

The August 2018 Newsletter Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie
Botanical Gardens



NEW PARK CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT THE GARDENS

If you've been by the Botanical Gardens lately, you may have noticed a lot of construction activity going on at the entrance. The city has begun construction on the initial infrastructure and roadways for our city's newest park, unofficially named Westmoreland Park.

A waterfront restaurant will be a key feature of the new park next to our beautiful Botanical Gardens which will include a 2,000-foot addition to the Riverwalk Boardwalk that will connect to the existing section at Veterans Memorial Park in the future. The city is currently seeking a partner to construct as well as operate a waterfront restaurant overlooking the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.

Construction officially began last month on the entrance at Westmoreland Boulevard. The park will include the 1917 Peacock House & 1952 Peacock Lodge, being

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Reminder

FPSLBG BOARD MEETING
MONDAY • AUGUST 13TH
4:30 - 6:30 PM



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Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
Phone: 772.337.1959
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E-mail: info@pslbotanicalgardens.org
Web: www.pslbg.org
Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm
Sunday Noon - 4pm
Closed Monday, Tuesday & Holidays
Suggested Donations:
Adults \$5
Students \$2
Children 12 & Under Welcome
Free for FPSLBG Members and
Active Military with family (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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Newsletter...

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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...

August in South Florida!

HEAT and HUMIDITY don't begin to describe the lovely month of August in Port St Lucie. But our tropical plants and trees love this environment, as do the bats, butterflies, dragonflies and miscellaneous critters!



Whether you're hunkered down in front of your A/C unit or tackling your own garden in the wee hours of the morning, consider stopping by the PSL Botanical Gardens to see what's new and blooming!

We look forward to welcoming you.

Joleen King
President

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

**ANTHONY WESTBURY
EXPLORES FUTURE SITE OF
RIVERWALK BOARDWALK**

relocated from western St. Lucie County by Masterpiece Builders and will house a Historical Museum which will be operated by the Port St. Lucie Historical Society. Additionally, a riverfront amphitheater, playground, restrooms, a walkway to Bridge Plaza and future boat launch and trail system will be included in the overall project.

Our own board member, Jeff Chambers was interviewed by TCPalm for an in-depth look at the project. You can read the TCPalm article [HERE](#).

This new park will definitely help to increase awareness of The Gardens and how perfect our facilities are birthdays and quinceañera's, weddings, meetings, parties, and much more.

Jeff Chambers indicated in the article "There are still so many people in Port St. Lucie who don't know we exist..." It is amazing how often we hear that statement and how pleased the visitors are that they finally came. We challenge each of our members and those who have not yet been to The Gardens...Come see us, bring a few of your friends or family and Say HI. We would love to show you around!





Riverwalk Boardwalk Extension Project

PHASE 1 - FY 17/18

For Fiscal Year 2017-18, project construction will include:

- » Relocation of two historic structures from Western Port St. Lucie to the 9.75 acre Westmoreland tract that is immediately south of Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.
- » Entryway improvements to provide access to the park, the botanical gardens, the future historic village, and future boardwalk.



PHASE 2 - FY 18/19

Fiscal Year 2018-19 construction will include:

- » Construction of the southern extension of Riverwalk Boardwalk to just south of PSL Blvd. with connection to Bridge Plaza.

FUTURE PHASES

Future phases will add:

- » Daytime only boat docking slips.
- » A boardwalk connection under Port St. Lucie Boulevard to connect the north and south spans of boardwalk.
- » Additional park improvements to enhance public access to the river.

RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITY

- » Land lease available for a waterfront restaurant.

FOR MORE INFO

Visit CityofPSL.com/Riverwalk for more information about the project, or contact:

Wesley McCurry, CRA Director

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Attention: all Civic groups, garden societies, homeowners associations, local businesses, et al. Join the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens this Halloween for a public "Trick or Treat" among the trees. We need your organization to join us in this fun two (2) hours of welcoming the Ghouls and Goblins of Port St Lucie for our Trick or Treat Ramble and Haunted Hayrides* at The Gardens in a safe, controlled, no-cars atmosphere.

