

The Gardens Gate

April 2019
Newsletter



Port St. Lucie
Botanical Gardens



LADYBUGS: THE GARDEN TERMINATOR

There are about 5,000 different species of ladybugs in the world. These much loved critters are also known as lady beetles or ladybird beetles. They come in many different colors and patterns, but the most familiar in North America is the seven-spotted ladybug, with its shiny, red-and-black body. In



many cultures, ladybugs are considered good luck.

Most people like them because they are pretty, graceful, and harmless to humans. But farmers love them because they eat aphids and other plant-eating pests. One ladybug can eat up to 5,000 insects in its lifetime! Most ladybugs have oval, dome-shaped bodies with six short legs. Depending on the species, they can have spots, stripes, or no markings at all. Seven-spotted

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Reminder

**EARTH DAY
LADYBUG LAUNCH
SATURDAY • MARCH 20TH
11:00AM - 1:00PM**



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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...

Of increasing interest at the Gardens lately is information on memorializing or commemorating loved ones or significant dates in people's lives. Donations and fundraising is alive and well at the Gardens with various levels of giving possible: from Arbor Day each January, to bench plaques (we have three benches left!) to our latest installation, the Faerie Forrest which offers levels of giving from \$100 as a supporter, to the privilege of naming a Faerie in honor of someone. My personal favorite is this fact: all gardeners hold memory of the one person in their life who introduced them to gardening; perhaps taught and mentored their love of nature. For most of us, that particular person is no longer with us. What a wonderful way to remember that person – name a Faerie!

April in the Gardens brings two of our most anticipated children's events: the Kids' Fishing Tournament on Saturday, April 6, hosted by the PSL Anglers Club, and second, our 'Ladybug Launch' on April 20 (Saturday). Both events are great fun – Consider joining us!

Thank you.

Joleen King
President

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

1 BILLION
BUTTERFLIES
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ladybugs are red or orange with three spots on each side and one in the middle. They have a black head with white patches on either side.

Ladybugs are colorful for a reason. Their markings tell predators: "Eat something else! I taste terrible." When threatened, the bugs will secrete an oily, foul-tasting fluid from joints in their legs. They may also play dead. Birds are ladybugs' main predators, but they also fall victim to frogs, wasps, spiders, and dragonflies. Ladybugs lay their eggs in clusters or rows on the underside of a leaf, usually where aphids have gathered. Larvae, which vary in shape and color based on species, emerge in a few days. Seven-spotted ladybug larvae are long, black, and spiky-looking with orange or yellow spots. Some say they look like tiny alligators. Larvae grow quickly and shed their skin several times. When they reach full size, they attach to a leaf by their tail, and a pupa is formed. Within a week or two, the pupa becomes an adult ladybug.

Ladybugs are happy in many different habitats, including grasslands, forests, cities, suburbs, and along rivers. Seven-spotted ladybugs are native to Europe but were brought to North America in the mid-1900s to control aphid populations. Ladybugs are most active from spring until fall. When the weather turns cold, they look for a warm, secluded place to hibernate, such as in rotting logs, under rocks, or even inside houses. These hibernating colonies can contain thousands of ladybugs.



The name "ladybug" was coined by European farmers who prayed to the Virgin Mary when pests began eating their crops. After ladybugs came and wiped out the invading insects, the farmers named them "beetle of Our Lady." This eventually was shortened to "lady beetle" and "ladybug." NASA even sent a few ladybugs into space with aphids to see how aphids would escape in zero gravity.

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The Gift Shop

at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens



Shop our Gift Shop with lots of new and unique items

Claire Clark, Chair of our gift shop, along with our sales associate volunteers have been busy updating and refreshing the Gift Shop giving it a whole new look. Below are a few of the items that we are highlighting. Be sure to stop by soon.



