

Tri-County Horticulture and Environmental Studies Group (2017-2018)

September 28, 10:15 a.m.

Program: "Bromeliads in all their Glory" by Marie Harrison

Program Venue: Fort Walton Beach Library, 185 Miracle Strip Parkway, SE

Field Trip: Nearby home of a bromeliad enthusiast to view his vast collection

Lunch: Magnolia Grill, 157 Brooks Street SE, FWB

Reservations to Kat Spieker, 678-9898 or 687-6381 spkfreedom@embarqmail.com

Sponsor: Valparaiso Garden Club, Kat Spieker, Chairman

October 26, 10:00 a.m.

Program: "Birds at the Nature Trail at Veterans' Park" by Walt Spence

Program Venue: Fort Walton Beach Library, 185 Miracle Strip Parkway, SE

Field Trip: A bird walk at Veterans Park on Okaloosa Island

Lunch: The Gulf on Okaloosa Island; To make reservations call, 850-863-5639 or email

Lynda_1@cox.net

Sponsor: Garnier Beach Garden Club, Lynda Penry, Chairman

November 16, 10:00 a.m.

Program: "Environmentally Friendly Gardens"

Program Venue: Coldwater Gardens, 709 Creek Stone Road, Milton, FL 32570

Activities: Guided Tour of facility's many greenhouses and gardens Cost: \$7.00.

See website at www.coldwatergardens.com.

Lunch: Bring your own brown bag lunch and eat on a covered patio overlooking the gardens. Water and other beverages provided by Navarre Garden Club.

On your own: visit Holland Farms, peanut growers. Google Holland Farms for more info.

Sponsor: Navarre Garden Club, Linda Broker, Chairman

January 25, 10:00 a.m., 2018

Program: "Gardening Outside the Box" by Joe Taverniti

Sponsor: Milton Garden Club

Details incomplete

February 22 (time to be announced)

Program: Bus tour to Maclay Gardens (<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Maclay-Gardens>) and Tallahassee Nursery (<http://www.tallahasseenurseries.com/>)

Lunch: a restaurant in Tallahassee

Sponsor: Green Thumb Garden Club, Joyce Waters-Smith, Chairman and Valparaiso Garden Club, Marie Harrison, Assistant

More information nearer the date.

March 22, 10:00 a.m.

Program: "Gopher Tortoise Relocation Project" by Erica Lane, Eglin AFB Biologist

Program Venue: Jackson Guard, 107 HWY 85N, Niceville

Lunch: TBD

Sponsor: Valparaiso Garden Club, Gaye Baltz, Chairman

April: NO MEETING

May 24, 10:00 a.m.

Program: "Daylilies in Florida"

Program Venue: Dragon's Mead Daylily Farm, 9431 N Holland Rd, Panama City, FL 32409

Lecture and growing information by owner. Daylilies for sale! (<http://www.dragonsmead.com/>)

Lunch: a local restaurant TBD

Sponsor: DeFuniak Springs Garden Club, Cindy Stone, Chairman