

MRGC BULLETIN BOARD December 2025

Dear friends, sooner have we finished all of the preparations for Thanksgiving, and here we are rushing straight towards Christmas and the New Year! As gardeners, many of us have strong plant associations with holidays. For me, Thanksgiving is incomplete without enjoying my Thanksgiving cactus blooming. My Christmas plants are poinsettia, mistletoe, and a parsley bouquet on Christmas Eve, prominently displayed during our Feast of Seven Fishes. Did you know that mistletoe is a native plant to much of the SE US, including Manatee County? Whatever your holiday horticultural traditions are, I wish you and your family lots of love and light as we approach both the shortest day of the year as well as one of the peak holiday seasons of the year.

Melanie



December 17th Luncheon: "Reindeer Games"

This month's chair, Carol Friedman and her committee, Julie McClure, Chris O'Grady, Joanne Kinsey, Gerri Klemm and Bill Klarich are hosting the December Potluck Luncheon. Bring your favorite holiday dish and your Reindeer place setting. We will supply tea, lemonade and Holiday Punch. See announcement on page 2.

Please RSVP by **December 10th** to mrgchospitality@gmail.com to let us know whether or not you can attend. The meeting **begins at 10:30AM** with the luncheon to follow. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rita & Jay Obeid, Hospitality Chairpersons

12/17 Program:

POLING GARDENS IN BLOOM: A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

Judy Boehm, Habitat for Humanity Chairman will present a program on the work done by MRGC members with the Poling Gardens neighborhood.



DECEMBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Membership Committee Meeting 2-3pm	3 Merry & Bright Succulent Workshop 6-8 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9 Garden Angels 8-noon Come when you can.	10 Field Trip to Peaceful Path 10 am	11 Board of Directors 10 am	12	13 Flower Show info: Houseplants, Annuals and Perennials that you plan to enter must be in your possession by this date.
14	15 1st day of Hanukkah	16	17 MRGC MEETING 10:30 "Reindeer Games"	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Welcome to our newest member:
Marcia O'Brien



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our club needs interested members to volunteer for a board-level position as Public Relations Chair. We also need a chair for the biennial Giving Challenge on April 15-16 '26, noon to noon. Please email presidentmanateerivergc@gmail.com to express interest or ask questions.



December Potluck

- 🎄 Join us for our Holiday Celebration: "Reindeer Games"
- 🎄 Bring your favorite dish to share.
- 🎄 We will be voting for the **best Place Setting**.
- 🎄 We will have **prizes** for some Reindeer Games.
- 🎄 Our designers are creating fabulous **centerpieces** to be auctioned. and
- 🎄 We will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

Remember to bring a bag to take your dishes home, the Kitchen will be closed!

The Plant Auction/Wine Tasting is coming up on Friday, February 13th. Time to get your plants ready for the sale. Also remember National Garden Clubs want us to be planning on red white and blue plantings for the 250th anniversary of this great country. This sale is a great way to incorporate patriotic colors into our 2026 plantings.

Come join Garden Angels and help beautify the Club's grounds for our Dec. meeting and get to know your fellow members at the same time!! We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month, any time between 8am - noon. Hope to see you Dec. 9th.
Cathy Willard,
Grounds Director



ROAD TRIP December 10, 2025

Peaceful Path Garden at Peace Presbyterian Church,
12705 State Rd 64, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34212.
Meet at 10:00 at Peaceful Path Garden. Explore the garden and see the donated marker from MRGC.
Lunch after at Seasons 52 Restaurant
7115 SR 64 in Bradenton
We will carpool from MRGC or SR 64 Walmart.
RSVP to
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