The December 2016 Newsletter Gardens Gate

THE GIFT OF GIVING

What better gift than one that endures and keeps on giving. A gift of a living plant will brighten the lives of most anyone on your shopping list – it brings joy, purpose, and reward to the recipient. The result will surely be a gift to your own heart. So think about that special person and share a bit of nature this year. Stop by our Propagation Area for your Holiday Living Plants and our December Plant Specials.

NEW 'LANDSCAPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE'

We are happy to announce that our Board of Directors has approved a Landscaping Advisory Committee. The committee will be working on the architectural design of the Gardens, planning plant material and landscape sites as well as maintenance standards, and assisting with education programs.

The first project is underway – a redesign of the area you first see as you exit the Pavilion to go into the Gardens. This area will be used for Seasonal

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MINGLE & JINGLE AT THE GARDENS FOR MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS MONDAY • DECEMBER 12 • 6:00PM

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.



2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34952 Phone: 772.337.1959 Fax: 772.237.5952 E-mail: info@pslbotanicalgardens.org Web: www.pslbotanicalgardens.org Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm Sunday Noon - 4pm Closed Monday, Tuesday & Holidays Suggested Donations: Adults \$5 Students \$2

Children 12 & Under Welcome Members and Active Military (with family) Welcome (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.

Officers & Directors . . .

President: Vice President: Secretary: Treasurer: Directors: Joleen King Illona Christie Claire Clark Cheri Mabry Mike Alexander Brenda Gustafson Jeffrey Policar Gloria "Gigi" Norelli Kate O'Neill Jennifer Scee Tim Sutton

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Strategic Planning Committee: Horticulture Committee: Finance Committee: Membership & Volunteer Committee: Gift Shop Committee: Resource Development Committee: Election Committee: Joleen King TBD Cheri Mabry

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The Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens is managed and operated by Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, Inc. The Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, Inc. receives no funding from any government agency. Your admission donations help us maintain and grow The Gardens.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Time.. Simply stated, there isn't enough of it and what we have appears to be moving faster. Our PSL Botanical Gardens is looking at another year end in a few short weeks.

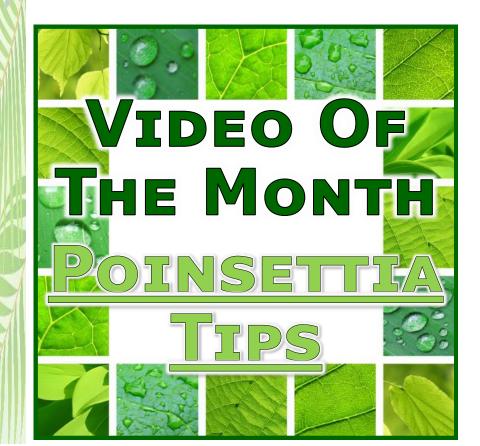
One reality of December 31 each of us experiences is reviewing our personal position with taxes and giving. I ask that you might consider the PSL Botanical Gardens when you review



your gift-giving program this year. The Friends of the PSL Botanical Gardens, it's volunteers and members, are committed to continuing the mandate given us by the City and its residents – to provide an enjoyable, relaxed and educational experience to all who visit. To provide a beautiful venue for family celebrations, holiday picture taking, workshops and continuing education; increasing the quality of life here in Port St. Lucie.

Please visit our website for additional information. And Happy Holidays, everyone!

Joleen King President



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Become A Member Today Membership Application

New 🔲 Renew 🔲 Gift 🔲

Type: 🗇 Student (18-22) - \$15 | 🗇 Individual - \$25 | 🗇 Family & Friends* - \$50 | 🗇 Business/Corporate* - \$75

Primary Member Name / Business Name

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Helpful Hints (tips) from HORTEnse,

COFFEE STAINS - To remove coffee (or tea) stains, rinse area with cold water immediately. Rub in a couple of drops of a mild, White dishwashing liquid and rinse well. Then treat with a mixture of one-part white household vinegar and three-parts water. Rinse again and launder as you normally do. Note: If cream was used in the coffee, you may have to sponge the stain with dry-cleaning fluid.

CRANBERRY STAINS - To eliminate cranberry stains, scoop up as much of the sauce as you can—as quickly as you can— and then rinse with cold water. Pretreat the stained area and then wash - as the care label for the fabric indicates.