**Scary for young children, parental discretion advised.*

Who's invited? Children, ages 0-13, in costume and their parents. **No admission - this is a free event.**



WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 31, 2018

What does your group have to do? Claim your assigned "fright Site" in the Gardens, set up a table, decorate as much as you'd like, staff your location with costumed volunteers who enjoy (and perhaps miss) the joy of Halloween and the costume parade we all remember from Halloweens past. And bring lots of candy! Your organization will be responsible for having sufficient candy, snacks or treats for up to 4000 little ghouls and goblins.

Your area in the Garden is **FREE**. Your group must supply their own table and decorations.

Are you an HOA, 55 and older? Miss seeing the children? Are you a City Department that would like to adopt a site to be manned by co-workers? A garden society of retired grandparents whose grandchildren are miles away, and are missed? Are you a local business that recognizes an opportunity for team building and community outreach? A civic group or club, looking for a fun, simple new event on your Fall calendar? This is an event for you!

Trick or treating will begin at 5:00 and end at 7:00 pm. Parents, accompanying their children will be required. No children without parents will be allowed on Garden property. Sunset on October 31st is 6:38 pm in Port St Lucie FYI. This is designed to be an evening/twilight event.



Please give this opportunity your attention; talk with friends and neighbors, decide to commit to this new Community event, and send us your commitment via email. Event will be advertised through the Gardens website & newsletter, on-line calendars, community radio and more.

**For more Information or to register,
please call Heather Furnari at 772.337.1959.**

Plant Sale

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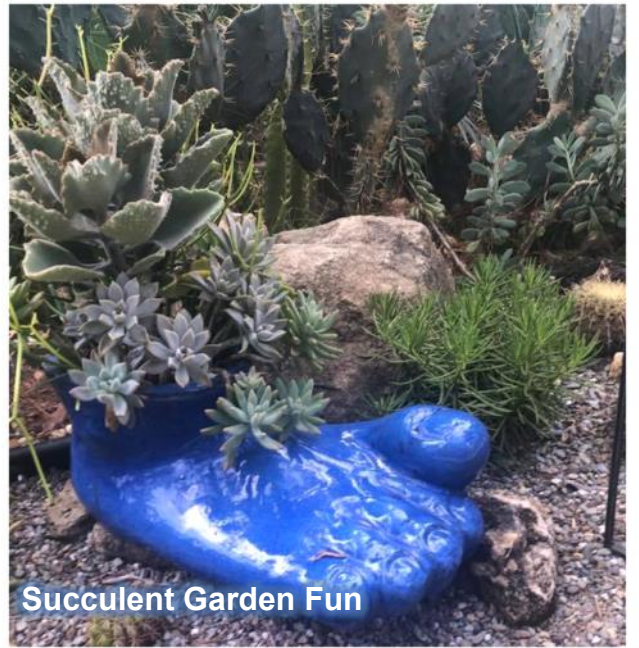
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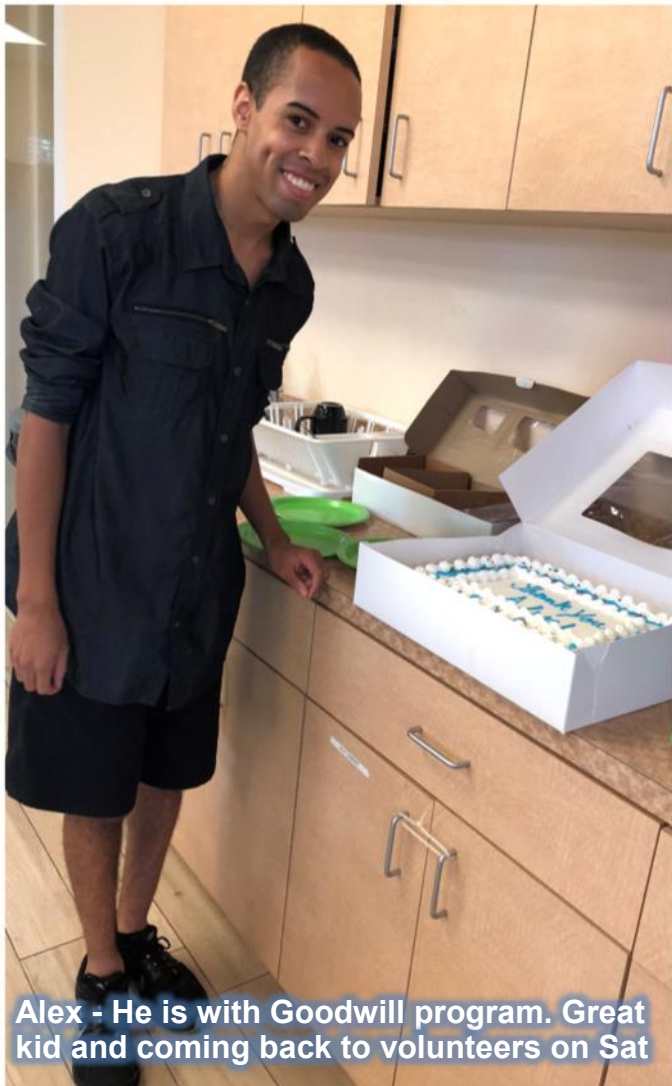
What am I?



