



LEAF NEWSLETTER

Apollo Beach Garden Club, Inc. 2017

April 2022 - Edition #28

"Just Keep on Planting"



PAULA OLESEN, CLUB PRESIDENT

President's Corner



Our Plant Sale has come and gone, although plants, bushes, trees still line our Community Forest Garden. This sale was our best yet, with continues sales at Jen's Market and other sales. There is discussion of another Saturday sale, but we do have an alternative and that is to do some plantings along the walls of

the buildings in the park. We have the Staff's permission to do that project.

I want to thank all the volunteers that made the plant sale possible and a great success. That includes members of the garden, club, student volunteers and park staff. Our sponsors were awesome and the donations were above and beyond the usual. Special thanks to Keep It Green, Third Insight Design, Kerby's Nursery, PG Houghton, Bees4Sam, Palma Sola Botanical Park & all the members who donated plants.

I find this lovely weather has me out redoing my gardens at home, creating new ones, getting potted plants into the ground and steadily doing away with the weedy/grass that is my back yard. Plants in the ground need less watering and no toppling of pots in the strong winds. As I write, we are waiting for the storm tonight that may hang over us through Saturday and that's no April Fool's joke. The rain is welcomed, but damaging storms are dreaded.

The Friends of the Park have provided the soil, black cow and peat to fill the row boat to become the Children's Garden. Holes were drilled in the boat bottom and the soil, peat and black cow added

into the boat hull with Angela and the park's staff helping last Saturday. The Staff's plan is to have a Friday morning group of the young tots to plant a section and then provide care to harvest. The summer camp children will also be worked in it.

Most of Vince's donation of his orchids have found new homes. All members who wanted one have it. A friend of the garden, Barbara, has added many to her collection. The remaining Vanda's are hanging happily in the "Strawberry Tree's" limbs.

There is much coming up in April with the Sugar Cane Pressing workshop on Saturday, April 16, 9 am- 11 am presented by Raleigh & Annie. (See flyer)

The meeting on April 19 at 7pm provides an opportunity for members and guests to bring questions about gardening, specific plants, tree issues. Annie & Raleigh will lead the discussion the first 45 minutes. The business meeting will follow. A Board meeting will precede the meeting at 6 PM. Board meetings are open meetings to members.

Let me leave you with this:

"Modern Life is stressful, polarized, politicized, virtual and overwhelming. The solution is ----- Plants."

Joseph Tychonievich who studied horticulture, plant breeding, and genetics at the Ohio State University and was the nursery manager at Arrowhead Alpines, a premier rock garden nursery in Fowlerville, Michigan. He is also the editor of *Rock Garden Quarterly*. *Organic Gardening Magazine* called him one of "six young horticulturalists who are helping to shape how America gardens."

Paula

Paula Olesen 813 512-1389



Gardening in March and April

Care of a Vanda Orchid

Now you have a **Vanda orchid**, it's got this blade like foliage and a mass of roots either attached to a piece of wood, or roots clutching a plastic basket.



It may be just bare roots waiting for you to decide what works for you and your environment.

*Basic needs of **the Vanda** are water, air circulation, a non-abrasive medium and light (bright, but not direct sunlight).

If the roots are to remain bare and **the Vanda** hung by a wire hanger then those roots need a misting, usually every day to meet the 'water' requirement. If you have a greenhouse or very humid climate bare roots are fine. You'll know if the roots are happy if they are greenish in color. Pale, gray roots mean it's very thirsty & unhappy!!!

So, you don't have time, or the desire, to mist every day, here's how to do an alternative method – 'potting.'

Remember the basics – water and air circulation. Get an orchid pot that will fit the circled roots. It can be clay or a decorative ceramic pot, be sure it is clean. While getting your supplies together soak **the Vanda** in water (I usually use this opportunity for adding a bit of a fungicide to the water) for ½ hour. Purpose is to soften the roots so they are pliable for the potting to prevent damage and breakage.

