



The September 2022 Grapevine

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President's Message

Dear fellow GCSP members,

How was your summer? Did you, like a lot of people, find a good book to accompany you on your days of leisure? One of our inimitable members said she had a good read on the latest Stephen King publication. I for one always admire superb fictional horror stories and Stephen King is undoubtedly masterful in that category.

However, I get my dose of horror from the non-fiction of a good substantiated documentary. An example of that is Netflix's "Chasing Coral." The premise of this documentary was to certify oceanographers claim that destructive global warming is more exponentially evident in the seas than on land. A crew of scientists tracked a large variety of coral reefs by video recording their demise over the course of a year. The evidence reveals just how endangered vast segments and swaths of coral reefs have become. It is a non-uniform destruction, some do well because of their geographic locations, others are in harm's way.

Having experienced the beauty of coral reefs, I have decided that I will travel this September to one of the most renowned reefs in the Caribbean. I have heard that the reefs on the island of Bonaire still retain their vitality and awe inspiring beauty.

Did you know that one of the Garden Club's Community Outreach Programs is the Coral Reef Restoration Foundation? When you are in a generous mood please consider this noble non-profit. Further information about the foundation can be found in our yearbooks. As much as I love earthen gardens, I am entranced by the underwater beauty of the garden of coral reefs.

I can't wait for the adventure.

Warm regards, *Alan*

From the Editor

I would like to see more people submitting articles, notices or photos for the quarterly newsletter. If you have experimented with something, write about it. The maximum number of pieces of paper to mail is 6 and we only mail to a short list. Mainly housebound, non computer users and one paper copy to the President. If you have questions about something to go in the Newsletter, reach out to me.

Rosemary Miller, Editor

Garden Club Calendar 2022—2023

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg, Inc.
General Meetings this year will be held on the
second Tuesdays of the months of
September, November, January, March and May
All meetings at the Garden Center unless indicated otherwise.

SEPTEMBER 2022

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| Sept. 5 | 10:00 am | Creative Crafts,
Program: Workshop for Plant Sale
Speakers: Helen Tilden, Linda Myers,
and Jan Ankerberg.
No Cost unless you want to take it home. |
| Sept. 7-8 | 9:00 am | FFGC Fall Board of Directors Meeting |
| Sept. 7 | 12:30-4:00 pm | Game Day at Garden Center;
Every Wednesday—Games begin at 1:00.
\$5 charge for non-members.
Players furnish the game or cards.
Asian Mah Jong lessons upon request.
Minimum 3 players & one time \$5 materials fee. |
| 14, 21, 28 | | |
| Sept.9 | 9:00 am | Executive Board of Directors Meeting |
| Sept.9 | 10:30 am | Board of Directors Meeting
Host: Nancy Steinbuechler |
| Sept.13 | 12:00 pm | Social Hour before meeting.
Bring a bag lunch. Pickup yearbooks |
| Sept 13 | 1:00 pm | GCSP GENERAL MEETING
Program: The Perils of Plastic
Speaker: Tampa Bay Watch
Remember, if you would like to bring a bag
lunch before the general meeting
the club will be open at noon.
No refreshments served at general meetings.
Host: Helen Tilden & Cathy Holzwart |
| Sept. 13 | 6:30 pm | Night Gardeners Meeting
Program: Plant Bling
Speaker: Helen Tilden |
| Sept. 14 | 12:30 pm | Garden Variety Meeting
Program: Birds & Bees go hand in hand.
Speaker: Mr. Natural's Garden & Bee Rescue |
| Sept. 15 | | October Grapevine Deadline |

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

Executive Committee

President	Alan W. Comeau	Recording Secretary	Suzanne Bareham
First Vice President—Programs	Nancy Steinbuechler	Corresponding Secretary	Helen Tilden
Second Vice President—Membership	Helen Harvey	Also serving on the Executive Committee—non-voting members:	
Third Vice President—Budget & Finance	Liz Coerver	Past President & Advisor	Cindy Ordes
Treasurer	Joyce Drew	Parliamentarian	
Assistant Treasurer	Beth Timberlake		

OCTOBER 2022

- Oct. 3 10:00 am **Creative Crafts.**
Program: Upcycled Corks for Giving
Instructor: Helen Tilden
Cost for materials - \$4 members; \$5 for guests
- Oct. 5 12:30-4:00 pm **Game Day at Garden Center;**
12, 19, 26 every Wednesday.
Games begin at 1:00. \$5 charge for non members.
Players furnish the game or cards.
Asian Mah Jong lessons upon request, minimum 3 players & one time \$5 materials fee.
- Oct. 7 9:00 am **Executive Board of Directors Meeting**
- Oct. 7 10:30 am **Board of Directors Meeting**
Host: Helen Harvey
- Oct. 11 6:30 pm **Night Gardeners Meeting**
Program: Make & Take Seed Cards
Speaker: Helen Tilden
- Oct. 13 10:30 am **Garden Buds Meeting**
Program: Make & Take
Speaker: Rebecca Wellborn
- Oct. 15 **Night Gardeners Field Trip**
Mariposa Nursery and Tropiflora Nursery led by Cathy Holzward
Details to follow.
- Oct. 15 **November Grapevine Deadline**
- Oct. 18 12:30 pm **Garden Variety Meeting**
Program: Repotting & mounting orchids
Speaker: Michael Polin from Art Stone Orchids
- Oct. 19 10:00 am **Floral Design Meeting**
Program: "Fake it 'Til You Make It"
Presenter: Bessie Morse of GCSP demonstrates how to use silk or artificial flowers & foliage to practice making a design.
- Oct. 24 **District VIII Fall Meeting**
at Clearwater Garden Club
- Oct. 22 9:00 am-2:00 pm **Plant Sale at Garden Center**
- Oct. 28 **District VIII Horticulture Extravaganza**
Garden Club of St. Petersburg

