The May 2019 Newsletter Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie **Botanical Gardens**



THE FAERIE FORREST

Faeries are mysterious and magical creatures (ask any child!) They're selective and persnickety. After perusing the entire Treasure Coast, the PSL Botanical Gardens is pleased to acknowledge the faeries' decision to soon call Port St Lucie home!

The faeries have selected a very special area within the PSL Botanical Gardens to call their own. Flitting among the ancient oaks, the faeries invite all children (young and old) to explore and commune. How many faeries can you spot among the trees? Could you name them? Have a favorite?

DONT STEAL FROM FAIRIES WE HAVE A PARTICULAR SET OF SKILLS WE KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE WE WILL FIND YOU AND WE WILL PUT

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FRIENDS BOARD MEETING MONDAY . MAY 13TH 4:30 PM





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E-mail: info@pslbg.org Web: www.pslbg.org

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.

Officers & Directors . . .

President: Joleen King Vice President: Heather Furnari Secretary: Claire Clark Treasurer: Brenda Gustafson Directors: **Brett Ashley**

Jeff Chambers Melinda DeMarco Judy Nash-Wade Michelle Peterson Tim Sutton Mary Thomas

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Election Committee:

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Brenda Gustafson Claire Clark Brenda Gustafson

Membership & Volunteer

Mary Thomas

Committee:

Resource Development

Committee: Melinda DeMarco

Strategic Planning Committee: **TBD**

Newsletter . . .

Editor & Design: Mark Barnes

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...**

Volunteers are the heart and soul our Botanical Gardens. of Visitors express surprise that our Gardens are maintained and supported by a totally volunteer crew. The sense of "ownership" palatable throughout various departments and areas:

the Garden Societies who maintain their areas, our Propagation team, busy 'potting up', shifting merchandise, interacting with the public as they ask about potential The Pavilion greeters and gift shop purchases. volunteers, who have the privilege of being the "first contact" for our visitors, take their responsibilities seriously. And of course, the elected Board of Directors whose responsibility is the long term guidance and day-today running of the Gardens.

And who are our visitors? While we certainly see our local PSL neighbors, we have had people walk through the doors from England, France, Canada, the West Indies, Wales, Italy, etc. Visitors arrive on a daily basis from Miami, Vero Beach, Tampa – all over the state.

If you haven't visited The Gardens lately, plan to stop by. Take a look around. I'm confident you'll be pleased. And say 'hello' to our volunteers!

Thank you.

Joleen King **President**



The Faerie Forrest will be a passive, open exploration area, not a playground. Imagination and a sense of magic is required.

Sponsorship opportunities for Faerie Faenatics, including a corporate sponsorship, are available for a limited time as outlined below. Are you interested in becoming a Faerie Faenatic or a Corporate Sponsor? Call Joleen today at 772-337-1959.



\$10,000 - Sponsor The Forrest

Primary Sponsor with subtle signage, recognition on the FPSLBG website & promotional rack card, and a Full Page Newsletter Ad for 2 years.

\$750 - Faerie Faenatic

Opportunity to name one of the Faeries, recognition on the FPSLBG website & promotional rack card.

\$100 - Faerie Friend

General Donation to support The Gardens with recognition on the FPSLBG website.









Horticulture Happenings



- Thank You for all the fantastic plant donations received in April. Please remember to leave your name and the name of the plants so we can thank you for your generous donations. Please NO invasive plants.
- · Special Thanks to Gail and George Richard for their plant donations, pictured right.
- We're always looking for cuttings and plants. Ceramic or clay pots.
- ONE GALLON POTS. Your donations of one gallon pots, helps to defray our propagation expenses, and provides the community with lots of plants to purchase.
- Bromeliads and Caricature plants pictured above are for sale in our Garden Center.



IT'S NO SECRET!

We have over 2000 Plants For Sale
in our PSL Botanical Garden Center
At very reasonable prices.
Please let your friends and family know!
All proceeds go to the benefit of the Garden.
Visit us Soon!



20% OFF SALES of \$10+ Saturday's in May Mother's Day Specials too!



Container Gardens-Great Gift



Sweet Almond Bush Mom will love the smell



Tropical Butterfly Bush Great for Butterflies

Brenda Gustafson

Treasurer & Horticulture Chair

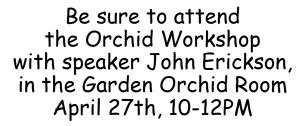
Needs - Your Cuttings and Plants. Ceramic or clay pots. Garden Tools. Garden Art. Bring them on in. This helps to defray our propagation expenses and provide the community with lots of plants to take home.

