

## **HORTICULTURE HOW-TO SEMINARS GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS & 2020**

November through May begins the new season for our highly popular Horticulture How -To Seminars in the Propagation Garden Center. The Friends of the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens continues to offer the monthly workshops for our paid members for free or minimal materials cost. Membership has it perks, as the cost for non-members will be \$35.00 per person.

We kick off the season in November with Paul Renwick's Workshop on 'Wreath Making for the Holidays'. Paul's talent keep both members and guests returning, making this his third year of this successful seminar. There will be a materials charge to Members of \$10.00 per person and a \$35.00 per person for Non-Members. There will also be a chance to win one of Paul's beautiful holidays wreaths. Delights of December and Holiday Fun in the making will be announced soon.

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FRIENDS BOARD MEETING November 11, 2019 4:30pm

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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#### Web: www.pslbg.org

Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm Sunday Noon - 4pm Closed Monday, Tuesday & Some Holidays Suggested Donations: Adults \$5 Students \$2

Children 12 & Under Welcome Free for FPSLBG Members and Active Military with family (IDs required)

#### 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...



Holidays! Please include the PSL Botanical Gardens in your holiday planning this year, whether it's visiting our Gift Shop for unique gift ideas or hosting a tour of YOUR Botanical Gardens on Westmoreland Blvd with visiting friends and family.

One holiday that is celebrated by the PSL Botanical Gardens is Arbor Day, observed in January in Florida. We have a traditional tree planting and observance of memorials and dedications received from members and the public. A simple, dignified ceremony will be held January 17, 2020. As you gather with friends and family during this holiday season, consider remembering those whose memory you hold dear at the January Arbor Day celebration. There is a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Watch for more information in the December newsletter.

Please enjoy this holiday season from your Friends at the PSL Botanical Gardens. Thank you.

Joleen King President



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# Horticulture How-To Series

#### Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Propagation Center

Our 2020 Horticulture How-To Seminar Lineup will also include the following seminars with date and times to be announced soon.

- **Master Gardener Vegetable Gardening:** Our expert will show you the basics of starting a vegetable garden. Vegetable Gardening in Florida is a whole lot different then other of parts country and we get many questions of what, where, when and how to plant a vegetable garden He will help you with starting a vegetable garden and he's really great at growing really delicious tomatoes too!
- **Bromeliads**: Great plant in Florida. What do you want to know about Bromeliads? We have a Bromeliad expert who will do a workshop in the Bromeliad Garden. She has been working with Bromeliads for many years' and can answer many questions you may have about growing and maintaining Bromeliads.
- Sip and Sow Workshop: Don't have a lot of time to have a traditional garden? Join us for a cup of coffee as you learn what vegetables and herbs will grow in small spaces. UF/IFAS Extension staff will show you how to make your own self-watering container, ideal for lettuce, tomatoes and herbs and perfect for busy individuals.
- How to start and maintain your own Cactus Garden: If you have stopped by our beautiful Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, you will see a work of art. This expert will answer all your questions and concerns to create a beautiful Cactus Garden. This workshop will be held in the Cactus Garden.
- You can have a successful Rose Garden in your Florida yard: This expert has over 100 rose bushes that he grows in his yard plus manages the Rose Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach. He is assisting with the redesign and update of our own rose garden at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. The workshop will be held in the Rose Garden.

To compliment our How-To Seminars we are bringing back the Children's Workshop full force in 2020. Coordinated by Illona Christie for many years', the workshops will continue to combine education and fun. They will also include our annual April Ladybug Launch, which has become a tradition at The Gardens.

Mary Petrone, Educator, Member and volunteer in our Butterfly Garden is ready and willing to lead this endeavor in 2020. Mary has much to offer from her many years as an educator to children. Part of our Gardens mission is Horticulture education to adults and children. Children are our future and a very important part of the Gardens.

