



Volunteer Newsletter Inside Dirt



An E-Newsletter for Selby Gardens Volunteers JANUARY 2015

Volunteers are encouraged to provide “news tips” and stories for *Inside Dirt*. If you have something to share, please contact Phyllis Kirtley at pkirtley@selby.org or Diana Schultz at terra06@embarqmail.com.

Our Sincere Gratitude

Thank you to the many Selby Gardens volunteers who helped to make this season’s Lights in Bloom one of the best – and BEST ATTENDED - displays ever! As one guest effused, “We have been coming for years, and this was the best year ever--good job!”

Selby elves and display designer extraordinaire, Bob McComb, are already beginning to plan how to improve on the popular holiday attraction for next year.

It’s the Easiest Gift You’ll Ever Give! Join Us January 28 to Learn More

Have you named Selby Gardens in your will, or are interesting in learning more about leaving your own Selby legacy? It’s incredibly easy to do.

Join us for an informative lunch as we celebrate the many ways people give to Selby Gardens in life and beyond: [Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at noon in the Great Room by the Bay. RSVP by Friday, January 23, to Linda at \(941\) 366-5731 ext. 224 or email \[lromero@selby.org\]\(mailto:lromero@selby.org\).](#)



Members of the Marie Selby Legacy Society are recognized during the Annual Luncheon.

NEW EVENT - Coming to the Garden Near You!

WAKE UP YOU EARLY BIRDS. Selby Gardens will be the site of a portion of the **Sarasota Music Half Marathon on Sunday, February 8, 2015.** We need your enthusiasm to welcome and support the runners as they enter off Orange through the Administration parking lot, go down Palm Avenue and into the Gardens at the South gate. Their course takes them all around the outer edge of the Gardens and out the North gate by the Mansion.



We have positions for 20-25 volunteers. Most will man the water aid station. Others are needed to direct the runners inside and outside of the Gardens to make sure they remain on the right path. ***All volunteers will be asked to attend a meeting off site on January 29 conducted by the organizers of the event.***

SO COME OUT TO CHEER THE RUNNERS!!!

ENJOY THE SOCIAL SIDE OF SELBY GARDENS

VOLUNTEER & STAFF LUNCH AROUND TOWN brings us to Treviso Restaurant at the Ringling Museum
FEBRUARY 23rd.
AT 12:30

Ordering is from the menu and individual checks are provided for both events. RSVP Phyllis at pkirtley@selby.org. *(Remember, the Art Museum and Grounds are free on Mondays so come early and stay late).*

Time to Plan for Plant & Garden Festival 2015



Saturday and Sunday, February 21 & 22, 2015

All hands on deck for this year's Plant & Garden Festival! This is Sarasota's *original* plant sale. In addition to plant vendors and displays by the Ikebana and Bonsai Societies, we'll offer live music from 1-4 on both afternoons.

We're seeking volunteers to help our guests and customers with admission,

finding their way, selling memberships, working cash registers at the sale, getting their purchases to their cars, and more. We also need help with vendor and volunteer check-in starting at 7:00 AM on Saturday and 8:00 AM on Sunday.

Shifts available:

Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Garden Members, remember you get first dibs on the best plants—**gates open to current Members only** at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

To volunteer, email volunteer@selby.org or call Phyllis Kirtley, (941) 366-5731 x 227.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Phyllis Kirtley at 366-5731 x 227 or pkirtley@selby.org

Welcome Center – Register positions are available for all shifts, morning and afternoon.
Horticulture - We have openings in the gardening crew on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Membership & Development- Membership needs a morning person for data entry and scanning on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Administrative Help in Education - We are looking for one or two volunteers to organize and schedule the volunteers who work in the Conservatory and on the Ask Me Cart.

Calligraphy Volunteers - The Events Department is looking for Calligraphy Artists to address development and community formal invitations.

Legacy Luncheon – Three people needed to help with check in for the event on January 28 at noon.

A call to our existing Walk & Talk Tour Guides Our Adult Tour Guide team is seeking new guides. You will begin by shadowing one of our experienced Adult Guides. These tours are generally between 1 to 1.5 hours. We also have a full Gardens' "talking points" document to share with those interested. Please contact mshelley@selby.org for more information and to schedule a shadowing session.