Ask the Experts - Propagation Workshop

Thanks to Speaker Ben Woodruff and his assistant Laura Mehr for a well attended and informative Propagation Workshop in the Garden Center















VETERANS VICTORY CORPS

a horticulture program for Veterans and their family members!

Comradery, hands-on workshops, opportunities for providing service to your community!

4th Saturday – May 25, 2019 0900 Veteran Victory Corps area in the Garden Center









Contact Judy, American Red Cross – Service to the Armed Forces at judy.nash-wade@redcross.org or Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens 772.337.1959.





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1 st	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
1 st	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
5 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:00 am	All Welcome
6 th	Newsletter/Website Committee Meeting	3:00 - 4:30 pm	All Welcome
8 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
9 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
12 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:00 am	All Welcome
13 th	Rio Lindo Board Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Members Welcome
13 th	Art Show Committee Meeting	1:00 - 2:30 pm	All Welcome
13 th	2020 Planning Committee	3:00 - 4:15 pm	All Welcome
13 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
14 th	PSL Orchid Society	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All 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
15 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
16 th	Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
18 th	Ask The Experts Workshop: Growing and Caring for Hibiscus	10:00 - 12:00 am	Registration Required FPSLBG Members Free Non-Members \$25
19 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:00 am	All Welcome
22 nd	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
23 rd	TC Professional Photographers Assoc.	6:00 - 8:30 pm	Members Welcome
25 th	Veterans Victory Corps.	9:00 - 10:15 am	Veterans Welcome
26 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:00 am	All Welcome
27 th	Rio Lindo Monthly Meeting	12:30 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
28 th	PSL Historical Society Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Members Welcome
29 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
29 th	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
29 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members



www.PSLBG.org • The Pavilion is closed Mondays & Tuesdays For more information on events, please call 772.337.1959



University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar - May

What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: Plants that can take summer heat include coleus, salvia, torenia, wax begonia, and ornamental pepper. **See***Annuals*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic annual landscape plants

Bulbs: Some lilies do better when their roots are crowded. Try planting Amazon, Aztec, and Clivia lilies in containers to increase blooming. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Herbs: Plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, Mexican tarragon, ginger, cumin, summer savory, and rosemary. **See** *Herbs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Vegetables: Sweet potatoes, boniato, hot peppers, and tropical "spinach" such as Sisso, Malabar, and New Zealand can be planted now. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic vegetable gardening

What to Do

Pests: Watch for thrips, scale, and mites on ornamental plants because they become more active in warm weather. **See** *Landscape Pest Management*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic landscape pests

Gardenias and ixora: Distinguish between the normal yellowing of older leaves and the yellowing of new growth, which usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency. **See** *Nutrient Deficiency* (*Landscape Plants*): http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/

topic nutrient deficiencies landscape plants and Gardenias at a Glance: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep338

Oleanders: Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander caterpillars at work. **See** *Oleander Pest Management*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic oleander ipm

Lawns: Watch for damage from chinch bugs in St. Augustinegrass and begin scouting for newly hatched mole crickets in bahiagrass lawns. **See** *Turfgrass Pest Insects*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_pest_insects

Tomatoes: Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on tomato plants. **See** *Home Tomato Gardening*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tomato_gardening

Trees: Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and prune if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist. **See** *International Society of Arboriculture*: http://isa-arbor.com/ and *Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree pruning

Lawns: Prevent or minimize disease by following proper cultural practices when caring for lawns. **See** *Turf Diseases*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_diseases

WHAT'S FLOWERING in Florida? MAY

Hibiscus*

Native and non-native, evergreen (Hibiscus spp.)

Southern Magnolia (Magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora)

Gardenia 🐗

Non-native, evergreen (Gardenia jasminoides)

African Iris -

Non-native, herbaceous (Dietes vegeta)

In both North and South.



Bougainvillea Non-native, evergreen (Bougainvillea spp.)

Royal Poinciana
Non-native, semi-evergreen (Delonix regia)

Frangipani
Non-native, deciduous (Plumeria rubra)



Non-native, evergreen (Brunfelsia grandiflora)







For more information, please visit GardeningSolutions.ifas.ufl.edu

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	North	Central	South
Survive Stines Fransplantines	Sweet Potatoes Swiss Chard	Sweet Potatoes Swiss Chard	Sweet Potatoes
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For more information, please visit GardeningSolutions.ifas.ufl.edu

ARE YOU SERVING ON A COMMITTEE?

