The August 2016 Newsletter

Gardens Gate



Botanical Gardens



SUMMER SUN

BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Great is the sun, and wide he goes, through empty heaven without repose; and in the blue and glowing days, more thick than rain he showers his rays.



Though closer still the blinds we pull, to keep the shady parlour cool, yet he will find a chink or two, to slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad, he, through the keyhole, maketh glad; and through the broken edge of tiles, into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around, he bares to all the garden ground, and sheds a warm and glittering look, among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue, round the bright air with footing true, to please the child, to paint the rose, the gardener of the World, he goes.

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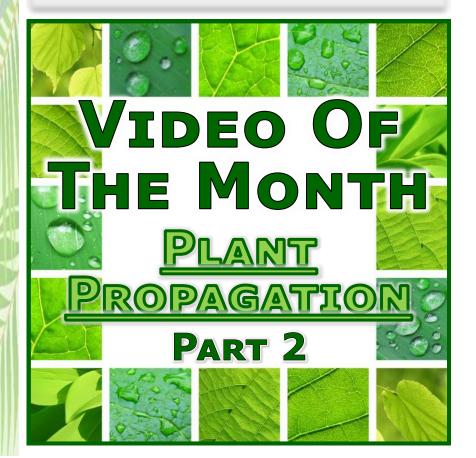
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Mid-summer and it's HOT! August in South Florida is not for the weak. Activities at the Gardens continue to roll along, though at a more leisurely pace. **Plants** continue to grow bloom, of course. Our sub-tropical climate is just right for so many beautiful exotics. Please and visit stop by



sometime in August, but remember to bring a hat! And if you find yourself traveling north this month, consider visiting another Botanical Garden in your area. Bring along your membership card for the PSL Botanical Gardens. More than 500 public gardens around the US and Caribbean give reciprocal admission to members of other Gardens. A benefit of membership!

Joleen King President



Garden Magic

This is the garden's magic, That through the sunny hours The gardener who tends it, Himself outgrows his flowers.

He grows by gift of patience, Since he who sows must know That only in the Lord's good time Does any seedling grow.

He learns from buds unfolding, From each tight leaf unfurled, That his own heart, expanding, Is one with all the world.

He bares his head to sunshine,
His bending back a sign
Of grace, and ev'ry shower becomes
His sacramental wine.

And when at last his labors
Bring forth the very stuff
And substance of all beauty
This is reward enough.

-MARIE NETTLETON CARROLL

To plant a garden ls to believe in tomorrow.

-AUDREY HEPBURN

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind words are the roots,
Kind thoughts are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.
Take care of your garden
And keep out the weeds;
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words and kind deeds.
-H.W. LONGFELLOW

Friendship is like a
Beautiful garden...
The more you put into it,
The more it grows.

-AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Enjoy Your Summer



























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Goal \$5,000

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 at 60% of our goal.



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3 rd	Advanced Beginner Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
3 rd	German American Club Board Mtg.	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
4 th	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
9 th	Master Naturalists	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Members Welcome
9 th	Bat Detecting Night Stroll at The Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens	7:30 - 10 pm	Adults - Tickets \$5 per Person. Registration Required - Group Size Limited
10 th	Advanced Beginner Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
10 th	Ft Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$5 Donation, Members \$4
11 th	PSL Anglers Club Meeting	6:30 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
17 th	Advanced Beginner Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
18 th	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Only
19 th	Resource Development Meeting	11:00 - 12:30pm	Committee Members Only
24 th	Advanced Beginner Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002
24 th	Ft Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$5 Donation, Members \$4
27 th	Plant Sale: Orchids, Orchids and More	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	All Welcome
27 th	Children's Program: All About Orchids	11:00 am - 12:00 noon	Children 5-12 years old - Registration Required - Call 772.337.1959.
31 st	Advanced Beginner Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	Fee info. call 772.924.1002

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University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar — August

What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: The hottest days of summer limit planting now to heat-tolerant annuals, such as coleus, kalanchoe, and vinca. **See** *Annuals*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Aztec lily, butterfly lily, walking iris, and spider lily can be planted any time of the year, even late summer. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic bulbous flowers

