



## *Solutions* FOR YOUR LIFE

The Gardens enjoy a close working relationship with the University of Florida/Pinellas County Extension. Extension's team of experts and trained volunteers serve as an information resource on a myriad of topics that affect people's daily lives. Visit with them at the Welcome Center or on the web at [www.pinellascounty.org/extension](http://www.pinellascounty.org/extension).



### FLORIDA BOTANICAL GARDENS

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Visitors may enter the parking lot from Ulmerton Road.



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## *Shop* THE BOTANICAL BOUNTY GIFT SHOP

Looking for a unique gift for the garden lover in your life or something special just for you? Then don't miss the gift shop. The shop is filled with many beautiful items, all with a botanical theme. The inventory changes frequently so check back often for a souvenir or that special gift. The gift shop is generally open from 10 am - 5 pm when the Welcome Center is open. Call (727) 582-2100 for current hours of operation.

## *Hours* OF OPERATION

The grounds of the Florida Botanical Gardens are open 7 am - 7 pm every day of the year. Admission is free.

The Welcome Center is open Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm, closed on county and national holidays.



The Gardens are fully accessible to people with disabilities. For further information or special requests, visit [www.flbg.org](http://www.flbg.org) or call (727) 582-2100. [www.pinellascounty.org](http://www.pinellascounty.org)  
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## Celebrate NATURE IN THE GARDENS

Come for an hour or spend the day celebrating the beauty of nature. Stroll through the unique blend of Florida native plants and exotic ornamentals from around the world that are a vibrant showcase of rich botanical bounty. Formal gardens, scenic vistas and natural Florida landscapes unfold across 120 acres at the Florida Botanical Gardens. Every garden and path is a place for an up-close-and-personal interaction with nature. A variety of Florida's wildlife is also here to enjoy, from turtles, fish and butterflies to egrets, osprey and an occasional bald eagle.



## Pause FOR A NATURAL REFRESHER

Looking for a place to relax, reflect or become inspired? The Gardens offer many opportunities to escape the hustle and bustle of life. The inherent natural beauty inspires and encourages the inner artist, photographer and poet in each of us. Relax in an Adirondack chair near the water's edge for an uninterrupted view of McKay Creek and its marvelous wildlife. Stay for a moment to see the occasional alligator slide by or a little blue heron hunting for a meal at the water's edge. Flowing fountains and brooks add just the right amount of atmosphere to provide nature's own relaxation therapy. End your visit with a refreshing walk along the foot paths that gently wind through the gardens and natural habitats.

## Get Involved THROUGH MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

Enthusiasts of all experience levels are invited to contribute to the beauty and educational aspects of the Gardens. Volunteers can get their hands dirty by working in the gardens and can also help out by leading tours, working at special events, covering shifts in the gift shop and more. Volunteers are a valuable and necessary resource that make a difference. Volunteering is also a great way to have fun and meet new friends who share the love of nature and gardening.

Membership in the Gardens links you to the Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation, Inc. Member benefits include invitations to special events, discounts at the Botanical Bounty gift shop and reciprocal admission to other botanical gardens across the US and Canada. Pick up an application during a visit or download one from the website.

## Making a Difference

"Bruce and I have volunteered for five years as Master Gardeners. We propagate plants in the greenhouse and do whatever is needed in landscaping from pruning to weeding. We have a passion for making a difference in the community we live in, and getting to play in the dirt at the Florida Botanical Gardens is a privilege."  
— **Gail Robertson, Volunteer Master Gardener**



[www.flbg.org](http://www.flbg.org)

## Wonderful Classes

"We've attended many wonderful classes and events. The rain barrel workshop was great. Now, my husband George and I have three rain barrels in our yard. I've recommended the class to many of our friends, too."  
— **Arlene Wich**



## Sustainability A NATURAL FIT FOR OUR GARDENS

Learning how to sustain a vibrant community and protect our environment are all part of a process known as sustainability. It brings together a wider view of what it takes to make sure that our community has the resources to provide for future generations. In nature, waste is recycled, water is filtered and sunlight creates energy. These are normal processes that sustain and protect the environment.

At the Florida Botanical Gardens our mission is to create a garden that is a model of sustainability for our community. Many of these concepts are included in the Florida-friendly landscape practices. We select plants for the gardens based on their success in our local environment. Water is a critical resource in our community, so water-saving practices are implemented throughout the gardens. Recycling waste, creating wildlife habitats and using fewer chemicals are all part of the sustainability philosophy at the Gardens. A sustainable garden supports and enhances our environment for future generations.

Pinellas County Extension has valuable information on Florida-friendly gardening techniques and classes available. Visit the Lawn and Garden Diagnostic area in the Welcome Center for more information.

Please give us your comments by e-mailing [sustainability@pinellascounty.org](mailto:sustainability@pinellascounty.org) or take our sustainability pledge at [pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu](http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu). **Take the Pledge!**

## Discover HOW FLORIDA GROWS EVERYDAY

Fun and education come together for individuals or the whole family at the Florida Botanical Gardens. Your time will be well spent enjoying all the Gardens has to offer while learning about plants, flowers, natural habitats and wildlife.

Throughout the Gardens, labels reveal a wealth of information about the plants you'll see. This is helpful to both novice and expert gardeners in their quest for information.

At the Gardens, every plant and tree is considered a treasure with a story all its own. As you explore, you'll find teddy bear, foxtail and bottle palms in the Palm Gardens. Experience 'Golden Goddess' and giant Buddha's belly bamboo on the Tropical Walk. Enjoy 'Bossa Nova,' 'Yin' and 'Yang' in the Bromeliad Garden. 'Natchez' crape myrtles, bountiful roses and crepe-jasmine in the Wedding Garden will take your breath away.

From lemon-yellow allamandas to apple-red zinnias, there is always something beautiful blooming at the Florida Botanical Gardens. Visit [www.flbg.org](http://www.flbg.org) for a list of blooms by season.

Special activities are in bloom all year. Guided tours, plant sales, classes, festivals, workshops and topical displays are among the exciting ways the Gardens can help you tap into the wealth of nature. Experts are also on hand to answer your questions or offer tidbits of gardening knowledge during your visit.