Board Member Jeff helping out!



Succulent Garden Fun



Alex - He is with Goodwill program. Great kid and coming back to volunteers on Sat



Thank you to Eric & Erica Alvarez for the donation of desert roses.

The Children's Academy Visits The Gardens



I found a PSL Rock



Welcome to All Garden Goers...

This month our Jazz Jams will be held on
August 8th
& August 22nd
starting at 6:30 pm

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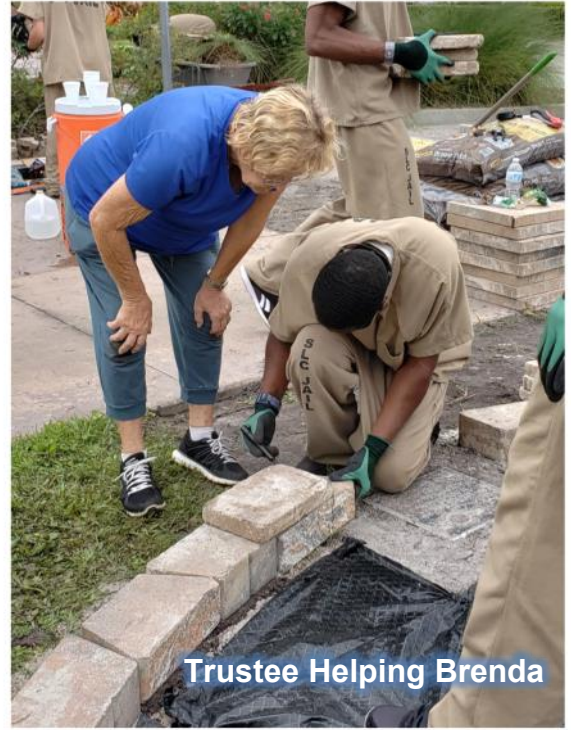




Veterans Victory Corps Planting the “Red, White and Blue” a partnership with the St. Lucie Master Gardener’s and the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens.



Veteran Helping - The Work Begins



Trustee Helping Brenda



Veteran Family Member Helping



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Success! Thank you to all who helped.

