



MRGC BULLETIN

Summer 2026



Dear friends,

Summer is finally here! This is my favorite time of the year. I love the afternoon thunderstorms and that clean smell in the air after they pass. Gardening feels easier in the summer despite the heat and humidity. If you're staying here this summer, I hope you'll take advantage of the numerous activities MRGC has planned. If you are traveling or will be somewhere else, safe travels! Until we are all back together in September, fair winds and following seas!

Melanie

Announcements:

🌱 Look for MRGC in the June issue of the Palma Sola Neighbors magazine if you live in the neighborhoods served!

🌱 **June 7-13 is National Garden Week.** MRGC will receive a proclamation from the City of Bradenton at the 6/17 city council meeting at 8:30. Please let Melanie know if you plan to attend.

🌱 During National Garden Week, consider doing random acts of gardening kindness! Maybe you'll divide a plant to share with a neighbor, but whatever you do, use the lovely National Garden Week cards Stacy Brown created to give to the lucky recipient. A copy is included on page 5.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
JUNE						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>National Garden Club Week</i> Do your Sowing Seeds of Kindness ...give a plant or a flower arrangement, etc to someone...take a photo, include your card and send to Rita, Lucinda or Stacy.						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	↑ Garden Angels 7am-12		Plant Bingo Planning Meeting 10:30 🌱			Summer Craft Fair 10-4 See flyer on page 5
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Vintage Planter Workshop 6-8pm see notice below		MPAC ↓	
28	29	30				
	Planning MRGC after 5 5pm					

Have a great Summer!

Manatee Performing Arts Center will host MRGC members on 6/26 from 11:15-1:45 for the dress rehearsal of the children's performance of Shrek. RESERVE your spot with Melanie. First 13 to reserve will go! **MPAC** is a past recipient of one of the Eaton grants we award.

MRGC

After 5

VINTAGE PLANTER

Workshop

A hands-on workshop using a variety of vintage vessels!

Guests will leave with a completed planter.



WEDNESDAY
JUNE 24TH
6-8 PM



Held at
MANATEE RIVER GARDEN CLUB
3120 1st Ave W, Bradenton, FL

REGISTRATION FORM

MRGC After 5 - Vintage Planter Workshop

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

MATERIALS FEE
\$45

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
JUNE 18TH, 2026

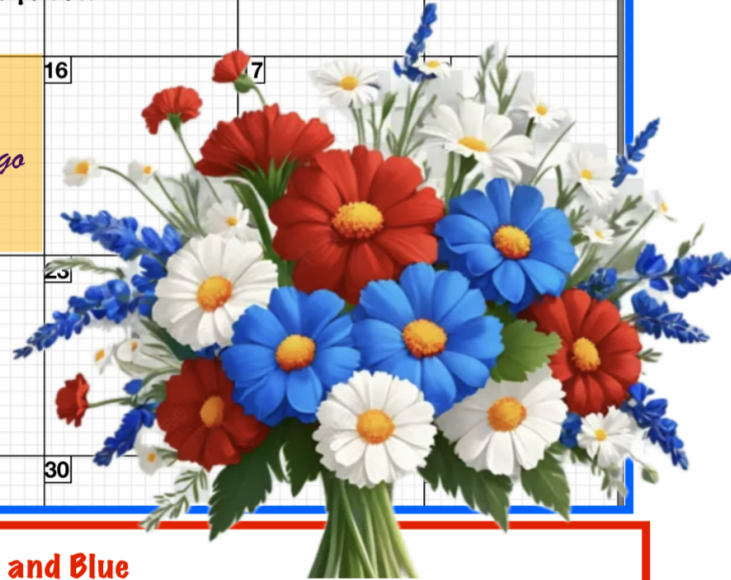
CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
MRGC

Mail to: 805 Hillcrest Dr, Bradenton, FL, 34209

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VIA ZELLE TO:

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
JULY						
Plant Red White and Blue to honor America						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Please take photos of your beautiful yards and plants and send them to Rita Mixer for our club's Facebook page. We have NGC "Plant America" flags, if you would like to borrow one for your photo.						
12	13	14	15	16	17	
		Garden Angels 7am-12	Join us for <i>Plant Bingo</i> 1-3pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	
26	27	28	29	30		



Plant Red White and Blue

In recognition of America's 250th Birthday, a planting of red, white & blue flowers has been requested by NGC of all garden club members to honor and recognize our country's milestone. Paula Olesen, Horticulture Chair, District VIII has put together suggested flowers and bushes that flower in those colors in summer and some even into fall. This list is not exhaustive, and you may have others. She listed Florida Natives first, then Florida Friendly by color:

