

The March 2016 Newsletter Gardens Gate



7TH ANNUAL BOTANICA HITS ON ALL CYLINDERS!

The 7th annual Botanica "hit on all cylinders" this year. The weather was South Florida perfect. The variety of vendors and merchandise offered something for everyone. More than 6,200 visitors to the two-day event found themselves enjoying the Botanical Gardens, discovering nesting osprey who patiently posed for photographs, and relaxing to great music from the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society that could be heard throughout the Gardens' Event Lawn.

Botanica is an annual event, organized by the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. Botanica's mission is to bring together good horticulture and plant material, presented by vendors who are experts in the care



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**PSL ANGLERS CLUB
KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT
MARCH 26TH STARING AT 8AM**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Greetings on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Friends! With six new members to our Board of Directors, we're all feeling energized and enthusiastic. What a gift our Botanical Gardens are! We're reminded daily by the visitors coming through the doors how truly lovely these twenty acres in the center of Port St Lucie are. I invite everyone to visit soon. The weather has improved, the butterflies are everywhere, and we've gained a second, very active Osprey nest on our southern border. Come check it out!



Botanica 2016 is now behind us, but what a glorious event it was. Nothing but happy, relaxed faces and compliments from our more than 6,200 visitors over the two days; due solely to the work of our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this annual Plant Sale a worthy gift to the plant-loving public of Port St Lucie.

With warm regards and a hearty welcome to all,
Joleen King, President



and culture of their merchandise, who share their expertise with the buying public. Joining the plant vendors were various non-profit plant societies and garden clubs, eager to answer questions about their community service efforts and club activities.

Special thanks to the aforementioned Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, the Port St. Lucie Anglers Club who again assisted in with public parking for the sale and Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation for their invaluable support and assistance.



Botanica 2016 was an all-volunteer event and a gift of love (appropriate on Valentine's Day!) from the Friends of the PSL Botanical Gardens to the plant-loving public of Port St Lucie.

Save the date for Botanica 2017 – February 11th & 12th. The Osprey have assured us they'll be back!

Editor















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FRIENDS OF THE PORT ST. LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS EXTENDS OUR SINCE APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO ALL OF OUR FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION IN MAKING BOTANICA 2016 THE BEST BOTANICA YET. FRIENDS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR HELPING US TO **"HIT IT ON ALL CYLINDERS"!!!**



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2 nd	Tai Chi for Health Classes	10:30 - 11:30 am	Fee Info. call 772.408.6008
2 nd	German American Club Board Mtg.	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
7 th	Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Members Welcome
8 th	Orchid Society Meeting	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Members Welcome
9 th	Beginning Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	Fee Info. call 772.924.1002
9 th	Tai Chi for Health Classes	10:30 - 11:30 am	Fee Info. call 772.408.6008
9 th	Ft Pierce Jazz & Blues Concert	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$ 5 Donation, Members \$4
9 th	Master Gardeners' Meeting	10:30 am - 1:00 pm	Members Only
10 th	PSL Anglers Club Meeting	6:30 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
14 th	Rio Lindo Board Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Rio Lindo Board Members
16 th	Beginning Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
16 th	Tai Chi for Health Classes	10:30 - 11:30 pm	Fee info. call 772.408-6008
17 th	Treasure Coast Hibiscus Society Meeting	10:30 am - 1:00 pm	All Welcome
17 th	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Members Only
18 th	Jupiter Garden Club Tour	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Private Event
23 rd	Beginning Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
23 rd	Tai Chi for Health Classes	10:30 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.408.6008
23 rd	Ft Pierce Jazz & Blues Concert	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$5 Donation, Members \$4
26 th	Port St. Lucie Anglers' Club Kids Fishing Tournament	8:00 am - 2:00 pm	All Welcome
28 th	Rio Lindo Garden Club Meeting	12:45 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
30 th	Beginning Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
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For more information on these & other events, please call 772.337.1959

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS DISTRICT X JUDGES COUNCIL AND FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL HELD AT THE GARDENS ...