Have you thought about serving on a Gardens Committee? Do you have hidden talents that would help our Gardens to grow. We have openings on the following committees and can use you assistance and talents:

- Event Planning Committee Social Assistants
- Propagation Committee Dig in the Dirt
- Newsletter / Website Design Committee
- Hospitality Committee
- 2020 Planning Committee
- Gift Shop Committee
- Landscape Design Committee
- Art in the Gardens Committee
- Bylaw Committee

Give us a call at 772-337-1959 or email info@pslbg.org to find out more or to volunteer for a specific committee.



VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

TEAM LEADERS TO ASSIST WITH LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Wednesday-Saturday • 10AM - 1PM OR 1PM - 4PM Sunday • 12PM - 4PM

THIS IS A 4 HOUR, ONE DAY A WEEK COMMITMENT!

Team Leaders will supervise and oversee volunteers in the completion of gardening tasks throughout the Gardens.

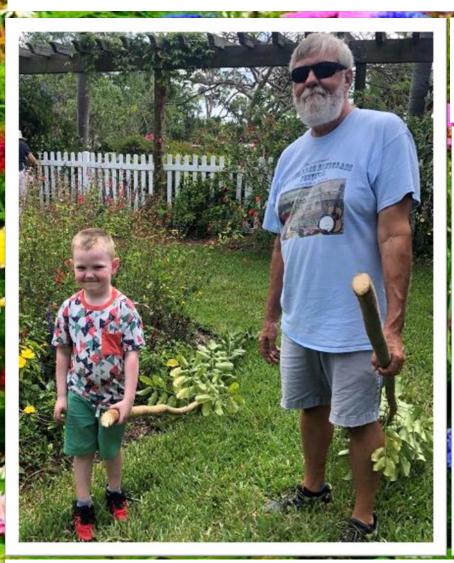
The position requires a team player attitude, interpersonal and communication skills, attention to details and project coordination. The Landscape Maintenance Coordinator should have the ability to collaborate with and support the Horticulture Committee. *Training will be provided in all aspects of the maintenance*. **Master Gardeners Welcome!**

What better way to support your Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden and spend time outside in this lovely growing garden. Call Mary Thomas or Brenda Gustafson at 772-337-1959





Seen Around The Gardens & Beyond



Left: Proud Grandpa, Darl Emling with 4 year old Grandson Avenger working in the Butterfly Garden.
You can't start them out too young!



Above Right: ON THE ROAD AGAIN! Paul Renwick taking his time on his move to Ft. Lauderdale. We Miss You! Look forward to seeing you soon and definitely for a Thanksgiving/Christmas Workshop at the Gardens. Paul will also be consulting on our upcoming landscape projects.







Veteran Victory Corps Raised Garden











PSL Anglers Kids Fishing Tournament







Girl Scouts Visit The Gardens















Weddings at The Gardens







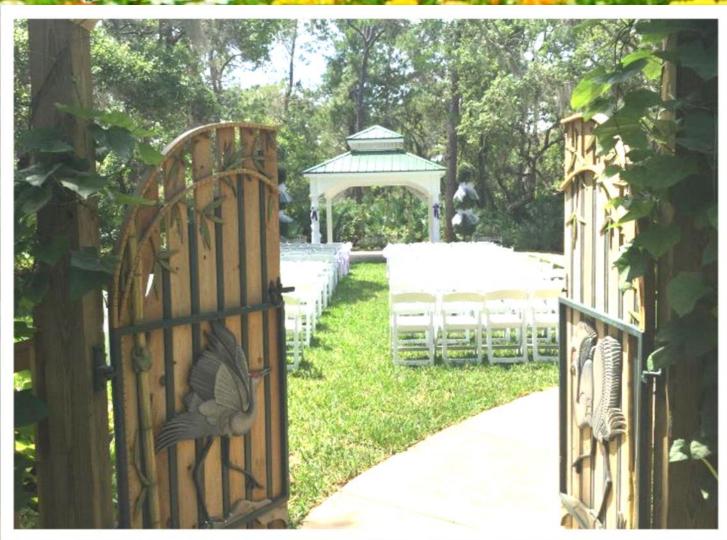
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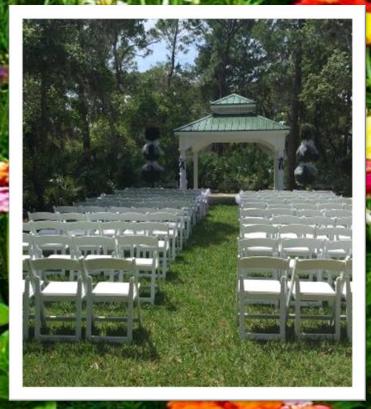


