

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Indian River State College, Chastain Campus
2400 SE Salerno Road, Stuart FL 34997

October 14, 2024 January 13, 2025
November 18, 2024 February 10, 2025
December 9, 2024 March 10, 2025

April 14, 2025 (annual luncheon & installation of officers)

8:30- 9:30am	Set up
9:30- 9:50am	Meet and Greet
9:50-10:00am	Horticulture/Design Moment
10:00-10:30am	Business Meeting
10:30-11:00am	Interim Social Break
11:00-11:45am	Program
11:45-12:00pm	Raffle

– 2024 Programs –

OCTOBER 14, 2024 – Cultivating Colorful Caladiums!

Presenter: Terri Bates, owner of one of only six remaining Caladium farms in the world, will share her vast knowledge about these vibrant foliage plants, also known as “Angel Wings.” They can be grown indoors or out, in the ground or in containers, and may be used as dramatic accents in long lasting floral arrangements.

NOVEMBER 18, 2024 – Sensational Succulents

Presenter: Kimberly Helms, former Director of Succulents at Mounts Botanical Gardens, will cover the history of succulents; a description of the most popular succulent groups; how various groups use succulents in their culture; and how to propagate them.

DECEMBER 9, 2024 – Festive Holiday Design Ideas

Presenters: NGC Master Judges Susan Hillson and Christine Biscoglio will demonstrate their design talents with us. Together they will create holiday designs

suitable for your home (or for gifts) which you can learn how to create yourself, or perhaps purchase at the auction following the presentation.

– 2025 Programs –

JANUARY 13, 2025 – How Orchids are Judged in Flower Shows

Presenter: Judy Bailey, American Orchid Society Senior Judge, will share with us an overview of orchid judging and orchid shows overseen by this centennial organization, and how AOS judging compares and contrasts to the judging protocols in the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows.

FEBRUARY 10, 2025 – Fun Floral Designs for Valentine’s Day

Presenter: Stephanie Alessandrini-Giarraffa, Rio Lindo Garden Club member and owner of South 40 Floral and Events in Port St. Lucie, will demonstrate new ways to create Valentine’s Day floral arrangements. We will look at new ideas in style, color, and design. The completed arrangements will be auctioned off for the benefit of the club.

MARCH 10, 2025 – Getting Ready for the Flower Show

Presenters: Nancy Binger, Susan Slater and Rosita Aristoff will share insights in preparation for the flower show including the importance of entry card completion; selection, conditioning and grooming of horticulture exhibits; and, in general, what judges look for in horticulture and design.