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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.”***

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

## 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.



On .9 botanical acres in the heart of downtown Sarasota, its grounds remain open to the public **FREE OF CHARGE.**

**The “Central Park of Sarasota”**

## WHAT WE DO

- Create a friendly environment for people interested in supporting our Mission, to meet and support the activities of the club on a regular basis
- Provide Educational, Environmental, Horticultural and Floral Design Workshops – *with well 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*
- Support the Sarasota Childrens Garden
- 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 Secret Garden of the Ringling Museum Grounds
- Coral Reef Restoration

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CLUB**

## 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:

**Annual  
Events:  
Garden  
Tour** - 4th  
Saturday of  
March



***Fashion Shows, Painting in  
the Gardens, Trivia Events.***

### ***Musical Events in the Gardens.***

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

**DONATIONS:** Corporate and Private

**MEMORIAL BRICKS:** Corporate and private dedications, honors, and memorials in our Butterfly and Sarasota Gardens

## BENEFITS of MEMBERSHIP

- A group of like-minded people to engage with
- Monthly general meetings with interesting and knowledgeable speakers
- Field trips to places of interest (often private), with guided tours
- Discounts to events and at 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](http://www.ffgc.org)) and membership in National Garden Clubs ([www.gardenclubs.org](http://www.gardenclubs.org))
- Library access to 100s of garden-related reference books
- Garden "Green" Shop of plant and design-related items at the club, at 'cost' price
- 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

## Sarasota Garden Club

As well as the wonderful historical building (*which is available for rental to members*), the Sarasota Garden Club comprises an established Botanical Garden (*maintained solely by club members*) with 9 individual gardens: Welcome, Herb-knot, Butterfly, Bromeliad, Woodland, Quiet, Falling Waters, Circle and Fern Gardens (*map for self-guided tour available online or outside the club*).

## AFFILIATIONS

**Joining the Sarasota Garden Club entitles you to 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,  
fill in the form or email:**

**Membership@SarasotaGardenClub.org  
or contact Sue Angle on 941-350-9784**

## YOU WILL LOVE IT!

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