CANDLE WAX - To get rid of candle wax from the tablecloth, let the wax harden—a quick way is to put it in the freezer. Then scrape it off the tablecloth with a dull knife. Place paper towels on both sides of the stain and set the iron on the warm setting, then iron (no steam) over the stained area. Change the towels often to absorb all of the wax. Launder as usual.

GRAVY - To clean up gravy, spoon it up as fast as you can. Sprinkle artificial sweetener or flour over the stained area to absorb the grease. Put the tablecloth into a sink and soak in a mixture of one teaspoon of a mild, colorless detergent with each cup of lukewarm water for at least 20 minutes. Then wash as usual and let air dry—don't put in the dryer.

RED WINE - To remove red-wine stains, pour a big dose of salt on top of the stain to absorb the liquid. Put the tablecloth into cold water and try to rub out the stain. Use an enzyme detergent in the hottest water safe for the fabric, soak for 30 minutes and launder.

*HORTense takes no responsibility for her claims. And furthermore, she is penniless so don't try suing her...

Displays. Wait until you see the 'WOW' factor they are creating – the first will be a holiday theme with lots of color.

Future projects include designing the enhancement of the Rose Garden and the Secret Garden.

The committee is currently comprised of Co-Chairs, Paul Renwick & Maureen Reilly, Brenda Gustafson, Laurie Hart, Jeff Policar, Tim Sutton and Rich Zwack. They will be calling on members for their expertise in the Gardens and would welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

MISSION

The mission of the Landscaping Advisory Committee is to assist the Horticulture Committee with the architectural design and vision of the Gardens while continuing the development and maintaining of plant collections, education, research, conservation and enjoyment.





Children's Event: BOOtanical Halloween









BOOtanical Halloween (continued)











BOOtanical Halloween (continued)













BOOtanical Halloween (continued)



See more BOOtanical Halloween pics and all the wonderful "LITTLE" ghouls, princesses, Super Hero's and more who came to The Gardens on our Facebook Page → <u>facebook.com/PSLBotanicalGardens</u>

Native Garden Under Construction



Seen Around The Gardens







Enlist: Join the Saturday Wacky Weeders'

> When: December 17th Where: PSL Botanical Gardens Time: 8:30AM - 12:00РМ

LUNCH Served



Earn Double volunteer hours (Core & School Students)

The Gardens need your help! The Weeds are winning the war! And the vines are strategizing for a world take-over! Let's show 'em who's boss. They've had all summer to strengthen their ranks, but enough is enough! It's time to spruce up the Gardens for the holidays!

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.









Dove Orchid Or Holy Ghost Orchid (PeristeriaElata)

GIFT SHOP SPARKLES

Our Gift Shop has a sparkling new look and new items just in time for holiday shopping! Stop in to see the new layout and the many new items that are certainly going to please someone on your shopping list. Special thanks to Christina Williams, owner of the local icon Shell Bazaar and her assistant Sherry Santino for their counsel and hard work to bring a bright new look to our shop.





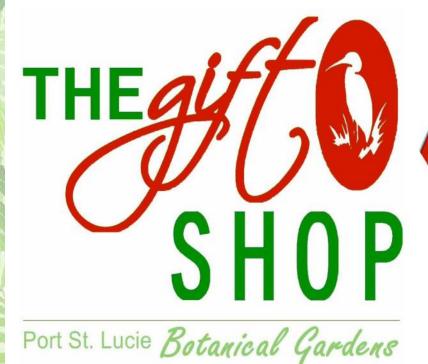








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10% Off All Merchandise 20% Off All Members and Friends Volunteers ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Please consider running for Board of Directors of the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens

Click the link below to download the Intent to be a Candidate form, qualifications to run and BIO info. Forms will also be available at the office or contact Debby Augst, Election Committee Chair at pslbgelections@yahoo.com

