The September 2019 Newsletter Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens



THE CACTUS GARDENS' 10 YEAR OLD AGAVE - HIT BY BEETLE INFESTATION

Much to the distress of Tony Joneck, Chair of the Cactus Garden, the Agave had to go. It was a week long project, researching how to remove, what treatment plan and where to place the infected Agave once removed. Thanks to Tony's horticulture background and UF/IFAS St Lucie County Master Gardeners assistance we were able to get it done.

Removing a 10 year old Agave is no easy feat and it took quite a few volunteers to remove, treat, bag and bring to trash. The Agave weighing close to 150-200 pounds didn't want to come out. It had to be cut piece by piece, shoveled, hacked and sawed out. Wow! What a Day.



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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...

September!

Back to school; end of summer but still hot and humid in South Florida. Our Gardens have thoroughly enjoyed the summer heat and humidity – they're tropicals, after all!

Colorful blooms, heavenly fragrances and active critters and insects – all call these Gardens their home. The Gardens' crew of volunteers are working on new projects, new events for the upcoming year. Plan today to stop and visit 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.



Things you should consider when removing any cactus:

- Wear long sleeved shirts, pants, goggles and heavy gloves.
- Do not let the cactus touch your skin especially the cut pieces. This can cause irritation and a rash much like poison ivy or sumac, with painful itching and bumps all over the infected area.
- Be prepared for some heavy lifting and lots of perseverance.

When you visit the Cactus Garden you'll see a big empty space, treated and waiting for a fountain to be installed.

Click **HERE** to see the video of Tony (pictured below) talking about the Agave beetle infestation. Be sure to stop by our spectacular Cactus Garden.





Pulling, Pushing & Digging



Is Dale Johnson pulling or riding the Agave?



Finally removed. You can see the beetle in the photo



The Agave root ball

Job well done!



Oh! Oh! - Tony is itching



Treating and bagging



'Tout fini' - Finished



Tony's Agave rash—Next time it's long sleeves and gloves

Thanks to the



who worked so hard to get this done.

Photos and article by Brenda Gustafson, Horticulture Chair



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

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Cactus - \$4.00+



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CALL FOR IMAGES

Due to the success of our branded 'Photo taken at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens', we are in need of donated images from our members or others who have taken outstanding photos at The Gardens. Selected photographs will be used in our Postcard and Card Series for our Gift Shop and on our website sideshow.

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Thank You too all who are donating such wonderful plants to the Garden. This helps our bottom line tremendously.

Remember NO INVASIVES and please leave the name of the plant and your name. We're always looking for one gallon pots and other garden related. Items.



Thank You to Bernie McCrary for this lovely jade plant.

Article by Brenda Gustafson Horticulture Chair

THE GARDENS RECEIVES GIRL SCOUTS COMMUNITY AWARD



Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens received a Community Award from the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida - In grateful recognition of your dedication and contribution to building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.





Summer Campers' visit the PSL Botanical Gardens

The Gardens hosted over 250 children and 150 adults this Summer. There were tours, butterfly and propagation activities and the enjoyment of learning about our fantastic garden. Children are our future and its important that on their journey they are exposed to Horticulture practices and have fun too.





PSL Botanical Gardens Ladybug Release at the Civic Center





Horticulture Chair









1 st	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
3 rd	River Vista HOA Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Welcome
4 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
4 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
6 th	BOOtanical Halloween Committee	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
8 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
9 th	Rio Lindo Club Board Meeting	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Members Welcome
9 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
10 th	PSL Orchid Society Meeting	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
10 th	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
11 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
12 th	St. Lucie West Garden Club Board Mtg.	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Members Welcome
12 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
14 th	Keep PSL Beautiful Tree Give-A-Way	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	PSL Residents Welcome
15 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
15 th	Daylily Society Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
16 th	Bylaws Review Committee Meeting	9:00 - 10:00 am	Members Welcome
16 th	SLW Garden Club Pot Luck Luncheon	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Members Welcome
16 th	Sandpiper Community Board Meeting	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
17 th	Korean War Veterans TCC106 Meeting	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Members Welcome
18 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
18 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
19 th	Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
22 nd	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
23 rd	Rio Lindo Garden Club Monthly Meeting	12:30 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
24 th	PSL Historical Society Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Members Welcome
24 th	Tarpon Bay Villas HOA Board Meeting	6:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Welcome
25 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
25 th	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
26 th	TC Professional Photographers Assoc.	6:00 - 8:30 pm	Members Welcome
28 th	TC Bonsai Club Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
29 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
30 th	2020 Planning Committee	3:00 - 4:15 pm	All Welcome
30 th	TC Bromeliad Society & Tropicals	5:30 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome



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

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, normanisbest94@gmail.com or our Membership Chairman, Darlene Berube (508) 415-7345.



