

Garden Club of Stuart

End of Year Report

Marilyn Horan—1st Vice President

October 2025

The 1st Vice President welcomed back all the members and stated that she hoped the coming year would be a successful one filled with camaraderie and fun.

The first speaker of the year, Brian Forchheiser, did a presentation on ground covers and vines. Sign up sheets were available for workshops and trips.

November 2025

Carly Batts did a presentation on native plants.

The workshop “Crafting a Wreath for the Front Door” was completely full. Sign-up sheets were available for the “Picture This: Art with Pressed Blooms” and for the River Lilly Jungle Eco Cruise.

December 2025

Alexis Smith did a presentation on bromeliads.

Members were encouraged to sign up for workshops that were detailed in the GCS Yearbook.

The proposed trip to Leu Gardens was canceled and a replacement trip was sought.

January 2026

Jo-Ann Saenz did a presentation on African Violets.

Marilyn urged members to sign up for the February 12, 2026, workshop on “Picture This: Art with Pressed Blooms” presented by Mary Neal.

She also stated that spaces are available for the River Lilly Eco Cruise on February 27, 2026. The price is \$30. The cruise leaves out of Port St. Lucie, so carpooling will be necessary.

Since the second field trip was canceled, Marilyn suggested that members participate in the Royal Rendezvous at the Elliott Museum on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Today’s speaker is JoAnn Saenz who will do a presentation on African Violets.

February 2026

The February 12, 2026, workshop on “Picture This: Art with Pressed Blooms” to be presented by Mary Neal has been postponed due to the cold temperature.

Approximately 6 spaces are available for the River Lilly Eco Cruise on February 27, 2026. The price is \$30. The cruise leaves out of Port St. Lucie, so carpooling will be necessary. Participants should bring bottled water, cameras, and binoculars.

The speaker Marjorie Shropshire did a presentation on native plants and pollinators. The presenter originally scheduled for today, Mark Peters, had to cancel due to frost damage to his crotons.

The Jensen Beach Garden Club has invited us to join them for a field trip to the Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach on March 11, 2026. Twenty seats are available and it will be first come, first served. The cost is \$60 and includes the bus ride, the admission fee and tour, and gratuity. Lunch will be available at the Museum at an extra cost. I have copied the information and will give you a copy if you are interested. You can pay through Zelle or check.

In the interest of planning next year’s meeting presentations, workshops, and field trips, I would like to form a committee to suggest and plan these enrichment activities. If you would like to be on this committee, please let me know.

March 2026

The February 12, 2026, workshop on “Picture This: Art with Pressed Blooms” to be presented by Mary Neal has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2026

The River Lilly Eco Cruise took place on February 27, 2026. There were 27 participants from our club.

Next Monday’s speaker will be Sid Gardino who will do a presentation on Hoyas and on preparing the garden for spring.

April 2026

On March 25, 2026, Mary Neal conducted a workshop—Picture This: Art with Pressed Blooms-- at her home.

At the GCS in March, Sid Gardino from Gardino’s Nursery in Loxahatchee did a presentation on various flowering plants, including hoyas. He also shared tips on preparing the garden for spring. At the coming GCS Luncheon, attendees will be given poems about Spring and nature in honor of April’s being National Poetry Month