Museum docents needed -

- ***Every other Friday afternoons (1:30 - 4:30 pm)***
- ***Saturday mornings (10:00 am - 1:30 pm)***
- ***Saturday afternoons (1:30 - 4:30 pm)***
- ***1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons***

Substitute docents are always needed. This works well for the volunteer whose schedule doesn't allow them to commit to a certain day every week. To inquire about shifts and/or training as a new docent contact Marilyn at mshelley@selby.org

YFP (Youth & Family Programs)

Our Little Sprouts preschool program is growing! Engaging volunteers are needed once a month to help set-up and facilitate engaging, nature-inspired crafts and sensory activities for our littlest garden guests. Don't miss this opportunity, it's a positively delightful experience! Email dferguson@selby.org for more information. Also we are in need of volunteers for family & school programs.



Kids' Corner/Children's Rainforest Garden

We desperately need volunteers Saturday mornings & Thursday in the Kids' Corner. The greatest need is on "Selby Saturdays" mornings once monthly. Contact is dferguson@selby.org or x 273.

Display House guides: please remember to record the number of guest interactions on your shift in the white binder in the Welcome Center information desk. Capturing these numbers informs us of our impact on the visitor experience!

Membership Perks for Volunteers

Did you know that your volunteer hours, once completed and documented, can entitle you to a 25% discount on any Selby Gardens membership? That's why it's important to complete your time card!

When purchasing your membership at the level of your choice, indicate that you are a volunteer by telling the person taking your order or writing "Volunteer" on your membership renewal form. The Membership Assistant will look at your volunteer record and if you have indeed documented 25 hours in the current calendar year, you will receive the discount. This reduces a Dual membership from \$90 to \$67 or a new Family membership from \$120 to \$90! The discount is only given at the time you purchase a new membership or renew an existing membership.

It gets better! Any volunteer who accumulates 200 or more hours in a single calendar year is entitled to a free Dual membership the following year. The hours are reviewed each year in February only. If you have an active membership, 12 free months will be

added to it. The only thing you need to do to redeem this membership is document your hours! The membership packet will be mailed to you.

What's New with the Associates?

By Carmen Baskind

Gaiety and generosity were in abundance at the **5th Annual Wine Dine & Pine!** The Marie Selby Gardens Associates raised over \$ 26,000 in their largest fundraiser of the year, which contributes to support the Garden's mission. Many thanks to the co-chairs, planning committee, sponsors and volunteers, as well as those who donated trees and auction items for making the evening an enjoyable success.



The Associates first luncheon program of the New Year, on January 19, will be a lecture by **Bruce Holst**. Bruce will give us an update on several Florida-based botanical inventory and conservation projects that Selby Gardens is leading or participating in, from the Everglades to some beautiful areas in our own backyard. **Gardens members, volunteers and staff are welcome to join us.** Please contact Carmen Baskind at 941.724.1854 for details.

Celebrating January birthdays are: Ruth Barker, Ann Gamble Blechta, Emily Lane, Patty Porter, Mae Rhoades, Ronald Santo, Charlie Stryker and Margarete Van Antwerpen., Martha Mascia- Strickler, David Muolo, Joan Styles, and Jackie McNally

Future Volunteer Gatherings

Volunteer and Staff mixer for the Borucan Masks exhibition March 11th, 5 – 7 pm at the Christy Payne Mansion

**Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
April 15th at 5:30 under the Banyan Trees
Volunteers, Staff and Guests* (price to be announced)**





“May Day” Pot Luck Luncheon May 1st, 12:00 Noon in the Great Room by the Bay

Volunteers and Staff

*Participants will be asked to bring specific types of food/beverages to share. Please remember to bring serving utensils!

Welcome Anna Victoria Mauad to the Botany Department

We welcome Anna Victoria Mauad to our international intern program. Anna arrived in early January and will stay through mid-February.