Herbs: Herbs that can be planted from plants (not seeds) include bay laurel, ginger, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. **See** *Herbs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic herbs

Vegetables: Tomatoes, beans, carrots and others can be planted for the fall garden. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ topic vegetable gardening

What to Do

Palms: Check older fronds for yellowing as it may indicate a magnesium or potassium deficiency. Apply an appropriate palm fertilizer. **See***Palm Nutrition and Fertilization*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic palm nutrition

Vegetables: Solarize the vegetable garden in preparation for fall planting if not done in July. **See** *Soil Solarization*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_soil_solarization **Poinsettias**: Pinch back poinsettias and mums before the end of the month to allow time for buds to form for winter bloom. **See** *Poinsettias*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_poinsettia

Ornamental plants: Fertilize plants that show signs of deficiencies. Rapid growth and leaching rains may result in nutrient deficiencies in some plants. **See** *Nutrient Deficiencies* (*Landscape Plants*): http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_nutrient_deficiencies_landscape_plants

Annuals/Bedding plants: Remove spent blooms, cut back, and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the bloom season into the fall months. See Annuals: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ and Perennial Landscape Plants: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic perennials

GARDEN OF THE MONTH: HIBISCUS

MAINTAINED BY THE TREASURE COAST HIBISCUS SOCIETY

Our newest garden room is evolving beautifully! The Treasure Coast Hibiscus (TCHS), Society a local non-profit organization, came into being three years ago through the efforts of founding members Joe Ludick and John Cassidy. The goal of TCHS is to enhance the beautification of the City of Port St. Lucie and surrounding areas. and to raise awareness about hibiscus gardening by maintaining an established garden room at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. Bill Manning became President of the Society and presently there are 13 members.

The Society's mission of encouraging and promoting Hibiscus gardening in our community is demonstrated clearly through their efforts. The Hibiscus Garden Room was architecturally designed by Society member Sonia Manning. After one year of laborious work by the Society members, coordination with and assistance of the City of Port St. Lucie, the first and only Hibiscus Garden Room on the Treasure Coast was installed here in our Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.

TCHS is a small society and continues to recruit new members and volunteers to maintain and advance our Hibiscus Garden

Room which they believe is the only one on the East Coast of the United States. Presently, the garden exhibit has about 55 plants, mostly generic, with some hybrid plants. The goal is to have all hybrid plants with distinguished color variations and names that would increase the popularity of this exhibit and the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.

Judy Nash-Wade Editor







GARDEN OF THE MONTH: HIBISCUS

















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Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

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MIAMI BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Miami Beach Botanical Garden is a 2.6-acre urban greenspace in Miami Beach, Florida founded in 1962. It was transformed in 2011 with a \$1.2 million landscape renovation designed by South Florida landscape architect Raymond Jungles. The new landscape showcases native Florida plants and trees includingbromeliads, palms, cycad, orchids and many others. There is a Japanese garden, native garden and bio-swale, and water gardens including ponds, fountains, and a wetland with mangrove and pond apple trees. The renovation also expanded the Great Lawn area for corporate and social events, established a plant nursery and event plaza, and enhanced the night-time lights, entrance gate, and pathways.

The Garden offers free admission and is open Tuesday to Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

History: 1962, the City of Miami Beach created the "Garden Center" on a vacant site opposite the Miami Beach Convention Center built in 1957. Operated then as a City park, the Garden was situated on the historic Collins Canal, an integral part of the beginnings of Miami Beach. In the early 1900s pioneer John S. Collins dug the canal to transport mangoes and avocados, then called alligator pears by boat to the Port of Miami from groves along what is now Pinetree Drive. In the 1920s pioneer Carl Fisher developed Lincoln Road, luxury hotels such as the Flamingo and the Nautilus with polo fields and golf courses. The Garden site was originally a golf course. By 1922 Miami Beach boasted the largest avocado and mango groves in the world, but Miami's agricultural roots wouldn't last much longer, sacrificed for the tourist trade. Tourism has long been a driving force in Miami Beach, but the City also experienced the impact of economic recessions, World Wars, and destructive hurricanes. The

Garden had sadly deteriorated before the Art Deco renaissance of the 1980s and after Hurricane Andrew in 1992. A group of residents approached the City in 1996 to create the Miami Beach Garden Conservancy as a non-profit organization with a mission to restore the Garden. Today's Miami Beach Botanical Garden is a public/private partnership, owned by the City of Miami Beach. The Garden has again become a dynamic venue for arts and cultural programming, environmental education and cultural tourism.

