

BOTANICA GARDEN FESTIVAL PLANT SALE

Back in the day, our PSL Botanical Garden was just a wish and a dream, held by a small committee of interested citizens and chaired by then-Council member, Christopher Cooper. The City took pride in the variety and number of public parks the City boasted, but many were devoted to athletic and youth groups. The nearest botanical garden was Heathcote in Fort Pierce. In Vero Beach, McGee Garden was a mecca for nature enthusiasts, and Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach, a county facility, was a learning opportunity for the public in proper horticulture.



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All three of our sister botanical gardens offer plant sales to the public. The newly formed PSL Botanical Gardens committee

started offering plant sales to the public before the Gardens became a reality, in 2007, in an effort to raise support for the Gardens idea, and to bring to the PSL public the opportunity to learn from the vendors themselves, all experts in their chosen 'plant of passion'.



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BOTANICA 2019 SATURDAY & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH & 10TH 9:00AM - 4:00PM

The Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, is charged with creating and maintaining a serene and peaceful environment for all visitors.

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Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm Sunday Noon - 4pm Closed Monday, Tuesday & Holidays Suggested Donations: Adults \$5 Students \$2 Children 12 & Under Welcome Free for FPSLBG Members and Active Military with family (IDs required)

Mission Statement . . .

Friends' mission is to create and maintain a beautiful, serene sanctuary in the center of Port St. Lucie that is environmentally sound and naturally diverse and to provide educational, cultural and recreational opportunities for all who visit.

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The Gardens is managed and operated by Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity organization, that was founded to help support the daily operations of The Gardens. Friends volunteers provide hands-on daily oversight of the facility, including staffing to handle the many visitors year round. Please consider becoming a member of Friends. Friends' is a 100% volunteer organization. In all cases, donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Let me take one last opportunity to speak to our members ... the Annual meeting of the Friends of the PSL Botanical Gardens is Monday, Jan 28 at 6:00 pm. Our all-important election to the

Board of Directors for 2019 is held just before the meeting is called to order. If you're a member of the Friends, please cast your vote. If you've sent in your ballot or proxy, we thank you!

The high point of February at the Gardens is Botanica, our two-day plant sale and garden festival. If you've attended past Botanica's, you already know what a not -to-be-missed event it is! Fifty-plus vendors of wonderful plants and garden related products, and thousands of visitors, shopping, learning from the vendor-experts, and enjoying a beautiful February weekend at the PSL Botanical Gardens. There is more in this newsletter about Botanica. Circle Feb 9-10 on your personal calendar now and join us at the Gardens for Botanica.

Joleen King President





ENLIST: JOIN THE Saturday Wacky Weeders'

When: February 16, 2019 Where: PSL Botanical Gardens Time: 8:00ам - 12:00рм

The Gardens appreciates your help to continue keeping the beautiful Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens in perfect shape for 2019.

HELP US ATTACK THOSE WINTER WEEDS AND WIN THE WAR!

JOIN US FOR a FUN MORNING - ALL VOLUNTEERS INVITEd

Consider yourself less than able-bodied? There are jobs for everyone, no matter age or ability. Bring gloves, clippers and any personal tools you prefer.



FEBRUARY GARDEN CENTER SPECIALS

Be sure to Stop by our Garden Center during our February sales events

FEBRUARY 9 & 10, 2019, BOTANICA FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 2019, ORCHID SHOW

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Botanica started as a one day show from 2007 to 2010, before the Gardens construction was completed. 2011 saw the first two day plant sale and the public's response has been overwhelmingly positive ever since.

Why attend a plant sale? Why offer a plant sale to the public? The vendors love to talk about plants and are always free with advice and recommendations. It's continuing education for homeowners. Have a problem with a landscape plant? There is a vendor at Botanica who can answer your questions. Interested in landscape plants that are unique and different? There's a vendor for that!

Botanica is a two day gift to the people of Port St Lucie. It raises the horticulture knowledge level of our citizens. It celebrates the Gardens, it's growth over almost nine years, and demonstrates how special our area of the Treasure Coast is.

Botanica (Feb 9-10) has morphed into a genuine, can't be missed, Garden Festival. With assistance from the various non-profit plant societies, the Ft Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, corporate sponsors and media (WOSN 97.1 Ocean FM, B94.7 Fresh Country & 93.7GYL / Treasure and Space Coast Radio), Botanica provides an enjoyable, casual learning (and buying) opportunity for Port St Lucie.

