The June 2017 Newsletter

Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens



TIS THE SEASON... TO ENJOY TROPICAL FRUIT!



Makes you want to hum a jingle, doesn't it? Well, bite into your choice of Florida's fresh fruit and your taste buds will be singing a happy tune. Better yet, make that a multi-dimensional taste sensation by bringing your favorite fruits together in a smoothie, baked goods, ice cream, cocktail, and of course the fantabulous fruit salad. Add a light dressing of lime, honey, ginger, a shot of lemon and some poppy seeds for nuttiness and you will think it is the season to be jolly.

We are fortunate to have the active Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club in our community. Visit their website: treasurecoastrarefruitclub.com for guidance on planting, maintaining, and harvesting fruit as well as recipes to enjoy.

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TASTE OF THE TROPICS PLANT SALE
SATURDAY • JUNE 24TH
9:00AM - 1:00PM



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Sunday Noon - 4pm

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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

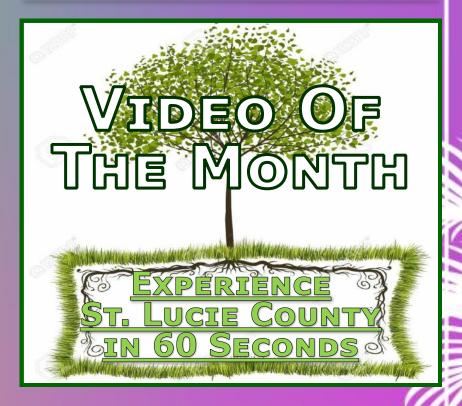
Each botanical garden has a signature style and presence, multiple based on factors: climate zone, origin of the land, monetary strength, etc. Many gardens begin as a family home and acreage, donated to the public good. Some, as the case our sister-garden, Heathcote, began as a family nursery business that evolved into a botanical garden.



Our PSL Botanical Garden is unique in many ways. In the

beginning, our garden was just the land and the trees and natives that Mother Nature chose to plant on our twenty acres. A wise and perceptive visitor recently pointed out what was obvious to him, but subtly missed by many visitors: our garden has evolved into a fascinating mixture of nature and cultivated horticulture. A visitor may be admiring the Promenade plantings, but those very linear plantings are juxtaposed by native palmettos, slash pines and sand oaks in a very pleasing way. New and old, cultivated and wild, contained and rampant. Nature in a form to be appreciated. Our unique-ness. On your next visit, broaden your vision to witness the dichotomy of natural and cultured.

Joleen King President



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Shade House Irrigation Installation



A big thank you to all volunteers who have helped with the installation of the irrigation system for the shade house and the redo of the misting table. We have all come together with our special talents: Trenching (over 50', but it sure felt like more!), "gofer this/gofer that", engineer, planner, PVC installer, pizza deliverer, water boy/girl, you name it, we kicked butt. The core volunteers and community school volunteers were a fantastic help.

The heavy hard work is completed! Ben is on target to get it fully completed and is looking for a team to help with the finishing.

Hope to see you and more at the Gardens to bask in the good work and the potential this fully irrigated shade house will bring.

We have a such a great team at PSLBG! Thanks again!

Brenda

















SPRING & SUMMER PLANT SALES

The Garden Center volunteers have been very busy preparing for our Spring & Summer plant sales with over 1000 plants to choose from. There are many variety of plants, including many different varieties of Coleus, Copper Leaf, Bromeliads, Penta's, and too many more to include. Stop in to Visit & Support the Gardens by purchasing a special plant or two or three for your garden. Don't forget that special plant for Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th or that special Birthday for a loved one.





Most prices from \$1.00 to \$5.00 OPEN

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday 10AM - 1PM.

We have plants for every occasion!



WE NEED ONE GALLON POTS

The Propagation Gardens Center is desperately in need of one gallon pots.