Article by Brenda Gustafson



#### Plants are moving up in the Garden Center!

The Garden Center looks Super! More and more plant lovers are finding that we are the place to go for plants. YES, WE SELL PLANTS! Our plants are 99.9% propagated from cuttings around the Gardens. Thanks to our Propagation Co-Chair Ben Woodward, Dale Johnson and our dedicated volunteers. We have a full nursery of a variety of plants at very reasonable prices. Now that Fall is here and it's not so hot, you can start planting again. Take advantage of our low prices and our large variety of plants. You'll be supporting the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens with every purchase. **Members - 10% OFF - SEE FALL OFFERS ON PAGE 6.** 

We are sprucing up the Propagation Area and are still looking for donations of one-gallon pots.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** 

If you'd like to join us and have some fun too stop by the Garden Center!



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# THANK YOU

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Suzanne Zeno pictured below for her plant and pots donation. And, to all of you who have so generously donated to the Garden Center. It would be great

when you leave them off that you add the name. Remember, no invasive plants.



Bus Trip



#### Young Tortoise Builds New Home

A very unusual place to start your new home, but he/she thinks its quite special!

Remember, the tortoise is protected, so be careful.

See if you can find him in the Garden.

Join the Rio Lindo Garden Club for a great road trip to Naples Botanical Gardens. Don't miss this opportunity to explore an award winning jewel in Florida's crown of attractions.

Ticket includes bus transport and entrance to the Gardens.

Brown bag bus trip-pack your lunch, your snacks, nibbles to share. Food service is available at the Naples Botanical Garden if you prefer to enjoy lunch at their Fogg Cafe.

Invite your friends to join the members of the Rio Lindo Garden Club. The more, the merrier!

Bus will leave the PSL Botanical Gardens at 7 am.



For tickets and information, contact Linda Trottier (772.879.4443 .. drtrottiers@comcast.net)

Naples Botanical Garden

Sponsored by the Rio Lindo Garden Club of PSL

Monday, December 2, 2019

\$55 per person



## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR THE PSLBG 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Please consider running for Board of Directors of the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens

Click on this LINK for the Intent to be a Candidate form, and qualifications to run. Forms will also be available at the office or contact Stephanie Alessandrini-Giarraffa, Election Committee Chair at info@pslbg.org.

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3 <sup>rd</sup>	FPSLBG Budget Retreat	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Members Only
4 <sup>th</sup>	Art Show Committee Meeting	3:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
4 <sup>th</sup>	River Vista HOA Board Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Welcome
6 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wacky Weeders	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	All Welcome
10 <sup>th</sup>	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rio Lindo Club Board Meeting	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Members Welcome
11 <sup>th</sup>	FPSLBG Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Members Welcome
12 <sup>th</sup>	PSL Orchid Society Meeting	12:00 - 3:00 pm	All Welcome
12 <sup>th</sup>	Master Naturalists Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
13 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
13 <sup>th</sup>	Master Gardeners Meeting	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Members Welcome
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
14 <sup>th</sup>	Moonraker 2020 Gala Planning Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 pm	All Welcome
14 <sup>th</sup>	PSL Angler's Meeting	5:30 - 9:30 pm	All Welcome
17 <sup>th</sup>	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
17 <sup>th</sup>	Daylily Society Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sandpiper Community Board Meeting	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
19 <sup>th</sup>	Korean War Veterans TCC106 Meeting	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Members Welcome
20 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
21 <sup>st</sup>	Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 pm	All Welcome
23 <sup>rd</sup>	How-To Seminar: Holiday Wreath Making	11:00 am - 12:30pm	Members \$10 Non-Members \$35
24 <sup>th</sup>	Crosstown Chapel Sunday Service	9:30 - 11:45 am	All Welcome
25 <sup>th</sup>	Rio Lindo Garden Club Monthly Meeting	12:30 - 4:00 pm	All Welcome
25 <sup>th</sup>	TC Bromeliad Society & Tropicals	5:30 - 9:00 pm	Members Welcome
26 <sup>th</sup>	PSL Historical Society Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Members Welcome
26 <sup>th</sup>	Tarpon Bay Villas HOA Board Meeting	6:00 - 9:00 pm	HOA Members Welcome
27 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Spanish Class	10:00 - 11:30 am	All Welcome
27 <sup>th</sup>	German American Board Meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Members Welcome
27 <sup>th</sup>	Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Jazz Jams	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$7 Donation, \$6 Members
<b>28</b> <sup>th</sup>	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	GARDENS CLOSED	



