



MRGC BULLETIN BOARD

September
2025



I hope everyone had a wonderful summer sowing seeds of positivity and hope, not just in our club but in our greater community. While we won't all see each other until 9/17, and summer isn't officially over until 9/22, it's not too early to embrace September's meeting theme of Welcome Back! See you in a few weeks,
Melanie

September Luncheon: "Welcome Back"

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 17th**. The luncheon this month is a **Pot Luck**, so please bring one of your special culinary creations for everyone to share. Our lovely Susan O'Donnell is the chair. Her committee is Julie Ackles, Kay Amodio, Katherine Denzel and Mariel McRae. The meeting **begins at 10:30AM** with the luncheon to follow. Please RSVP by **September 10th to mrghospitality@gmail.com** to let us know whether or not you can attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rita & Jay Obeid. Hospitality Chairpersons



Welcome to our **newest members** who have joined over the summer:

**April Culbreath
Barbara Duncan
Linda Lysinger
Ruth Lawler
Pam Luersen**

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3	4	5	6 Private event
7	8	9  Garden Angels ?-noon Come when you can.	10	11 Board of Directors 10 am 	12	13
14	15	16	17 MRGC MEETING 10:30 POT LUCK 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Flower Show Meeting 10:30 	25	26	27
28	29	30	9/17 Program: "Natural Springs in Manatee County" Tom Ries from Ecosphere Restoration Institute will give a presentation on restoring Florida's springs and wetlands.			



Garden Angels:

Tuesday, Sept. 9th. Come any time before noon to help make the grounds look beautiful for our September meeting!! There's something for everyone - weeding, pruning, debris pick-up. . . We will continue to meet the second Tuesday of every month!!

District VIII Fall Meeting: Wednesday October 22 Plant City

Registration Deadline is Oct. 1st.
See registration form on page 4,
map on page 5. We will set up
carpooling.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Cheryl Rosten

Cheryl Rosten enjoys being a member of MRGC in the winter months, but most of her gardening is done in the summer in Midland, MI. Cheryl is an Advanced Master Gardener, an active member of Evergreen Garden Club, and a volunteer of the Dahlia Hill Society.

Dahlia Hill was started in the '80's, with a Mother's Day gift of two dahlia tubers. The young girl who gave the gift had no idea her dad was the one who would become intrigued by this unique flower. He ordered more varieties, eventually ran out of space in their yard, and finally, with the help of a local foundation and many donations, bought the property that is now known as Dahlia Hill.

After the first hard frost (approximately the first week of October), the tubers are dug and washed, and the month of November is spent dividing and labeling for winter storage.



Cheryl's favorite: Cafe au Lait

Tubers multiply underground, so of the original 3,000 planted, about 12,000 are stored in bags of vermiculite in a room kept at 45-50 degrees November through April (See photo of freshly dug tubers.) In April, buds start appearing and volunteers begin quality control. Whether planted or sold, a tuber needs to have a bud. The third week in May, the tubers are planted a foot apart and the rest are sold during the week leading up to Memorial Day. Proceeds cover practical expenses such as gravel for the parking lot. Any leftover tubers are given for Master Gardener project gardens.

Over 300 varieties of dahlias are grown on the Hill, with representatives of all 23 petal configurations, which are quite diverse. Over 50 volunteers maintain the garden April-November by weeding and deadheading when blossoms appear in August. Mr. Dahl, a Swede, and other contemporary hybridizers, have not come up with a scented, or true blue dahlia. There is a prize for anyone who does!

Cheryl is also a docent on Dahlia Hill and enjoys enlightening the public about this spectacular flower. For more information, take a look at www.dahliahill.org.

Send me pictures of your garden to share with the club. This year I would like to have a page in the bulletin featuring pictures of member's yards, gardens and plants. Email to Carol Friedman; friedymom@aol.com or text to 941-238-8561. **Thank you Cheryl for sharing your passion!**



Poling Gardens in Bloom

You are invited to a celebration with the new homeowners from our outreach project at Habitat for Humanity's Poling Gardens as our time with them draws to a close. This will be an evening meeting since all these parents work. Save Tuesday, October 7, at 6 pm on your calendar. After a presentation with slides about our work together, all will be served a lasagna dinner. The evening will be short since some of their children will attend. Come and hear about our shared gardening experiences.

District VIII Fall Meeting Registration

District VIII Fall Meeting
Wednesday · October 22, 2025



Hosted by the Temple Terrace Garden Club

Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club (TTGCC)
200 Inverness Avenue · Temple Terrace, Florida 33617

Registration & Coffee - 9:00 am Call to Order - 10:00 am
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: October 1, 2025

\$40.00 includes registration, morning hospitality and lunch. Please make check payable to:
Temple Terrace Garden Club, Inc. (TTGC)

Mail check & registration form to:

Jan Resch, Co-Treasurer
1323 N Riverhills Drive
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

janresch2@gmail.com 813-695-7641

- Payment must be included with registration
- Carpooling strongly encouraged
- Covered drop-off portico available at main entrance of TTGCC
- Parking: TTGCC · 200 Inverness Ave (*enter from Belle Terre Ave*)
- Parking: Woodmont Clubhouse · 415 Woodmont Avenue
- 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 OR
- 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

2025 FFGC District VII Fall Meeting

