



# The Grapevine

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Can we hang it up?

Dear Garden Club of St Petersburg members,

Finally, it is November of one of the craziest years in the history of the United States! In one week, we can hang up our list of things we are thankful for, in three weeks we can hang up our Christmas stockings, and in six weeks, we can hang up our 2021 calendars.

We started 2020 on a high note with our January All Members' Meeting presented by Tampa Bay Watch, then we executed a profitable Flea Market in the month of February. Rumors of a mysterious virus were starting to circulate as we enjoyed a fabulous Fashion Show the first week of March.

Then the big shut down occurred! As we scrambled to adjust to the new norm, we cleaned, organized, gardened, and cooked. We missed our families and friends while searching for toilet paper and masks. As we settled into our "Little House on the Prairie" lifestyle, complete with modern day Zoom, we kept waiting for the restrictions to lift... *and we waited, and we waited, and we waited.*

Finally, the restrictions started to ease, and we began to meet our families and friends in open parks, airy patios, and sidewalk cafes. We gradually increased our social interactions and even managed to hold our Annual Plant Sale in October.

But 2020s sinister humor wasn't quite finished as we fared the surprise Tropical Storm Eta. Now we scrutinize the daily news, searching for the announcement of a vaccine, declining infection rates, and lower unemployment numbers.

So, I have decided that it is time for 2020 to throw in the towel, hang it up, call it quits, anything, just go away! We are ready to greet 2021 with open arms and high expectations for a grand year in our personal lives as well as with our fellow members of the Garden Club of St Petersburg. Since we are already putting up our holiday décor, do you think it is too soon to purchase our New Year Eve's poppers?

Stay Masked and Distanced,  
Cindy Ordes



## Garden Club Calendar 2020—2021 The Garden Club of St. Petersburg, Inc.

### All Members Meetings

Second Tuesday of the Month in September,  
November, January, March & May

Note: Please go to Circle Calendars for additional information.

### NOVEMBER 2020

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| Nov. 17 | 12:30 pm     | <b>Dracaena Circle</b> -Garden Center<br>Program: Boyd Hill<br>Nature Preserve Trip<br>\$5 for tram rides. \$3 for walkers                 |
| Nov. 17 |              | <b>Floralia VI</b> , Manatee River GC  |
| Nov. 18 | 10:00 am     | <b>Flower Arranging Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Design Challenge<br>Coordinating: Pat Eckert, Flower<br>Arranging Member, GCSP |
| Nov. 19 | 10:00 am     | <b>Daylily</b> , Garden Center   |
| Nov. 21 | 9:00 to 3:00 | <b>Recycled Christmas Sale</b>   |
| Nov. 24 | 12:00 pm     | <b>Jungle</b> , Garden Center  |
| Nov. 24 |              | <b>Most Adult Awards Due</b><br>FFGC Headquarters  |

### DECEMBER 2020

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| Dec. 4 | 9:00 am  | <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> -<br>Garden Center   |
|        | 10:30 am | <b>Board of Directors meeting</b><br>Garden Center<br>Hosts: Helen Harvey, Sally Farr   |
| Dec. 7 | 10:00 am | <b>Creative Crafts</b> , Garden Center<br>for all GCSP members<br>Program: Necklace<br>Guest Cost for materials<br>\$4 members - \$5 for guests |
| Dec. 8 | 6:30 pm  | <b>Night Bloomers Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Annual Holiday Party<br>Night Bloomers Members only                                   |
| Dec. 8 | 12:00 pm | <b>Jungle Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Toys for Tots collection &<br>optional Plant Swap at the Garden<br>Center                     |

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## 2020—2021 Executive Committee

|                                       |                 |   |               |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|
| President                             | Cindy Ordes     | Assistant Treasurer   | Pat Strawn    |
| First Vice President-Programs         | Sandra Doherty  | Recording Secretary   | Krista Kutash |
| Second Vice President-Membership      | Liz Coerver     | Corresponding Secretary                                     | Jill Anderson |
| Third Vice President-Budget & Finance | Carol Moore     | Also serving on the Executive Committee—non-voting members: |               |
| .....                                 | & Jan Ankerberg | Past President & Advisor                                    | Jan Ankerberg |
| Treasurer                             | Karen McKenna   | Parliamentarian   | Nancy Bandy   |

