall District VIII Meeting

**Monday
October 24th, 2022**

**“Fall Harvest Festival”
Clearwater Garden Club**

- As a member of the SGC you are invited to the 2022 Fall District VIII “Fall Harvest Festival”.
- This is taking place at Clearwater Garden Club (Seminole St, Clearwater, FL 33755)
- Monday October 24th 2022 9/10am-2pm
- The Agenda: Call to Order | Invocation and Pledge | Welcome, Mayor of the City of Clearwater, His Honor, Frank Hubbard | Appointment of Committee to Approve the Minutes | Report of Committee to Approve the Spring 2022 Minutes | Introductions: Meet your Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Officers and your District VIII officers | Election of District VIII Nominating Committee | Reports of Club Presidents. LUNCH. Program – Community Gardens in District VIII (Kitty Wallace) | Report of the Treasurer | Invitation to Spring Meeting | Announcements| Raffle baskets and 50/50.
- To register, complete the form on the next page





2022 Fall District VIII Meeting

"Fall Harvest Festival"



**Registration - District VIII Fall Meeting –
Monday October 24, 2022
Registration Fee: \$35
Checks payable to: Clearwater Garden Club
Deadline - **October 16th** (no refunds after October 19th)**

Tick here to order a vegetarian lunch or any special dietary needs

Mail completed registration form and check to: Clearwater Garden Club, 405 Seminole St. Clearwater, FL 33755

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Garden Club: _____

Please check ALL categories that apply to you. (Information needed for Credentials Report)

- National Officer Former National Officer
- FFGC Officer FFGC Committee Chairman
- Former FFGC President - Term: _____
- District Director
- District Board Member (Officers and Committee Chairmen)
- Former District Director – Term: _____
- Garden Club President Circle President

- Delegate – **PLEASE CHECK DELEGATE IF:**
- You were selected to be a delegate by your Garden Club or Circle **OR**
 - You are attending in Place of your Club or Circle President **OR**
 - You are a District VIII Officer or Committee Chairman **OR**
 - You are a FFGC Officer or FFGC Chairman living in District VIII **OR**
 - You are a former FFGC President or former District VIII Director living in District VIII.

Alternate (Selected by your Garden Club or Circle as an Alternate)

District VIII Club/Circle Member Visitor/Guest

Club Presidents and District Chairmen are invited to report on recent activity and/or plans that you have going forward.

If you wish to report, notify Kitty Wallace, kittwal@aol.com and email your report to the District Recording Secretary, Rosemary Nagy, greyhoundnutz@yahoo.com, by Tuesday, October 19.

Those wishing to make announcements are to notify the Director by October 19, 2022.

Ikebana International



www.IISarasota.com ikebanasarasota@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/IkebanaSarasota/

On October 31st Ikebana International is holding a freestyle workshop at SGC.

IKEBANA 2022-2023 Program

October 31st

@ Sarasota Garden Club

“Eeekebana!!”

Freestyle Halloween Theme Workshop. Demonstration, Workshop and Critique

Save Our Seabirds

On Sunday 13th November,
Save Our Seabirds is holding a
Cocktail Party and Art Sale at SGC:
4-6pm. SIP-BROWSE-BUY

Tickets online at SaveOurSeabirds.org

[Save Our Seabirds | Sarasota, FL](https://SaveOurSeabirds.org)



Save Our Seabirds
Rescue - Rehabilitate - Release

CONTRIBUTIONS

Apologies for the delay in distributing October's edition of our Newsletter; I guess I am impacted everyone in different ways.

- Thank you to everyone who contributes to Blooming Chatter – “content is king” and everyone is welcome to submit copy for inclusion.
- It is intended that the Blooming Chatter include updates on each Committee's activities, which we know you will find interesting.
- Thank you to Kelly for her ongoing encouragement in the form of the President's Message; CJ for creating copy/flyers and coordinating input; Kay for her Garden Report and photos; Carol L for Program-related information and photos - and all Committee Chairs for reports and meeting notices.

- **FOLLOW SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB ON FACEBOOK for the latest information**



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