# The November 2017 Newsletter

### Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie **Botanical Gardens** 



### VETERAN VICTORY CORPS

Veteran Victory Corps (VVC) is launched and on the path to complete it's mission: comradery, education, and service to home and community. Veterans, Active Duty, Retirees, Reservists and military family members are welcome! Associate members from the community, Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens, Master Gardeners, and American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces are all encouraged to participate as a supporter, educator, or mentor.

VVC is an ongoing activity, with opportunity to muster Wednesday through Sunday when the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens is open. VVC members are welcome to attend PSLBG's Partners in Horticulture Education series such as the Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening workshop held on October 28th. The next scheduled muster will be at 0900, just before the Hands On Propagation workshop on Saturday, November 25th. Workshop begins at 0930 with hands-on productivity through 1230.

For information on the Veteran Victory Corps, please contact Judy Nash-Wade at judy.nashwade@redcross.org or call the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens at 772-337-1959.



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'Twas' The Night Before Plant Show

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HOW-TO SEMINAR: MAKE YOUR OWN CORNUCOPIA CENTERPIECE NOVEMBER 7TH • 10:00 - 11:30AM



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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.

### Officers & Directors . . .

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Committee: Melinda DeMarco Strategic Planning Committee: Glenn Ryals

### Newsletter...

Editor: Judy Nash-Wade Design: Mark Barnes

The Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens is managed and operated by Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, Inc. The Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, Inc. receives no funding from any government agency. Your admission donations help us maintain and grow The Gardens.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Holidays! Please include the Botanical Gardens in PSL your holiday planning this year, whether it's visiting our Gift Shop or our Propagation Garden Center for unique gift ideas or starting a tour of Port St Lucie with YOUR Botanical Gardens on Westmoreland Blvd with visiting friends and One holiday that is family. celebrated the by Botanical Gardens is Arbor



Day, observed in January in Florida. We have a traditional tree planting and observance of memorials and dedications received from members and the public. A simple, dignified ceremony will be held January 19, 2018. As you gather with friends and family during this holiday season, consider remembering those whose memory you hold dear at the January Arbor Day celebration. There is a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Watch for more information in the December newsletter. Please enjoy this holiday season from your Friends at the PSL Botanical Gardens.

Joleen King President





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### Welcome to All Garden Goers...

This month our Jazz Jams will be held on November 1st November 15th & November 29th starting at 6:30 pm

# JAZZ JAMS

At The Gardens

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### Sighted in The Gardens







### FFGC District X Fall Meeting











### Volunteer Wanted

Newsletter reporter: Assist Newsletter Editor and Graphic Design Artist by drafting assigned articles for our monthly newsletter.

