

# MRGC BULLETIN BOARD

April  
2026



Welcome to the first full month of Spring! Close on the heels of our impressive Flower Show, for which Carol Friedman deserves a standing ovation, we have the FFGC Convention and State Flower Show, "Once Upon A Time" at Lake Buena Vista. MRGC's own Lori Richie is a co-chair of the State Flower Show! Members Brenda Johnson and Carol Friedman are also on the State Flower Show Committee. The April MRGC meeting was moved to allow as many of our members to attend Convention and support our talented members at the State activities.  
Melanie



## March Luncheon: "Spring by the Sea"

Cost \$12

Hostesses: **Jan Wilson** and her committee, Jane Ellis, Elaine Johnson, Alice Kaddatz, Ruth Lawler and Pam Luerson. The menu will include New England Clam Chowder, Shrimp or Chicken Salad Sandwiches, a variety of Salads and a Sundae Bar for dessert (featuring strawberries for those who can't have ice cream). Social gathering at 10 with the meeting **beginning at 10:30AM** and the luncheon to follow.

**IMPORTANT:** Please **RSVP** to [mrgchospitality@gmail.com](mailto:mrgchospitality@gmail.com) no later than **April 14th** 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

## April Program: "Ordinary to Extraordinary"

Our own Tamara Zelaya will present a delightful demonstration on using grocery store flowers to make a beautiful arrangement.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>April Fool's Day</i> 	2	3	4 Main Street Farmers Market 9-2
5 Happy Easter! 	6	7 Garden Angels 8-noon Come when you can.	8	9 Board of Directors 10 am 	10 PRIVATE EVENT	11 PRIVATE EVENT
12 PRIVATE EVENT	13	14	15 Giving Challenge Noon to Noon	16	17	18
FFGC CONVENTION & FLOWER SHOW						
19	20	21	22 MRGC MEETING 10:30 EARTH DAY	23	24	25 PRIVATE EVENT
26	27	28	29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 10-12	30	Garden Angels is changed to April 7th due to the convention. Join Cathy and crew between 8 and 12 to keep up our beautiful grounds!	

Turn in your 2026-2027 MRGC Renewal Form to Judy Boehm by April 23. If you didn't pick this up at our March meeting, it was mailed to you.



Thank you Stacy Brown for sharing your wonderful garden!

You may have noticed new signs on our clubhouse over the last few months. MRGC entered into the Bradenton Police Department's "Business Trespass Program" at the end of 2025. This program allows BPD to enforce Florida Statutes for trespass on private properties without a club officer needing to be present. MRGC, along with the BPD are optimistic that this will help eliminate any burglary, vandalism, and trespassing on club property. In the event you see any suspicious activity on club property, do not hesitate to call BPD for their assistance.



Please support Manatee River Garden Club during the 2026 Giving Challenge. All donations up to \$100 will be matched by The Patterson Foundation.

How do I make a donation to Manatee River Garden Club on April 15?  
Go to our club website: [www.manateerivergardenclub.com](http://www.manateerivergardenclub.com) and click on:  
"Ready, Set, Give" button.



You will be directed to Manatee River Garden Club's page at The Giving Challenge. Choose an amount you wish to donate – it is easy, fast, and so appreciated!

The Board of Directors have identified several projects which can benefit from our donations:

- New lighting and refurbishment of screened patio
- New chairs for meeting room

Any questions? Ask any member of the Board of Directors.