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What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: If summer beds need refreshing, try scarlet sage, nasturtium, celosia, and wax begonia for color into fall. **See***Annuals*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic annual landscape plants

Bulbs: Plant gladiolus every 2 weeks to stagger blooming. Stake each plant. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic bulbous flowers

Herbs: Plant herbs that tolerate the warm temperatures of early fall, such as Mexican tarragon, mint, rosemary, and basil. **See** *Herbs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic herbs

Vegetables: September opens the door for more vegetables to plant. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic vegetable gardening

Shrubs: Consider placing native shrubs, like beautyberry, marlberry, firebush, and dahoon holly, where you can view the birds that enjoy them. See *The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design*: https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/
FYN Plant Selection Guide 2015.pdf and *Shrubs*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic shrubs

What to Do

Lawns: Continue to monitor the lawn for signs of insect damage. Fall armyworms, chinch bugs, mole crickets, and sod webworms are still active this month. **See** *Turfgrass Pest Insects*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic turf pest insects

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.

Vegetable gardens: Prepare the fall vegetable garden if not done in August. Using transplants from your local garden center will get the garden off to a fast start, but seeds provide a wider variety from which to choose. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic vegetable gardening

Perennials and bulbs: Divide and replant perennials and bulbs that have grown too large or need rejuvenation. Add organic matter to planting beds and monitor water needs during establishment. **See** Seeds and Propagation (Lawn and Garden): http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_garden_propagation

Irrigation: Check that irrigation systems are providing good coverage and operating properly before summer rains taper off. **See***Landscape Irrigation*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic landscape irrigation

Citrus: Fertilize citrus with a balanced fertilizer either this month or in October. Use controlled -release nitrogen because rain will not leach it from the soil too quickly. **See** *Home Citrus Culture*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic citrus home citrus culture

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Bush Allamanda*

Buttonbush* Firebush*

Turk's Cap Mallow*

Silk Floss Tree Non-native, deciduous (Ceiba speciosa)



Non-native, evergreen (Musa spp.)

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North Central South

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Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive/Escarole, Kale, Lettuce, Peppers, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes

Carrots, Mustard

Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cucumbers, Okra, Onions (green, shallot), Peas (southern), Squash (summer, winter), Turnips











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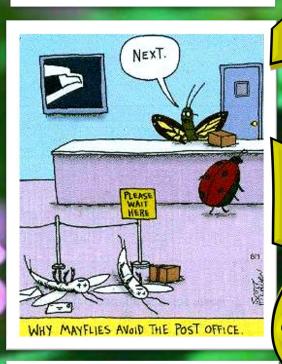
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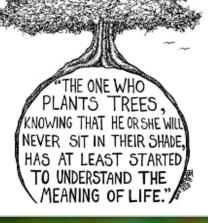
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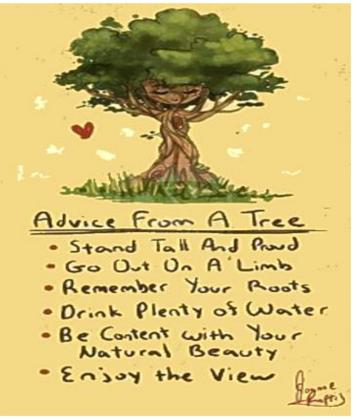


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LOOKING BACK...

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TOP: The Butterfly Garden Group keeping the Butterfly Garden beautiful. **Bottom**: Thanks to Volunteer Dale Johnson for power washing the algae buildup on the inside of the greenhouse.



