

# The March 2018 Newsletter Gardens Gate



Port St. Lucie  
Botanical Gardens



## THE GARDENS... 8 YEARS AND GROWING

March 6, 2018 marks the 8th Anniversary of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens' grand opening. On that day, March 6, 2010, there was a gala, tradition filled ribbon cutting ceremony followed by an afternoon of fun, laughter, food and entertainment, provided by the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens and the City of Port St. Lucie as an introduction of the new facility to the citizens of Port St. Lucie & St. Lucie County. It was a wonderful day shared by more than 800 visitors who were given their first viewing of the gorgeous new park-like facility.

Our Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens group, which manages and operates The Gardens under lease with the City, was formed long before the facility opening. On January 16, 2008, Friends was incorporated and became the group selected to look after the new facility. Since 2010 Friends has contributed almost 100,000 volunteer hours operating The Gardens.

We want to share with you a few photos of the ground breaking, Construction and 2010 grand opening event. We hope you enjoy them as we look forward to many more years of productive leadership in making the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens the best that it can be!

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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.

### Officers & Directors . . .

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Membership & Volunteer Committee:	Jeff Chambers
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### Newsletter...

Editor: Judy Nash-Wade  
 Design: Mark Barnes

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.

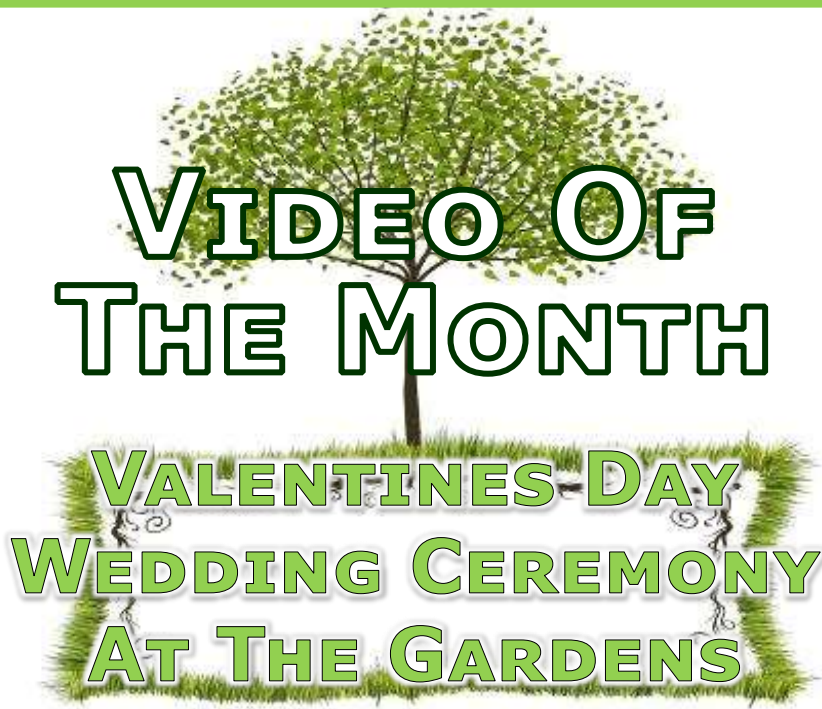
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

March 6, 2010 was the ribbon cutting and Grand Opening of our Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens. Rather than a traditional ribbon, a grapevine garland, created by members of the Parks & Recreation staff from muscadine grape vines culled from the Gardens property was cut to open the new garden. How simple a change, but how appropriate. As we mark our eighth year, it's fun to look back on the progress made and the growth the Gardens has experienced. We are also looking forward. During March, we're focusing on membership. Currently, we are 420 members strong – some are founding members who participated monetarily back when the Gardens were a dream and an idea, and our thanks always to our Founding members. But the bulk of our membership are annual members, individuals and families who, through their continued support, confirm that the Gardens represent something wonderful in Port St Lucie.



Are you a member? Could we ask you to become a member? Information on membership is contained in this newsletter. Let me add my sincere invitation: please consider becoming a member of our Friends of the PSL Botanical Gardens during March. Thank you.

**Joleen King**  
**President**











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# FRIENDS OF THE PORT ST LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS FIRST ANNUAL - MEMBERS ONLY PLANT SALE

March 31, 2018 - 3:00PM - 5:00PM

## Join the Best Plant Party in Town!

**Plus Enjoy this Membership Bonus!**

In conjunction with our March Membership Madness Campaign and to Celebrate the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens' 8th Anniversary, Members will receive a 20% Discount on a large selection of Plants. So stop on by, relax, enjoy the Gardens, have some refreshments, purchase a plant or two and enjoy the company of your fellow members.

