

The December 2018 Newsletter Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie
Botanical Gardens

Happy
Holidays

LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN THE PROPAGATION GARDEN CENTER

A huge thanks (L to R) Gene, Dennis, Paul, Merv and Curtis for creating, building and erecting 'The Garden Center 'Hut'. What a piece of art! What a Team! It was a fun day working with such creative volunteers and members.

**This will be the
best Sales Table ever!**



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Reminder

**HOW-TO SEMINAR:
WREATH MAKING
SATURDAY • DECEMBER 8TH
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**



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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...

Time.. Simply stated, there isn't enough of it and what we have appears to be moving faster. Our PSL Botanical Gardens is looking at another year end in a few short weeks. One reality of December 31 each of us experiences is reviewing our personal position with taxes and giving. I ask that you might consider the PSL Botanical Gardens when you review your gift-giving program this year. The Friends of the PSL Botanical Gardens, it's volunteers and members, are committed to continuing the mandate given us by the City and its residents – to provide an enjoyable, relaxed and educational experience to all who visit. To provide a beautiful venue for family celebrations, holiday picture taking, workshops and continuing education; increasing the quality of life here in Port St. Lucie. Please visit our website for additional information. And Happy Holidays, everyone!

**Joleen King
President**

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

**POINSETTIA
TIPS**

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THANKSGIVING WREATHS BY PAUL RENWICK

This workshop was held at the Port St Lucie Botanical Garden on November 10th and was very well received and attended with over twenty-five in attendance. Many of our members were the lucky raffle winners of Paul's creations. Be sure to attend our Christmas Wreath Workshop to be held on December 8th from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Sign up early. Members Free! Non-Members - \$35.00.



Mark your calendar for our Christmas Wreath Workshop held on December 8th, 10:30AM - 12PM



Win a chance to win a one-of-a-kind Christmas Wreath designed by Paul Renwick.



Out & About



PORT ST. LUCIE
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2010

With The Gardens

Seen Around The Gardens



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BOOtanical Halloween 2018



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
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Welcome to BOOtanical Halloween 2018





Welcome to All Garden Goers...

This month our Jazz Jams will be held on **December 12th** & **December 26th** starting at 6:30 pm

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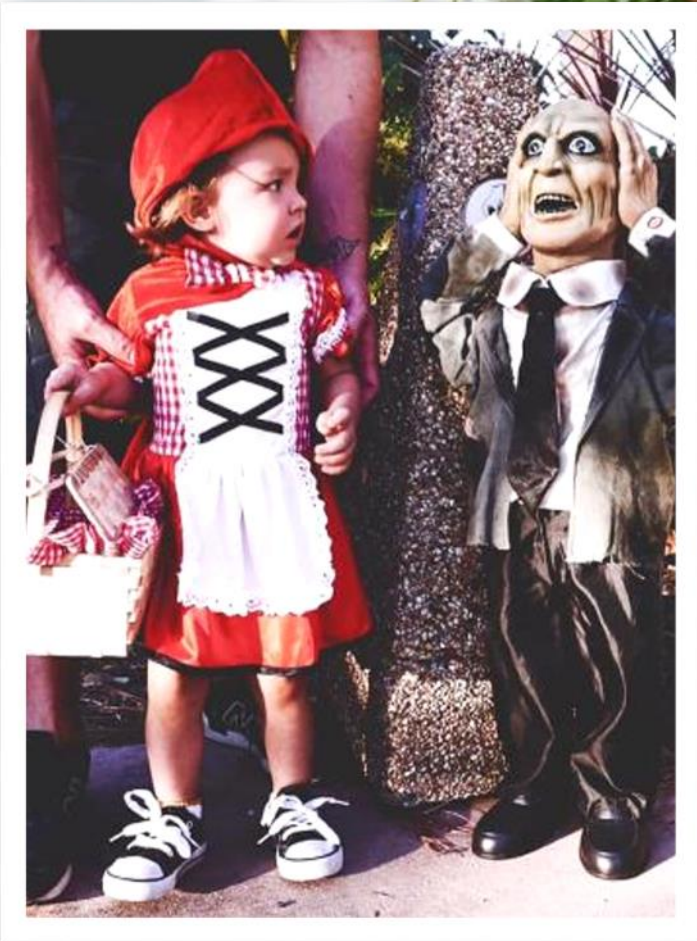














ENLIST: JOIN THE Saturday Wacky Weeder's'

When: December 15, 2018
Where: PSL Botanical Gardens
Time: 8:00AM - 12:00PM

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

WE CAN REALLY USE YOUR HELP!!!

JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING – ALL VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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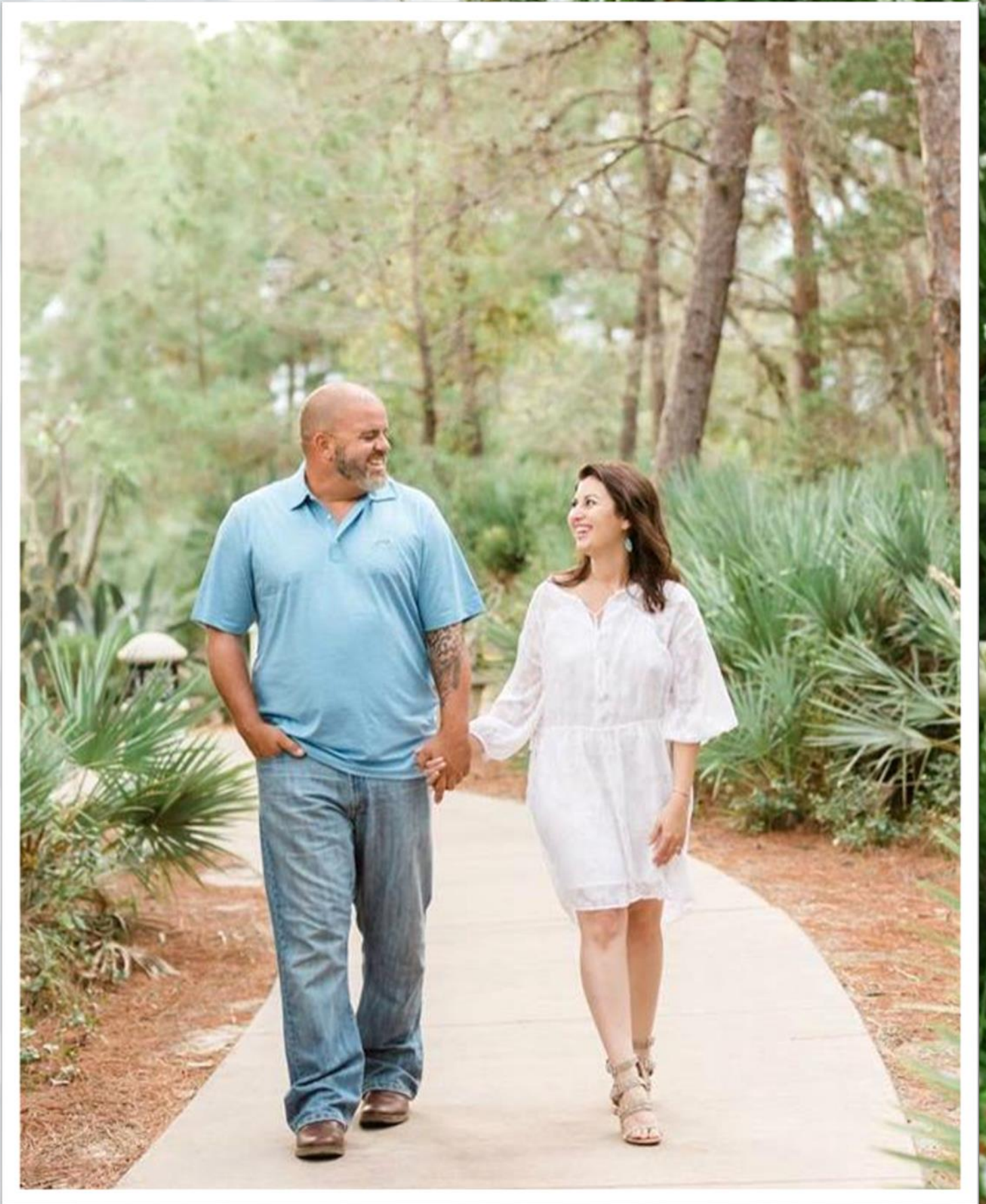