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (FFGC) is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). This encompasses all fifty States and international affiliates. Each state has its own Federation, with many Garden Clubs throughout their state. Our state of Florida, being so large is broken down into Districts, representing their Garden Clubs. Garden Clubs put on Flower Shows and Flower Shows are judged, so there is a need for Flower Show Judges. There are 12 Districts in Florida and we are District X, which runs north to Sebastian, south to Boca Raton and west to Okeechobee. Our District X Judges Council recognized a need to hold a FSS for education of new Judges. There are four courses in a School; each course is two days of classes and one day for written testing. Then at the end of, and upon successful completion, the student becomes an Accredited NGC Judge.

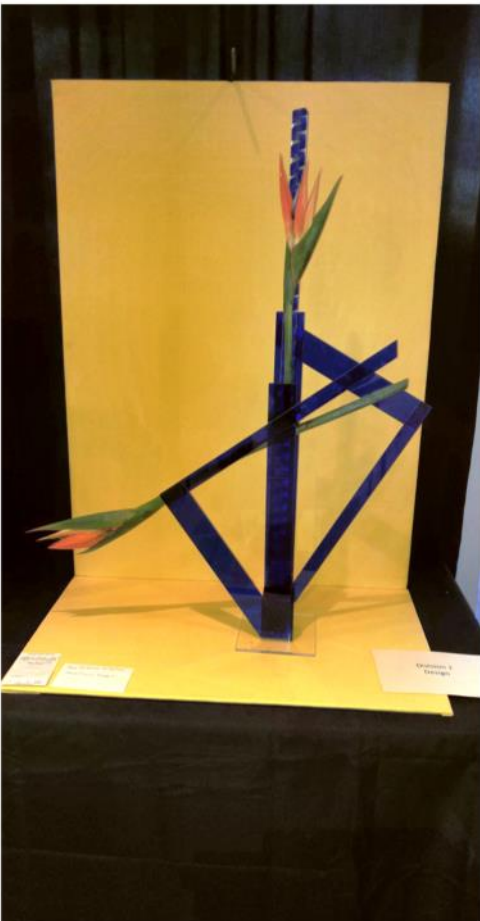
Jan Warshauer graciously accepted Chairmanship of our District X FSS. Jan then had to find a suitable place to hold it. What we look for is a convenient location that is centrally located and will fit the needs of the educational programs. We must have nearby hotels for the instructors and students that come from all over the state and country. We in District X are so fortunate to have the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens in our area, and what better place to hold a FSS than in a Botanical Garden. They consented to allow us the use of the main Pavilion for all four of the FSS courses. They have been so obliging even though we somewhat disrupted their routine.



We have held the first, second and third courses of FSS at the PSLBG and it went smoothly. Officers and volunteers were very accommodating. The recently held third course (Feb. 2-4, 2016) held a surprise visit from FFGC State President Arlene S. Rand, Glenda Dawson FFGC Judges Chairman and Jan Griffin FFGC State FSS Chairman. They were here to view the venue, the instructors and the quality of the designs and horticulture. They had nothing but nice things to say and were very impressed with the PSLBG. We were also so very lucky to have Barbara May, a former President of NGC as one of our instructors on Flower Show procedure and Design.

The fourth course will be November 1-3, 2016. We look forward to this final course and thank the Friends of the PSLBG for their hospitality and for all they do to bring this beautiful haven of serenity to our area.

Bea Cooper
Master Flower Show Judge &
Founding Member of the Friends of the PSLBG.







Can You Dig It?



BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANIC GARDENS

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens are botanical gardens located within South Park in Buffalo, New York, USA. These gardens are the product of landscaping architect Frederick Law Olmsted, glass-house architects Lord & Burnham, and botanist and plant-explorer John F. Cowell. The idea of the Gardens first began in 1868 when the Buffalo Parks Commission started meeting with landscape architect Fredrick Law Olmsted, Sr., and Partners. In the late 1880s, they asked Olmsted to design a new park for South Buffalo; the eventual design included two new parks: Cazenovia Park and South Park, which was created in 1894-1900 from 156 acres (0.63 km²) of farm land.

