



# The Grapevine Monthly



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## Garden Club Calendar 2021

### The Garden Club of St. Petersburg, Inc.

Note: Please go to Calendars for additional information.

Meetings at Garden Club unless a different location indicated.

#### Save the Dates:

The 2021-2023 Programs Committee has put together a sensational line up of education, adventure and fun for next year's General Meeting (previously All-Members) events. A sneak peek at some of the highlights:

October 2021	Back by popular demand is our "Grow and Share"
November 2021	Trip and Tour to ECHO Global Farm in Naples
December 2021	Isla del Sol Holiday Luncheon
January 2022	Botanical Road Rally
February 2022	Herb Cooking Class by a renowned Chef
March 2022	Floral Topiary: Make and Take
April 2022	Fool's for Vines and Wines
May 2022	Secret's from Wekiva summer camp.



Come and get one for yourself or a friend. Contact your Interest Group Representative for more information.

### Grow and Share

Back by popular demand is another "grow and share" event. Gather your potted plants, cuttings, seeds and several of your closest friends/neighbors and head to the garden club on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for our 1:00pm General Meeting. Cathy Holzwart will educate us on several plants and Helen Harvey will speak to our guests on membership opportunities. Everyone who brings a potted plant will leave with one, plus clippings and seeds while supplies last. Door Prizes and Opportunities too! See you there.

### Special Interest Groups

As a benefit of membership, the club offers several special interest groups. These groups have a specific focus, but they are also a chance to get together in smaller groups and socialize with other members. Come try one out—you'll find many friendly faces! Anyone can introduce a new special interest group by presenting the idea to the president.



#### Dear GCSP Members,

Welcome to 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.

## OCTOBER 2021

Oct. 4	10:00am	Creative Crafts-all G.C.S.P. members. Garden Center Program: Pumpkin Decoration Cost for materials - \$4 members \$5 for guests
Oct. 8	10:30am	Board of Directors Meeting Garden Center Host: Helen Harvey
Oct. 12	1:00pm	G.C.S.P. GENERAL MEETING - Garden Center Program: Grow and Share Speaker: Cathy Holzwart Attendees are to bring a potted plant to swap or cuttings & seeds to share. Host: Night Gardeners
Oct. 12	6:30pm	Night Gardeners Meeting Garden Center Program: Square Foot Gardening Speaker: Tom Young Hosts: Rita Iannello and Marina Aloise
Oct. 13		District VIII Fall Meeting Via Zoom
Oct. 14	10:30am	Garden Buds Meeting Garden Center Program: Native Plants Speaker: Rebecca Wellborn
Oct. 15		November Grapevine Deadline
Oct. 19	12:30pm	Garden Variety Meeting Garden Center Program: Vegetable Gardening Speaker: Bob Huttick and Mary Ann Kirk
Oct. 20	10:00am	Floral Design Meeting Garden Center Program: Botanical Arts Presenter: Pam Slagg & Kathy Echavarria of the Tampa Garden Club Workshop follows: Helen Tilden. Pressed and dried flowers applied to card stock embedded with plantable wildflower seeds. Registration is required by Oct 13. to indigo9933@gmail.com Club members \$5, guests \$8 payable at the door. Limited to 20.
Oct. 21-22	9:00am	Plant Sale set-up at Garden Center
Oct. 23	9am - 3pm	Plant Sale at Garden Center
Oct. 26		Deadline for ECHO Global Farm tour Registration: \$69 Registrar: Nancy Steinbuechler. Waitlist begins at 50. First come, first served.

## October Plant Sale

Saturday, October 23, 2021—9am to 3pm

October is around the corner and you know what that means? Yes, our plant sale which is our 2<sup>nd</sup> largest fundraiser for the Garden Club. Hope you are getting your plants started and groomed for our sale.



Our Sale is on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am – 3pm. Yes, we will need volunteers to help set up on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 21 and 22 between 9-12pm and to help sell on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please email Sally Farr at [68mustangsal@gmail.com](mailto:68mustangsal@gmail.com) or Helen Harvey at [hhavens47@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:hhavens47@tampabay.rr.com) to sign up.

