

# GARDENS-AT-A-GLANCE

## APRIL 2023 NEWS

— PEACE RIVER BOTANICAL & SCULPTURE GARDENS —



### NEWEST HORTICULTURE DISPLAY

The single rainbow eucalyptus tree has always been a guest favorite of our collection. Its unique bark peels to uncover vibrant shades of purples, blues, reds, and green and the fragrance is unforgettable. And now we have an even larger collection of these fast-growing trees that will reach heights of 125 feet, making for a breathtaking display!

Donors Craig and Janet Esterly honored their daughter by naming this area Carolyn's Rainbow Grove, allowing us to install 25 more rainbow eucalyptus trees. By our research we now have the largest grove of these unique trees in the continental United States!



## FLAMINGO RUN

Many of featured spring artist, Leoma Lovegrove's pieces are on display throughout the grounds. Come and check out the largest of her art installations, *Flamingo Run* and see what other creations you can spot amidst the bountiful botanicals of our *Caribbean Colors* exhibit!



## NEW GALLERY SPACE

What began as a pop-up gallery inside our tent has evolved into a beautiful display inside our Garden Community Center. Hurry in to visit Leoma's new space, now through Mother's Day. While you are there, check out our gift shop full of local art and stop to feed the koi from the veranda.



## LIMITED EDITION

Leoma has created a limited edition line of Flamingo Run. There are only 250 made to commemorate her time at The Gardens. Each piece comes with a certificate of authenticity, Swarovski crystals, and a beautiful reminder of your visit. A portion of every purchase you make, both limited edition and other Leoma pieces, benefits The Gardens and helps our nonprofit organization continue our mission.

## APRIL EVENTS



# Groovin' in the Gardens

disco dance off competition, limbo contest,  
raffle items, leoma lovegrove's marketplace  
will be open, and more!

**Dance the night away in your grooviest 70's costume!**

**April 16th, 2023**  
**6pm-8pm**

**1 taco bar & 2 drink tickets included in each ticket price.**

Peace River Gardens  
5827 Riverside Dr. Punta Gorda  
Members- \$50  
Non-Members- \$60



## GET YOUR GROOVE ON!

Gather your friends and join us from 6-8pm on **Sunday, April 16th** for an evening of dancing and nostalgia! Share in the disco fever of this 70's theme event by wearing your most outrageous costume! Our DJ will play the greatest hits of the era while you dance, drink, and dine. \$50 members/\$60 nonmembers. [Tickets](#) include taco bar, 2 drink tickets, seating, raffles and more!

# PLANT SALE

**APRIL 22ND, 10AM-2PM**

5827 Riverside Dr. Punta Gorda, FL, 33982

FREE admission to plant sale.

Many varieties of unique plants including  
bromeliads, hibiscus, rare fruit trees, herbs,  
butterfly plants, and more!

Pottery and garden décor galore!

Experts available for your gardening questions.



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**MEMBERS GET IN AT 9AM  
AND RECEIVE 10% OFF!**



## CALLING ALL PLANT PEOPLE!

Mark your calendars for our biannual plant sale! A huge selection of unique and tropical plants hand curated by our Director of Horticulture as well as vendors that include staghorns, fruit trees, garden decor and more!

Members get in at 9 am and can enjoy muffins and coffee. The first 100 members get a free native tree! Nonmembers may enter at 10 am.

## ADDITIONAL APRIL ACTIVITIES





## **PAINTING CLASSES: APRIL 2, 7, 14, 20, 26, AND 29**

Come paint Leoma Lovegrove inspired artwork with Vino's Picasso artists outside in the Gardens. Class is held outdoors near the gift shop and each class is a different picture. Class fee includes Gardens access and "Caribbean Colors" exhibit. 11a.m.-1p.m. \$69 for members, \$89 for non-members. View our calendar of events to pick your day and [register](#).



## **ORCHID CLASS: APRIL 4**

Join us from 9:30-11:00 am to learn all you need to know about caring for orchids with volunteer and orchid guru, Marlene H. A free 'Reed Orchid' will be provided along with the instructions to propagate it into endless orchids! \$25 members/\$45 nonmembers/. Purchase tickets [here](#).