**Complimentary beer, wine, and light refreshments will be served.**

If you are a non-member and want to enjoy the benefits of this sale, join or renew your membership in advance of the plant sale: For new members, take advantage of the March Membership Madness Campaign and receive an 18 month membership. All proceeds help support the Garden. Memberships Available - Individual, Friends & Family, Business/Corporate and Benefactor. Your support through membership and tax-deductible donations allows the Gardens to create new landscapes, features and enhance existing gardens and grounds, support special projects and grow our educational programs. See more by pushing the Membership Madness Button to the right:



## March 6, 2018 Celebrates our 8th Year Anniversary as the *Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens*

Thank You to all of our  
***FOUNDING MEMBERS***  
for making this happen!

**We can't thank you enough!** You were there right from the beginning. The beautiful Gardens we have today is a result of your vision, dedication and fortitude. Thank you for your continued support and to all the members and volunteers throughout the years'

To celebrate our 8th Year Anniversary we encourage all Founding Members to attend our **First Annual - Members Only Plant Sale** Please attend and enjoy the comradery of your fellow members and a walk through our Gardens. Refreshments will be provided. **All Founding members in attendance will receive a gift of appreciation.**





# Out & About



PORT ST. LUCIE  
BOTANICAL GARDENS  
2010

## With The Gardens

Seen Around The Gardens



Pathway to beauty



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Bursts of bloom



New Trunk Sale Signs



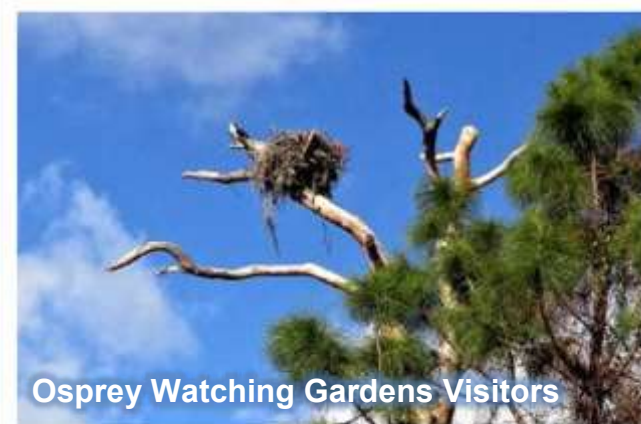
Garden Center



Tess joins the Newsletter Committee



New Garden Center display tables



Osprey Watching Gardens Visitors



## Victoria's Day at The Gardens



Victoria is ready to fish!



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Fun at the Gardens today!





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## Welcome to All Garden Goers...

This month our  
Jazz Jams will be held on  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
& **March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
starting at 6:30 pm

# JAZZ JAMS

**At The Gardens**

Donation \$6 per person.  
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# ♥ We Love Our Volunteers ♥



Our Youngest volunteer





## Wacky Weeders





## Sheriff's Donation of Pots



## Veterans Victory Corps Wagon





## 2018 Election Committee



## 2018 Friends Annual Meeting & Elections









## Botanica 2018





























## Valentine's Wedding at The Gardens









## Pictures From Gardens Guests







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## Orchid Show Pictures From Lazaro Drake







