

The February 2018 Newsletter Gardens Gate



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Botanical Gardens

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Day

BOTANICA 2018 GARDEN FESTIVAL AND PLANT SALE

Friends' **9th Annual Botanica Garden Festival and Plant Sale** is shaping up to be our most successful event yet! This two day extravaganza always draws big crowds to The Gardens, all looking for the "right plant - right place" while selecting from the many plant and accessory exhibitors and garden club displays. The event planning runs year long and comes to fruition on **Saturday & Sunday, February 10 & 11, 2018**. It is Friends' largest fundraising undertaking of the year, made possible by our many wonderful Volunteers. Don't miss out on all the fabulous vendors.

Returning again this year is the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society with beautiful Jazz Music each day from **12 - 2pm**. Radio Personality **Hamp Elliott** from **97.1 Ocean FM & 93.7 GYL / Treasure & Space Coast Radio** will also be on hand for live remotes and giveaways throughout both days.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ALL AT BOTANICA 2018!!!**

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Reminder

PSL ORCHID SOCIETY ORCHID SHOW & SALE
SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 17TH • 10AM - 5PM
SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 18TH • 10AM - 4PM



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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Let me take one last opportunity to our members... the Annual meeting of the Friends of the PSL Botanical Gardens is Monday, Jan 29 at 6:00 pm. Our all-important election of the Board of Directors for 2018 is held just before the meeting is called to order. If you're a member of the Friends, please cast your vote. If you've sent in your ballot or proxy, we thank you!



The high point of February at The Gardens is Botanica, our two-day plant sale and garden festival. If you've attended past Botanica's, you already know what a not-to-be-missed event it is! Fifty-plus vendors of wonderful plants and garden related products, and thousands of visitors, shopping, learning from the vendor-experts, and enjoying a beautiful February weekend at the PSL Botanical Gardens. There is more in this newsletter about Botanica. Circle Feb 10-11 on your personal calendar now and join us at The Gardens for Botanica.

Joleen King
President





BOTANICA GARDEN FESTIVAL PLANT SALE

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Bring this coupon and receive a \$5.00 discount on the
purchase of PLANTS \$25.00+. Look for lots of specials too!

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



NEWS & NEEDS



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

February 10 & 11 Botanica Plant Sale
February 17 & 18 Orchid Show



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



Join the Garden Team

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



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

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This month our
Jazz Jams will be held on
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Volunteer Spotlight:
Edie DeLeon, Membership Volunteer



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Joleen & Bea at the Nautical Flea Market



Arbor Day at The Gardens





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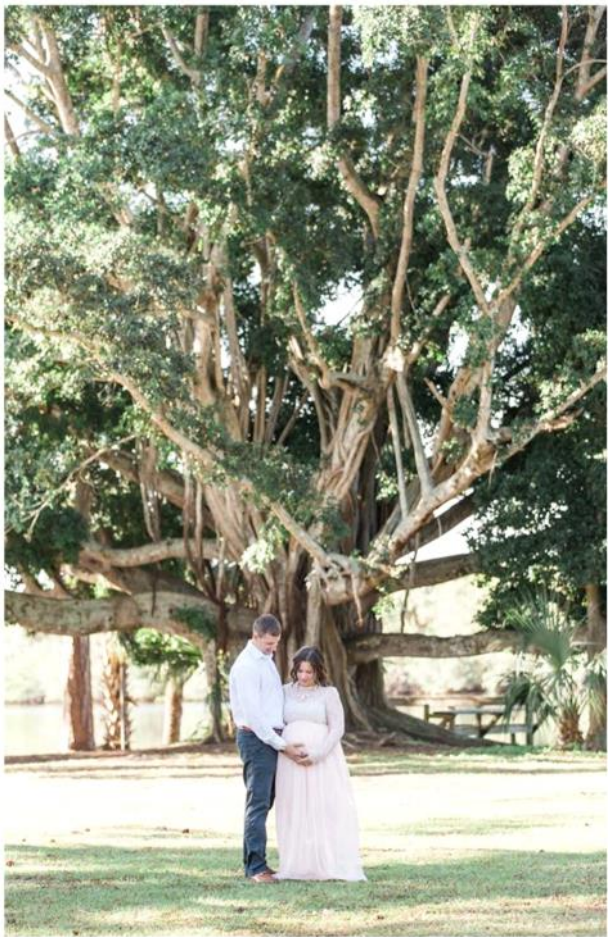
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FEBRUARY

Calendar Of Events

1 st	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
5 th	Newsletter Committee Meeting	3:30 - 4:30 pm	All Welcome
7 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
7 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
8 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
10 th	BOTANICA 2018	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
11 th	BOTANICA 2018	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
12 th	Rio Lindo Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 - 11:00 am	Members Welcome
12 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
13 th	PSL Orchid Society Meeting	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
14 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
14 th	Valentine's Day County Weddings	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Invited Wedding Guests
15 th	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
15 th	TC Rare Fruit Club Meeting.	6:00 - 9:30 pm	All welcome
17 th	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All welcome
17 th	PSL Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	All Welcome
18 th	PSL Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
18 th	South Fla Daylily Society Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	All welcome
21 st	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All welcome
21 st	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
24 th	How-To Seminar: Growing Tropical Rare Fruit in Central Florida	9:30 - 11:00 am	Members Free Non Members \$25
24 th	Partners in Horticulture Education: Tropical Fruit Trees	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Veterans & Students Welcome
24 th	Treasure Coast Bonsai Society Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
26 th	Rio Lindo Garden Club	12:45 - 3:30 pm	All Welcome
26 th	Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
27 th	Master Gardener Training Day	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Master Gardener's Welcome
28 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome



