



The Grapevine Monthly



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February 2022

Garden Club Calendar 2021-2022

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 2021-2022 Programs Committee has put together a sensational line up of education, adventure and fun for this year's General Meeting (previously All-Members) events. A sneak peek at some of the highlights:

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.

JANUARY 2022

Jan. 30 Junior Gardeners Awards Applications
due F.F.G.C. Headquarters

FEBRUARY 2022

Feb. 4 10:30 am Board of Directors Meeting—Garden Center
Host: Joyce Drew
Feb. 6 1:00 -3:30 pm Youth Gardening meet in the Butterfly Garden
Feb. 7 10:00 am Creative Crafts—for all G.C.S.P. members
Garden Center
Program: Bead & Tie Necklace
Guest Artist—Cindy Ordes
Cost for material—members \$4—guests \$5
Feb. 8 1:00 pm G.C.S.P. General Meeting—Garden Center
Program: Chef Secrets of Fresh Herbs;
Speaker: Nikki Stokes
Feb. 8 6:30 pm Night Gardeners Meeting—Garden Center
Program: Stepping Stones for the Garden
Speaker: Michelle Pugh
Feb. 10 10:00 am Garden Buds Meeting—Field trip
Program: Florida Botanical Gardens guided
tour of new youth garden. Meet at Club to
carpool.
Feb. 10-13 CFAA Seminar
Orlando Airport Marriott Lakeside
Feb. 10-13 Wekiva Volunteer Training
Feb. 15 March Grapevine Deadline
Feb. 15 12:30 pm Garden Variety Meeting—Garden Center
Program: Butterfly Garden
Speaker: Karen Rosenbeck,
Sarasota Butterfly Club
Plant it and They will Come

Calendar, continued

Feb. 16 10:00 am Floral Design Meeting—Garden Center
Program: Reflective Elements
Speaker: Park Finold from Tampa Bay
Garden Center
Feb. 20 Deadline for March 10, Garden Buds
Container Gardening Make and Take.
See January Grapevine.
Feb. 20 1:00-3:30 pm Youth Gardening meet in Butterfly Garden
Feb. 22 Deadline to register for Floral Topiary \$22pp

MARCH 2022

Mar. 4 10:30 am Board of Directors Meeting—Garden Center
Host: Beth Timberlake
Mar. 6 1:00-3:30 pm Youth Gardening meet in the Butterfly Garden
Mar. 7 10:00 am Creative Crafts—for all G.C.S.P. members
at Garden Center
Program: Teapot Yard Art
Guest Artist - Linda Myers
Cost for materials-\$4/members - \$5/guests

FLOWER SHOW AT THE GREEN THUMB FESTIVAL



The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is so fortunate to have their Flower Show at the Green Thumb Festival held at Walter Fuller Park on April 23 and 24, 2022. The festival attracts more than 30,000 people.

This year our Flower Show theme is "Let's Go" (a vacation theme). In our show we have horticulture, floral design, education, crafts, photography and at least 12 miniature gardens. With so many new members, we hope there is something of interest to you for your participation.

Also, we are hoping that each member enters a nice plant or plants into the show. You can buy your plants now, nurse and take care of them for their presentation into the show. You must have your plants for 90 days. This is a judged show and many prizes awarded.

The Flower Show committee will be sending out the schedule on the internet very soon. Also, there will be openings for you to participate as a host/hostess and clerks. Our flower shows usually wins top awards so you can see why we are so proud to present our Flower Show, "Let's Go" at the Green Thumb Festival.

So members let's get ready for the show! Flower Show horticulture needs to be in your possession for 90 days. Time to buy your plants and care for them now. Good luck.

Jan Ankerberg, Flower Show Chairman

50th



March 25
& 26, 2022

New Dates for the Green Thumb Festival

Dates have changed for the Green Thumb Festival from April 30 and May 1 to the new date of April 23 and 24.

Please mark your books.

March 25 and 26, 2022



The Botanical Road Rally was attended by 22 vehicles and over 50 members and guests. Congratulations to our very own Lillian Johnston. Her team won the highest point score and received \$20.00 gift cards for everyone on board. Only three people were able to determine the identity of the “mystery plant” worth 10 extra points.

