

The July 2016 Newsletter Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie
Botanical Gardens
Florida



INCREASING EXPOSURE AT THE GARDENS

Dear Friends,

Providing educational, cultural and recreational opportunities is part of our Mission and therefore our quest!

We have been assisted in sharing this message to our community and visitors through recent media exposure. CBS12 highlighted our Kids Event in an evening news spot (see President's Message, page 2) and the current (Summer 2016) issue of Port St. Lucie Magazine has featured The Gardens in their eight page Attractions article titled "Urban Oasis". Stop by the Welcome Center in the Pavilion and pick up a copy! Feel pride in that The Gardens is still "just a sprout" compared to other public gardens, but as quoted by Mayor Oravec "...it is only going to get better with time."



As a Friend, you too can reach out to your family, neighbors, and local businesses. Invite them to visit and support our own "urban oasis".

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Reminder

CHILDREN'S EVENT HELPING SAVE THE PLANET JULY 30TH • 11AM - NOON



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Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

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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

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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Greetings to everyone as we bring you up to date on July activities at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens. As the temperatures assume their typical summer sizzle, indoor activities take on importance. Imagine our surprise a few weeks ago, on a busy Saturday morning at the Gardens, to have a film crew from CBS Channel 12 arrive to interview and film one of that morning's activities: our children's program on the Gopher Tortoise. That evenings 6 o'clock news ran the footage, and it was great fun to see our own Botanical Gardens celebrated as a great place to visit. Goes to prove that we never know who's going to enter our doors!



Please don't allow the summer temperatures to discourage visiting your PSL Botanical Gardens! We appreciate each and every visitor.

Joleen King
President

**CHECK OUT THE CBS12
PORT ST. LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS
NEWS ARTICLE**

[**CLICK HERE**](#)

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**VIDEO OF
THE MONTH**

**PLANT
PROPAGATION**

PART 1

Port St. Lucie

MAGAZINE

A magazine for and about PORT ST. LUCIE, ST. LUCIE WEST, PGA VILLAGE AND TRADITION



The Perriello family found a variety of plants to take home from the sale in the Propagation Garden on Mother's Day. CHRISTINA TASCON PHOTO - [SEE MORE HERE](#)



ATTRACTIONS

Urban Oasis

Articles are welcome to the Port St. Lucie International Community by line and research which serve as the building blocks for just reports, special occasions and events. Editors, designers, photographers and assistants please see the ad in the Yellow Pages for more information.

Port St. Lucie Magazine

ATTRACTIONS

City, citizens reap many benefits from botanical gardens

Many formal gardens seem like artwork in museums — beautiful but not created by or to be touched by mere mortals. Volunteers and organizers at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens strive for beauty, which inspires others to recreate the same tableau of nature in their homes and gardens.

The gardens, a beautiful 20-acre oasis by a lake, have gravel pathways, a pavilion and a variety of native flora and fauna on the west side of Westmeadow Boulevard, just south of Port St. Lucie Boulevard on the shore of the St. Lucie River.

The gardens feature a variety of bamboo, bromeliad, cactus, hibiscus, orchids, rose, butterfly and many native plants. Uplift and care is provided by volunteers and many varied garden clubs that designate their volunteers to their specialties. In return, they are can hold their meetings in the conference center.

"Our various volunteers could have planned their most exotic and difficult variety," board president John King said. "But then how will people grow them in their own gardens? We want the plants here to be within reach for everyone to grow."

NEW GROWTH

Compared with other well-known gardens in nearby cities, PSLBG is just a spout — born March 6, 2010. Bob Towse Garden was established as a public garden 87 years ago; McKee Botanical Garden opened in its original form as McKee Jungle Gardens 84 years ago and even Hawthorne Botanical Gardens in Fort Pierce, its closest and youngest neighbor, opened in 1956.

Approximately 1,500 visitors come through monthly, but with events and festivals that bring in hundreds for the day like Christmas in the Garden and the Botanical Garden Festival and Plant Sale held every February yearly estimates are around 20,000 visitors.

"It's exciting to think how it is only going to get better with time — not only because of the vegetation growing in and the continuing hard work of our dedicated volunteers and staff, but also the envisioned improvements to the Westmeadow."