Deadline to file Notice of Intent to be a Candidate is 12/31/2016

CLICK HERE FOR THE INTENT TO BE A CANDIDATE FORM



1 st	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Members Welcome	
4 th	Fun With Santa at The Gardens	1:00 – 3:00 pm	All Welcome	
6 th	Crosstown Chapel Rehearsal	5:30 – 10:00 pm	Chapel members only	
7 th	German American Club Board Mtg.	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Members Welcome	
7 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 – 11:30 am	All Welcome	
8 th	PSL Angler's Club	6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Members Welcome	
9 th	Keiser University Pinning Ceremony	4:00 – 9:00 pm	Members Welcome	
12 th	Rio Lindo Board Meeting	10:00 am – Noon	Rio Lindo Board Members	
12 th	Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 – 6:00 pm	Members Welcome	
12 th	Jingle & Mingle At The Gardens	6:00 – 9:00 pm	For PSLBG Members and Volunteers	
13 th	Crosstown Chapel Rehearsal	5:30 – 10:00 pm	Chapel members only	
14 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome	
14 th	Ft Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, Members \$5	
15 th	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 – 4:00 PM	Members Only	
17 th	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am – Noon	All Welcome	
17 th	Plant Sale and Wreath Demonstration	9:00 am – Noon	All Welcome	
20 th	Crosstown Chapel Rehearsal	5:30 – 10:00 pm	Chapel members only	
22 nd	Ivy League School visit	1:30 – 3:30 pm	School Children Only	
23 rd	Crosstown Chapel Dress Rehearsal	5:30 – 10:00 pm	Chapel Members Only	
24 th	Crosstown Chapel Christmas Eve Service	4:00 pm – 2:00 am	Chapel Members Only	
25 th	Christmas Day	Closed		
28 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	\$6 Donation, Members \$5	
The Gardens is closed Monday's & Tuesday's • For more information on events, please call 772.337.1959				

UF IFAS Extension UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar — November

What to Plant

Perennials: Divide and replant overgrown perennials and bulbs now so that they establish before the coolest weather arrives. **See** *Seeds and Propagation (Lawn and Garden)*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_garden_propagation</u>

Lawns: Watch for brown patch and large patch until May. These fungal diseases cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key. **See** *Turf Diseases*:<u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_diseases</u>

Scale insects: Take advantage of lower temperatures to apply horticultural oil sprays to control scale insects. **See***L*andscape Pest Management: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic landscape pests

Irrigation: Turn off systems and water only if needed. Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather.**See** *Landscape Irrigation*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_irrigation</u> **Poinsettias**: Watch for hornworms on poinsettias planted in the landscape. This pest can quickly defoliate a plant. Handpick or treat only the infested area. **See** *Poinsettias*: <u>http://</u> edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_poinsettia

What to Do

Annuals/Bedding plants: To add color to the winter garden, plant masses of begonia, impatiens, and geranium.**See** *Annuals*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants</u>

Bulbs: Amaryllis is a popular plant for the holiday season. It can be forced to bloom now or planted outdoors for spring blooms. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic bulbous flowers

Herbs: Plant herbs that thrive in cool weather. Some examples include parsley, thyme, sage, dill, fennel, and cilantro. **See** *Herbs*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs</u>

Vegetables: Reliable cool-season vegetables to plant this month include broccoli, carrots, kale, green onions, and others. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic_vegetable_gardening

WHAT'S FLOWERING CEMBER

For more information, please visit GardeningSolutions.ifas.ufl.edu UF IFAS Extension

Beauty Berry 🦇 Native, deciduous (Callicarpa americana)

Non-native, tender-evergreen (Euphorbia pulcherrima)

Beautyberry*
Pinkball Tree

Poinsetta*
 Powderpuff*
 Orchid Tree

MASTER

Gardening

SOL LITION

Non-native, evergreen (Dombeya wallichii)

Non-native, semi-deciduous (Bauhinia spp.)

Camellia Japonica [.]

Camellia Sasangua

Poinsettia*

Powderpuff*

Tea Olive 🦇

In both North and South.

Welcome to All Garden Goers...

This month our Jazz Jams will be held on **December 14th,** & December 28th starting at 6:30 pm

JAZZ JAMS At The Gardens

Donation **\$5** per person. Gardens & Jazz Society Members **\$4** per person.

Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society

HEARD AROUND THE GARDENS

"Thank you for providing such a beautiful place for our community to enjoy. We are blessed each time we are allowed to use the facility and are grateful to God for our years of friendship!" -Crosstown Chapel

"... My staff and I had a fantastic time. BOOtanical was an ingenious idea for all of our families with small children looking for a place to go Trick-or-Treating. I can't tell you how many parents, with big smiles, thanked us for participating in this incredible event. The joy on the children's

faces as we handed them candy is a memory I will cherish forever. Thank you again letting us be a part of the special occasion and thank you for all you do for the Botanical Gardens of Port St. Lucie. Your hard work and dedication in appreciated more than you will ever know. You are a part of what makes St. Lucie County a great place to live!" - Gayle Harrell, Florida House of Representatives, District 83

