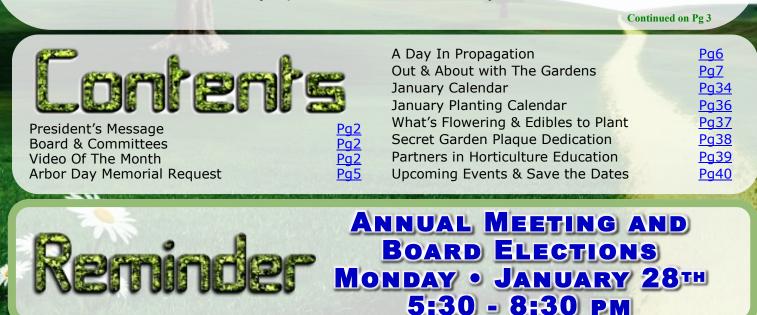


A NEW YEAR IS ON THE HORIZON

2018 was a year of new additions and improvements to your Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. The Gardens saw the Secret Garden undergo a transformation into a destination fit for all types of ceremonies with the installation of the Kelly Pavilion, new landscaping and the beautiful Secret Garden welcome gate. If you have not yet had the opportunity to tour The Gardens and see this new destination spot, you are in for a real treat.

We continue to add the new irrigation system throughout the grounds and the new Moon Gates in the Rose garden courtesy of the Rio Lindo Garden Club are really taking shape. The Pavilion saw the addition of a new large TV and we just got our new room dividers to make meetings and club events for comfortable.

Our Propagation Garden Center has many improvements throughout the year with the GL Homes Green House fully operational, a new tiki style Garden Center Sales Hut



The Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, is charged with creating and maintaining a serene and peaceful environment for all visitors.



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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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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...

As our New Year 2019 opens, the Gardens' Annual Meeting and election of Board members occurs late January. Our board members are elected to serve three year terms, and this year we have one valuable

member of our community who will be stepping off the Board after giving valuable service to the Gardens: Joe Wojcik, Director at Large. Thank you, Joe.

Arbor Day is celebrated January 18, 2019. Florida Arbor Day at the PSL Botanical Gardens is an opportunity for members and the public to celebrate and memorialize family and friends; those we've lost and wish to commemorate, or those still with us who we wish to celebrate and honor. This newsletter contains more information about being part of our Arbor Day celebration, which is marked with a short ceremony at 11 am on Friday, January 18. Consider joining us!

Again, we welcome January and the start of what promises to be an interesting and exciting new year at the Gardens. Visit soon!

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added, additional potting tables, a donation of over 200 beautiful bromeliads, and many other new upgrades and features that you will just need to stop by and check out. PS - purchase one of their beautiful propagated plants while you are visiting.

The gardens saw the commencement of our Veteran Victory Corps, a program for Veterans to get involved with gardening and fellowship at The Gardens. The flag presentation area in front of the Gardens is a sight to behold. We thank you for your service. We also saw the continuation of our hugely successful How-To Seminars that bring added value to your membership and provide great decorating, planting and propagation ideas. Look to see more of these programs in 2019.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our Volunteers including Wacky Weeders and Core. You are the backbone of The Gardens and we are truly grateful for everything you do to help make and keep your Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens a destination spot in Port St. Lucie and on the Treasure Coast.

As we move on to 2019, we have a number of projects that will continue to enhance The Gardens and we're hoping to implement a program of acoustic improvements to the Pavilion. We will also be unveiling a special fund raising effort for an exploration area in the Gardens (our Faerie Forrest...*shhh)* and our 2020 10th Anniversary Gala Reception at our Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019 starting at 5:30pm.

You will not want to miss out on this meeting as we will cover where we have been in 2018 and where we are headed for 2019 and beyond. Additionally, this is your chance to have your membership voice heard in our Annual Election for Board of Directors and possibly find a committee or two to share your talents with and further our mission at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.

Finally, as we close out 2018 and remember family and loved ones, it's the perfect time to honor those memories with a memorial dedication for our Arbor Day celebration on Friday, January 18, 2019 starting at 11am in our Secret Garden. Each memorial is a \$25 minimum donation and can be sent by check using the memorial dedication form on the next page or by credit card on-line at www.pslbg.org/arbor-day.html.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting on January 28th and we wish you a very Happy and Successful 2019.

Thank You, Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens





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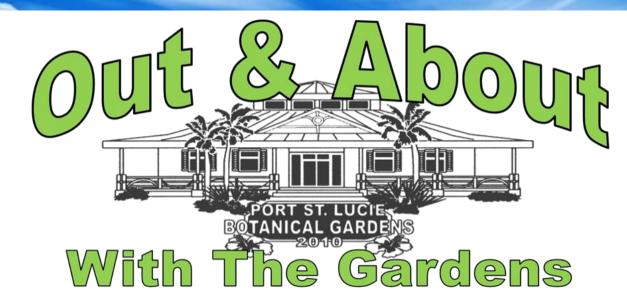












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ENLIST: JOIN THE Saturday Wacky Weeders'

When: January 19, 2019 Where: PSL Botanical Gardens Time: 8:00ам - 12:00рм

The Gardens appreciates your help to continue keeping the beautiful Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens in perfect shape for the new year and beyond.