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# **UF IFAS Extension** UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

University of Florida IFAS Extension Central Florida Gardening Calendar - November

## What to Plant

**Annuals/Bedding plants**: Create a display of fall colors with cool-season plants. Some examples include impatiens, strawflower, cape daisy, and pansy. **See** *Annuals*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_annual\_landscape\_plants</u>

**Bulbs**: Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and the many varieties of elephant's ear. **See** *Bulbs for Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_bulbous\_flowers</u>

**Herbs**: Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs like cooler, dryer weather, including cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley, sage, and thyme. **See** *Herbs*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_herbs</u>

**Vegetables**: Lots of choices exist for November including beans, broccoli, kale, snow/English peas, and strawberries. **See** *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic vegetable gardening

### What to Do

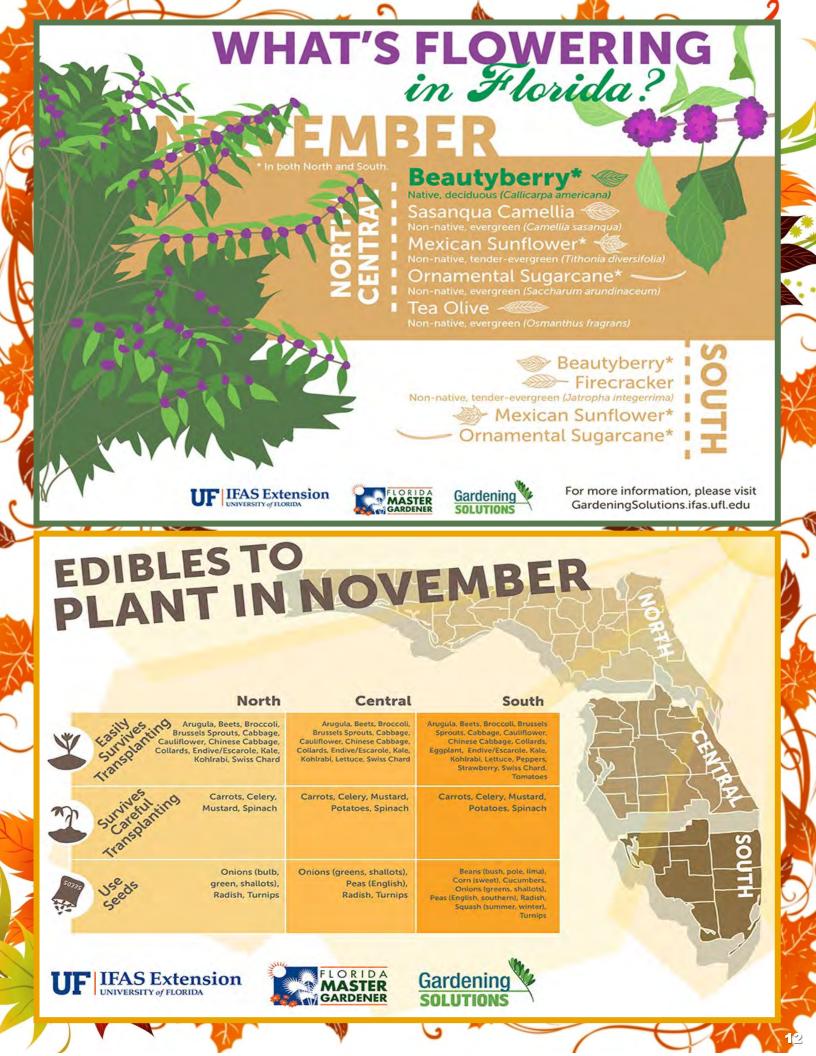
**Perennials**: Divide and replant overgrown perennials and bulbs now so that they establish before the coolest weather arrives. **See** *Seeds and Propagation (Lawn and Garden)*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_garden\_propagation</u>

