



Happenings



Letter from the President, Chris O'Grady

Hi Everyone,

I hope you have had a nice summer in spite of coronavirus restrictions. The good news is, I am not aware of any of our members contracting the dreaded illness. It is unfortunate we were not able to hold monthly meetings March-May. Due to the recent surge in coronavirus cases in our area, the Board and I have decided not to hold monthly meetings September-December. We will re-evaluate the situation in December and determine the safest way to move forward in the new year. Since most of us are in the high-risk age group, it is best to be extremely cautious.

The Flower Show is in the planning stages. We hope to also have the Wine & Cheese/Plant Auction. If two members volunteer to co-chair the Garden Tour, it will be held in the spring after the Flower Show. Conditions at that time will determine whether or not we will hold the Gala and Luncheon. We need to hold the Garden Tour if possible because it is the Club's biggest fundraiser. Please contact me if you are willing to chair.

Due to abbreviated Club activities and financial concerns, this season's yearbook will not be printed as usual. It will be available on our website in mid September. I realize we have a few members who do not use computers. If you are in this category, please save last season's yearbook for reference to basic information. I am saving mine. If you need to contact a new member or someone with a change of address or phone number, call a computer-using friend, our Membership Director or me. I apologize for any inconvenience. However, it is necessary to make changes for this season of unusual circumstances. I hope everyone understands and will make allowances. Our main source for Club information will be our monthly newsletters which everyone receives. Members who do not use computers will continue to get newsletters via the USPS as in the past.

We currently do not have a Fundraising Director. If anyone is interested in serving in that capacity, please contact me.

Special thanks to members who have made generous donations to help keep the Club operational during this time of financial hardship. Anyone who donates \$100 or more will be listed as a Club sponsor. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated. Cost-cutting measures have been instituted everywhere possible. We are continuing to receive rental inquiries, mostly for next year. We will get back on track again and will be fine eventually. Hang in there and keep the faith!



I miss you all and look forward to the day we can resume normal Club operations. Everyone take care, stay safe and well.

Chris



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Treasurer's Report

From Bev Chapin, Treasurer

Bank Balances as of July 31, 2020

Operating Account:	\$ 5,524.75
Rental Account:	\$ 2,667.06
Money Market:	\$12,870.60

Funds Available/Total: \$21,062.41

Eaton Funds:	\$ 2,778.36
Memorial Funds:	\$ 1,664.78
Legacy Funds:	\$ 500.00



September

Peggy Simone	9/1
Linda Fountain	9/11
Rosemary Mummert	9/11
Linda Suereth	9/11
Mary Reichert	9/12
Julianna Ackles	9/17
Victoria Cernuda	9/17
Barbara Johnson	9/18
Su Pontius	9/20
Tamara Cornwell	9/23
Hilary Boyle	9/25
Sandie Smith	9/26
Kimberly Zimmer	9/26



Membership from Edie Anderson

Hello ladies! I hope you are all well and staying safe. I am trying to stay busy but sometimes that just doesn't seem enough. I miss getting together with friends and family that I so much took for granted. This pandemic we are going through is certainly nothing we ever expected. I was sad to hear we won't be starting our new year in September but look positively toward 2021. I would like to welcome a new member who heard about our club walking her dog in the area. Her name is Jamie Linnane and her email is linnanej@hotmail.com. We now have 102 members! Let us think about when we can all meet again and ideas to raise our membership higher. This little saying somehow helps me get through tough times: THIS TOO WILL PASS. Take good care!



“All You Need is Love” Proves a Winner

The Manatee River Garden Club is the proud recipient of two prestigious Flower Show Achievement awards, presented recently by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. & Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. The flower show titled “ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE” was held in February of 2019. The awards presented were for “Holiday Standard Flower Show” and “Standard Flower Show Schedule”. An Achievement Award is The National Garden Club’s award for a Flower Show that receives more than a score of 95+ on the State level and then at the National level. Congratulations to Rita Mixer and Carol Friedman, Co-Chairmen of the event. We all know how much work and talent is involved in putting on a Flower Show, and MRGC has planned and staged one every year. 98% of club members participated and helped to make this show a spectacular success. Kudos to all!