Our propagation expert, Ben Woodruff has been really busy propagating plants and we have over 1000 cuttings that when ready and rooted need gallon containers. Our budget is almost depleted. If you would like to donate one gallon pots or a monetary donation to the Garden Center, we would be so appreciative. Call Brenda at 772.337.1959.





Sighted in The Gardens





River Nights at The Gardens and adjacent Westmoreland Property









Classic Cars at River Nights









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PSL Rocks At River Nights





Enjoying the Drum Circle at River Nights

















Butterfly Garden In Bloom









Gardens Representatives at the St. Lucie County Tourism Showcase



Daylilies In Bloom



















Sky View of The Gardens at Botanica 2017







Weddings at The Gardens















1 st	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Only
7 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
8 th	Non-Profit Day Presentation	3:45 – 4:45pm	Local Businesses
8 th	PSL Anglers Club Meeting	6:30 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
10 th	Gardens Community Trunk Sale	8:00 am - 1:00 pm	All welcome
12 th	Board Meeting	4:30pm - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
13 th	Orchid Society Meeting	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Members Welcome
14 th	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
14 th	Ft Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, Members \$5
15 th	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Only
15 th	TC Rare Fruit Club Meeting	7:00 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
21 st	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
24 th	Taste of the Tropics Plant Sale	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	All Welcome
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The Gardens is closed Monday's & Tuesday's • For more information on events, please call 772.337.1959

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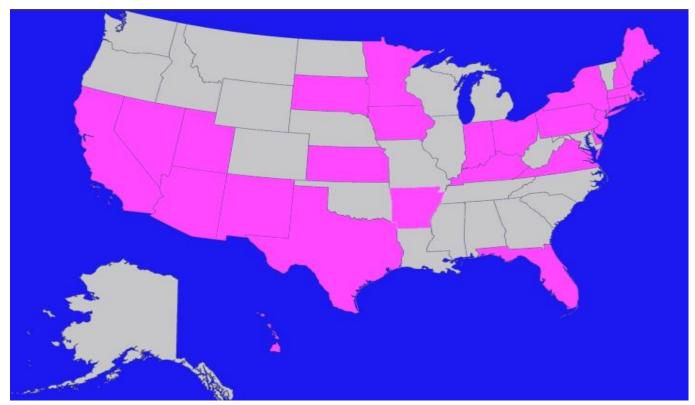


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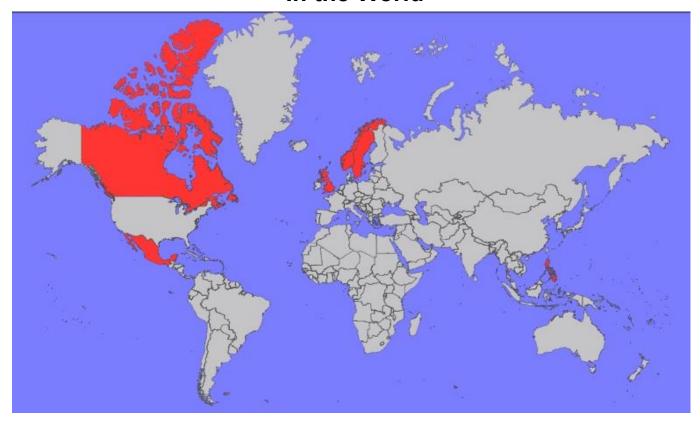


WHERE OUR VISITOR ARE COMING FROM 2017...

In the United States



In the World



GARDEN OF THE MONTH - BROMELIAD Maintained by St. Lucie West Garden Club

In 2011, some members of the St. Lucie West Garden Club (SLWGC), led by then President, Uta McFadden, said they noticed a segment of the 19-acre botanical garden on Westmoreland Boulevard needed some tender loving care and promptly put their green thumbs together. The area, which sits adjacent to a lake desperately needed to be weeded, cleared and manicured. Nothing had rhyme or reason and the area was full of pinecones, vines and underbrush.

