The October 2019 Newsletter Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

IT'S BOOTANICAL HALLOWEEN TIME

It's time for BOOtanical Halloween at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. It's a fun time when Civic groups, garden societies, homeowners associations, local businesses, and more, join the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens for our annual public "Trick or Treat" among the trees. Ghouls and Goblins of Port St Lucie flock to The Gardens for our Trick or Treat Ramble and Haunted Hayrides* at The Gardens in a safe, controlled, no-cars atmosphere.



Trick or treating begins at 4:30pm 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. We can't wait to see all the Ghouls & Goblins there!

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FRIENDS BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2019 4:30pm

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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Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm Sunday Noon - 4pm Closed Monday, Tuesday & Some 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...

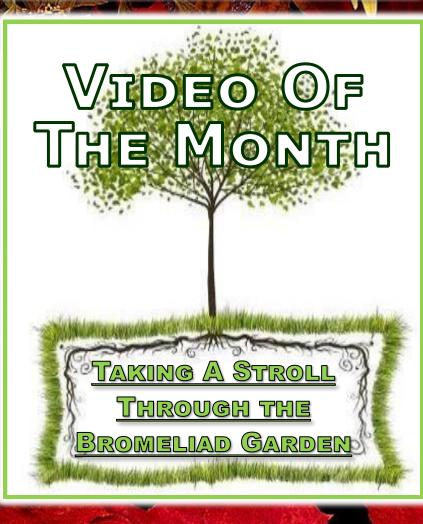
Halloween in the Gardens – specifically, our BOOtanical Halloween trick-or-treat opportunity for children 12 and younger, in a safe, enjoyable environment. Our volunteers will be decorating

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. Trick-or-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!

Thank you.

Joleen King President





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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 2.5 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.



THURSDAY • OCTOBER 31, 2019

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 4:30 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, to become a Sponsor or to Register, please call Heather Furnari at 772.337.1959.



KEEP PORT ST. LUCIE BEAUTIFUL TREE GIVE-A-WAY SPREAD-THE SHADE

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The Keep Port St Lucie Beautiful Tree Give-A-Way 'Spread-The Shade' event headed by Georgette Beck, Special Project Coordinator was held at The Gardens on Saturday, September 14th and it was a complete success. This was totally a family affair with families enjoying the day and picking out their new tree. Breakfast was donated by Walmart of Port St. Lucie.

The event was hosted by the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Garden with the UF/IFAS Extension - Florida Master Gardener Program providing the educational component. There were 450 trees available and all were in the hands of St Lucie County homeowners within two hours thanks to a great team of volunteers. Tree choices this time included Avocado, Mango, Geiger and Poinciana.

Of the seven educational stations set up, each homeowner was required to attend at least five. Topics included learning about your new tree, right plant, right place, watering efficiently, fertilizing, mulch & soil, planting your tree and diseases.



Breakfast compliments of Walmart.



Volunteers ready for St. Lucie Homeowners to check in for their new tree.



Florida Master Garden Volunteers doing what they do best, educating homeowners on how to take care of their trees and plants.

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Enjoying the day and learning about their new tree





Check out time - Picking up their new tree



ATTENTION:

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

> The St. Lucie West Garden Club meets at the on the 3rd Monday of each month.

For more information please call President, Georgina Tonner (772) 607-4952, gtonner@me.com or our Membership Chairman, Darlene Berube (508) 415-7345.

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PLANT SPECIALS

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



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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER JOHN ERICKSON



John Erickson was unanimously appointed to the board at the September board meeting and brings with him many talents. He is a long time member and volunteer of the Gardens. John is an orchid enthusiast who manages the Orchid Room as well as well as assisting in the Cactus Garden. John also helps with the maintenance throughout the garden, and with the Veterans Victory Corps.

John is a retired USAF officer for 23 years and a mathematics teacher for 25 years. He enjoys Growing and Potting Orchids

and sharing his knowledge with workshops to many organizations.