Since its founding in 1929, Manatee River Garden Club has played an active role in the Bradenton area. It is an MRGC yearly tradition to gift the area with a beautiful flower show, which is always free and open to the public. The 2019 show fell the week before Valentine’s Day, making the “LOVE” theme a winner. Committee members researched songs about love, turning them into themes for the show’s many divisions. Visitors found themselves wandering through our clubhouse humming popular tunes such as “I Will Always Love You” (Dolly Parton 1973) and “Love Me Tender”(Elvis Presley). It was hard not to miss the plays on words, e.g. “Cut from the Heart” was the theme for Cut Flowers or Bracts in Horticulture division.



2021 Flower Show Plays on Dr. Seuss

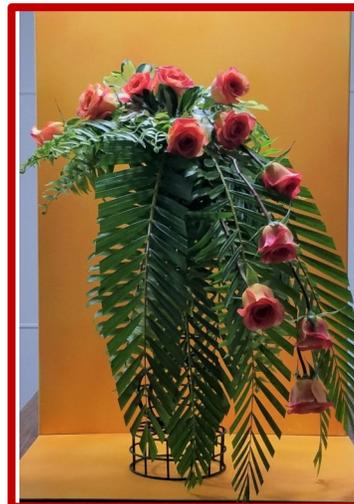
Do not miss the next flower show which will feature a Dr. Seuss theme. While there is much melancholy in this time of sustained crisis, a little Dr. Seuss might be just right in the spring. He was famous for his creative playfulness and his 40 books each have a message, at the same time simple and poignant. Just thinking about it makes one feel lighter. Add a little whimsy to your day by planning your entry. The show is March 12 and 13, 2021.

**Be who you are
And say what you feel
Because those
who mind don't
Matter
And those who
Matter
Don't Mind.**
Dr. Seuss

Sunshine from Judy Zampello



Have you heard about a member who has had a recent illness, hospitalization or loss of a family member? Maybe this person could use a dose of sunshine. Contact Judy Zampello at 792-3333 or judyzampello@hotmail.com to have a card sent.



Congratulations to Pat Danahy for her winning cascade design in the National Garden Clubs *Perfect Vision 2020 Virtual Flower Show* held in July. In the Design division, she won the Class 5 award for “Look Where You Are Going”.



Grants and Scholarships

by Marsha Wilke and Betsy Lieberman

Where the Eaton Grants Went for 2020

The Manatee River Garden Club has been helping with community beautification and educational garden projects with funds from the Elizabeth M. Eaton Grants for over 45 years. Grant money is received yearly from the Fund for distribution, and applications are reviewed for varied public projects. From butterfly gardens at the Bishop Museum and Cortez Historical Museum, tropical fruits at the Palma Sola Botanical Garden, to earth boxes for WD Sugg Middle School, our Grants and Scholarship Committee has found wonderful projects in which to invest.

The 2020 Eaton award winners have been announced by Committee Chair Betsy Lieberman. They include

*Healthy Start Coalition of Manatee for the Washington Square Community Gardens in Bradenton. Restored and new raised beds are now available for gardeners. This is a model community garden and is supported with educational programming by UF/IFAS Extension in Manatee County.

*Manatee County Agricultural Center for establishment of a Community Sensory Garden, with special plants selected for their aroma or their feel and sitting areas for all to enjoy.

*Myakka City Elementary School Garden Club for increasing storage and garden supplies and tools for their vegetable garden. Their "crops" are certified to store and use in the school's cafeteria. Member Bev Chapin says salad greens her grandson picked from this school garden were delicious!

*Florida Maritime Museum for reestablishment of the Butterfly Garden after a construction project for handicap access disturbed the existing garden.

*UF/IFAS Extension for enhancing and extending the educational rose garden area. Our Horticulture Study Group toured this garden last winter. This is a very popular area for new residents and winter visitors.

*Palma Sola Botanical Park for establishing a teaching Butterfly Garden and sitting areas.

*Manatee River Garden Club to improve drainage and improve the North entrance to the facility. This will enhance the entry from Lewis Park parking and improve the safety of the area. It will also improve the photo opportunities for event rentals.

Most projects will begin in the fall so winter and spring visits will be available at all winners' properties.