PORT SAINT LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Where: 2410 SE Westmeadow Blvd., Port St. Lucie
Hours: Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Sundays
Admission: No entrance fee
Suggested donations: \$3 adult, \$2 children
For more information: Call 327-1936 or visit portstluciebotanicalgardens.org

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PROPAGATION CENTER UPDATE



Preparing for Summer Plant sales & Workshops on Red Nose Day • L to R: Paul Beturney, Jack Kelly, Paul Renwick and Brenda Gustafson.

The Propagation Team is ready for the Summer Plant Sales and Workshops. Be sure to head down to the Propagation area for some great plants anytime you're at The Gardens.

If you'd like to join our team for lots of propagation and fun too we're at The Gardens - Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:30 - 12:00 PM+ (and sometimes Wednesday).

POTS NEEDED: We're looking for all sizes of plastic pots for new plantings.



It's a lot of fun - join us!

The May 28th Tropical Treasures and Tools Maintenance and Propagation Workshop was a great success! A big thank you to June & Bob Beers for their presentation on Garden Tool Maintenance and to Dale Galiano and Ben Woodruff for demonstrating how to propagate plants. The Propagation Plant sale was filled with lots of visitors and plant sales.

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with this busy event!



Be sure to attend our Taste of the Tropics Plant Sale and Grafting Workshop on July 2nd and the Bromeliads and More Workshop and Plant Sale on July 30th.

Brenda Gustafson



MEMBER THANK YOU:

My husband and I attended our second really good workshop at Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens on Sat. May 28, 2016! The first was in tree trimming. Excellent speaker! The second was on propagation and tool maintenance. The three speakers were again really excellent!

I have been putting my tool maintenance info to good use. I completed one set of tools and am working on the second set. Then I will tackle sharpening them! Thank you PSLBG for all the excellent information! I'm putting the info to good use!

Lin Olson



Out & About



With The Gardens



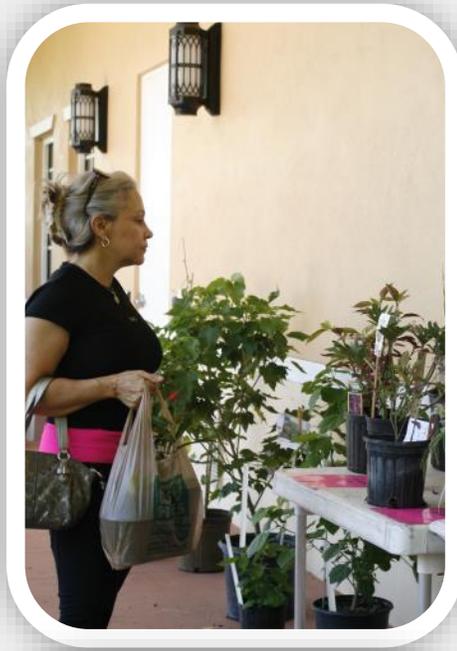
May 28, 2016 – A busy day at The Gardens!

Kids Event!





Tropical Treasures Plant Sale!



Workshop!



Hard at work!



Photographer **Rob Koklys** enjoys an afternoon In The Gardens. Mr. Koklys says that the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens is the best he's been to. He often comes to The Gardens to photograph and enjoy.





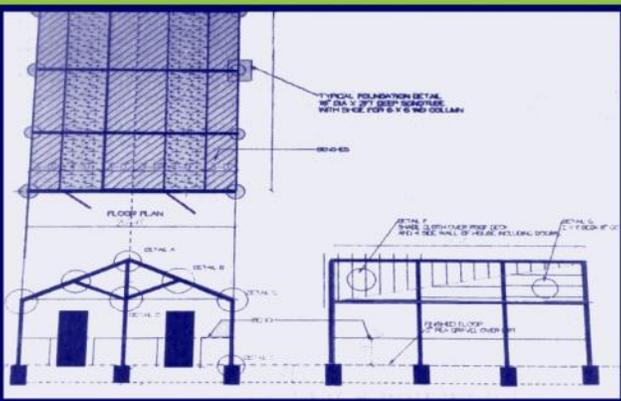
Shade House Appeal

In keeping with the continuing goal to enhance the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, the Horticulture Committee has proposed the installation of a 20' x 24' Shade House in the Propagation area. Benefits include:

1. Further develop and cultivate the propagation program to enable the inclusion of garden and ornamental plants.
2. Allow our Garden Societies the facility and space to grow and expand their collections.
3. Provide an additional venue for community education in propagation techniques.
4. Generate additional income to benefit the Propagation area and The Gardens growth.

