



# The Grapevine Monthly



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January 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 next year's General Meeting (previously All-Members) events. A sneak peek at some of the highlights:

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.

#### JANUARY 2022

Jan 3	10:00am	Creative Crafts-for all G.C.S.P. members Garden Center Program: Valentine cards Instructor: Helen Tilden Cost for materials: \$4 members/\$5 guests
Jan. 7	10:30am	Board of Directors Meeting - Garden Center Host: Helen Tilden
Jan. 8	1:00pm	Botanical Road Rally: Garden Center Program: A treasure hunt on wheels. Public welcome. Your teams vehicle will drive a 35 mile course with designated stops to obtain photos, botanical/historical information and puzzle clues, returning to the Club for scoring and prizes. \$25 per car up to 4 passengers (including driver). This is not a race against time, only your car's combined wit. Register on line or with Nancy Steinbuechler.
Jan. 11	6:30pm	Night Gardeners Meeting-Garden Center Program: Getting Ready for Green Thumb Speakers: Bessie Morse, Cathy Holzwart
Jan. 13	10:30am	Garden Buds Meeting-Garden Center Program: Pruning. Learn the correct way and time to prune your plants. Speaker: Stefan Babjack
Jan. 15		February Grapevine Deadline
Jan. 18	12:30am	Garden Variety Meeting-Garden Center Program: Pot Luck Luncheon and Antique Appraisal Speaker: George Higby-ISA-AM
Jan. 19	10:00 am	Floral Design Meeting-Garden Center Program: Alcohol Inks Presenter: Barb Jacobson
Jan 30		Junior Gardeners Awards Applications due F.F.G.C. Headquarters

## 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!

**Jan Ankerberg**, Flower Show Chairman

### Flower Show 101

We would like you to be part of our Flower Show this year held at the Green Thumb Festival on April 23 & 24. So, we are offering a free class on January 28, 2022 at 9am to noon at the Garden Club.

In this class you will learn the art of staging for our theme show, "Let's Go," as we travel around the world. There will be other area clubs involved and brain storming ideas will get your creative juices flowing. We will also talk about plant display, entry of your plants, placed by type and proper staging of plants. Once all plants are placed, they are reviewed to make sure their best side faces the public and like plants are grouped together. While you go through this process, you are learning plant names.

We hope you will join us for this important training session on January 28, 2022, 9am-12pm where we will hold a practice show. Then, we will need your help on Thursday April 21 at 11am at Walter Fuller Park where our Flower Show is set up to be judged on April 23. With more people working means we get done quicker. If you can only work a couple of hours, especially 1-3 that would help.

To register: <https://forms.gle/TMFCGx7rCfeRkCTR9> or email Bessie Morse at [trophy540@runbox.com](mailto:trophy540@runbox.com) with FS101 as subject.

We need your help!

**BESSIE MORSE**



### 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



### Garden Variety January Meeting

Garden Variety's January meeting will be held on Jan. 18th @ 12:30 pm.

Information on Antiques Appraisal will be presented by George Higby, ISA-AM with Accredited Appraisals, Ltd.

If you would like, bring 1 item to be appraised, if time allows.

Due to COVID Regulations we will not be able to have a potluck luncheon.

### Night Gardeners Meetings

On October 12, Thomas Ellis presented information on Square Foot Gardening—gardening to grow more in less space.



The December meeting was the Annual Christmas Swap & Grab. As always, it was fun to see who selected what and who stole it from that person. All had a refreshing time.



### 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.

### Grow and Share Success

The 50 members that attended our General Meeting on Oct 12, 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 8, 2022.

Hope to see you there.

### 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](https://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*

# Happy New Year

### Holiday Luncheon:

Bea Rahter sure knows how to throw a wonderful holiday party. The Isla del Sol was lively and festive with over 100 of our members and their guests with 12 distinctive floral designs from our talented "Calendar Girls" as we celebrated "A Year in Flowers." The music, food and favors made for a memorable experience for all who attended. Thank-you to everyone who contributed to this event.

### Botanical Road Rally

Start your engines on Saturday, January 8, 2022 for our Botanical Road Rally.

Entry fee is \$20.00 per vehicle with up to four people on board. The registration fee goes up to \$30.00 per vehicle if collected on the day of the event. Register on-line at [gardenclubstpetersburg.org](http://gardenclubstpetersburg.org).

Your vehicle and passengers will check in at the Garden Club, 500 Sunset Drive South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707, beginning at 1:00pm. Your group will receive their vehicle number and a "road map" containing designated stops along a 35 mile course around St. Petersburg. This is not a race against time, but more like a riddle to solve with clues along the way. The "road map" will instruct you on what information you will need to retrieve at each stop (examples: take a picture of a specific plant, a historical date on a monument, a founders name, etc).

Each stop (around ten total) will have a point value attached to it based on what clues you gather. Your vehicle will record your answers in the "road map" and someone in the car will be the photographer (phone). Upon completing your rally you will return to the club to have your "road map" scored and refreshments. There will be prizes awarded to the top finishers. All vehicles must return to the club by 5:00pm. Register on line or with the form attached.

### What's Cookin' in February?

You won't want to miss a renowned Chef cooking up some delectable dishes with fresh herbs. I can almost smell the flavors now.

Tuesday, February 8 at 1:00pm our General Meeting will be followed by Chef Nicci Stokes, who will demonstrate her secrets of pairing flavors and how to preserve fresh herbs. Potted herbs will be available for purchase following her demonstration, so bring your checkbook or cash. Also, bring 10 copies of your favorite recipe that calls for a fresh herb(s), you will leave with 10 more! Bon Appetit.

### Botanical Road Rally Registration Form

Begins at 1:00 pm on January 8, 2022 from  
500 Sunset Drive South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33707  
Return no later than 5:00pm

Drivers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration \$20.00 per vehicle

January 8<sup>th</sup> registration \$30.00 per vehicle

Paid by check # \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form to Nancy Steinbuechler  
13322 87<sup>th</sup> Place, Seminole, FL 33776



*Images From*

*Isla del Sol*

*GCSP 's Holiday Party*



**Thursday**

**December 14th, 2011**