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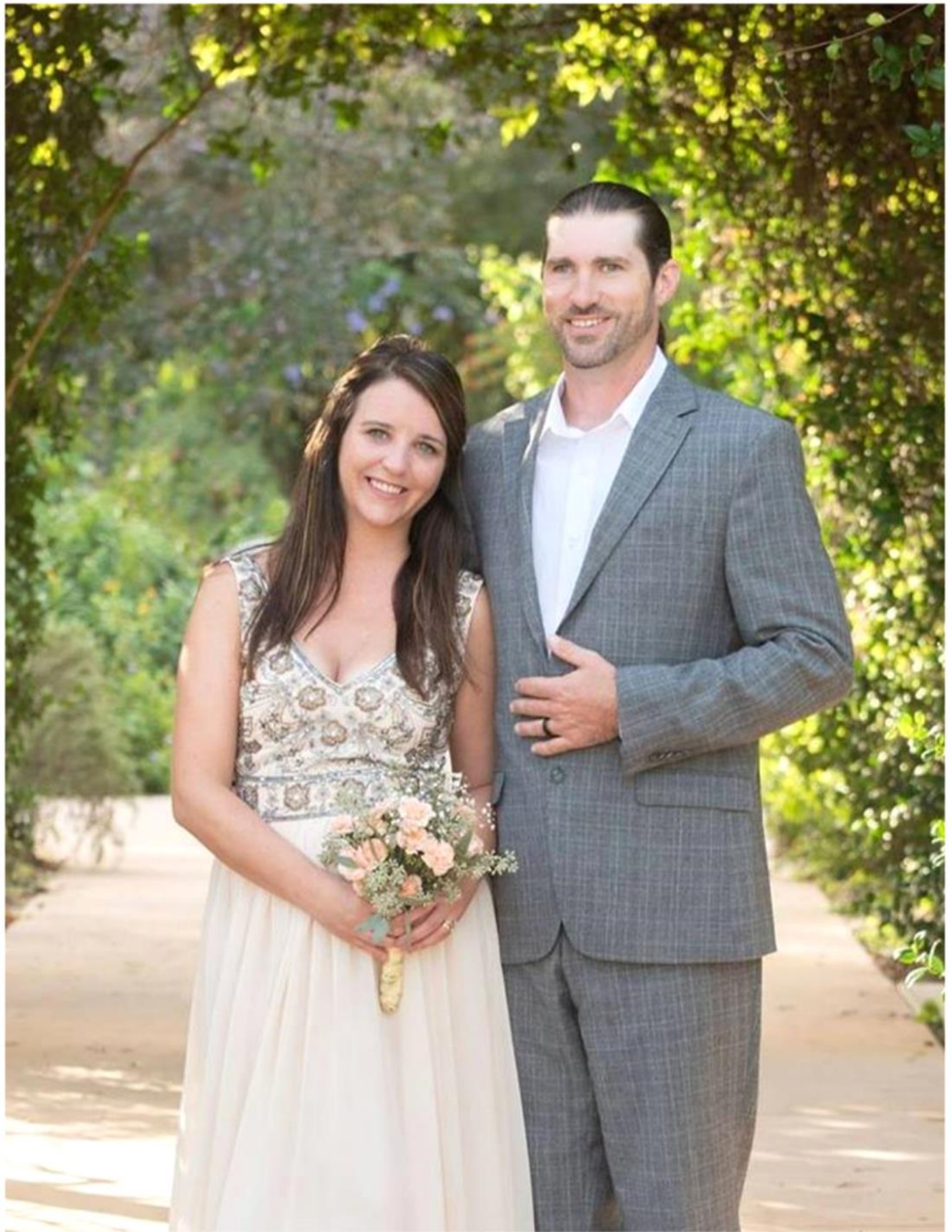
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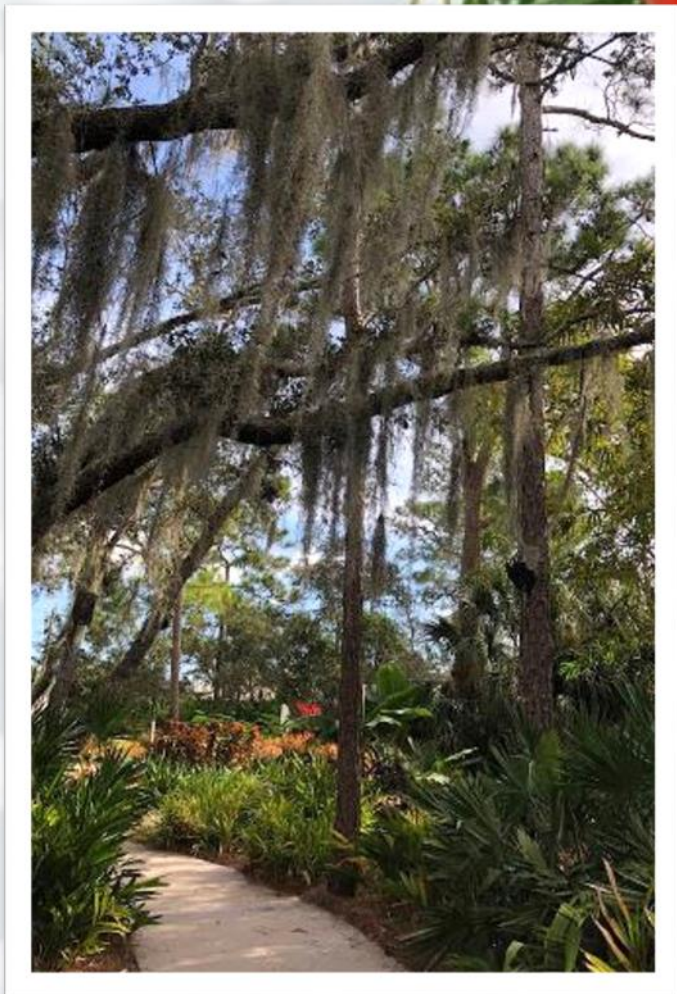


















