



Manatee River Garden Club

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2026–2027 PROGRAMS

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Speakers and programs are subject to change. Please check the calendar or contact the Programs Chair for the most current information.

August 26, 6:00–8:00 PM | *After 5 Program*

Speaker: Tenille Dixon Pawlus

Topic: HOA Florida Friendly Landscapes

September 16, 10:30 AM | *Monthly Meeting & Luncheon*

Speaker: Damon Moore, Exec. Dir., Oysterriverecology.org

Topic: Transformational Oyster Restoration in SW Florida – Manatee River Case Study

September 19, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM | *Road Trip*

5827 Riverside Drive Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens “Folk & Flutter Fest”

October 6, 10:30 AM | *Demonstration*

Presenters: Janice Hamlin, Mary Roby, Rita Mixer

Topic: Floral Design Presentation

October 21, 10:30 AM | *Monthly Meeting & Luncheon*

Speaker: Billy Dzwonkowski

Topic: How To Take an Award Winning Photo

November 15 | *Fall Craft Fair*

November 18, 10:30 AM | *Monthly Meeting & Luncheon*

Speaker: Frank Vanderkraats

Topic: Care and Propagation of Cacti

December 16, 10:30 AM | *Monthly Meeting & Luncheon*

Speaker: Julie McClure

Topic: History of MRGC

Holiday Party & Auction of Centerpieces

January 13, 10:30 AM | *Road Trip*

Kessler's Cacti

January 20, 10:30 AM | *Monthly Meeting & Luncheon*

Speaker: Gayle Goodfriend

Topic: All The Wonderful Aspects of Bees

January 27, 1:00 PM | *Workshop*

Instructor: Janice Hamlin

Little Gardens in Glass – Create a Successful Terrarium

February 10, 10:30 AM | *Workshop*

Instructor: Melissa Estep

Wreath Making from Natural Elements

February 17, 10:30 AM | *Monthly Meeting & Luncheon*

Speaker: Elliot Prout, Serenoa Chapter - Native Plant Society of Florida

Topic: Butterfly Gardening with Natives

February 25, 6:00 PM | *Fundraiser*

Wine & Cheese Plant Auction, *Members & Guests Only*

March 12 & 13 | *Flower Show*

March 17, 10:30 AM | *Monthly Meeting & Luncheon*

Speaker: Kristin Hokanson, Co-Owner/Operator FioRelli Winery & Vineyards

March (DATE TBD) | *Road Trip*

England Brothers Park 5010 Davee McKay Way Pinellas Park, FL
Pinellas Botanicals & Brunchfest

April 21, 10:30 AM | *Monthly Meeting & Luncheon*

Speaker: Carol Friedman

Program: Election of Officers & How to Make a Flower Crown

Get ready for May's Wear Your Flower Crown May Day Celebration!

May 19, 10:30 AM | *Monthly Meeting & Luncheon*

MRGC Installation of Officers & “May Day” – Wear your Flower Crown