MRGC BULLETIN

November 2026

Happy November, garden friends! As the cooler autumn air brings relief to our yards and patios, it is the perfect season to refresh our flower beds and enjoy the beauty of our shifting landscapes. We are excited to host our Holiday Craft Show fundraiser on Sunday, November 15th, which offers a wonderful opportunity to support our club while finding unique gifts. Thank you all for your passion and dedication to keeping our community thriving—I look forward to seeing you there!

Melanie

November Luncheon: "Friendsgiving"

Janice Hamlin and her committee, Darlene Kronemann, Mariel McRae, Betsy Parker and Hilary Boyle have planned a wonderful repast. They are serving Turkey, Ham, Macaroni & Cheese with all of the trimmings. Assorted Pies for dessert.

The meeting **begins at 10:30AM** with the luncheon to follow. Please RSVP by **November 9th to mrgchospitality@gmail.com** to let us know whether or not you can attend. It is very important to RSVP promptly so that the committees can provide the necessary refreshments and place settings.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Rita & Jay Obeid. Hospitality Chairpersons

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Join us for an engaging and informative workshop led by cactus enthusiast, **Frank Vanderkraats.** Frank's presentation will be about identification and care of **succulents and cacti**. He will also have his plants to sell.

SEE BELOW

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Private event
8	9	10 Garden Angels ?-noon	11	12	13	14
15 Holiday Craft Market See below	16	17 BOD MEETING 10:00	18 MRGC MEETING 10:30 Bring canned goods!	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28 MRGC at the Farmers' Market Downtown
29	30					

Manatee River Garden Club

3120 1ST AVE W. BRADENTON

Holiday Craft Fair

Sunday, November 15th 10 am - 4 pm

FEATURED: Plants, Handmade Crafts, Homemade Baked Goods, Floral Arrangements, Gifts, Raffles



CASH ONLY

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Join us for an engaging and informative workshop led by Frank Vanderkraats, a longtime cactus and succulent enthusiast with a wealth of hands-on experience. After retiring in 2018, Frank turned his longtime hobby of collecting and growing cacti and succulents into a full-time passion. He worked at Paradise Found Nursery from 2019 until its closure in 2025. He now spends time volunteering at the Sarasota Succulent Society where he manages their cactus house. Today, Frank maintains an impressive collection of over 2,000 cactus and succulent specimens.

Please let Melanie know if you have any MRGC artifacts, newspaper clippings, photos etc you would like to either donate for our archives or lend.

Necklace Raffle

Funds used purchase new chairs!



Drawing at our Plant Auction 2/11/27.
Need not be present to win.
Only 200 tickets will be sold.

RAFFLE CONTEST

The member who sells the most necklace raffle tickets will receive a

$150.00

Gift Certificate to

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See Carol Friedman for tickets