

# LAKWOOD RANCH GARDEN CLUB

## PROGRAMS 2015 - 2016

### Meetings:

Social at 9:30 a.m. followed by meeting at 10 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Following our meeting a club member will give a short presentation of the **Plant of the Month** followed by our scheduled program.

September through May meetings are held at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall, 8175 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Lakewood Ranch, FL. – (941) 907-0202

**Please Note:** Members will be notified concerning changes to our 2015 - 2016 programs by email.

### September 14 - Town Hall - Greet 9:30 a.m. - Meeting 10:00 a.m.



Plant of the Month Presentation  
“Memory Lane”

Join us for tea! We will return from our summer break to find our “Hostess With The Mostest”, **Maureen Burke**, Hospitality Chairperson, Connecticut Master Gardener, Advanced Master Gardener and Manatee County Master Gardener Trainee dazzle us with a bevy of teas to tantalize our taste buds. Sip away while we enjoy a trip down memory lane with a slideshow of our past accomplishments while we get caught up with each other.

### October 12 - Carpool from Town Hall to Gamble Plantation.

Meet at Town Hall at 9:15 a.m. – Depart at 9:30 a.m.  
3708 Patten Ave., Ellenton



Plant of the Month Presentation  
Meeting – 10:00 a.m.  
Gamble Plantation Guided Tour: 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy our personally guided tour of Florida’s oldest antebellum house, circa mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century. Used by several Confederate Generals, Gamble Mansion is loaded with history!  
Cost: \$6.00 per person

### November 9 - Town Hall - Greet 9:30 a.m. - Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Plant of the Month Presentation  
Holiday Arrangements

Bring your holiday artistic side, along with holiday items, baskets, ribbons, etc...to add to the mix and help make our annual holiday arrangements. All completed artistic creations will be donated to Meals on Wheels recipients and Families associated with Still Point House.

### December 14 - Town Hall - Greet 9:30 a.m. - Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Plant of the Month Presentation  
“Make It and Take It”

Lakewood Ranch Garden Club's **Sheryl Perkins**, Illinois Certified Professional Florist and past LWRGC President and **Phyllis Weber** Landscape Design Consultant and past LWRGC President, will aid us in the design and creation of a floral "think outside the box" masterpiece to take home and enjoy.

Cost: \$10 per person

## 2016

### January 11, 2016 - Town Hall - Greet 9:30 a.m. - Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Plant of the Month Presentation

Plant Auction: SOLD



**Phyllis Weber**, Landscape Design Consultant and past LWRGC President will be our auctioneer for our plant auction. Plants will be supplied by our club members. If you eye something that tickles your fancy, you may have to out-bid a fellow member or guest!! Please supply both botanical and common names as well as growing instructions.

### February 8 - Town Hall - Greet 9:30 a.m. - Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Plant of the Month Presentation

The How-To of a FFCG Flower Show

**Eleanor Yates**, Past NGC President, FFCG Flower Show Judge will give us an inside peek behind the scenes of a FFCG Flower Show. Eleanor will take four plants selected from our Plant of the Month Presentation series and instruct our audience how to trim and present the plants for a flower show. Then she will judge the selected plants!

### March 14 - Carpool from Town Hall at 9:15 a.m., depart 9:45 a.m.

The Sarasota Bromeliad Society, 1315 38<sup>th</sup> St., Sarasota

Plant of the Month Presentation

Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Garden Tour



We will convene in the gardens of **Rob Branch**, former Sarasota Bromeliad Society President, and be in awe of these beautiful epiphytes. Rob will have bromeliads for sale to our members and guests. He occasionally opens his gardens to the public and has wonderfully healthy and nicely priced plants for sale. We'll be lucky to have the garden all to ourselves on this day! Please bring your own folding chair.

### April 11 - Town Hall - Greet 9:30 a.m. - Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Plant of the Month Presentation

Making a Botanical Imprint

Be prepared to look at nature's gifts through topophilic eyes. Local artist, **Patsy Monk**, will teach us what happens when plant fibers and water are heated in conjunction with cloth and paper.

All materials provided. Written instructions included.

\$20 per person, includes lunch.

**May 9 - Town Hall - Greet 9:30 a.m. - Meeting 10:00 a.m.**

Plant of the Month Presentation  
The How-To of Garden Pests and Diseases



So many bugs, so many plant diseases with all our heat and humidity! Our **Steve Bradicich**, Manatee Master Gardener and leader of the Manatee County Master Gardener Speakers' Bureau will enlighten us about the good, bad and uglies in our gardens and how to handle these various pests and diseases and still be Florida Friendly.

**SUMMER BREAK**

**September 12 - Town Hall - Greet 9:30 a.m. - Meeting 10:00 a.m.**

Plant of the Month Presentation  
Orchid - "Make It and Take It"

They're easier than you think! **Helen Pausenwein**, Master Gardener and former Orchid Society President will guide us as we will not only learn all about orchids but also be instructed how to divide and repot your orchid. Bring your orchid that desperately needs to be divided.  
Cost: \$20 for supplies