*In a Garden of Friends
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens*

Signed print by Laura Mehr \$90.00 . Mural is displayed in our main entrance of the Pavilion and for sale in the Gift Shop (13.5X40" frame available at AC Moore)

Local Florida Artist Creations are Now Available at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens Gift Shop

Our Gift Shop has updated their offerings to our Garden Visitors and Friends. We have included six new Local Florida Artists' each with unique designs for sale to our Visitors and Friends. You can find intricate jewelry, fairies, murals and much more. We strive to bring the best products to you. We hope you will stop by our Gift Shop Soon to see these fine collections. *Ask for Claire Clark, Board Member and Chair of the Gift Shop or anyone of our Gift Shop Sales Specialists.*

A little about our local artists at the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens.

TONY JONEK—Jewelry designs are hand formed from fine porcelain. Custom formulated glazes are applied and fired to 2300 degrees creating a gem like quality. 22K gold metallic luster is added by brush and pen and then fired in the kiln multiple times. Pendants are finished with unique hand wrapped bails of 14K gold-filled wire. Ear wires are 14K gold filled. Posts are surgical stainless steel.

After receiving his MS degree in horticulture from NC State, Tony returned to East Carolina University to follow a passion for clay. He received his BFA in ceramics in 1981 and in 1990, Tony's interest turned to creating jewelry. He tours throughout Florida with his work while he continues to pursue his horticultural interests as Chair of the Cactus and Succulent Garden at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. Tony lives in Port St Lucie with his wife Deb, and their feline babies.



LAURA MEHR—Designs by Laura creates jewelry from polymer clay using the 'millefiori' technique (the term means 'a thousand flowers'). Each design consists of layers and patterns in different colors that are constructed until they form the designs you see.

Polymer clay is flexible and waterproof, but care should be taken not to expose it to cleaning solutions.

Laura received her BA in art in 1974 from Cal State LA, and in 1988 began selling her creations at art shows throughout the country. She retired from the art show circuit in 2007, but continues to sell to fine craft galleries.



The Fairy Collection by Greg Hold—The fairy sculptures are made from stainless steel and aluminum wire. The bases come from one of our many local beaches, washed up from the sea. Aluminum and stainless will not rust so it is suitable for inside or outside enjoyment

After retiring five years ago, Greg rekindled his artistic interests and started his “Second LYFE”. Honing his skills as a craftsman as well as an artist in metal shaping, he likes to incorporate re-purposed material into many of his creations. This brings a second purpose to the objects used, thus creating their “Second LYFE”. He enjoys bringing each subject to life and they each appear to have a story that can be woven about them –much like each is individually woven.

Greg is a father of four, grandfather of ten and great grandfather of two. He lives in Port St Lucie with his wife, Shirley, who has found a way to put up with him through four businesses, his service to our country, and his new business, Second LYFE for the past 47 plus years! It brings joy to see the magic in the eyes of others as they weave a story about his work.

JOAN MILBRANDT—After graduating from the University of South Florida with a BA in visual arts in 1979, Joan began working with stained glass and in the late 1990’s she pursued her passion for fused glass. These beautiful key rings are an example of her exceptional work.

The one of a kind free formed fused glass, is tack fused to bring out crisp detail and light capturing texture. Joan has toured the country with her artwork since 1983, and lives and works in Okeechobee, FL with her two canine friends, Josie and Harry.





GENE KOVACS—is a volunteer and member of the gardens and a custom woodcarver who creates one of a kind pieces. All of his carvings are intricately sketched freehand and then carved into the wood. Gene donated and carved, a cedar gate for our Secret Garden that includes flowers, cranes, rabbits, and turtles. A must see on your walk through the Gardens. His career spans 35 years as a Ship Fitter and Tank Tester building aircraft carriers and submarines for the Navy. Gene lives in Port St Lucie and his home and garden reflects his exceptional talents with gardening and carving. Stop by the gift shop to see Gene's work for sale or to special order your own carving.



DEBBI ORDAN—is the owner and creator of Ariel Studios. She has the best of both worlds, living in Port St Lucie and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Her work is entirely handcrafted through all stages of its creation using traditional metalsmithing techniques, including piercing, chasing, applique, lamination and weaving, and the finest available materials. The metals she uses are recycled sterling silver, jeweler's bronze, copper, sterling and fine silver wire, gold wire and semi precious gemstones. She creates earrings, bracelets, pins/pendants, barrettes and rings.