# Calendar Of Events

1 <sup>st</sup>	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
1 <sup>st</sup>	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
5 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Committee Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 pm	All Welcome
5 <sup>th</sup>	FPSLBG Blue Sky Meeting	5:00 - 6:00 pm	All welcome
6 <sup>th</sup>	River Vista HOA Board Meeting	3:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Only
7 <sup>th</sup>	Master Gardeners General Meeting	9:00 - 10:00 am	Members Only
7 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
7 <sup>th</sup>	German American Board Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Members only
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
8 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
8 <sup>th</sup>	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
12 <sup>th</sup>	Rio Lindo Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 - 11:00 am	Members Welcome
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>4:30 pm - 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Members Welcome</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	PSL Orchid Society Meeting	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
13 <sup>th</sup>	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
14 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
15 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
15 <sup>th</sup>	German American Chorus Rehearsal	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
15 <sup>th</sup>	TC Rare Fruit Club Meeting.	6:00 - 9:30 pm	All welcome
17 <sup>th</sup>	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All welcome
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Community Garden Series: Setting Up Your Garden</b>	<b>10:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>All Welcome</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	South Fla Daylily Society Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	All welcome
21 <sup>st</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All welcome
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$6 Donation, \$5 Members
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
24 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Victory Corps Meeting	9:00 - 9:30 am	Veterans Welcome
24 <sup>th</sup>	Partners in Horticulture Education: Pruning Techniques	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Veterans & Students Welcome
24 <sup>th</sup>	Treasure Coast Bonsai Society Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
26 <sup>th</sup>	Rio Lindo Garden Club	12:45 - 3:30 pm	All Welcome
26 <sup>th</sup>	Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
28 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Classes	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
29 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Review Committee	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Members Welcome
30 <sup>th</sup>	Crosstown Chapel Good Friday Service	4:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Community Garden Series: Growing Vegetables &amp; Herbs</b>	<b>10:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>All Welcome</b>
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Annual Members Only Plant Sale</b>	<b>3:00 - 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Members Welcome</b>



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For more information on events, please call 772.337.1959



## University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar — March

### What to Plant

**Annuals/Bedding Plants:** Plant heat-tolerant annuals, such as crossandra, gazania, melampodium, and zinnia that will last into fall. **See Annuals:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_annual\\_landscape\\_plants](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants)

**Bulbs:** Plant gladiolus corms 6 inches apart and 4 inches deep; stake as they grow. Plant caladium for a showy tropical display all summer. **See Bulbs for Florida:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_bulbous\\_flowers](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers)

**Herbs:** In addition to their culinary value, many herbs are ornamental and attract butterflies to the garden. **See Herbs:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_herbs](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs)

**Vegetables:** This is the last month to plant arugula, beans, cantaloupe, carrots, celery sweet corn, endive, okra, radish, squashes, Swiss chard, and watermelon. **See Vegetable Gardening in Florida:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_vegetable\\_gardening](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening)

### What to Do

**Shrubs and trees:** Prune when new growth begins after the end of the dormant season. To guard next season's blooms, begin pruning after the last flowers fade but before the new buds set. **See Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_tree\\_pruning](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning)

**Mulch:** Add mulch to minimize weeds and conserve moisture during dry weather. **See Landscape Mulches:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_mulch](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_mulch)

**Lawns:** Fertilize lawns this month if not done in February. **See Lawn Fertilizer:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_lawn\\_fertilization](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_fertilization)

**Pests:** Monitor landscape plants for insects, especially for the presence of aphids on tender new growth. Insects become more active during warm weather. **See Landscape Pest Management:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_landscape\\_pests](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_pests)

**Fertilize:** Fertilize palms and ornamental shrubs if not done last month. **See Palm Nutrition and Fertilization:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_palm\\_nutrition](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_nutrition) and **Landscape Fertilization:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_landscape\\_fertilization](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_fertilization)

**Lawns:** Identify damaging insects and spot treat early to prevent widespread damage. **See Turfgrass Pest Insects:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_turf\\_pest\\_insects](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_turf_pest_insects)

**Tropical and subtropical fruits:** Add variety and interest to the landscape and table with exotic fruits. **See Tropical Fruit for the Home Landscape:** [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_home\\_tropical\\_fruit](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_home_tropical_fruit)



# WHAT'S FLOWERING in Florida?

## MARCH



### NORTH/ CENTRAL

#### Azalea

Native & non-native, deciduous & evergreen  
(*Rhododendron* spp.)

#### Eastern Redbud

Native, deciduous (*Cercis canadensis*)

#### Sweet Acacia

Native, evergreen (*Acacia farnesiana*)

#### Bougainvillea

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

#### Frangipani

Non-native, deciduous (*Plumeria rubra*)

#### Golden Trumpet Tree

Non-native, deciduous (*Tabebuia chrysotricha*)

#### Hong Kong Orchid Tree

Non-native, evergreen (*Bauhinia blakeana*)

#### Pink Trumpet Tree

Non-native, deciduous (*Tabebuia heterophylla*)