An assortment of colorful bromeliads now fills the area once inundated by palmettos, pines and vines! There are bromeliads hanging from the trees and planted by rocks which create a visual inspiration for visitors to the garden. Bigger plants are placed in the background, then smaller ones as they come forward. When SLWGC started the Bromeliad Garden, some of the plants were already on the grounds; others were donated by plant enthusiasts. The garden is left as natural as possible.

Bromeliads are perfect for the botanical gardens. Bromeliads are members of a plant family known as Bromeliaceae that includes 3,170 species native mainly to the tropical Americas. Many bromeliads are able to store water in a structure formed by their tightly-overlapping leaf bases and thrive in the heat. Pineapples fall into this family of plants and there have been several growing over the years. The "Mother Plants" throw out "Pups" which are separated and replanted to fill in the area.

The St. Lucie West Garden Club Members feel that working in the bromeliad garden is not only to beautify the gardens, but prove to be a bonding and therapeutic experience. After all, the members of the club are very "down to earth ladies!"

Some varieties of bromeliads you'll find in the garden:







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"WALLY BERG" Achmea blanchetina Bromeliaceae Brazil







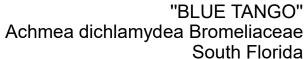
"SELECTA" Neoregelia cruenta Bromeliaceae Brazil

"LIPSTICK" Neoregelia carolinae Bromeliaceae





"MALVA" Achmea mulfordii Bromeliaceae Salvador, Bahia







"SILVER CLONE" Alcantarea Odonata Bromeliaceae Brazil





The magic of cucumbers: Are grubs and Slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few cucumber slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive Garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.









If you enjoy gardening and want to learn more about propagating your Florida plants, increase your plant knowledge and other gardening techniques, then join our team at the Propagation Garden Center. We're there to work and learn together. We're a friendly group who would like you to join us even if it's for only a couple of hours a week. We are also in need of Volunteers who have good maintenance skills! Call Brenda Gustafson at 772-678-8523 or visit us any Thursday, Friday or Saturday from 9:30AM to 12:00PM.



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Welcome to All Garden Goers...

This month our Jazz Jams will be held on June 14th, & June 28th starting at 6:30 pm

JAZZ JAMS

At The Gardens

Donation \$6 per person. Gardens & Jazz Society Members \$5 per person.

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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 now. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

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.

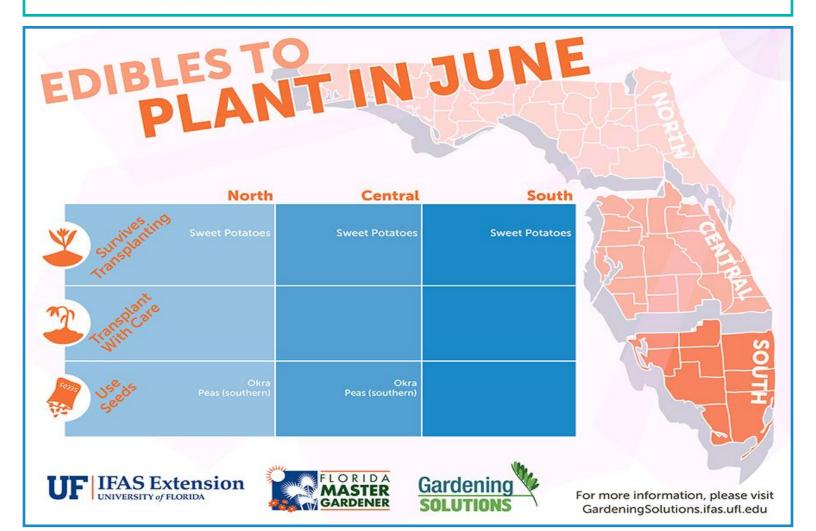
Lawns: Check frequently for damaged areas and keep insects in check with early treatment. Determine whether yellow and brown lawn patches are caused by chinch bugs, disease, or lack of water. Take time to determine the cause so your remedy is effective. Rejuvenate areas where grass does not grow well by replacing it with versatile groundcovers. See Garden Pest Insects: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_groundcovers. See Garden Pest Insects: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_groundcovers. See Lawn Fertilizer: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_fertilization