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DECEMBER

Calendar Of Events

1 st	Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club "Cars of our Lives" Auto Show	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
3 rd	Newsletter Committee Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 pm	All Welcome
3 rd	River Vista HOA Board Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Only
4 th	Somerset Honor Roll Ceremony	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Students & Guests Welcome
5 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
6 th	German American Chorus	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
6 th	Treasure Coast Hospice "Tree of Life" Celebration	4:00 - 8:00 pm	All Welcome
8 th	Delights of December Holiday Sale	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
8 th	How-To Seminar: Wreath Making	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Members Free, Non-Members \$35. Registration Required.
8 th	Fun at The Gardens with Santa	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Bring the Kids & your Camera
10 th	2020 Meeting	3:00 - 4:15 pm	All Welcome
10 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
11 th	PSL Orchid Society	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
11 th	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
12 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
12 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
13 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
14 th	Jingle & Mingle at The Gardens	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Members & Volunteers RSVP
15 th	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
16 th	South Florida Daylily Society	2:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
19 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
20 th	German American Chorus	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
24 th	Crosstown Chapel Christmas Eve Svc.	7:00 pm - 12:00 am	All Welcome
25 th	MERRY CHRISTMAS	Gardens Closed	
26 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
26 th	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
26 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members



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

University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar - December

What to Plant

What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: To add color to the winter garden, plant masses of begonia, impatiens, and geranium. **See Annuals:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Amaryllis is a popular plant for the holiday season. It can be forced to bloom now or planted outdoors for spring blooms. **See Bulbs for Florida:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Herbs: Plant herbs that thrive in cool weather. Some examples include parsley, thyme, sage, dill, fennel, and cilantro. **See Herbs:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Vegetables: Reliable cool-season vegetables to plant this month include broccoli, carrots, kale, green onions, and others. **See Vegetable Gardening in Florida:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening and tomatoes. **See Vegetable Gardening in Florida:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