Wildlife in the Gardens





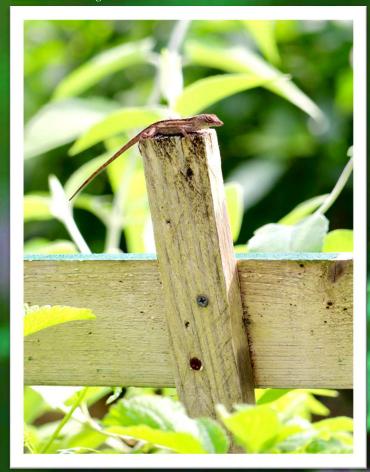














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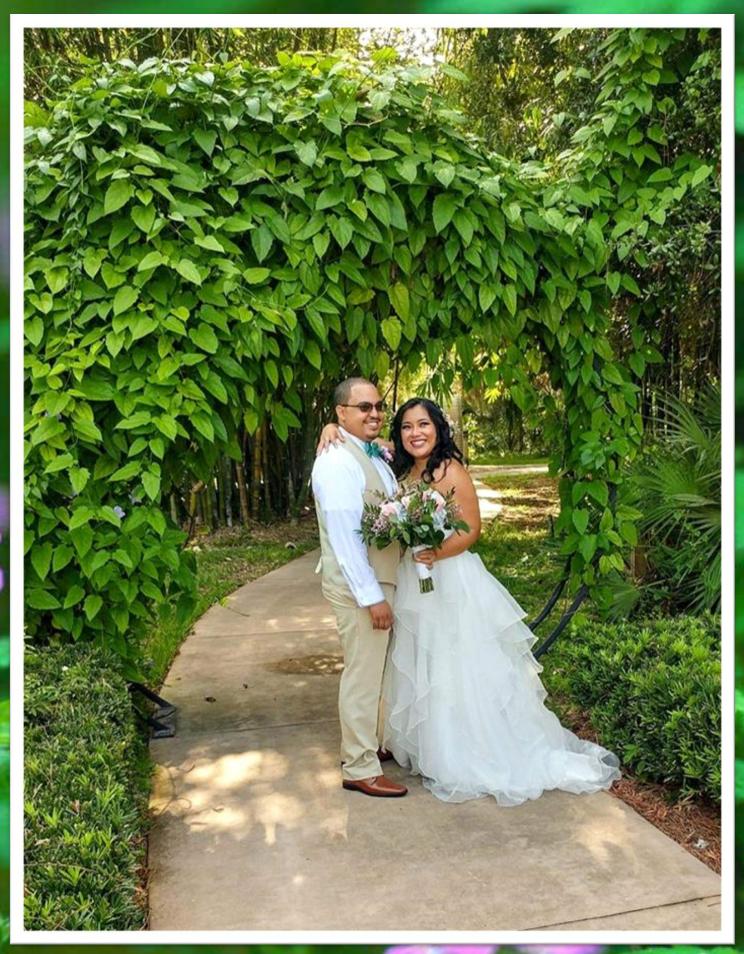










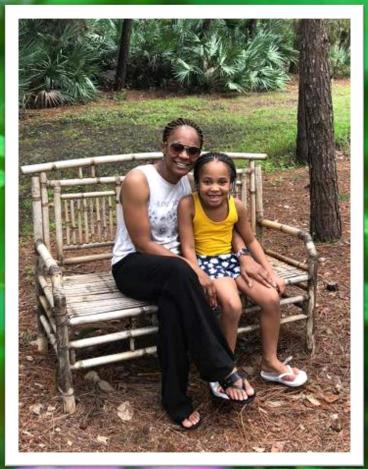


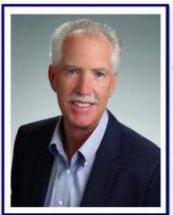
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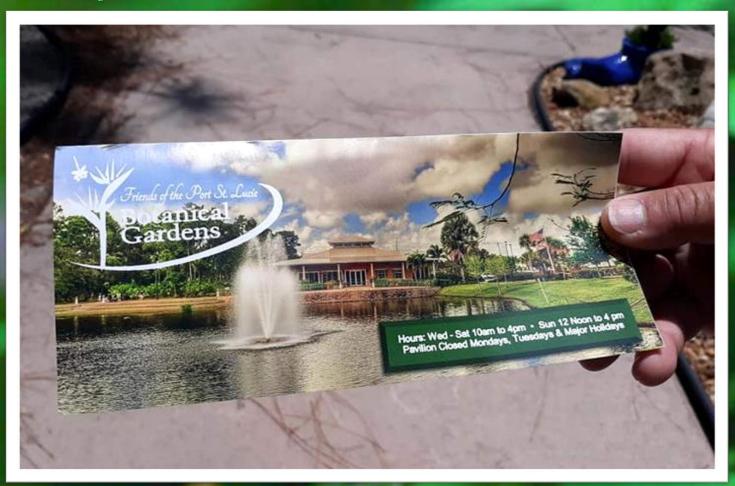


