Debbi graduated from Ithaca College in 1978 and studied jewelry and metalsmithing during a 5 year apprenticeship in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She has studied at many workshops and retreats honing her skills in metalsmithing and fabrication. She has several wholesale accounts and does about 17 art shows a year. Ariel Studios is named after her beloved dog. Debbi loves the work she does "I enjoy my jewelry and take the utmost care in making it. I hope you enjoy wearing it."



COMING SOON

Faerie Forrest

at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

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Artist Information: Greg Holt, a Port St. Lucie resident, retired. Faeries are constructed of 308 S/S armature wire, 40/43 MIG wire, and stainless steel castings. Faeries will be constructed locally in Mr. Holt's workshop.

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APRIL

1 st	Newsletter Committee Meeting	3:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
1 st	Website Design Committee	4:00 - 5:00 pm	All Welcome
2 nd	River Vista HOA Board Meeting	5:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Only
3 rd	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
3 rd	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
6 th	Port St. Lucie Anglers Club Kids Fishing Tournament	8:00 am - 1:00 pm	All Welcome
7 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
8 th	Rio Lindo Board Meeting	10:00 - 11:00 am	Members Welcome
8 th	2020 Planning Committee	3:00 - 4:15 pm	All Welcome
8 th	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
9 th	PSL Orchid Society	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
9 th	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
10 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
11 th	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
14 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
17 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
17 th	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
18 th	Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
19 th	Crosstown Chapel Good Friday Service	7:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
20 th	Earth Day Ladybug Launch	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome \$1 per Child Donation
21 st	Crosstown Chapel Easter Service	7:00 - 9:00 am	All Welcome
24 th	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
24 th	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
25 th	TC Professional Photographers Assoc.	6:00 - 8:30 pm	Members Welcome
26 th	TCPA Style Shoot Demonstration	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Members Welcome
27 th	Veterans Victory Corps.	9:00 - 10:15 am	Veterans Welcome
27 th	Treasure Coast Bonsai Workshop	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$35 Per Person
27 th	Ask The Experts Workshop: Growing and Potting Orchids	10:00 - 12:00 am	Registration Required FPSLBG Members Free Non-Members \$25
28 th	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45am	All Welcome
28 th	South Florida Daylily Society	2:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
29 th	Bylaws Review Committee	9:00 - 10:00 am	Members Welcome
30 th	River Vista HOA Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Welcome



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What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: Plant heat-tolerant annuals, such as coleus, vinca, and portulaca. **See Annuals:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Cannas thrive in the heat of summer. New varieties have colorful leaves as well as flowers. **See Bulbs for Florida:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Herbs: Some to start now include basil, coriander, cumin, and mint. **See Herbs:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Vegetables: Beans, Chinese cabbage, Southern peas, and sweet potatoes can still be planted. Mulch beds well and monitor irrigation if the weather is dry. **See Vegetable Gardening in Florida:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

What to Do

Pests: Monitor insect activity and learn which bugs damage plants and which do not. **See Landscape Pest Management:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests

Beneficials: Identify and conserve beneficial insects. Some insects should be encouraged in your yard! **See Beneficial Insects:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_beneficial_insects

Tomatoes: Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on developing tomato plants. **See Home Tomato Gardening:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tomato_gardening

Palms: Identify and treat environmental and nutritional disorders in palm trees. **See Palm Care:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_care

Oleanders: Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander caterpillars at work. **See Oleander Pest Management:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_oleander_ipm

Fruits: Propagate fruit crops by air layering and grafting. **See Propagating Fruits in Florida:** http://www.solutionsforyourlife.com/hot_topics/lawn_and_garden/propagating_fruits.shtml

Perennials and bulbs: Divide clumps of bulbs, ornamental grasses, or herbaceous perennials to expand or rejuvenate garden beds or to pass along to friends. **See Bulbs for Florida:** http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers and *Perennial Landscape Plants:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_perennials

Shrubs: Choose from a wide variety of shrubs to add to the landscape now. **See The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection & Landscape Design:** http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_v090110.pdf and *Shrubs:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_shrubs

WHAT'S FLOWERING in Florida?