Send Inquiries to news@pslbotanicalgardens.org













### **Junk In The Trunk - October Community Trunk Sale**













### **More Seen Around The Garden**























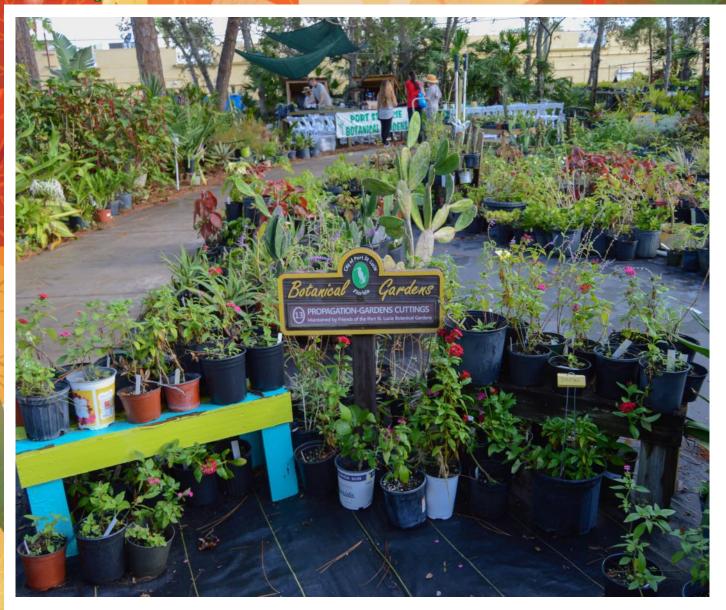












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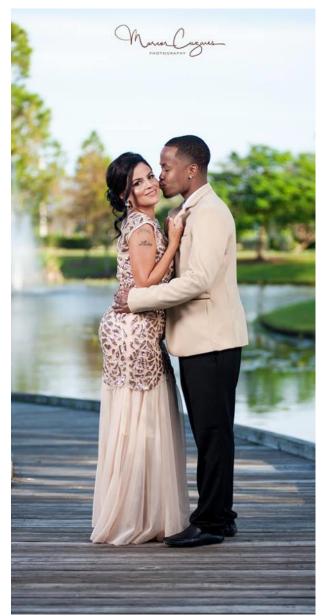
**Visitor Photos** 



Pictures by Wayne Goldenberg

























1 <sup>st</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All welcome
1 <sup>st</sup>	German American Club Board Mtg.	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
2 <sup>nd</sup>	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members only
6 <sup>th</sup>	River Vista HOA Meeting	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Only
8 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
8 <sup>th</sup>	Master Gardeners Lunch Meeting	10:30 am - 2:00 pm	Members Welcome
8 <sup>th</sup>	PSL City University Class #4	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Student Welcome
9 <sup>th</sup>	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All invited
11 <sup>th</sup>	How-To Seminar: Make Your Own Cornucopia Centerpiece	10:00 - 11:00 am	Members \$10.00 Non-Members \$35
13 <sup>th</sup>	Rio Lindo Board Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Members Only
13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting</b>	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
14 <sup>th</sup>	PSL Orchid Society Meeting	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
14 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset College Prep Honor Roll Ceremony	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Student & Guests Welcome
15 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All welcome
15 <sup>th</sup>	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
16 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club of Stuart Jacaranda Circle Garden Tour	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
16 <sup>th</sup>	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Only
16 <sup>th</sup>	TC Rare Fruit Club Meeting.	6:00 - 9:30 pm	All welcome
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All welcome
19 <sup>th</sup>	South Fla Daylily Society Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	All welcome
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All welcome
23 <sup>rd</sup>	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	GARDENS CLOSED	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Partners in Horticulture Education	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Veterans & Students
27 <sup>th</sup>	Rio Lindo Garden Club Meeting	12:45 pm - 3:30 pm	All Welcome
28 <sup>th</sup>	UF/ISAF Landscaping Series	12:00 - 1:30 pm	Registration Required
29 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All welcome
29 <sup>th</sup>	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6.00 Donation, Members \$5
30 <sup>th</sup>	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Only



www.PSLBG.org • The Gardens is closed Monday's & Tuesday's For more information on events, please call 772.337.1959



University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar — November

### What to Plant

**Annuals/Bedding plants**: Create a display of fall colors with cool-season plants. Some examples include impatiens, strawflower, cape daisy, and pansy. **See** *Annuals*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic annual landscape plants

**Bulbs**: Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and the many varieties of elephant's ear. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic bulbous flowers

**Herbs**: Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs like cooler, dryer weather, including cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley, sage, and thyme. **See** *Herbs*: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_herbs">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_herbs</a>

**Vegetables**: Lots of choices exist for November including beans, broccoli, kale, snow/English peas, and strawberries. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic vegetable gardening">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic vegetable gardening</a>

### What to Do

**Perennials**: Divide and replant overgrown perennials and bulbs now so that they establish before the coolest weather arrives. **See** *Seeds and Propagation (Lawn and Garden)*: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_garden">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_garden</a> propagation

**Lawns**: Watch for brown patch and large patch until May. These fungal diseases cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key. **See** *Turf Diseases*: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_turf\_diseases">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_turf\_diseases</a>

**Scale insects**: Take advantage of lower temperatures to apply horticultural oil sprays to control scale insects. **See** *Landscape Pest Management*: <a href="http://edu/scape-pests">http://edu/scape-pests</a>

**Irrigation**: Turn off systems and water only if needed. Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. **See** *Landscape Irrigation*: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_landscape\_irrigation">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_landscape\_irrigation</a>

**Poinsettias**: Watch for hornworms on poinsettias planted in the landscape. This pest can quickly defoliate a plant. Handpick or treat only the infested area. **See** *Poinsettias*: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_poinsettia">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_poinsettia</a>