### SOUTH




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# EDIBLES TO PLANT IN MARCH

	North	Central	South
 Survives Transplanting	Arugula, Eggplant, Kohlrabi, Pepper, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes	Arugula, Chinese Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Pepper, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard	Arugula, Chinese Cabbage, Endive/Escarole, Sweet Potatoes, Swiss Chard
 Transplant With Care	Carrots, Spinach	Carrots, Celery, Spinach	Carrots, Celery
 Use Seeds	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Corn, Cucumbers, Okra, Onion (bunching, shallot), Peas (English, southern), Radish, Squash (summer, winter), Watermelon	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupes, Corn, Cucumbers, Okra, Onion (bunching, shallot), Peas (southern), Radish, Squash (summer, winter), Watermelon	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupes, Corn, Okra, Onion (bunching, shallot), Peas (southern), Radish, Squash (summer, winter), Watermelon



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Community



Preservation



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Become a new member or renew your membership in March and receive an extra 3 months Membership FREE. Membership has exclusive benefits for classes & seminars, Gift Shop discounts, Members-only events and much more... **JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!**



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Membership Today**



# GARDEN OF THE MONTH: PROPAGATION

MAINTAINED BY THE WONDERFUL  
VOLUNTEER FORCE AT THE  
PORT ST. LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS

## A Story In Pictures



**Seedlings  
Cuttings  
Potting  
Magical  
Up potting  
Fun and laughter  
Displaying  
Plant Sales  
Support  
for Gardens  
Success!**











## HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

# NEWS & NEEDS



Thank you to everyone who supported the Port St Lucie Botanical Garden Center—Propagation Area during the Botanica Sale. We succeeded all previous sales with over \$3000.00 in Sales. We thank our volunteers and customers who helped make this happen. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens 501(c)(3).

Thank you for the **continued donations** of plants from the community. Your donations have helped our plant sales tremendously. We are always pleased and surprised to find plants waiting for us in the propagation area. *Please help us by leaving a note of what the name of the plant is.*

**A big thank you** to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department for the very generous donation of 7000 gardening pots. Thanks to Sheriff Ken Mascara and his crew who delivered the pots to our doorstep. We certainly won't be needing any garden pots for awhile!

**Be sure to attend our March 31st—First Annual Members Only Sale from 3PM to 5PM. 20% discount to members only.**



**Needs-** 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 you with lots of plants to take home.

**Join the Garden Team** - Come on back in the propagation area and see what we're up to. Bring gloves and clippers. Wear sturdy shoes. You will find us in the Garden area - Thursday – Saturday – 9:30AM – 1:30PM.



**Looking especially for Garden & Plant Sale Volunteers to assist in the Garden Center, Wednesday—10AM—4PM & Sunday—12PM—4PM. We will train. HS Students and all volunteers welcome. Name your hours.**

*Thanks, Brenda Gustafson*



# Partners in Horticulture Education

With the assistance of the St. Lucie County Master Gardeners and PSLBG volunteers, students and Veterans learn basic Horticulture practices while providing community service hours at the garden.

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	<b>WORKSHOPS</b> <b>Workshops: 9:30 – 11:00   Garden Time: 11:15 – 12:15</b> <b>Sturdy closed toe shoes, hat, sunblock, water, and comfortable clothing recommended</b>
Saturday, March 24	<b>Pruning Techniques - The Why, When and How to Prune your trees</b> Lynda Salsbury, Master Gardener and recipient of the Florida Friendly Landscaping award for an outstanding yard
Saturday, April 28	Watch the newsletter for upcoming Partners in Education Workshops
Saturday, May 26	Watch the newsletter for upcoming Partners in Education Workshops

## High School Horticulture Club

Open to all High School students! Add your school logo to our growing Horticulture experience.

Earn Community Service hours!

Contact Jeffrey Policar or Heather Furnari 772-337-1959 for more information.



**Veteran Victory Corps** A horticulture program for Veterans and their family members! Enjoy comradery, hands-on workshops, and opportunities for providing service to your community! VVC meets at 0900 in the Veteran Victory Corps area near the GL Homes Shade House in the Garden Center.

Contact: Judy, American Red Cross – Service to the Armed Forces at [judy.nash-wade@redcross.org](mailto:judy.nash-wade@redcross.org)



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## **Plants are 'hip', Pantone's Ultraviolet is in, and cacti are all the rage as the Tropical Plant International Expo celebrated its 45th year**

Thursday, January 25, 2018 - FNGLA News

TPIE celebrated its 45th year bringing together buyers and sellers of interior plants and related products. Taking place in Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA, the Tropical Plant International Expo this year attracted more than 6,000 industry professionals during its run from January 17-19 at the Broward County Convention Center.