She is currently an undergraduate student at the Department of Botany, Universidade Federal do Paraná (UFPR), in Curitiba, Brazil. She will be collaborating with Dr. Toscano de Brito on orchid related projects as an invited guest of the Gardens. Her stay will involve research in the molecular laboratory.



Photo by Wade Collier

Little Sprouts' Club

Little Sprouts is a fun, interactive program for preschoolers and their caregivers. Hundreds of families participate in this delightful program designed to stimulate young imaginations, engage curiosity, and encourage early development of a lifelong love and respect for nature. The Little Sprouts program is a family-friendly way to enjoy the beauty of the Gardens. **Free for Members and preschoolers • Adult non-members pay regular admission**

Next Month: **Fabulous Florida: Ferns, Fronds, & Forests**
February 3, 4, and 7 @ 10:30 am

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- 🌿 **Hardwood Forests: March 3, 4, and 7 @ 10:30 am**
- 🌿 **Coastal Sand Dunes and Seashore: April 7, 8, and 11 @ 10:30 am**
- 🌿 **Muddy Day: May 5, 6, and 9 @ 10:30 am**

12th Annual Selby Gardens Watercolor Classes Exhibit

Through January 26 in the Selby House Cafe

Original watercolors painted by instructor Carolyn Merenda and her talented students are on display and for sale from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily in the historic Selby House. Holiday themes, familiar Selby florals and landscapes are represented, as well a variety of beautiful images reflecting the interests and travels of this diverse group of artists.

In the Museum of Botany & the Arts

Preserving Eden: Clyde Butcher's Florida Photographs is on display through February 26 in the Museum of Botany & the Arts.

This exhibit coincides with Marie Selby Botanical Garden's current annual Fantastic Florida theme, and explores the connections between Clyde's landscape photography and the Garden's mission of conservation education.



Sales of the works in this exhibit will benefit both Selby Gardens and Clyde Butcher's conservation efforts. ***This exhibit, along with the concurrent "Exploring Eden" exhibit at the Tidal Lagoon, is sponsored by the Frank E. Duckwall Foundation.***

Free and Discounted Classes

Please note: To secure the special price listed below, active volunteers must register and pay in advance of class at the Welcome Center desk. Visit CLASSES under the *Learning and Growing* tab on Selby.org for class descriptions.

Print the Gardens

January 15 & 16 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Instructor: JoAnn Migliore Campisi

Special Volunteer Price: \$65

Plus Materials Fee: \$10 (pay instructor)

Bromeliads in the Landscape

Saturday, Jan 17, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Instructor: Maureen McCracken

Special Volunteer Price: \$25

Potting & Mounting Orchids

Wednesday, Feb 4, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Instructor: Angel Lara

Special Volunteer Price: \$25

New! Gelli Plate Printing

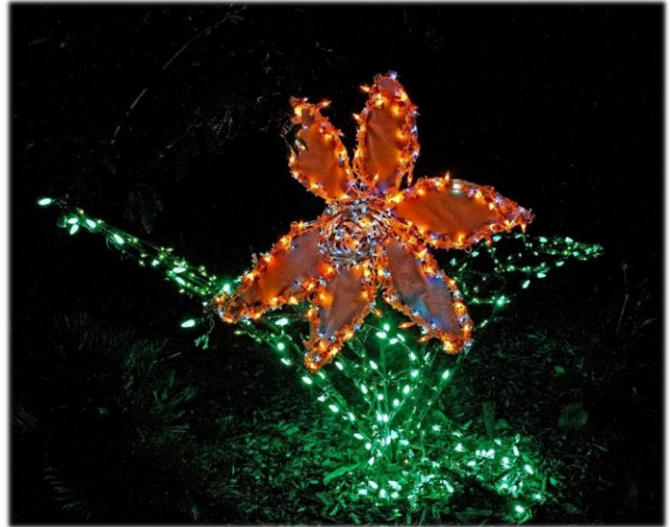
Tuesday, Feb 17, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