Now the fun part. Check the roots and with clean snippers (sprayed with alcohol to disinfect) cut off any damaged or dead roots. Leave healthy roots, at least 3. If you have decided to pot versus just hang

plain rooted, mounted or in a wood basket, then here is the procedure.

--Have your new bark medium ready. Take a big handful of sphagnum moss into warm water to dampen.

--Put a layer of sphagnum moss in the bottom of the pot to act as a wick to draw water up into the medium for the roots.

--Then gently wrap the roots in a circular manner to fit into the pot. Now add a layer of bark medium, alternating with the sphagnum moss.

Make sure each has contact with the layer below.

--On the last layer of moss add a small amount of a slow-release fertilizer. **Vandas** are not heavy feeders.

--Your last layer is the bark medium. Looks nice and helps prevent algae on the exposed sphagnum. Fill your pot and cover most of the roots. If a few are exposed that's alright. New roots form off the stem and can remain exposed.

--Place your pot on a plastic or ceramic saucer to catch the extra water, (clay will leave a water stain, unless glazed) You don't need to water today as roots are already wet. When you do every 2-3 days, leave the water in the saucer to wick up into the pot. Place in a well-lit area.

You should not have to re-pot for 2 years. Potting takes place after flowering or in the spring when orchid is actively growing.

There is a nice You Tube, step by step: *Growing Vanda Orchids in Pots – Thoughts & Repotting*

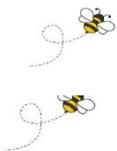
Happy Gardening, Paula



All About Bees



Sam Goodwin
The Beekeeper



This month's focus is on mouse guards, robbing screens, wet sheets, and controlling bee wars.

Mouse Guards. A Mouse Guard is either a commercially purchased or a sheet of half-inch square hardware cloth that gives bees enough space to enter a hive but too small for a mouse. Mouse Guards are installed for cold weather and removed in the spring. Mice will be looking for a way to stay warm in cold weather and may move into a beehive (not common, but possible in Florida). To keep their brood alive, bees will form a cluster around the queen, brood and vibrate their wing muscles to generate heat. Mice will sometimes take advantage of this and take up residence below the cluster for the heat and the food supply (honey and pollen). Bees seldom break from the cluster to stay healthy until it warms up. The problem is mice will eat the bee's food and spoil the hive environment by their nesting, urinating and excrement. If the mice make things bad enough, the bees will abscond. On the other hand, once the hive is warm, the mice will be attacked by the bees. I add Mouse Guards if the temperature is expected to drop to 30-40 degrees for several days.

Robbing Screens. Robbing Screens are used to reduce beehive-on-beehive robbing between weak and strong beehives. Robbing Screens are either a commercially purchased or a sheet of one/eight-inch hardware cloth that blocks direct entry and/or reduces beehive entry size. During nectar flows bees are normally calm, easy to work with and pretty much ignore nearby beehives. After the nectar flow stops, bees get protective and look at weaker beehives to rob their honey stores for the upcoming Winter. Battles

sometimes break out between defenders and attackers and the stronger hive will steal the honey and move it to their own beehive. This leaves the weaker hive without Winter food and their survival is doubtful. Attackers always take the direct approach to the hive entrance, blocking the direct entrance with hardware cloth and/or reducing the entrance provides defenders an advantage that will normally be enough to control robbing. After the nectar flow, I always add Robbing Screens to my weaker hives to reduce robbing.

Wet Sheets and Bee Wars. What happens if you observe a hive under attack by another hive? It will be easy to determine as bees will be openly fighting on the landing platform, rolling around on the ground in front of the beehive and you'll see dead or dying bees. Throwing a wet sheet over the hive or hanging a wet towel in front of the beehive under attacked will sometimes help and if that doesn't work turn on a sprinkler. If you know which hive is the aggressor, you could remove their hive lid to force them home to defend their own hive. The best solution is to install Robbing Screens before you experience a bee war.

