The October 2018 Newsletter **Gardens** Gate



Port St. Lucie **Botanical Gardens**

OCTOBER IS BOOTANICAL HALLOWEEN TIME AT THE GARDENS

Halloween is a special time at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens when Civic groups, garden societies, homeowners associations, local businesses, and more, join the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens at Halloween for a public "Trick or Treat" among the trees. We invite organizations 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. All children, ages 0-13, in costume and their parents are invited for this free event.



All you have to do is sign up, then claim your assigned "fright Site" in the Gardens on October 31st. Set up a table, decorate your "fright Site" as much as you'd like and staff your location with costumed volunteers

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COMMUNITY TRUNK SALE SATURDAY . OCTOBER 6TH 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, is charged with creating and maintaining a serene and peaceful environment for all visitors.

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2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34952 Phone: 772.337.1959 Fax: 772.237.5952 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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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...

Halloween in the Gardens – specifically, our BOOtanical Halloween trick-or-treat opportunity for children 12 and younger, in a safe, enjoyable environment. Our

volunteers will be decorating the Gardens early this month; plan to stop by often to enjoy the spooky atmosphere! BOOtanical Halloween began when a few members realized that they missed the opportunity to see young children, proudly showing off their fantasy costumes. Trickor-treating isn't what it was when we were young! But the joy children still find in the holiday is infectious!

Weather is slowly improving with Fall moving in and summer receding. Visit the Gardens soon!

Joleen King President



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PLANT SPECIALS

Poinciana Trees - \$35.00 Succulents - \$4.00 Fireball Bromeliads - BOGO Butterfly Plants - \$4.00 Fire Bush - \$5.00 Many Bromeliads - BOGO Crinum Lilly: Pink & White - \$8.00 Firespike - \$5.00 Copper Leaf Variety - \$5.00-\$8.00 Cactus - \$4.00+



October Plant Sale Saturday's Only - 20% off

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who enjoy and perhaps miss the joy of Halloween. Remember to 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 Gardens is FREE and 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 or 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 the event for you!

Trick or treating begins at 5:00pm and ends at 7:00pm. Parents accompanying their children is required. No children without parents will be allowed on Garden property. Sunset on October 31st is 6:38 pm in Port St Lucie. 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 FUN annual Community event, and send us your commitment via email to info@pslbotanicalgardens.org -or- call Heather Furnari at 772.337.1959.

We look forward to you joining us for a Ghoulish BOOtanical Twilight!





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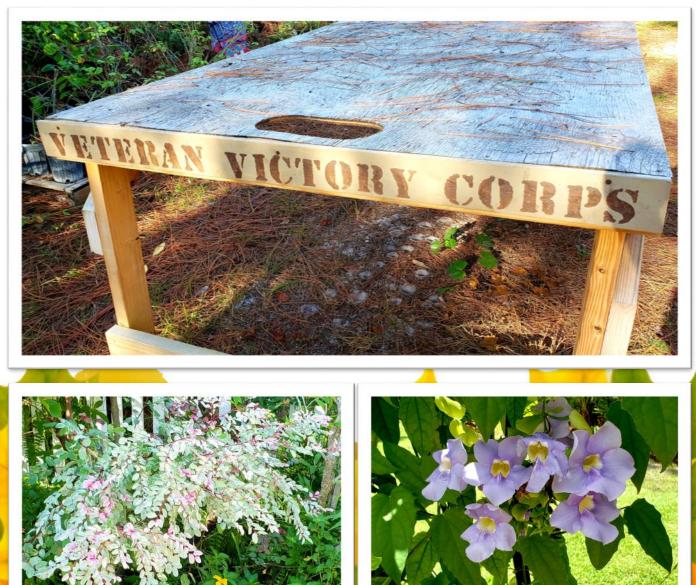
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Gift Shop Goodies





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Welcome to All Garden Goers...

