



# The December 2022 Grapevine

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## November General Meeting

The November General meeting was both informative and uplifting, Camille Van Sant spoke about Operation Eco-Vets. If you were not able to attend or would like more information, please check out their website at [www.operationecovets.org](http://www.operationecovets.org).

The January General Meeting will be held on January 10, 2023 AT (12:00-1:00 pm) and will cover "Everything you always wanted to know about the Desert Rose, Adenium obesum, but were afraid to ask."

Come early and enjoy your bag lunch with friendly gardeners and talented designers like you!

*Nancy S.*



Thank goodness  
for sunroofs.

Customer of our  
Christmas Recycle Sale.  
Plumeria grown in car.



Who said trees need  
to be in the ground?



## Garden Club Calendar 2022-2023

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 is indicated.

### NOVEMBER 2022

Nov. 24

**Award Applications**

Due FFGC Headquarters

Nov. 30

Flower Show Achievement Award

Applications due at FFGC Headquarters.

### DECEMBER 2022

Dec. 5 10:00 am

**Creative Crafts.** For all GCSP members @ Garden Center.

All adults welcome.

Program 6 pointed star.

Guest Artist: Tina Martell

Cost for materials: \$4 members

\$5 for guests.

Dec. 7 12:30-4pm

**Game Day at Garden Center**

Every Wednesday.

Games begin at 1:00 pm

\$5 for non-members

Players furnish the game or cards.

Asian Mah Jong lessons upon request,

Minimum 3 players and one time \$5

materials fee.

Dec. 9 10:30 am

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Host Suzanne Bareham

Dec. 13 6:30 pm

**Night Gardeners. Holiday Party.**

Dec 14 12:30 pm

**Holiday Potluck Luncheon** by

Floral Design at Garden Center.

Anyone wishing to participate must sign up in advance to bring a dish to share.

Sign ups will be online or at monthly

General Meetings. All members of GCSP

and guests are invited to bring a dish.

Gifts for the Brookwood girls are

optional, more details on this later. Any

money raised will be donated to the

scholarship fund. Beverages will be

provided.

Dec. 14

**No Game Day Due to Luncheon**

Dec. 15.

**January Grapevine Deadline**

if needed.

## Executive Committee

President

Alan W. Comeau

First Vice President—Programs

Nancy Steinbuechler

Second Vice President—Membership

Helen Harvey

Third Vice President—Budget & Finance

Liz Coerver

Treasurer

Joyce Drew

Assistant Treasurer

Beth Timberlake

Recording Secretary

Suzanne Bareham

Corresponding Secretary

Helen Tilden

Also serving on the Executive Committee—non-voting members:

Past President & Advisor

Cindy Ordes

Parliamentarian

## JANUARY 2023

- Jan. 2 12:30 pm **Creative Crafts**  
**Tenative!** For all GCSP members.  
 All adults welcome.  
 Program: Fairy lights in bottles for table or patio.  
 Instructor: Tina Martell  
 Cost for materials: \$4 members \$5 for guests.
- Jan. 5 12:30-4pm **Game Day at Garden Center**  
 Jan 12, 19, 26 Every **Thursday**.  
 Games begin at 1:00 pm  
 \$5 charge for non-members  
 Players furnish the game or cards.  
 Asian Mah Jong lessons upon request. Minimum 3 players and one time \$5 materials fee.
- Jan. 4 10am-2pm **Floral Design-Unit I**  
 prepaid registration required.
- Jan 6. 9:00 am **Executive Board of Directors**  
 Jan 6 10:30 am **Board of Directors Meeting**  
 Host: Helen Tilden
- Jan. 9-12 9:00 am FFGC Board of Directors Meeting  
 Jan 10 12:00 **Social Hour**. Bring a bag lunch.  
 Jan. 10 1:00 pm **GCSP General Meeting**  
 Program: Desert Rose  
 Speaker: Michael Rose, Rose Florist  
 In depth look at the Desert Rose.  
 "Everything you always wanted to know about the Desert Rose, Adenium obesum, but were afraid to ask."
- Jan. 10 6:30 pm **Night Gardeners Meeting**  
 Program: Repurposing flowers for nursing homes.  
 Speaker: Karen McKenna
- Jan 11. 10 am-2 pm **Floral Design Unit II**.  
 Prepaid Registration required.
- Jan. 15 **February Grapevine Deadline** if needed.
- Jan. 17 12:30 pm **Garden Variety Meeting**  
 Program: Snowbird Luncheon.
- Jan. 17-18 **NGC Environmental School**  
 Course 1: Tampa Bay Garden Club.
- Jan. 18 10 am-2 pm **Floral Design, Unit III**  
 Jan. 25 10 am-2 pm **Floral Design, Unit IV**