Welcome John. The board looks forward to working with you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



Jeff Chambers, founding member and active volunteer since the launching of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens has resigned from the Board of Directors to spend more time with his new house renovation and his many hobbies. Jeff, through the years' has served in many positions and recently as Director of Volunteers and Membership. We thank him for his dedication and long time commitment to the gardens. It's volunteers like Jeff that has made our garden what it is today.



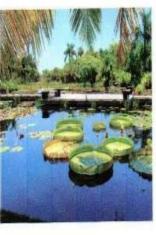
Join the Rio Lindo Garden Club for a great road trip to Naples Botanical Gardens. Don't miss this opportunity to explore an award winning jewel in Florida's crown of attractions.

Ticket includes bus transport and entrance to the Gardens.

Brown bag bus trip-pack your lunch, your snacks, nibbles to share. Food service is available at the Naples Botanical Garden if you prefer to enjoy lunch at their Fogg Cafe.

Invite your friends to join the members of the Rio Lindo Garden Club. The more, the merrier!

Bus will leave the PSL Botanical Gardens at 7 am.



Propagation/ Garden Center Growing

Thanks to Gene Kovacs and Merv Yearwood we've added 5 tables, four of them will be used for growing tables. Be sure to stop by and take a look and buy some plants too.

Ben, Woodruff, Benda Gustafson and Laura Mehr in the new Propagation Grow area. Ben added the new ground cover.

Article and photos by Brenda Gustafson.







Preparing for Dorian

have wonderful volunteers who pulled together



Secret Worlds - Magical Places Thanks to Gene Kovacs who with the help of Laura Mehr created a Miniature Fairy Garden. Stop by and see this magical garden, between the butterfly and Rose Gardens.



Thank you to the St Lucie County Sheriff's Office and Sergeant David Cabrera for their continued support with assisting us with the maintenance at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens. There help is making our gardens beautiful.

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2 nd	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
2 nd	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
6 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
7 th	Art Show Committee Meeting	3:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
8 th	PSL Orchid Society Meeting	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
8 th	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
9 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
10 th	St. Lucie West Garden Club Board Mtg.	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Members Welcome
10 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
12 th	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
12 th	Junk in the Trunk Community Trunk Sale	8:00 am - 1:00 pm	All Welcome
13 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
14 th	Rio Lindo Club Board Meeting	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Members Welcome
14 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
15 th	Korean War Veterans TCC106 Meeting	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Members Welcome
15 th	River Vista HOA Board Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Welcome
16 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
16 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
17 th	Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
20 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
20 th	BOOtanical Halloween Decorating	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
20 th	Daylily Society Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
21 st	Sandpiper Community Board Meeting	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
22 nd	Tarpon Bay HOA Board Meeting	6:00 - 8:00 pm	HOA Members Welcome
23 rd	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
24 th	TC Professional Photographers Assoc.	6:00 - 8:30 pm	Members Welcome
26 th	TC Bonsai Club Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
27 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
28 th	Rio Lindo Garden Club Monthly Meeting	12:30 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
28 th	TC Bromeliad Society & Tropicals	5:30 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
29 th	PSL Historical Society Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Members Welcome
30 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
30 th	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
30 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
31 st	BOOtanical Halloween in the Gardens	4:30 - 7:00 pm	All Welcome



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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/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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Enlist: Join the Saturday Wacky Weeders'

When: October 12, 2019 Where: PSL Botanical Gardens Time: 8:00ам - 12:00РМ

The Gardens appreciates your help to continue keeping the beautiful Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens in perfect shape the upcoming holidays.

HELP US ATTACK THOSE SUMMER WEEDS AND WIN THE WAR!

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.





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Korean War Veterans Association TC Chapter 106 meets at the Gardens on the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month.