As always--Be a Bee-keeper not a Bee-Haver. Next month I plan to cover extracting honey.



This is a commercial Mouse Guard you install over the regular hive entrance; the holes are small enough to block mice while allowing bees to pass through. Stapling flat, half-

inch, hardware cloth over regular entrance works too. If it gets cold enough, beekeepers may have to install a Mouse Guard and Robbing Screen to the same hive.



This is a commercial Robbing Screen for a five-frame hive (Nuc). The regular entrance is on the bottom leading directly into

the hive. Before robbing activity happens you open the top entrance and close the bottom. Attacking bees will always try a direct attack near the bottom entrance where the smell of honey is greater. The defending bees will have the advantage of guarding a smaller entrance with fewer attackers.



This is homemade Robbing Screen made from sheet of one/eight-inch hardware cloth bent in a "W" shape. These Robbing

Screens are stapled to the landing pad and bee box leaving a one-inch square hole several inches away from the real entrance. Just like the commercial version attacking bees will always try a direct attack where the screen blocks them. The defending bees will have the advantage of guarding a smaller entrance with fewer attackers.



APOLLO BEACH GARDEN CLUB Meeting minutes March 15,2022

ATTENDANCE: Paula Olesen, Jill Conson, Aimee Thompson, Cindy Hoos, Rita Theodora, Nancy Alexander,

Ev & Janie Barnes, Cindy Platt, Raleigh Barnes, Annie Jimenez, Jeanette Doyle, Chris Deno, Paris Tooten, Joanne Armstrong

Meeting called to order by Paula Olesen at 7pm.

Speaker Rita Theodora, Master Gardener introduced herself & her canning presentation "Preserving Your Harvest".

Motion to accept minutes of February 15,2022 made by Chris Deno, second Jill Conson, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of bank statement \$5776.20, plant sale total \$3682.00. Motion to accept report Tammy Kennedy, second Cindy Hoos. Motion carries.

Events:

- At Jen's Market Plant Swap, Sunday, March 20: we will sell our available plants.
- Raleigh Barnes would like vendors to be able to participate with our annual sale. Tammy Kennedy requested any questions placed on paper and these will be consolidated concerning future sale, vendors, dates etc.

Newsletter: Jeanette Doyle would like all articles/photos submitted before the first of the month. If any information is seen please send directly to Jeanette.



Programs:

- **April** is "Bring Those Gardening Questions, Whatever They May Be" presented by Annie and Raleigh.
- **May** is a Tampa Bay Bats program presented by Francine Prager
- For the trip to **Sarasota Garden Club Tour of Gardens of Paradise**, we have 6 people interested in attending.
- **Garden:** Any ideas please write down and these will be presented at the next meeting. **Shade cloth** calls are still being made for pricing. Poles are erected. Darlene will move forward concerning the soil for the children's garden. Schematic irrigation plan is available in the shed if any work is to be done. Planting around the community center to beautify the area is on the list. Look into a soft sale for the rest of our plants, no date set. Greg and Darlene are again informed that mulch and soil are still needed. Please no straw in the compost bins. Ant Pro is the one single approach to kill the ant colonies. We are to fertilize the garden by the 3rd week of March. Chicken manure and Azomite along with mulch will be a work day for the garden with no date set.

**Please note: On membership meeting dates:
Board Meeting at 6 pm & presenter at 7 pm.**
All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting.

*Submitted by:
Joanne Armstrong, Secretary*

Attention !!

HELP THE GARDEN FIND OUR UMBRELLA POLES

We were going to put up the umbrellas for our Saturday workday and we could not find the bottom 1/2 of both poles. Does anyone have an idea where they could be, besides the shed?

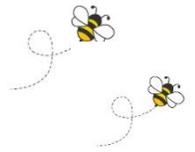


The "Apollo Beach Community Garden" is now of Instagram.

Please follow us to see the latest photos of the garden, our workdays and the fun that we are having.