## FEBRUARY 2023

- Feb. 2 12:30-4 pm **Game Day** at Garden Center  
 9, 16, (Thursday Every **Thursday**  
 22 (Wednesday) Back to **Wednesday** on the 22nd.  
 Games begin at 1:00 pm  
 \$5 charge for non-members  
 Players furnish the game or cards.  
 Asian Mah Jong lessons upon request.  
 Minimum 3 players and one time \$5 materials fee.
- Feb. 4 10 am-2pm **Floral Unit V**  
 Accessories, Features & Bases
- Feb. 6 10:00 am **Creative Crafts**  
 For all GCSP members @ Garden Center. All adults welcome.  
 Program: Woven Hearts.  
 Instructor: Tina Martell  
 Cost for materials: \$4 members \$5 for guests.
- Feb. 8 10 am-2 pm **Floral Unit VI**  
 Expressive Designs & Transport
- Feb. 9 10:30 am **Garden Buds Meeting**  
 Program: Native plants with plants to sell.  
 Speaker: Tom Heitzman of Sweet Bay Nursery.
- Feb. 10 9:00am **Executive Board Meeting**  
 Feb. 10 10:30am **Board of Directors Meeting**  
 Host: Joyce Drew
- Feb. 10-12 **Wekiva Volunteer Training**  
 Feb. 12 & 26 **Winter Gardening Camp for Youth**  
 Mar 5 & 26 Meets in Butterfly Garden  
 Apr 2 Grades 1 through 5  
 Cost: \$30; Sibling \$25.  
 Bring a drink; we provide snacks
- Feb. 14 12:30 pm **Gardening Variety Meeting**  
 Program: Antique Appraisal Guild of America  
 Speaker: George Higby, "Antique Nomad."
- Feb. 14 6:30 pm **Night Gardeners Meeting**  
 Program: Garden Hacks  
 Speaker: Nancy Steinbuechler
- Feb. 15 10:00 am **Floral Design Meeting**  
 Program: "It's a Small World"  
 Petite Designs  
 Speaker: Park Rita Mixer,  
 Manatee River Garden Club  
 Learn how to make petite designs and containers.
- Feb. 15 **March Grapevine Deadline**  
 Feb. 16-19 CFFA Seminar  
 Orlando Airport Marriott Lakeside  
 Orlando FL
- Feb. 19 9am-12 pm **Set up for Flea Market**  
 Feb. 20-22 Members bring in items for the Flea Market.
- Feb. 23 5-7 pm **Opening Night Sales**  
 Wine and Cheese
- Feb. 24-25 **Flea Market, Plant & Garden Sale**.  
 Chairs: Sandi Fox and Kathy Garner.
- Feb. 24 9 am-3 pm **Sale Day 1—Flea Market/Plant Sale**  
 Feb. 25 9 am-1 pm **Sale Day 2—Flea Market/Plant Sale**  
 Kitchen: All proceeds to GCSP  
 Patio: All profit from clothing, shoes & handbags will go to GCSP.  
 All members are asked to support this with donations and workers.

### 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.



In Loving Memory of  
**Ronald F. DiMento**  
 June 1, 1933 - September 19, 2022



"LEAVE EVERYTHING BETTER  
 THAN YOU FOUND IT."  
*Ronald F. DiMento*

### Sincere Thanks

The family of Ron DiMento would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards and good wishes. Ron loved the Garden Club and loved to work when he was able. He was proud of his service to his country and serving as a volunteer for the police department. He was a Great Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and friend.

Rosalie DiMento  
 Robyn DiMento Clark

### Garden Variety



No December Meeting.  
 January 17, 2023, Board 11:30 am  
 Garden Variety's Snowbird Luncheon & Sightseeing Cruise with Captain's Narration on the **Starlite Sapphire**.

Meet at 11:30 am at 3400 Pasadena Ave, Corey Causeway, St. Pete Beach.

Depart at 12:00 Sharp. (They have a schedule to keep will not wait on latecomers.)

Choice of 6 Entrees (choose on board). Includes tropical green baby salad, bread, house dessert, coffee & tea

Opportunities will be available.

Cost is \$40.00 inclusive, including the gratuity.

Make check payable to: GCSP  
 500 Sunset Drive South  
 St. Petersburg, FL 33707

Attention: Terry P. or Sheron H.  
 Questions: call Terry Pinckley 727-345-4190 or  
 Email: Terry580@gmail.com

## REPURPOSING DONATED FLOWERS

October 11 & January 10

The Garden Club will be assembling florals donated by Publix and area funeral homes into arrangements in vases for the bedside of sometimes forgotten seniors. Vases are donated by club members and flea market donations.

