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GEORGE HARRISON

A GARDENER'S LIFE

FEBRUARY 9 – JUNE 29, 2025

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

"Inside this issue of The Sanctuary, you can read about the Phase Two plan, which will enhance our Downtown Sarasota campus, secure our resiliency efforts, and expand our important work."

If we learned anything from this fall's storms, it's that positive change can flow from formidable challenges. That is certainly the case here at Selby Gardens, where we are forging ahead with unwavering resilience in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Our hearts go out to everyone impacted by these major storms, and the Gardens were certainly not immune from the effects. Our remarkable staff and volunteers got us back up and running quickly, while Helene and Milton only served to heighten the need to move boldly forward with Phase Two of our Master Plan.

As you know, the Master Plan is designed to enable all the great work Selby Gardens does, from cutting-edge research to captivating exhibits such as *George Harrison: A Gardener's Life* running from February 9 to June 25.

Inside this issue of *The Sanctuary*, you can read about the Phase Two plan, which will enhance our Downtown Sarasota campus, secure our resiliency efforts, and expand our important work. We couldn't do it without you, our loyal supporters, who have made it possible for us to already raise 66 percent (or $40.3 million) of our Phase Two goal – and $103 million overall for our three-phase Master Plan.

We are especially grateful to a visionary Selby Gardens trustee who, while choosing to remain anonymous, stepped forward to make a transformational commitment of $15 million to support Phase Two.

And speaking of gratitude, permit me to give a little shout out to my husband Rob and sons Luke and Noah. They definitely qualify as Beatles experts, and their input paved the way for the exciting Harrison exhibit, one we foresee having global appeal. A number of months ago, my boys informed me that George was a major gardener, something I hadn't known. That prompted me to explore the topic, and I learned how gardening was such a major component of his fascinating life.

I know you will enjoy reading more about this exhibition through the perspective of Dr. David Berry, our brilliant chief museum curator. You can also read about the amazing wine collection at The Green Orchid by Michael's On East, courtesy of Michael's On East co-proprietor Michael Klauber; the sensational performance staged recently by Artist in Residence Patti Smith (whose exhibition *A Book of Days* is on view at our Historic Spanish Point campus and who will be back in February for an evening dedicated to George Harrison); and much more.

Meanwhile, thank you for your steadfast support – and see you in the Gardens!

Cheers,

Jennifer O. Rominiecki
President & CEO

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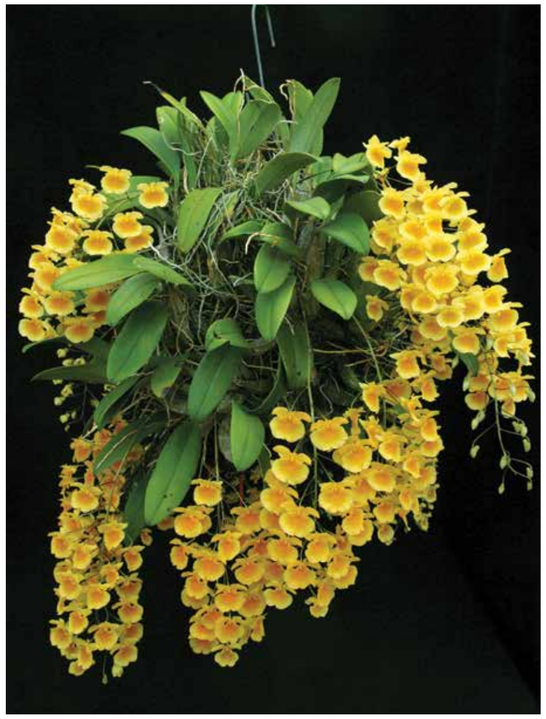


Lindley's Dendrobium

Dendrobium lindleyi, Orchidaceae, Orchid Family

Dendrobium lindleyi can be found growing as an epiphyte in Tropical Asia. This popular orchid has short, pleated pseudobulbs that in Spring can produce sprays of beautiful cascading yellow flowers that are fragrant and long lasting.

ABOUT

- Named after John Lindley, a British botanist known as the "father of modern orchidology".
- Successful flowering in Spring is achieved by providing this orchid with a cool and dry winter.
- Can be mounted on tree branches outdoors and prefers strong, filtered light.

