



We are so glad you are considering being a member of the Manatee River Garden Club. Our purpose is to promote and encourage a community of nature enthusiasts who share the love of gardening, horticulture, and floral design, while also caring deeply about environmental issues.

Along with membership in the garden club in Bradenton, you will also be a member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) and the National Garden Clubs (NGC).

We hope you can join us for our monthly meetings, usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at our clubhouse (3120 First Avenue West, Bradenton). The business meeting starts at 10:30 am, followed by an educational program and lunch (at a cost of \$12).

You will receive an invitation to the monthly luncheon with an easy RSVP. We need to know how many are attending so that there is sufficient food and seating. It is required that each member work with the Hospitality Committee on one luncheon each season to plan, prepare the food (may be take out), set up the room, serve and clean up.

During the year we have a variety of activities in which you can become involved:

- a. Garden Angels (care of our grounds)
- b. Outreach activities in the community (now working with Manatee County Habitat for Humanity to help new homeowners in Poling Gardens purchase, install and care for plants)
- c. Flower show (floral design, horticultural, craft and educational entries)
- d. Plant auction (members bring plants to auction along with food and drink)
- e. Field trips to points of interest locally and within reasonable driving distances

These endeavors can only be successful if every member participates.

There are several ways to learn more about what we do:

- a. Watch for timely emails and the monthly newsletter.
- b. Review our website at [www.manateerivergardenclub.com](http://www.manateerivergardenclub.com). You will receive an email to set your password for the Members tab.
- c. Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages.
- d. Keep our Yearbook handy for the overview.

What better way to make friends and connect with persons of similar interests while always having fun. By becoming involved in our activities early on, you will get acquainted more easily. We look forward to getting to know you and learning about the talents you have to share.

Judy Boehm, Membership Chair