Club members also provide car pick up of flowers which are donated and drop off of arranged florals at the local nursing homes.

Please contact is Karen McKenna 727 374-0777  
 kmckennaboley@yahoo.com



**GARDEN CLUB FLEA MARKET**

Pre-sale 2/23/23  
 Opening Night Sales 5pm-7pm  
 Wine & Cheese served  
 2/24/23 9am-3pm  
 2/25/23 9am-1pm

THE FLEA MARKET HAS A VARIETY OF TREASURES!  
**JEWELRY CLOTHES ANTIQUES  
 PLANTS AND MORE!**

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### Game Day

Every Wednesday!



GAME DAY STARTS SEPTEMBER 14, 2022!  
 ASIAN MAHJONG AND EUCHRE ALREADY SCHEDULED.  
 BRING YOUR GAME AND YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN  
 US FOR GREAT CONVERSATION AND FUN!  
 12:30-4:00 PM GAMES BEGIN AT 1:00

Contact Helen Tilden to register  
 helenmtilden@gmail.com

[gardenclubstpetersburg.org](http://gardenclubstpetersburg.org)

### October Plant Sale Was a Huge Success!!

Our Plant Sale was a big success. Beautiful day and a lot of people were there to buy plants and they did. We made \$4,882.11 for our club operating and program expenses. Good job. We had a lot of new members who volunteered and we thank you. Remember to count your volunteer hours as this is a community service event. See you next October.

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*Sally Farr and Helen Harvey—Co Chairs*

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

# SOME SCENES FROM THE CHRISTMAS RECYCLE SALE

## Another Successful Day!

A huge thank you to all the participants of the Recycle Christmas and Bake Sale on November 19. I counted 30 people helping during the day at the tables. Many more helped by donating Bake Goods, Items, Setting up tables and tents as well as putting away everything and delivering excess to other non profits for their sales.

Due to everyone's efforts, the Club took in a total of \$1,661.767 in proceeds to help with our continued Mission.

Thank you. *Joyce Drew*



A beautiful day for Christmas and floral sales. Thank you to everyone who helped and shopped, make this event a success.



# Garden Club of St. Petersburg

## What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support, including the **Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc.**



**How do I shop at AmazonSmile and support FFGC?** Log into the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs web page at [ffgc.org](http://ffgc.org). You will see the following the image to the right. Scroll down to the word Amazon in blue and underlined. Click on the work Amazon and it will take you to the Amazon page where you can place your order.

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**Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?**

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, Wedding or Baby Registry, and other account settings are also the same.

## 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.



Our little boutique is a happening place thanks to member's wonderful donations and impulse shopping. You never know what you will see. Come in and browse.

## MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

All members can add notices and pictures for the Garden Club's Facebook page by sending them to:  
[gcsppfacebookpage@gmail.com](mailto:gcsppfacebookpage@gmail.com)

## FFGC FLORAL DESIGN STUDY SERIES UNITS 1-6

### Learn Step-by-Step Floral Design

This is a unique series of lectures, demonstrations, and critiqued workshops, taught by accredited instructors.

Each is a National Garden Clubs, Inc. Flower Show Judge.

Sponsored by  
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**2023 DATES**  
**(Wednesdays 10am - 2pm)**  
 January 4, 11, 18, & 25  
 February 1 & 8

**6 Classes - \$80**

**Advance registration required**  
 Deadline: January 2, 2023

Jill Anderson, Registrar  
 8014 12th Avenue S.  
 St. Petersburg, FL 33707  
[jillandersn@aol.com](mailto:jillandersn@aol.com) (727) 798-1970

Registration and payment options are available online:

[gardenclubstpetersburg.org/events/special-events](http://gardenclubstpetersburg.org/events/special-events)



# Invite A Friend



## Remember

In these difficult times, let us all remember to speak to each other with Kindness and Consideration.

[gcsppgrapevinenews@gmail.com](mailto:gcsppgrapevinenews@gmail.com)



## 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!



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](mailto: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](mailto:gcsfacebookpage@gmail.com) along with any information you would like to share. I hope to hear from you soon!

Terry Jordan, Facebook Page Admin.

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**Do You Need a Facility for an Event?**

*The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is Available to Rent*

**Contact Carol Lucia,  
or see Rental Information on our website,  
[www.gardenclubstpetersburg.org](http://www.gardenclubstpetersburg.org)**

**Celebrate in Style**

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is a great place to hold an event. Whether it is a baby shower or post Baptism Party; Engagement Party, Bridal Shower or Wedding Reception, you will find the Garden Club a great place to have these events.

For businesses, the Garden Club offers a pleasant environment to hold your monthly meetings and various organizations can have a great location to meet. If interested, contact Carol Lucia.

Check out our facilities for yourself.