

The November 2018 Newsletter Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie
Botanical Gardens



PSLBG VOLUNTEERS CREATE THE SECRET GARDEN GATE!

If you haven't had the chance to walk about the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens lately, you have missed an absolutely wonderful transformation to our Secret Garden. Inspired within the Propagation and Landscaping committees, three of our very talented volunteers went to work with the help of other Gardens' Volunteers to create an area fit for magical weddings and celebrations.



A little about our talented trio, **Gene Novak**, **Merv Yearwood** and **Paul Renwick**. All have served in the armed services and are veterans volunteering in our Gardens and members of our Gardens as well as our Veterans Victory Corps Program.

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Reminder

**HOW-TO SEMINAR:
THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECES
SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 10TH
10:00 - 11:30 AM**



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 E-mail: info@pslbotanicalgardens.org
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 Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm
 Sunday Noon - 4pm
 Closed Monday, Tuesday & Holidays
 Suggested Donations:
 Adults \$5
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 Children 12 & Under Welcome
 Free for FPSLBG Members and
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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.

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Newsletter...

Editor: Judy Nash-Wade
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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...

Holidays! Please include the PSL Botanical Gardens in your holiday planning this year, whether it's visiting our Gift Shop for unique gift ideas, purchasing plants in our Garden Center or hosting a tour of YOUR Botanical Gardens on Westmoreland Blvd with visiting friends and family. One holiday that is celebrated by the PSL 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 18, 2019. 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

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

HISTORIC PEACOCK
STRUCTURES
PRESERVED & MOVED

Gene Kovacs worked at Northrup Grumman as a Ship Fitter and Tank Tester for 35 years' building aircraft carriers and submarines for the Navy. In retirement, he uses his talents as a Custom Woodcarver and creates intricate pieces from dragon benches to small horses and other artistic pieces. All of his carvings are intricately sketched freehand and then carved into the wood. Gene donated the steel gate to the gardens and from there carved a one of a kind teak gate that includes flowers, cranes, rabbits, and turtles. See photos and design below.



The 'Dynamic Trio' - Left, Merv Yearwood, Middle, Paul Renwick & Right, Gene Kovacs.

Merv Yearwood worked for 27 years as a Civil/structural Engineer for a marine architectural company where he travelled all over the world designing for government projects. He also worked for Edison Electric as an Engineer Designer for 10 years. He is a Master Gardener and enjoys growing vegetables and working in his garden. Since retirement his passion is woodworking. He can build anything from kitchens, furniture, and tables for the propagation area. Merv designed and built the extension to our gate. Please see photos and design below.

Paul Renwick, Chair of our PSLBG Landscape Design Committee, is a long time floral designer, event planner, and previous owner of a Floral Design Shop for over 30 years. He brings his gardening talents throughout the gardens and as a member and volunteer, he is responsible for the Seasonal Walkway, creates the stunning flower arrangements displayed in our pavilion and our Holiday Series Workshops. Paul is overseeing the landscape design for the Secret Garden as well as actively involved with the design of the gate.



Gene Kovacs develops concept and design

A special thanks to Gene, Merv and Paul for their unique talents and outstanding contributions to the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens. Thanks to our Gate installation team for showing up at the last minute and doing the hefty lifting. And, to our Irrigation team, Glenn Ryals, Darl Emling, Tim Sutton and Curtis Clark. This team made it happen!

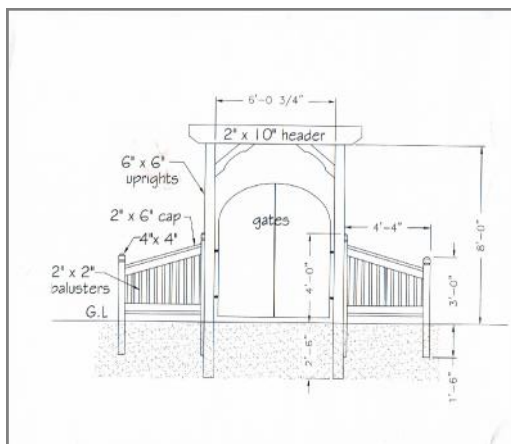
Thanks also goes to City of Port St Lucie, Randy Ellman, Parks Division, Operation Manager for his assistance with the pergola, walkway and sod

installation and to Mike Kendrix, Parks Operations Manager-Community Parks who assisted with our irrigation system installation. They were both 'super to work with'. Lastly, **Thank You** so much to the **St Lucie West Garden Club** for the **\$600.00 donation** for Gate supplies. We couldn't do it without the generous support of our donors.

Be sure to stop by and see our new Secret Garden! A great place for weddings, brunch, birthday parties or any special occasion.

Brenda Gustafson

Horticulture Chair, Secret Garden Project Manager & Gopher



Merv Yearwood completes the Final Design and builds the gate to perfection.