Our dollar goal for this important project is **\$5000.00** and we are already **over 35%** to our goal.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN WITH US TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER!



Donors

St. Lucie West Garden Club
\$1,000
Volunteerism Always Pays
\$250
Brenda Gustafson
\$100
Illona Christie
\$100
Judy Nash-Wade
\$100
Pat & Bob K.
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Paul Renwick & Jerome Post
\$100
Pat Gerber
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Renee & Brian Major
\$25

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HELP US REACH OUR GOAL**

Donations can be made on-line at:
www.pslbotanicalgardens.org

You can also mail your check to:
Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, Inc.
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law
Friends is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

CLICK ABOVE TO DONATE TO THE SHADE HOUSE FUNDRAISER ON-LINE



2 nd	Taste of the Tropics Plant Sale	9 am – 1 pm	All Welcome
2 nd	How-To Series: Grafting Fruit Trees	9:30 – 11 am	Class size Limited Registration Required Call 772.337.1959 For More Information
6 th	Advanced Beginner Spanish Classes	10 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
6 th	German American Club Board Mtg.	2 pm – 4 pm	Members Welcome
7 th	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2 pm – 4 pm	Members Welcome
12 th	Orchid Society Meeting	11 am – 3 pm	Members Welcome
13 th	Advanced Beginner Spanish Classes	10 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
13 th	Master Gardener's Meeting	10:30 am - 1 pm	Members Welcome
13 th	Ft Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$5 Donation, Members \$4
14 th	PSL Anglers Club Meeting	6:30 – 9 pm	All Welcome
15 th	Tree Top Academy Tour	10 – 11:30 am	Private Tour
20 th	Advanced Beginner Spanish Classes	10 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
21 st	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2 – 4 pm	Members Only
27 th	Advanced Beginner Spanish Classes	10 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
27 th	Ft Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$5 Donation, Members \$4
30 th	Bromeliads & More Plant Sale	9 am – 1 pm	All Welcome
30 th	Children's' Program: Helping Save The Planet	11 am – 12 noon	Children 5-12 Years Old and their Families. Registration Required Call 772.337.1959
30 th	How-To Series: Using Bromeliads & Tillandsias in your Landscape & Home	10 – 11:30 am	Class size Limited Registration Required Call 772.337.1959 For More Information

For more information on these & other events, please call 772.337.1959

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Education



Preservation



Community



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Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, Inc.**



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Membership Today**

NEWS FROM MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM UF/IFAS ST.LUCIE COUNTY EXTENSION:

UF Research-Based Mosquito Repellent Recommendations for Increase Public Safety

The University of Florida conducts research and extension on mosquito repellents. The best mosquito repellents are those that provide protection from bites for at least one hour after a single application. Home-based remedies found online and circulated on social media should be regarded with cautious skepticism unless there is UF-based research supporting the product. For example, there is no scientific evidence that eating garlic, vitamins, onions, or any other food will make a person less attractive to host-seeking mosquitoes.

Researchers tested and evaluated the effectiveness of mosquito repellents based on the amount of time the product will continue to repel mosquitoes after one application to the skin. This is known as Complete Protection Time (CPT). As always, people should read and follow the product label directions.

Essential MOSQUITO CONTROL TIPS
for Homeowners

DRESS
Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.

DEET
Use a repellent containing DEET when exposure to mosquitoes is likely.

DRAINAGE
Mosquitoes lay eggs in water. Inspect the area around your home to get rid of standing water.

Clean out eaves & gutters.
Drill holes in or remove old tires.
Turn over empty plastic pots.
Check tarps on boats & equipment for standing water.
Pump out bilges on boats.

Replace birdbath water once a week.
Empty water in plant trays and hanging baskets once a week.
Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent water flow.
Clear out thick brush to increase airflow around the home.