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 For more information on events, please call 772.337.1959

University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar — February

What to Plant

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

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

Groundcovers: Consider replacing areas of grass with drought-tolerant, low-maintenance groundcovers. **See The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design:** http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_v090110.pdf and **Ground Covers:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_ground_covers

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

What to Do

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

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

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

Lawns: Apply a preemergence weed killer (not a "weed and feed") to lawns late this month to prevent germination of warm-season weed seeds. Apply when temperatures rise to 65°F for 4–5 days. Timing is important for good control. **See Lawn Weeds:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_weeds

Avocados and mangos: Disease-susceptible varieties of avocado and mango may require applications of copper fungicide. **See Avocado:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_avocado and **Mango:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_mango

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

WHAT'S FLOWERING FEBRUARY *in Florida?*

NORTH/ CENTRAL

Chickasaw Plum

Native, deciduous (*Prunus angustifolia*)

Eastern Redbud

Native, deciduous (*Cercis Canadensis*)

Eastern Dogwood

Native, deciduous (*Cornus florida*)

Fringetree

Native, deciduous (*Chionanthus virginicus*)

Japanese Magnolia

Not-native, deciduous (*Magnolia x soulangiana*)

Taiwan Cherry

Not-native, deciduous (*Prunus campanulata*)

Bougainvillea

Non-native, evergreen (*Bougainvillea* spp.)

Hong Kong Orchid Tree

Non-native, evergreen (*Bauhinia blakeana*)

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EDIBLES TO PLANT IN FEBRUARY

	North	Central	South
Survives Transplanting	Arugula, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive/Escarole, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Pepper, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes	Arugula, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive/Escarole, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Pepper, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes	Arugula, Chinese Cabbage, Eggplant, Endive/Escarole, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Pepper, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes
Transplant With Care	Carrots, Celery, Mustard, Potatoes, Spinach	Carrots, Celery, Mustard, Potatoes, Spinach	Carrots, Celery, Spinach
Use Seeds	Cantaloupes, Corn, Cucumbers, Onion (bunching, shallots), Peas (English), Radish, Squash (summer, winter), Turnip, Watermelon	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupes, Corn, Cucumbers, Okra, Onion (bunching, shallot), Peas (English, southern), Radish, Squash (summer, winter), Turnip, Watermelon	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupes, Corn, Cucumbers, Okra, Onion (bunching, shallot), Peas (English, southern), Radish, Squash (summer, winter), Watermelon

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Gardening and Your Healthy Lifestyle

Extracted from "Wendy's Wanderings", in the January, 2018 edition of The Neighborhood Gardener, a publication of the University of Florida / IFAS for Florida Master Gardeners)

Gardening activities are known to be associated with mental clarity as well as with reduced stress levels. In a study that compared reading and gardening as stress relieving activities, those that gardened experienced a significantly greater decrease in stress compared to the reading group.

The Centers for Disease Control reports that moderate to intense exercise for 2.5 hours each week can reduce the risk of obesity, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, heart disease, stroke, depression, colon cancer, and premature death. Armed with that knowledge I would think all of us will be picking up our trowels, hoes, and shovels and jogging to the garden and landscape beds.

Furthermore, research shows that people who garden as their exercise stay at it longer than those who choose biking or walking as their exercise. It is known that exercise that engages both arms and legs helps to prevent coronary disease. Many activities only involve the arms; gardening is a great way to engage your whole body in the exercise (think pushing a wheel barrel or raking).



Also, exposure to green space is known to reduce the number of complaints you have about your health. Other benefits include exposure to vitamin D, decreased dementia risk, and opportunities to socialize. It is like the little sign says: "Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes" (and a healthy lifestyle).

Happy New Year and happy gardening.

Wendy Wilber
Florida's State Master Gardener Coordinator

<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/newsletter/2018/more/wendy-january.html>

GARDEN OF THE MONTH: ORCHID ROOM

MAINTAINED BY THE
PORT ST. LUCIE ORCHID SOCIETY

The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society was formed in 1982 by a group of orchid enthusiasts who wanted to learn more about their passion.



Since then, the Society has become a vibrant, dynamic organization dedicated to education, good growing practices and camaraderie in our local orchid community. Membership is approximately 150, which makes the Society one of the largest orchid societies in Florida. Society meetings are held here on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.



