



The MOUNTS Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County To Host Six Fun, Informative & Family-Friendly Events in June & July 2016

- **Book Discussion Series – June 10**
- **Nature Camp: Pirates in the Garden – June 13-17**
 - **Orchid Trilogy – July 9, 16 & 23**
- **Summer Evening Stroll with the Director – July 13**

(West Palm Beach, FL – May 6, 2016) **The Friends of MOUNTS Botanical Garden** will be hosting six fun, horticulturally informative and family friendly public events in June and July, including **Nature Camp** for kids (June 13-17), a three-part class on orchid care, and the return of the popular **Summer Evening Stroll with Garden Director Allen Sistrunk**.

June

Nature Camp

Pirates in the Garden:

An Odyssey of Botanical Proportions

Monday through Friday, June 13-17 – 9 am to 2:30 pm

Throughout MOUNTS Botanical Garden

\$175 for members; \$200 for nonmembers

Under the guidance of the MOUNTS Education Department, children will discover the special places and magical spaces within the Garden. Nature Camp offers playful and creative opportunities for children to explore the world around them. Participating Pirates will learn to think like a horticulturist and observe like an artist as they gather garden materials for investigation and discovery, learn about engineering in nature, create art projects, explore a Bamboo Forest, and go birding. Each day will be filled with outdoor explorations, hands-on activities,

and time to create art in the garden. This year's lineup offers sessions for Kindergarteners through Fifth Graders. The Mounts Nature Camp balances curiosity-driven free time with garden science activities to instill a sense of awe and wonder in our subtropical botanical oasis.

Mounts Botanical Garden Book Discussion Series

Tuesday, June 10 – 7 to 8:30 pm

Mounts Exhibit Hall A

Featured Book: *Wicked Plants* by Amy Stewart

FREE

In partnership with the Palm Beach County Library System, this new series provides an opportunity for book and garden enthusiasts to meet together to experience exciting fiction and non-fiction titles related to all aspects of gardening and horticulture.

July

Orchid Trilogy:

Orchid Basics:

Six Most Common Orchids in South Florida

Saturday, July 9 – 10 am to 1 pm

Mounts Auditorium

For all three classes: \$75 for members; \$105 for nonmembers

Per class: \$30 for members; \$40 for nonmembers

Speaker: Sandi Jones, Broward Orchid Supply and Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Newcomers to orchids will learn how to choose the correct orchids for their growing area and what they need to grow and flower beautifully. Jones will demonstrate basic repotting and choosing the correct container and materials. (*Note: Growing supplies will be available for purchase at the class.*)

Summer Evening Stroll with the Director

Wednesday, July 13 – 6 to 7:30 pm

Meet at the Garden Entrance on Military Trail

FREE for members; \$10 for nonmembers

The best way to become acquainted with Mounts Botanical Garden is to take a walking tour with Garden Director Allen Sistrunk, who will share fascinating facts about the Garden's history and exciting plans for its

future. Along the way, he'll stop to discuss rare and unusual specimens and to highlight plants that grow well in South Florida gardens.

Orchid Trilogy:

Advanced Orchid Repotting & Mounting

Saturday, July 16 – 10 am to 1 pm

Mounts Auditorium

\$30 for members; \$40 for nonmembers

Speaker: Sandi Jones, Broward Orchid Supply and Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Sandi Jones will demonstrate repotting of an overgrown orchid, and mounting orchids on items such as tree fern and cork bark. She will address common questions like what type of potting media to use, what orchids are best for mounting, and when to use fertilizers, fungicides and pesticides.

Orchid Trilogy:

Prevention & Diagnosis of Orchid Pest and Disease

Saturday, July 23 – 10 am to 1 pm

Mounts Exhibit Hall A

\$30 for members; \$40 for nonmembers

Speaker: Sandi Jones, Broward Orchid Supply and Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

As a fellow hobbyist who owns about 400 orchids, Jones understands how hard it can be to find necessary products for growing healthy, vigorous orchids. She'll discuss how to diagnose orchid pests and diseases from bacterial and fungal rots to insects, such as thrips, scale and spider mites. Attendees will learn to identify the culprits, what products get rid of them, and how to prevent them from returning. *(Note: Orchids may be brought in for diagnosis, but they must be placed in plastic bags to prevent contaminating other plants.)*

Note:

To register for any of the events and workshops at The Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County, please call **561.233.1730**. Events at Mounts are accessible to people with disabilities.

About The Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County:

With a mission to inspire the public, Mounts Botanical Garden is Palm Beach County's oldest and largest botanical garden, offering gorgeous displays of tropical and sub-tropical plants, plus informative classes, workshops, and other fun-filled events. The Garden contains more than 2,000 species of plants, including Florida native plants, exotic and tropical fruit trees, herbs, palms, bromeliads and more. Mounts Botanical Garden is a facility of the Palm Beach County Extension Service, which is in partnership with the University of Florida and the Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden. Mounts is located at 531 North Military Trail in West Palm Beach.

Mounts Botanical Garden is open everyday (except Palm Beach County recognized holidays) from 10 am to 4 pm. The suggested donation for entry to the Garden is \$5 per person. For more information, please call **561.233.1757** or visit www.mounts.org.

Attached Jpegs:
Mounts Botanical Garden

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