APRIL

NORTH/
CENTRAL

Rose*

Non-native, evergreen (*Rosa* spp.)

Southern Magnolia

Native, evergreen (*Magnolia grandiflora*)

Bottlebrush

Non-native, deciduous (*Callistemon* spp.)

Gardenia

Non-native, evergreen (*Gardenia jasminoides*)

Glossy Abelia

Non-native, evergreen (*Abelia x grandiflora*)

Yesterday-Today-and-Tomorrow

Non-native, evergreen (*Brunfelsia grandiflora*)



SOUTH

Rose*

Jacaranda

Non-native, semi-deciduous (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*)

Oleander

Non-native, evergreen (*Nerium oleander*)

Hibiscus

Native and non-native, evergreen (*Hibiscus* spp.)

Chinese Fringe Bush

Non-native, evergreen (*Loropetalum chinense*)

* Both in North and South.

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EDIBLES TO PLANT IN APRIL

	North	Central	South
Survives Transplanting	Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes	Chinese Cabbage, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard	Chinese Cabbage, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard
Transplant With Care			
Use Seeds	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupes, Corn, Cucumbers, Okra, Peas (Southern), Squash (summer, winter), Watermelon	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Corn, Peas (Southern), Squash (summer, winter)	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Peas (southern)

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Garden Center

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Horticulture Happenings



NEWS & NEEDS



Thank You for all the fantastic plant donations received in March. Please remember to leave your name and the name of the plants. We always want to recognize and thank you for your generous donations. Remember we do not accept invasive plants.



Your Cuttings and Plants. Ceramic or clay pots. Garden Tools. Garden Art. Bring them on in. This helps to defray our propagation expenses and provide the community with lots of plants to take home. **We're just about out of ONE GALLON POTS.**

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

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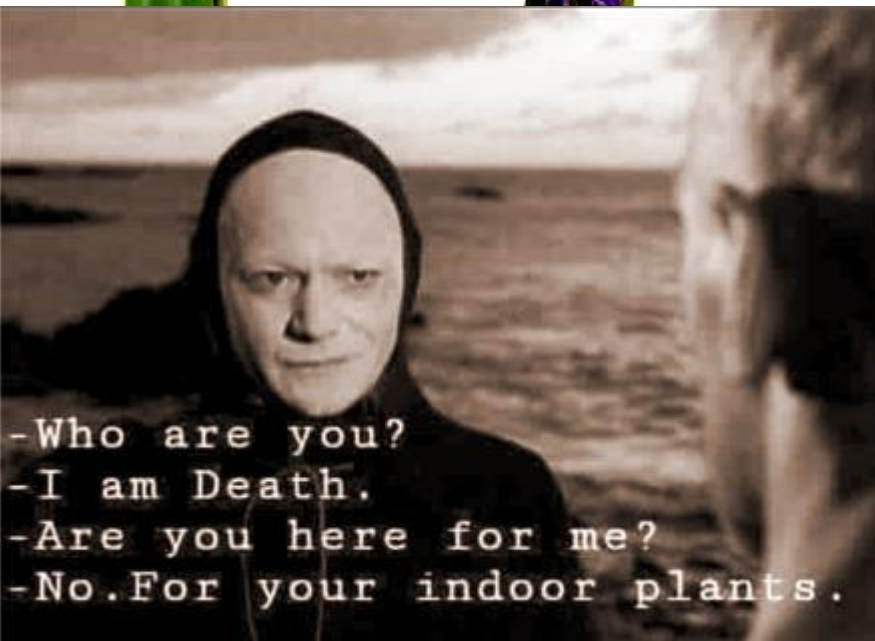


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Out & About



With The Gardens

Seen Around The Gardens



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A Big Thank you from your Board of Directors to all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers who 'MAKE IT HAPPEN' everyday at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.