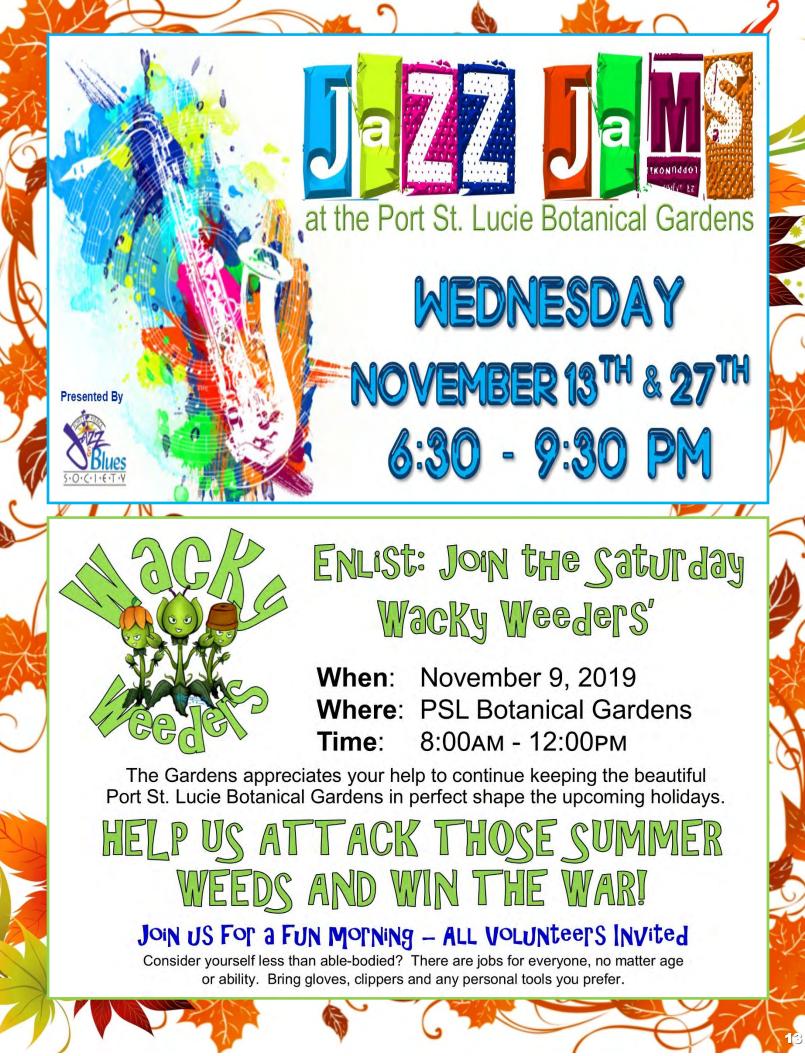
**Lawns**: Watch for brown patch and large patch until May. These fungal diseases cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key. **See** *Turf Diseases*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_turf\_diseases</u>

**Scale insects**: Take advantage of lower temperatures to apply horticultural oil sprays to control scale insects. **See** *Landscape Pest Management*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</u> topic\_landscape\_pests

**Irrigation**: Turn off systems and water only if needed. Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. **See** *Landscape Irrigation*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_landscape\_irrigation</u>

**Poinsettias**: Watch for hornworms on poinsettias planted in the landscape. This pest can quickly defoliate a plant. Handpick or treat only the infested area. **See** *Poinsettias*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_poinsettia</u>





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AW. MOM! SUNLIGHT AGAIN?

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BIRCH.

I'm not sure how many plants it takes to be happy, but so far it's not fifty seven.

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BOTANY

Why couldn't the gardener plant

any flowers!

IT SAYS, "SHOWERS EXPECTED," BUT THERE'S

NOT A CLOUD IN

THE SKY ...

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I need to go to the garden center. I don't know what for but I'll figure it out when I get there.