*Need ABG members to
volunteer
to help maintain
the community garden!!*



Upcoming events:

Hillsborough county is offering 2 events:

Recycle your Yard and Recycled Yard Art

April 9th 2022 from 9-10:00 a.m.
via zoom/or in person. \$5.00.

*There are a number of interesting topics being taught at local IFAS extension offices. *Most extension classes are free.*

ABGC Garden Coordinators



Tammy Kennedy



Mark DeFazio

Update for Shade sail. We are still collecting bids now that the structures are in. Each company has their own requirements slowing down the communication and progress with deciding which is the best quality, warranty, etc. I assure you something will be decided sooner rather than later. The good news is despite their slow responses, most say 2-3 week turn around currently.

Volunteer opportunities.

- Water all plants not in a bed
- Spread mulch throughout garden, between beds and outside front of fence (perimeter of garden)
- Weed garden inside and outside fence line
- Organize pots and trays behind shed
- Organize shed and put plant sale signs behind the open shelving
- Clean all tools and use file to sharpen if you know how to do that
- Turn compost in bins



Lunch & Learn:

Sprinkler System Maintenance

Wed, April 6, 12pm – 1pm.

Hillsborough County 744-5519.

<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/hillsborough>

5339 County Rd., 579 Seffner, Fl.

Sarasota County has a new lineup of classes (not just garden related) posted on their website

<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasota>

We will be scheduling a **workday**, so check your emails. We need to fertilize trees, shrubs, etc. before the heat gets too bad.

Have a great day!

Tammy Kennedy/ Mark DeFazio
Your Garden Coordinators





**When: April 19, 2022
at 7 PM**

**Where: Activity Building,
664 Golf & Sea Blvd, Apollo Beach**

Join us for an open question and answer session related to all matters gardening with Raleigh Barnes and Annie Jimenez, members & owners of Third Insight Design.

Topics can be: *farming, agriculture, food sovereignty, sustenance, different organic agriculture,

*methodologies, permaculture,

*food forests, forest gardens,

*productive garden design,

*tips and tricks and everything related to the Community Forest Garden and our member's experiences.

This session is an opportunity for newcomers to get to ask anything and better understand how the Club and Garden function. It is also an opportunity for more experienced members to deepen their knowledge about gardening and particularly growing useful plants in Florida.

Bring a guest and your questions

ABGC Calendar of Events

Our Next membership meeting:

Tuesday, **April 19th** @ 7pm

Our next program will be a **Raleigh & Annie's Garden Form** for a question/answers. This will be an **open question and answer session** related to all matters gardening. It is also an opportunity for more experienced members to deepen their knowledge about gardening and particularly growing useful plants in Florida @ 644 Golf to Sea Blvd. Annie



Club Dues for 2021-2022 are due:

We welcome you all back and hope to add a few new members. Plans are in the making for a fun filled year of gardening, learning, making new friends and enjoying a few field trips along the way. Please let us know your suggestions for activities of your interests.

Club Dues \$15 and FFGC \$12.

We recommend you join both organizations. The FFGC has quarterly magazine you will receive and our ABGC benefits by you joining. The total for both is \$27. Check made out to the **Apollo Beach Garden Club** & mailed to PO Box 3294, Apollo Beach, FL 33572. Or, you may pay at our next membership meeting.

Tuesday, **May 17th** @ 7PM

Next is **Francine Prager** of Tampa Bay Bats, a bat rescue organization. She will speak about bat conservation & the role bats play in a garden setting. @ 644 Golf to Sea Blvd.



Tuesday, **June 21st** @ 7PM

Our speaker will be **Robert Northrop**, Extension Forester for the University of Florida IFAS Extension Hillsborough @ 644 Golf to Sea Blvd



The Community Forest Garden raised beds are available to any South Shore resident to lease for the year. You are required to come spend 1-2 hours in the garden with our co-coordinators to learn the expectation of being a lease, before your lease form is accepted.