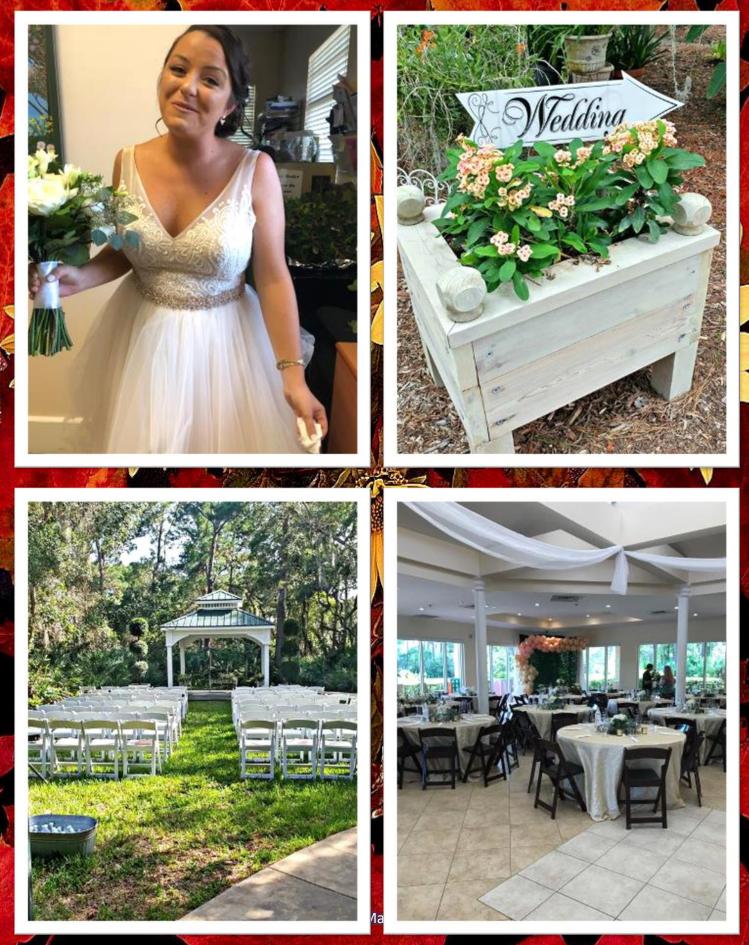
Bob Minerva donation of Staghorn ferns. This is just a sampling.

Paul Hasz donation of Agave Plants to The Gardens.

Weddings & Events at The Gardens











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Explore The Gardens and Find the Mini Faerie Forrest!



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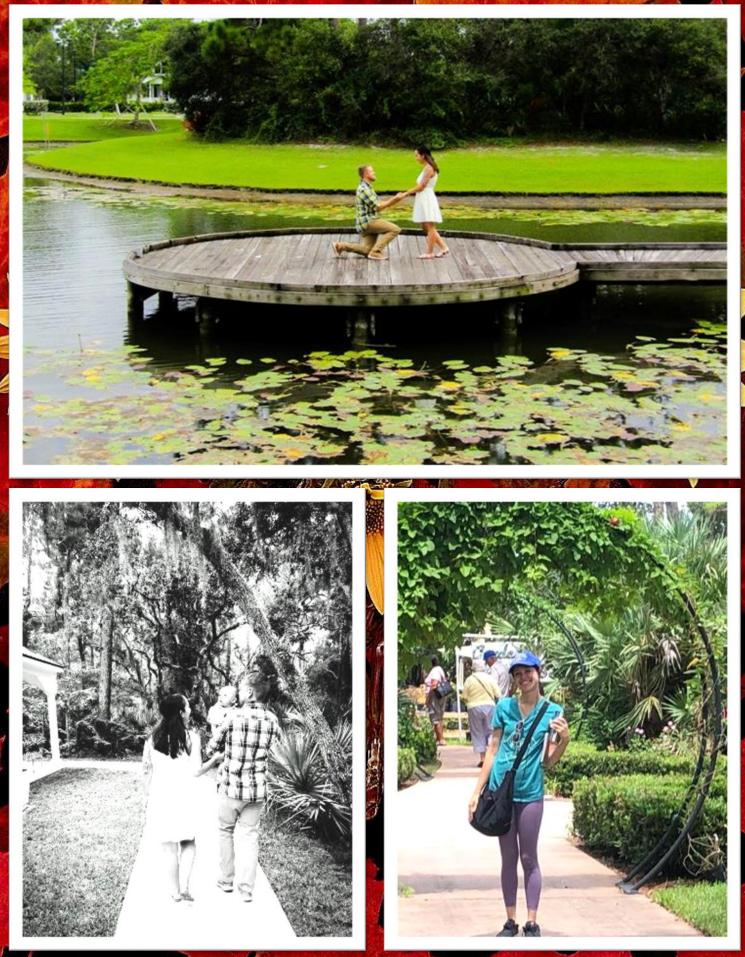