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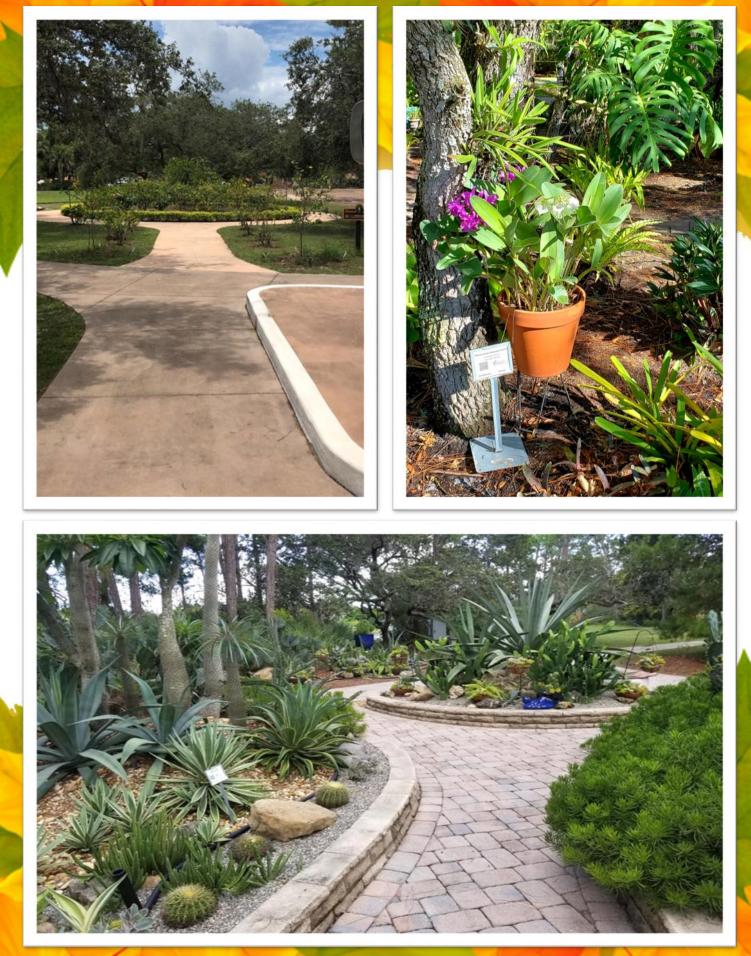




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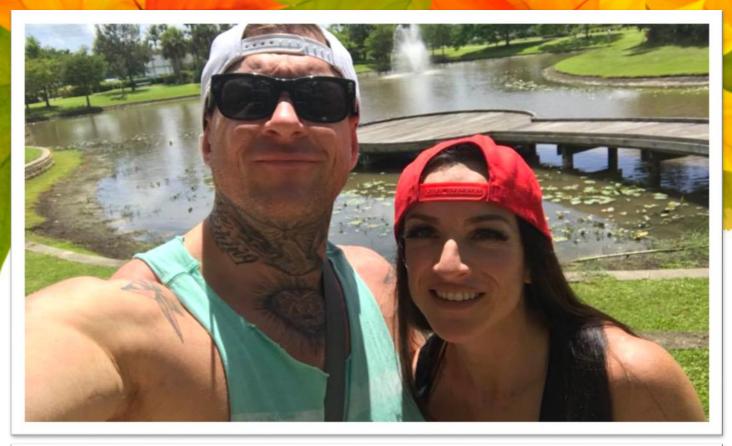






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St. Lucie West Garden Club

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.

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Calendar Of Events

31 st	BOOTANICAL HALLOWEEN	5:00 - 7:00 pm	All Welcome
31 st	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
29 31 st	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
27 29 th	Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
27 th	TC Bonsai Society Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
27 th	Veterans Victory Corp	9:00 - 9:30 am	Veterans Welcome
25 th	TC Professional Photographers Assoc.	6:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
24 25 th	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
23 24 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
22 23 rd	Somerset School Honor Society	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Students & Guests Welcome
21 22 nd	Rio Lindo Club Meeting	12:30 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
20 21 st	South Florida Daylily Society	2:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
10 20 th	TC Rare Fruit Club Meeting. Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
18 th		2:00 - 4:00 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	All welcome
18 th	Volunteer Review Committee German American Chorus	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
17 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members Members Welcome
17 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
15 th 17 th	River Vista HOA Board Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Only
12 th	FFGC President's Lunch & Learn	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	FFGC Members Welcome
	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
11 th 11 th	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
10 th	City of PSL City University	5:00 - 9:00 pm	Students Welcome
10 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
-	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
9 th 9 th	PSL Orchid Society	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
8 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
8 th	Rio Lindo Board Meeting	10:00 - 11:00 am	Members Welcome
6 th	How-to: Creating Garden Treasures	10:00 - 11:30am	All Welcome
6 th	Gardens Community Trunk Sale	8:00 am - 1:00 pm	All Welcome
4 th	German American Chorus	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
4 th	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
3 rd	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
3 rd	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
1 st	2020 Meeting	5:00 - 6:00 pm	All Welcome
	Newsletter Committee Meeting	3:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome



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University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar - October