Please mark your calendar for Feb 9-10 and join us!





New Educational Signs in the Gardens'

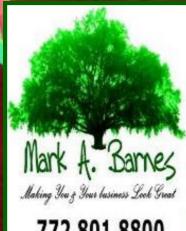
In our ongoing effort to provide continuing education throughout our gardens, the Horticulture Department is creating informational signs for our visitors who come from all over our country and many other countries as well. The response from our visitors and the members of the gardens has been very positive. Our goal this year is to add additional signs and to identify individual plants throughout the garden. I'd like to give a special thanks to

Mark Barnes for his outstanding creativity in the design of the educational signs. He never ceases to amaze me with his artistic talents.

Brenda Gustafson, Vice President / Horticulture

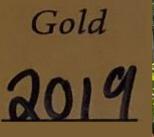


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University of Florida St. Lucie County Extension recognizes Brenda Gustafson with the Florida Friendly Landscape—Gold Level Award; For protecting Florida's environment and enhancing the community by successfully implementing Florida-Friendly Landscaping practices in her landscape. Brenda is a Master Gardener and Vice President/Horticulture Chair of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.



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Meet Joleen King

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and to keep her hand in sports education, management and youth activities.

She also is Program Administrator to the MVHC Summer Institute, a speaker program/ community outreach of the MV Hebrew Center, and is responsible for sponsor donation and solicitation, speaker travel and accommodations, venue logistics, etc. for the nationally-recognized speakers who appear each year.

One of Joleen's passions is gardening and she joined the Rio Lindo Garden Club of Port St. Lucie in 2000, where she's currently president.

This committed Florida Federation of Garden Clubs member and supporter feels the organizations are vastly underrated. They were responsible for the anti-litter campaigns of the 60's and were "green" before it became popular, she shares.

In the mid-2000s, Joleen was one of the interested people who got involved early on and helped bring about the eventual reality of a local botanical garden: the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens, located on Westmoreland Boulevard.

Over the years, Joleen has served on the Board of the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens, Inc. and is currently president.

With homes in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Florida, she's had ample opportunity to perfect her skills and became a St. Lucie County Master Gardener in 2011,

Joleen is the proud mom of a fur baby Tess, a Malti-poo "terror" and warns "Don't get between her and her food bowl!"

As busy as her life is, at the end of each summer Joleen is thrilled to return to the home in Kitching Cove which she's lived in and loved since 1984.

With only sixteen home sites, the residences are uniquely designed. Neighbors know their neighbors. The annual meeting is traditionally a pot luck dinner, out in the middle of a cul de sac (weather permitting!).

Because of their busy work schedules, Joleen and her ex-husband would occasionally rent out their Treasure Coast residence.

In 1987, the renter was the Thomas J. White Corporation, which was in the process of planning the future of St. Lucie West. Much of the design of that community was finalized around her dining room table!

Joleen has already started to think about where in the world she wants to travel for her 70th birthday in 2020.

With a tradition of spending the 'important' birthdays around something older than she is, she'll have to put on her thinking cap to top the 40th birthday at Stonehenge, the 50th on a sailing adventure and the 60th at the Pantheon in Rome.

There's no doubt she'll come up with someplace fascinating and unique – just like she is!

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Arbor Day Proclamation by the City of Port St. Lucie





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The Port St. Lucie Downtown Lions Club presents a donation check to the Friends for the new Kelly Pavilion.



Arbor Day at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

















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Welcome to All Garden Goers....

This month our Jazz Jams will be held on February 6th & February 20th starting at 6:30 pm



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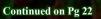