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| Dec. 9               | 11:30 am | <b>Flower Arranging Circle</b><br>Isla Del Sol Country Club<br>Holiday Luncheon<br>\$25 per person. Send reservations to<br>Bea Rahter by Thursday Dec. 3th                           |
| Dec. 15              | 11:30 am | <b>Dracaena Circle</b> -Garden Center<br>Program: Holiday Party,<br>gift exchange &<br>Charitable Gift Donation Assembly  |
| Dec. 15              |          | <b>Floralia VI</b> , Manatee River GC   |
| Dec. 17              | 10:00 am | <b>Daylily Circle</b> -Garden Center<br>Community Service for Jacaranda House<br>Assemble Christmas presents for the<br>Nursing Home  |
| <b>JANUARY 2021</b>  |          |   |
| Jan. 8               | 9:00 am  | <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> -<br>Garden Center   |
|                      | 10:30 am | <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> -<br>Garden Center<br>Hosts: Rosemary Miller, Carol Moore   |
| Jan. 12              | 1:00 pm  | <b>GCSP All Members Meeting</b> -<br>Garden Center<br>Program: Catch 22 of<br>the Clean Water Act<br>Speakers: Charles W. Ankerberg<br>Host: Night Bloomers & Garden Club<br>Friends  |
| Jan. 12              | 6:30 pm  | <b>Night Bloomers Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Plant Identification<br>Speaker: Bessie Morse, Terry Jordan,<br>NB Members  |
| Jan 13-14            |          | <b>FFGC Winter Board Meeting</b><br>FFGC Headquarters   |
| Jan. 19              | 11:00am  | <b>Dracaena Circle</b> , Garden Center<br>Program: Snowbird Luncheon<br>Reservations: Sandy Moss  |
| Jan. 19              | 12:00 pm | <b>Jungle Circle</b> , Garden Center<br>Program: Field trip to Sacred Lands   |
| Jan. 19              |          | <b>Floralia VI</b> , Manatee River GC   |
| Jan. 20              | 10:00 am | <b>Flower Arranging Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Cascade and Angular<br>Designs<br>Presenter: Janice Hamlin  |
| Jan. 21              | 10:00 am | <b>Daylily Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Hydroponics in St.<br>Petersburg<br>Speaker: Brick Street Farms  |
| Jan. 22-23           |          | <b>Tropical Short Course</b> , West Palm<br>Beach, FL   |
| Jan. 25              |          | <b>District VIII Judge's Council</b> ,<br>Manatee River GC  |
| <b>FEBRUARY 2021</b> |          |   |
| Feb. 1               | 10:00 am | <b>Creative Crafts</b> -for all GCSP<br>members<br>Garden Center<br>Program: Button Necklace<br>Guest Artist-Helen Tilden<br>Cost for materials - \$4 for members -<br>\$5 for guests |
| Feb. 5               | 9:00 am  | <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b><br>Garden Center   |
|                      | 10:30 am | <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b><br>Garden Center<br>Hosts: Carole Winter, Krista Kutash   |