Indoor plants are hip as if it's the 1970's all over again. So, it's no surprise TPIE, the world's most popular tropical and indoor plant trade show, was abuzz with energy and excitement. Wholesale buyers took in the newest selections of cool and beautiful plants now available from production nurseries.

We saw an increase in available succulents and cacti at TPIE from growers. We also saw them utilized by brands in finished products such as living décor elements, container gardens, terrariums and larger specimen being sold in decorative containers as finished patio décor.

Color is always in and TPIE exhibitors provided an abundance of plants offering every color and color combination of the rainbow. Plant breeders continued to bring plants of varying hues, intensities and characteristics to the market - and TPIE did not disappoint in showcasing the newest colors plants are wearing this year. TPIE's New Plants and Products Showcase offered 35 new varieties, many of which were orchids and bromeliads of extravagant colors. With Pantone naming Ultraviolet as the color for 2018, it was easy to find a wide variety of plants which flashed the purple color, including a new purple rose, with real old-fashioned rose scent.

As the first tropical plant show to kick off each year, TPIE annually offers information on 'big picture' trends at its Opening Session and educational sessions. Max Luthy, international consumer trends analyst with TrendWatching, presented to a full house his top insights on current consumer trends – specifically tailored for the plant-selling industry.

Two additional sessions on trends in the marketplace, and two off-site tours of local landscape designs and production nurseries took place the day prior to the opening of the show as part of the TPIE Road Show. Additional sessions and demonstrations also took place on the trade show floor during the show at the TPIE Create Theater area.

A session by Suzi McCoy and Katie McCoy Dubow from the Garden Media Group provided finely-focused trends related to interior plants, wellness and nature. Anyone who took part in any or all of these sessions left with a multitude of ideas and inspiration to connect to today's marketplace and buyer.

TPIE's tagline is Elevating Expectations and it's marvelous to see how our exhibitors show their innovation and creativity through the products they offer and how they display them at the show. Of the 350 plus exhibitors, 15 companies left with a coveted TPIE Booth Award. Yet, many more exhibits were award-worthy.

As the year progresses, it will be gratifying to see how the plants featured at TPIE show up in supermarket floral departments, in garden center foliage sections, in retail super stores, as



florist gifts, in on-line stores, via wholesale distributors to interior designers, and wherever people are searching for that unique and beautiful element of nature, the plant, to bring happiness and wellness into their lives. It's like 1970 all over again, but even better!







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## 2018 FRIENDS' ELECTION RESULTS

The Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens held their annual election on January 29, 2018. Your 2018 elected board is as follows:



President  
Joleen King



Vice President  
Brenda Gustafson



Secretary  
Judy Nash-Wade



Treasurer  
Claire Clark



Director  
Mike Alexander



Director  
Jeff Chambers



Director  
Melinda DeMarco



Director  
Jeffrey Policar



Director  
Glenn Ryals



Director  
Tim Sutton



Director  
Joe Wojcik

### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS . . .

Election Committee:

Finance Committee:

Gift Shop Committee:

Horticulture Committee:

Membership & Volunteer Committee:

Resource Development Committee:

Strategic Planning Committee:

Stephanie  
Alessandrini-Giarraffa  
Claire Clark  
Mike Alexander  
Brenda Gustafson  
Jeff Chambers  
Melinda DeMarco  
Glenn Ryals

A **BIG** Thank You  
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Giarraffa and her  
Election Committee  
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**When:** March 17, 2018  
**Where:** PSL Botanical Gardens  
**Time:** 8:00AM - 12:00PM

**LUNCH Served**

The Gardens need your help to continue keeping your beautiful Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens in perfect shape for all the events we have planned for our wonderful members and guests!



**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.



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**Wednesday**  
**March 7th & 21st**  
**6:30 - 9:30 pm**





# Got Junk In Your Trunk?

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## GARDENS COMMUNITY TRUNK SALE

Saturday • April 14, 2018 • 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!

Contracts must be received by committee by April 11, 2018

*Carry in, carry out policy. Didn't sell everything? All unsold merchandise Must be removed and taken with you: not left, donated or put in our dumpster.*



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# **Ladybug Launch**

**Sunday • April 22, 2017**  
**Noon - 2:00pm**

**Ladybugs are beneficial in nature. Come explore our Gardens as we have fun releasing Ladybugs and discover fun facts about them. PSL Rocks will be on-hand for an afternoon of fun rock painting.**

**This Event is for  
Children Ages  
5 - 12 & families**



**Registration Appreciated  
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