

MRGC BULLETIN

September
2026

Dear Friends,

If Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer and Labor Day its finale, we have been treated to the longest, most beautiful summer possible this year. I hope these long, sun-drenched months brought you moments of quiet joy—whether you were harvesting sweet tropical fruits for family gatherings, finding shade in our local parks, or simply tending to the beloved houseplants on your windowsills.

Your Board of Directors is happy to welcome each of you back to our clubhouse in just a few short weeks. Together, let us cultivate new memories, continue to nurture our deep roots in our community, and share in the simple joys of growing and making beautiful things in this coming season.

Melanie



September Luncheon: "End of Summer Bounty."

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new "garden club year." The first meeting and luncheon is on **September 16th**. The luncheon this month is a **Pot Luck**, so please bring one of your special culinary creations for everyone to share. Barbara Duncan is the lead hostess and her committee includes Chris O'Grady, Patricia Eckert, Marcia O'Brien, Elizabeth Pugliese.

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

Please RSVP by **September 8th to mrgchospitality@gmail.com** to let us know whether or not you can attend. It is very important to RSVP promptly so that the committees can provide the necessary refreshments and place settings.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Rita & Jay Obeid. Hospitality Chairpersons

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

TRANSFORMATIONAL OYSTER RESTORATION - MANATEE RIVER CASE STUDY

Speaker: Damon Moore, Executive Director of Oyster River Ecology.

This presentation offers a compelling historical overview of what used to be called "oyster river". Damon and his teams' goal is to get its 132 acres of oyster reefs back.

SEPTEMBER 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8  Garden Angels ?-noon	9	10 BOD MEETING 10:00	11	12
13	14	15	16 MRGC MEETING 10:30 POT LUCK	17	18	19 Field Trip Folk & Flutter Fest Meet 9am See notice
20	21	22	23 Membership committee 10:00	24	25	26
27	28	29 FLOWER SHOW MEETING 10:30	30			

Welcome to our **newest members!**

Bonnie Riggins
Bob Strain
Jann Richardson
Patricia Eckert
Sandra Grondahl
Katie Cureton
Christine Olson
Peggy Sporer

Garden Angels

Our wonderful Grounds Director, Cathy Willard is having knee replacement surgery on September 1st. Olivia Cox has graciously agreed to step in for her at the Sept. 8th Garden Angels. We all wish Cathy a speedy recovery

SAVE THE DATE:

New Member Orientation on Wednesday, Oct 7 from 2-3pm. This meeting is not just for new members, but is open to all others who want to know more about how our club works.

SAVE THE DATE:

The next District VIII meeting is **October 20th**, hosted by **Sarasota Garden Club**. Registration forms will soon be available.

FLOWER SHOW MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29TH 10:30

We need everyone's ideas!



Folk & Flutter Fest September 19 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Celebrate the beauty of art, nature, and community at Folk & Flutter Fest at Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens! Enjoy live folk music from Mike Imbasciani & Trevor Bystrom, browse local artisan and vendor booths, discover unique plants at our plant sale, savor delicious offerings from food trucks, and take part in a memorable butterfly release.

Field Trip

This will be a day trip. We can meet at the Garden Club at 9 a.m. and then at the Walmart out East on St. Rt. 64. We end by Garden Center.
More info at the general meeting.
See Tamara Zelaya for details.

<https://peacrivergardens.ticketspice.com/folk-flutter-fest>