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Adapted from: Essential Mosquito Control, Tip 1 for Homeowners, <http://tractford.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/EssentialMosquitoControlTipsforHomeowners.pdf>, SP 496. Mosquitoes and their Control, UF/IFAS Extension Bookstore, <http://facebook.com/uf.ifas> and <http://edup-129-mosquitoes-their-control.aspx>
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PRODUCTS	ACTIVE INGREDIENT	AVERAGE COMPLETE PROTECTION TIME
OFF! Deep Woods	23.8% DEET	5 hours
Sawyer Controlled Release	20% DEET	4 hours
OFF! Skintastic	6.65% DEET	2 hours
Repel Lemon Eucalyptus Insect Repellent	Oil of lemon eucalyptus; p-menthane 3,8- diol (PMD)	2 hours
Bite Blocker for Kids	2% Soybean Oil	1.5 hours
OFF! Skintastic for Kids	4.75% DEET	1.5 hours
Skin-So-Soft Bug Guard Plus	7.5% IR3535	23 minutes
Natrapel	10% Citronella	20 minutes
Herbal Armor	12% Citronella; 2.5% peppermint oil; 2% cedar oil; 1% lemongrass oil; 0.05% geranium oil	19 minutes
Green Ban for People	10% Citronella; 2% peppermint oil	14 minutes
Buzz Away	5% Citronella	14 minutes
Skin-So-Soft Bug Guard	0.1% Citronella	10 minutes
Skin-So-Soft Bath Oil	Active Ingredient not known	10 minutes
Skin-So-Soft Moisturizing Suncare	0.05% Citronella	3 minutes
Gone Original Wristband	9.5% DEET	0
Repello Wristband	9.5% DEET	0
Gone Plus Repelling Wristband	25% Citronella	0

NEWS RELEASE

Potential whitefly outbreak threatens Florida landscapes and crops.

The Q-biotype whitefly, a significant tropical and subtropical pest, may threaten Florida crops such as tomatoes, squash, beans, watermelons and many other vegetables and ornamentals if immediate measures are not taken to prevent its spread.

Scientists statewide, including those with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), are working together to control the whitefly which, for the first time, has been found outside greenhouses and nurseries in Florida. Known scientifically as *Bemisia tabaci*, the Q-biotype or Mediterranean whitefly is a light-colored, flying insect slightly less than 1 millimeter in length.

Researchers with UF/IFAS are working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to manage the whitefly.

“Unfortunately, we have a developing whitefly issue in Florida,” said Lance Osborne, a faculty member at the UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka, Florida. “The situation may be improved with diligent attention to identifying and reporting any outbreaks.” This marks the first time the Q-biotype of *Bemisia tabaci* has been found outside a greenhouse or nursery in the United States since it was found on an ornamental plant in a greenhouse in 2004-2005, said Osborne, a UF/IFAS entomology professor.

The following measures are recommended to control the spread of Q-biotype whitefly:

The following measures are recommended to control the spread of Q-biotype whitefly:

- Homeowners who suspect they have a whitefly infestation should contact their UF/IFAS Extension county office. Office locations may be found at <http://bit.ly/1Q8wguw>.
- For identification purposes, infested leaves and dead insect specimens should be brought to local Extension offices. Wrap in a dry paper towel and place in a seal-able plastic bag and then in an envelope. Freezing the specimen overnight before transport is highly recommended. Live insects should not be transported.
- The collection information should be included with the sample. Date, location, what type of vegetation is affected, number of suspected whiteflies, and any information about whether a pesticide has been used on the plant, is helpful information to managing the pest. For steps on how to submit a sample to FDACS DPI, visit <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Submit-a-Sample-for-Identification>.
- Because new populations have built up resistance to chemicals, it is recommended that suspected whitefly infestations be confirmed before chemically treating the insects, as it may be needless to spray pesticides.
- Landscapers and pest control operators should inspect for signs of whitefly pests, communicate with neighboring properties and homeowners associations, employ good management and growing practices, and implement whitefly management guidelines available at http://mrec.ifas.ufl.edu/lso/bemisia-WhiteflyManagementProgram_2014.pdf.
- Nurseries that suspect whitefly infestations should contact the FDACS Division of Plant Industry at 1-888-397-1517.