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| Feb. 9            | 6:30 pm            | <b>Night Bloomers Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Philodendrons<br>Speaker: YouTube Presentation   |
| Feb. 15           |                    | <b>Grapevine Deadline</b>  |
| Feb. 16           | 12:30 pm           | <b>Dracaena Circle</b> , Garden Center<br>Program: Make & Take<br>Mini Herb Garden<br>Speaker: Sally Dozier<br>Members \$10, Guests \$12   |
| Feb. 16           |                    | <b>Floralia VI</b> , Manatee River GC  |
| Feb. 17           | 10:00 am           | <b>Flower Arranging Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Frame Designs<br>Speaker: Jan Griffin  |
| Feb. 18           | 10:00 am           | <b>Daylily Circle</b> , Garden Center<br>Program: Container Gardening<br>Speaker: Linda Colhane,<br>Veteran Master Gardener  |
| Feb. 19-21        |                    | <b>CFAA - Creative Flower<br/>Arranging of the Americas</b> ,<br>Orlando, FL   |
| Feb. 21-27        |                    | <b>FLEA MARKET AND PLANT &amp;<br/>GARDEN SALE</b><br>At the Garden Center<br>Chair: Sandi Fox and Kathy Garner<br><b>Set up Tables only</b> for Flea Market<br>Members bring in items for Flea<br>Market  |
| Feb. 21           | 9-12 pm<br>12-3 pm | Members bring in items for the Flea<br>Market  |
| Feb. 22-24        | 9-3 pm             | Members bring in items for the Flea<br>Market  |
| Feb. 25           | 5-7 pm             | <b>Wine &amp; Cheese<br/>Opening Night Pre-Sales</b>   |
| Feb. 26           | 9-3 pm             | <b>FLEA MARKET AND PLANT &amp;<br/>GARDEN SALE</b><br>At the Garden Center   |
| Feb. 27           | 9 - 1 pm           | <b>FLEA MARKET AND PLANT &amp;<br/>GARDEN SALE</b><br>Garden Center<br>Kitchen: all proceeds to GCSP<br>Clothes: 75% of profit from clothing,<br>shoes, & handbags on the patio will<br>go to the GCSP.<br>All circles are asked to support this<br>with donations and workers |
| Feb. 25           |                    | <b>Sarasota GC Flower Show</b><br>"Garden To Table"  |
| Feb. 28           |                    | <b>Youth Group</b><br>at Garden Center   |
| <b>MARCH 2021</b> |                    |  |
| Mar. 1            | 10:00 am           | <b>Creative Crafts</b> -for all GCSP<br>members at Garden Center<br>Program: Paper Flowers<br>Guest Artist - Barbara Kirkconnell<br>Cost for materials - \$4 for members<br>\$5 for guests   |
| Mar. 5            | 9:00 am            | <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b><br>Garden Center  |
|                   | 10:30 am           | <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b><br>Garden Center<br>Hosts: Bea Rahter, Joanne Keohane,   |
| Mar. 9            | 1:00 pm            | <b>GCSP All Members Meeting</b> -<br>Garden Center<br>Program: Kokedama<br>\$5 for members, \$9 for guests, bring<br>scissors & gloves<br>Speaker: Pam Slagg, Tampa GC<br>Hosts: Dracaena Circle   |



**FLEA MARKET AND PLANT & GARDEN SALE  
February 26 & 27**

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| Mar. 9             | 6:00 pm  | <b>Night Bloomers Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Decorating a Stepping Stone<br>Speaker: Michelle Pugh<br>Night Bloomers Member   | Mar. 21-23 | <b>Deep South Convention</b><br>Huntsville, Al   |
| Mar. 12            | 11-1pm   | <b>Horticulture</b> - Garden Center<br>Plant ID for Green Thumb  | Mar. 23    | 12:00 pm <b>Jungle Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Show & Tell, Entering<br>Plants & Completing Green Thumb<br>Flower Show Entry Forms<br>Facilitators: Linda Fox, Marcia<br>Bradwick, MG. |
| Mar. 16            | 12:30 pm | <b>Dracaena Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Favorite Garden Hacks<br>Speaker: Mari Blaquiere   | Mar. 25    | <b>District VIII Judges Council,</b><br>Manatee River<br>Garden Club   |
| Mar. 16<br>Mar. 17 | 10:00 am | <b>Floralia VI,</b> Manatee River GC<br><b>Flower Arranging Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Demonstrations &<br>Discussion on what Judges look for<br>when Judging<br>Presenter: Barb Jacobson | Mar. 26-27 | <b>Tampa GC Flower Show</b><br>"The Sporting Life"<br>at Tampa Garden Center   |
| Mar. 18            | 10:00 am | <b>Daylily Circle</b><br>Garden Center<br>Program: Make & Take Fairy Gardens<br>Speaker: Sandee Doherty  | Mar. 27    | <b>Dade City GC Flower Show</b><br>"The Fair" at Dade City   |
|                    |          |  | Mar. 26-31 | <b>Art In Bloom - Museum of Fine Art,</b><br>St. Petersburg, FL  |
|                    |          |  | Mar. 28    | <b>Youth Group</b> at Garden Center  |