Mission: The mission of the Miami Beach Botanical Garden is to promote environmental enjoyment, stewardship and sustainability through education, the arts, and interaction with the natural world.



Our garden is a unique, subtropical oasis of beauty and tranquility within an urban setting—a community resource that refreshes, inspires and engages our visitors.

Miami Beach Garden Club: The Miami Beach Garden Club is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Florida Federations of Garden Clubs. The organization promotes the cultivation of plants and flowers within the community through projects that focus on: beautification of Miami Beach; mentoring and sponsoring student programs both locally and statewide; and support of the Miami Beach Botanical Garden. The Miami Beach Garden club also works with local Girl Scouts and school children at multiple local schools by continuing to expand their knowledge through monthly programs.

Japanese Garden: One of the main features of the Miami Beach Botanical Garden is its Japanese Garden. This tranquil corner of the garden is defined by a red lacquered bridge spanning a quiet pond dotted with water lilies. Stone lanterns stand among the plantings based on the principles of Feng shui, where specific orientation and placing of certain elements helps to capture the energy and spirit of nature. Significant plantings here include the red powder puff shrub (Calliandra haematocephala), golden trumpet tree (Tabebuia caribea), and various types of tropicalbamboo.



Water Features: Water is a focal point in all areas of the garden. According to the garden's landscape architect Raymond Jungles, the element of water is significant because it "brings the sky into the garden, animates the space, reflects the landscape, and cools the areas directly around the buildings. Water magnifies the garden's sense of scale." Outside the offices is a refurbished fountain designed by Morris Lapidus. Beyond the fountain is the main pond with a cascading oolite fountain and flowering water lilies. The adjoining wetland contains red mangroves, pond apple trees (Annona glabra), and rush grasses. During the day you see dragonflies, koi, and if you're lucky, one very shy turtle roaming the waters.

Edible Garden: The edible garden remains reliable source sustenance and natural beauty. It was made possible in part by the local chapter of Les **Dames** d'Escoffier: international an organization of women in the field of food, drink and gastronomy. This edible garden contains tropical pineapples (Ananas comosus), pomegranates (Punica granatum),

coffee (Coffea arabica), and even raspberries. Often, the staff harvests fresh food and herbs from the garden to supplement workshops, mixers and other events.



HORTICULTURE KNOW HOW...

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

Leaf With Stem Cuttings

Many plants can be propagated using the leaf.



Step I

Remove a healthy leaf from the plant, make a shallow hole in the potting soil, and gently firm the soil around the cutting.



Step 2

Cover your leaf cutting with a clear plastic bag to keep it moist and encourage rooting. You will begin to see new plantlets forming at the base of the leaf within 4-6 weeks.

Once the plantlets are big enough for you to pick up easily, the plastic can be removed and the plantlets can be put in an individual container.

Stem Cuttings

There are many plants that can be propagated by stem cuttings.



Step 1

Use a sharp knife to make a stem cutting. Be sure that your cutting has at least 2 nodes (area where the leaf attaches to the stem), and remove any flowers that may be on the cutting.



Step 2

Garden pruners can be used to take a stem cutting on thicker stem plants.