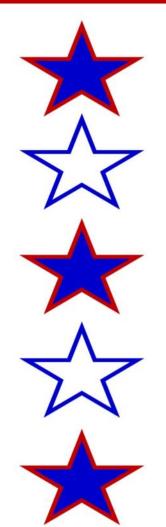
Soil solarization: Clean up your vegetable garden and solarize the soil for 4–6 weeks to kill pests and disease. **See** *Soil Solarization*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_soil_solarization

Lightning safety: Be safe outdoors during storm season.



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







Come join us for our NEW Red, White & Blue Plant Sale. We have many propagated plants from The Gardens' Propagation Gardens Center as well as from numerous Vendors who are sure to delight with their beautiful plants, arrangements and more.

It's also a good time to purchase an annual membership for yourself or as a gift. Membership to The Gardens offers exclusive members only benefits and much more While at The Gardens, be sure to check out the special gifts and other garden surprises waiting for you in our lovely gift shop located inside The Pavilion.

Saturday • May 27, 2017





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Horticulture How-To Series:

Eloquent, Exquisite, Edible & Easy Flower Arrangements

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Saturday • May 27, 2017 9:00 - 10:30 am

In The Propagation Garden Center



If you have enjoyed the flower arrangements that have been displayed in our pavilion, then this is a 'don't miss workshop'. Paul Renwick, a floral designer, not only does the weekly flower displays at the Gardens, but is responsible for the Seasonal Walkway and Co-Chairs the Propagation/Garden Center. Paul was the owner of a Floral Design Shop in California for 35 years

as well as was a designer and event planner for many of the Hollywood stars.

Paul will demonstrate three very different flower arrangements and how you can easily use available plants at home to make a stunning arrangement for your table or garden. You will have a chance to purchase one of these displays for your home. Don't miss this great workshop.



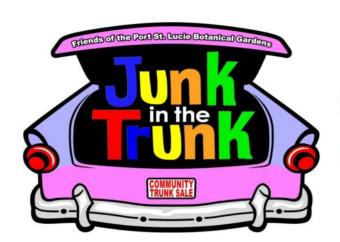
This workshop will be held in conjunction with the

RED, WHITE & BLUE PLANT SALE

Cost: FPSLBG Members - Free • Non-Members - \$20.00

Become a Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Member attend the event **FREE**!!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Got Junk In Your Trunk? sell it at the

GARDENS COMMUNITY TRUNK SALE

Saturday • June 10, 2017 • 8am - 1pm

Looking to get rid of that extra stuff cluttering your home, garage, or storage area? Then join us at the Gardens Community Trunk Sale. Your accepted contract entitles you to 2 parking spaces in the sales area 18x18 feet. One space is for your vehicle (load it up - trailers welcome) and the 2nd for your sales area (tent, tables, whatever).

- Space is limited Contracted Vendors, accepted by the committee, only.
- No Day-of, walk up vendors will be allowed.
- Arrive late, you'll be sent home. All vehicles must be in place before sales open at 8am. No Exceptions!





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Horticulture How-To Series:

Growing Tropical Fruit Trees

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Saturday • June 24, 2017 9:00 - 10:30 am *In The Propagation Garden Center*

Join us as the Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club demonstrates the techniques to grow your own tropical fruit trees and sample some tasty tropical fruits. Seminar is held with the "Taste of the Tropics Plant Sale".

This workshop will be held in conjunction with the

TASTE OF THE TROPICS PLANT SALE

Cost: FPSLBG Members - Free • Non-Members - \$20.00

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