Red:

- Native: Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
 Scarlet Hibiscus (*Hibiscus coccineus*)
 Scarlet sage - tropical sage (*Salvia coccinea*);
- Florida Friendly: Scarlet Bee Balm (*Monardia didyma*)
 Dipladenia - (*Mandevilla sanderi*)
 Pentas lanceolata
 Desert Rose (*Adenium obesum*)
- Bush: Coralbean (*Erythrina herbacea*)

White:

- Native: Tropical sage-white
 Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias perennis*)
 Hammeck snakeroot (*Ageratina fucunda*)
 Many flower beard tongue (*Penstemon multiflora*)
 Frogfruit (*Phyla nodiflora*)
 Bidens alba (a weed to some loved by pollinators!)
- Florida Friendly: Bloodroot Plant (shade) (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)

- Shasta Daisy (*Leucanthemum superbum*)
 Fleabane Daisy (*Erigeron annuus*)
 Oxeye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)
 Echinecea - new white)
 Pentas lanceolata
 Desert Rose (*Adenium obesum*)
- Bush: Marberry (*Ardisia escallonioides*)
 ButtonBush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
 Snowberry (*Chococca alba*)
 White stopper (*Eugenia axillaris*)
 Spanish stopper (*Eugenia foetida*)
 Simpson stopper (*Myrcianthes fragrans*)
 Wild coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*)
 Swamp azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*)
 blooms midsummer
 Walter's viburnum (*Viburnum obovatum*)
- Florida Friendly: Sweet Almond bush (*Aloysia virgata*)

Blue:

- Native: Blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*)
 iris family
- Florida Friendly: Mealycup sage Fairy Queen' (*Salvia farinacea*) blue sage
 Blue daze (*Evolvulus glomeratus*)
 Cornflower "blue cap" (*Centaurea cyanus*)
 Butterfly pea (*Clitoria ternates*) dark blue flowers
- Bush: Bigleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*)
 Florida morning sun

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<h1>AUGUST</h1>						
2	3	4	5 Membership Committee 10am	6	7	8
9	10	11 Garden Angels 7am-12	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 MRGC After 5 See notice below	27	28	29
30	31					

MRGC After 5

Aug 26th 6-8 pm at MRGC - cost for the event is \$10 - Our guest speaker, Tenille Pawlus from Butterflies and Blossoms will present the program HOA Friendly Landscapes. Light refreshments will be served.

Our Flower Show “**Manatee Memories**” will be March 12th and 13th, 2027. Mary Roby will be our Chairman.

But, before we get there, lots needs to be done. Our first Flower Show meeting will be in September, TBD.

We need to brainstorm! Gather your ideas for things that make Manatee memorable.

Mary will be calling to get committees lined up. If you want to volunteer for anything, let her know!

We still need to fill the **Assistant Treasurer** position as well as chairs for **Publicity** and **Programs** for next year. Please let Melanie know if you are willing to serve.

Garden Angels
meets the 2nd
Tuesday of
every month,
Summer hours:
7:00 - 12:00

Manatee River Garden Club

SUMMER Fair

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
3120 1ST AVE W, BRADENTON



PLANTS



HANDMADE
CRAFTS



HOMEMADE
BAKED GOODS




FLORAL
ARRANGEMENTS



GIFTS

FEATURED: Plants • Handmade Crafts • Homemade Baked Goods • Floral Arrangements • Gifts

 CASH ONLY

National Garden Week

June 7 - 13, 2026



ManateeRiverGardenClub.com
3120 1st Ave W, Bradenton, Florida 34205

Include this card in the photo you take when "Sowing Seeds of Kindness" during National Garden Club Week in June.

The "Color Me Florida" Flower Show received 2 NGC Flower Show awards for Standard Flower Show and for Staging. We also received an FFGC award for our Habitat for Humanity project and it received national recognition.

Judy Boehm was honored at the May meeting with a lifetime membership that was presented by former Florida FFGC president Sue Angle.

Wendy McCormac was presented with a gift from Judy Boehm to recognize her for bringing 5 new members to MRGC this past year!

Please bring any of your old Flower Show ribbons to the September meeting so MRGC can reuse them.

Congratulations to Mary Roby on becoming an accredited NGC Flower Show Judge.

Welcome all new Members!

I will be assembling the Bulletin again this year for Melanie. If you have anything you would like to share with the club, please email, call or text me!

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