Beautiful Lobby Arrangement by Paul Renwick



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Friends Information Table



Photo by Wayne Goldenberg

Construction begins on the New Secret Garden Gazebo



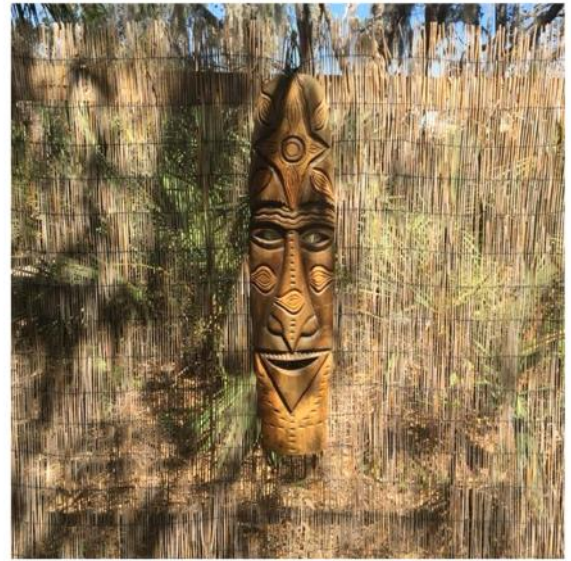


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AUGUST

Calendar Of Events

1 st	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
2 nd	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
6 th	Newsletter Committee Meeting	3:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
8 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
8 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
9 th	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
9 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
13 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
14 th	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
15 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
16 th	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
16 th	TC Rare Fruit Club Meeting.	7:00 - 9:00 pm	All welcome
22 nd	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All welcome
22 nd	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
23 rd	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
25 th	TC Bonsai Society Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
27 th	Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
29 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
29 th	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
30 th	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome



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 For more information on events, please call 772.337.1959

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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 to heat-tolerant vinca, coleus, salvia, and celosia. **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: Start planting eggplant, okra, peppers, pumpkin, squashes, and tomatoes 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 for 4–6 weeks 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 those 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 and *Landscape Fertilization:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_fertilization

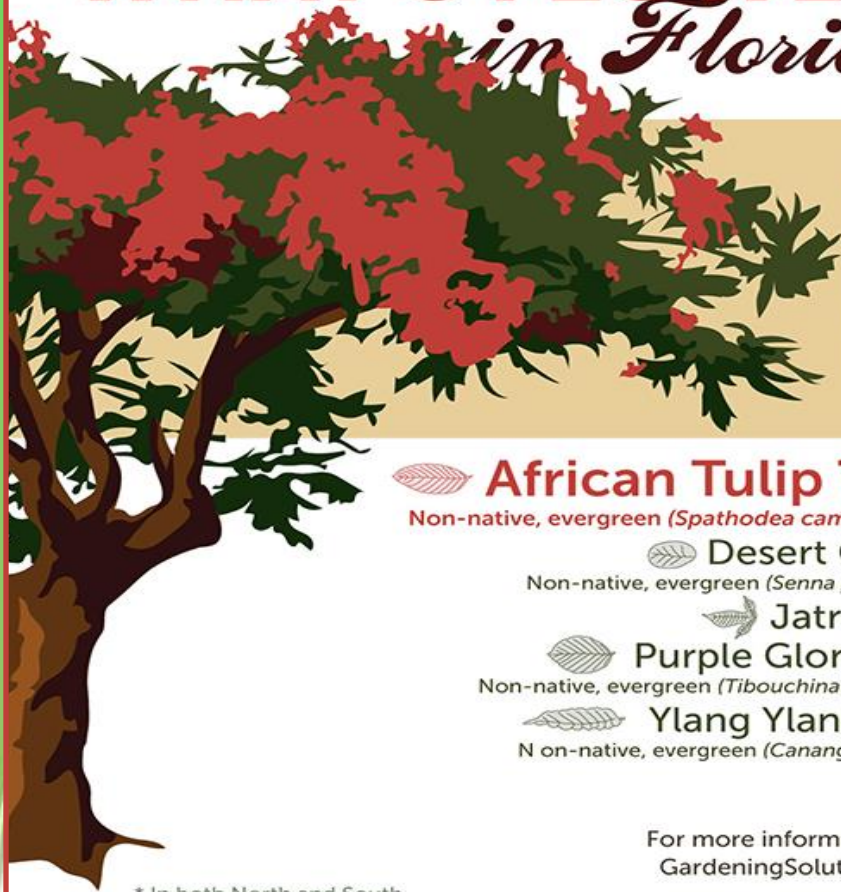
Fertilizer Bans: Numerous municipalities in south Florida prohibit the application of fertilizer to lawns and/or landscape plants during the summer rainy season (June–September). See if such an ordinance exists in your area.

