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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It's always exciting with something new and we have a new year with so many possibilities ahead of us. I attended the Trash or Treasure event at our FFGC headquarters and I received some very good comments about our Club. Also, we started off the year with 218 members and as of now we have 230 members. Congratulations!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Card and Game Party and if you missed it sorry as it was so much fun. We had a full house. Hope to see you next year! Again, thanks for your participation.

In January, I was honored to attend a special program put on by the Judges Council at the Tampa Garden Club with designer, Penny Decker. Her designs were awesome and followed the new designs outlined in the new NGC Flower Show handbook. Yes, we have a new manual, which will guide us in playing at the Olympic Games in our show titled, **"Go For The Gold"**. Hope you are grooming your plants and getting ready for the Flower Show.

Exciting! Busy! I would say that is about right. Flower Show and Plant Auction. We are so lucky. Hope to see everyone at our March All Members meeting where our speaker, Linda Seufert with the City of St. Petersburg will speak on planting and growing trees. Remember, smiles are contagious!

Jan Ankerberg, President

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**Save the Date**

**MARCH 2018**

Mar. 5 10:00 am

Mar. 8 10:00 am

Mar. 9 9:00 am  
10:30 am

Mar. 10 Sat. am

Mar. 13 1:00 pm

Mar. 13

Mar. 15 10:00 am

Mar. 20

Mar. 21 10:00 am

Mar. 22-26

Mar. 27 1:00 pm

**APRIL 2018**

Apr. 2 10:00 am

Apr. 6 9:00 am  
10:30 am

Apr. 7  
Apr. 10 7:00 pm

Apr. 12 10:00 am

Apr. 13

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CREATIVE CRAFTS  
Program: St. Patty's Day Goodies  
Horticulture Seminar  
Program: Drought Tolerant Plants  
Pam Brown, Extension Agent Emeritus  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Night Bloomers Circle Meeting  
Saturday Tour  
Program: ECHO Global in Ft. Myers  
GCSP All Members Meeting  
Program: "I Think That I Shall Never See" planting and growing trees in St. Petersburg, Speaker: Linda Seufert  
City of St. Pete Parks & Recreation  
Night Bloomers Circle Meeting  
Program: Desert Roses  
Daylily Circle Meeting  
Program: Plant Propagation  
Speaker: Donna Zacharczyk  
Dracaena Circle Meeting - Selby Gardens  
Andy Warhol Exhibit  
Flower Arranging Circle Meeting  
Program: Low Profile  
Presenters: Life Accredited /Judges  
Art In Bloom - Museum of Fine Arts  
Jungle Circle Meeting  
Program: Easter Baskets & Plant Beauty Show

CREATIVE CRAFTS  
Program: Earring Mania  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Garden Tour  
Night Bloomers Circle Meeting  
Program: Begonias  
Speaker: Greg Sytch  
Horticulture Seminar  
Program: Plant ID. Hosted by GCSP's Master Gardeners  
Horticulture Entry Forms due for Flower Show

# Upcoming Events

Save the Date continued

(Most sessions are at the Garden Center unless noted)

Apr. 17 12:30 pm	Dracaena Circle Meeting Program: Spring Fling—Make & Take Arrangement
Apr. 18 11:00 am	Speaker/Arranger: Bea Rahter Flower Arranging Circle Meeting Program: Lunch & Tour of Hall's Wholesale Flowers
Apr. 19 10:00 am	Daylily Circle Meeting Program: Plant ID Speaker: Theresa Badurek, Urban Horticulture Agent
Apr. 24 1:00 pm	Jungle Circle Meeting Program: Growing & Cooking with Herbs ,Speaker: Billy Zibel
Apr. 28-29	GREEN THUMB FESTIVAL at Walter Fuller Park
<b>May 2018</b>	
May 4 9:00 am	Executive Committee Meeting
10:30 am	Board of Directors Meeting
May 7	CREATIVE CRAFTS Surprise
May 8 1:00 pm	GCSP ALL MEMBERS MEETING Program: May Flowers-making fantasy paper flowers Speaker: Susan Cooper and Cindy Ordes
May 8 6:30 pm	Night Bloomers Circle Meeting Program: Hanging Succulents
May 15 12:30 pm	Dracaena Circle
May 16 11:00 am	Flower Arranging Circle Meeting Program: Covered dish lunch.
May 17 10:00 am	Daylily Circle Meeting Program: Installation of Officers, Fun & Years
May 19 12:00 noon	Plant Auction
May 22 1:00 pm	Jungle Circle Meeting Program: Pot Luck Luncheon & Environmental Issues