Mack Lessig (UFIFAS Extension), JoAnn Spencer (Washington Park gardener) and Rebecca Moreland (Volunteer) admire sesame in the Manatee Square Community Garden

Legacy Fund

The quarterly order was placed for Commemorative Bricks so new "plantings" were done in May. Anyone that wants to honor or remember someone or an event can obtain an order form on the MRGC web site under SUPPORT.



WE ALL WANT TO LEAVE A LEGACY; LET MRGC BE PART OF YOURS.

For information, contact Betsy Lieberman, chair of the Legacy Fund Committee, or look on our website under SUPPORT

Nancy Benny, an elder in MRGC, plants a croton as a way of connecting today to tomorrow.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH from Pat Danahy

Hi everyone. I hope this newsletter finds every person safe and sound and keeping their sanity during this very odd time in our lives. Some days it can be tough to get motivated to do anything, especially with the heat and humidity. Those are good days to read, do jigsaw puzzles, watch hours of movies. After a day like that it can be refreshing to have a project! Any project will do.

I miss my yard on some days. Living in a condo, one can only spend so much time taking care of 8 orchids. I stretch it out, bring one in at a time, soak to water, wash leaves and take it back. It can take me a couple of hours if I try hard enough! Only joking really, but when we are used to being busy it can be difficult to slow down.

Our Garden Therapy with the seniors at the Adult Day Care sponsored by Meals on Wheels Plus will not be happening anytime soon. I hope maybe by 2021 there will be some light at the end of the tunnel, but until then the 4th Monday of each month is free and clear.

To keep MRGC's name in the public eye, Chris agreed that placing floral designs in public places would be an excellent way to do that. Nothing elaborate would be needed, just some fresh flowers arranged like what you would give as a gift to someone. I have some business cards Melissa Brosnan had printed when MRGC was celebrating their 90th year to identify Random Acts of Kindness that can be placed with the flowers.

I will be contacting different locations to see if they are open to receiving a floral arrangement periodically, e.g. City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Courthouse, Library, Manatee Memorial Hospital and any other place that would be suggested. I would love nothing more than to have lots of location suggestions from members AND lots of volunteers to create a simple design to cheer up the public.

I would be the central contact person to co-ordinate who, what, where and when so we as a Club can spread sunshine over the year.

There is little money for the club to reimburse members this year, so donating the expense to the club would be wonderful, but not necessary of course. At the same time, turning in a Donation Form (found on our website under Members section) and labeling it "DONATION FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH" will allow us to track the cost of the project. Just set these forms aside, and I can get them when we all meet again in the future.



Garden Angels

from Linda Lestock



After a three-month hiatus Garden Angels will commence on Tuesday, September 8 at 8:30am. Bring your tools and water. I look forward to your joining this garden-glove group. Any questions: lindatajer@yahoo.com

Volunteer Hours

From Paula Wolfe



Please report your hours for time in meetings, Garden Angels and volunteering at MRGC events. Contact Paula Wolfe at silverlady3@gmail.com in order to record your hours. You don't have to specify how the hours were spent - just write the total hours. This is a "Must-Do" for our 501(c)(3) status. Thank you.

Let Manatee County Voters Decide by Marsha Wilke

Citizen-led effort brings referendum on conservation and park land funding to the November ballot

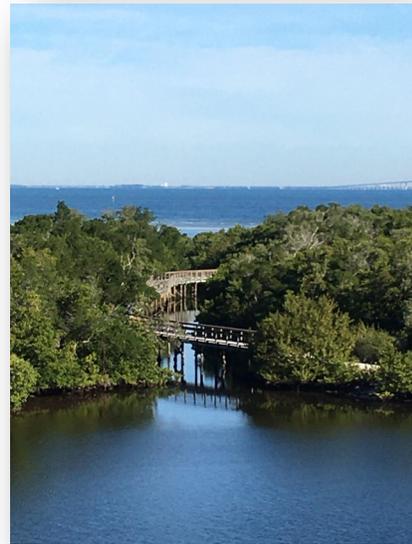
Voters in Manatee County have a chance to say yes or no to **“Water Quality Protection, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Preservation, and Park Ad Valorem Tax and Bonds”** on the November 3 ballot. The Board of County Commissioners recommended on July 28 that the voters should have the chance to decide whether to create a dedicated fund for the acquisition of land to protect water quality, preserve habitat for fish and wildlife, and for recreation. Manatee County is growing fast, with developers building out open spaces all over the county. Opportunities to purchase land are disappearing fast.