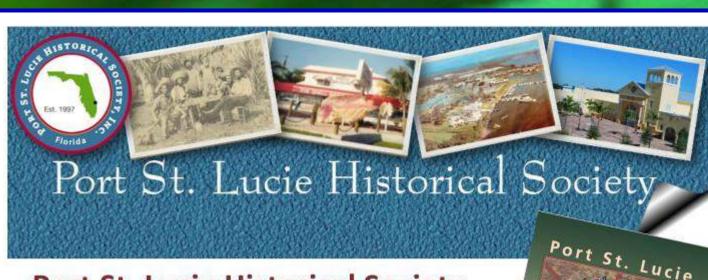












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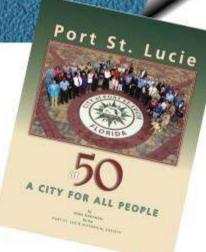
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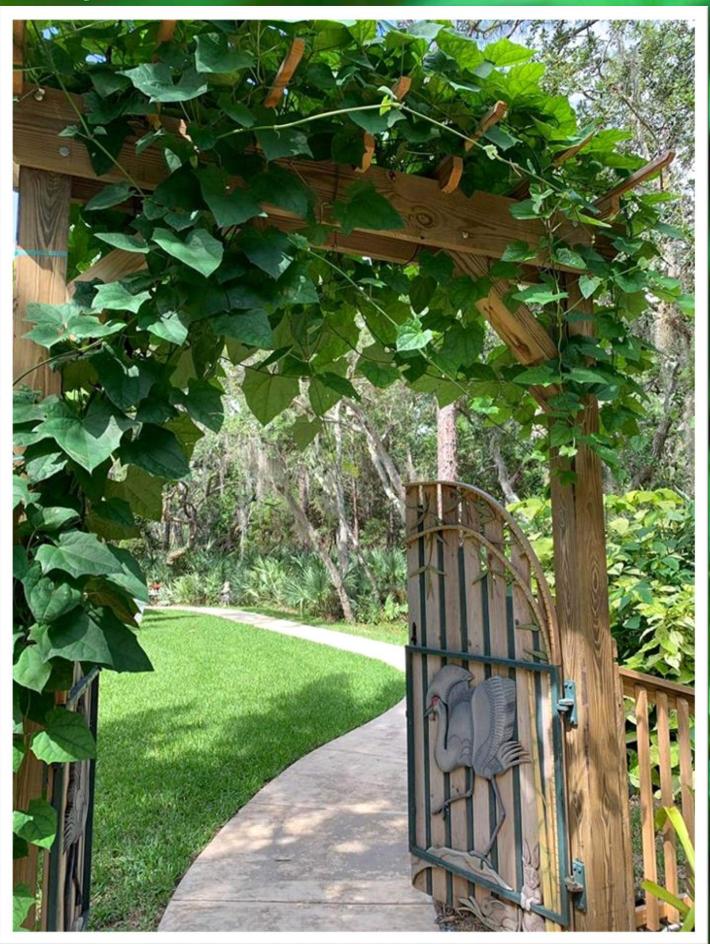












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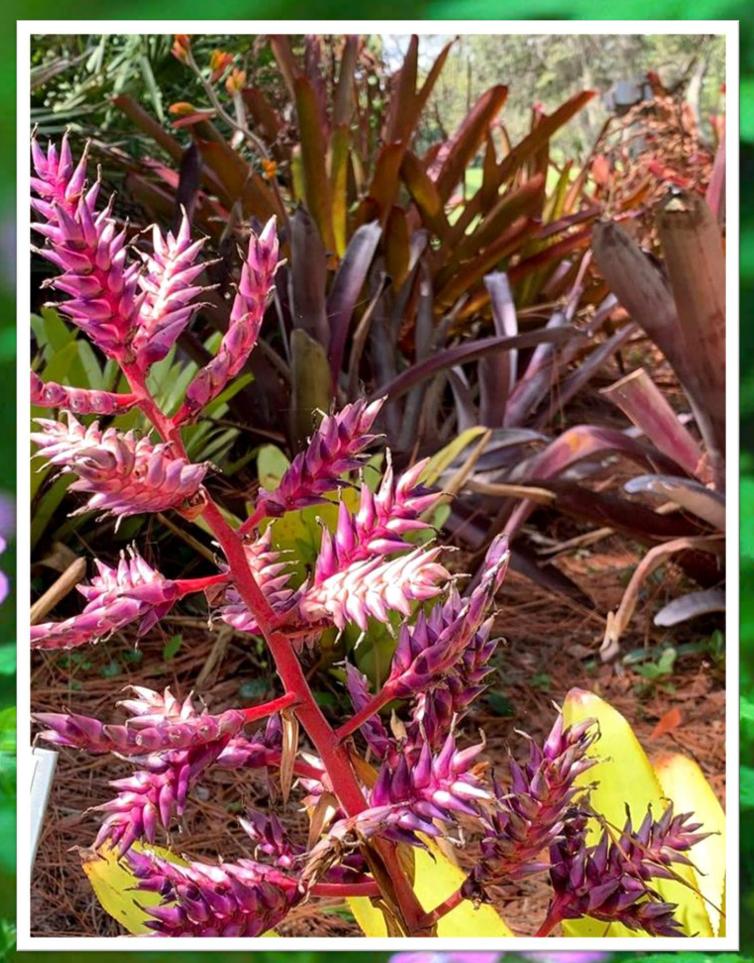










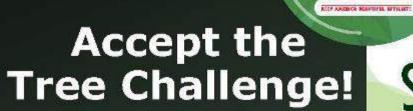


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Bring the family for an evening of Halloween fun at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens for our children's event



Trick 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.

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