# 2020 RECYCLED CHRISTMAS SALE

## Garden Club of St. Petersburg

500 Sunset Dr S., St Petersburg



NET PROCEEDS "Bathroom Remodel"  
REGISTRATION #045076 \*ACOPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT  
IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.\*



**JUST 8 MORE DAYS TO OUR SALE!!!  
ARE YOU READY?????????**

*Christmas Sale*—Well, I just heard Sleigh Bells ringing! Yes, they are already showing Christmas TV shows on Hallmark. So I ran into SANTA and he told me the Garden Club of St. Pete is having a RECYCLED CHRISTMAS SALE plus, plus—on Saturday November 21.

**Don't keep this a secret!** Tell all your friends and now get busy going through the Christmas Stuff you don't want anymore—dust off and price to sell; and any nice gifts you are not using, plants and don't forget your Christmas Shirts to sell.

Bring plants on Friday to set up at your circle tables and bring your Christmas things on Saturday morning at 7:30 am to your circle and set up your shop. Make sure your things are priced to sell. **MAKE YOUR LIST AND CHECK IT TWICE!**

Ugly sweaters and shirts, garland, ornaments, Christmas trees, plants, plates, Christmas villages, books and magazines with Christmas themes, and just anything related to Christmas or real nice gifts.

**BAKE SALE**—No Christmas STUFF? Just start baking. We will have a special table with baked sale items. Proceeds from the bake sale go to club and Circle sales are divided to club and circle or your option to club.

**EVERYONE WANTS TO DOWNSIZE THEIR CHRISTMAS DECOR AND YOUR SUPPORT TO THIS EVENT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**



Hope to see you there. **MASK UP!**  
We have masks for sale at the club.

**Jan Ankerberg  
Christmas Sale Chairman**



**Masks must be worn at the club at all times per city ordinances regarding Covid-19**

Daylily: 10:00 am

## Daylily Circle



Our October meeting was just before the Plant sale set-up. Sooo our program was for each of us to bring a plant....tell us about where it wants to live....sun or shade or both....does it flower....how tall will it grow....is it invasive etc. These plants were then donated for the plant sale. We all learned a lot, had a lot of fun, and we started our collection of plants for the sale. After our meeting was over,

we put out the tables and hung our Daylily sign. We also had a guest speaker, Bea Rahter. Her message was....The club hopes to consolidate into 1 club. Hoping to save money (in a time of few to no rentals) and to free up more members to help with our sales and projects, and also to bring in more members. Questionnaires to be filled out by us all! by November 21st. This month we brought in peanut butter to be donated to Daystar Life Center.

Sally Farr, Daylily

Dracaena: 12:30 pm

## Dracaena Circle



Not unlike the past year we have been living through, Dracaena has had a multitude of changes to scheduled events/programs, officers and our future as a circle. We began our 2020-2021 season meetings in October this year, fearing that a September meeting would be fraught with Corona concerns. Unfortunately that precluded us from participating in this year's fall Plant Sale. Although only 14 members attended in October it was a decisive meeting with Liz Coerver presiding and Nance Francisco presenting a brief program on the history of Garden Clubs.

Some of you may have heard that our Interim President is Terry Pinckley, with the assistance of Nancy Steinbuechler. Liz Coerver has agreed to act as our membership officer until Karen Pace can return. Our upcoming events include our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in which our program was changed to "Bromeliads" since Boyd Hill is not conducting tours at this time.