Also, don't forget your yard art and patio furniture. Please label your plants names and price if you can. Oh! Almost forgot. We will have brats and dogs on the grill. Hope to see you there.  
*Sally Farr and Helen Harvey*

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING STEP-BY-STEP FLORAL DESIGN?

FFGC's Floral Design Study Sessions 1-6 will be held at Davis Islands Garden Club. All classes will be conducted by approved FFGC instructors. Dates are October 11, 18, Nov 1, 8, 15, & 29. The classes will start at 9:30 AM and go to about 1:00 PM. The teaching and demonstrations will last until 11:30 AM, break for lunch (bring your own lunch), more practice and sharing until 1:00 PM.

Cost is \$75 for all 6 sessions and registrants should advise Shelia Fisher of their interest (813-376-4499 or [she@fisherflorida.com](mailto:she@fisherflorida.com)). Make checks payable to DIGC. You may mail Shelia your check or pay at the first session. Shelia's address is 157 Baltic Circle, Tampa, FL 33606.

These classes were originated by Bob Thomas to stimulate an interest in floral design for an individual to tastefully create decorations for the home, church, or any other place in need of floral decoration, as well as to satisfy the need of the individual creative urge.

### Make and Take/18" Holiday Grapevine Wreath

Nov. 16 12:30 pm Garden Variety Meeting, Garden Center Program: Make and Take/18" Holiday Grapevine. Wreath presented by: Sandy Ambler and Terry Pinckley Register by Nov. 9. Cost—\$16.00



### MASKS FOR SALE

We have masks for sale in boutique, handmade by our "Jill Anderson." Available Two kinds for you. \$2 and \$4 each.

## Amazon Smile

AMAZON SMILE is back with FFGC! I know it's been a while but FFGC has reinstated our account with Amazon Smiles. Please go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and set up FFGC as your Smiles charity or change your current charity to FFGC. If you have any problems setting it up, please do not hesitate email me at [feif@bellsouth.net](mailto:feif@bellsouth.net) or call at 352-356-2751. You can also Google "how to change your charity on Amazon Smiles." It will walk you through the steps. See you on Amazon Smiles!

Amazon Chair, *Linda Feifarek-Johnson*

## Christmas Recycle PLUS PLUS!



Hallmark already has their bells ringing so why not at our Garden Club? We can start ringing our bells and get ready for our Christmas Recycle Plus Plus Sale.

Our sale is one day, Saturday November 20, 9am—3pm. Our big hit is the BAKE Sale, so go through your recipes and look for the ones to score big at our sale.

We also sell plants and almost new gift items.

More info to come in our next newsletter.

*Jan Ankerberg*, Fundraising Chairman



## ECHO Global Farm Tour North Fort Myers

Climb aboard a Deluxe Motor coach as we depart for ECHO Global Farms on **Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am sharp. The waitlist will start after the first 50 people are registered, so don't delay. Registration forms are available on our website or at any Garden Club event. Nancy Steinbuechler is the registrar. The fee is \$69.00/pp which includes your round trip bus fare, entrance and guided tour of ECHO Global farm, a box lunch of your choice and all gratuities. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a sunhat, water bottle and a joke to share on the bus rides, preferably related to gardening. Returning to the club with knowledge and renewed hope by 6:00pm

## Ground Up-Going Green

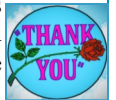
Congratulations to the 61 attendees of our "Starting from the Ground Up" General Meeting. We not only left with a wealth of knowledge, but we collectively spared 187 items from ending up in our landfill. The glass jars you brought your soil in reduced plastic baggies/rubbermaid, by eating from a foil cup we can not only recycle but re-purpose them too, saving 61 plastic plates/bowls, Using stainless spoons instead of plastic is also 61 less items to waste, and those dollar tree table clothes we all love are not clogging our waterways or wildlife. Lets keep this avalanche of reduction going!



Our boutique has been popular these last few months despite the virus and we benefitted from donations to sell. A big thank you to all members who shopped and donated to the garden club boutique

Many thanks to Jill Anderson for making masks, they made a huge difference in the bottom line and Ruthie Jeffords' carload of things from her neighbor.

Stock is needed for the coming season. Donations of nice things in good condition are appreciated and can be left on the garden club front porch or on the desk during meetings.