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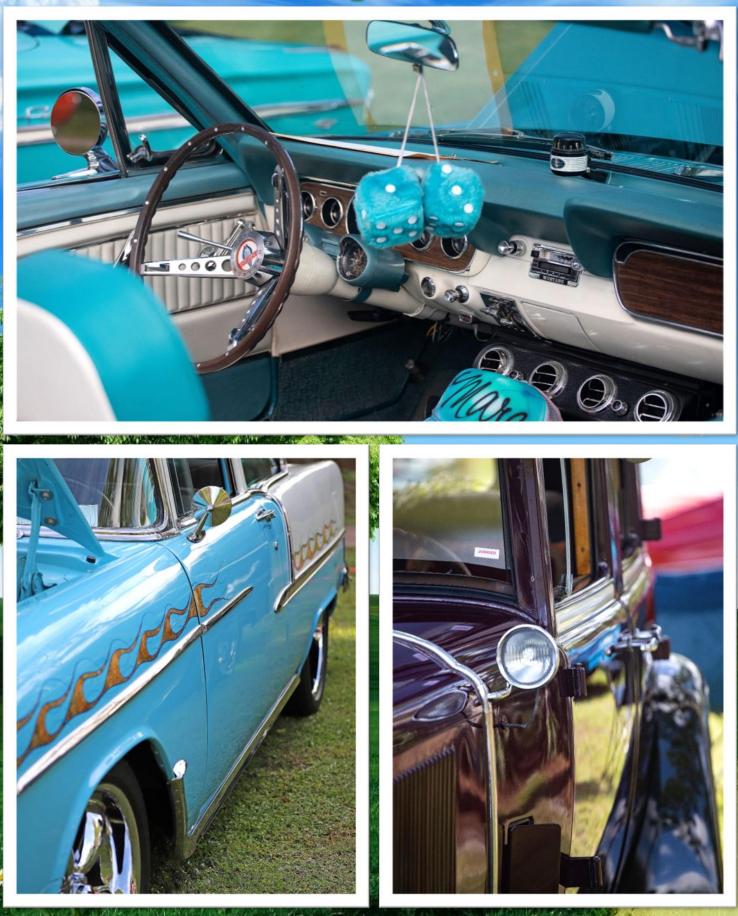
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St. Lucie West Garden Club

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For more information please call Co-President's, **Pam Allen (561) 891-2959,** or **Cheri Mabry (586) 322-7223,** or our Membership Chairman, **Darlene Berube (508) 415-7345**.

See our Facebook page St. Lucie West Garden Club.

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Fun with Santa at The Gardens

















Welcome to All Garden Goers....

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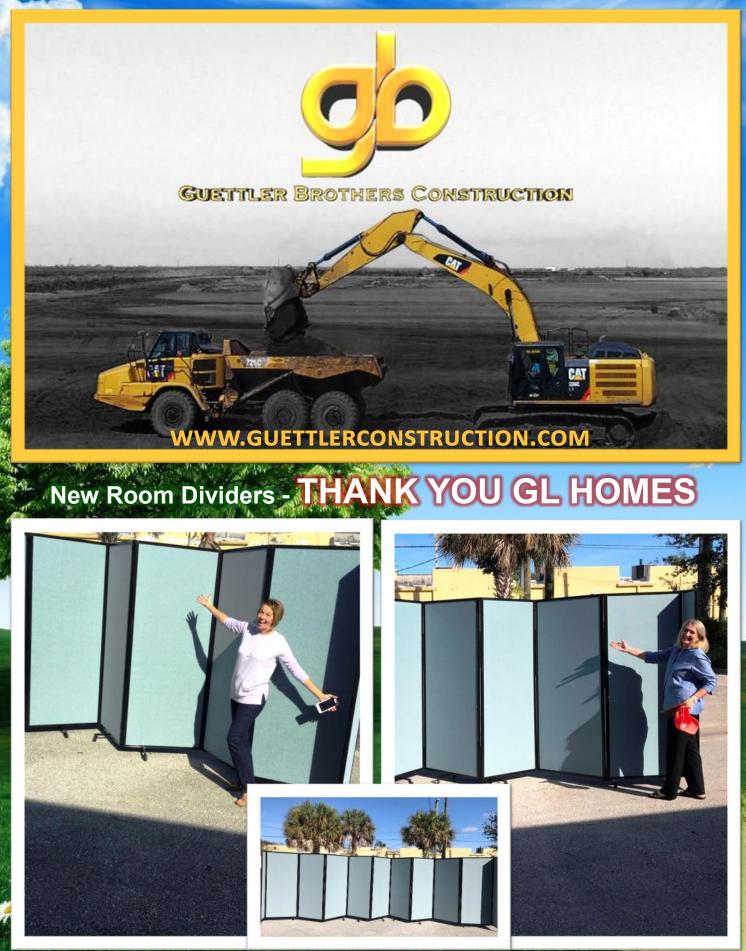












