

MRGC BULLETIN

October
2026



Dear Friends, Special thanks to Olivia Cox for running the Garden Angels while Cathy Willard continues to recuperate from her surgery!

The District meeting is coming up. Registration is open until October 10th. The meeting is October 20th in our own backyard, Palm Aire Country Club. We can arrange car-pooling.

We would like to have another Plant Bingo before the end of the year; please let Melanie or Gail know if you are willing to chair!

Our Fall Craft Show chair, Jan Wilson, is looking for more vendors for the event. Please send her any leads you may have.



Melanie

October Luncheon: "Sunflower and Spice."

Carol McLaughlin and her committee, Beverly Burdett, Dee Ferriera, Barbara Murray and Jan Schoonmaker are planning on a delightful luncheon.

The menu will include: Golden cheese and cracker board, Autumn salad, Fresh fruit tray, Butternut squash soup, Mini chicken salad croissants and an array of delicious desserts. Beverages include Sunshine Lemonade, Sweet Tea, Sparkling & Still Water and a Mimosa bar.

The meeting **begins at 10:30AM** with the luncheon to follow.

Please RSVP by **October 12th to mrghospitality@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

"How To Take An Award Winning Photo"

To inspire us for our flower shows, award winning photographer, Billy D will show us examples of Nature Photography

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 Palma Sola Botanical Park Fall Plant Sale 10-3	5	6 Design demo 10:30 See below	7 New Member Orientation 2:00 All members welcome!	8 BOD MEETING 10:00	9	10
11	12	13  Garden Angels ?-noon	14	15 Private event	16 Private event	17
18	19	20 DISTRICT MEETING Palm Aire CC SEE BELOW	21 MRGC MEETING 10:30	22 Field Trip to WWSB ABC Channel 7 See Below	23 Private event	24
25	26	27	28 Membership Committee 10am	29	30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Field Trip

Thursday, Oct 22

Tour of WWSB (ABC Channel 7).

Limit 20, first come first served.

Everyone must bring a photo ID.

We will carpool.

RSVP to Kay Amodio 941-661-7757

DESIGN DEMONSTRATIONS

Tuesday, Oct 7 Learn about two of the Designs to be featured in our upcoming Flower Show in March.

Beginning at 10:30: Rita Mixer will demonstrate Spacial Thrust Design, followed by Mary Roby who will show us Parallel Designs.

Upcoming Holiday Craft Fair

After such a successful June fair, MRGC will host a Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, November 15, from 9-4. We will again need members to volunteer to work the fair, make baked goods to sell, and make floral arrangements. There will be sign-up sheets at the October meeting. Please contact Jan Wilson (201-739-7789) with questions or to volunteer."

New Member Orientation

Wednesday, Oct 7 2-3pm.

This meeting is not just for new members, but is open to all others who want to know more about how our club works.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

"How To Take An Award Winning Photo"

Billy D is an award-winning professional photographer and owner of **Billy D Photography**, based in Bradenton, Florida. A professional photographer since 2013, Billy specializes in sports, portrait, wedding, and commercial photography, with an emphasis on creative lighting and storytelling.

His honors include being named **Bay Professional Photographers Association Photographer of the Year four times**, earning **Top 10 Photographer in Florida twice**, and winning **first place in four different categories at Florida Professional Photographers competitions**. He has also earned the **Florida Degree of Photographic Excellence** and was named **Ultiphotos Action Photo of the Year**.

Billy's photography has been featured by outlets including **ESPN and Sports Illustrated**, and Billy D Photography was voted **Bradenton's Best in 2025 and 2026**.

With more than a decade of professional experience, Billy brings both technical knowledge and real-world experience to his approach to photography and education.

FALL DISTRICT VIII MEETING 2026

All work is as seed sown: it grows and spreads, and sows itself anew.

Date & Time

October 20, 2026

9AM - Registration and Coffee

10AM - Call to Order

Meeting Location

Palm Aire Country Club

5601 Country Club Way

Sarasota, FL 34243

Hosted by

Sarasota Garden Club

Details and Payment

Registration Deadline: October 10, 2026

Registration Fee: \$40

(Includes registration, hospitality, and lunch)

Please make checks payable to: Sarasota Garden Club. Memo: "Fall District VIII Meeting."

Mail form and check to: Deborah Alves,
3744 Surrey Lane, Sarasota, FL 34235.

Email: deborahcsalves@yahoo.com

Phone: (203) 722-5276

Member Category

Please check all applicable categories (for credentials)

- ☐ NGC Officer
- ☐ Former NGC Officer (Years: _____)
- ☐ FFGC Officer
- ☐ FFGC Committee Chair
- ☐ Former FFGC President (Years: _____)
- ☐ District VIII Director
- ☐ District VIII Board Member
- ☐ Former District VIII Director (Years: _____)
- ☐ Club President ☐ Circle President
- ☐ District VIII Club Member ☐ Guest

Do you hold an office in your club? If so, what is that office? _____

Attendee Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Garden Club: _____

Dietary Restrictions / Allergies

Credentials

- ☐ DELEGATE
- ☐ ALTERNATE - Check here if you were selected by your Garden Club as an Alternate.

Optional

When is your birthday?

Day: _____ Month: _____