The clues were: “I like my feet wet, hold the salt please.” “I have jagged teeth on my long slender leaves.” “There are 35 species throughout the United states, but I am the only one native to Florida.” “My flowers are red or white.” “I attract butterflies, native bees, beetles and hummingbirds.” “I grow 4-8 ft tall and 2-4 feet wide.” These six clues are something the mystery plant would say. If you think you know the answer, ask a Road Rally participant if you are correct.

Participants received an automotive care item from the generous local sponsors: Advanced Auto Parts, O’Reilly Auto Parts and Jiffy Lube. In addition, some businesses made a donation to our club in exchange for our route to include a stop at their store. Please thank the following business with your patronage: Roll it Ice Cream, Sinbad’s Treasure Chest, Colette’s Fashion, Amish Creamery, Slyce Pizza Bar, Dolin’s Garden Center, and Traditions School of Herbal Studies.

The event brought in over \$400.00 in net profit for the club. Businesses and participants are already talking about next year’s rally. Stay tuned.

March 8, 1:00 pm. Following our general meeting, Jill Anderson and Barbara Kirkconnell will guide us in the construction of a Floral Topiary. Pre-registration is required, the cost is \$22.00. Register on-line at gardenclubstpetersburg.org

Registration forms will be distributed at the February general meeting, class size is limited. Bring clippers and creativity for an afternoon of fun!

CREATIVE CRAFTS

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg welcomes all adults to our Creative Craft Programs which are offered at the Garden Club on the first Monday of the month, (or second Monday if the first it is a holiday,) from September through May. Cost is \$4 for GCSP members and \$5 for guests for the materials. The class is from 10:00 am to noon at the Garden Center. A sense of enthusiasm and a wish to meet fun and creative people is all that is necessary, your own scissors and a pencil are always helpful.



On February 7, 2022, we will be making necklaces from beads and neckties. See attached photo.

Container Gardening with Native Plants

March 10th at 10:30 AM the Garden Buds are hosting a workshop on container gardening with native plants. This workshop will be held on the patio at the Garden Club. The workshop is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members. (This is a different cost from what it says in the in the Yearbook. However, when pricing the plants, we found that we needed to charge more.)

Staff from Wilcox Nursery will be telling us about the plants that they have brought and demonstrating how to make a small container garden. Next, we get to make our own container garden using the pot that you brought and the native plants from Wilcox and some help from their staff. The soil and plants are provided by Garden Buds.

Things You Need to Do

Register for the program by filling in the form below and either, putting it into the box in the Boutique that is labeled Container Gardening, or mail to Sandra Doherty, 2702 Upton St. S. Gulfport, Fl. 33711. REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHECK.

Select and bring a container (with drainage holes) that takes no more than 6 quarts of soil.

Mark the form for either sun (at least 6 hours a day) or shade (below 6 hours a day).

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 20.

There will room for 36 to 40 participants.

Name _____

Member _____

Guest _____

Sun _____ Shade _____


50th Anniversary Home & Garden Flea Market
 Please Note Dates—March 24-26
 Thursday, March 24 5pm-7pm Preview Night & Sale
 Friday, March 25 8am-3pm Sale
 Saturday March 26 8am-1pm Sale
 Help is needed to “set up” 12 Noon Mon-Thurs

The Home and Garden Flea Market will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. This is the largest fundraiser of the year. We are asking all members to participate and/or contribute items for the sale.


We particularly would like the following items:

Jewelry	Plants	Garden Accessories
Clothing	Purses & Shoes	Home Décor
Antiques	Collectibles	Small Furniture
Pictures	Lamps	Kitchen Items
Books	DVDs	Linens

Items need to be clean and in good repair.
 Please ask family, friends and neighbors if they have items they would like to contribute.
 This is a great opportunity to know and work with the membership.
 We welcome your ideas, talents and energy.
 Contact: Sandi Fox 727-3454693
 Or Kathy Garner 727-360-8474

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.

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.

MASKS FOR SALE
 We have masks for sale in boutique, handmade by our “Jill Anderson.”
 Two kinds are available 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 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 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*