The Christmas Resale on Saturday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, will include the plants we had intended to sell in October. Our Christmas Party meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> will proceed despite the absence of food and libations. We will have a plant gift exchange and assemble "blessing bags" for the local homeless. If you would like to exchange a gift (plant), please bring a potted plant, valued at \$10.00-\$15.00 retail. Stay tuned for updates on the Snowbird Luncheon in January.

All Dracaena members who are not able to attend the meetings are encouraged to complete the "One Club" survey you received via email and return it completed to Bea Rahter no later than November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

This year has undoubtedly challenged our creativity as a circle and a club and we welcome your input as we face the uncertainties of 2021. Longing to Linger with all of you!

Nancy Steinbuechler,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Flower Arranging: 10:00 am

## Flower Arranging Circle



### A SPECIAL INVITATION TO FLOWER ARRANGING CIRCLE'S HOLIDAY LUNCHEON - 2020

All Garden Club members and guests are invited to join the Flower Arranging Circle for their annual Holiday Luncheon, with safety precautions, at Isla del Sol Yacht and Country Club. It will be Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 AM for "self-pay" drinks, and lunch at noon. Reservations to Bea Rahter at: 1074 79<sup>th</sup> Street South, St. Petersburg, 33707, **before December 3rd** (cancellations by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>). **Checks for \$25.00 per person made out to: "Flower Arranging Circle"**. Isla del Sol is on the Bayway between St. Pete Beach and St. Petersburg (\$1.00 toll or SunPass). \*Please note any special dietary restrictions when making your reservation.

Gifts for teen-aged girls may be brought to donate to Brookwood Florida, which is a residential facility for girls between the ages of 13 and 18. Gifts may be wrapped to participate in our annual gift-wrapping competition. They must

be packaged so that they may be opened for the counselors to determine which girl can use the items. The awards for the wrapping competition are: *Best Use of Red, Green & White*; *Best use of Plant Material*; *Most Elegant*; *"Greenest"*; *Most Comical*; and *Best Overall*. A "Wish List" is available for suggested donations for the girls—and Brookwood appreciates monetary donations, as well. These gifts, and the time it takes to shop and prepare your gift, may be included as charitable donations from the Garden Club to maintain our non-profit status **with copies of your receipts**.

\*\*\*\*We are again bringing Christmas socks to donate to the girls. Everyone is asked to bring a pair of NEW (unworn!) Christmas socks (apparel) that we will display during the luncheon and vote for a favorite. Start shopping now!

The food is delicious, the view is beautiful, and the time together is a great celebration of the Season! Come and share the "distanced" joy of the Holidays with us! Please call Bea (727-343-7937) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Night Bloomers: 6:30 pm

## Nightbloomers Circle



The Night Bloomers Circle of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg is an energetic group of garden enthusiasts. The circle was founded in 2008 in response to a community need for evening horticultural programs. The Night Bloomers sponsor the Horticulture for Weekend Gardener Series providing informative evening horticulture programs. The Night Bloomers meet year round on the second Tuesday of each month at the Garden Center at 6:30 pm for a short business meeting and the program at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome at all regular meetings for a nominal charge of \$5.00 per meeting. The Night Bloomers

participate in all Garden Club activities with the emphasis on the Flea Market and Plant Sale. The Night Bloomers support World gardening, Camp Wekiva, the Green Thumb Flower Show, ECHO, and Diapers for Dignity.

Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month at the Garden Center. Business meeting starts at 6:30 pm and the program at 7:00 pm.

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|----------------------|----------------|
| President            | Cathy Holzwart |
| First Vice President |                |
| Secretary            | Monica Gray    |
| Treasurer            |                |



Our next meeting is on November 24 at noon. Beekeeper Jim Steele will speak on the A B C's of bees.

The December meeting will be on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at noon and will be our Holiday Program including collecting for Toys for Tots and Plant Swap.