What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: Even though temperatures are still warm, begin planting for the cooler months ahead. Impatiens, alyssum, and dianthus are good plants for the fall / winter garden. **See** *Annuals*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants</u>

Bulbs: Plant agapanthus, rain lily, and Clivia lily now for blooms next spring or summer. Add organic matter to the planting bed for best results. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic bulbous flowers

Herbs: A wide range of herbs can be planted from seed or transplants this month. Some to try include dill, fennel, parsley, and cilantro. **See***Herbs*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs</u>

Vegetables: Easy crops that can be grown now include beans, broccoli, carrots, collards, lettuce, green onions, peppers, radishes, spinach, and tomatoes. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening</u>

What to Do

Lawns: Control winter weeds in lawns before they appear. Preemergence herbicides must be applied at the right time to be effective. Apply when nighttime temperatures are 55°F–60°F for 4–5 days. **See** *Lawn Weeds*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_weeds</u>

Ornamental trees and shrubs: Fertilize plants that are not performing as desired. This is the last month of the year to fertilize shrubs and trees. Controlled-release fertilizer provides nutrients over a longer period of time. **See** *Palm Nutrition and Fertilization*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> <u>topic_palm_nutrition</u> and *Landscape Fertilization*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_fertilization</u>

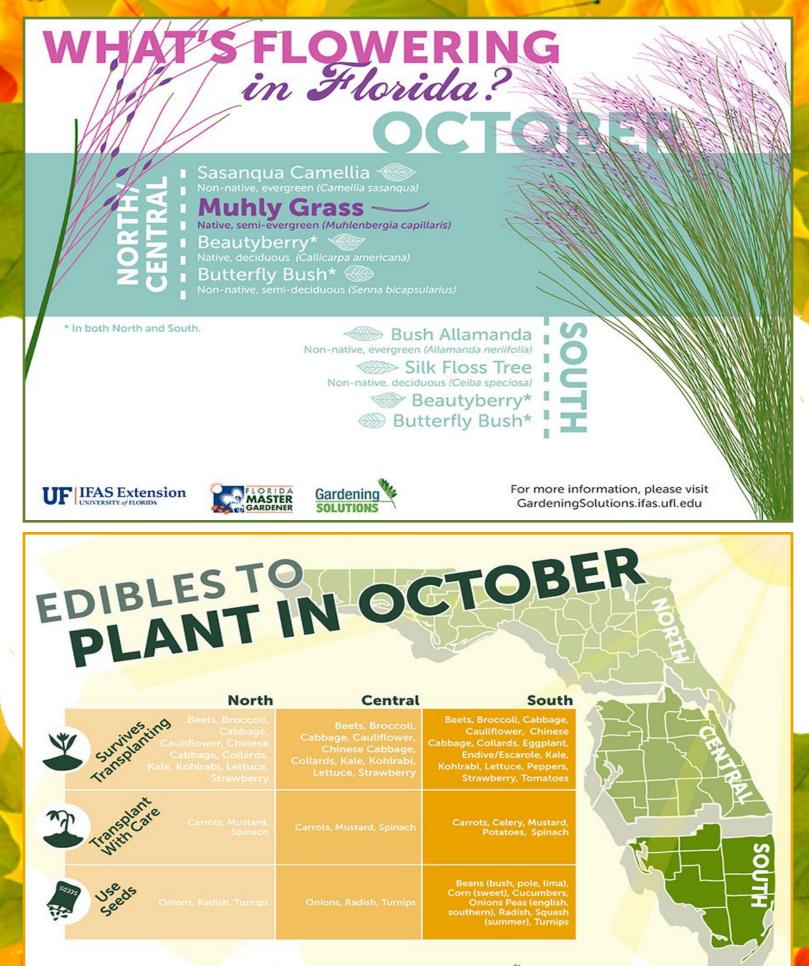
Lawn fertilization: Fertilize lawns if needed. See Lawn Fertilizer: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic_lawn_fertilization

Strawberries: Prepare beds and set strawberry plants this month. Strawberries also make a colorful and tasty container planting. Either way, water daily until plants are established. **See** *Strawberries*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_strawberries</u>

Palms: Palms have unique nutritional needs. Select a fertilizer that contains controlled release nitrogen, potassium and magnesium. **See***Palm Nutrition and Fertilization*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u><u>topic_palm_nutrition</u>

Oleanders: Control the oleander caterpillar, which is a year-round resident in South Florida, without harming beneficial insects by pruning off infested leaves or spraying with BT (Bacillus thuringiensis). **See** *Oleander Pest Management*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_oleander_ipm</u>

Twig girdlers: Control twig girdlers by cleaning up and destroying fallen branches that young twig girdlers can use for harborage. **See** *Twig Girdlers*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_twig_girdlers</u>











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Thanksgiving Centerpieces <u>Saturday, November 10, 2017 • 10AM – 11:30AM</u> At the Propagation/Garden Center, PSL Botanical Gardens This Workshop will teach you how to create a fabulous centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table. Cost: \$10.00 Members; Non-Members: \$35.00 - Become a member and attend Free. You will have a chance to Win an arrangement.



