

MRGC BULLETIN BOARD

February
2026



Another cold blast is on its way to us and this one appears to plan to stick around a few weeks. Seeing the videos and photos of this weekend's winter storm certainly makes me especially appreciative to live here! This month brings our annual plant auction that is always a fun time with other members and their plant loving friends. I will be taking advantage of the upcoming cold to clean up plants to donate for the event. Keep your tropicals warm and sheltered with fingers crossed that Punxsutawney Phil doesn't see his shadow and spring comes soon!

Melanie



February Luncheon: "Mardi Gras Madness"

Cost \$12

Hostesses: **Betsy Currier (chairperson)** and her committee, Sharron Jones, Paula Wolfe, Judy Boehm, Jan Wilson and Brenda Johnson. In keeping with the theme Mardi Gras, it will be colorful and festive. The menu will be chicken salad croissant sandwiches and wraps, pasta salad and an array of desserts.

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

Please RSVP to mrgchospitality@gmail.com no later than **February 10th** to let us know if you can or cannot attend and if you're bringing a guest so that we can plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rita & Jay Obeid. Hospitality Chairpersons






February Program: "Bromeliads"

Speaker: Jason Mellica of Advanced Bromeliad Culture is a hybridizer with a degree in Botany from the University of Florida. He will discuss different and unique bromeliads and arrangements.

He will have specimens for sale.

♥ Welcome to new members Jill Anderson & Darlene Kronemann. ♥

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10  Garden Angels 8-noon Come when you can.	11 <div>Board of Directors 10 am</div>	12 <div>Wine & Cheese Plant Auction 6pm </div>	13	14 <div>Happy Valentine's Day</div>
15	16	17 <div>Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday</div>	18 <div>MRGC MEETING 10:30 </div>	19	20 <div>Field Trip to Palmer's Orchids 10:00</div>	21 <div>Private event</div>
22	23	24	25 <div>Membership Committee 10 am</div>	26	27	28

Wine & Cheese/Plant Auction

Join the fun, Buy new plants. Support your Club:

Plants accepted: Feb 10th, 8am-12pm or Feb 11th, 1pm -3pm:

Set-up Feb 12th 10am - 2pm All donations accepted.

Wine & Cheese 6pm

Plant auction 7pm



FIELD TRIP TO PALMER ORCHIDS: FEBRUARY 20th

So far 18 people have signed up for the Palmer Orchid Tour, which will begin at 10:00 am. Carpooling is from MRGC at 9:00 or the Walmart on SR 64 near I-75 at 9:00 at the Garden Center side.

Lunch to follow at Millers Ale House. Members **MUST RSVP** for lunch so we can make a reservation. If you still want to sign up, you must RSVP to Sandy Brophy at:

sandy@bookweevil.com or 941-718-5488

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Members who would like to enter their photography in the state flower show: "Once Upon a Time" Entry deadline is Sunday, March 1, 2026. Each exhibitor may enter one photo in each class and may enter up to three classes. A single 8" x 10" image in color in a single 11" x 14" mat, any color. The mat must have a backing to stabilize the photograph. No frame allowed.

The exhibitor must print the following on the back of the mat; exhibitor name, phone number and class number entering.

Class 7: "Lady and the Tramp" - featuring dogs. The location of the photo to be identified on a 3 x 5 card.

Class 8: "The Girl Who Picked Flowers" - featuring a child or children with flowers. The location of the photo to be identified on a 3 x 5 card. Include a signed note allowing the child to be displayed.

Class 9: "Peter Pan" - featuring a butterfly. Location of the photo to be identified on a 3 x 5 card.

Please mail or deliver entries to:

Susie Cochran, Photography consultant
330 Evaro Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33954
Phone: 941-276-2940

FLOWER SHOW...WE NEED YOU

In order to present this gift to the public, we need you to participate. We have many openings in all divisions. Even if you have never participated, you can give it a try. Support available.

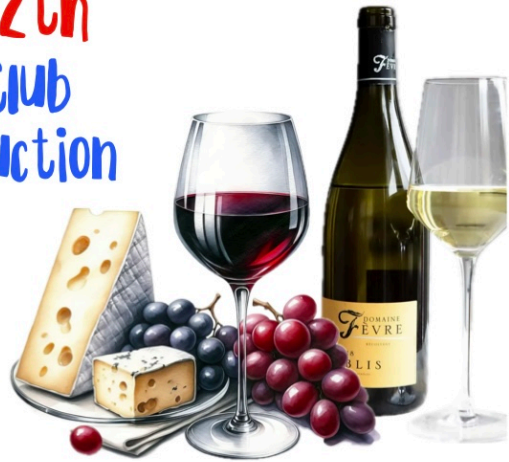
Upcoming Field Trip:
Tour Stacy Brown's Garden on
March 24th, a Designated
Florida Friendly Landscape.
Sign up for a tour at 10, 11 or
12:00.
More info later!