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Big Clean Up of the Bromeliads & Lots of Help



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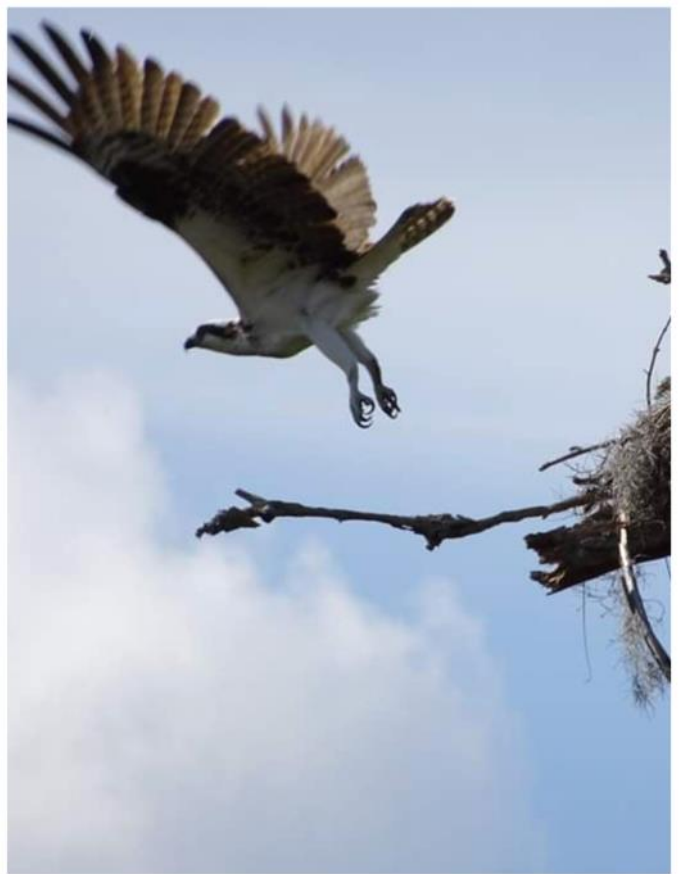
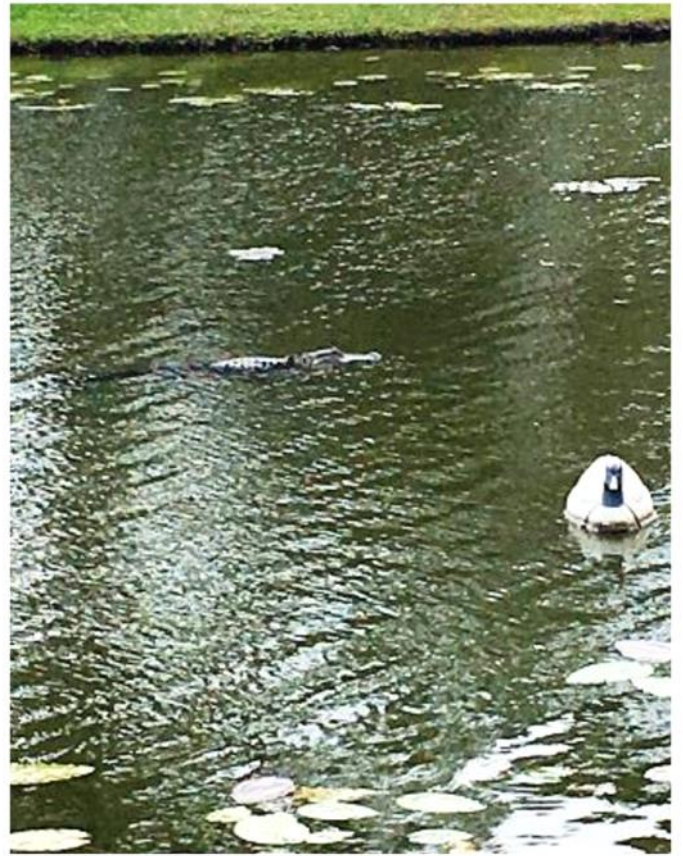
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Jazz Jams