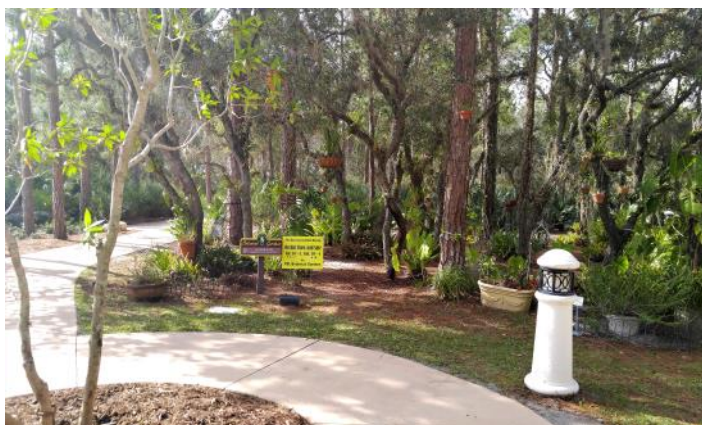
Orchid members freely share their knowledge with ancillary groups and the public as part of their mission to educate others about orchid culture and origins. The Society also designed, planted

and maintains the Orchid Room here at the Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens. The Orchids are a favorite with guests of the Gardens.



Once annually, the Society produces a large orchid show. This show is sanctioned and judged by the American Orchid Society (AOS) and other local societies are invited to install one hundred square foot floor displays. Members and others with an interest also create displays of various sizes and bring plants to be registered for judging and possible AOS awards. Vendors who participate in this annual show install displays and are also eligible for awards.

The **2018 show "Orchids Are for Lovers"** will be held **February 17th & 18th** here at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. Walk through the Orchid Room while you're here!



In the current "Orchidelirium!" newsletter, an excerpt from the "Ask Dr. Laurie" (Hart) article gives good advice for the upcoming show and opportunities to purchase your next favorite orchid: "My recommendation is to purchase an orchid that is in bloom and has several buds that still need to open. I believe that the easiest orchids to grow successfully are dendrobiums."

For more information on the Port Saint Lucie Orchid Society, see their website at www.psloc.org and visit their Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PSLOS>.



Propagation Garden Center

at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens



HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS...

The Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens and Propagation Garden Center extends a BIG THANK YOU to Kathleen Hanke, along with her son Robert & daughter-in-law Heather Price for the Amazing & Generous Bromeliad Donation. Kudos to Brenda, Terry and Paul for their hard work in extracting MANY plants for your enjoyment. Stop by the Garden Center - there is a big Bromeliad Sale going on! Over 200 Bromeliads Available at Great Prices!



Partners in Horticulture Education

2018 Workshops! With the assistance of the St. Lucie County Master Gardeners and PSLBG volunteers, high school students and Veterans learn basic horticulture practices while providing community service.

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DATE	WORKSHOPS
	Workshops: 9:30 – 11:00 Garden Time: 11:15 – 12:15 Sturdy closed toe shoes, hat, sunblock, and comfortable clothing recommended; water provided
Saturday, February 24	Everything You Wanted to Know About Tropical Fruit Trees and Tropical Rare Fruit Learn about Growing Tropical Rare Fruit and enjoy some tasting too! Workshop will be held in the Propagation Garden Center Bobbi Spencer, Founder & Past President of Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club
Saturday, March 24	Pruning Techniques - The Why, When and How to Prune your trees Lynda Salsbury, Master Gardener and recipient of the Florida Friendly Landscaping award for an outstanding yard
Saturday, April 28	Watch the newsletter for upcoming Partners in Education Workshops
Saturday, May 26	Watch the newsletter for upcoming Partners in Education Workshops



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Port Saint Lucie Orchid Society Presents

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Sunday Feb 18th, 10-4

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ENLIST: JOIN the Saturday Wacky Weeders'

When: February 17, 2018

Where: PSL Botanical Gardens

Time: 8:00AM - 12:00PM

LUNCH Served



We need your help to keep your beautiful Botanical Gardens in perfect shape for the upcoming Season and all our wonderful members and guests!! Your help is so greatly appreciated and our Volunteers are the heart of our Garden.

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.

Horticulture How-To Series:
Growing Tropical Rare Fruit
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Propagation Center
Saturday • February 24, 2018
9:30 - 11:00 am
In The Propagation Garden Center



Guest Speaker: Bobbi Spencer

Bobbi is the Founder and First President of the Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club and is a St. Lucie County Master Gardener. She is an expert in tropical rare fruit and will discuss Rare fruit that grows in Central Florida and many that she grows in her own garden, such as, Jackfruit, Carambola (star fruit), Lychee, Longan, Jaboticaba, Macadamia, Bananas, Miracle Fruit, Black Sapote (chocolate pudding fruit) Barbados Cherry and more that grow right here in St. Lucie County.

There will be a 'Taste of the Tropics' where you will be able to sample many of the rare fruit that can be grown in our area and your backyard.

Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club (TCRFC) meets the 3rd Thursday at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens @ 7:00 PM. Guests welcome free for first meeting. They offer a tasting table, raffle, plant auction (for members only), & a monthly expert speaker. Membership \$15 individual \$20 couples same household.

Please join us for this informative **FREE** workshop for horticulture students, veterans and members. Non-members - \$25.00. Free if you become a member.

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