## CREATIVE CRAFTS

Susan Cooper and Liz Coerver, Co-Chairmen  
The Garden Club of St. Petersburg welcomes all adults to our Craft Programs. It is \$3.50 for members and \$4.50 for guests for materials. The class is from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Garden Center.

### CRAFT SCHEDULE

March 5	ST. Pat's Day Goodies, guest instructor
Apr 2	Earring Mania
May 7	Surprise

### Do you need a facility for an Event?

The Garden Club is available to rent. Contact Carol Lucia, or see Rental Information on our website, [www.gardenclubstpetersburg.org](http://www.gardenclubstpetersburg.org)

## HORTICULTURE

The Horticulture Lecture Series moves to a new time for the 2017-2018 year and features interesting programs. The Lectures will now begin at 9:30 am with coffee and light snacks followed by the program at 10 am. As always we ask you to bring your own coffee cup. Let's do away with Styrofoam.

On **March 8**, Pam Brown, Extension Agent Emeritus, of the Pampered Gardener will cover drought tolerant plants so your yard is better prepared for those dry spells before the summer rain comes.

The series ends on **April 12** with a plant identification session for the Green Thumb Flower Show at Walter Fuller Park on April 26. Bring your plants or pictures and get help on writing the proper botanical name and additional things you can do to make your plant look its very best.

All meetings will be held at the Club on the second Thursday of the month from October through April with the no meeting in December. They are free and open to the public.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR...



The District VIII Flower Show  
and the  
GCSP Plant Sale  
will be held at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg.  
**OCTOBER 26 & 27**  
Details to follow!  
You won't want to miss it!

## 2018 PLANT SALE

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is so very excited to be hosting the District VIII Flower Show in October, 2018. This means FFGC members from our District which covers the Tampa Bay area down to Englewood will be attending. We are so lucky to be able to have our Plant sale at the same time as we will have more people attending. We are looking for a Plant Sale chairman. Please consider this chairing this event. Thank you, Jan Ankerberg

## Upcoming Events

### Flower Show

The Winter Olympics are about to start and I get excited. Well, in case you haven't heard the GCSP Flower Show this year will have their own Olympics and the title is, "GO FOR THE GOLD." Everyone gets excited about the Flower Show, after all when you hear of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, people think of the Green Thumb Festival, Flower Show and Spring time. So, members it's time to prepare your plants, get your containers ready, design materials ready for a trip to the Olympic Games held at the Green Thumb Festival. You have your special plant but not sure of the botanical name, then plan to attend the Horticulture Seminar on April 12 where Master Gardeners will help you ID your plant and help with the entry form. The entry forms are due to Pat Strawn on April 13. Remember, (example you can list let's say 16 plants and on the day of the show, only 12 of your plants are worthy to enter) we can always take away but we cannot add plants. Designers, you have your schedule and now is time to sign up with a consultant.

This year we have Botanical Arts Division, which includes sections you can enter:

- a decorated torch provided by the committee
- a game ticket that can be decorated seeds, etc.
- a Winners Circle with a decorated wreath.

We would like members from all Circles to participate in this section.

Botanical Arts Horticulture also includes Fairy Gardens which are your design and must use some plant material. The container can be up to 14 inches in diameter and not to weigh more than 20LB and be in your possession for six weeks. **You must pre-register.** Classes in this section are:

- a. cactus
- b. foliage other than succulent and cactus
- c. succulent (other than cactus)
- d. any other worthy fairy garden plant.