What to Do

Poinsettias: Enjoy one of the most popular holiday plants. Protect it from cold until spring, and then plant it in the garden for next year. **See Poinsettias:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_poinsettia

Irrigation: Irrigate if the weather has been warm and dry. Monitor plants for signs of stress and water only as needed. **See Landscape Irrigation:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_irrigation

Lawns: Continue monitoring for brown patch and large patch fungal disease until May. Proper cultural practices are key for control. **See Turf Diseases:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_diseases

Houseplants: Inspect regularly for pests on indoor plants. Keep in mind that plant-specific temperature, light, and humidity are key to ensuring that indoor plants thrive. **See Houseplants:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_house_plants

Soil test: Consider performing a soil test if plants do not perform as desired or if new plantings are planned. **See Soil Testing:** http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot_topics/agriculture/soil_testing.html and *Landscape and Soil Test (Home Lawn and Garden):* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_home_soil_testing

Compost/mulch: Use fallen leaves and other plant debris to provide the carbon ingredient needed for successful composting and also to make a good mulch. **See Backyard Composting:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_home_composting and *Landscape Mulches:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_mulch

Landscape and garden pests: Continue monitoring and treat as needed. While cooler weather generally means fewer pests, some populations actually increase at this time of year. **See Landscape Pest Management:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests

Holiday trees: Consider enjoying a live southern red cedar and then plant it in the landscape when the holidays are over. **See Christmas Tree Selection and Care:** http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/giam/potpourri/holiday/xmastree_care.html

Protect: Protect tender orchid, impatiens, and tomato from falling temperatures. **See Cold Protection and Chilling Damage of Landscape Plants:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscapes_and_cold

WHAT'S FLOWERING

in Florida?

DECEMBER



NORTH/ CENTRAL

- Beauty Berry  Native, deciduous (*Callicarpa americana*)
- Camellia Japonica  Non-native, evergreen (*Camellia japonica*)
- Camellia Sasanqua  Non-native, evergreen (*Camellia sasanqua*)
- Poinsettia***  Non-native, tender-evergreen (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*)
- Powderpuff*  Non-native, tender-evergreen (*Calliandra haematocephala*)
- Tea Olive  Non-native, evergreen (*Osmanthus fragrans*)

* In both North and South.

 Beautyberry* **SOUTH**

 Pinkball Tree
Non-native, evergreen (*Dombeya wallichii*)

 Poinsettia*

 Powderpuff*

 Orchid Tree
Non-native, semi-deciduous (*Bauhinia* spp.)




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EDIBLES TO PLANT IN DECEMBER

	North	Central	South
 Easily Survives Transplanting	Arugula, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Kale, Kohlrabi, Swiss Chard	Arugula, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Endive/Escarole, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Swiss Chard	Arugula, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive/Escarole, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Pepper, Sweet Potato, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes
 Survives Careful Transplanting	Carrots, Celery, Mustard, Spinach	Carrots, Celery, Mustard, Potatoes, Spinach	Carrots, Celery, Mustard, Potatoes, Spinach
 Use Seeds	Onions (green, shallots), Radish, Turnips	Onions (green, shallots), Peas (English), Radish, Turnips	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupes, Corn (sweet), Cucumbers, Onions (greens, shallots), Peas (English, southern), Radish, Squash (summer, winter), Turnips, Watermelon

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Delights of December – Wreath Making

Saturday, December 8, 2017 • 10:30AM – 12:00PM

****** [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) ******

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: Free for Members; Non-Members: \$35.00 - Become a member and attend Free. You will have a chance to Win an arrangement.

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 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.



Jazz Jams
at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 12TH & 26TH
6:30 - 9:30 PM

Presented By


THANK YOU

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A Big Thank You to the 12 volunteers from **MIRA USA** from Palm Beach and Port St Lucie pictured with Horticulture Chair Brenda Gustafson. With their landscaping skills they assisted throughout the garden and accomplished an outstanding job. This non-profit organization works to promote the well-being in our society and are committed to helping the impoverished communities to achieve a better quality of life, by helping individuals become the main characters in their role to attain success. For additional information contact www.mirausa.net



A Special Thank you to *Carol Pieniadz* for the generous donation of many of her lovely plants. You can be sure they will find a loving home.