Delights of December – Wreath Making Back by Popular Demand Saturday, December 8, 2017 • 10:30AM – 12:00PM At the Propagation/Garden Center, PSL Botanical Gardens This Workshop will teach you how to create unique and unusual wreaths for the Holiday's. Cost: \$ 10.00 Members; Non-Members: \$35.00 - Become a member and attend Free. You will have a chance to Win an

If you have enjoyed the stunning flower arrangements displayed in our pavilion, then you will not want to miss these educational workshops planned for this upcoming Holiday Season presented by Paul Renwick. Paul, a long time floral designer, event planner, and owner of a Floral Design Shop in Alameda, California, worked with many of the Hollywood stars planning and designing their weddings and special events. He was chosen to create the Presentation Bouquets, flower arrangements and decorations for the 1992 World

arrangement.



Skating Championships, held in Oakland, California. His special gardening talents have added to the ambience of the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens. As a member and volunteer, he is responsible for the Seasonal Walkway and Co-Chairs the Propagation/Garden Center as well as Chair of our Landscaping Committee.

Be sure to sign up early! Registration Coming Soon.

Partners in Horticulture Education







With the assistance of the St. Lucie County Master Gardeners and PSLBG volunteers, students and Veterans learn basic Horticulture practices.

High School Horticulture Club



Learn and Earn Community Service hours!

Students can volunteer in the Gardens year round. During the school year Horticulture workshops are offered. 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 Chambers, Volunteer Chair at 772-337-1959 for more information.



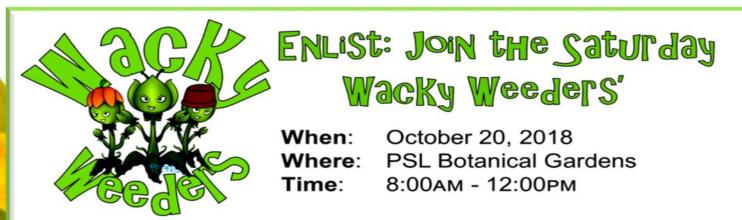
Veteran Victory Corps:

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.nashwade@redcross.org or PSLBG at 772-337-1959.



The Gardens need your help to continue keeping your beautiful Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens in perfect shape for all the events we have planned for our wonderful members and guests!

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FORT ST. LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS FOR OUR **VOUT TUNK SALE**

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

Come out and join the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens and our numerous vendors as we present our successful Junk In Your Trunk Community Trunk Sale at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.

Vendors will have a host of items for sale as well as those one of a kind deals that you can only find at a community sale. This is sure to be a fun morning full of deals for the whole family.

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Patio Sale

Horticulture How-To Series: Creating Garden Treasures Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Propagation Center

Saturday • October 6, 2018 10:00 - 11:30 am *Inside The Gardens Pavilion*

Join the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens and Presenter, Artist & Master Gardener Dale Galiano, for a fun presentation on Creative Recycling and Creating Garden Treasures: How to bring your trash back to life.

If you're looking for some fresh and fun ideas for reusing your stuff this is a workshop you won't want to miss. Dale will show you how you can turn your old stuff into something new and useful and even more awesome!

This workshop is held in conjunction with our "Junk in the Trunk" Gardens Community Trunk Sale and is FREE and open to the public.



Since 1997, Dale has volunteered over 5300 hours as a St. Lucie County Master Gardener, is a past Master Gardener of the Year. She has participated in all of the community projects and educational programs available – from County Fairs, to Farmer's Market, to Speakers Bureaus, to Homeowner Retrofits and Recognitions. As an artist, Dale enjoys creating interest and surprises in the garden. To her, being able to give personality to a garden by repurposing recycled items and thinking outside the box is the best. Dale also brings fun and enthusiasm to all of her presentations.

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



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

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www.TCVCC.com



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 10:30am-12:00pm.

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 in our NEW Secret Garden Pavilion.

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Members & Volunteers come celebrate the Holidays with your Friends at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. A selection of

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Contact 772.337.1959 for information

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