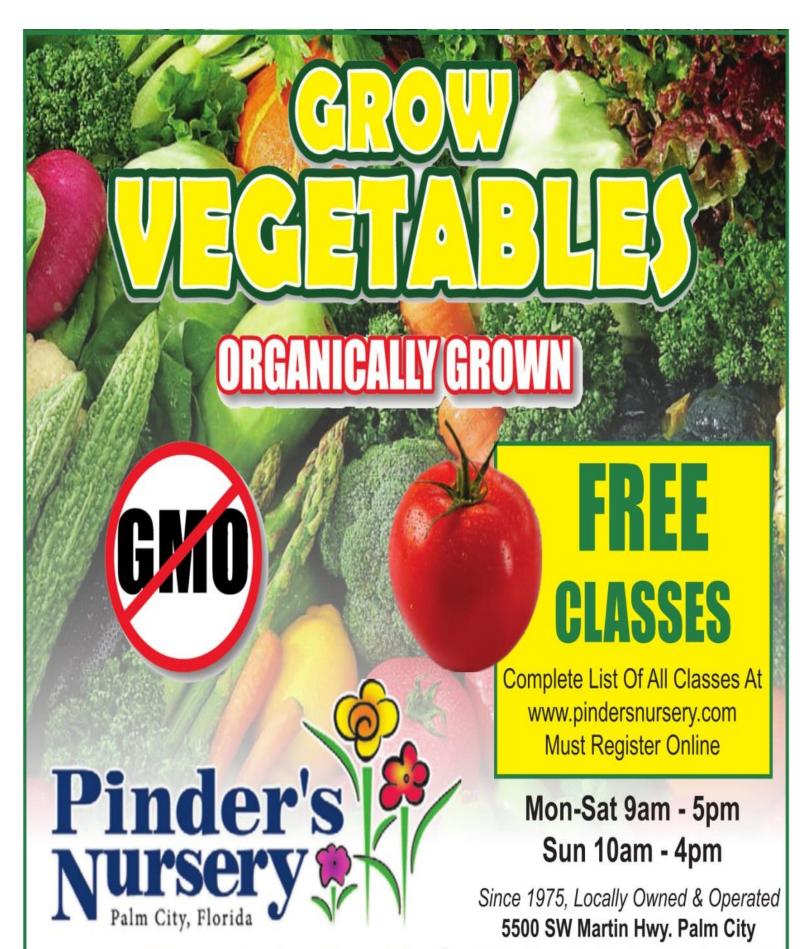




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Get Involved - Become A Candidate For Our Board Of Directors



### Attention All Members ----- Candidates Needed

January 29, 2018 at the Annual Meeting there will be an election for five (5) positions on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. If you are interested in running, you must:

- Qualify by being a member in good standing with a minimum of 25 volunteer hours, fifteen (15) of which have been at The Gardens.
- Complete a "Notice of Intent to Be a Candidate" form.
- Provide a Bio/Resume (optional) covering your experience as listed in the Qualifications for intent to be a Candidate.
- Return the Intent to Be a Candidate form and BIO/Resume so it is received at The Gardens by Dec. 31, 2017.

The Intent to Be a Candidate form and Qualifications are available for download at the link below, as well as available at the Botanical Gardens office. If you prefer, you may also request one by emailing info@pslbotanicalgardens.org.

Any questions may be directed to Stephanie Alessandrini-Giarraffa, Election Committee Chair via email at info@pslbotanicalgardens.org or by calling The Gardens at 772.337.1959.



VOTE VOTE VOTE



### **Board of Directors Elections 2018**

10/30/2017 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

10/30/2017 The NOTICE OF INTENT TO BE A CANDIDATE begins.

There are five (5) Board openings for Board of Directors.

Any member in good standing can request from the Gardens or online at <a href="https://www.pslbg.org/election.html">www.pslbg.org/election.html</a> the following:

- . Intent to run form
- the Qualifications to Run, in accordance with the Bylaws: Article III, Section 9 & Article IV, Section 2B and
- . BIO requirements (optional)

Please deliver <u>intent to run applications with bio</u> in a sealed envelope marked ELECTIONS – CANDIDATE APPLICATION to the Gardens office or email to Stephanie Alessandrini-Giarraffa, Chair of Elections at <u>info@pslbotanicalgardens.org</u>.

