



## KEN BURKE, CPA

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER - PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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## Couples Registration Now Open for Clerk's 12th Annual Valentine's Day Group Wedding at Florida Botanical Gardens

Ken Burke, Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, announced that registration is now open for the Clerk's 12th Annual Valentine's Day Group Wedding. Up to fifty couples are expected to be joined together for one group wedding ceremony on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14, 2018 in the vibrant and picturesque Wedding Garden of the Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo.



Pinellas Clerk's 11th Annual Valentine's Day Group Wedding at the Florida Botanical Gardens, February 14, 2017.

“Our Valentine's Day Group Wedding event continues to be a very popular option for couples interested in celebrating the most romantic day of the year,” said the organizer of the event, Clerk Burke. The Clerk's office is proudly showcasing the special event complete with an eye-catching window display at the Downtown Clearwater Courthouse. Aimee Matsko and Shantel Griffin, owners of Bearer of the Bling in Kenneth City, volunteered to design and set up the Clerk's window display this year.

A single ceremony will unite all couples in attendance. Everyone will be serenaded with a cappella melodies performed by the Charmonizers Barbershop Quartet. In addition, the couples will be treated to beautiful melodies performed by Deputy Clerk's Tiffany Clayton and James Beaty. After the ceremony, the couples and their guests will celebrate with wedding cake and refreshments provided by local sponsors.

The Clerk has waived the normal \$30.00 ceremony fee. Standard marriage license fees will still apply. To participate, couples must sign-up no later than **Friday, January 26, 2018**. To complete the online registration, please visit the Clerk's website at [www.mypinellasclerk.org](http://www.mypinellasclerk.org).

In order to be eligible to register for the 2018 wedding event, application for a marriage license must be made between December 16, 2017 and February 9, 2018. The ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m. in the Wedding Garden of the Florida Botanical Gardens located at 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774. Couples will receive a special Commemorative Marriage Certificate, which will be mailed within one week from the date of the ceremony with the official Certificate of Marriage. All couples should arrive at the Botanical Gardens by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event with their marriage license and identification.

For more information, please contact Recording Services at (727) 464-3008 or visit the Clerk's website. For more information about the Wedding Garden or the Florida Botanical Gardens, visit [www.flbg.org](http://www.flbg.org).

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#### ABOUT THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

The Clerk of the Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder and Custodian of all county funds.