at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

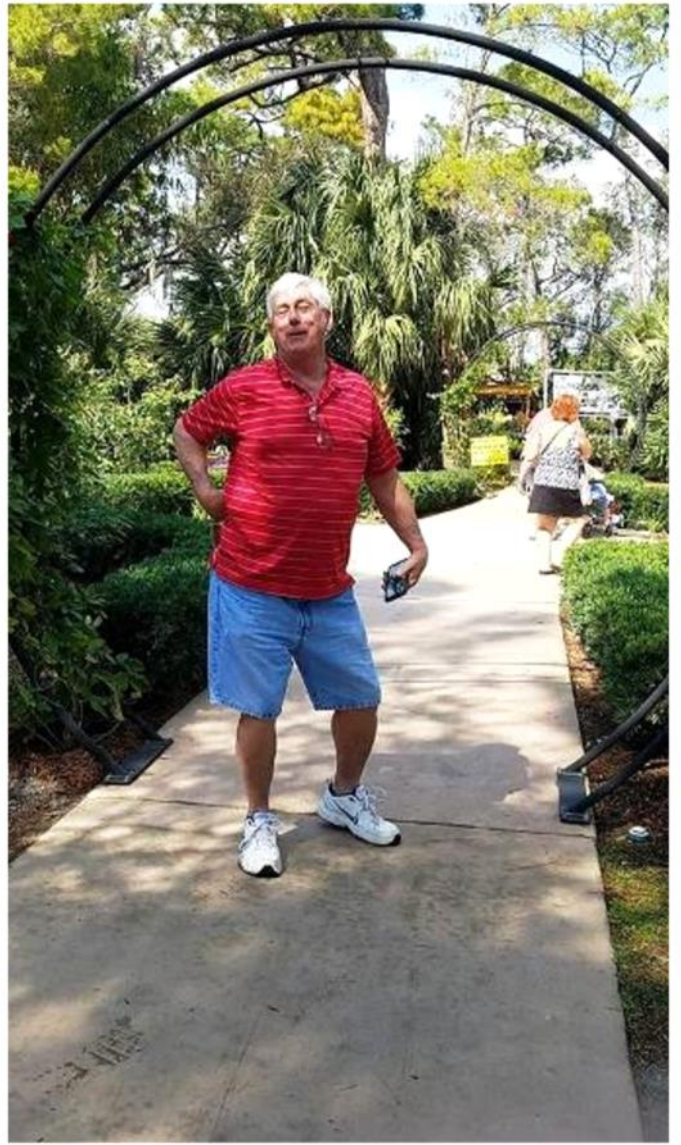
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APRIL 3RD & 17TH

6:30 - 9:30 PM

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APPRECIATION NIGHT AT FIRST DATA FIELD

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

Fans who bring two nonperishable food items will receive a free ticket to the St. Lucie Mets game that night. Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful will have a booth at the front of the stadium and partner with the Treasure Coast Food Bank for the donations.

GATES
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5:30PM

GAME
STARTS

6:30PM

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KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday • April 6, 2019

**Sponsored by Port St. Lucie Angler's Club and
the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens**

**** FREE ADMISSION ****

8:00 - 9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM Poles in the Water

(finish time around Noon)

For More Information
Please Call

Paul Lynch - 561.577.7698

-or-

Frank Gamber - 443.992.8428

**Bring your own fishing tackle and
eye protection. Bait will be provided and
trophies will be awarded to each age group
for biggest and most fish. Age Groups: 2
through 11yrs old and 12 through 16yrs old.
Free Raffles. Catch and release Event.**

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**Join the Friends of
the Port St. Lucie
Botanical Gardens
as we Celebrate
Earth Day with a**

Ladybug Launch

Saturday • April 20, 2019
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ladybugs are beneficial in nature. Come explore our Gardens as we have fun releasing Ladybugs into the wild and discover fun facts about them and the benefits of Earth Day.