Our January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a field trip to Sacred Lands Gardens to see a variety of Florida native fauna and wildlife. The site sits on Boca Ciega Bay and where you can spot a variety of birds and marine life like the dolphins and manatees. Contact Bill Salsinger for time.

## Alocasias presented by Linda Myers Nov. 10, to Night Bloomers.



Example includes Elephant ear plants; can also be excellent houseplants; plants are long leafed and require indirect light, avoid direct sunlight,

moist soil, avoid over watering; spider mites seen during high humidity; soil, course soil, sand and charcoal (to help retain moisture), fertilize monthly; repot easily, tubular sections used for propagation, best in the spring.

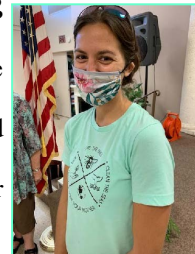
## November's All Members Meeting

Hosted by the Flower Arranging Circle  
It was one of the best programs that we have ever had.

*Growing Vegetables in Florida* provided by Ms. Elise Pickett from *Urban Harvest*.

She had seeds and vegetable plants for sale.

Her Blog site is [theurbanharvest.com/](http://theurbanharvest.com/)



**Results  
2020 SO FAR  
1,546 Wreaths Sponsored  
4.5% to Goal  
32,454 To Go!  
430 Views**



REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Welcome to the Bay Pines National Cemetery's Wreaths Across America Page.

On December 19 at 12:00 pm, 2020, Wreaths Across America will be at Bay Pines National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Please help our location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by clicking the red "Sponsor" button. Or, if you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, please click the "Volunteer" button next to the cemetery name below, and don't forget to click the "Invite" button to invite your friends and family to join you.

Thank you so much for supporting Bay Pines National Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!



## CONSERVATION REMINDER

November 12, 2020—This is just a reminder to all Garden Club members and friends:

Bill and I survived Tropical Storm Eta last night, thank goodness, without damage but some water over our seawall! However, I just spent several hours this morning cleaning thousands of Styrofoam pieces, plastic bottles and lids, plastic straws, and cigarette butts (to mention a few things!) out of the debris that washed up in our yard last night. I didn't get it all cleaned out by a long-shot before we pushed the foliage back into the canal, but I tried. That trash doesn't decompose—it pollutes!! Even the tiny pieces that are broken up may be ingested by the fish and wildlife, and then who eats it next.....

We all have to be more aware of the trash that we are disposing of!! With so many who are taking advantage of "take out" food now, the use of Styrofoam is increasing rapidly. All of that toxic waste that winds up in our waterways is causing so much damage to our environment and in the long-term, may be making people sick! People may not think that a little bit of plastic or garbage won't make a difference, but it DOES!!

Again, as members of the Garden Club and professed "friends of our planet", please make a commitment to conservation efforts to make our environment cleaner, safer, and healthier for all living things!

Thank you! Bea Rahter

Sandee Doherty and I are very excited about our **YOUTH GARDENING** program! This program will be held outside in the Daylilys' garden. We will meet the last Sunday of the first 3 months and April 18th, and May 16th from 1:00-3:30 pm. Our first class will be January 31, 2021!! Anyone in the club who has children or grandchildren and think they would enjoy outside nature activities and gardening, please let us know. The cost for 5 classes is...\$40.00 for the first child and \$35.00 for each additional child. We always need extra help!! The children are able to learn more....explore more....enjoy more with these extra hands. You can volunteer 1 time or 5 times, your choice! Email or call us if you are interested!!

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## MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

All members can add notices and pictures for the Garden Club's Facebook page by sending them to:  
[gcsfacebookpage@gmail.com](mailto:gcsfacebookpage@gmail.com)

The Garden Club is available to rent.

**Do You Need a Facility for an Event?**

Contact Carol Lucia,  
or see Rental Information on our website,  
[www.gardenclubstpetersburg.org](http://www.gardenclubstpetersburg.org)

## “ONE CLUB” INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is closing in on a possible milestone in the history of the Garden Club. Members are being asked to consider changing the status of the Club under the affiliation of F.F.G.C. from being a Club organized on the Circle plan, as it was formed in 1928, to an Independent Club.