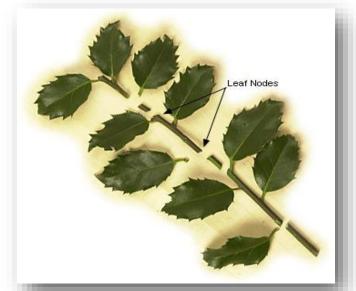
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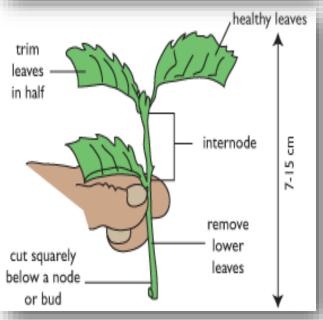
Place the cutting in a container of potting soil, covering the bottom 1/2-to 1-inch of the cutting. Cover the container with a clear plastic bag to keep your cutting moist and encourage your roots to grow!



Step 4

After 3-6 weeks, you should start to have roots form on your cutting. Gently probe the rootball with a pencil. When the roots are about 2-inches long, remove the plastic covering and place the cutting in its own container. You now have a beautiful new plant to enjoy!







Next month will feature "Air Layering"



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



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.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Saturda

Please join us at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens On Saturday, July 30, 2016 for a plant sale featuring Bromeliads & More...

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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Bat Detecting Basics
Night Stroll
in the Garden at the
Port St Lucie
Botanical Gardens

August 9, 2016

7:30 pm – 10:00 p.m.

The UF/IFAS St Lucie County Extension in conjunction with the Florida Master Naturalists and Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens are having a "Bat Detecting Basics Night Stroll in the Garden" on August 9, 2016 beginning at 7:30 p.m. During this event Ken Gioeli, UF/IFAS St. Lucie County Extension Agent, will go over the basics of bat detecting and guide you on a search for life in the garden after dark!

Have you ever wondered what kind of bats and other creatures of the night live in Florida? Meet at Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens for an informative bat chat with guest speaker Ken Gioeli, University of Florida/St. Lucie County Extension Natural Resource Agent. Learn about this fascinating, beautiful, misunderstood mammal that is an essential part of a healthy ecosystem. Participants will also learn about our other nocturnal critters on a nature walk through the Garden. As the sun sets we will travel into Botanical Gardens property in search of life after dark. Ken will bring along bat detectors and night vision goggles for our quest to discover these nocturnal creatures!

Program registration fees are \$5 per person. Pre-registration and payment is required and spaces are limited! This event is organized by the Florida Master Naturalists of St Lucie County. Please do not contact Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens directly about this event. This event is appropriate for adults over age 17.

What: Bat Detecting Basics Night Stroll in the Garden

Ages: Adults over age 17.

When: Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM (EDT)

Where: Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

2410 Southeast Westmoreland Boulevard, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34952

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Horticulture How-To Series:

The Hibiscus Enthusiast &

Orchids, Orchids Galore

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Saturday • August 27, 2016 Inside The Gardens Pavilion



The Hibiscus Enthusiast • 9:00am - 10:00am

Presenter Mike Overly has been a Hibiscus Hobbyist for over 25 Years. He gained his growing knowledge and enthusiasm alongside Hibiscus Hybridized Specialist and founding member of the Treasure Coast Hibiscus Society, Joe Lubbock. Mike has been involved with the American Hibiscus Society and local chapter of the Society in West Palm Beach for a number of years and also served as chapter President. He has won premium awards from the American Hibiscus Society Shows for growing and presenting vibrant colored hybrid flowers. In this presentation

he will focus on how to grow these wonderful flowers and present colored photos of his hobbyist work. Questions and answers will provide information that will give insight into the interest of Hibiscus lovers and our local members of the Treasure Coast Hibiscus Society.

Orchids, Orchids Galore • 10:15am - 11:15am

Presenters, Laurie Hart and Nan Rothschild are Master Gardeners and Orchid Addicts. They are active members of the Port St. Lucie Orchid Society and currently serve on the board of the Orchid Society. They have been collecting and growing orchids for 20 years and happily travel around the state to Orchid Shows and Rambles looking for new and unique orchids.

These very knowledgeable Orchid enthusiasts and aficionados will share valuable information on the basic care of Catleyas, Phalenopsis, Dendrobiums and Oncidiums. Be sure to attend this informative presentation!

(These workshops will be held in conjunction with the Orchids, Orchids & More Plant Sale)

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