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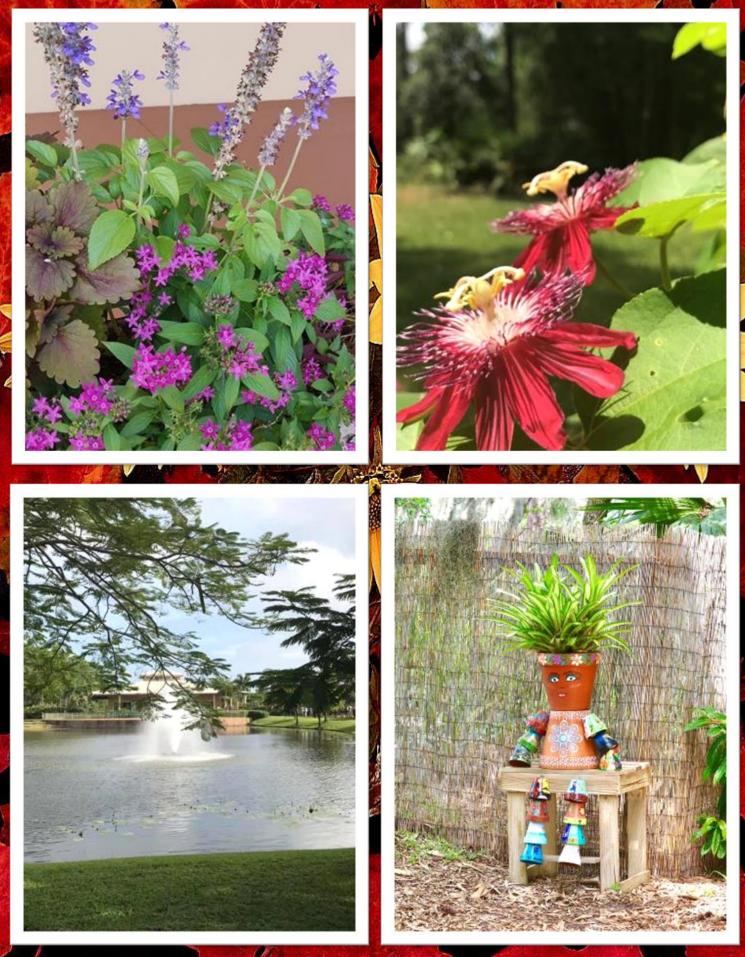
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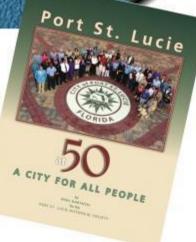


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Saturday • October 12, 2019 • 8am - 1pm

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 totaling 18x18 feet. One space is for your vehicle (load it up - trailers welcome) and the 2nd for your sales area (tent, tables, whatever).

ONLY 1 VEHICLE ALLOWED PER CONTRACT - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Cost for Gardens members is \$20 per space. Cost to non-members is \$45, which includes an individual membership to The Gardens. Additional spaces are available at \$20 each.

- 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.

Contracts must be received by committee by October 9, 2019

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.



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

Frick or Treat Ramble in The Gardens Thursday • October 31st, 2019 4:30 - 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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