Ficus
Whitefly



Silverleaf
Whitefly



Papaya Whitefly



Giant
Whitefly



Greenhouse
Whitefly

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University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar — July

What to Plant - Annuals/Bedding plants: Summer annuals to plant now include celosia, coleus, torenia, and ornamental pepper. **See** *Annuals*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Butterfly lily and gladiolus can be planted during the middle of summer. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Herbs: While summer is too hot to start herbs from seeds, many do well if started from small plants. **See** *Herbs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Palms: Continue planting palms while the rainy season is in full swing. Support large palms with braces for 6–8 months after planting. Nails should not be driven directly into a palm trunk. **See** *Palms*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palms

Vegetables: Start your Halloween pumpkins this month, but watch out for mildew diseases. Okra and Southern peas can also be planted. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

What to Do - Trees: Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist. **See** *International Society of Arboriculture*: <http://isa-arbor.com/> and *Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning

Lawns: Determine the cause of any lawn problems before taking action. If an insect is the culprit, treat only the affected area. Rule out disease or sprinkler malfunction. **See** *Garden Pest Insects*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_garden_pest_insects

Vegetable garden: Use summer heat to solarize the vegetable garden for fall planting. It takes 4–6 weeks to kill weeds, disease, and nematodes, so start now. **See** *Soil Solarization*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_soil_solarization

Azaleas: Prune no later than mid-July to protect developing buds for next spring's bloom. **See** *Azalea*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_azalea

Irrigation: Install an inexpensive rain shutoff device to save money by overriding an irrigation system when it rains. If one is already installed, check that it is operating properly. **See** *Landscape Irrigation*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_irrigation

Pests on ornamental plants: Inspect the leaves of azaleas and ornamental plants for small white dots that may indicate lace bugs at work. Spray forcefully with water to help control this pest. **See** *Landscape Pest Management*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests and *Landscape Lace Bug Pests*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_lace_bug_pests

Citrus: Check citrus trees for damage to fruit or leaves and take action to minimize the effect of insects and/or disease on developing fruit and the overall health of the tree. **See** *Home Citrus Culture*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_citrus_home_citrus_culture

GARDEN OF THE MONTH: BUTTERFLY GARDEN

MAINTAINED BY FRIENDS OF THE PORT ST. LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Butterflies galore as we go into the sixth summer season of the butterfly garden. "We have never seen so many butterflies as this year - we have herds of butterflies!". Spring sprung in the garden with a full trellis of Confederate Jasmine flowers that filled the air with a heavenly perfume, and at the same time the Sweet Almond also put out its wonderful sweet scent.

What a wonderful place to be!!!

Monarchs, Gulf Fritillaries, Zebra Long Wings, and Sulfurs are our founding members. Julias, Eastern Mountain Swallowtails and Giant Swallowtails are sometimes fly-by guests. All host plants are ready to be eaten, all nectar flowering plants are ready to feed. The balance of nature - the never ending cycles - the miracle of a caterpillar transforming into a beautiful colorful creature - a bright spot of color and light flitting thru the gardens. Did I say " what a wonderful place to be?!!!! Come, visit - and watch " the show!".

Phyllis Brown
Lead Butterfly Gardener



The butterfly garden goes and grows because of people who have a passion for color and light: Phyllis Brown, Michele Mahood, Pam Perkerson, Ellen Balsome, and Marylou Weiner

GARDEN OF THE MONTH: BUTTERFLY GARDEN



BUTTERFLIES IN THE GIFT SHOP





Can You Dig It?



CYPRESS GARDENS

Cypress Gardens was a botanical garden and theme park near Winter Haven, Florida that operated from 1936 to 2009. As of 2011, the botanical garden portion has been preserved inside the newly formed Legoland Florida.

Billed as Florida's first commercial tourist theme park, Cypress Gardens opened on January 2, 1936 as a botanical garden planted by Dick Pope Sr. and his wife Julie. Over the years it became one of the biggest attractions in Florida, known for its water ski shows, gardens, and Southern Belles.