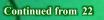






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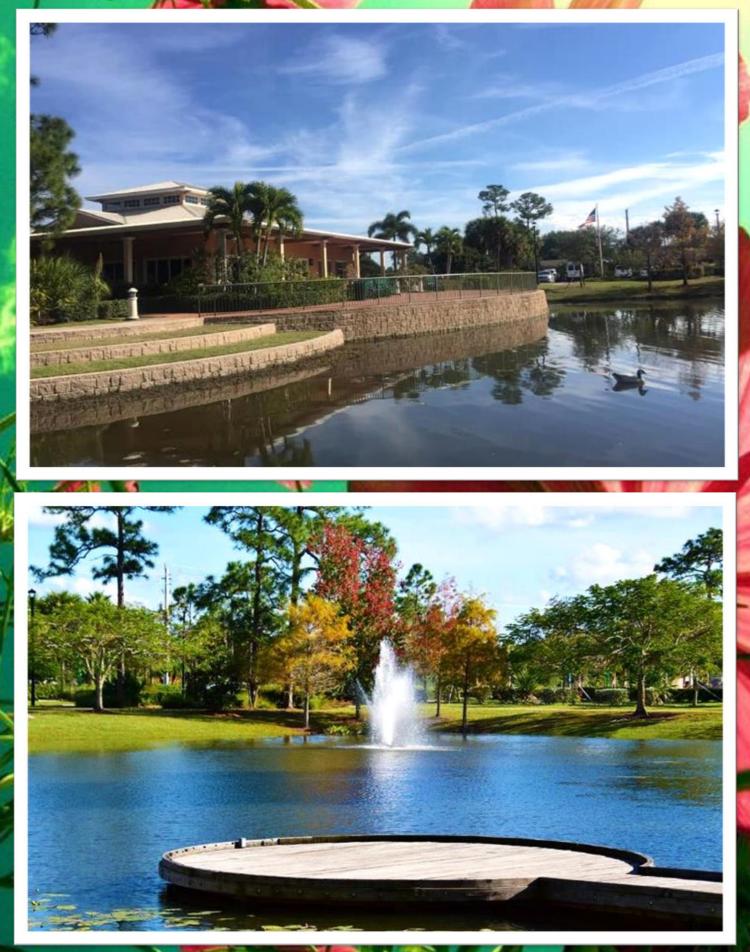
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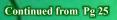








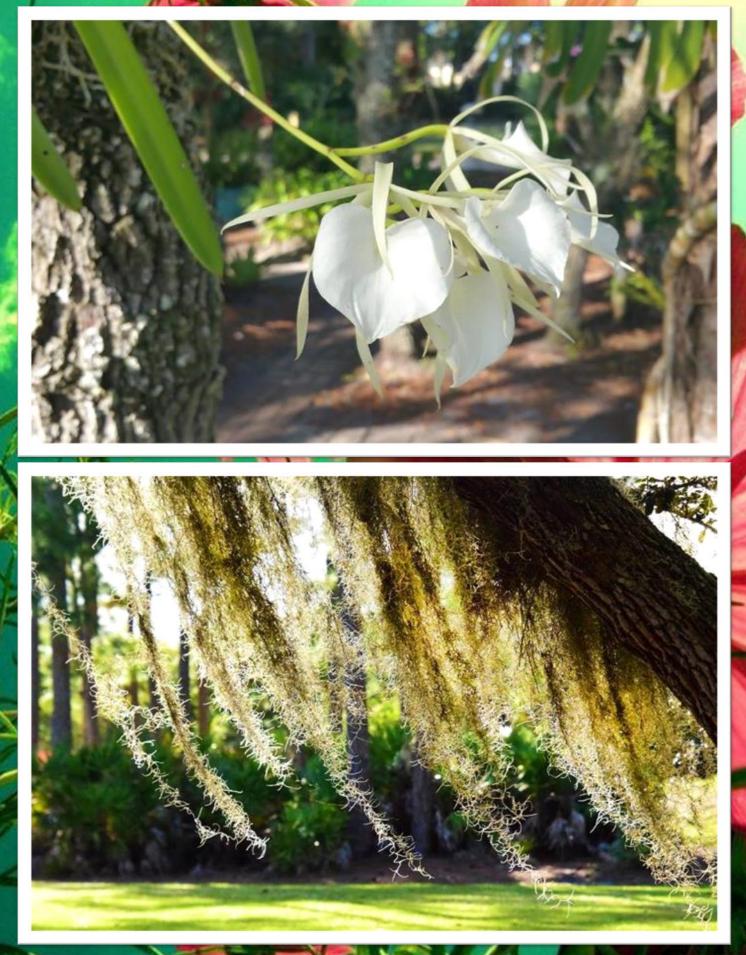
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4 th	Newsletter Committee Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 pm	All Welcome
5 th	River Vista HOA Annual Meeting Dinner	3:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Only
6 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
6 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
9 th	Botanica Garden Festival Plant Sale	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
10 th	Botanica Garden Festival Plant Sale	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
10 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:00 am	All Welcome
11 th	Rio Lindo Board Meeting	10:00 - 11:00 am	Members Welcome
11 th	2020 Meeting	3:00 - 4:15 pm	All Welcome
11 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
12 th	PSL Orchid Society	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
12 th	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
13 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
14 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
16 th	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Volunteers Welcome
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What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: Good performers in South Florida's mild winter include impatiens, verbena, dianthus, strawflower, and lobelia. **See** *Annuals*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> <u>topic_annual_landscape_plants</u>