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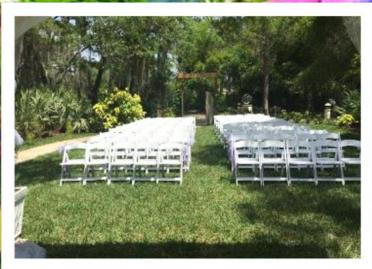
















Earth Day Ladybug Launch at The Gardens































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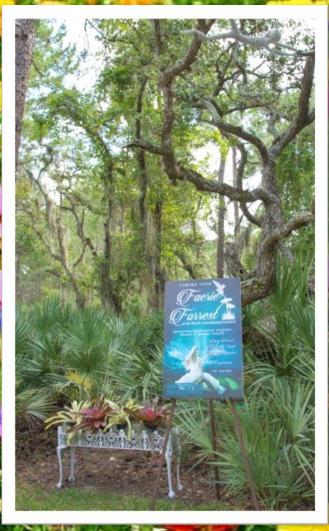
















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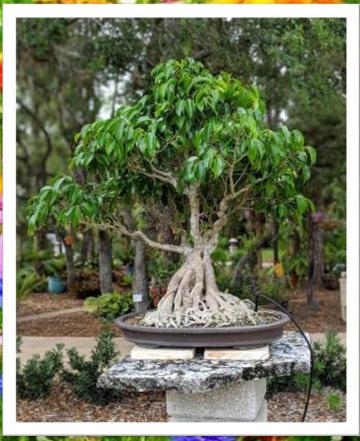


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WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST, 15TH & 29TH 6:30 - 9:30 PM

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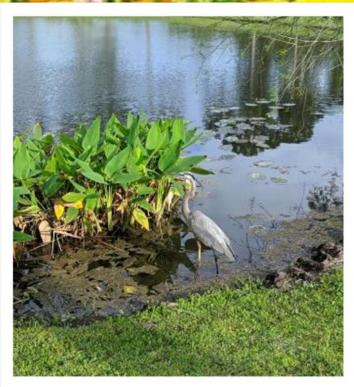