WHAT'S IN BLOOM

HISTORIC SPANISH POINT CAMPUS

Sweet Acacia

Vachellia farnesiana

Sweet acacia is known for its blooms which are beautiful and fragrant. This native plant grows as a shrub or small tree, typically in the shade of other larger trees. Its range includes central and south Florida and a few locations in the Florida panhandle. Its preferred habitat is pine flatwoods, coastal hammocks, and shell mounds. At the Historic Spanish Point campus, examples can be found west of the Sunken Garden and Pergola, and along the trail to the Lychee Field. Sweet acacia is drought and salt tolerant, and in this region blooms from fall to spring. The golden-yellow spherical flower clusters are a delight to the eye, and are filled with nectar. The flowers, processed by distillation, produce the perfume called "cassie" which is widely used in the perfume industry. Contrasting with the soft puffy flowers are sharp spines that make the plant a challenge in some garden environments. Sweet acacia's botanical name derives from nineteenth century botanist George Vachelli and an early cultivator in Italy, Odoardo Farnese. This is one of the wonderful native plants that is both beautiful and beneficial to the Florida environment.

ABOUT

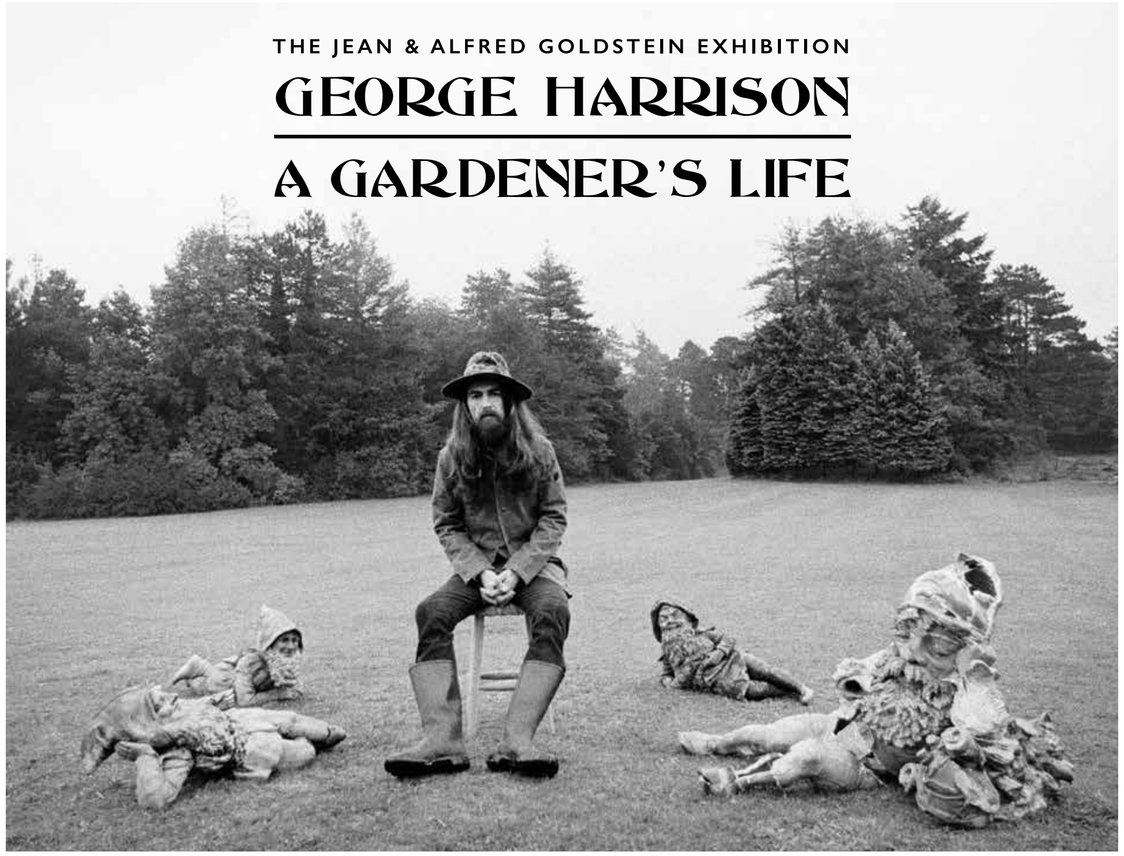
- Likes the shell mound habitat
- Very showy and fragrant
- In the Fabaceae (legume or pea) family

EXHIBITION—DOWNTOWN SARASOTA CAMPUS

THE JEAN & ALFRED GOLDSTEIN EXHIBITION

GEORGE HARRISON

A GARDENER'S LIFE



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For the ninth installment of the Jean & Alfred Goldstein Exhibition Series, to be held from February 9 – June 29, 2025, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is planning an exciting exhibition that will explore the deep and meaningful connection between musician George Harrison – best known as the lead guitarist of the legendary rock band The Beatles – and the pastime of gardening, which became his greatest passion.