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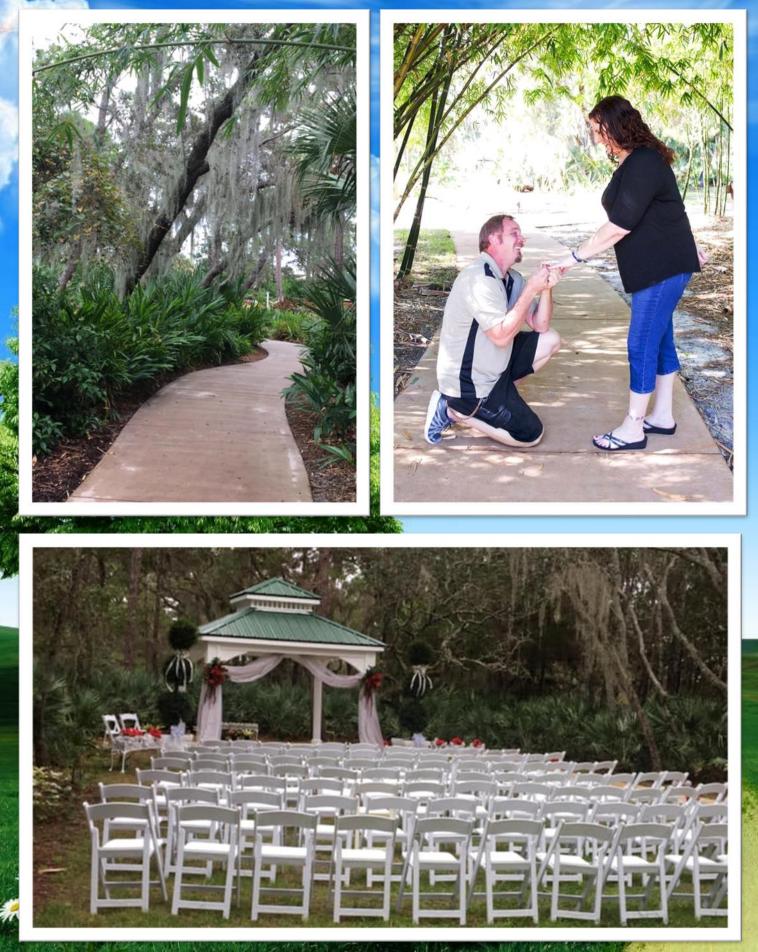
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1 st	New Years Day	CLOSED	Happy New Year
6 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:00 am	All Welcome
7 th	Newsletter Committee Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 pm	All Welcome
7 th	River Vista HOA Board Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Only
8 th	PSL Orchid Society	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
8 th	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
9 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
9 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
10 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
12 th	PSL Anglers Nautical Flea Market	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
13 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:00 am	All Welcome
13 th	South Florida Daylily Society	2:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
14 th	Rio Lindo Board Meeting	10:00 - 11:00 am	Members Welcome
14 th	2020 Gala Committee Meeting	3:00 - 4:15 pm	All Welcome
14 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
16 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
17 th	Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
18 th	Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Planting Ceremony (Secret Garden)	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	All Welcome
19 th	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
20 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:00 am	All Welcome
21 st	TC Bromeliad Society Meeting	5:30 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
23 rd	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
23 rd	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
24 th	TC Professional Photographers Assoc.	6:00 - 8:30 pm	All Welcome
25 th	Veterans Victory Corps.	9:00 - 10:00 am	Veterans Welcome
27 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:00 am	All Welcome
28 th	Rio Lindo Garden Club Meeting	12:45 - 3:30 pm	All Welcome
28 th	Friends' Annual Meeting & Elections	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Members Welcome
30 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
30 th	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome



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What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: Plants that can be added to the garden during the coolest months include begonia, browallia, lobelia, dianthus, dusty miller, and nicotiana. **See** *Annuals*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants</u>

Bulbs: Winter is a great time to plant bulbs that will bloom in the spring. Some examples include Clivia lily, crinum, and agapanthus. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers</u>

Herbs: Many herbs will thrive now that temperatures are cooler, including tarragon, thyme, dill, fennel, and any of the mints. **See** *Herbs*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs</u>

Vegetables: Many vegetables can be planted this time of year. This the last month to plant Irish potatoes, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, mustard, and turnips. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening</u>