It became known as the "Water Ski Capital of the World" because it was the site of many of the sport's landmark firsts and over 50 world records were broken there. During World War II, soldiers visited and waterskiing was introduced for their entertainment. Numerous movies were filmed at the park, including portions of *This is Cinerama*, the first feature filmed in the wide-screen format, and a string of Esther Williams films and TV specials in the 1950s and 1960s. In the 1950s the Southern Belles attraction was introduced, in which young women dressed in the crinolines reminiscent of the Antebellum South. During the American Civil War Centennial young men dressed in Confederate uniforms would be photographed with the Southern Belles. In the early 1960s a custom photography boat named *Miss Cover Girl* was introduced, and the park became a popular site for the filming of television commercials.

Many celebrities and dignitaries have skied and visited at the park, including Elvis Presley, King Hussein of Jordan and his son and successor, King Abdullah II. It was also the site of a Johnny Carson special. On April 14, 2014, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Competition for guests increased after Walt Disney World Resort opened nearby in 1971. In the early 1980s, the Popes retired and transferred the park to their son, Dick Pope, Jr.

In the 1980s book publisher Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich purchased the park along with SeaWorld, Circus World (later rebuilt as Boardwalk and Baseball) and Stars Hall of Fame. Harcourt sold most of the businesses to Anheuser-Busch in 1989. Busch continued to operate Cypress Gardens until April 1, 1995, when a group of the park's managers, led by Bill Reynolds, bought the property.

Under President and CEO Reynolds, the



Cypress Gardens / Legoland Florida

park operated until April 13, 2003, when it closed after a prolonged tourism decline following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. 529 people were put out of work with three days' notice.

On February 22, 2004, Adventure Parks Group, owned by Kent Buescher, purchased the property and renamed it Cypress Gardens Adventure Park. The purchase of the amusement park portion of the Cypress Gardens property was part of a larger conservation transaction. In that transaction, the entire 150-acre site was purchased from its previous owner, First Gardens, L.C., by The Trust for Public Land, a national conservation organization. TPL then sold a conservation easement over the entire property to the state of Florida, while Polk County purchased the 30-acre gardens portion of the property, less the development rights conveyed in the state easement. Adventure Parks Group purchased the balance of the property, also subject to the conservation easement.

Buescher's plan to reopen the park in September 2004 was delayed by damages created by hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne. Cypress Gardens Adventure Park finally opened in November 2004. One of its new attractions, the Triple Hurricane roller coaster, was named for the tumultuous storm season. The adjacent Splash Island water park opened in 2005, along with the Galaxy Spin roller coaster.

In September 2006, Adventure Parks Group filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection at the Florida site following approximately \$30 million in damages sustained by the 2004 hurricanes.

Land South Adventures, a subsidiary of Mulberry, Florida-based Land South Holdings, purchased Cypress Gardens at a bankruptcy auction on October 16, 2007, for \$16.9 million, leaving Buescher as interim manager until Baker Leisure Group of Orlando, Florida, took over park operations in January 2008.



On Monday, November 10, 2008, Land South Holdings announced the temporary closure of the park, which was shut down November 17 of that year. It reopened on March 28, 2009, with an expanded water park named Splash Island. The animals, however, were gone, and the rides did not operate or had already been removed. Cypress Gardens and Splash Island began separate ticketing, with dual-park season passes also available; parking was free.

On September 23, 2009, owner Land South Holdings LLC announced that the park was closing immediately, saying that all avenues to keep the park open had been explored but that they were unable to find a way to "keep the park running in its traditional form."

On January 15, 2010, the world's second largest theme park and attraction operator Merlin Entertainments bought Cypress Gardens with intent to use the site for the fifth Legoland. On January 21, 2010, Merlin Entertainments announced that the park would be turned into Legoland Florida. On October 21, 2010, an October 2011 opening date was announced and opening day occurred on October 15, 2011.

See More at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cypress_Gardens



HORTICULTURE KNOW HOW...

Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Horticulture Class Series 2016

Vegetative Propagation

Single Leaf Cuttings

There are many plants that can be propagated by leaf cuttings. Begonia is a plant that propagates very easily using the whole leaf, sections, or squares of the leaf.



Step 1

Use a ruler and a sharp knife or X-acto knife to measure and cut 3/4-inch squares from the leaf. Be sure that a part of a vein is in each square.



Step 2

Lay the leaf squares on top of the potting soil about 1/2-inch apart.