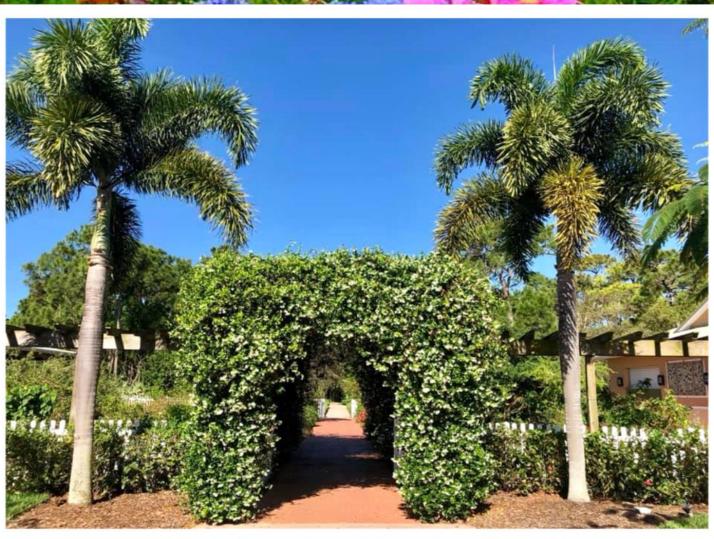




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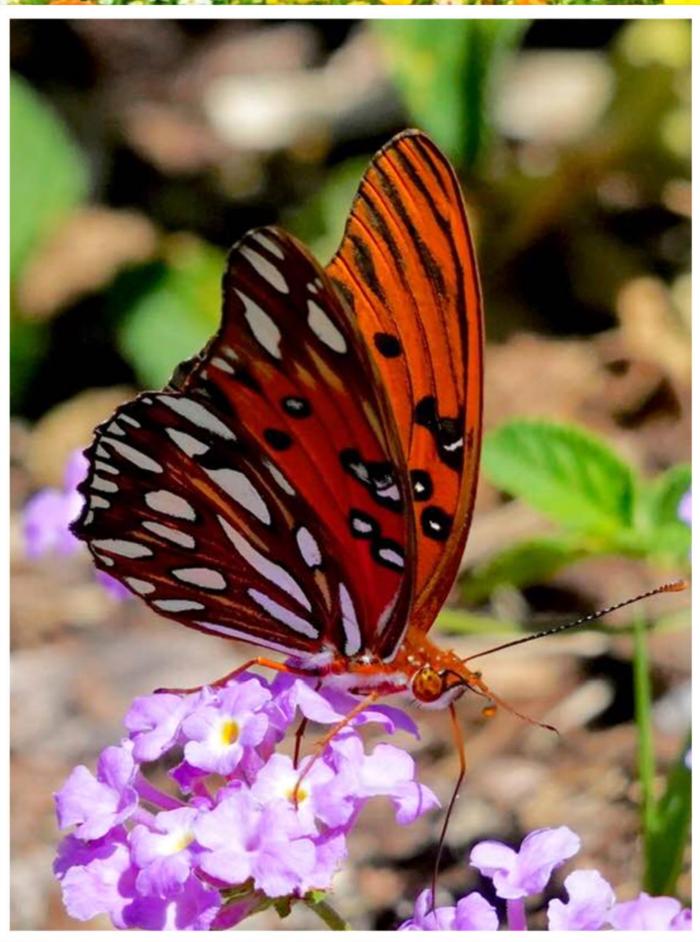
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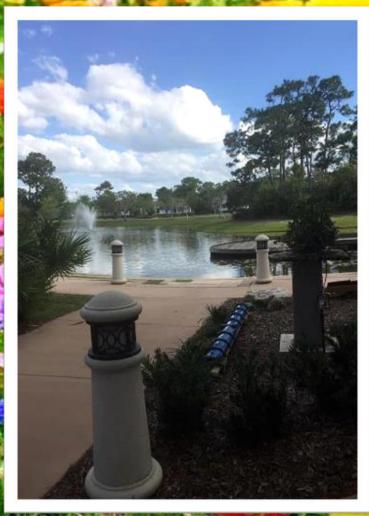
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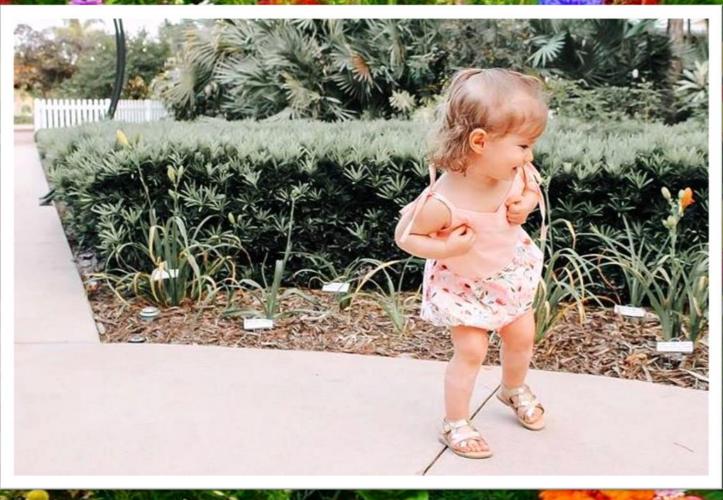












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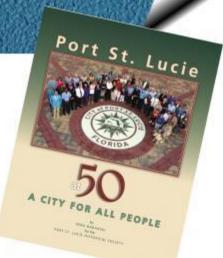
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Saturday May 18th

10:00am - 12:00pm

in the Hibiscus Garden

ea Cooper

WORKSHOP IN THE GARDENS

GROWING & CARING FOR HIBISCUS: Bea Cooper is a founding member of the Gardens and has actively contributed to the Gardens since its' inception 9 years ago in many

capacities. Bea is also a member of the Florida Federated Garden Clubs. She along with other members started The Treasure Coast Hibiscus Society who designed, planted and maintain the beautiful Hibiscus Garden at the PSLBG Gardens.

Bea will discuss:

- Common varieties of Hibiscus
- The basic characteristics of Hibiscus
- Soil, Watering, Fertilization, & Pruning
- Pests and Diseases
- Propagating Hibiscus

Bea will be available to answer questions about your Hibiscus.

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

*** CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ***



In cooperation with the

Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club Rare Tropical Fruit Tasting

- . Free parking, No admission. Tour the Botanical Gardens.
- Explore the wonderful world of tropical fruits available on the Treasure Coast.
- Annuals, perennials, Florida-friendly plants and Garden related crafts.
- Fruit trees and shrubs, Native plants, Orchids and exotics, Bamboo and more.
- Gift Shop & Propagation Garden Center Specials.
- Find what you need to make your Garden grow and talk with the experts.



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Donations to the Friends of the PSL Botanical Gardens are always gratefully appreciated

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Artist Information: Greg Holt, a Port St Lucie resident, retired. Faeries are constructed of 308 S/S armature wire, 40/43 MIG wire, and stainless steel castings. Faeries will be constructed locally in Mr. Holt's workshop.

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