



# MRGC BULLETIN BOARD



Welcome May! Fingers crossed that our rainy season begins soon so we can give our thirsty plant friends a drink more frequently. One of my favorite rites of spring is to watch our native epiphytic fern, commonly called a "resurrection" fern, become lush and green as the coming rains saturate the plant and they unfurl their long curled up and crispy leaves. Our summer break begins after the May meeting, but our club has lots planned for the summer. Be sure to look at our calendar of events and get them on your personal calendars.  
Melanie

The **May luncheon**, as is tradition, will be hosted by the Board of Directors at no cost to the members. The theme will be **La Dolce Vita**, and in keeping with that the menu will consist of lasagna, salad, bread followed by Italian desserts. There will be eggplant dishes and meatless lasagna for those who prefer no meat.

**IMPORTANT:** Please **RSVP** to [mrgchospitality@gmail.com](mailto:mrgchospitality@gmail.com) no later than **May 9th** to let us know if you can or cannot attend so that we can plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rita & Jay Obeid. Hospitality Chairpersons

### May Program: "Springs Restoration"

Tom Ries, president and founder of the Ecosphere Restoration Institution Inc. will have a presentation on some of the Natural Springs in Florida and spotlight springs in Manatee county.

## MAY 2026

SUNDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	

Have a wonderful Summer!

**Flower Show**  
 Wrap-up  
 11:00 am

**Evening Program**  
 Planning  
 5pm

**Garden Angels**  
 8-noon  
 Come enjoy a morning of gardening!

**Board of Directors**  
 10 am

**MRGC MEETING**  
 10:00

**Membership Committee Meeting**  
 10:00

**Main Street Farmers Market**  
 9-2

PRIVATE EVENT

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CFAA

The upcoming Craft Fair  
is June 20th.  
Included below is the poster  
for the fair.

Print it & post it if you can.  
Let your friends know!  
For more information, contact  
Jan Wilson (201) 739-7789  
[jlwilson131313@aol.com](mailto:jlwilson131313@aol.com)  
Volunteers needed!

## May's Program

Tom Ries is President and Founder of Ecosphere Restoration Institute. He is a nationally known Ecologist with more than 37 years of experience in restoring natural systems in Southwest Florida. His work has garnered numerous environmental awards, and resulted in the restoration of more than 2,400 acres of wetlands.



Tom graduated from the University Of South Florida with a B.A. in Biology and minor in Geology.

## Thank You!

We thank Sharron Jones and Paula Wolfe for their service to MRGC as secretary and assistant treasurer, respectively.

We are in need of volunteers to fill these executive committee positions. Please let Melanie know if you are willing to serve in either of these roles through May '27

Thank you to Janice Hamlin and Mariel McRae for presenting an Earth Day celebration at Palm View School in Palmetto.

Come see your MRGC friends at the Bradenton Public Market. Please let Melanie know if you would like to volunteer for an hour or two.

Do you have publicity or advertising experience? We need a member to be our Publicity Chair; please let Melanie know if you are willing to serve.

## Congratulations!

Mary Roby is now a fully accredited Flower Show Judge. All your hard work has paid off!

## The Giving Challenge

Approximately \$5700 raised! Thank you to all who donated!

CFAA SEMINAR-TAMPA  
May 27-30  
For more info see [cfaacreativefloral.org](http://cfaacreativefloral.org)

## Save the date

**Plant Bingo**

July 15th.

More info to follow.

## Announcements:

Look for MRGC to be featured in the Palma Sola Neighbors magazine in June! Dates 5/9, 9am-2pm .

June 7-13 National Garden Week: buy a "Plant America" garden flag or borrow one and snap a photo of your home garden in its glory for us to post on our social media this week! Link to purchase: <https://gardenclub.org/store/plant-america-garden-flag?category=94>

June 10, 8:30 AM. Dress up and come join your MRGC friends as we receive a proclamation from the City of Bradenton's City Council meeting.

# Manatee River Garden Club



# SUMMER FAIR

**Indoor setting  
(with AC!)**



**3120 1st Ave W  
Bradenton**



**SATURDAY JUNE 20th  
10am - 4pm**



**Support  
Local**

**PLEASE  
STOP BY**

**Cash  
only**