

## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MAY 27, 2016

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### MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS AT HALF STAFF FROM SUNRISE TO NOON

On Palmer Ranch, smaller US flags have been set out to mark the Memorial Day period with the flags lowered to half-staff on Monday, May 30 from sunrise to noon. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

### HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE MASTER ASSOCIATION

The Master Association office will be closed Monday, May 30, in honor of Memorial Day, reopening Tuesday, May 31 at 8am.

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## Nature & Wildlife on Palmer Ranch

Pictured below are some of the flora and fauna seen throughout the Palmer Ranch property. If you've pictures you'd like to share, please email your photos to Carrie at [prma.carrie@verizon.net](mailto:prma.carrie@verizon.net). Please include your name and location of where the photo was taken.



*Muskogee Crape Myrtle*



*Trees Lining South McIntosh*



*Royal Poinciana*

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## News You Can Use

### SARASOTA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT WORKSHOPS

Sarasota County's Neighborhood Grant Program is accepting applications to fund changes that neighborhood groups wish to see in their communities. The program, which was enacted in 2002, provides up to \$10,000 per neighborhood in matching grants. Dates for the next round of Neighborhood Initiative Grant workshops are available at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) (keywords neighborhood grants). Although workshop attendance is mandatory for grant applicants, there is no cost to register, and materials are provided. Deadline for the next round of grant applications is Wednesday, Sept. 7. To learn more about the program or register for a workshop, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 or email [neighbor@scgov.net](mailto:neighbor@scgov.net).

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### SARASOTA COUNTY CIVICS 101 CLASS STARTING JULY 7

Sarasota County will continue offering a backstage pass to residents through their popular Civics 101 program, which returns 6:00 – 8:15pm on **Thursday, July 7**. Titled ‘Act II: VIP Services,’ the new course continues on Thursday evenings through September 1 and is an encore performance of the module that was offered in January. Class presentations are designed to enhance awareness and understanding of how Sarasota County works and what it has to offer residents. There is no cost to register for the course; materials and refreshments are provided. Anyone who lives or works in Sarasota County is eligible to participate, although module enrollment is limited to 25 students. For more information, or to register, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at (941) 861-5000 or email [neighbor@scgov.net](mailto:neighbor@scgov.net).

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### **Plant Of The Week**

#### GOLD MOUND DURANTA (DURANTA ERECTA)

Gold Mound Duranta is also known by the common names of Golden dewdrop, Pigeon berry & Skyflower. This tropical native is attractive to butterflies and birds and has the ability to thrive in heat and humidity. Duranta is commonly grown as a border or low hedge shrub, the new growth is chartreuse and provides a nice contrast amid darker greens in the landscape. This multi stemmed shrub, prefers warm to hot weather and once established is relatively easy to maintain. This plant grows slowly and rarely flowers. The occasional flowers range from lavender and blue to white producing showy clusters of golden yellow fruit that may be poisonous if ingested.



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