The June 2019 Newsletter Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens



TASTE OF THE TROPICS



Join us at The Gardens on **Saturday – June 15th, 2019** for our annual plant sale featuring a **Taste of the Tropics**. The plant sale will begin at **9am** and run through **1pm.** In cooperation with the Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club, the Taste of the Tropics Plant Sale will feature our beautiful Botanical Gardens where you can explore the wonderful world of tropical fruits available on the Treasure Coast and join in tasting Tropical Fruit grown locally.

Additionally, browse the annuals, perennials and Florida-friendly plants as well as fruit trees, shrubs, native plants, orchids, exotics, bamboo and garden related crafts that will be available from The Gardens and numerous vendors. Find what you need to make your Garden grow and talk with the experts while you tour the Gardens. We hope to see you there.

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Reminder

TASTE OF THE TROPICS
& PLANT SALE
SATURDAY • JUNE 15TH
9:00 AM • 1:00PM

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Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday Noon - 4pm

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Suggested Donations: Adults \$5

Students \$2

Children 12 & Under Welcome Free for FPSLBG Members and

Active Military with family (IDs required)

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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...

June 21 this year marks the Summer Solstice and longest day of the year. At the Gardens, summer is a period of reduced visitor traffic, higher temperatures and humidity for working on hard labor projects outdoors, and a time when our volunteers look for

creative ways to improve the Gardens without overtaxing anyone's ability to work. Some of the ambitious projects on the clipboard are: establishing a proper display staghorn ferns, a favorite of everyone; expansion of the container gardening display in the veranda of the Pavilion; changing the layout of our Gift shop to maximize retail floor space, and more!

The City's Westmoreland project Phase I has completed and we're quietly awaiting the next phase of that interesting neighbor project.

Plan to visit the Gardens during June. We can't promise low temperatures or humidity, but we can offer shade and A/C when you need it. Hope to see you soon!

Thank you.

Joleen King President



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\$10,000 - Sponsor The Forrest

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\$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.

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







PSLBG Garden Center Sale

In Conjunction with Taste of the Tropics

Saturday, June 15th, 9:00AM - 1:00PM

KOKEDAMA FOR SALE



BUTTERFLY PLANTERS





20% OFF SALES of \$10+ Saturday's in June (Kokedama & Butterfly Planters not included)



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!





Firespike-Great in a Butterfly Garden

- Height: 6' 10' Width: 4' 6'
- Upright evergreen shrub with lush deep green foliage and terminal spikes of lavender-purple flowers that appear summer through late winter to year-round, attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies
- tolerates most soils, water occasionally to regularly, but once established is drought tolerant
- Cold tolerant and can survive hard frost

Ask the Experts - Orchid Workshop



Thank



A Big Thank You to **John Erickson** for the excellent Orchid Workshop he provided. It was held

overlooking the beautiful Orchid Garden Room to a packed crowd of Garden members. One of the benefits of being a member is our **FREE** workshops throughout the year.

Look for more informative workshops coming soon.





ATTENTION:

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

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

For more information please call President, **Dorothy Flora** (772) 879-6986, or our Membership Chairman, **Darlene Berube** (508) 415-7345.



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University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar - June

What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding Plants: Annuals that can take full sun during the increasingly hot summer months include celosia, portulaca, vinca, and some coleus. **See** *Annuals*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic annual landscape plants

Palms: Summer's warm, rainy months are the perfect time to plant palms. Make sure not to cover the trunk with soil. **See** *Palms*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic palms

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

Vegetables: Plant tropical vegetables, such as boniato, calabaza, and chayote this month. **See** *South Florida Tropicals*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic series south florida tropicals and *Chayote*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic chayote

What to Do

Pests: Monitor the landscape and garden weekly for harmful insects. Knowing which insects attack a plant can aid in identification and treatment. **See** *Landscape Pest Management*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic landscape pests

Irrigation: Watch for drought stress and water as needed if rainfall has been spotty. Focus on new plantings and follow watering restrictions. When rains begin, shut down the irrigation system. **See** *Landscape Irrigation*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic landscape irrigation

Propagation: Produce more plants by air layering, grafting, division, or cuttings. **See** Seeds and Propagation (Lawn and Garden): http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic garden propagation

Palms and cycads: Watch for nutrient deficiencies or other problems and use an appropriate treatment. **See** *Palm Care*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic palm care

Pruning: Lightly prune summer-flowering shrubs, like hibiscus, oleander, and ixora, during the warmer months to increase blooming. **See***Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic tree-pruning

Fertilizer Bans: Numerous municipalities in south Florida prohibit the application of fertilizer to lawns and/or landscape plants during the summer rainy season (June–September). See if such an ordinance exists in your area.

Lawns: Check frequently for damaged areas and keep insects in check with early treatment. Determine whether yellow and brown lawn patches are caused by chinch bugs, disease, or lack of water. Take time to determine the cause so your remedy is effective. Rejuvenate areas where grass does not grow well by replacing it with versatile groundcovers. See Garden Pest Insects: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_graden_pest_insects, The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection & Landscape Design: https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_2015.pdf and Ground Covers: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_fertilization

Soil solarization: Clean up your vegetable garden and solarize the soil for 4–6 weeks to kill pests and disease. **See** *Soil Solarization*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_soil_solarization

Lightning safety: Be safe outdoors during storm season.

Chaste Tree K Non-native, deciduous (Vitex agnus-castus) Crapemyrtle 🥌 Non-native, deciduous (Lagerstroemia spp.) Ixora* Some (Ixora coccinea)

In both North and South.