Harrison's love of gardening was an integral part of his identity. For much of his life, the renowned singer-songwriter described himself as "just a gardener." His 1980 autobiography, *I Me Mine*, is dedicated "to gardeners everywhere."

In 1970, not long after The Beatles disbanded, the then 27-year-old George purchased the estate of Friar Park in Henley-on-Thames, a small town in the county of Oxfordshire, England. Built by an eccentric lawyer named Sir Frank Crisp in 1889, this once grand Victorian mansion with spectacular gardens had fallen into disrepair. With the help of his wife, Olivia Harrison, George was able to revitalize the neglected property, consisting of the mansion, lodges, and 32 acres of grounds. It was in this process that George's love of gardening began to flower.

George's free approach to gardening combined creativity, spontaneity, whimsy, humor, and joy. This approach has inspired the upcoming exhibition at Selby Gardens, which will combine a dynamic display of photos and ephemera in the Museum of Botany & the Arts with stunning horticultural vignettes in the Tropical Conservatory and throughout the gardens of the 15-acre Downtown Sarasota campus. Featured throughout the exhibition will be a selection of George's music and lyrics, as well as excerpts from *Came the Lightening*, a book of poems by Olivia Harrison dedicated to George and reflecting on their time together. The resulting multi-sensory experience will highlight George's connection to nature and celebrate his life and legacy through the power of plants.

GEORGE HARRISON: A GARDENER'S LIFE
February 9 - June 29, 2025
Downtown Sarasota campus
Learn more at selby.org

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SAVE THE DATE!

AN EVENING WITH PATTI SMITH DEDICATED TO GEORGE HARRISON
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Downtown Sarasota campus
Learn more at selby.org

Alpine Garden at Friar Park, *The Garden*, 1912

Topiary Garden at Friar Park, early 1900s

Frank Crisp, *Vanity Fair*, 1890

Plan of the gardens at Friar Park illustrated by Alan Tabor and published by Frank Crisp, 1914
Image courtesy of the Oxfordshire History Centre

SELBY GARDENS CONTINUES WITH ITS RESILIENCY EFFORTS AND ANNOUNCES 66% OF FUNDS RAISED FOR PHASE TWO OF MASTER PLAN; *$103 MILLION MARK REACHED FOR ENTIRE PROJECT*

In the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is forging ahead with its vital plans for resiliency. Selby Gardens is grateful to announce that Phase Two of its ambitious three-phase master plan for the Downtown Sarasota campus reached 66% of funds required, marking $103 million raised for the entire project. Building on the success of Phase One, this next phase will further enhance Selby Gardens' Downtown Sarasota campus, securing its resiliency and expanding its beauty, research facilities, and educational offerings for the community and visitors from around the world.

The capital goal for Phase Two stands at $60.9 million. $40.3 million has now been raised, which is more than 66% of the goal. The cumulative total of funds raised for both Phases One and Two has reached the $103 million mark, including nearly $8 million for endowment with 99% percent of all funds coming from private philanthropy.

A visionary Selby Gardens Trustee who wishes to remain anonymous stepped forward to make a transformational commitment of $15 million to advance Phase Two. Board Chair Dr. Joel Morganroth and his wife and Campaign Co-Chair Dr. Gail Morrison Morganroth have made a new commitment of $5 million to Phase Two, bringing their total commitment to the Master Plan to $10.5 million. The current Leadership Donors for Phase Two range from $500,000 up to $15,000,000 and include the following individuals:

PHASE TWO

LEADERSHIP DONORS:

Anonymous; Dr. Andrew Economos; The Gardener Foundation; Gutenstein Legacy Foundation; Marcy and Michael Klein; Katherine and Frank Martucci; Cornelia and Richard Matson; Keith Monda and Veronica Brady; Drs. Joel Morganroth and Gail Morrison Morganroth; Audrey Robbins; Jean M. Russell; Richard and Ellen Sandor; Steinwachs Family Foundation; The Stone Foundation; Hobart and Janis Swan; Martin and Zelia Trueb; Judy Zuckerberg and family in memory of our beloved George

The Co-Chairs of the Phase Two Campaign effort are Gail Morganroth and Selby Gardens' Trustee Audrey Robbins. Co-Chair Gail Morganroth, MD, stated, "We are absolutely thrilled to witness the incredible generosity of our community, which will inspire a wave of innovation and possibility for Selby Gardens. Co-Chair Audrey Robbins continues, "Together, we are forging a brighter future for Selby Gardens and Sarasota, and we can't wait to see the remarkable changes that will unfold as a result."