With declining membership and loss of revenue accentuated by the pandemic, the Club has been facing challenging times. A small ad-hoc Committee was formed at the end of summer, adding more members at following meetings, including members of each Circle who are interested in possible changes, to investigate how the Club could operate as a unified Club. Questionnaires have been sent to the members and the Circle Presidents to get their thoughts about a reorganization, and there have been great comments in support of the concept!

Following is a proposed plan for the structure of the Club. The basic organization with an Executive Committee of elected officers, and a Board of Directors with representatives of various committees who are responsible for coordinating the functions of the Club, may be streamlined but remain much as it operates now. The most obvious change would be that the newly designated “Interest Groups” (made up of the present groups called “Circles”) can be more flexible without elected officers and separated finances, but with more group and Club coordination and more opportunities to take advantage of all the programs and activities that the Club has to offer.

The goal of the Investigating Committee has been to create a plan for a unified organization, with members continuing to nurture the relationships that they have developed and to enjoy the learning and enriching experiences that they joined the Garden Club for, but all working together for the growth and success of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg. We will be stronger when we use the talents and gifts of ALL of our members!

A brief outline of the vision for the “Interest Groups” is listed below. You are invited to contact me or a Committee member for more information.

This proposal will be officially presented in January and all members will be asked to vote on (approve or disapprove) this renewed commitment to the future of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, Inc., at a Special Meeting that has been called for all members on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Mark your calendars—it’s NOT in the Yearbook!

## PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND GUIDELINES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Elected):

**President**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**—Program Committee Chairman  
Including members of the Interest Groups

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**—Membership Committee Chairman  
Including members of the Interest Groups and the Yearbook Chairman

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**—Budget and Finance Committee Chairman

**Treasurer**

**Assistant Treasurer**

**Recording Secretary**

**Corresponding Secretary**

**Appointed: Advisor** – Immediate Past President (if available)

**Parliamentarian**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Appointed):**

**STANDING COMMITTEES (Voting Members):**

**SUB-COMMITTEES (Non-Voting):**

**INTEREST GROUP LEADERS (Voting Members of the BOD):**

### SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR INTEREST GROUPS:

- Determine “focus” or common interest of the group to make it unique from other groups.
- Select a “leader” from the group with additional support from the rest of the group for programs and membership coordination. No elected officers, and leadership responsibilities may be shared.
- A leader, or designated representative, of each group will be a member of the Board of Directors and attend the BOD meetings for dissemination of information.
- Decide on a meeting time in coordination with the Club’s schedule.
- Set up programs in coordination with the Club’s 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and other groups for less duplication, with a focus on education.
- Group members have the option to visit other groups for selected programs.
- All finances are handled by the Club Treasurer—groups do not have independent treasuries. A budget of anticipated group expenses for the upcoming year is submitted to the Club Budget and Finance Committee to be included in the Club’s proposed budget.
- Fundraising efforts, including participation and proceeds, to be combined with the entire Club--not competitive.
- All members are encouraged to participate in all Club activities, and to participate in the Committee system in any way they are able by signing up to help on a Committee, as well as participating in an Interest Group, if they choose.
- Members may elect not to be in an Interest Group and only participate in Club activities.
- More details will be determined as the plan is implemented and as the groups are organized.

Bea Rahter, Acting Committee Chairman

Veterans’ Day was November 11. We would like to thank Nancy Bandy for her generous donation of a United States Flag that has flown over the US Capital Building and now will be flying over our Blue Star Memorial at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg. We are thankful to those who have served our country.