"..... truly amazed and very impressed with what you are doing in the propagation area with propagating and selling plants from your very own gardens. Havn't seen that in California or other places visited. Definitely bringing it back to San Francisco." - Caleb of San Francisco as told to Brenda Gustafson

GARDEN OF THE MONTH: CACTUS & SUCCULENT GARDEN MAINTAINED BY FRIENDS OF THE PORT SAINT LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS

The initial dream of a Cactus and Succulent Garden is attributed to the late Richard Laub, one of our Founding Members. Tony Jonek carried that dream to reality and still today nearly single handedly maintains and refreshes the garden. Stop by, take the time to really see the many and varied types of cacti and succulents in a unique artistic garden setting.







Volunteer at the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens

PROPAGATION

Assist with propagation, plant sales and all areas of propagation techniques. No experience needed. Bring gloves and clippers. Thursday – Saturday 8:30AM – 12PM in the Propagation Area. Please call Brenda Gustafson at 772-678-8523.

We Center & Gift

If you enjoy greeting and meeting 'The Gardens' guests, handing out informational materials, answering the telephone and assisting with questions and requests this is the place for you. Assist in the selection and sales of books, gifts and other merchandise. Capable of handling money and accountable for gift shop receipts. Ability to work well with other volunteers and the public. Open Wednesday – Saturday – 10AM-4PM, Sunday 12AM-4PM. No experience needed. Retail experience in Gift Shop a plus.

Please Call Illona Christie at 772-337-1959.





BOTANICAL GABRENS AND THE HOLIDAYS

Botanical Gardens around the United States love to celebrate the Holiday in full fashion. For your enjoyment we present snapshots from Gardens around our wonderful country and their lovely holiday displays and annual traditions.













Botanicgardens.org Blossoms of Light Show







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flbg.org Holiday Lights in The Gardens







HORTICULTURE KNOW HOW...

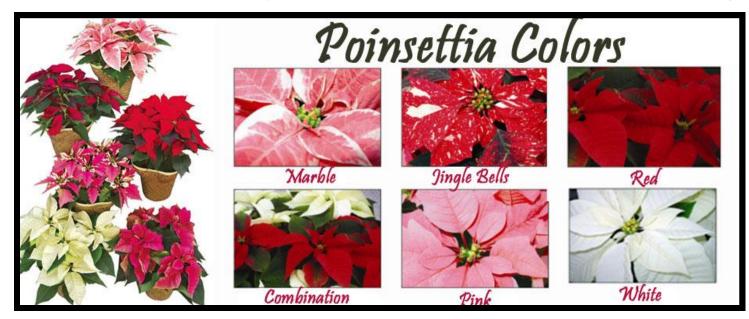
Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Horticulture Class Series 2016 Annual Poinsettia Handout

- 1. Poinsettia's are cultivars of Euphorbia pulcherrima, a shrub or small tree native to Mexico and Central America. It was introduced to the US by Joel Poinsett who was the US Minister to Mexico in 1825. It is a member of the spurge family. It is a shrub or small tree growing in seasonal dry forests as understory and grows from 2 to 16 ft. tall. The ones I have seen blooming naturally in the islands and in Mexico were 8 to 10 ft. tall, with long flexible stems with the bracts at the ends. They were in their dry cycle and so had no leaves just bracts. They sort of looked like flying red flowers.
- Plant care These are tropical plants. They do not like conditions below 60 degrees, wind, salt, or high variations in soil moisture. They wilt easily and will drop their



leaves if subject to high soil moisture variability and hot or cold drafts. They do best in a house if they can get some sunlight every day.

- 3. If given somewhat protected conditions the red bracts can last for weeks. The bracts are actually colored leaves; the flowers are the small yellow or green tufts in the center of the bracts.
- 4. To re-flower or reuse your poinsettia follow these directions: Throughout the winter, keep the plant somewhat dry and do not fertilize until the weather warms in spring.



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After the weather has begun to warm, cut off the fading bracts, leaving 4-6 inches of the stem on each branch. When new growth begins fertilize lightly, repot if necessary to a slightly larger container. Be sure and use potting mix which drains well. Poinsettias dislike soggy mix. Move the plant to an area with partial shade.