Step 3

Cover your leaf squares with a clear plastic bag. This will keep them moist and help them to start forming roots.



Step 4

Keep your leaf squares moist by misting them daily with water if needed. After 4-6 weeks, you will see new plantlets forming on the leaf square.

Helpful Hint: Cut small holes in the top of the bag to help your new plants become acclimatized to the outside world, and after a few days, remove the plastic bag. Each new plantlet can be potted into a new container when it has formed a small ball of roots.

Multiple Leaf Cuttings

Many plants like Sanseveria, more commonly known as Mother-in-law's Tongue, can be propagated by take multiple leaf cuttings.



Step 1

Remove a large leaf from the mother plant with a sharp knife.



step 2

Use a knife or blade to make multiple cuttings as shown. Be sure that the cuttings are always put into the soil in this same position, with the pointed bottom down.



Step 3

Place your leaf cuttings in a container with potting soil. One leaf will make many cuttings. Be sure to space your leaf cuttings about 1-inch apart. Cover your leaf cuttings with a clear plastic bag to keep them moist and encourage rooting. Be sure to check daily to make sure that they do not dry out.



Step 4

Plantlets will begin to form at the base of the leaf cuttings. Once the plantlets are big enough to remove easily, remove the plastic and place them into their own container.



✿ Next month will feature “Leaf with Stem Cuttings” ✿

*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.

HELPFUL HINTS (TIPS) FROM HORTENSE...



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(All this time you've just been putting Bounce in the dryer!)

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Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.

Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.

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This Propagation Event will be held in the Gardens Propagation Area

Saturday, July 2, 2016
from 9:30 - 11:00 am

What You'll Learn:

Grafting Procedures
Cleft Grafting Techniques
Side Veneer Grafting Techniques
Selecting Scion Wood
Attaching the Scion to the Rootstock

(This workshop will be held in conjunction with the Taste of the Tropics Plant Sale)

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

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Presenter **Mike Luciano** has vast experience and knowledge in the field of Grafting and will demonstrate step by step how you can graft your own fruit trees. Mike is a long time resident of Martin County since 1972, Past President of the Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club and the owner of Trees N More Farm & Nursery located in Palm City. Trees N More specializes in cold hardy tropical fruit trees. They also make homemade fruit jams, ice cream and wine made from their fruits.

Don't miss the "Wine Tasting" presented by Trees N More and the "tropical fruit tasting" presented by the Treasure Cost Rare Fruit Club. This Taste of the Tropics Plant Sale is a fun event held at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens in junction with the workshop on Saturday, July 2, 2016.

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The plant sale will begin at 9am and run through 1pm, featuring everything Bromeliads and much more. We will also be featuring a How-To Series in our Propagation area on using Bromeliads in your Landscaping and Home.

For More Information Contact
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Horticulture How-To Series: Using Bromeliads and Tillandsias in Your Landscape and Home

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens Horticulture Committee present our continuing '**How -To**' series of hands-on workshops
This Propagation Event will be held in the Gardens Propagation Area

Saturday, July 30, 2016
from 10:00 - 11:30 am

What You'll Learn:

How to repot Bromeliads and what to use
How and when to split Bromeliad pups from mother plants
How to mount Bromeliads and mounting materials

(This workshop will be held in conjunction with the Bromeliads & More Plant Sale)

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

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Pat Surniak Bromeliad specialist and President of the Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society will demonstrate the basics of caring for your Bromeliads. She is a native Floridian, who now lives in Port Saint Lucie Fl. She has a very large collection of Bromeliads which include, Tillandsias, Neoregelias, Billbergia, Aechmea, Vriesea Bromeliads. The bulk of the collection are Neoregelias due to their year round show of colors and small thorns. Pat Builds Bromeliad trees, makes Bromeliad dish gardens and builds frames to grow Tillandsias. A must for all Bromeliad enthusiasts.

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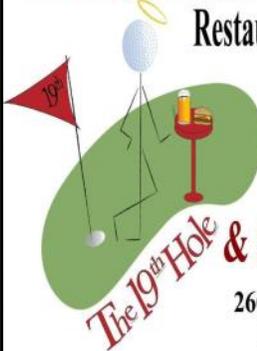
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