Gene Kovacs donates gate to Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens



Gene Kovacs completes final touches on the one-of-a-kind gate.



Above: Curtis Clark pouring lots of cement . This structure is solid. **Right:** The installation team! - First Phase. Merv's contribution to the project. He built this in his garage.





Left: Gene Kovacs, Brenda Gustafson & Alfredo Clark very happy with the results. **Middle:** Gene Kovacs, Paul Renwick & Merv Yearwood making sure the gate fits just right! **Right:** Close-Up of the Gate carved by Gene Kovacs. What attention to every detail!



The Design & Build Team— Merv & Gene. Carved Gate is installed. Gene's contribution to the project also carved in his garage. (Missing: Paul Renwick)

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The St. Lucie West Garden Club (established 1991)
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For more information please call
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BOOtanical Halloween Setup





New Irrigation Being Installed



Junk in the Trunk Community Trunk Sale



Welcome to All Garden Goers...

This month our
Jazz Jams will be held on
October 3rd
& **October 17th**
starting at 6:30 pm

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ENLIST: JOIN THE Saturday Wacky Weeder's'

When: November 17, 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 2018 Holiday Season and all of 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

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.



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 23 & 24TH, 2018**

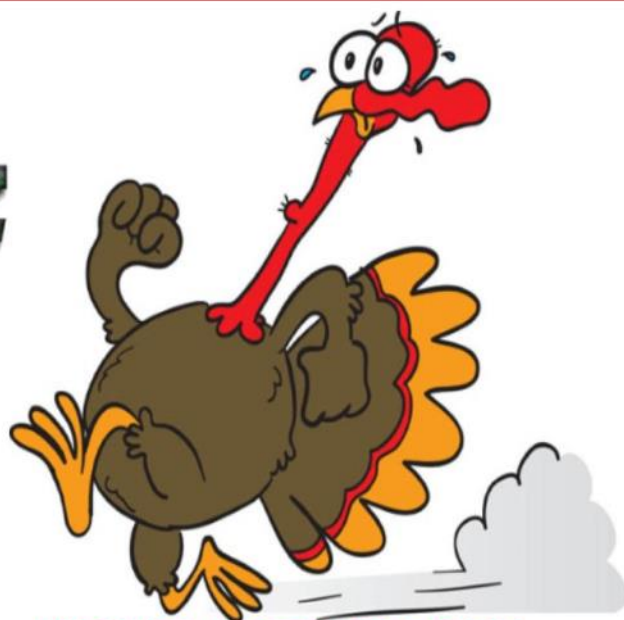
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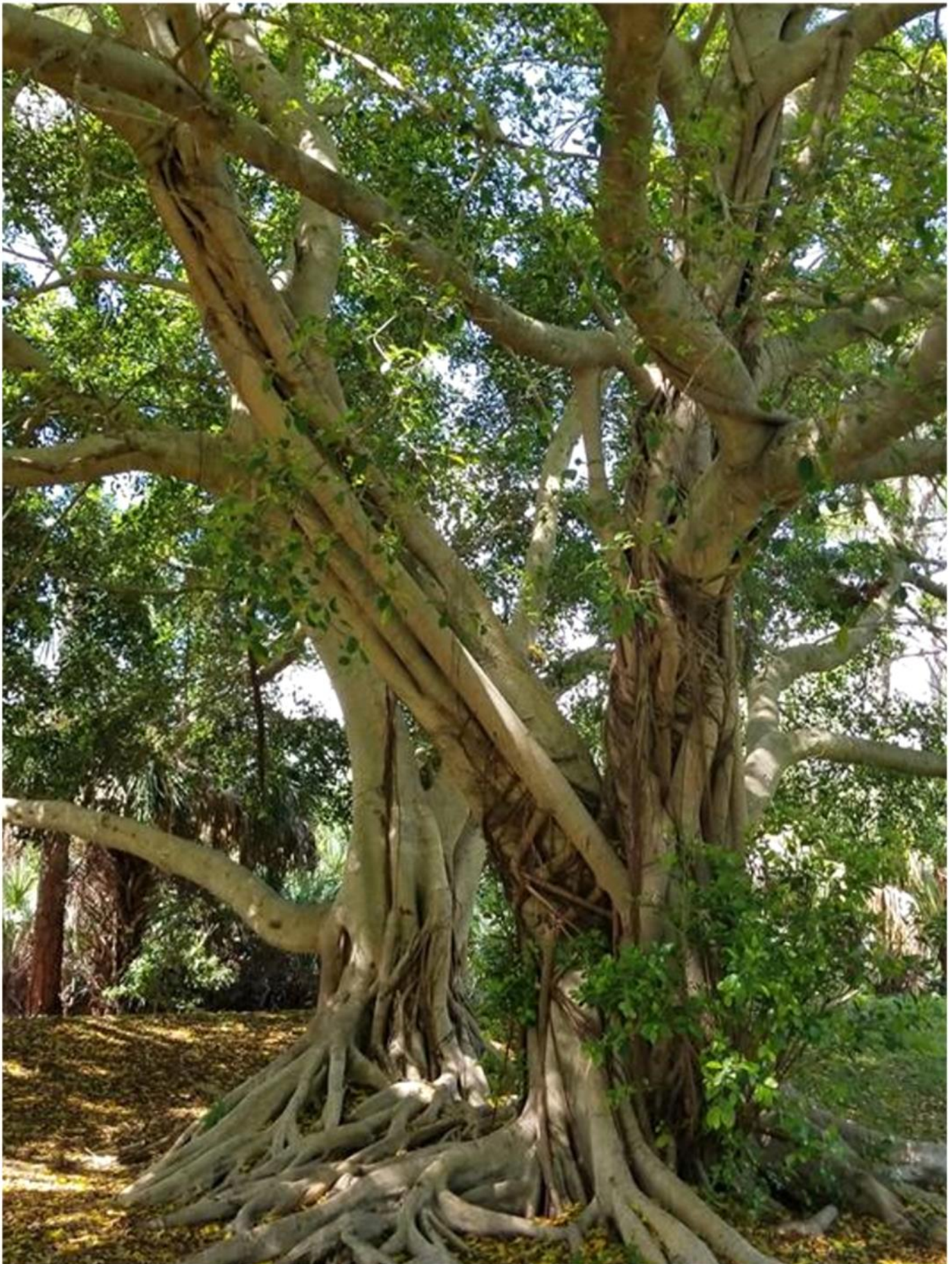
