**12/31/2017 LAST DAY TO FILE INTENT TO RUN FORMS WITH BIOS** to the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Office to the Attention of the Election Committee.

1/09/2018 Mail out of notice of Annual Meeting and Voting.

The Ballot with Candidate bios, proxies, agenda, minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting and financials will be listed on our website at www.pslbg.org/election.html.

1/29/2018 ANNUAL MEETING, VOTING & NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS TAKE OFFICE

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Join our team of Garden Center Volunteers. We're expanding! Our Shade House will be ready just in time for the cooler weather and the snowbirds returning. We need assistance with planting seeds, pulling weeds, propagating from cuttings, up-potting, dividing and replanting, and all over garden clean up, workshops, building benches. Much to do and too little hands. The following are dates that we will be there to work with you on all the projects we have in works.

You'll have fun and meet new people who share your love of plants and working in the dirt.

November 4 & 5

**November 18 & 19** 

Fall Propagation Schedule Friday & Saturday 9:30 – 11:00 A.M.



Bring garden gloves and hand clippers. Covered shoes are required. Hats and sun screen recommended. We have water available and lots of advice.

STUDENTS: EARN YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS! Call the Gardens at 772-337-1959 to sign-up.



### WE NEED MORE PROPAGATION TABLES!

**DONATE \$50.00** for materials to complete one table. We will provide the volunteer labor from *Mr. Merv* and his helpers. Mr. Merv is a Master Gardener, Vietnam Vet and a FPSLBG volunteer. Merv Yearwood has been instrumental in completing eight tables for the Shade House and five for propagation.

### You will receive:

A Big Thank You and your photo in the newsletter with Mr. Merv.

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We Wish you would Volunteer at the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Propagation



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# Partners in Horticulture Education





Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens High School Horticulture Club is back in session starting Saturday, September 23, 2017 with over 20 Somerset College Preparatory students signed up after our first-year pilot. With the assistance of Master Gardeners and PSLBG volunteers, students will learn basic Horticulture practices while providing community service hours at the garden. This program is open to all High School Students. Add your school logo to our growing Horticulture experience. Contact Jeffrey Policar or Heather Furnari 772-337-1959 for more information.

### HORTICULTURE CLUB WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Workshop: 9:30am – 11:00am

Garden Work Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm

**Saturday, November 25**<sup>th</sup> – Hands on propagation – Propagation Techniques for Maximum Efficiency and Production of plants.

**Saturday, December 30**<sup>th</sup> – Hands on Vegetable gardening – Preparing Garden Beds for Vegetables.

**Saturday, January 27**<sup>th</sup> – Bring in the New Year in with Fun with Fertilizer! Presented by Kate Rotindo, Urban Horticulture Extension Agent, UF/IFAS St. Lucie County Extension

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** - Pruning Techniques – The Why, When and How to Prune your trees by Lynda Salsbury, Master Gardener and recipient of the Florida Friendly Landscaping award for an outstanding yard.

Saturday, April 28th and Saturday, May 26th Workshops -TBD

### **NOTE**

Please bring garden hand clippers and gloves. No open toe shoes. We recommend sturdy shoes/sneakers, hats, suntan lotion and comfortable clothes for working outside. Please be on time and no phones while at the Garden. Water will be provided.



# Horticulture How-To Series: Cornucopia Centerpiece for your Thanksgiving Table Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Propagation Center

Presented In the Propagation Garden Center

### CORNUCOPIA CENTERPIECE FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING TABLE



Saturday, November 11th, 10:00am – 11:30am
This Workshop will teach you how to
Create a fabulous centerpiece
for your Thanksgiving table.

Cost: **FREE for Members**, Non-Members: \$25.00 Become a member and attend Free.

You will have a chance to Win an arrangement

### **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

If you have enjoyed the stunning flower arrangements displayed in our pavilion, then you will not want to miss the three 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. Be sure to sign up early!





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# Enlist: Join the Saturday Wacky Weeders'

When: November 18, 2017
Where: PSL Botanical Gardens

**Time**: 8:00ам - 12:00рм

### LUNCH Served

Earn Double volunteer hours (Core & School Students)

We need your help to get your beautiful Botanical Gardens in perfect shape for the upcoming Holiday Season and all the events we have planned for our wonderful members and guests!!



### 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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