**This Event is for Children
Ages 5 -12 & families.
A \$1 donation per
Child is requested.**



**Registration Appreciated
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Port St. Lucie, FL 34952



C CARING COMMUNITY CLEANUP & CELEBRATION DAY

Registration: 7:30 a.m.
Cleanup: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Celebrating Community

After the cleanup, buses
will bring volunteers back
for free lunch, raffles and
lots of fun for everyone!



Cleanup Begins

Volunteers will be
transported by bus to
several locations
throughout the city
that are most in need
of cleanup.



**Saturday
April 20, 2019**

Volunteers will need to
meet at the Civic Center.

Registration starts at 7:30
a.m. A free breakfast will be
provided.



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Save money. Live better.





**Saturday
April 27th**

10:00am - 12:00pm

**in the
Orchid Room**



WORKSHOP IN THE GARDENS

GROWING & POTTING ORCHIDS: John Erickson, long time member and volunteer of the Gardens is an orchid enthusiast who spends much of his time managing the Orchid

Room as well as assisting in the Cactus Garden and with the Veterans Victory Corps. He is a retired USAF officer for 23 years and a mathematics teacher for 25 years. He enjoys teaching Growing and Potting Orchids to many organizations. John will demonstrate:

- How and when to repot your orchids
- Knowing your orchid
- Readyng your materials
- Repotting your orchid

John will be available to answer questions about your orchids.

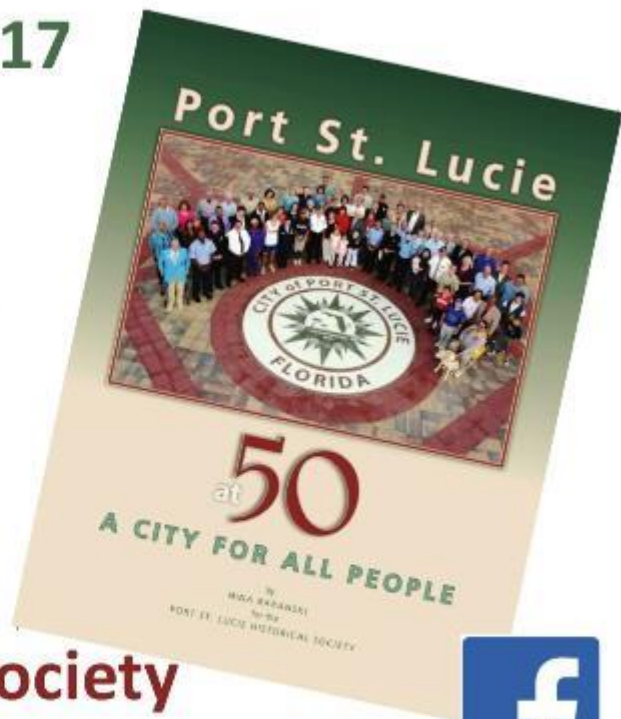
Please join us for this informative *FREE* workshop for horticulture students, veterans and members. Non-members - \$25.00. Free if you become a member.

***** [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) *****

SAVE THE DATE ... APRIL 17

Come to our next members get-together and get an update about the historic houses, meet others who are part of Port St. Lucie history, hear a speaker and just have a good time over dinner and drinks. BECOME A MEMBER and get our 252-page large format history book, \$29.95 VALUE, for only

\$10



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LEARN THE ART OF BONSAI!

Novice Bonsai Workshop

sponsored by

The Treasure Coast Bonsai Society

Date: Saturday April 27, 2019

Starting Time: 9:00 AM

Location: PSL BOTANICAL GARDEN

2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd, Port St Lucie, FL 34952

Cost: \$35.00

Participants receive a tree, bonsai pot, medium, and instructions on how to style, wire, pot, and maintain the tree

Pre-registration and Advance Payment Required

**SEND TO: Barbara Poglitsch 5622 Lamay Drive, Stuart, FL 34997
or call 772-287-5356**

Applications may be emailed to: barbarap3@belsouth.net

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