South Park eventually came to house today's botanical gardens, originally known as the "South Park Conservatory". In Olmsted's design, the conservatory would showcase tropical plant species, while the rest of the park was designed to feature hardy species including an arboretum, pinetum, shrub garden, and a bog garden. Formal gardens around the conservatory led visitors into informal park along walking paths. South Park also was to include a large pond for boating, a ring road for horse carriages, and a meadow. However, the proposed walking paths, boat house, and bandstand were never completed.

The conservatory's tri-domed glass, wood and steel building was designed by Lord & Burnham, who were among the premier conservatory designers of the time. Construction methods were based upon the famous Crystal Palace and Kew Gardens Palm House in England. When built in 1897-1899, it was one of the largest public greenhouses in the country (at a cost of \$130,000). Today there are fewer than a dozen large Victorian conservatories in America. This is one of only two with a tri-dome design (the New York Botanical Garden is the other).

The first director, Professor John F. Cowell, oversaw the growing of plants for the park and personally located and obtained unusual tree specimens. He spent decades exploring the Americas and the Caribbean, sending back seeds and small plants for the conservatory. Shortly after it opened, thousands of visitors to the 1901 Pan-American Exposition visited South Park's conservatory and gardens, which thus quickly gathered national renown.



See More at: <http://www.buffalogardens.com>



HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS...

Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Horticulture Class Series 2016 Botanical Gardens

1. Botanical Gardens - what are they? Different types and different goals. Display gardens, scientific research, maintenance plant genetic collections, education facilities, entertainment. Most public gardens have more than one set of goals.
2. US gardens tend to specialize in certain plants and have sort of agreed that they will not compete within their specialized plants. Fairchild - palms, vines, cycads also, new to them Fairchild Farm (2003) - tropical fruit; Marie Selby - orchids; McKee - water lilies; Fruit and Spice - fruit trees and bamboo. Gardens that are primarily ornamental gardens - Bok Tower Gardens, Morikami, Pan's Garden. Mounts - general public education. You can tell ornamental gardens from botanical gardens because, they often do not have plant labels.
3. Botanical Gardens in Florida. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Harry P. Leu Gardens, McKee Botanical Garden, Mounts, Heathcote Botanical Gardens, Marie Selby, Fruit and Spice Park, Morikami, etc. Dozens more. Guide to the Gardens of Florida by Lilly Pinkas. (Amazon).
4. History. Collection gardens are ancient. Plant collections as useful for medicines, dyes, perfumes as well as food, textiles. Gardens of Babylon, Queen of Sheba collected trees for gardens, ancient history associated with temples; Emperors of India were major plant collectors and garden builders; at one time had 3,000 different mangos. Europe associated with monasteries, used for medicines, incense, dyes, and church decorations. Renaissance included the development of universities, modern science, modern botanical collections; explorers

often returned with seeds and plants; still have physic gardens associated with medical schools and the study of pharmacy. Generally not open to the public, limited to students, researchers, monks, etc.

5. More history. In the mid 17th century, first in England, have the development of public gardens that were open to all and charged a fee for entry. In the 18th century began the practice of opening private gardens to the "respectable" public. Free public gardens open to all did not develop until the 1830's-1850's, essentially with the rise of broad based democracy and the development of the concept of free public facilities including schools, gardens, universities, libraries, and museums.



Depiction of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon

6. Visit as many as you can. Your membership in any American Horticulture Society garden gives you reciprocal entry for free - PSL belongs! When you walk around ask yourself what you are looking at - why is a walk designed in a certain way; why did they collect that particular plant, etc. How did they build that wall? Why did they prune that tree, etc.

*The content of this lesson plan was provided by a Master Gardener with accents by The Gardens Gate. It should be noted that Master Gardeners have a variety of views and it is up to the individual to determine what information best fits one's own needs.

HELPFUL HINTS (TIPS) FROM HORTENSE...

Interesting Factoids...

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.



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