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NOVEMBER

Calendar Of Events

1 st	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
1 st	German American Chorus	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
4 th	Friends of the PSLBG Budget Retreat	12:00 pm	Members Welcome
5 th	Newsletter Committee Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 pm	All Welcome
5 th	River Vista HOA Board Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Only
7 th	Master Gardener General Meeting	10:30 - 1:00 pm	Master Gardeners Welcome
7 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
8 th	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
8 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
10 th	How-To Seminar: Thanksgiving Centerpieces	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome. Members Free, Non-Members \$25
12 th	Rio Lindo Board Meeting	10:00 - 11:00 am	Members Welcome
12 th	2020 Meeting	3:00 - 4:15 pm	All Welcome
12 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
13 th	PSL Orchid Society	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
13 th	Botanica Committee Meeting	2:30 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
13 th	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
14 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
14 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
15 th	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
15 th	German American Chorus	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
15 th	TC Rare Fruit Club Meeting.	7:00 - 9:00 pm	All welcome
16 th	TC Professional Photographers Assoc.	6:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
17 th	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
18 th	South Florida Daylily Society	2:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
19 th	Veranda Gardens HOA Meeting	5:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Welcome
21 st	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
22 nd	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Gardens Closed	-
24 th	TC Bonsai Society Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
26 th	Rio Lindo Club Meeting	12:30 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
26 th	Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
28 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
28 th	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
28 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
29 th	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome



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For more information on events, please call 772.337.1959

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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:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Vegetables: Lots of choices exist for November including beans, broccoli, kale, snow/English peas, and strawberries. **See Vegetable Gardening in Florida:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

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):** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_garden_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:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_diseases

Scale insects: Take advantage of lower temperatures to apply horticultural oil sprays to control scale insects. **See Landscape Pest Management:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests

Irrigation: Turn off systems and water only if needed. Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. **See Landscape Irrigation:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_irrigation

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:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_poinsettia

WHAT'S FLOWERING in Florida?

NOVEMBER

* In both North and South.

NORTH
CENTRAL

Beautyberry*

Native, deciduous (*Callicarpa americana*)

Sasanqua Camellia

Non-native, evergreen (*Camellia sasanqua*)

Mexican Sunflower*

Non-native, tender-evergreen (*Tithonia diversifolia*)

Ornamental Sugarcane*

Non-native, evergreen (*Saccharum arundinaceum*)

Tea Olive

Non-native, evergreen (*Osmanthus fragrans*)



Beautyberry*



Firecracker

Non-native, tender-evergreen (*Jatropha integerrima*)



Mexican Sunflower*



Ornamental Sugarcane*

SOUTH

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EDIBLES TO PLANT IN NOVEMBER

North

Central

South



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Arugula, Beets, Broccoli,
Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage,
Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage,
Collards, Endive/Escarole, 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, Peppers,
Strawberry, Swiss Chard,
Tomatoes



