

MRGC BULLETIN BOARD

November
2025



By the time this is published, we will have had our first cold blast of the fall just in time for Halloween. This is a good time to look at your various growing projects, whether you have a yard or indoor windows full of plants, and decide what you want for your plants in the coming year. For us, a neighbor's tree that used to provide shade was removed after last year's storms. We will need to either devise a new sunscreen method or relocate our summer shade-loving plants.

See you in a couple weeks,

Melanie



November Luncheon: "Give Thanks for Friends and Family"

The next meeting and luncheon is **November 19th**, The indomitable Candie Clerkin is the hostess. She and her committee, Barbara Beury, Hilary Boyle, Wendy McCormack and Rosemary Nichols are serving spiral cut ham, various side dishes and dessert.

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

Please RSVP by **November 10th** to mrgchospitality@gmail.com to let us know whether or not you can attend. We hope you can join us!

Rita & Jay Obeid. Hospitality Chairpersons

11/19 Program:

"Nature's Filtration System"

Whitney Costner, Manatee County Ecological Program Manager will present an overview of the County's ongoing efforts to boost oyster populations and restore the health and resilience of Manatee County's coastal environments.

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Welcome to our newest member: Carol McLoughlin						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						Private event
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Garden Angels ?-noon Come when you can.		Board of Directors 10 am		Private event
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			MRGC MEETING 10:30		Deadline for succulent tree reservation, see page 2	Private event
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				THANKSGIVING DAY		
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ROAD TRIP coming up on **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.

Signup at the November 19 meeting or RSVP to

Sandy Brophy: sandy@bookweevil.com.

(941) 718-5488

Come join **Garden Angels** and help beautify the Club's grounds 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 Nov. 11th
Cathy Willard,
Grounds Director



Announcements:

*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.

*MRGC received recognition for two milestones at the FFGC District 8 meeting last week: NGC blue ribbon Club Standard Flower Show Award for "It's a Barbie World", and a Blue Diamond certificate from FFGC for 95 years of service.

FLORAL DESIGN CLASSES

The Advanced Floral Design Classes at MRGC requires advance registration. The registration form is on the last page of this bulletin.

Students who have taken classes 1-6 may participate. Students who have not taken classes 1-6 may audit the classes. This is a great way to get ideas for the upcoming flower show!



NEEDED

Centerpieces for Our Christmas Potluck

Theme for luncheon: Reindeer Games

Please sign up with Carol Friedman

friedymom@aol.com 941-238-8561

We will be auctioning the centerpieces at the December luncheon



Merry & Bright



A Succulent Tree Crafting Event

Wednesday, December 3rd • 6-8 PM

Manatee River Garden Club
3120 1st Ave W, Bradenton

Tickets \$40

Come get to know us and explore our new evening group.

MRGC is exploring forming an evening garden club group under the leadership of Jacque Ruch. Our first venture is crafting a holiday tree with succulents.

Make your **reservation** by **November 21st. Cost is \$40, paid in advance**

either via Zelle: mrgctreasurer1@gmail.com,

or mail check to Janice Hamlin at

805 Hillcrest Drive, Bradenton, FL 34209. Workshop is open to all

members, their friends, & others interested in an evening group.

Questions to:

jacque.ruch@gmail.com

How Does Your Garden Grow?

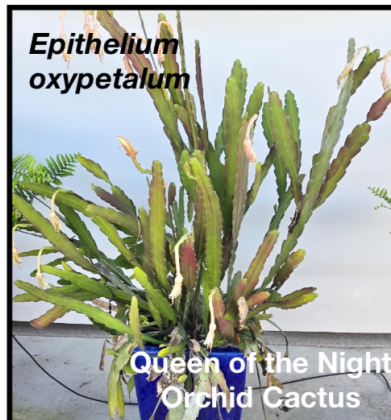
Tamara Zelaya shared pictures from her terrific garden, largely a container garden. Beautiful!



Cosmos sulphureus
Sulphur Cosmos



Dendrobium sp.



Epithelium oxypetalum

Queen of the Night
Orchid Cactus



Orchid display



Jatropha integerrima,
Firecracker plant



Adenium obesum
Desert Rose



Davallia fejeensis
Rabbits foot fern



Syngonium podophyllum
Arrowhead plant



Aloe aculeata,
Red Hot Poker Aloe

Send me pictures of your garden to share with the club. This year I would like to have a page in the bulletin featuring pictures of member's yards, gardens and plants. Email to Carol Friedman; friedymom@aol.com or text to 941-238-8561. **Thank you Tamara for sharing your passion!**

ADVANCED FLORAL DESIGN STUDY SERIES

REGISTRATION FORM

Manatee River Garden Club, Inc.
3120 First Avenue West, Bradenton FL 34205
9:00 – 9:30 Registration
10:00 – Class begins

Registration is \$ 60.00 for Full Course
Registration for morning lecture/demonstration only 20.00 per class

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Class 7 – Creative Designs, Decorative Wood, Dried Plant Materials

Instructor: Janice Hamlin, NGC Flower Show School Instructor, Emeritus

Class 8 – Creative Designs, Expression and Interpretation

Instructor: Parke Finold, NGC Flower Show School Instructor, Emeritus

Class 9 – Creative Designs and Introduction to Abstract Design

Instructor: Claudia Bates, NGC Flower Show School Instructor

_____ Advance registration for Full Course \$ 60.00
January 8, 15, 22, 2025

Weekly registration for lecture/demonstration only

_____ January 8, 2026 \$ 20.00

_____ January 15, 2026 \$ 20.00

_____ January 22, 2026 \$ 20.00

_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

CHECK # _____

Please make your check payable to MRGC and send with this Registration Form to:
Rita Mixer, 9527 Antiqua Cove, Bradenton FL 34210

- Study materials and Supply list will be provided to you prior to the first class.
- Bring a bagged lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Merry & Bright Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Materials Fee: \$40

Pay via Zelle: mrgctreasurer1@gmail.com

Mail check to: Janice Hamlin

805 Hillcrest Drive, Bradenton, FL 34209

Registration Deadline: November 21, 2025



Clip and mail to
Janice Hamlin

