



The Grapevine Monthly



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Garden Club Calendar 2021

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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:

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.

Greetings GCSP members,

They're here! Both our new website and the newly formatted yearbooks. Thanks to the dedicated work of our Communications chair Anne Ware and Membership Yearbook sub committee chair Beth Timberlake.

Our new website will be a driving force in "growing the garden." We will be able to accept direct payments for any number of events and fundraisers. It will also be a great source of information as we will be updating all the latest information. I strongly encourage all members to check out the website. On the home page of our website as you scroll all the way to the bottom, you will see on the bottom right side a graphic of a hand holding a plant icon with the letters "MO" (Members Only) underneath it. Ask a Board Member or the leader of your interest group for the log in and password. The yearbook has a new look as it reflects the one club. The new format is easier to use and Beth spun her magic and brought it in under budget. Beth would like to point out, that any changes to membership should be emailed to Membership chair Helen Harvey at Hhavens47@tampabay.rr.com. Any other information pertaining to the yearbook can be emailed directly to Beth at bethtimberlake@verizon.net.

The "unofficial new year" at the club is fast out of the gates. I hope you share my enthusiasm for what will be a fun, informative, and efficient club.

Once again I cannot thank enough of the members for their support, guidance and insights as we all work in a spirit of camaraderie to "grow the club."

Warm regards, *Alan*

GCSP Fall Plant Sale
Saturday Oct. 23 the sale date, 9am-3pm

Christmas Recycle Plus Plus Sale
Saturday November 20, 9am—3pm

NOVEMBER 2021

Nov. 1	10:00 am	Creative Crafts, Garden Center, all GCSP members Program: Fun with Paper. Easier than Origami Materials cost: \$4 members/\$5 guests
Nov. 1		Deadline—Yearbook Awards to FFGC
Nov. 5	10:30 am	Board of Directors Meeting Garden Center. Host: Liz Coerver
Nov. 9	9am-6:00 pm	GCSP General Meeting Garden Center ECHO Global Farm Tour Depart Club promptly at 9am aboard a Deluxe Motor coach. Arrive at ECHO Global Farm at 11am. \$69.00/pp includes bus, tour, lunch in a screened pavilion and tips. Return to the Club by 6 pm— Register by Oct. 26th, Host:ed Garden Buds
Nov. 9	6:30 pm	Night Gardeners Meeting, Garden Center Program: Amaryllis Speaker: Rosemary Miller Hosts: Diane Blanchette, Ann Ellis, & Rosemary Miller
Nov. 11	10:30 am	Garden Buds Meeting, field trip to Sweet Dream Amaryllis in Valrico, FL Meet at Garden Club, carpool over to Valrico.
Nov. 12	10 am—3 pm	Manatee River Club Flower Show, Bradenton, FL "In the Rearview Mirror"
Nov. 15		December Grapevine Deadline
Nov. 15		Deadline: District VIII Matching Grant application
Nov. 16	12:30 pm	Garden Variety Meeting, Garden Center Program: Make and Take/Holiday Grapevine Wreath Presenter: Sandy Ambler and Terry Pinckley Register by Nov. 9 for \$20-\$25
Nov. 17	10:00 am	Floral Design Meeting—Garden Center Program: Recycled Treasures Using paper in creative floral design. Presented by GC award winning floral designers, using paper in various forms will be featured.
Nov. 20	9 am—3 pm	Christmas Recycle Plus, Plus Sale Set up 7 - 9 am
Nov. 24		Award Applications Due F.F.G.C. Headquarters
Nov. 30		Flower Show Achievement Awards Applications Due at F.F.G.C. Headquarters



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.

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 (813-376-4499 or she@fisherflorida.com) of their interest. 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.

Participants will learn basic tools and mechanics needed, basic components of an arrangement, along with the Principals and Elements of a pleasing floral design.

Participants need to acquire a florist's 3-inch pin frog...and bring their enthusiasm!

ECHO Global Farm Tour North Fort Myers

Climb aboard a Deluxe Motor coach as we depart for ECHO Global Farms on **Tuesday, November 9th** 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.

Make and Take

8" Holiday Grapevine Wreath

Nov. 16 at 12:30 pm Garden Variety Meeting, Garden Center. Make and Take an 8" Holiday Grapevine Wreath presented by: Sandy Ambler and Terry Pinckley. Register by Nov. 9. Cost—\$16.00.



GCSP Fall Plant Sale

Saturday Oct. 23 the sale date, 9am-3pm

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 23rd and 24th. Please mark your books.

Christmas Recycle Plus Plus Sale

Saturday November 20, 9am—3pm

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*



Fall is in the air and October 23 is the GCSP Fall Plant Sale. **Please** bring your plants on Thursday and Friday, October 21 and October 22 between 9 am and 1pm. Please try to label with name of plant and if shade or sun. Pulling out leaves and a clean pot is appreciated.