Bulbs: Many bulbs can be planted now. Divide large, crowded clumps. Provide adequate water for establishment. Some examples include Amazon lily, crinum, and agapanthus. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers</u>

Groundcovers: Consider replacing areas of grass with drought-tolerant, low-maintenance groundcovers. **See** *The Florida-Friendly Landscaping*[™] *Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design:* <u>http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN Plant Selection Guide v090110.pdf</u> and *Ground Covers:* <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic ground_covers</u>

Vegetables: Winter vegetable gardening is in full swing. Last month to plant cantaloupes, cucumbers, eggplant, lettuce, peppers, spinach, and tomatoes for a late spring harvest. Protect crops in the unlikely event of a frost or freeze. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic_vegetable_gardening

What to Do

Lawns: Fertilize lawn grasses to improve color or coverage. Choose a fertilizer (not a "weed and feed") with no or very little phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need for it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen provides longer-lasting results. **See** *Lawn Fertilizer*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic_lawn_fertilization

Roses: Prune roses this month to remove damaged canes and improve the overall form. After pruning, fertilize and apply a fresh layer of mulch. Blooming will begin 8–9 weeks after pruning. **See** *Roses*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_rose</u>

Shrubs and palms: Fertilize shrubs and palms by spreading fertilizer evenly over the soil surface and watering it in. Follow with a fresh layer of mulch to conserve moisture and reduce weeds. Delay pruning any cold-damaged branches until new growth starts. **See** *Palm Nutrition and Fertilization*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_nutrition</u> and *Landscape Fertilization*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_nutrition</u> and *Landscape Fertilization*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_nutrition</u>

Lawns: Apply a preemergence weed killer (not a "weed and feed") to lawns late this month to prevent germination of warm-season weed seeds. Apply when temperatures rise to 65°F for 4–5 days. Timing is important for good control. See Lawn Weeds: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_weeds</u> Avocados and mangos: Disease-susceptible varieties of avocado and mango may require applications of copper fungicide. See Avocado: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_avocado</u> and Mango: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_avocado</u> and Mango

Citrus: Fertilize now if not done in January. Frequency and amount of fertilization depend on the age of the tree. **See** *Home Citrus Culture*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_citrus_home_citrus_culture</u>

WHAT'S FLOWERING



Chickasaw Plum 🐨 Native, deciduous (Prunus angustifolia) Eastern Redbud 🕾 Native, deciduous (Cercis Canadensis)

Eastern Dogwood «» Native, deciduous (Cornus florida)

Fringetree Native, deciduous (Chionanthus virginicus)

Japanese Magnolia 🦇 Not-native, deciduous (Magnolia x soulangiana)

Taiwan Cherry Not-native, deciduous (Prunus campanulata)

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Hong Kong Orchid Tree Non-native, evergreen (Bauhinia blakeana)



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Arugula, Chinese Cabbage, Eggplant, Endive/Escarole, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Pepper, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes	Arugula, Beets, Broccoll, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbege, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive/Escarole, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Pepper, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes	Surgina States Transfer Spracts Cabbage, Collards, Egglant, Transfer Sprace, Switch Cabbage, Collards, Egglant, Transfer Sprace, Switch Charles, Kohlrabi, Transfer Sprace, Switch Charl, Tomatoes
Carrots, Celery, Spinach	Carrots, Celery, Mustard, Potatoes, Spinach	Transplante Carrots, Celery, Mustard, Potatoes, Spinach
Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupes, Corn, Cucumbers, Okra, Onion (bunching, shallot), Peas (English, southern), Radish,Squash (summer, winter), Watermelon	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupes, Corn, Cucumbers, Okra, Onion (bunching, shallo)t, Peas (English, southern), Radish, Squash (summer, winter), Turnip, Watermelon	Cantaloupes, Corn, Cucumbers, Onion (bunching, shallots), geeds (English), Radish, Squash (summer, winter), Turnip, Watermelon









Cucie Botanical Gardens



We'll be at the Upcoming Plant Sales Held at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens

February 9 & 10 Botanica Plant Sale February 16 & 17 Orchid Show

Be sure to stop by and to look for our specials and coupons in this newsletter. Lots of plants available in the Garden Center everyday.