#### Schedule for the Show:

April 26	Set up for the Show	8am - 11am
	Horticulture entries	10am - 2pm
	Design entries:	1pm - 5pm
April 27	Cut Specimens	9am - 10am
	(Judges Luncheon at Garden Club)	
	Judging of the Flower Show	1:30 PM

#### Green Thumb Festival and Flower Show

April 28		9am - 4pm
April 29		9am - 3pm
	Awards Ceremony	3pm

Access forms and schedule on our website:

<http://www.gardenclubstpetersburg.org/id70.html>

Hope to see you there in the Winner' s Circle  
Jan Ankerberg Flower Show Chairman

### Fourth Annual Plant Auction Fundraiser

This year's event, hosted by the Night Bloomers Circle, will take place on May 19, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. with Ashley Graham and H. Alton Lee returning as Co-Auctioneers. Last year we raised \$1,682.97 with this one-day fundraising event supporting the Garden Club of St. Petersburg. Let's do it again and raise even more to benefit our garden club. The timing is perfect to groom a plant for the Green Thumb Festival Show, win a prize ribbon, and donate your prize-winning specimen to the Garden Club for our Annual Plant Auction Fundraiser. Each circle is required to donate a minimum of 10 show quality plants for the auction, with an emphasis on the rare or unusual, plants in bloom, or specimen plants. Invite your friends and neighbors, the auction is open to the public. If you have any questions, please call Ashley Graham, or Bessie Morse, Night Bloomers - Auction Chairs.

### 2018 FLORIDA FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CALENDAR FOR SALE! \$7.50 tax inc.

The 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition includes photos of 34 exciting designs submitted by talented designers from all over the state and 5 beautiful horticulture photos.

Articles about the FFGC Scholarship Fund recipients plus *Plant Families for Florida Floral Designers Constructing Monobotanic Designs*, are included in this year's calendar. The proceeds from the calendar sales benefit the FFGC Scholarship fund.



To buy: contact Jill Anderson, [jillandersn@aol.com](mailto:jillandersn@aol.com) or 798-1970. Advance orders for the 2019 FLORIDA ARRANGEMENT CALENDAR are being taken. It will be unveiled at the State Convention and will be delivered after that date.

**FLOWER SHOW FORMS**

**GARDEN CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG FLOWER SHOW 2018**

**"GO FOR THE GOLD"**

**DESIGN and BOTANICAL ARTS ARTISTIC CRAFTS ENTRY FORM ~ PLEASE PRINT**

All Entries Must Be Made On This Form Only And Given To Consultant.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Circle/CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>CLASS #</u>	<u>TITLE of CLASS</u>

*(Entries are not official unless signed)*

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**GARDEN CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG FLOWER SHOW 2018**

**"GO FOR THE GOLD"**

**HORTICULTURE ENTRY FORM ~ PLEASE PRINT**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Circle/ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>NAME OF SPECIMEN</u>

**DEADLINE: April 10, 2018**

**SEND ENTRY FORMS TO:**

**Pat Strawn, 8623 15<sup>th</sup> Way N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2815**

**email: [budpats@aol.com](mailto:budpats@aol.com)**

# Circle Highlights

## Daylily Circle

Daylily members had a busy start to the new year. We hosted the All Members' Meeting on Jan. 9. Many members brought in goodies and used their creative decorating skills. It was deliciously and beautifully done. Two Daylily landscape design consultants, Julianne Benedict-Dolney and Maureen Twombly, were the speakers at our January meeting on yard and garden design. A lot of good information with handouts were provided. Great job!

