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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings GCSP Members,

On February 9, 2021, the Garden Club of St Petersburg celebrated its Independence Day by voting to become an Independent Club. On this historic day, the members voted to end the club's circle format and begin an Independent Club format on June 1, 2021. Our circles will become Interest Groups and we will begin the process of working together as one united club. While no fireworks or parades are scheduled at this time, we are planning our annual flea market in the spirit of unity. We will all work together for the Independent Club for the first time.

What a great new beginning for GCSP in the midst of a world pandemic. A special shout out is in order for all of our dedicated members of the One Club Committee as well as the Bylaws Committee for pursuing this massive project. As we proceed with the process of forming our new club, we will have lots of opportunities for input for our new interest groups.

In the months ahead, we have a Flea Market, our circle meetings, All Members Meetings, an election of new Executive Committee members, Small Standard Flower Show and an installation of new officers. All of this will be followed by a week of summer camp for our future members. Perhaps we can even squeeze in a plant auction if time permits.

While 2021 is still an unknown, the Garden Club of St Petersburg hopes to be able to enjoy all of our scheduled activities. I am looking forward to seeing our members at our upcoming events as long as we stay masked and six feet apart!

Cindy Ordes

Dear GCSP Members,

Welcome to the New Year and some modern technology at our club. The QR scanner code on page 107 of our yearbook is a quick and easy way to access our website. Simply hold your mobile camera over the code and our website will pop up on your screen. You can be up to date on the happening at our club in no time at all.



Wishing you an incredibly Happy New Year!

Cindy Ordes

Garden Club Calendar 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 Calendars for additional information.

Meetings at Garden Club unless a different location indicated.

MARCH 2021

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| Mar. 1 | 10:00 am | Creative Crafts, for all GCSP members
Program: Beaded Plant Totems
Guest Artist: Barbara Kirkconnell
Cost for materials: \$4 for members
\$5 for guests |
| Mar. 5 | 9:00 am
10:30 am | Executive Committee Meeting
Board of Directors Meeting
Hosts: Bea Rahter, Joanne Keohane, |
| Mar. 9 | 1:00 pm | GCSP All Members Meeting
Program: Kokedama
\$5 for members, \$9 for guests,
bring scissors & gloves
Speaker: Pam Slagg, Tampa GC
Hosts: Dracaena Circle |
| Mar. 9 | 6:00 pm | Night Bloomers Circle
Program: Decorating a Stepping Stone
Speaker: Michelle Pugh,
Night Bloomers Member |
| Mar. 16 | 12:30 pm | Dracaena Circle
Program: Favorite Garden Hacks
Speaker: Mari Blaquiére |
| Mar. 16 | | Floralia VI, Manatee River GC |
| Mar. 17 | 10:00 am | Flower Arranging Circle
Program: Demonstrations &
Discussion on what Judges look for
when Judging
Presenter: Barb Jacobson |
| Mar. 18 | 10:00 am | Daylily Circle
Program: Make & Take Fairy Gardens
Speaker: Sandee Doherty |
| Mar. 21-23 | | Deep South Convention, Huntsville, Al |
| Mar. 23 | 12:00 pm | Jungle Circle,
Program: Show & Tell,
Entering Plants & Completing Green
Thumb Flower Show Entry Forms
Facilitators: Linda Fox, Marcia
Bradwick, MG. |
| Mar. 25 | | District VIII Judges Council
Manatee River Garden Club |

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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 & Jan Ankerberg	Also serving on the Executive Committee—non-voting members:	Jan Ankerberg
Treasurer	Karen McKenna	Past President & Advisor	Nancy Bandy
		Parliamentarian	

2020 Recycled Christmas Sale Results

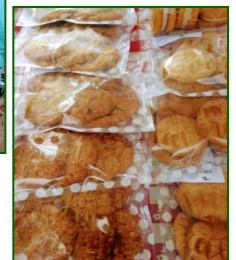
Dear Members,
 We have a total made at the Christmas Recycle Plus Plus Sale. **Drum Roll Please! \$1971.75!** This is a Jingle and Jangle all the way because we exceeded the proposed budget amount.
 A Merry Merry Thank You to all who volunteered by working this event and especially to the hands who baked the goodies we had for sale. Our bake sale

was a big success. Also, a thank you to all for your donations.
 Our plants were a big sale item after all we are a garden club and the public expects plants, so a big thank you for our plants and donations of plants from Dean Hall of Florida Landscaping.
 Also, a big thank you to people who helped set up and breakdown. All in all

everyone had fun and it was done on one day.

Merry Christmas (2021) to all and a heartfelt thank you for all of your time and work to make this event very successful. Congratulations!