Payment: You may deliver in person or mailed to Apollo Beach Garden Club, PO Box 3294, **Lease fee** is \$75.00. But if you are a paid member of the Apollo Beach Garden Club for 2021-2022, the lease fee is only \$37.50.

Questions - please contact Paula

813 512-1389 apollobeachgardenclub@gmail.com

Taking Flight:

Trees and Bird Conservation



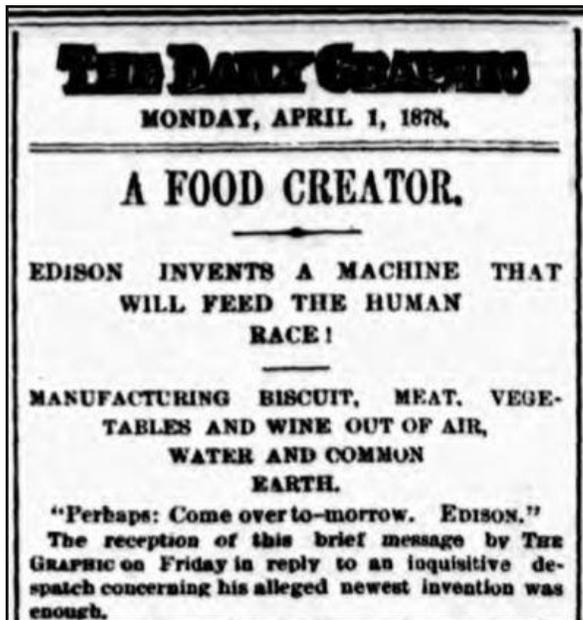
Apollo Beach 2022

Rob Northrop **UF** IFAS Extension
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Ethics, Conservation, Science

Apollo Beach, FL 33572.

April Fool 😊



After Thomas Edison invented the phonograph in 1877, Americans were quite willing to believe there was no limit to his genius. They were sure he could solve any problem he focused his powerful mind on. Therefore, when the *New York Graphic* announced in 1878 that Edison had invented a machine capable of transforming soil directly into cereal and water directly into wine, thereby ending the problem of world hunger, it found a willing audience of believers.

Newspapers throughout America copied the article unquestioningly and heaped lavish praise on Edison. The conservative *Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*, in particular, waxed eloquent about Edison's genius in an editorial that dwelled upon the good fortune of a man like Edison having been born in the progressive nineteenth century when his genius could be



appreciated. "Let steady-going people whose breath has been taken away by the pace we seem to be driving at just now, take heart therefore," it declared. "And be thankful that the genius of true benefactors of the race, like Edison, cannot now be crippled and blighted by superstition and bigotry, as it was when Galileo was forced to recant the awful heresy that two and two make four."

Sunflowers

In Denver, an unknown prankster transformed stop signs into giant flowers. It was suspected to be the work of "a recent arrival from neighboring Kansas, the sunflower state." [Spokane Daily Chronicle - Apr 2, 1958]



Whistling Carrots

(April Fool's Day - 2002)

The British supermarket chain Tesco published an advertisement in *The Sun* announcing the successful development of a genetically modified 'whistling carrot.' The ad explained that the carrots had been engineered to grow with tapered airholes in their side. When fully cooked, these airholes caused the vegetable to whistle.





COMPANION PLANTING

This chart will help you with which plants grow well together and which to plant far apart.