In February we look forward to participating in the Garden Club's Flea Market by selling yard art and plants and selling indoor treasures (for the first time!). Anne Luviner, another Daylily member, who creates gorgeous container gardens (wait till you see what she enters at the Green Thumb) is sharing her secrets with us at our meeting on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In March we look forward to learning more about propagation from Donna Zacharczyk from Garden Club Friends. We should learn a lot to help us grow more and more plants. Happy gardening, Mary Putnam

Join the Daylily Circle on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GCSPDaylilyCircle>

## Dracaena Circle

Dracaena circle has been busy. On December 7th, Joyce Sutherland did a super job, coordinating breakfast to be served to the residents living at "Pinellas Hope", a shelter for the homeless in Pinellas County Breakfast sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, oatmeal, donuts, juice and snacks were served to approximately 125 residents. 25 lovely poinsettias were placed on the tables. It was a nice way to start the Holiday Season.

On January 8th, Kathy Matthews, Sandy Moss, Sandy Ambler and Nancy Hunt did garden therapy at Menorah Manor. They helped about 15 residents plant ponytail palms in 4" clay pots. It was reported that the ladies and gentlemen thoroughly enjoyed the event.

January 16th was our Snowbird Luncheon. We enjoyed a lovely lunch on the StarLite Sapphire Dining Cruise on Boca Ciega Bay with over 40 in attendance. Sandy Fox and Kathy Garner know how to throw a lovely party.

After the Flea Market we are looking forward to a fun day at Selby Gardens. There will be a Bus Trip, **March 20th** being planned by Terry Pinckley. It includes a docent tour of Selby Botanical Gardens, Andy Warhol exhibit and then to St. Armands Circle. Dracaena members, \$40.00 Non-Dracaena members/Guests \$55.00. **DEADLINE, March 5th. For more information call Terry Pinckley**

## Flower Arranging Circle

Our circle is preparing for the Flower Show, "Go ForThe Gold". Our March meeting is focused on the new Cascade design which from our new NGC Flower Show Handbook. In April we are taking a field trip to Hall's Wholesale Flowers and doing lunch. In May we enjoy our pot luck luncheon. Flower Arranging wishes everyone a great summer!

Also, check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470446193265755/>

## Jungle Circle

Meetings for The Jungle circle are : **March 27, April 24 and May 22** with garden clean up schedules for **May 2**. See calendar for programs.

## Night Bloomers Circle

On Saturday, **March 10**, 2018 Night Bloomers will be taking a field trip to ECHO-Global Farm in Fort Myers, Florida. Our tour begins at 10:00 and we will be car pooling from the Garden Club. On Tuesday, March 13 our program will be on desert roses and our speaker will be Steve Walsh from the Rare Plant Network.

On Tuesday, **April 10**, our program is on Begonias and our guest speaker will be Greg Sytch.

On Tuesday, **May 8**, on program is hanging succulents and our speaker is Lilian Morten a member of the Garden Club. On Saturday, **May 19**, Night Bloomers will be holding the 4th Annual Plant Auction & Fundraiser for the Garden Club. The public is invited to attend.

Also, check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NightBloomers/>

# Charitable Donations

## Pinellas Hope needs Donations

Pinellas Hope is introducing an exciting new temporary housing concept for homeless men and women. Pinellas Hope, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, is conducting a \$1.5 million fundraising initiative in partnership with the Knights of Columbus. **Goal:** Improved housing will enhance residents' quality of life and self-esteem, hasten their return to stable, permanent housing, and increase the number of residents successfully doing so.



<https://pinellashope.org/hope-cottages/>

Pinellas Hope relies on the generosity of individuals, families, and organizations that donate the items year round which help our residents stay warm and have basic items needed for daily life, such as clothing and hygiene essentials.

**Drop off site:** 5726 126th Avenue N, Clearwater, FL 33760.

See Pinellas Hope website for other needs <http://pinellashope.org/our-needs-list/>

## Brookwood

Donations don't need to be monetary! Brookwood Florida typically serves between 100 and 110 girls every year who have suffered abuse, neglect, homelessness and serious family dysfunction. Sometimes these girls come in with only the clothes on their backs. See the website for needs list: <http://www.brookwoodflorida.org/get-involved/in-kind-donations/>  
If you would like to make an in-kind donation to Brookwood, please contact Brookwood at 727-822-4789 to discuss your donation items and arrange for a time for drop-off.

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