Jan Ankerberg
 Christmas Sale Chairman



Daylily Circle



January 21st meeting: We worked on the seed catalog for the Johnson Library. That includes-opening store bought seeds of veggies, herbs, and flowers. We then put a small amount of 1 kind of seed in an envelope.

Next they were labeled. That day we made 80 envelopes! Alan Comeau then took them down to the library. Finally, the envelopes are put in a card catalog for anyone who has a library card to take out. And

they were very appreciative of our help. Afterwards, we went to lunch as usual, to our new favorite place for outdoor dining, JP Tavern on Park Street. Another fun day was had by all.

Flower Arranging Circle



On Wednesday, Feb. 17 Flower Arranging Circle met at 10:00. Designer Jan Griffin did Creative Designs for our learning pleasure!

In addition, since the Green Thumb Festival has been canceled, attached is a preview of the Design Division schedule that has been written for a Small Standard Flower Show, to be held at our Club House in May. Please take a look at it, and be ready to sign up while at meetings. There are limited opportunities, as there are only 4 classes, and only one Section for Designs.

The entire schedule, once completed will be online ONLY. No printed copies will be available except to those who do NOT have internet access. There will be ONE copy at the club...for CLUB USE ONLY.

Entry forms and Design Titles are available. Staging...to be determined...probably pedestals, except for the table class, to keep safe distancing for exhibitors setting up and judging. Feel free to print a copy of the entry form to turn in to Jill Anderson, Wednesday.

ALL Designs are Designers Choice...no specific design types are going to be asked for in this show.

Tentative Information for the Flea Market

2021 Flea Market Plant and Garden Sale



	Set-Up	
Wednesday	Mar. 24	9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Thursday	Mar. 25	9:00 AM—12:00
Flea Market		
Friday Sale	Mar. 26	8:00 AM—3:00 PM
Saturday Sale	Mar. 27	8:00 AM—3:00 PM

More information to be shared at Circle Meetings. We want to make this event Special and New!!

We will need some "Honey do's" along with members as "spotters" and to pass informational flyers, etc. Not everyone will have to stand.

Please help as much as possible... It's fun to meet people.
Sandi / Kathy

Hours may extend to 4:00 if necessary.

Please contact your family, friends and neighbors to collect extra items they can donate (Tax Contribution Form provided).

**Due to the Covid Virus,
the above information is subject to change.**



It's Official: We are ONE Club.

On February 9, 2021, members cast their votes on whether to change the structure of the club from a circle structure to one club with interest groups.

Carol Moore, (r) Head Teller, announces the vote to the membership on Feb 9, 2021.

(below) Assisting with overseeing the vote and counting the vote (right to left) Carol Moore, Head Teller, Barbara Rao, Director of District VIII, and the vote counters: Juanita Motsinger, Jungle, Terri Pinkley, Dracaena, Cathy Holzwart, Night Bloomers, Alan Comeau, Daylily, Barbara Kirkconnell, Flower Arranging, and Debbie Russell, Garden Club friends.



All Members Meeting

The next All Members meeting is scheduled for March 9th at 1:00. There will be a business meeting and election of our new Executive Board; followed by a program on making a Kokedama.

Kokedama is the Japanese word for moss ball and that is what we will be making! So bring some gloves if you do not want muddy hands and a pair of scissors. The project will be made on our covered patio. (Masks and social distancing)

Program is \$5.00 for members and \$9.00 for non members, payable at the door. To make the signing in quick and easy, please bring the exact payment. To register, email me at sandee@johnsbay.org. and leave your name and a yes.

In order to plan for the plants and material you must be registered. Registration ends February 28.

If you do not want to do the project, please come for the election of officers and stay and watch the program.

Sandra Doherty

Protect yourself and your loved ones.
New Masks are for sale in the Boutique.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

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



Our boutique has been popular these last few months despite the virus and would benefit from donations to sell. Many thanks to Jill Anderson for making masks, they made a huge difference in the bottom line and Ruthie Jeffords's carload of things from her neighbor.

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

ST. PETERSBURG GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

Most of you know the Green Thumb Festival was cancelled; therefore the Garden Club is having a Small Standard Flower Show/Plant Sale on Saturday May 15, 9am-3am. **Title of Show: "FUN UNDER THE SUN".**

This show will be much smaller and easy to set up and take down. This will be a good time to introduce our new members to a Flower Show.

We want to encourage you and our new members to enter your prize plants in the horticulture section. We will have a small design section.

This going to be a **FUN FLOWER SHOW FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES.**

We will need help in horticulture entry reps, clerks, and hostesses.