VEGGIE / HERB	PLANT BUDDIES Plant Close By	PLANT BULLIES Plant Far Away / Repels
 Beans	Cabbage, Corn, Cucumber, Eggplant, Lavender, Strawberries, Sunflowers	Garlic, Onions, Fennel
 Beets	Beans, Cabbage, Garlic, Lettuce, Onions	None
 Broccoli, Cauliflower	Beets, Celery, Dill, Garlic, Geraniums, Onions, Potatoes, Rosemary, Sage	Beans, Peppers, Tomatoes
 Calendula	Tomatoes (Repels tomato worms)	None - Calendula is a natural pest deterrent so should be planted through your garden
 Carrots	Chives, Leeks, Lettuce, Peas, Rosemary, Sage, Wormwood	Cabbage, Fennel, Strawberries
 Chiles	Cabbage, Corn	Plant on garden borders to repel flying pests
 Corn	Amaranth, Beans, Cucumbers, Legumes, Marigolds, Melons, Parsley, Peas, Pumpkins, Squash, Sunflowers	Cabbage, Celery, Tomatoes
 Eggplant	Calendula, Marigold, Mint, Peas	None
 Fennel	Not a good companion plant. Plant where your dog like to hang out	Beans, Carrots. Repels fleas
 Lettuce	Beans, Carrots, Cucumbers, Radishes, Strawberries	Celery, Parsley
 Melons	Corn, Marigolds, Pumpkin, Radish, Squash	Other melon varieties (to prevent cross-pollination)
 Nasturtium	Tomatoes, Corn	Repels white flies and spider mites
 Onions, Garlic	Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Lettuce, Strawberries, Tomatoes	Beans, Leeks, Parsley, Peas
 Peas	Grows well with most veggies and herbs	Onions, Garlic
 Peppers	Basil, Carrots, Eggplant, Geranium, Onion, Tomatoes	Beans, Cabbage, Kale
 Potatoes	Beans, Cabbage, Coriander, Corn, Eggplant, Marigolds	Cucumbers, Melons, Pumpkins, Squash, Sunflowers, Tomatoes
 Rosemary	Beans, Cabbage, Carrots, Sage	Deters flying pests
 Spinach	Broad Beans, Peas, Strawberries	None
 Strawberries	Bean, Lettuce, Onion, Spinach, Thyme	Cabbage
Thyme	Cabbage	Deters cabbage worm.
Tomatoes	Basil, Borage, Calendula, Carrots, Celery, Chives, Geranium, Oregano, Parsley, Nasturtium	Cabbage, Fennel, Potatoes
Wormwood / Absinthe	Plant around garden edges	Keeps many animals out of the garden. Repels white flies
Yarrow	Plant throughout garden	Repels soil nematodes, aphids, bean beetles

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Community Calendar



ORCHID AUCTION

Presented By
Tampa Orchid Club

At USF Botanical Gardens
12210 USF Pine Dr.

Saturday - April 2nd

9:30 a.m. Plant Preview
10 a.m. AUCTION BEGINS

~Auctioneer~
AOS Judge - Laura Newton

FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
Orchid Basket Drawing

Refreshments
ORCHID SUPPLIES
Cash - Check - Credit

"The Gardens" is one block N on Bruce B. Downs, from the Fowler Ave. intersection.
Turn E on USF Pine and Left on Alumni Dr. Entrance Gate is on the left, parking on right

www.tampaorchidclub.shutterfly.com



Please give ideas and/or topics for programs & field trips to Jeanette or Jill



SOUTH FLORIDA

USF BOTANICAL GARDENS

Spring

2022 PLANT FESTIVAL

WHEN	COST
<p>April 9th & 10th 10:00am - 3:00pm <small>members get in 30 min earlier</small></p>	<p>\$5 Admissions <small>members get in free kids 12 & under are free</small></p>

12210 USF Pine Drive, Tampa, FL 33612

OVER 30 VENDORS

BIGGEST PLANT FESTIVAL
IN THE TAMPA BAY AREA

FREE PARKING, CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS, & LECTURES

Workshop

Southern Sweet Sugar

Saccharum officinarum processing,
cultivation and uses



WHERE & WHEN?

Apollo Beach Community Forest Garden
664 Golf and Sea Blvd,
Apollo Beach
FL 33572

Saturday, April 16th, 2022
from 9:00am-11:00am

WHAT?