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/topic_annual_landscape_plants and *Perennial Landscape Plants:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_perennials

WHAT'S FLOWERING

in Florida?

AUGUST



**NORTH/
CENTRAL**

- Jatropha* 
Non-native, evergreen (*Jatropha integrerrima*)
- Thryallis 
Non-native, evergreen (*Galphimia glauca*)
- Plumbago 
Non-native, evergreen (*Plumbago auriculata*)
- Swamp Mallow 
Native, deciduous (*Hibiscus coccineus*)

African Tulip Tree

Non-native, evergreen (*Spathodea campanulata*)

Desert Cassia

Non-native, evergreen (*Senna polyphylla*)

Jatropha*

Purple Glory Tree

Non-native, evergreen (*Tibouchina granulosa*)

Ylang Ylang Tree

Non-native, evergreen (*Cananga odorata*)

SOUTH






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* In both North and South.

EDIBLES TO PLANT IN AUGUST

	North	Central	South
 Easily Survives Transplanting	Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive/Escarole, Kale, Peppers, Tomatoes	Eggplant, Endive/Escarole, Peppers, Tomatoes	Eggplant, Peppers, Tomatoes
 Survives Careful Transplanting	Carrots, Celery, Mustard	Carrots	
 Use Seeds	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cucumbers, Onions (green, shallot), Squash (summer, winter), Turnips	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Okra, Onions (greens, shallot), Peas (southern), Squash (summer, winter)	Okra, Pumpkin, Squash (summer, winter)



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High School Horticulture Club

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Note: formal activity for students is on break for the summer.

Students may still volunteer in the Gardens and attend workshops.

Workshops and Garden Time hours count toward students' volunteer community service hours. Open to all High School students! Add your school logo to our growing Horticulture partnership.



Contact Jeffrey Policar or Heather Furnari at 772-337-1959 for more information.



Veteran Victory Corps:

A horticulture program for Veterans and their family members! Enjoy comradery, hands-on workshops, and opportunities for providing service to your community!

VVC meets on the **4th Saturday of the month from 0900-0930** in the Veteran Victory Corps area near the GL Homes Green House in the Garden Center (**weather permitting – or check at the Welcome Center in the Pavilion**) Bring your own morning drink.

Contact: Judy, American Red Cross - Service to the Armed Forces at judy.nash-wade@redcross.org or the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens office: 772-337-1959.



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St. Lucie West Garden Club

ATTENTION:

Nature Lovers, Butterfly Gardeners, Bird Watchers, Conservationists, and Those Who Enjoy Flowers and Plants.



The St. Lucie West Garden Club (established 1991) meets at PGA Legacy Golf & Tennis Club the 3rd Monday of each month.

For more information please call Co-President's, **Pam Allen (561) 891-2959**, or **Cheri Mabry (586) 322-7223**, or our Membership Chairman, **Darlene Berube (508) 415-7345**.

See our Facebook page **St. Lucie West Garden Club**.



To help at the Propagation Garden Center and many other areas throughout the Garden!

If you enjoy gardening and want to learn more about propagating your Florida plants, increase your plant knowledge and other gardening techniques join our team at the Propagation Garden Center. We're there to work and learn together. We're a friendly group who would like you to join us even if it's for only a couple of hours a week. Call Jeff Chambers at 772-337-1959 or visit The Gardens during our normal business hours.