Phase Two is expected to break ground by the end of 2025, with a completion date anticipated by the end of 2027.

Phase Two consists of a new Conservatory Complex, a Learning Pavilion, and key landscape features. The new Conservatory Complex will be the crown jewel of the Downtown Sarasota campus – a stunning crystal palace filled with more than 20,000 plants from Selby Gardens' living research collections (including the best scientifically documented collections of orchids and bromeliads in the world). Building on the innovative sustainability leadership established in Phase One, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is committed to advancing this legacy with 100% renewable energy, sustainable water harvesting, and resilient design to inspire future generations and protect its collections. These initiatives ensure a resilient infrastructure that supports the Gardens' environmental stewardship, designed not only to serve generations of visitors but also to safeguard the organization's invaluable botanical collections. This commitment positions Selby Gardens as a model for cultural and botanical institutions, embracing a forward-thinking approach to resilience and resource efficiency.

Today, the public can see less than 5% of Selby Gardens' research collections; the new Conservatory Complex will make nearly 100% of Selby Gardens' world-renowned collected plants visible to the public. In addition, a new Learning Pavilion will feature enhanced facilities for all of Selby Gardens' education programs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PHASE TWO:

- A hurricane-resilient, **Conservatory Complex** to house and protect Selby Gardens' world-renowned living collections with increased accessibility to the public within an immersive botanical experience;
- A new indoor/outdoor state-of-the art **Learning Pavilion** to offer enhanced learning opportunities and accommodate expanded school programs and lifelong learning;
- Expanded **Garden Features** including a Taras Stone Garden, Live Oak Grove, and improved walkways and pathways within Selby Gardens' existing footprint in the heart of Downtown Sarasota.

Selby Gardens President and CEO Jennifer O. Rominiecki stated, "We have tremendous gratitude for everyone who believes in the mission and dynamic future of Selby Gardens, and we are excited to embark on this next phase of our Master Plan. Our botanical gardens' living research collection is a vital resource for conservation, education, and innovation. Protecting it from the increasing threats of hurricanes is not just a necessity; it's our responsibility. By investing in resilience measures, we ensure that this invaluable collection can continue to thrive and contribute to important research even in the face of extreme weather. Phase Two will also allow for expanded displays of our collection, which will be on view to the public. Together, we are committed to creating innovative educational facilities and safeguarding our natural heritage for future generations."

> **"We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported the new realization of Selby Gardens thus far, making our vision a reality. Together, we are cultivating vital green space in Downtown Sarasota that will inspire future generations and celebrate the wonders of nature."**
>
> – JOEL MORGANROTH, MD
> *Selby Gardens Board Chair*

To make a gift to this effort or request naming opportunities, please contact Ashley Jimenez
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PATTI SMITH
A BOOK OF DAYS

PATTI SMITH:
A BOOK OF DAYS
Through August 31, 2025
Historic Spanish Point campus
Learn more at selby.org

AN ICON'S MEMORABLE JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND SPACE BEGINS WITH AN ENCHANTED EVENING

Patti Smith's presence continues to enrich Selby Gardens – not only with the Artist in Residence's captivating musical performances but now through her unique photographic sensibilities.

Her exhibition, *Patti Smith: A Book of Days*, has been a hit with visitors at Selby Gardens' Historic Spanish Point campus since its opening in November, and promises to engage crowds through its closing on August 31.

The show features a selection of photographs taken by the famed poet and musician that offers an intimate view of her life on and off the road. The photos are taken from Smith's recently published, *New York Times* bestselling publication, *A Book of Days*.

MAY
London, England

PATTI SMITH
Photo by Patti Hudson

Inspired by the popularity of her Instagram account, where she began posting photographs in 2018, the book offers a window into her world.

The outdoor exhibition features large prints of Smith's photographs, bringing them into dialogue with nature, which has long been a source of inspiration for Smith. Her compelling images take visitors on a journey through time and space, charting both the course of a year and the natural environment of the Historic Spanish Point campus.

Presenting Sponsor of the
Patti Smith Residency
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"We are honored to have icon Patti Smith perform at Selby Gardens once again. Her artistry, much like nature, has a unique ability to inspire and connect us all."