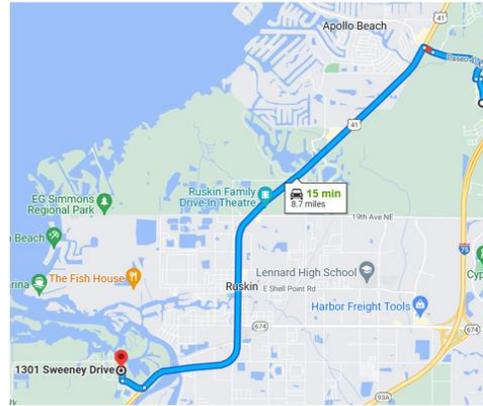
- Press and taste fresh sugarcane juice from canes grown on-site
- Learn how to peel sugarcane, clean your teeth with it and plant canes
- Learn about its uses, history, sugar extraction and preservation

HOW?

A donation of \$5 is suggested.



Gulf City Growers 1301 Sweeney Dr. Ruskin (813) 857-4820
 New – on FACEBOOK



Monday: CLOSED
 Tuesday:
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Wednesday:
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Thursday:
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Friday:
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Saturday:
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Sunday:
 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

*Honoring the struggling,
 suffering Ukrainian
 citizens*



April 16th Plaza Bella Plant Sale

Saturday, April 16th 9am-1pm

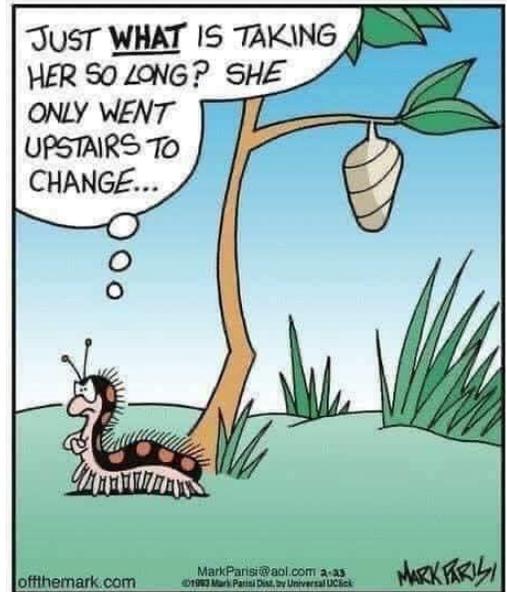
Join us Saturday, April 16th for a variety of tropical plants, aroids, carnivorous plants, succulents, cactus, herbs and more! We will be enjoying all the plants Florida has to offer in the parking lot of Plaza Bella from 9am-1pm.

This event is sponsored by The Green Boutique located at:

1032 Bloomingdale Ave.
 Valrico, FL 33596

Hosted by The Green Boutique with the following plant vendors

- Critter Companions
- Southern Blooms LLC
- Mad Plants
- Randy's Bromeliads
- 3 Seasons Growers
- Plants with Attitude
- Tropical Garden
- LadyBug Plants and Flowers
- Quality Plants
- Paradise Found Nursery
- Terra Fate
- Pot Jewelry by Rewine
- Humble Nursery
- My Crazy Plant Life
- Beach Shack Chic
- And more!!



REGISTRATION
DISTRICT VIII SPRING MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

'Spring Tea' in Tampa Bay
Davis Islands Garden Club
81 Columbia Dr., Tampa, 33606

Registration and coffee start at 9:00 am Call to order 10:00 am
Registration Fee: \$30.00 checks payable to Davis Islands Garden Club
DEADLINE- WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2022 (No refunds after April 30)

Mail registration to :

Sondra Heiken Phone:
919-345-6793
450 West Davis Blvd. E-mail
Tampa, FL 33606 questions/concerns:
sheiken@nc.rr.com

Your

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Garden Club _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

address _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Please check ALL categories that apply to you. (Information needed for
Credentials Report)

_____ National Officer _____ Former National Office

_____ FFGC Officer _____ FFGC Committee Chair

_____ Former FFGC President – Years _____

_____ District Director

_____ District Board Member (Officers and Committee Chair)

_____ Former District Director- Years _____

_____ Garden Club Member _____ Circle President

DELEGATE-PLEASE CHECK DELEGATE IF:

You are a Club or Circle President

You are attending in place of your Club or Circle President OR

You were selected to be a delegate by your Garden Club President OR

You are a District VIII Officer or Committee Chairman OR

You are an FFGC Officer or FFGC Chairman living in District VIII OR

You are a former FFGC President or former District VIII Director living in District VIII

_____ Alternate (selected by your Garden Club or Circle as an Alternate)

_____ District VIII Club / Circle member _____ Visitor / Guest



CALL
FLORIDA FEDERATION
OF GARDEN CLUBS
DISTRICT VIII SPRING
MEETING THURSDAY,
MAY 12, 2022



FROM: Kitty Wallace, Director, District VIII

TO: District VIII Club and Circle Presidents and
Officers

Garden Club and Circle Members
District VIII Officers and Committee Chairmen
FFGC Officers and FFGC Chairmen living in

District VIII

Former FFGC Presidents and Former District
VIII Directors living in District VIII

HOST: Davis Islands Garden Club

PLACE: 81 Columbia Dr, Tampa, FL 33606

COST: \$30.00 includes registration, continental
breakfast, and lunch.

DEADLINE: Saturday, April 28, 2022

MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE: 9:00 -10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 AM

REPORTS:

We look forward to reports from Committee Chairmen and Club
Presidents. Those wishing to report must notify the District
Director by email (kittwal@aol.com) by Wednesday, May 1,
2022. Committee Chairmen will have 3 minutes to report. Club
Presidents will have 2 minutes to report. Please give two copies
of your report to the Recording Secretary at the time of your
report. **EDUCATION EXHIBITS:** Does your club or committee
wish to set up an exhibit. Please notify the District Director by
email by Wednesday, May 1. **SPEAKER:** Our own Christy Linke,
FFGC Second Vice President: Backyard Bees.

REGISTRATION:

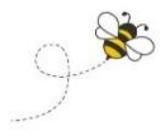
Please use the attached form to register for the spring
meeting. Deadline for registration form and check is
Wednesday, April 28, 2022.



Member's photos



Kevin Bleu gave the Garden the heavy bearing Papaya Trees. Only 2 years ago, then 2-3ft. high.





Jill & Angela

Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation's Angela and her Tiny Tots will garden at our new children's canoe garden, starting 04/15/2022, Fridays 10-11a.



5 Baby Shrikes
(not sharks)



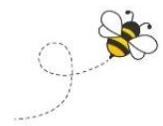
Gardens are flourishing, stop visit by and it.



THE AB GARDEN CLUB'S 1ST FIELDTRIP OF 2022

THE 8TH ANNUAL GARDENS IN PARADISE TOUR

Paula, Joanne, Chris D, Aimee, Chris Y, Jill and guest Barbara Frey took part in the Sarasota Garden Club Funraiser and toured the club's garden and 5 local home gardens. The homes varied in style and design. From an ultra modern home with Florida native landscaping and specular bay view. A 50's ranch with multiple tropical garden rooms. Hummingbird cottage, a 1925 fishing cottage. And a new build with a mosaic pool fountain. A lunch at PF Chang's to finish off the great day.





Garden visitor hours -
Open to the Public
Tuesday and Saturday from 9 to 12
Tours from 10 to 11 AM
Garden is closed on Holidays
To schedule a tour outside regular hours email
apollobeachgardenclub@gmail.com or call 813-361-3037



*Object and Mission of the **Apollo Beach Garden Club, Inc.:***

The Object of the corporation is to enrich outdoor garden experiences through *education* programs, public awareness, experts and a community garden.

The Mission is for residents of Apollo Beach and the South Shore community to learn how to grow various endemic, epiphytic, edible and Florida-friendly plants.

In addition to understanding the significance of local environmental issues and **regenerative** efforts.





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