If I vote yes, what do I get? All county residents are likely to see more parks and preserves throughout the county. A successful vote and implementation by our county commissioners will provide funds to acquire valuable land in stream corridors and on coastal shorelines that will help protect our water quality. Open land anywhere in the county provides useful wildlife habitat and some can be developed for recreation. Having a local source of funds gives the county leverage to apply for state and federal grants, greatly increasing our buying power. Our county staff has worked wonders to take abandoned agricultural land infested with invasive species and restore it with native plants and recreation opportunities. Have you visited Robinson or Emerson Point preserves, or Riverview Pointe near DeSoto Memorial?

What is a bond issue? A bond is a little like a home equity loan. You get approved for a maximum amount, but you only withdraw funds as you need them. The bonds are repaid by a 0.15 mill increase to property taxes. One mill is one tenth of a percent, which equates to \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 in home value. In this case that means about \$2.50 per month or about \$29 per year to the average homeowner. For example, if you live in unincorporated Manatee County, you are now paying 0.2475 mils for Library Operations.

Over 25 counties in Florida have some kind of sales or property tax dedicated to the acquisition of conservation or park land. Sarasota County has protected over 35,000 acres with bond issues passed in 1999 and 2005. Hillsborough County approved its first ordinance in 1987 and Pinellas County approved its first referendum called the Parkland Acquisition Fund in 1972, with additional referendums in 2007 and 2017. The limitations placed on our lives by the COVID pandemic only reinforce the need for outdoor places to go. It is recommended that counties have 30% in open space. Manatee currently has only 13% of its land base in publicly owned open space.

It is your choice to vote yes for the bond issue, or not. Florida is plagued with water quality issues and our wildlife are declining due to habitat loss. Whatever your choice, VOTE.



River Point Preserve View



River Point Preserve Trail



Pink Muhly Grass on Perico Trail, taken in October



Perico Trail

New Website Information and Features By Barbara Crepeau

On the HOME page:

- A Save the Date icon for our 2021 Flower Show, Obsessed, is at the top of the page. When clicking on the "Click here to find out more" words inside the red hat, you will drop down to the bottom of the page where you will find the flower show poster. Click anywhere on the image to receive a pop-up poster in full size that you can view and print. As new updates on the Flower Show are received, they will be included.
- Promotional information regarding membership in our garden club is at the top of the page to encourage new membership by either contacting Edie Anderson to receive information or clicking on the "Join Us" button to access a mail-in membership form.
- A notification banner of the Club's decision to not hold meetings through December due to the coronavirus has been added to the page.

RENTALS:

I created a wedding video that was added recently. It includes recent pictures that Judy Boehm submitted of our building and gardens. Click on the yellow start button arrow to begin. To replay just click again anywhere at the end.

ABOUT MRGC:

This menu option now includes a sub-menu, The Gardens. Here you will find images of our grounds and gardens submitted by Judy Boehm and Betsy Lieberman. If you click on any one of the photos, it will pop open full screen with an arrow to move forward in a slideshow from that point.

MEMBERS:

- This page has been updated to include the 2020-2021 Hostess Assignments document submitted by Cathy Lamb. Note that September through December has been highlighted and includes a note about the decision to not have any meetings through December due to the coronavirus.
- The page has been updated to include a Guideline for Submissions to Newsletter document submitted by Judy Boehm and Brenda Burmeister. To access it click on the "Go To" button. On the next page, click on GET THE GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO MRGC NEWSLETTER, "HAPPENINGS" to get the document.



FFGC 2021 Calendars by Pat Danahy

I am the new Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Calendar Distribution Editor. Please contact me for your calendar needs. The annual calendar contains photographs of floral designs created by Club members from all over the State. And MRGC is always well represented: Janice Hamlin has two designs inside, and KC Jeronimo has one.



The calendar is wonderful to look at and for gifts even if the receiver is not a designer. It is also great to use as a calendar, a place to jot notes, to identify important dates and to keep the always present "to do list".

The calendar is a big fundraiser for FFGC, and as we all know, a necessary effort for all clubs this year.