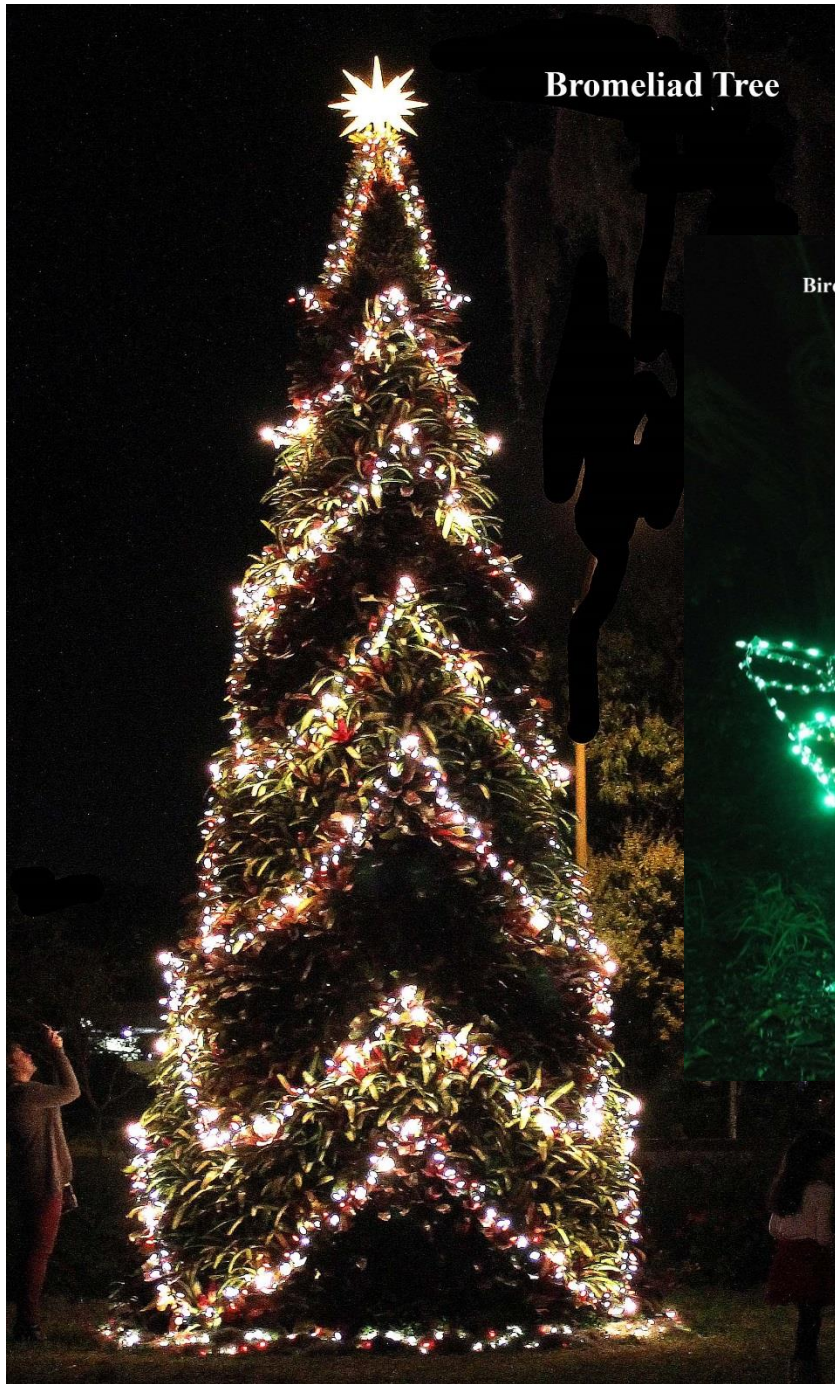
Special Volunteer Price: \$35

What's in Bloom – by Terri Tumlin

This month I present something different. For those of you who were not able to come to Lights in Bloom (or even if you did come) here are a few of the magnificent displays to enjoy. Next month I'll be back to living blooms.

Happy New Year and enjoy! - Terri





Bromeliad Tree



Bird of Paradise

*A GARDEN MUST COMBINE THE POETIC AND THE
MYSTERIOUS WITH A FEELING OF SERENITY AND JOY -
LUIS BARRAGAN*