

MRGC BULLETIN BOARD

MARCH
2025



"Top of the Morning" everyone. Spring is just around the corner...a favorite time of year for gardeners! We're looking forward to a perfect month using our creativity to get ready for the FLOWER SHOW: "Color Me Florida". There is lots of work to do. We hope everyone has signed up for something...we need your help and participation! Sign up for a design or craft, take those photos and get those plants in shape!

Let's work together!

Rita and Carol



March Luncheon: "Spring Gardenscape"

Sandy Brophy will be our month's lead hostess with Chicken Alfredo headlining the menu. Lunch will be \$12. **Please RSVP to Melanie, halseym@yahoo.com by March 14th.**



Program: "A Walk on the Wild Side"

Krista Carpenter, with Wildlife, Inc, an education and rehabilitation center for wildlife, will give a presentation about the organization's rescues. She will bring some of their critters for us to meet.



March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Private Event
2 Palma Sola Botanical Park Sale	3	4 	5	6	9 Private Event	8
9	10	11 Garden Angels 8-12 Flower Show mtg 11:30 Orchid societv	12	13 BOD mtg 10 am	14	15 Private Event
16 Private Event	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day Judges Council	18 Floralia 6	19 MRGC meeting 10:30 am	20	21 Flower Show staging workshop 10 am	22 Rare Fruit Council Sale
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Beginning of Flower Show prep. 10am					



Rare Fruit Tree Sale

Saturday March 22nd, 2025

Premier Sports Campus, 9 am - 2 pm

5895 Post Blvd., Lakewood Ranch, FL 34211

Bring Cash & a Wagon

No ATM on site

Sponsored by the Manatee Rare Fruit Council, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9 AM - 2 PM

Same venue as last year: [Premier Sports Campus, 5895 Post Blvd, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34211](#) ([click for map](#))

Cooler weather, and more trees and plants! We have moved the sale to March and increased our number and variety of vendors. We'll have the best selection of fruit trees and edible plants, plus a wide assortment of ornamentals! Rare plants you won't find elsewhere. Twenty selected expert vendors from all over Florida, free admission, free parking, and public restrooms close to the sale area. All in one place, all on one day-- the best day of the year to buy edible and ornamental plants.

Please note that vendors will collect payment directly for their own sales. Many will be accepting credit cards, but it's best to bring cash just in case, so that you don't miss out on your favorite must-have trees. There will be no ATM available at the site.

We recommend that you **bring a cart or wheelbarrow, if possible**, to haul your purchases.

The non-profit Manatee Rare Fruit Council will have a table set up with members who can help answer your fruit growing questions. There will also be copies of the MRFC fruit cookbook available for purchase.

Here are more ways to get up to date information about this year's Fruit Tree and Plant Sale. Please help us make this the best Tree Sale ever by sharing the event with your friends:

- [MRFC website tree sale page](#). (click to open)
- [MRFC Facebook Event page](#). Sign up as "going" to get reminders through Facebook. Share this event with your Facebook friends.
- [Fruit Tree Sale flyer](#). Print copies as reminders, to share with friends, or to post at work or local businesses.

We hope to see you at this year's Fruit Tree and Plant Sale!



This is the best day of the year to buy fruit trees, tropical vegetables, and rare plants. Meet other fruit growers, and if you wish, join the MRFC.



Bring a wagon or cart, if you have one, to help carry your plants as you shop.



Vendors bring the best items that they have at the time of the sale, but an inventory list is not available ahead of the sale.

FLOWER SHOW meeting March 11, after Garden Angels. 11:30 - 12:30

Enter a design, craft, photo and horticulture

STAGING WORKSHOP tentatively scheduled for March 21st, 10am: paint and prepare props, assemble signs, cover risers, etc.

Join the fun! There is lots of work to do. There is a job for everyone! We need your help and participation!

We need paper towel tubes

ROAD TRIP - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025 ROB BRANCH GARDEN AND SARASOTA SUCCULENT SOCIETY

1310 38TH ST.
SARASOTA, FL. 34234

- * 10:00 AM. Meet at Sarasota Succulent Society carpool if possible.
- * Bring your own bagged lunch.
- * Tour Rob Branch's Garden next door to the Succulent Society.
- * After tour, walk back to Succulent Society to explore and do a bit of shopping.
- * Visit and enjoy your bagged lunch on the garden grounds.
- * Cost \$20

RSVP: Sandy Brophy sandy@bookweevil.com
941-718-5488

**We will carpool from the Manatee River Garden Club
Meet there at 9:15. An east side location TBD.**



Palma Sola Botanical Park's

Spring Plants & More Sale

10am-3pm Sun. Mar. 2, 2025

Plants, Artisans, Food, & Fun!

Free Admission

9800 17th Ave. NW Bradenton

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