– JENNIFER ROMINIECKI
Selby Gardens President and CEO

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Abiquiú, New Mexico

President and CEO Jennifer Rominiecki and Patti Smith at her *A Book of Days* exhibition

Patti Smith at the Historic Spanish Point campus.

An Evening with Patti Smith and Her Book of Days

ON A BEAUTIFUL NOVEMBER EVENING IN THE MAGICAL SURROUNDINGS OF THE HISTORIC SPANISH POINT CAMPUS, SELBY GARDENS' ARTIST IN RESIDENCE, PATTI SMITH, HELD COURT BENEATH A GLOWING TENT PACKED WITH MORE THAN 300 DELIGHTED SPECTATORS.

Her fifth Selby Gardens performance – an intimate, hour-long affair – launched in style her new exhibition, *Patti Smith: A Book of Days*, and left everyone in the sold-out crowd with a deeper appreciation of her unique artistry.

Smith entranced guests with songs that she interwove with stories. In addition to her own material, Smith covered songs by such icons as Lou Reed, Bob Dylan and George Harrison, whose passion for gardening is the subject of the Jean and Alfred Goldstein Exhibition, *George Harrison: A Gardener's Life*, to be on view at Selby Gardens' Downtown Sarasota campus.

Not surprisingly, Smith was showered with a standing ovation and closed with her mega-hit, *Because the Night*. Smith returns for another performance *Patti Smith: An Evening Dedicated to George Harrison* on February 12, 2025.

BOTANY BRIEF

AROUND THE WORLD

DR. JOHN L. CLARK, RESEARCH BOTANIST AT SELBY GARDENS, AND DR. LAURA CLAVIJO FROM THE NATIONAL HERBARIUM OF COLOMBIA RECENTLY DIRECTED A RESEARCH EXPEDITION IN COLOMBIA FOCUSED ON DOCUMENTING PLANT DIVERSITY, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE FLOWERING PLANT FAMILY GESNERIACEAE.

Columnea stilesiana from the Colombian Chocó Biogeographic Region.

Expedition team on the Cordillera Occidental (Esteban Barco, Cristhian Cardona, Jeison Pineda, Camila Dávila, Dina Luz Chacón, Laura Clavijo, Sofía Ballesteros, Nelson Salinas, John L. Clark, and Catalina Delgado).

EXPLORING PLANT DIVERSITY IN THE COLOMBIAN ANDES:

FROM THE EASTERN SLOPES TO THE CHOCÓ

Expedition team and field site at Reserva Biológica El Centello (Álvaro Idárraga, Nelson Salinas, Héctor Gaviria, Laura Clavijo, Sofía Ballesteros, and John L. Clark).

"By fostering greater interest in plant diversity and distribution, we can contribute to the conservation and understanding of Colombia's rich botanical heritage."

– JOHN L. CLARK, PhD
Selby Gardens Research Botanist

Over the course of this expedition, they collected nearly 500 plant specimens for Selby Gardens' Marieb Herbarium and Laboratory—with a focus on the diverse and often ornamental flowering plant family Gesneriaceae, such as African Violets and relatives—including several that may be new to science and many others that are rarely documented. Their research targeted two geographically and ecologically distinct regions of the Colombian Andes. First, they explored the eastern slopes of the Andes that transition into the Amazon basin, followed by a study of the western slopes of the Cordillera Occidental within the Chocó Biogeographic Region near the Pacific coast. These two regions provided the researchers opportunities to collect, document, and photograph at least 450 different species.

In summary, this expedition offers a glimpse into the remarkable diversity of *Columnea* in Colombia, a genus with 111 recorded species in the region. Through their fieldwork, the group documented 40 distinct species of *Columnea*, highlighting the taxonomic complexity and the challenges faced by researchers in identifying and classifying these plants. Clark, remarked, "My hope is that this account not only underscores the vast potential for further research into Gesneriaceae but also encourages deeper appreciation for Colombia's unique role as a biodiversity hotspot. By fostering greater interest in plant diversity and distribution, we can contribute to the conservation and understanding of Colombia's rich botanical heritage."

Columnea filipes – a species with exceptionally elongated pedicels and corolla lobes.

Columnea ferruginea from the Chocó Biogeographic Region.

Columnea formosa – a species rarely documented since its initial discovery in 1931.