Timeline:

May 13 (Thurs)	8-10am	Set up
	10am-2pm	Horticulture Entries (Except cuts specimens)
May 14 (Fri.)	1pm - 5pm	Design Entries
	1pm - 5pm	Horticulture staging
	9am - 10am	Cut Horticulture Entries
	10am - 12pm	Cut Staging
May 15 (Sat.)	1pm	Judging begins
	9am-3pm	Flower Show hours
	9am - 3pm	Plant Sale hours
	3pm	Awards Ceremony
	3:15pm	Remove Plants, Designs, Breakdown Jan Ankerberg, Flower Show Chairman



Sweet Dreams Amaryllis



Sweet Dreams Amaryllis will be a vendor at our Flea Market and Plant Sale on March 26 and March 27. So, stop by and say hello.

You can also visit their farm:

Sweet Dream Amaryllis
3015 Waylon Lane
Valrico, FL 33596
Phone No. 813 661 8264



Days of visits open at the farm are:

3/6-3/7, 2021
3/20-3/21, 2021
4/2-4.3, 2021

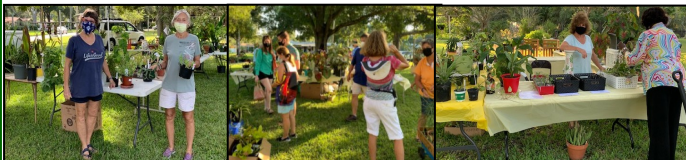
Spring Schedule

3/13-3/14/2021	Leu Gardens
3/13/2021	Spring Obsession, Lakeland
3/26 - 3/27	2021 St. Pete Garden Club Flea Market and Plant Sale
3/27/2021	Wildflower Fest, Deland
4/10 - 4/11 2021	USF
4/17 - 4/18 2021	DK Landscaping Spring Fling, Largo
4/18, 2021	Temple Terrace Spring Market

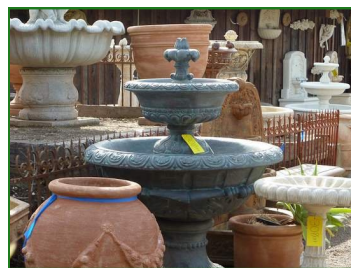
Note: Subject to cancellation due to the Covid conditions

Coming Soon!

March 26 and 27 FLEA MARKET AND PLANT & GARDEN SALE



Art Stone Orchids & Statuary



Art Stone Orchids and Statuary will be a vendor at our March 26 & 27 Flea Market and Plant Sale. Be sure to stop by and say hello. They will also have succulents. They will also be a vendor at our Flower Show and Plant Sale on May 15.

What is AmazonSmile?

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YOUTH GARDENING

What a fun day! After much planning and worrying...will we be able to have our 'Youth Gardening' program, January 31 first?, or will that Nasty COVID virus stop us again? It was a GO! The weather was perfect and we had 6 wonderful little girls (boys are welcome).

This month's program was 'all about what Plants need'.... Light, Water, Air, Nutrients, and a Space to Grow! We planted seeds...both flowers and vegetables and we planted a Pizza garden! (Tomato plant, pepper plant, onion bulbs, Basil). Check it all out! It's at the Daylily Garden!

Thanks bunches to Sandee Doherty, who started this whole project, also thanks to Jill Anderson, Sally Farr, and Suzanne!

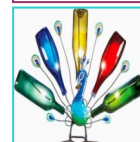
Sally Farr 727 515-0517 or 68mustangsal@gmail.com
Sandee Doherty, Cathy Holzward,

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



SAVE YOUR WINE CORKS

Save your wine corks and bring them to the Garden Club. Whole Foods Market sends them to be recycled. Another way to save our earth and enjoy wine at same time!



Junior Gardening Club

Garden Club Members interested in working with children 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.

Sandra Doherty and Sally Farr

Gardening

Tee Shirts

Come and get one for yourself or a friend. Contact your Circle President for more information.



Show your support for your Garden Club.



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!!

Sally Farr or 68mustangsal@gmail.com
727 515-0517

Sandee Doherty Sandee@johnsbay.org
727 388-3464

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

Invite A Friend

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg offers a beautiful venue for special occasions.

GCSP Members receive a 10% discount!

- Weddings
- Receptions
- Bar Mitzvah
- Bat Mitzvah
- Anniversaries
- Memorials
- Fund Raisers
- Civic Affairs
- Meetings
- Reunions

For information and rental rates call:
Carol Lucia @ 727-393-8276
gardenclubstpete@aol.com



You could have your Wedding or Reception at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg. Our grounds feature a beautiful Wisteria covered Arbor. A wonderful place to have a Garden Wedding.



Then come into the COOL Garden Club of St. Petersburg for your reception. Decorated to your liking.



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

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 along with any information you would like to share. I hope to hear from you soon!

Terry Jordan, Facebook Page Admin.