Cindy Ordes



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## Junior Garden Club At The Garden Club of St. Petersburg

What ambitious plans our youth committee had this year. We worked hard. Had many meetings planning our camp and junior gardening program. We came up with our camp theme, arranged for speakers, classes and crafts. We, also, finally got the OK for the Junior Gardening Camp, so we went to work! It was scheduled for the last Sunday of the months of Jan, Feb, March, April, and May. We had our first class with 3 wonderful little girls. We measured and planted radishes, carrots, and nasturtiums. OUR YOUTH GARDEN was finally a reality! We also made terrariums to send home. And then in March came the word, no garden club activities until further notice. We know that next years Youth activities will be exceptional, exciting and educational. Anyone interested in joining us for the fun next year?? Please call me, we have a lot of fun!

Sally Farr 727 515-0517 or  
[68mustangsal@gmail.com](mailto:68mustangsal@gmail.com)

Sandee Doherty, Cathy Holzwart,  
Helen Harvey, MaryPat Troy.and Sandy Bucossi.

Remember that children, marriages, and flower gardens reflect the kind of care they get.  
-H. Jackson Brown Jr.



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## FLEA MARKET AND PLANT & GARDEN SALE

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## Junior Gardening Club

Garden Club Members interested in working with chil dren 7 to 12 in the new Junior Gardening Club.

Qualifications: Have interest in one or all of the following.

- Children      Gardening
- Conservation      Ecology
- Recycling      Environment

We welcome any one who is interested. If interested please; contact Sandra Doherty or Sally Farr.

Thank you! 2020 will be a great gardening and learning time with Junior Gardening. Please come join us in our new adventure as soon as we can meet again.

Gardening

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## GCSP IS ON FACEBOOK

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg's Facebook page was started on May 16, 2015 by member and Master Gardener Terry Jordan. Since its creation the page has grown to a following of 733 readers. Our reader base consists of 534 followers from the Tampa Bay Area and 199 readers from places such as Canada, Philippines, Italy, Bulgaria, Bolivia, The Bahamas, Costa Rica, France and India!

The purpose of the GCSP Facebook page is to promote the mission of the GCSP by encouraging an interest in gardening, horticultural study, preservation, beautification, and community service. Our posts give our readers UF/IFAS research based gardening information with topics including: beneficial insects, native plants, pollinators, palm care, vegetables, garden safety, wildlife, wildflowers, yard art, recycling and much more. Short and informative posts are put up every other day at 2:00 a.m. The beauty of social media is that it provides FREE advertising for all GCSP events, meetings and fundraisers. Pinned to the top of our



Facebook page you will see a listing of all upcoming events and meetings.

We would like to increase

our members' interaction on our page. To LIKE our Facebook page please go to

<https://www.facebook.com/gardenclubstpetersburg>

and click like. To increase our post outreach and thus increase our FREE advertising please interact with our posts by making a comment, sharing our posts or clicking like.

If your circle has had an activity that would be of interest to our community or you have an amazing plant you would like to share with our Facebook readers please send a high quality photo and a short informative message telling our readers about your activity or plant. Send photos and articles to Terry Jordan at

[gcsfacebookpage@gmail.com](mailto:gcsfacebookpage@gmail.com)

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg's Facebook page recently reached a huge milestone passing over **2,000 Likes**. Currently the page has 2,144 followers, the bulk being from the Tampa Bay area and Central Florida. The page also has some international followers from 31 countries such as the Philippines, South Africa, Canada, Mexico, India, Brazil, South Korea, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, and Australia to name a few.

The Garden Club's page continues to be an excellent community outreach by giving our followers UF/IFAS research based gardening information, and a means to promote the mission of the Garden

Club of St. Petersburg by encouraging an interest in gardening, horticultural study, preservation, beautification, and community service.

Some of our most popular posts are photos of Garden Club member plants, gardens and circle field trips. The virtual flower in April reached 1.6K individuals. We would love to showcase your beautiful plants and gardens on the Facebook page. Simply send a photo to [gcsfacebookpage@gmail.com](mailto:gcsfacebookpage@gmail.com) along with any information you would like to share. I hope to hear from you soon!

Terry Jordan, Facebook Page Admin.