EDUCATION

NURTURE *in* NATURE

THE NEW YEAR BRINGS WITH IT THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADOPT A NEW OUTLOOK, AND TO FOCUS ON HEALTH AND HEALING, WITH NATURE AS THE POWERFUL CATALYST. THAT'S THE THRUST OF SELBY GARDENS' EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AS THE CALENDAR TURNS THE PAGE TO 2025.

"We want to invite families to start the new year with us, to set an intention to spend more time in nature together and build a healthy habit of having regular screen-free outdoor time." To recalibrate and refresh after a challenging autumn and the hustle and bustle of the holidays, Selby Gardens' Director of Education, Tracy Calla, suggests getting a dose of nature, what she refers to as "Vitamin N," by taking part in family-friendly programs at either of our campuses, or "making the most of membership and putting regular "beauty breaks" at Selby Gardens on their calendars."

Calla champions the power of connecting with the natural world to improve health on multiple levels. "A large and growing body of research provides compelling evidence that spending time in nature offers numerous benefits. Besides fresh air and exercise, time in nature bolsters emotional, social, and cognitive well-being, which contributes to personal resilience".

EDUCATION & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SCAN QR CODE TO LEARN MORE

Selby Gardens offers education and enrichment programs throughout the year for people of all ages and backgrounds. Visit our website for up-to-date details and join the fun!

For a complete lisiting of events, go to *selby.org/events.*

THOSE BENEFITS INCLUDE:

Cognitive Performance: The diverse and unstructured quality of nature encourages mindfulness and present-focused thinking. It also supports cognitive development by providing an enriching environment that stimulates curiosity and a sense of wonder, while improving attention, creativity, imaginative thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Emotional Benefits: Nature provides a restorative environment that helps replenish voluntary attention, allowing both adults and children to better concentrate and filter out distractions. This aligns with Steven and Rachel Kaplan's Attention Restoration Theory, which suggests that natural settings allow "soft fascination" that clears one's head and reduces mental fatigue – enhancing focus, concentration, and working memory. Researcher Roger S. Ulrich's Stress Reduction Theory suggests that views of nature lower stress and anxiety, improving mood and fostering resilience.

Social Skills: Natural settings encourage more responsive and connected communication. Additionally, being outdoors reduces stress, improving mood and patience, which are crucial for effective social interaction. Working together on activities such as scavenger hunts promotes teamwork and cooperation, reinforcing bonds through collaborative experiences. A deeper connection with nature can deepen empathy, allowing children and adults to better appreciate the feelings and perspectives of others.

Strengthened Relationships: Nature also can serve as a powerful backdrop for nurturing and strengthening relationships, while reducing stress and anxiety. This, in turn, creates a calming environment that encourages open dialogue and mindfulness.

THE GREEN ORCHID RESTAURANT — DOWNTOWN SARASOTA CAMPUS

ORGANIC & BIODYNAMIC WINES SHINE at The Green ORCHID

BY MICHAEL'S ON EAST

THE EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF BIODYNAMIC AND ORGANIC WINES AT SELBY GARDENS' GREEN ORCHID BY MICHAEL'S ON EAST SHINES WITH ROBUST GLOBAL FLAVOR – THANKS TO THE CURATED OFFERINGS OF ITS WINE LIST.

The Green Orchid, of course, is the bustling indoor-outdoor dining establishment for visitors and members. Opened during Phase One of the Master Plan, the restaurant offers elevated, casual dining with a globally inspired menu focused on local, regional and fresh, sustainable produce – much of which is grown in its Drs. Judith and Andrew Economos Rooftop Garden.

"With the philosophy of farm to table – actually, rooftop to table in this case – coupled with the mission of Selby Gardens, it makes sense to source products and vintners that fit the organic and biodynamic mold," stated Michael Klauber, operator of The Green Orchid and co-proprietor of Michael's On East restaurant.

ORGANIC AND BIODYNAMIC WINEMAKING METHODS

Organic and biodynamic winemaking methods are similar in that both are grown without chemicals, added preservatives and GMOs. Biodynamic wines are seen as the next level up and are produced using a holistic approach to nature (and the planet) that goes beyond traditional organic farming practices, viewing the vineyard as a closed ecosystem where nothing is isolated or disconnected. The emphasis on biodiversity and soil health in biodynamic viticulture can showcase a greater depth of flavors, heightened minerality, and a nuanced aromatic profile. Both approaches aim to produce high-quality wine while promoting environmental sustainability and preserving the integrity of the land.