Survives
Careful
Transplanting

Carrots, Celery,
Mustard, Spinach

Carrots, Celery, Mustard,
Potatoes, Spinach

Carrots, Celery, Mustard,
Potatoes, Spinach



Use
Seeds

Onions (bulb,
green, shallots),
Radish, Turnips

Onions (greens, shallots),
Peas (English),
Radish, Turnips

Beans (bush, pole, lima),
Corn (sweet), Cucumbers,
Onions (greens, shallots),
Peas (English, southern), Radish,
Squash (summer, winter),
Turnips

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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 five (4) Board openings for Board of Directors.
Any member in good standing can request from the Gardens or online at www.pslbg.org/election.html 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 2017 Annual Meeting and financials will be listed on our website at www.pslbg.org/election.html.
- 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
contact Stephanie Alessandrini-Giarraffa , Election Committee Chair
at info@pslbotanicalgardens.org

****Deadline to file Notice of Intent to be a Candidate is 12/31/2018****

[CLICK HERE FOR THE INTENT TO BE A CANDIDATE FORM](#)

Horticulture How-To Series: **Holiday Decorating Series**

Inside the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Pavilion

Bring on the Holiday Season with Paul Renwick's Fantastic Workshops



Thanksgiving Centerpieces -

Saturday, November 10, 2017 • 10AM – 11:30AM

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At the Propagation/Garden Center, PSL Botanical Gardens
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Delights of December – Wreath Making

Back by Popular Demand

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

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: \$ 10.00 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.



Be sure to sign up early! REGISTRATION LINK ABOVE

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Contact: Judy, American Red Cross - Service to the Armed Forces at judy.nash-wade@redcross.org or PSLBG at 772-337-1959.



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Can You Dig It?



A History of the Botanical Garden...

A botanical garden (or botanic garden) is a garden dedicated to the collection, cultivation and display of a wide range of plants labelled with their botanical names. It may contain specialist plant collections such as cacti and succulent plants, herb gardens, plants from particular parts of the world, and so on; there may be greenhouses, shade houses, again with special collections such as tropical plants, alpine plants, or other exotic plants. Visitor services at a botanical garden might include tours, educational displays, art exhibitions, book rooms, open-air theatrical and musical performances, and other entertainment.

Botanical gardens are often run by universities or other scientific research organizations, and often have associated herbaria and research programs in plant taxonomy or some other aspect of botanical science. In principle, their role is to maintain documented collections of living plants for the purposes of scientific research, conservation, display, and education, although this will depend on the resources available and the special interests pursued at each particular garden.

The origin of modern botanical gardens can be traced to European medieval medicinal gardens known as physic gardens, the first of these being founded during the Italian Renaissance in the 16th century. This early concern with medicinal plants changed in the 17th century to an interest in the new plant imports from explorations outside Europe as botany gradually established its independence from medicine. In the 18th century, systems of nomenclature and classification were devised by botanists working in the herbaria and universities associated with the gardens, these systems often being displayed in the gardens as educational "order beds". With the rapid rise of European imperialism in the late 18th century, botanic gardens were established in the tropics, and economic botany



became a focus with the hub at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, near London.

Over the years, botanical gardens, as cultural and scientific organizations, have responded to the interests of botany and horticulture. Nowadays, most botanical gardens display a mix of the themes mentioned and more; having a strong connection with the general public, there is the opportunity to provide visitors with information relating to the environmental issues being faced at the start of the 21st century, especially those relating to plant conservation and sustainability.

A Definition of the Botanical Garden...

The role of major botanical gardens worldwide has been considered so broadly similar as to fall within textbook definitions. The following definition was produced by staff of the Liberty Hyde Bailey Hortorium of Cornell University in 1976. It covers in some detail the many functions and activities generally associated with botanical gardens:

A botanical garden is a controlled and staffed institution for the maintenance of a living collection of plants under scientific management for purposes of education and research, together with such libraries, herbaria, laboratories, and museums as are essential to its particular undertakings. Each botanical garden naturally develops its own special fields of interests depending on its personnel, location, extent, available funds, and the terms of its charter. It may include greenhouses, test grounds, an herbarium, an arboretum, and other departments. It maintains a scientific as well as a plant-growing staff, and publication is one of its major modes of expression.

This broad outline is then expanded:

The botanic garden maybe an independent institution, a governmental operation, or affiliated to a college or university. If a department of an educational institution, it may be related to a teaching program. In any case, it exists for scientific ends and is not to be restricted or diverted by other demands. It is not merely a landscaped or ornamental garden, although it may be artistic, nor is it an experiment station or yet a park with labels on the plants. The essential element is the intention of the enterprise, which is the acquisition and dissemination of botanical knowledge.

A contemporary botanic garden is a strictly protected natural urban green area, where a managing organization creates landscaped gardens and holds documented collections of living plants and/or preserved plant accessions containing functional units of heredity of actual or potential value for purposes such as scientific research, education, public display, conservation, sustainable use, tourism and recreational activities, production of marketable plant-based products and services for improvement of human well-being.



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