How does a guided tour of a garden listed on the National Register of Historic Places accompanied by your fellow master gardeners sound to you? Enticing? Well, on March 12th, we can all do just that! One of McKee's volunteer master gardeners will guide us through the 18 acres, which, as lovely as they always are, are now enhanced by the blown glass sculptural art of Hans Godo Frabel. See the website: http://www.mckeegarden.org/events/121101.php

This is a reciprocal garden, open for free to those with current membership at participating gardens. For the others, the fee is $10 for adults and $9 for seniors (65+). Elizabeth’s Cafe at the Garden will prepare a catered box lunch for us (~$9 w/ menu selections to follow).

I will need the following info ASAP (if we have more than 20 participants, we will split the group and need a second guide.)

1. Sign up on VMS for March 12 McKee Field trip by Feb 26 deadline.
2. Put a D after your name if you’re willing to drive a carpool.
3. Put a RG after your name if you have a reciprocal garden pass.
4. Box lunch selection and payment by Feb 26 deadline.

Our plan is as follows:

1. 8:30 Leave the extension center by carpool (or set up your own carpool). Please share cost of gas with your driver.
2. 9:45 Arrive at McKee Botanical Garden. I will gather all reciprocal garden passes prior to entering. They will be returned to you immediately after entrance.
3. 10:00 Our guided tour will begin. Lunch will follow, weather permitting, in the outside seating. We can then remain in the garden at our leisure or we may be able to schedule a nursery stop on the way home.

Coming From the South on I-95 North
Exit on Indrio Road (Exit 138) east to US 1, Go North on US 1 to Vero Beach. McKee Botanical Garden is located at 350 US Highway 1 at the southern gateway of Vero Beach on your right.

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