Among the wine list's many highlights: close to 20 organic and biodynamic wines are sold by the glass, which are part of a selection of approximately three-dozen wines in total. Selections are from around Europe and from as far away as South Africa, not to mention from many of the United States' top vineyards.

Here are a few recommendations from The Green Orchid – including what makes them notable, and what menu items with which they are best paired. Delightfully delicious for the most environmentally discerning palettes.

SPARKLING "MIRABELLE BRUT," SCHRAMSBERG VINEYARDS, NORTH COAST, CA, N.V.

This flavorful, bright bubbly exhibits the crisp acidity and vibrant apple/citrus fruit that is characteristic of cool-climate Chardonnay. Pinot Noir adds body to the palate and further depth of fruit flavor. The grapes for Mirabelle are grown in the cool-climate pockets of California's North Coast.

Mirabelle Brut offers aromas of nectarine, orange, and yellow apple, along with subtle hints of vanilla cookie and peach crumble. A juicy entry welcomes generous fruit of tangerine and cherry, leading to a bright center with notes of tropical fruit and marzipan. The flavors linger with a long finish and quenching acidity.

Food Matches: Spicy Korean Lettuce Wraps, Daily Harvest Flatbread

MERLOT "ESTATE", ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS, ALEXANDER VALLEY, CA, 2020

Alexander Valley Vineyards is a family-owned-and-operated winery, on a historic site originally settled in the 1840s by valley namesake Cyrus Alexander. With vineyards that stretch from the banks of the Russian River to the Mayacamas hillsides, the Wetzel Family continues the tradition of family farming on the property.

This Merlot impresses with spicy aromas of black cherry, plum, boysenberry, cassis, vanilla and oak in the glass. The wine is full bodied with big flavors of black cherry, plum, cassis and slight chocolate. This is a full-bodied Merlot with beautiful balance and a long, textured finish.

Food Matches: Rooftop Garden Vegetable Pasta, Blackened Redfish Sandwich

POUILLY-FUISSÉ, DOMAINE DU ROC DES BOUTIRES, BURGUNDY, FR, 2021

In the village of Pouilly, in the middle of the Pouilly-Fuissé appellation lies Domaine du Roc des Boutires. The winery's name draws on both terroir and tradition: its proximity with the Roche de Solutré, the signature of the appellation and a testament to the extraordinary geologic richness of these vineyards.

Produced from Chardonnay grapes, the wine has lush aromas of ripe white peach, fresh apples and Anjou pear. The palate mirrors these notes, with flavors cascading in waves, evoking mineral sensations. The finesse of fruit and stone harmonize, finishing with a lingering, delicate salinity.

Food Matches: Cape Malay Street Tacos, Honey & Garlic-Seared Scottish Salmon

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL RECOGNIZES PHASE ONE OF SELBY GARDENS' MASTER PLAN AMONG THE BEST ARCHITECTURE OF 2024

The Wall Street Journal released its selection of "Best of Architecture of 2024" round-up, revealing their annual picks of outstanding architecture projects throughout the country. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens was one of only five projects selected. The feature article titled "The Best Architecture of 2024: Accentuate the Personal" by Wall Street Journal architecture critic Michael Lewis, states:

"Many of the year's most successful projects—including New York's Far Rockaway Library and the expansion of Florida's Marie Selby Botanical Gardens—struck pleasingly human notes for all their impressive scale. The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, occupying a luxuriant 15-acre site in Sarasota, Fla., have added three new buildings that encompass 188,000 square feet, more than 10 times the size of the Far Rockaway Library, but they also show a pleasing human touch. The centerpiece is the Morganroth Family Living Energy Access Facility (LEAF), which according to the Selby contains "a garden-to-plate restaurant, a new gift shop, vertical gardens, and a nearly 50,000-square-foot solar array"; one has to look twice before realizing that all these functions are wrapped around an unexpectedly pleasant parking garage. The Selby specializes in "air plants," or epiphytes, that depend on other plants for their support, which does not suggest a massive architecture rooted firmly in the ground. When I visited earlier this year, I was struck by the airy lightness of the entrance canopy, which was made as open as possible, with no sullen turnstile, and wondered how it would hold up in a hurricane. Now we know. Hurricane Helene, which buffeted Sarasota on Sept. 27, left the Selby unscathed, including its irreplaceable plant research center that was intended to be hurricane-resilient. The project is a collaboration between Overland Partners, a firm of Texas-based architects, and OLIN, the landscape architects."