Please send an e-mail to me at danahy2010@gmail.com to purchase these calendars. The price is \$8.00 plus tax of \$.52 for a total of \$8.52. Checks should be made out to FFGC. I do not know the shipping charge, but I will find out. Or we could meet someplace between our homes, and I can personally give them to you.

Thank you. As this is my first year at this job and I am picking it up mid stream, it would be great to be able to say, "Sorry, we are sold out".

Floral Design Study Group

by Janice Hamlin

"Stem Benders" - Floral Design Study Group

Hi all, my name is Janice Hamlin, and I have agreed to act as facilitator for the Manatee River Garden Club Floral Design Study Group. I have been a member of MRGC for almost 30 years. (Yikes! It makes me feel old to admit this!). I joined MRGC after attending the FFGC Floral Design Study Series sponsored by the club back in the early '90s.

MRGC has always been a great place to learn and practice floral design. We have incredibly talented and creative members, and we love to grow all kinds of wonderful plant materials to use in floral designs. My own garden is a bit of a mess because I love to grow things I can use in my designs. When I see something I think will be useful, I will always find a place for it. Who knew pandanus grows up to 6 feet tall and 6 feet wide?

Since we will not be able to meet as a group in the near future, we will need to come up with other ways to communicate, inspire, and conspire with each other. For now, we will be using the MRGC newsletter. This month, I want to share with you a few of the "online" resources I have been using to get my floral design "fix" over the summer.

1. Facebook – Many of you are much more versed in Facebook than I am. I only joined two years ago because I wanted to keep informed about Florida State Florists Association, and they communicate almost entirely on Facebook. Some of my Facebook groups include:

Florida State Florists Association

Manatee River Garden Club – KC Jeronimo has done a great job finding all sorts of wonderful resources for us to just "click" on.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. – We are fortunate to have as a member Susan O'Donnell, who serves as Coordinator for the Social Media Committee of NGC. Did you see Pat Danahy's award winning entry in the NGC "Perfect Vision 2020" Virtual Flower Show? Did you even know you could have entered the virtual flower show? All the information was on the NGC website and Facebook page.

2. YouTube – Oh yeah! Lots of great information can be found here. Here are a few designers you need to check out.

Hitomi Gilliam – Hitomi is a wonderful designer and teacher. She has presented at Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas (CFAA) and is so creative and sharing.

John Hosek – John was ready to be our special presenter at FFGC Convention last March. He has some wonderful YouTube videos about using midollino.

Ian Prosser – Ian presented at our FFGC Convention in 2016. He owns a special events floristry business in Tampa and has paired up with Accent Décor out of Atlanta to make some great YouTube videos.

J. Schwanke – I first saw J. at the EPCOT Garden Festival. He is also a frequent guest on the P. Allen Smith television show. J. loves beautiful flowers, and I always get inspired watching him.

So, during September, I challenge you to check out some of these online resources and then:

Go for a walk around your own garden or your neighborhood and find something which is interesting for its color, texture, line, or form. Bring it home and make something with it. It can be a flower arrangement, a wreath, a collage, or whatever you choose. Just make something. If you would like to take a picture and share with me, that would be great.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at hamwoman@aol.com .



How Does Your Garden Grow?

By Marsha Wilke

Is there something happening in your garden that you can't wait to tell someone? Tell ALL in this new column in *Happenings*.



Carol Friedman

I completed the garden outside my pool cage before I left for the summer.



Stephanie Katz, Manatee County Library System (honorary MRGC member)

I never considered myself a real gardener—in fact, I've accidentally killed every plant I try to cultivate! But during the coronavirus pandemic, I have found a renewed appreciation for plants. To relieve stress (and wear out my energetic, two-year-old son), we take family walks around our neighborhood and I photograph the flowers we find. I was delighted to discover five night-blooming cactuses in a two-block radius. The largest cactus is in my next-door neighbor's front yard, so I was able to watch it bloom half a dozen times in late May and early June. Every time I thought it was done, it surprised me and bloomed again. In early August, the smallest cactus in another neighbor's yard bloomed, and we were delighted to see these rare flowers one more time this summer. I planted a chunk of cactus that fell off the largest plant, so I now consider myself a real gardener. I can't wait to see my new plant bloom one day.



Linda Fountain



My orchids that hang out in trees had a really good year this summer. This little orange dendrobium aggregatum was just lovely.

