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Gifts of Plants to the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

The continued success of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens is made possible by monetary and in-kind donations from generous sponsors and community members. We currently accept gifts of plants, garden structures and other garden-related materials. However, all gifts must be justifiable in terms of the Garden's mission and policies as determined by the Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.

Donations to Propagation

Most plants can be accepted as donations to our state-licensed plant propagation nursery. When donated plants are sold, 100% of the proceeds go toward the Garden's operating expenses. Plants donated to Propagation may be divided and repotted, used as cuttings to propagate new plants, or sold as is. Plants with identified pests or diseases may not be accepted and will be discarded. Likewise, plants identified as invasive by the <u>United States Department of Agriculture</u> (USDA) or the <u>Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FEPPC)</u> may not be accepted and will be discarded.

Curatorial & Funding Criteria

There is limited space in specific display gardens for new plants and garden structures. There is no general funding allotted for the digging, transportation and re-planting. The Gardens gives priority to plants of known wild origin, recorded and documented provenance and (in the case of cultivated plants) known pedigree. Donors must be willing to incur the expenses related to transportation and relocation.

Only those plants and materials that satisfy all of the necessary curatorial criteria and that can be installed at no-cost to the Garden can be considered. If you have a donation that satisfies the aforementioned criteria, please contact **Joleen King or Michelle Peterson at 772.337.1959** or <u>info@pslbg.org</u>.