Jacaranda

Non-native, semi-deciduous (Jacaranda mimosifolia)

Jerusalem Thorn Non-native, deciduous (Parkinsonia aculeata)

Oakleaf Hydrangea Native, deciduous (Hydrangea quercifolia)

Orange Geiger Tree Non-native, evergreen (Cordia sebestena)

Yellow Poinciana

Non-native, semi-deciduous (Peltophorum dubium)

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

TIN JUNE

North	Central	South
Survives Sweet Potatoes Transplanting	Sweet Potatoes	Sweet Potatoes
Transdante		
Peas (southern)	Okra Peas (southern)	







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
- Finance 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 Gardens** and spend time outside in this lovely growing garden. Call Mary Thomas or Brenda Gustafson at 772-337-1959.





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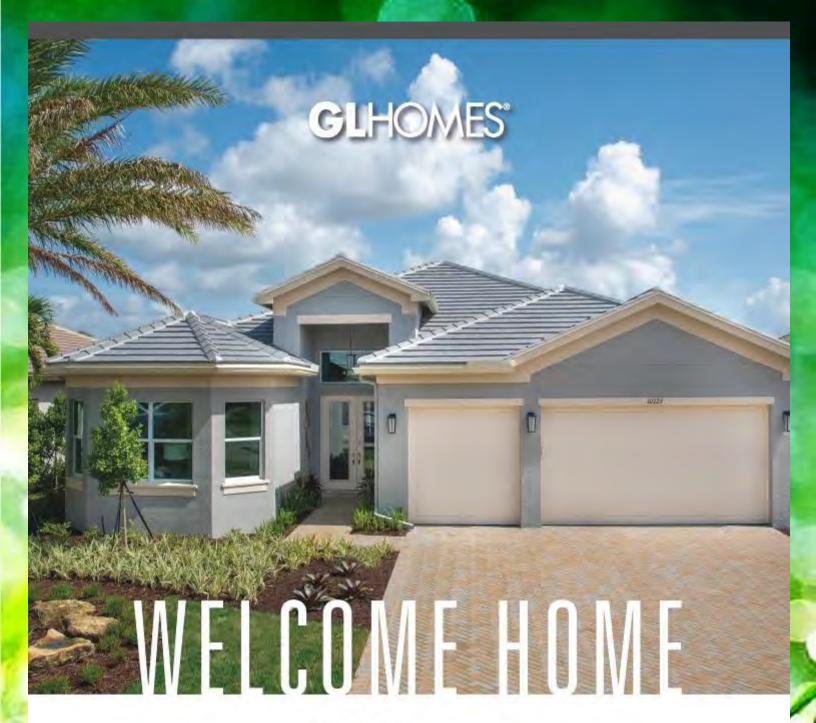










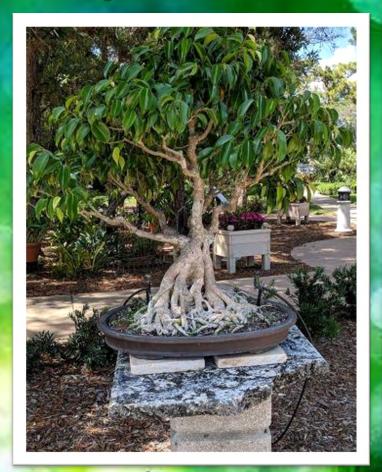


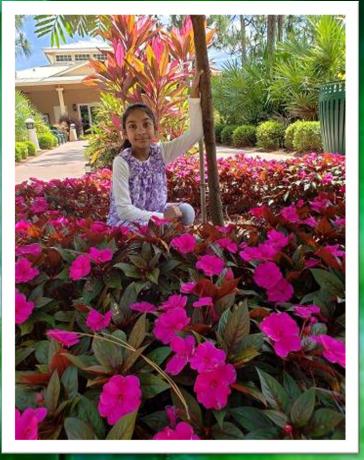
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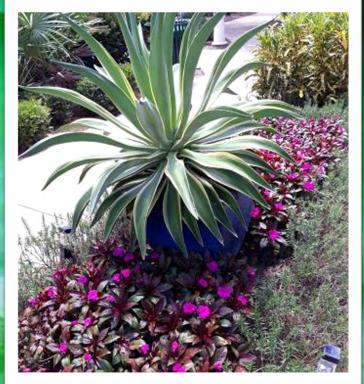
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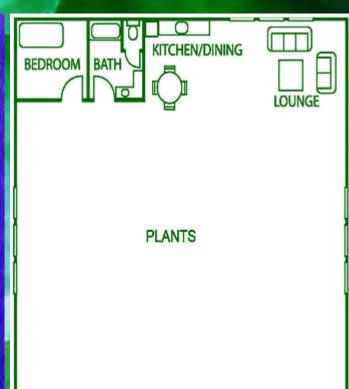










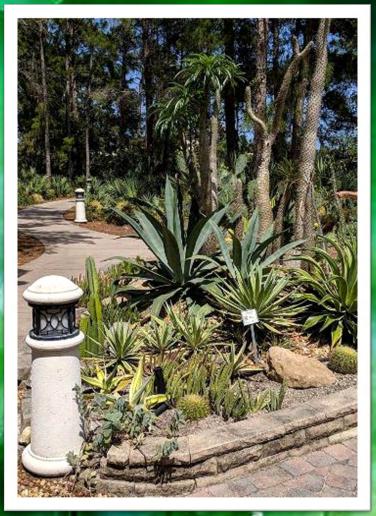


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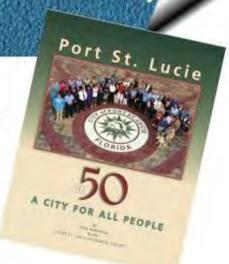
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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In cooperation with the

Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club Rare Tropical Gruit 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.
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