NOVEMBER 2022

- Nov.1 **Deadline for Yearbook Awards to FFGC.**
- Nov. 2 12:30-4:00 pm **Game Day at Garden Center**
9, 16, 30 Every Wednesday
Games begin at 1:00. \$5 charge for non members.
Players furnish the game or cards.
Asian Mah Jong lessons upon request, minimum 3 players & one time \$5 materials fee.
- Nov. 6-8 **NGC, Inc. Flower Show School Symposium Day**
Spring Conference Center
Parrish, FL
Hosted by Florida Flower Show Judges District VIII
- Nov. 7 **Creative Crafts.**
Program: Bow Making Techniques
Instructors: Nance Francisco
Cost for materials - \$4 members; \$5 for guests
- Nov. 8 12:00 **Social Hour**—Bring a bag lunch.
- Nov. 8 1:00 pm **GCSP General Meeting**
Program: ECO Vets
Speaker: Camille VanSant
Learn how veterans are helping and healing through gardening.
Hosts: Cathy Holzward & Helen Tilden.
- Nov. 8 6:30 pm **Night Gardeners Meeting**
Program: "Butterflies"
Speaker: Daisy Renee Law
- Nov. 11 9:00 am **Executive Board of Directors Meeting**
- Nov. 11 10:30 am **Board of Directors Meeting**
Host: Liz Coerver
- Nov. 12 10:00-3:00 pm **Manatee River Club Flower Show**
Bradenton, FL
- Nov. 15 **December Grapevine Deadline**

THE PERILS OF PLASTIC

The program on the "Perils of Plastic" will be held on September 13th. The speaker will be from Tampa Bay Watch.
If you would like to bring a bag lunch before the general meeting, the club will be open at noon. No refreshments will be served at general meetings.



New Interest Group

Game Day starts September 14, 2022. This group will meet every Wednesday at 12:30 with tables of Asian Mahjong and Euchre already scheduled. Bring your game and your friends and join us for great conversation and fun. We welcome Canasta, Bridge, Mexican Train, American Mahjong and more.....!

This weekly game day is free for members and \$5.00 per week for non-members.

Asian Mahjong lessons are scheduled with a minimum of 4 players and a one-time \$5 fee for materials.

Contact Helen Tilden to register.



Cathy Holzwart & Karen DiBernardo; Building the tiles into walls to start a new game



Tina Martel (blue & white top); Cathy Holzwart; Karen DiBernardo. Week 2 of lessons with new hands to learn.



Tina Martell, Cathy Holzwart, Karen DiBernardo, Carol Lucia. Mah Jong and good conversation = A fun day!



Tina Martel and. Carol Lucia; Mixing the tiles to start a new game.



Cathy Holzwart, Karen DiBernardo, Tina Martell and Carol Lucia. They are mixing the tiles to start the game.



Cathy Holzwart, "Winning is Fun!"



Carol Lucia ; Tina Martel; Cathy Holzwart; Karen DiBernardo.



Carol Lucia Tina Martell

Summer Camp

Here are some pictures from summer camp. Lots of fun!! Our theme was 'keeping our planet healthy'. We used recycling materials to make whatever they wanted... we learned about keeping our waterways clean... we had a nature walk everyday...we let ladybugs free and put worms in our garden...we learned why we need pollinators and we had real bats!

Sally Favr



The Bat Lady With the Kids Looking at a Real Bat.



Trash to Treasure Sale!

Thank you to everyone one who participated as a vendor or a lucky person who found their treasures. We had very good advertising for this event and the public came and treasures were found. We have made notes for next year's sale and several people already have an interest. Have a great summer.

Jan Finberg



Solar

A solar investigation committee has been working this summer to see if it would be feasible to install solar panels on the garden club roof. It would save money on electric bills over time, and would set a great example for the community. We are interviewing three solar energy companies and looking at various grant opportunities. If you would like to join us, please contact Suzanne Bareham.



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.



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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

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Registration and payment options are available online:

gardenclubstpetersburg.org/events/special-events



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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 boutique has been popular these last few months despite the virus and would benefit from donations to sell. Many thanks to Jill Anderson for making masks, they made a huge difference in the bottom line and Ruthie Jeffords's carload of things from her neighbor. Check it out!!!

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

All members can add notices and pictures for the Garden Club's Facebook page by sending them to:
gcspsfacebookpage@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!

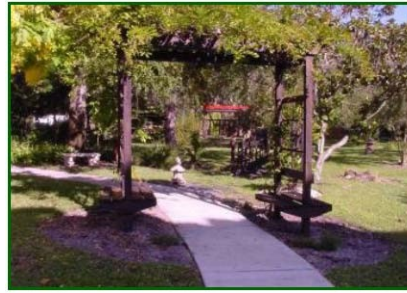


The Garden Club of St. Petersburg offers a beautiful venue for special occasions.

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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

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 along with any information you would like to share. I hope to hear from you soon!

Terry Jordan, Facebook Page Admin.