Back in February of 2019 several of us got some "twigs" from a speaker at the horticulture class. It is called hedychium lungicorntum. I had several beautiful red and orange blooms in May.



June 13 my epiphyllum, orchid cactus or night blooming cereus, whatever you may want to call it, had 7 beautiful blooms. I was out at 11:00 at night snapping pics. Well guess what. It is getting ready to bloom again!

Caryl Ponder



Succulents sure seem to love this hot weather.



Julie McClure

I need to thin lobster claw plants and have some seeds; also have Princess Di and the common orange. Lots of orchid blooms, thryallis and other plants blooming now. Let me know via email at julie1944@aol.com if you want some or have questions.



Sharron Jones

My cactus opuntia cochenillifera variegated that I purchased from Kate at Paradise Found Nursery. My String of Bananas (senecio radicans) growing in a beautiful piece of pottery from our talented MRGC member, Susan Palmieri.



Barb Crepeau

My neighbors, Bob and Laura, have a beautiful butterfly garden in their backyard, and I am fortunate to often see Laura’s butterflies fluttering around. Laura works very hard in her butterfly garden making it an attractive and a very active place for butterflies, bees, and other insects! Read Bob’s narrative below and see the pictures of Laura’s butterflies. Enjoy!

Laura’s butterfly garden is a pretty active place. All day there are a variety of butterflies, skippers, bees and other insects flying in and out. The big attraction for the butterflies and bees is the firebush along with some salvia, pentas, milkweed and lantana. The purple passion vine is attractive to the gulf fritillaries for egg laying and the milkweed is attractive to the monarchs. We have not had half the luck with raising caterpillars this year and we attribute some of that to wasps patrolling the plants for a tasty caterpillar. And many of the eggs we see seem to disappear either through predation by something or the heavy rains washing them off. Laura has some black swallowtail, gulf fritillary and a few monarch eggs we brought out of the garden and have them in our caterpillar hotel and a few are now hatching. Here are some visitors I was able to photograph from the past week.



Gulf Fritillary resting on Salvia



Zebra Longwing



White Peacock



Honey Bee



Mangrove Skipper



Monarch

Upcoming Activities for September Right Here in our Back Yard by Judy Boehm



Manatee County Extension Service

Join our Master Gardener volunteers for a series of free webinars aimed at getting your fall gardening off to a great start.

Fall Vegetable Garden Prep and Planning

Wednesday, September 9 at 1pm

Webinar Registration: https://ufl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wkYmpe_QQbq_r5KnamIxDA

Care and Maintenance of Your Fall Garden

Wednesday, September 16 at 1pm

Webinar Registration: https://ufl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GhWKuFsTT6yMjTfqvqCCw

Scouting for Pests and Diseases in Your Garden

Wednesday, September 23 at 1pm

Webinar Registration: https://ufl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VaETkVtGRG-h8T4SmBYO4A

Manatee County Library System

All classes will be conducted on Zoom, but you don't need Zoom downloaded to attend. **Email Stephanie to register at stephanie.katz@mymanatee.org.**

Libby App for Ebooks

Friday, September 4 at 10:30am and Monday, September 21 at 10:30am

Learn how to download free ebooks and e-audiobooks from the library through the Libby app (also known as OverDrive). Learn how to transfer ebooks to your Kindle.

Android Photography

Wednesday, September 16 at 1pm

Learn how to take, edit, and organize photos on your Android phone or tablet. Also learn how to take videos and use the Google Photos app.

iPhone Photography

Tuesday, September 29 at 10:30am

Learn how to take and organize photos and videos on your iPhone or iPad.

UF/IFAS Master Gardener Series

Grow Your Plate Vegetable Gardening Series

Tuesdays: 6:00 – 7:30pm

Registration Via Zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/y2opn65r>

Free

Designed for beginning and intermediate gardeners. Learn how to successfully grow your own food while protecting the environment. Tips will be provided for growing in ground, raised beds, and containers.

September 1: Cucurbits: Cucumbers, Squashes, Pumpkins, Watermelons

September 8: Cool Season Crops: Collards, Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Lettuce

September 15: Growing Herbs, Beans, & Okra

September 22: Below Ground Vegetables: Onions, Carrots, Beets, Sweet Potato

September 29: Insects of Vegetables & Their Control

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