What to Do

Landscape: It is a good time to plant woody shrubs. Water frequently to get new plantings off to a good start. See *The Florida-Friendly Landscaping*[™] *Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design:* <u>http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_v090110.pdf</u> and *Shrubs*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_shrubs</u>

Irrigation: Water plants if temperatures remain higher than normal and rainfall is scarce. **See** *Landscape Irrigation*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_irrigation</u>

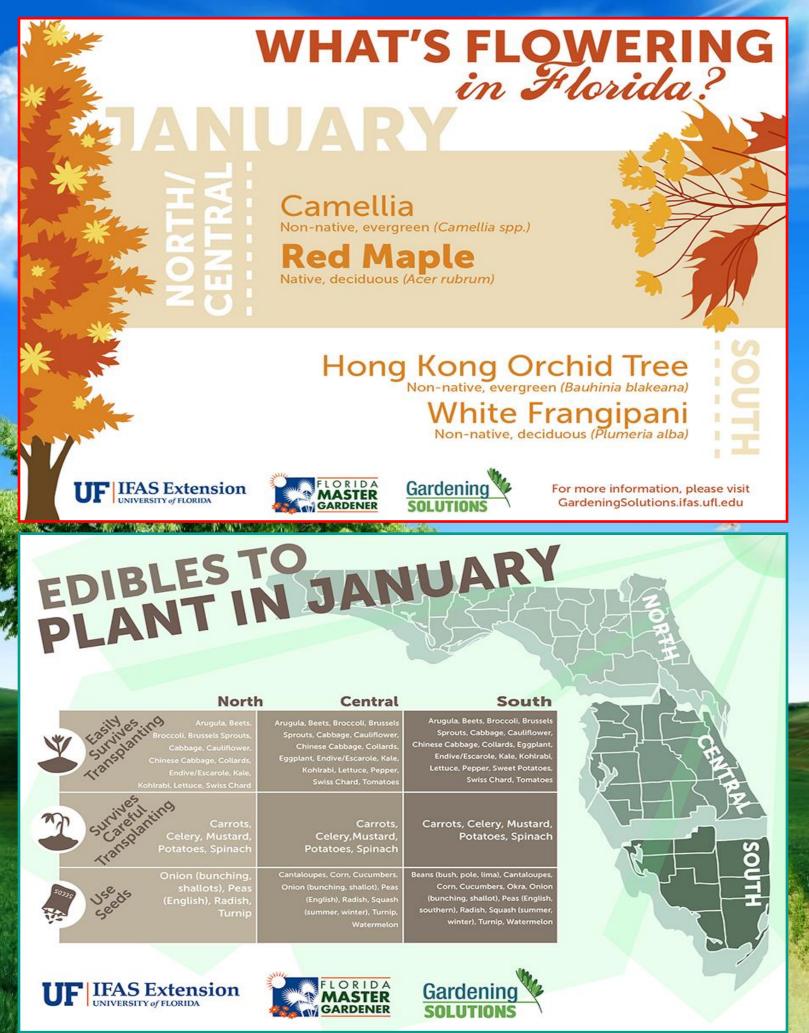
Shrubs and trees: Prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees this month to improve form. **See** *Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning</u>

Arbor Day: Celebrate Florida Arbor Day (the 3rd Friday of January) by planting a tree in your yard or community. **See** *Arbor Day in Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_arbor_day</u>

Crapemyrtle: Remove seed pods, crossing branches, and small twiggy growth to improve the appearance and form of the plant, if desired. Hard pruning is not required. **See** *Crapemyrtle*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_crapemyrtle</u>

Cold protection: Bring sensitive plants like orchids inside if a frost or freeze is predicted. Thoroughly water and cover sensitive plants in the landscape 12–24 hours before a freeze. **See** *Cold Protection and Chilling Damage of Landscape Plants*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic landscapes and cold

Pests: Apply horticultural oil to citrus, shrubs, and deciduous fruit trees while plants are dormant to control scale. Apply copper spray to mangos after bloom. **See** *Landscape Pest Management*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests</u>**Protect**: Protect tender orchid, impatiens, and tomato from falling temperatures. **See** *Cold Protection and Chilling Damage of Landscape Plants*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscapes_and_cold</u>



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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.















Date: Friday, January 18, 2019 Time: 11a.m.

Public is Invited! Join us in celebrating Florida Arbor Day at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens with the planting of our 2019 Arbor Day tree

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Donations are welcome. Please mail to 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd, PSL 34952. Minimum donation is \$25.00, please. Forms are available at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens Office. The Book of Remembrance is located in the Gardens' Pavilion for public review.

Contact 772.337.1959 for information

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Friends' Annual Meeting & Board Elections



Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens will hold their Annual Meeting and Board Elections on Monday, January 28, 2019 @ 5:30 pm.

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