- 5. To use in a shrub border, select a location that is well drained, receives partial sun, and has some wind protection. In addition, if you want consistent flowering, you need to select a location that does not have outside night lighting.
- 6. To encourage re-flowering In July cut the plant back to about 1/2 the height you want for your holiday decorations. On October 1st, begin 14 hours of uninterrupted darkness each night, every night without interruption, and continue this until the holidays arrive. Even a flash of light for a few seconds will interrupt the cycle and delay flowering. Your re-flowered bracts will probably not be as large or as perfect as the commercial ones because you will probably not be providing perfect fertilizer applications nor applying a variety of pesticides.
- 7. Toxicity Despite the rumors, these are not terribly toxic plants. Recent research indicates that it would require the consumption of many pounds of plant materials to produce more than an upset stomach. However, members of the spurge family have white sticky sap which a small percentage of the population finds to be irritating. So don't eat your poinsettias and when you are working with them keep the sap off of your skin.

Merry Chrístmas, Happy Hanukkah & Happy Holídays!

*The content of this lesson plan was provided by Propagation Resource an on-line service.

It should be noted that varying propagation resources have a variety of views and it is up to the individual to determine what information best fits one's own needs.

Are you a Member of Friends? Friends Membership is...



Become a Member of a Growing Community... Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, Inc.



Click Here to Join or Renew Your Membership Today



VISIT OUR WEBSITE



PSLBG Propagation

Purchase 2 plants & receive a small Plant FREE

Our PSLBG Propagation Center has a large variety of plants starting at \$2 and trees at very reasonable prices.

We're open: Sunday • 12pm – 4pm Wednesday-Saturday • 10am – 4pm

Sunday December 4th 1:00 - 3:00 pm Fun at The Gardens With Santa Come celebrate the holiday season with us. Bring your camera and take a picture with Santa. Create crafts, design ornaments, listen to carolers, make a dreidel, or decorate cookies. Free for children and families.



Members & Volunteers come celebrate the Holidays with us at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens with a POT LUCK DINNER of favorite holiday cuisine. Click on the link below to register and let us know what Appetizer, Entrée, or Dessert you would like to bring. Beer, Wine and Soda will be provided.

If you would like to participate in our GIFT GRAB, please bring a wrapped gift (\$5 - \$10 value) to join in the frivolity and hilarity of gift stealing and more. It's always the funny or weird ones that get stolen the most.



Bring your favorite Wine Glass.

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Horticulture How-To Series: Creating Holiday Wreaths

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Saturday • December 17, 2016 10:00 - 11:30 am In The Propagation Area

3 Designs that will make your door sparkle. Get in the Holiday Spirit and join us for a Wreath making demonstration.

What You Will Learn:

- How to design 3 different stunning wreaths
- Step by step demonstration on how to make and personalize your own wreath
- How to use simple supplies found in your yard and your home to create an eco-friendly, upcycled wreath





PAUL RENWICK, a Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Member and volunteer will be demonstrating 3 different Holiday Wreath Designs. Paul has been very active at the Gardens assisting in the propagation area and as Co-Chair of the new Landscape Advisory Committee and is working with the committee developing a new display for the back entrance to the Gardens creating a "WOW" factor. He is also responsible for creating the stunning floral designs exhibited on the central table of the Pavilion. A multi-talented volunteer, Paul owned and operated a flower and design shop in Alameda, California for over 25 years'. He was chosen to create the Presentation Bouquets, flower arrangements and decorations for the 1992 World Skating Championships, held in Oakland, California. Now retired, Paul continues to practice his talents where he finds opportunities. Be sure to attend this great workshop.

This workshop will be held in conjunction with Delights of December Plant Sale

Cost: PSLBG Members - NO CHARGE • Non-Members - \$10

Become an individual FPSLBG member for \$25 and you can attend the event FREE !!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Saturday • December 17, 2016 9am to Noon

Plants Galore & Unique Gifts For Sale

Join Us for this festive event in the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens expanded Propagation Area. Enjoy the Holiday music, Christmas cookies and cheer while you're shopping for that special gift or plant for your home.





Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 Time: 11a.m. SAVE THE DATE

Public is Invited! Join us in celebrating Florida Arbor Day at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens with the planting of our 2017 Arbor Day tree

2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd, south of PSL Blvd.

Donations are welcome. Please mail to 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd, PSL 34952. Minimum donation is \$25.00, please. Forms are available at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens Office. The Book of Remembrance is located in the Gardens' Pavilion for public review.

Contact 772.337.1959 for information