## New Members, Updates and Corrections

NAME	EMAIL	STATUS
Abbey, Sandy	<a href="mailto:mamasabbey@icloud.com">mmasabbey@icloud.com</a>	New
Porto, Evelia Gonzales	<a href="mailto:eveliaporito@aol.com">eveliaporito@aol.com</a>	New
Dettenwanger, Tracy	<a href="mailto:tracybrice@yahoo.com">tracybrice@yahoo.com</a>	New
Dow, Judy	<a href="mailto:jdhoosier1@yahoo.com">jdhoosier1@yahoo.com</a>	New
Smith, Carolyne	<a href="mailto:bronxflorida@me.com">bronxflorida@me.com</a>	Name
Steinbuechler, Eric	<a href="mailto:badger7632@cox.net">badger7632@cox.net</a>	New
Anne Ware	<a href="mailto:aeware79@gmail.com">aeware79@gmail.com</a>	Change

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*All Members and Guests of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg*  
are invited to:

*“Celebrate the Year with Flowers”*

***A Holiday Luncheon***

**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021—11:30 AM**

**at Isla del Sol Yacht and Country Club**

**6000 Sun Boulevard, St. Petersburg**

(On the Bayway between St. Pete Beach and St. Petersburg. There is a \$1.00 toll to enter the island, with cash or SunPass)

**\$30.00 DONATION PER PERSON**

“Self-pay” (Cash preferred) beverages available at 11:30 AM

Opportunity baskets, a 50/50 drawing, and door prizes—**CASH OR CHECKS ONLY**

**Reserved Seating:**

**Make reservations by**

**Monday, December 6, 2021**

**Reservation Forms (Attached)**

**To: Karen McKenna, Reservations Chairman**

6287 Bahia Del Mar Circle, #1206

St. Petersburg, FL 33715-1074

727-374-0777

**Checks made out to: “The Garden Club of St. Petersburg”**

(Please note dietary restrictions when making reservations.)

*May bring donations for Brookwood Florida, Inc. and/or Daystar Life Center.*

**EVENT DETAILS:**

This is a **special** holiday social event for all members of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg and their guests. Enjoy a delicious luncheon, a program of beautiful floral designs celebrating each of the 12 months of the year, wonderful views, surprises, and a time to enjoy friends as a unified Club!

Reserved seating will be assigned in the order that reservations are received. Groups of any size (including two people) that wish to be seated together are encouraged to submit their reservations together as soon as possible, making note of all people in the group. Tables seat 6 or 8, but you do not need to reserve an entire table. Individual reservations are welcome.

Members are encouraged to bring donations--“in kind” or monetary—for the girls at Brookwood Florida, Inc. or Daystar Life Center, to be collected and delivered to the organization. Gifts for Brookwood may be wrapped so that they can be opened by the staff to give suitable gifts to the girls that can best use them. Gift cards are also welcome.

It is not a fundraising event, but everyone is encouraged to help: Attend and invite their friends!

Donations of some nice items to be included in opportunity baskets or for door prizes would be appreciated—items may be turned in to the Boutique. **Sandy Moss (360-4151) and Linda Myers (244-4321)** will be making up opportunity baskets.

Help with set up and clean up. (Times, etc., to be determined.)

Transporting supplies to and from Isla and the Garden Club.

Hosts to direct attendees to tables, etc.

Any members willing to help in any of these ways, or for more information, please call Bea Rahter at 727-343-7937. (Leave a message because unknown callers are not answered!)

Presently, according to the CDC Guidelines and the recommendation of Isla del Sol Yacht and Country Club, all guests at the Club are highly encouraged to socially distance and wear masks indoors until seated to eat and drink.

Looking forward to celebrating with you! Thank you!

*Bea Rahter and Nancy Steinbuechler*

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Reservation Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

(Payment must be received before 12/5/2021)

I would like to be seated with:

(Names of others in group may be listed on other side.)

**Checks Payable to:**  
**“The Garden Club of St. Petersburg”**

**Send to:**  
**Karen McKenna**, Reservation Chairman  
6287 Bahia Del Mar Circle, #1206  
St. Petersburg, FL 33715-1074  
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