Hostesses for March
are Sandy Brophy
(chair), Nancy Albert,
Elaine Johnson, Denise
LeBlanc, Susan
Palmieri, Kathleen
Rowe and Paula Wolfe

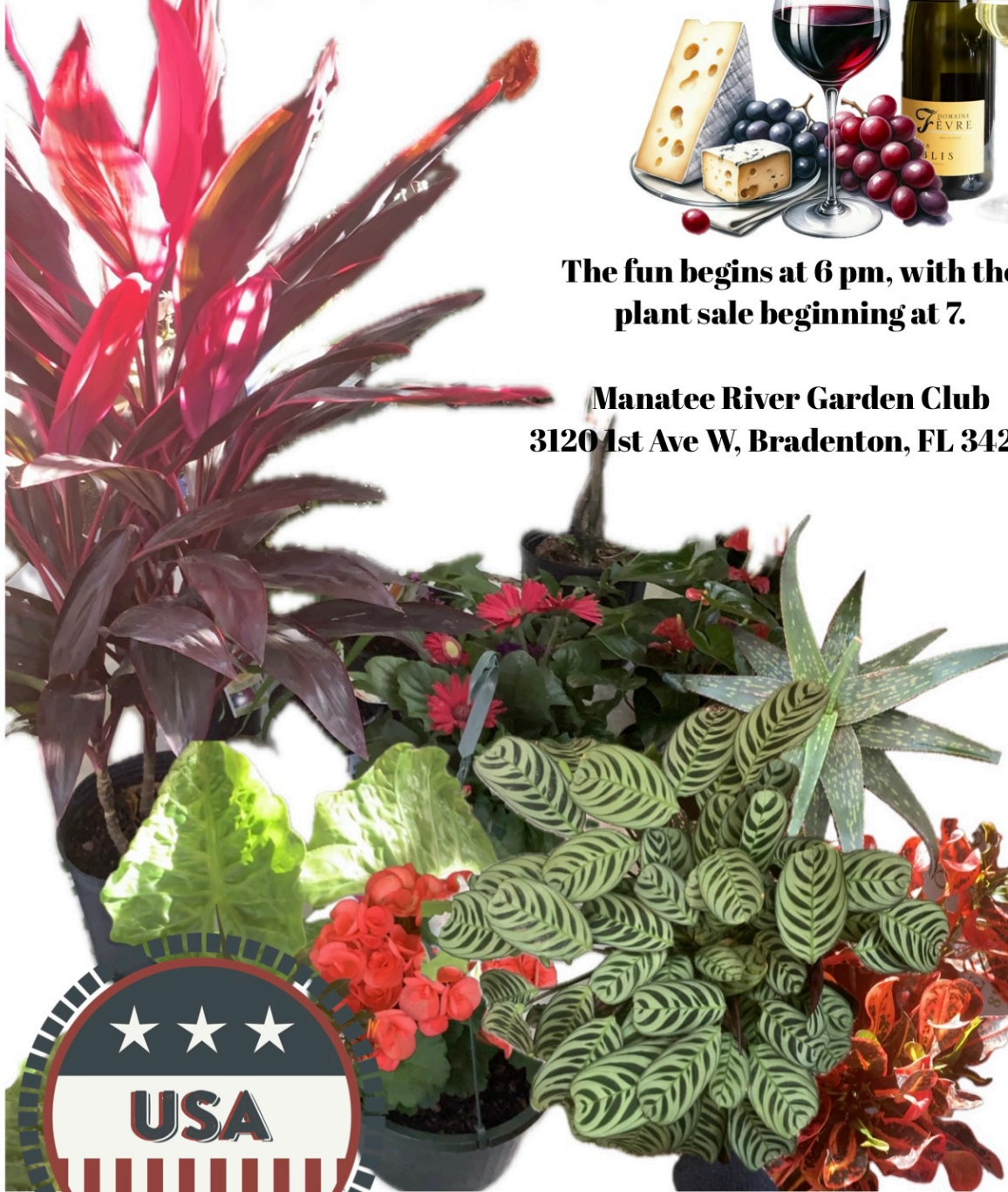
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Thursday, February 12th
Manatee River Garden Club
Wine and Cheese/Plant Auction



**The fun begins at 6 pm, with the
plant sale beginning at 7.**

Manatee River Garden Club
3120 1st Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205



America the Beautiful

District VIII Spring Meeting Registration

**District VIII Spring Meeting
Wednesday • May 13, 2026**



*The Seeds of Yesterday
are the Blossoms of Today*



Hosted by the Davis Islands Garden Club
81 Columbia Drive • Tampa, FL 33606

Registration & Coffee- 9:00 am Call to Order - 10:00am
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: April 22, 2026

\$40.00 includes registration, morning hospitality and lunch. Please make check payable to:
Davis Islands Garden Club (DIGC)

Mail check & registration form to:

Mary Atkins, Treasurer
494 Bosphorous Avenue
Tampa, FL 33606

mlatkin@aol.com

813-597-1787

- Payment must be included with registration
- Carpooling is strongly encouraged
- Parking at DIGC and DI Marina
- Please bring CASH for 50/50 and baskets

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Garden Club _____

Phone _____ Email _____

**** Dietary restrictions and / or allergies:** _____

Please check ALL categories that apply to you. (Information needed for Meeting Credentials Report)

____ Visitor/Guest ____ District VIII Club Member ____ District VIII Circle Member

____ NGC Officer ____ Former NGC Officer (Office: _____ Years: _____)

____ FFGC Officer ____ FFGC Committee Chair

____ Former FFGC President (Years: _____)

____ District VIII Director

____ District VIII Board Member (District VIII Officers and Committee Chairs)

____ Former District Director (Years: _____)

____ Club President. ____ Circle President

____ **DELEGATE – PLEASE CHECK DELEGATE IF:**

You are a Club or Circle President

You are attending in place of your Club or Circle President

You were selected to be a delegate by your Garden Club OR

You are a District VIII Officer or Committee Chairman

You are an FFGC Officer or FFGC Chairman living in District VIII OR

You are a former FFGC President or Former District VIII Director living in District VIII

____ **ALTERNATE:** Selected by your Garden Club or Circle as an Alternate