GOOD

NEWS



Join the Garden Team

We always need assistance with propagating from cuttings, uppotting, dividing, replanting, planting seeds, and garden trimming and clean up. Much to do and too little hands! We're there to teach you how to become a Garden Volunteer. You'll have fun, meet new people who share your love of plants and working in the dirt. Bring gloves and clippers. Wear sturdy shoes. Come on back in the propagation area and see what we're up to. You will find us in the Garden area - Wednesday - Saturday • 9:30AM - 1:00PM



Pots & Trays - Pots, trays, misc. garden items, tools. Bring them on in. This helps to defray our propagation expenses and provide you with lots of plants.

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens. 501c (3)





Sparkie, *Who keeps on giving!* We received many unusual Bromeliads from his garden in the last couple of years and more in the past few weeks. He not only donates lots of plants, but he brings his high school grandchild and friends along to help in the gardens. He also assisted the Orchid Garden with wrapping orchids in the trees for the cold spell. What more could you ask from our neighbors who take the time to help and donate plants to benefit our Gardens. Be sure to stop by the Garden Center to see our new Bromeliads, and, if your have any plants or cuttings, you'd like to share, give us a call. **Brenda—772-678-8523**

COMING SOON TO THE GARDEN CEN-TER—Laura Mehr, volunteer, member and artist is working on a fantastic mural for our Garden Center Sales Table. The talent, creativity and dedication of the volunteers that have joined this garden continues to grow. We are privileged to have Laura join with us to create 'Art in the Garden'. You will see the finished product installed in our Garden Center for Botanica. If you would like to be part of our 'Creative Group', be sure to contact our Membership/Volunteer Chair, Jeffrey Chambers at 773-337-1959.











Partners in Horticulture Education

With the assistance of the St. Lucie County Master Gardeners and PSLBG volunteers, students and Veterans learn basic Horticulture practices.

High School Horticulture Club

Learn and Earn Community Service hours!

Students can volunteer in the Gardens year round. During the school year Horticulture workshops are offered. Workshops and Garden Time hours count toward students' volunteer community service hours. Open to all High School students! Add your school logo to our growing Horticulture partnership.

Contact Jeffrey Chambers, Volunteer Chair at 772-337-1959 for more information.

Veteran Victory Corps:

A horticulture program for Veterans and their family members! Enjoy comradery, hands-on workshops, and opportunities for providing service to your community!

VVC meets on the **4**th **Saturday of the month from 0900-1000** in the Veteran Victory Corps area near the GL Homes Green House in the Garden Center (weather permitting – or check at the **Welcome Center in the Pavilion)** Bring your own morning drink.

Contact: Judy, American Red Cross - Service to the Armed Forces at judy.nash-wade@redcross.org or PSLBG at 772-337-1959.





February 9th & 10th, 2019 9 am - 4 pm • Saturday & Sunday

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FREE Parking • Plant carry out service available FREE admission to the park & plant sale A \$1 donation or more will help our Gardens to grow and is always gratefully appreciated.

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Saint Lucie West Garden Club PRESENTS



Fashion Show & Luncheon

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Legacy Golf & Tennis Club 9000 Clubhouse Dr, Port Saint Lucie

> Doors open at 11:00 am Tickets \$40

Pick-up at Will Call • Confirmation by Email

Contact: Georgina Tonner (772) 607-4952 or gtonner@me.com

JOIN US THIS WEEKEND AT THE PORT ST. LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS FOR OUR

GARDENS COMMUNITY TRUNK SALE

Saturday • March 23, 2019 • 8am - 1pm

Come out and join the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens and our numerous vendors as we present our successful Junk In Your Trunk Community Trunk Sale at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.

Vendors will have a host of items for sale as well as those one of a kind deals that you can only find at a community sale. This is sure to be a fun morning full of deals for the whole family.

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