

About us



Former Mayor George Gardner is a graduate of the University of Rochester, NY, a Navy veteran, and was an award-winning newspaper reporter and editor for 16 years.

He and his wife, Sally, owned and operated the Charlotte Street Toy Shop until its sale in 1999. They live in North City with their only remaining “at-home” daughter, Lizzie, a rescue Golden Retriever.

George served on St. Augustine’s Vision ’93 Committee, the City’s Code Enforcement Board, was chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board and president of the Historic Area Council of the Chamber of Commerce.

He served two terms as St. Augustine mayor, 2002-2006, and one term as city commissioner, 2006-2008.

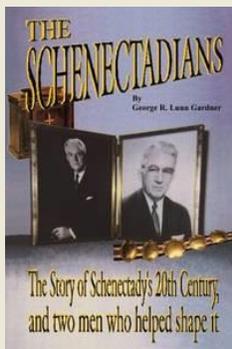
One of George’s proudest achievements in office was establishment of a neighborhood associations program, providing neighborhoods a greater voice in city affairs.

Throughout his public service he’s held citizen information and involvement as a priority, informing citizens of city affairs through weekly newsletters.

James Madison (1751—1836) said, “A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy.”

The St. Augustine Report is a continuation of that weekly newsletter tradition.

Publications



George published *The Schenectadians* in 2001, a biographical novel on the public service careers of his father and grandfather.

One reviewer wrote: *The book is a MASTERPIECE!!! What a brilliant effort! Through his writing talent we could look at the two "STARS" up close and personal. I love his writing style. ... moving from the storyteller stage to something more expert, he has exhibited the ability to understand and to use his knowledge of the human condition - an advanced writing skill! As I have said, he is a WRITER, a professional! ... George has the highly skilled ability to create three-dimensional characters on a two-dimensional page. WOW!*

It’s available in soft cover and e-book at [iUniverse](http://iUniverse.com) and other outlets.

When he and Sally moved to St. Augustine from southern Vermont in 1989, George’s fascination with famous people and events in St. Augustine history brought a series of 1,000-word booklets he calls *St. Augustine Bedtime Stories*, designed as quick reads before bed.

Two series of twelve booklets each are packaged in bedside table boxes and available at major St. Augustine locations and through George. Click the *Bedtime Stories* link for details.