## **YOGA IN THE GARDENS: APRIL 8**

Get your zen on with The Yoga Sanctuary at 11:30 am amidst a flamboyance of flamingos! Suggested donation of \$20 which includes yoga class and Garden access. Bring your mat, towel, and water and meet us on the Northside near the koi pond.



## **EASTER: APRIL 9**

We are open regular hours on Easter Day so spend a Sunday strolling through the beauty of nature and enjoy the whimsy of our Caribbean Colors exhibit!



## **SALIENT SUCCULENTS : APRIL 12**

Master Gardener and volunteer, Liz, will teach you how to create and care for a beautiful succulent garden from 9:30-11:00 am. All supplies are included but you are welcome to bring your own decorations to include if you wish. Members \$30/Nonmembers \$45. Register [here](#).



## **SUPER STAGHORNS: APRIL 18**

Get all the info (and materials) to give you Staghorn Fern superpowers! Join fern expert, Kate P. to learn the ins and outs of Staghorn care and create your own mounting!



## **RESIN CLASS: APRIL 24**

Join us at 10 am in the Garden Community Center for this highly-sought after class. Make a beautiful resin creation with frame. \$49 includes all materials, including the frame. Register [here](#).



## **PLANT PRINTS WITH JUDY: APRIL 25**

Let your creativity shine with this exciting process that uses real (live) plants, inks, and printmaking tools to create images from nature. 1-3pm on the Garden Community Center veranda. \$30 members/\$40 nonmembers. Register [here](#).



## **TAIL WAGGIN' TUESDAYS**

Every Tuesday enjoy the Gardens with your 4-legged friend. A donation of \$5 per pet, or a pet supply, goes to the Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County.

## MAKE YOUR MOTHER'S DAY PLANS NOW!



## Mother's Day Tea

Treat the special woman or women in your life to a memory-making experience at The Gardens on Saturday, May 13th under the shady pergola of our Community Center Veranda.

Don your hats for this family and friends event! There are two time slots available (10:30-Noon and 1:00-2:30) but spacing is very limited. [Tickets](#) include tea, mimosas, specialty sandwiches, scones, and desserts as well as many photo ops and Garden admission for the day. \$50 member/\$60 non-member/\$25 child <17.

Hurry! Tickets for this special event won't last!

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS??



Our famed shaving brush trees will be blooming in April! You don't want to miss these beauties!







## EDUCATING THE FUTURE!

Not only do we offer many adult education classes like horticulture workshops and docent-led tours, we create programming for children as well. Recently Sarasota Christian School and Out-of-Door Academy bussed in students to spend a morning at The Gardens. Participating in stations allowing for small-group interactions and hands-on activities, students engaged in learning experiences about ecosystems, conservation, botany, as well as art making and appreciation.

We are embarking on many more opportunities to educate our youth by creating a new learning center and a Family Garden. We thank the Shively Charitable Foundation as the first contributors to the future educational space! If you would like to hear more about how you can make a difference in our community by supporting these important projects and programs, please reach out to [Tanna Horner](#), Executive Director.



## FLOURISHING WITH IMPROVEMENTS!

Thanks to a grant from the Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation, we are getting more shade! A pergola is in process on being installed on the Garden Community Center's veranda. We can't wait for the opportunity for this to add additional respite from the sun and a protected way to sit and watch the koi swim by! We'd like to thank our team of volunteers that made this possible! From grant writing to researching products to installation, this project couldn't have been completed without the power of our amazing volunteers!



## YELLOW ANDY IS BACK!

Artist Jack Dowd has been working tirelessly to reconstruct our beloved sculpture since its destruction in Hurricane Ian. Andy 2.0 is installed and ready for pictures!





## MEMBERSHIP PAYS

In addition to coming back all year for free, members get many perks like discounts on most events, 10% off in the gift shop and plant sales, as well as admission into more than 340 other reciprocal gardens around the country.

We also like to offer special Member Appreciation Events to help you find the most value in purchasing your membership with us. **On April 19th, we'd like to welcome members for a special meet & greet with Leoma Lovegrove at 11 am, followed by tea and treats on the veranda.** If you are attending, please [RSVP here](#). This is a great opportunity to meet other garden-loving members and learn more about behind-the-scenes Garden details.

If you would like to learn more about our member benefits or take advantage of these special offers, please visit our [website](#) or stop by the ticket booth.

We share in Leoma's happy dance for the nearly 300 members that have joined our Gardens since January of this year!



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