SELBY GARDENS' PRESIDENT AND CEO, JENNIFER ROMINIECKI, NAMED TO FLORIDA TREND MAGAZINE'S FLORIDA 500 LIST FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For a second consecutive year, Florida Trend Magazine has named president and CEO Jennifer Rominiecki to the Florida 500, a list of Florida's most influential business leaders representing 500 candidates across major industries. The editors of Florida Trend selected the executives after conducting hundreds of interviews and months of research, culminating in a highly selective biographical guide to the leaders of Florida.

During Rominiecki's tenure, she and Selby Gardens have received numerous awards. Most recently, Selby Gardens was selected for TIME's annual list of the "World's Greatest Places" for 2024. In addition, Visit Sarasota named Rominiecki the "2024 Voice of Sarasota"; the Business and Professional Women of North Sarasota named Rominiecki a Woman of the Year for 2024; and the Climate Adaptation Center named Rominiecki a Climate Champion and presented her with a 2024 Climate Champion Beacon Award. The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce named Selby Gardens the Woman Led Business of the Year in 2021 and the Small Business of the Year in 2019. In 2019, Rominiecki was named a Businesswoman of the Year Honoree by Tampa Bay Business Journal. In 2017, she was honored with the AJC Civic Achievement Award and the Leadership Award for Arts Management from the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County. She has also received SRQ Magazine's Women in Business "Hear Me Roar" Leadership Award in 2016.

Rominiecki stated, "I am truly honored to be named to Florida Trend magazine's Florida 500 list of business leaders for a second year. This acknowledgment celebrates not just individual efforts, but the unwavering dedication of our board, team members, and volunteers whose passion and commitment breathe life into our botanical garden. Together, we cultivate not just plants, but a vibrant community that nurtures nature's beauty and inspires generations to come."

The complete Florida 500 list can be found at https://floridatrend500.com.

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Investments made in Selby Gardens by community partners help us accomplish our mission to provide bayfront sanctuaries connecting people with air plants of the world, native nature, and our regional history.

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DOWNTOWN SARASOTA CAMPUS — FEATURED EVENTS

The Orchid Ball: Here Comes the Moon
Saturday, February 8, 2025 • 6–11 p.m.

Sarasota's premier annual gala celebrates the 2025 Jean & Alfred Goldstein Exhibition, *George Harrison: A Gardener's Life*, throughout the grounds of our Downtown Sarasota campus. Chairs: Liebe Gamble & Ashley Kozel

Sponsorships start at $2,500 and individual tickets are $750 subject to availability. Visit *selby.org* to make a reservation.

Spring Exhibition Evenings
Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
February 19: Venice Symphony, March 18: Sarasota Opera
April 16: Sarasota Ballet, May 14: Jade Strings Duo

Enjoy light bites and beverages, plus an after-hours viewing of our Spring Exhibition *George Harrison: A Gardener's Life* and a special performance.

Visit *selby.org* for pricing and tickets

Garden Music Series
Sundays, 1-3 p.m.
February 23: Dirk Quinn Band
March 30: Choral Artists of Sarasota
April 27: Ravon Rhoden

Enjoy a variety of local and international music in the bayfront setting of our Downtown Sarasota campus.

FREE for members and with regular admission

Lunch in the Gardens
Wednesday, April 9 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

This series features engaging speakers with interactive elements during a delightful lunch in the bayfront setting of our Downtown Sarasota Campus. Chairs: Nikki Sedacca and Montana Taplinger. Series Chairs: Jean Weidner Goldstein, Teri A Hansen, and Margaret Wise. Series Sponsor: Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation

Sponsorships starting at $1,000, individual tickets $175 subject to availability. Visit *selby.org* to make a reservation.

Gospel Jubilee
Sunday, May 10 • 1–3 p.m.

Selby Gardens presents the Annual Gospel Jubilee Showcase, featuring top gospel talent from the west coast of Florida. Join us under the banyan trees on our beautiful Great Lawn.

FREE for members and with regular admission

HISTORIC SPANISH POINT CAMPUS — FEATURED EVENTS

Performances at the Point
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
January 15: Future Joy, March 12: Astralis Ensemble
May 21: Allie Sawicki

Music by local artists after-hours at our Historic Spanish Point campus. Food and beverages available for purchase.

$25 for members/$35 for non-members
Visit *selby.org* to reserve tickets

Enchanted Garden Family Festival
Saturday, March 22 & Sunday, March 23
10 a.m.–3 p.m.

A magical weekend of unicorn rides, storytelling, secret gardens, and more at this two-day family-friendly event at our Historic Spanish Point campus.

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