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Seen Around The Gardens & Beyond



Skull Head Candle Display created by Cynthia Bustin and arranged by Laura Mehr. Coffin made by Gene Kovacs, Landscape Committee. Gene can create anything. Binnie is trying it out or is she trying to get out!

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Design by Laura Mehr & Gene Kovacs, Landscape Committee

ANDE

Event Planners Heather and Melinda assist with Halloween wedding plans for soon to be newlyweds. We do it all at the Gardens.

Getting ready for BOOtanical Halloween, October 31st at the Gardens. Our Mascot, Glenn is all set to roam the Gardens Halloween Night.

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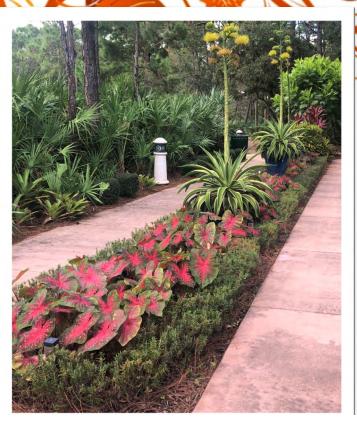
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Pavilion Walkway with new refresh of lots of Caladiums. Check out the flowering Agave. Everything Looking really beautiful





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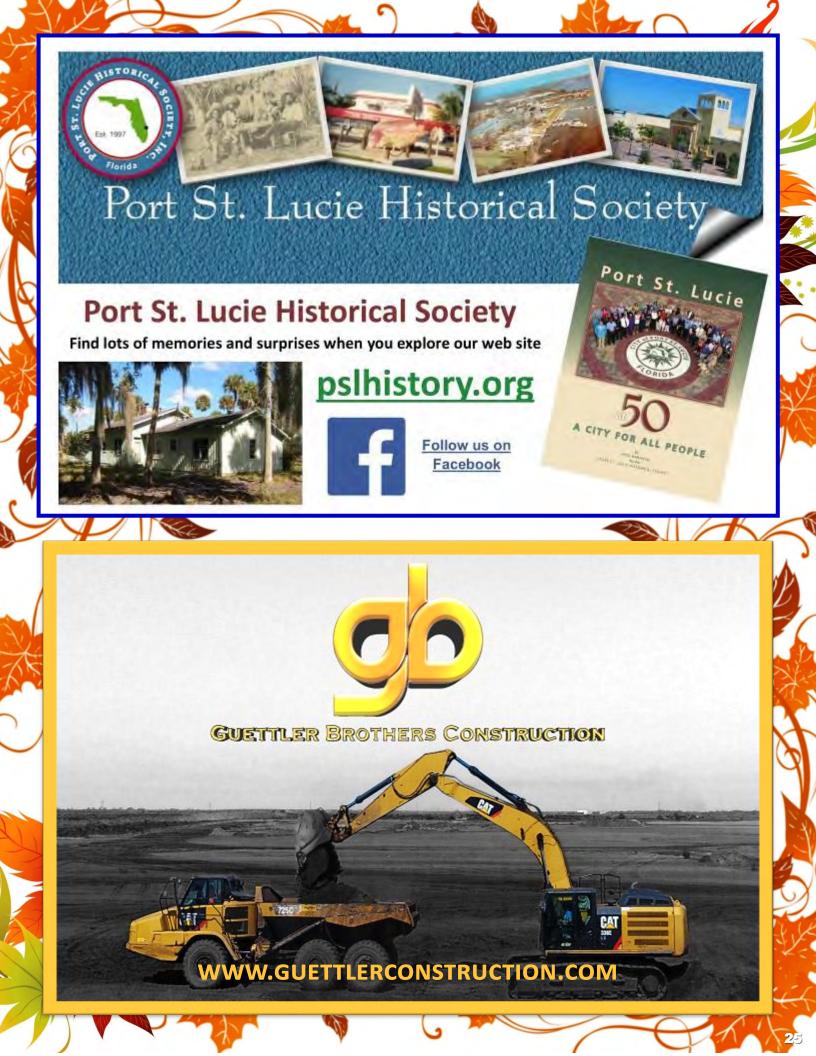
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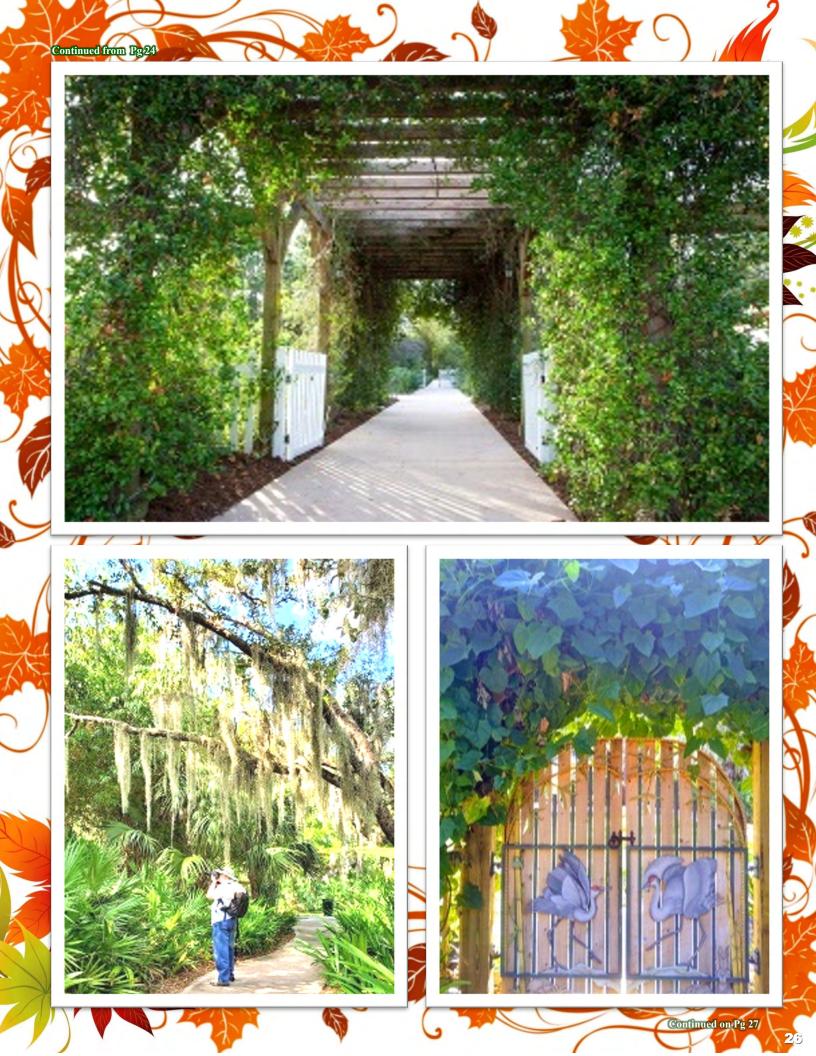
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#### **UNIQUE & DELIGHTFUL HOLIDAY WREATHS**



Bring on the Holiday Season with Paul Renwick's Fantastic Workshop WREATH MAKING

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11am – 12:30pm This Workshop will teach you how to create fabulous wreaths and centerpieces for your Holiday displays.

Cost: **\$10 for Members -or-\$35 for Non-Members** (Includes 1-year Membership)

#### You will have a chance to Win an arrangement

If you have enjoyed the stunning flower arrangements displayed in our pavilion, then you will not want to miss the three educational workshops planned for this upcoming Holiday Season presented by Paul Renwick. Paul, a long time floral designer, event planner, and owner of a Floral Design Shop in Alameda, California, worked with many of the Hollywood stars planning and designing their weddings and special events. He was chosen to create the Presentation Bouquets, flower arrangements and decorations for the 1992 World Skating Championships, held in Oakland, California. His special gardening talents have added to the ambience of the Friends of the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens. As a member and volunteer, he assisted with the Seasonal Walkway and the Propagation/Garden Center, as well as served on our Landscaping Committee. **Be sure to sign up early!** 



#### **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**





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