Don't forget on Saturday Oct. 23 the sale date, our time is 9am-3pm. We will have brats and dogs for sale and, if I might say, they are real good.



Plant Sale Donations:

A special thank you to Dean Hall who has donated some nice plants this year and last year. He is a landscaper and part of the Green Thumb Festival. Also, a thank you to a couple who donated many bromeliads. And, of course, we especially thank all of our members who groomed their plants just for our sale.

Jan Ankerberg, Fundraising Chairman



BAKE SALE!

Everyone likes sweets, breads, cakes and pies during the holidays. They make wonderful host/hostess gifts. So, members get busy and bake your favorites for our Bake Sale. Please wrap your items in holiday wrap if you have and bring on Friday, October 22nd. Ho, Ho! I hear the bells ringing. So, bring your goodies so we can have a wonderful sale. See you there.

Jan Ankerberg, Fundraising Chairman

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. When you bring your holiday items, remember they will go to a new home and bring joy to new owners. This year our Christmas items will be placed on category tables. So look for the table that best describes your item. Ho Ho!

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.

Jan Ankerberg, Fundraising Chair

Grow and Share Success

The 50 members that attended our General Meeting on Oct 12th, left with a potted plant, cuttings, seeds and an abundance of knowledge shared by Cathy Holzgart. It was great to see new and returning faces and we even had one guest become a member. The next General Meeting is on Tuesday, February 8th, 2022. Hope to see you there.



Our boutique has been popular these last few months despite the virus and we benefited 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.



Reservation Form

All Garden Club of St. Petersburg Members and Guests Invited to

A HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

“Celebrate the Year with Flowers”

Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 – 11:30 AM

At Isla del Sol Yacht and Country Club -- 6000 Sun Boulevard, St. Petersburg

\$30.00 DONATION PER PERSON

Name: _____
E-Mail: _____ # of Reservations: _____
Phone: _____ Amount Received: _____
Date Received: _____ (Before 12/6/2021) Cash or check #: _____

I would like to be seated with: _____
(Names of others in group may be listed on other side.)

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

Send to:
Karen McKenna, Reservation Chairman
6287 Bahia Del Mar Circle, #1206
St. Petersburg, FL 33715-1074
727-374-0777

Have you made your reservations for this special holiday social event? (See Form above—print and clip, or pick one up at the Garden Club) Seating may become limited, so HURRY! Reserved seating will be in the order that paid reservations are received by Karen. Members who wish to be seated together are encouraged to submit their reservations together as soon as possible, making note of all people in the group.

Enjoy a delicious luncheon, a program of beautiful floral designs celebrating each of the 12 months of the year, wonderful views, opportunities, and a time to enjoy friends as a unified Club at this special time of the year!

“Self-pay” (Cash preferred) beverages available at 11:30 AM
Opportunity baskets, a 50/50 drawing, and door prizes—**CASH OR CHECKS ONLY**
Club portion of the 50/50 drawing will be donated to Brookwood and Daystar.



Christmas 2021 Wish List

- * Nail kits
- * Bath and Body Works Items
- * Victoria Secret Lotions and Body Sprays
- * Hair Flat Irons
- * Hair Products-especially conditioner
- * African-American Hair Products
- * Headphones
- * iPhone Headphones
- * iPhone Chargers
- * Android Chargers
- * Amazon Gift Cards
- * Target Gift Cards
- * Walmart Gift Cards
- * Black Eyeliner and Mascara
- * Ankle Socks
- * Bus Passes
- * Twin Size Bed Sheet Set
- * Athletic Pants, Sport Bras
- * Pajama Sets (All sizes, including Plus)
- * Slippers
- * Big towels
- * Throw blankets

- * Bras (34B is average but we could use a range of sizes, especially larger)
- * Duffle Bags (most girls arrive with just a plastic bag)
- * Stress balls/fidget spinners

Members may bring donations—goods, gift cards, or monetary--for Brookwood Florida, Inc. and/or Daystar Life Center, to be collected and delivered to the organization. A “Wish List” from Brookwood is attached. Suggested donations for Daystar are listed in the Yearbook, with a specific need for underwear (particularly men’s) and socks (black is recommended). Value of donations may be declared on the Volunteer Hours Form.

Note: Donations for Opportunity Baskets or door prizes may be turned in at the Boutique, and much appreciated!

For more information, please call Bea Rahter at 727-343-7937.
(Leave a message because unknown callers are not answered!)

Looking forward to celebrating with you! Thank you!

Bea Rahter and Nancy Steinbuechler