



Rio Lindo Garden Club

of Port St Lucie Florida

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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Irma has come and gone and I hope you all survived her intrusion into our lives relatively unharmed. As someone once said, hurricanes are God's landscaper, pointing to us where some trimming is needed. Rio Lindo GC is kicking off our new year with a lot of activity and excitement. We're hosting the Fall District X meeting at the Gardens on Oct 6. Illona Christie is the woman-in-charge and if she hasn't already tapped you for a job, trust me, she will! These District meetings are events we all enjoy, so make sure your registration is in for Oct 6. More info will be available at our Sept membership meeting Monday, Sept 25.

Joleen King, President

SEPT MEMBERSHIP MEETING-Monday 9/25

"Pressing Business", our traditional September project, preparing each of our new Yearbook covers with pressed flowers! If you haven't been diligent in pressing foliage and flowers through the summer, this newsletter includes very cool instructions for using your microwave to achieve some excellent pressed specimens. Meeting starts at 1 pm—be on time!

REMINDER—WE'RE STRIVING TO BE 'GREEN'

We're trying to achieve "trash freedom" at our membership meetings, which means no disposables for our refreshments and hospitality. Please bring your own cup, glass and napkin (we're stressing "napkin food only")

PREPARING FOR OCTOBER'S WORKSHOP

Our workshop is going to be wreath making with natural materials. To give you time to assemble your supplies, the following is going to be needed for October 23:

Variety of dried natural materials: palm berries, magnolia seed pods, ornamental grasses, pine cones, dried split leaf philodendron "papers", dried weeds, dried flowers, dried leaves, sea shells, etc. Burlap ribbon, raffia, straw, rope, etc. Buy or collect in your neighborhood.

You'll need scissors, garden clippers, hot glue gun and glue sticks, wire, wire clippers, newspaper, etc. For great ideas, go to:

https://www.google.com/search?q=Fall+wreaths+with+natural+materials&rlz=2C1LENN_enUS0538US0546&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiwzpCsyfPVAhVCSSYKHT1vBrdQsAQIqAI&bih=635Eimgrc=5d8vUvR-dCJLOM:

NEWSLETTER DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 25—Membership meeting—PSLBG 12:30 pm
Oct 6—District X Fall Meeting 8:30 am—PSLBG
Dec 2-3—District X Judges Council Small Standard Flowre Show: 'Twas the Night Before...' - PSLBG
Jan 24-25—Tropical Short Course & Tri-Refresher, 'Tropical Waters', Mounts Botanical Gardens

Pressed Flowers/foliage in the microwave!
Flatten your flower/foliage with your fingers; perhaps remove a large stem. Experience will show you what works and what doesn't. Layer your flower/foliage: plate, paper towel, flower/foliage, paper towel, plate—a flower sandwich. Microwave 20 seconds, check. Additional 20 seconds if needed. Again, experience teaches.

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