Dear Friends,

The end of 2018 is fast upon us and we'd like to take a moment to thank all the generous donations of not only plants from so many special Port St Lucie neighbors but for the many hours of time that our volunteers work to facilitate this growing garden. Thank you everyone for your generous donations to the Gardens.



You are what makes it happen!

Have a Wonderful Holiday.

The Horticulture Committee



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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.nash-wade@redcross.org or PSLBG at 772-337-1959.

Garden Center

at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

DECEMBER PLANT SALE
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Board of Directors Elections 2019

- 10/30/2018** Appointment of Election Committee. (Not less than 60 days prior to Annual Meeting). Committee shall thereafter deliver a **NOTICE OF INTENT TO RUN** to be a Candidate form to all Members
- 10/30/2018** The **NOTICE OF INTENT TO BE A CANDIDATE** begins.
There are four (4) Board openings for Board of Directors.
Any member in good standing can request from the Gardens or online at www.pslbg.org/2019-election the following:
- . Intent to run form
 - . the Qualifications to Run, in accordance with the Bylaws: Article III, Section 9 & Article IV, Section 2B and
 - . Questionnaire on Skills and Goals/Visions.
*Please deliver intent to run applications with completed questionnaire in a sealed envelope marked **ELECTIONS – CANDIDATE APPLICATION** to the Gardens office or email to Stephanie Alessandrini-Giarraffa, Chair of Elections at info@pslbotanicalgardens.org.*
- 12/31/2018** **LAST DAY TO FILE INTENT TO RUN FORMS** to the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Office to the Attention of the Election Committee.
- 1/09/2019** Mail out of notice of Annual Meeting and Voting.
The Ballot with Candidate Questionnaire, proxies, agenda, minutes from 2018 Annual Meeting and financials will be listed on our website at www.pslbg.org/2019-election.
- 1/28/2019** ANNUAL MEETING, VOTING & NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS TAKE OFFICE

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**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS
CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR THE FRIENDS
OF THE PSL BOTANICAL GARDENS 2019
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Please consider running for Board of Directors of the
Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens

Click the link below to download the Intent to be a Candidate form and
Qualifications to Run form. Forms will also be available at the office or
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HORTICULTURE KNOW HOW...

Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Horticulture Class Series 2018 Annual Poinsettia Handout

1. Poinsettia's are cultivars of *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, a shrub or small tree native to Mexico and Central America. It was introduced to the US by Joel Poinsett who was the US Minister to Mexico in 1825. It is a member of the spurge family. It is a shrub or small tree growing in seasonal dry forests as understory and grows from 2 to 16 ft. tall. The ones I have seen blooming naturally in the islands and in Mexico were 8 to 10 ft. tall, with long flexible stems with the bracts at the ends. They were in their dry cycle and so had no leaves just bracts. They sort of looked like flying red flowers.



2. Plant care - These are tropical plants. They do not like conditions below 60 degrees, wind, salt, or high variations in soil moisture. They wilt easily and will drop their leaves if subject to high soil moisture variability and hot or cold drafts. They do best



in a house if they can get some sunlight every day.

3. If given somewhat protected conditions the red bracts can last for weeks. The bracts are actually colored leaves; the flowers are the small yellow or green tufts in the center of the bracts.
4. To re-flower or reuse your poinsettia follow these directions: Throughout the winter, keep the plant somewhat dry and do not fertilize until the weather warms in spring. After the weather has begun to warm, cut off the fading bracts, leaving 4-6 inches of the stem on each branch. When new growth begins fertilize lightly, repot if necessary to a slightly larger container. Be sure and use potting mix which drains well. Poinsettias dislike soggy mix. Move the plant to an area with partial shade.
5. To use in a shrub border, select a location that is well drained, receives partial sun, and has some wind protection. In addition, if you want consistent flowering, you need to select a location that does not have outside night lighting.
6. To encourage re-flowering - In July cut the plant back to about 1/2 the height you want for your holiday decorations. On October 1st, begin 14 hours of uninterrupted darkness each night, every night without interruption, and continue this until the holidays arrive. Even a flash of light for a few seconds will interrupt the cycle and delay flowering. Your re-flowered bracts will probably not be as large or as perfect as the commercial ones because you will probably not be providing perfect fertilizer applications nor applying a variety of pesticides.
7. Toxicity - Despite the rumors, these are not terribly toxic plants. Recent research indicates