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HIGHLIGHT:

GARDEN CLUB

Rio Lindo Garden Club

by Linda Trottier and Darlene Enzian

Moongates added at Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden Rose Garden

Since the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens' inception, Rio Lindo Garden Club has been responsible for the care and maintenance of their Rose Garden. Rio Lindo was looking for a way to enhance and add a new look to this garden. The president of the group that oversees the Botanical Gardens, Joleen King (also Rio Lindo president), had seen these arches (moongates) in a catalog, and thought this would be the perfect addition to the Rose Garden and to the Botanical Gardens. Four of them were ordered, assembled and installed with the help from the city Parks & Recreation Department. Rio Lindo's Master Gardeners chose the vines to be planted at the base of each moongate arch, and so far, the Sky Vine, Black Eyed Susan, Lady Margaret Passion Flower, and Flame Vine have been planted. (See Photos) Rio Lindo members are very proud of our contribution to the Gardens, and of the fact that the Rose Garden has been and, continues to be, the venue for numerous weddings.



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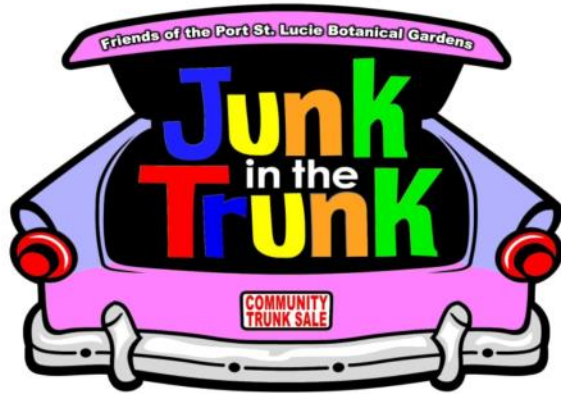
August 8th & 22nd

6:30 - 9:30 pm

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SAVE THE DATE



Got Junk
In Your Trunk?
sell it at the

GARDENS COMMUNITY TRUNK SALE

Saturday • October 6, 2018 • 8am - 1pm

Looking to get rid of that extra stuff cluttering your home, garage, or storage area? Then join us at the Gardens Community Trunk Sale. Your accepted contract entitles you to 2 parking spaces in the sales area 18x18 feet. One space is for your vehicle (load it up - trailers welcome) and the 2nd for your sales area (tent, tables, whatever).

- Space is limited - Contracted Vendors, accepted by the committee, only.
- No Day-of, walk up vendors will be allowed.
- Arrive late, you'll be sent home. All vehicles must be in place before sales open at 8am. No Exceptions!

Contracts must be received by committee by September 29, 2018

Carry in, carry out policy. Didn't sell everything? All unsold merchandise Must be removed and taken with you: not left, donated or put in our dumpster.



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SAVE THE DATE

Bring the family for an evening of Halloween fun at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens for our children's event

BOOTANICAL HALLOWEEN



Trick or Treat Ramble in The Gardens
Wednesday • October 31st, 2018
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

It's that time again kids...put on your costume, come to The Gardens, and join in the Halloween fun. Trick or Treat in the secure and serene Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. Join our ghosts, ghouls & goblins in their search for goodies, candies and more and have fun as you take a journey on our Haunted Hayride*. The is a free event and open to Children 0-13 years old and their families. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. No Drop-offs.

*(Scary for young children - Parental discretion advised).



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Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club
Presents

Free



Cars Of Our Lives *Auto show*

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

2410 SE Westmoreland Boulevard, Port St. Lucie

10:00AM-3:00PM December 1st, 2018

Come join in on the fun for a day of vintage cars, food
and entertainment at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.
For more information contact the Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club at

www.TCVCC.com

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Delights of December

Plant & Gift Sale

**Saturday • December 8, 2018
9am to 4pm**

Plants Galore & Unique Gifts For Sale

Join Us for this festive event in the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Propagation Center and our beautiful Gift Shoppe. Enjoy the Holiday music and Christmas cheer while you're shopping for that special gift or plant.



A Holiday Wreath demonstration by Paul Renwick, Floral Specialist and FPSLBG volunteer will be held in the Propagation Area from 9:30-11:00am.

**And don't forget to bring the Kids for
Fun with Santa
from
2pm to 4pm**



Bring your camera, take a picture with Santa and enjoy an afternoon of Holiday Fun. Free for children and families.