that it would require the consumption of many pounds of plant materials to produce more than an upset stomach. However, members of the spurge family have white sticky sap which a small percentage of the population finds to be irritating. So don't eat your poinsettias and when you are working with them keep the sap off of your skin.

*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah
& Happy Holidays!*

*The content of this lesson plan was provided by Propagation Resource an on-line service. It should be noted that varying propagation resources have a variety of views and it is up to the individual to determine what information best fits one's own needs.



POINSETTIA

Pointers



Did you know?

The poinsettia is native to Mexico. The ancient Aztecs used poinsettias in their fall celebrations.

Named for Joel Poinsett, the botanist and U.S. Ambassador to Mexico who introduced the plant to the U.S. in 1825.

The colorful and showy "flower" is actually a cluster of modified leaves called bracts. The true flowers are small and clustered in the center of the bracts.

As a result of intensive breeding, there are more than 150 varieties of poinsettias to choose from.

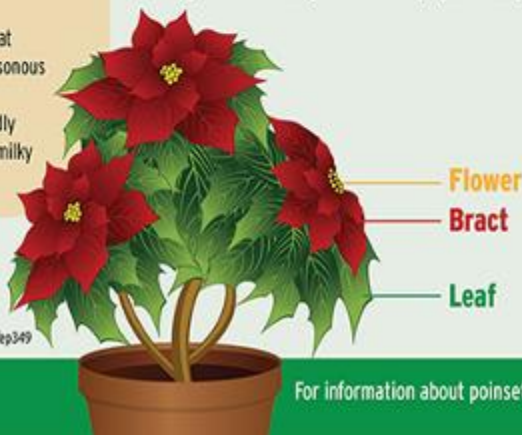
Research has shown that poinsettias are not poisonous to people or pets, although some are mildly allergic to their white, milky sap.

Caring for Potted Poinsettias

- 1 They do best on a porch or in a window with indirect sunlight for at least 6 hours per day.
- 2 If indoors, room temperatures of 65° - 70°F are best; keep them away from cold drafts and excessive heat.
- 3 Water thoroughly only when the surface of the soil is dry to the touch; do not water too frequently.
- 4 Indoors, fertilize lightly only every 4-6 weeks.
- 5 In April, when the leaves and bracts begin to deteriorate and fall off, cut the plant back and give it sun, water and fertilizer regularly.
- 6 A real challenge is to reflower plants indoors the next year. In October, start keeping the plant in complete darkness for at least 13-14 hours each day and in bright light the rest of the day. After about 2 months, your plants will develop a colorful display of holiday blooms.

Poinsettias in the Landscape

- 1 Varieties that naturally bloom in early to mid-November are the best for central and north Florida's landscapes.
- 2 It is best to keep these plants in brighter light during the winter, rather than indoors.
- 3 Plant in early spring as soon as the danger of frost is past. Choose a sunny spot (3-6 hours of sun) that will not receive artificial light at night.
- 4 Cut off fading bracts, leaving 4-6" of the stem on each branch.
- 5 Poinsettias prefer moist, well-drained soils with a pH between 5.5 and 6.5.
- 6 Keep mulched and well-watered until established; fertilize monthly with balanced amounts of nitrogen and potassium, and low phosphorus. Controlled release fertilizers are good.
- 7 Cut back once a month if needed, leaving 4 leaves on shoots; stop pruning in early September.
- 8 Poinsettias are nice in landscape containers, but proper watering is more critical.



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For information about poinsettias, go to solutionsforyourlife.com, or visit your local UF/IFAS Extension office.



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