

Gregory and Susan Vine

Life and Times of the Vines

Greg was born in 1955 in Rochester, New York. He came to Venice as a baby when his New York home burned down with him and his father in it.

Susie was born in 1954 in Venice and was delivered by Dr. Blades

Greg went to elementary school in Nokomis while Susie attended school in Venice. They later met at age 16 at Venice High School while in DCT (Diversified Cooperative Training class) a class which allows attending school half a day and working the other half.

At a young age Greg would sell cut fishing bait, sand fleas, sand dollars and sharks teeth at our local beaches and Jetties.

Greg ran his own business during High School:

If you lived here in the 60's & 70's you may have had your windows washed, yard mowed, landscaping done, mobile home washed or roof coated by Greg Vine, Five Star Mobile Home Care.

During High School Greg was a member of the Marine Corps (JROTC), a member of the parade drill team and the rifle team earning his marksmen designation while Susie was on the Year Book committee.

During their early years together Susie worked for Gemini Florist and later Fantasy of Flowers as a floral designer. After work she would help Greg with his mobile home care business. The Vine's have always worked together as a team in their business endeavors.

Greg & Susie's first date was to a target shooting range. They enjoyed attending black powder muzzle loading shooting competitions of which Greg would frequently bring home trophies.

Greg completed his study of Real Estate in his senior year of High School becoming a licensed agent which inspired him and Susie to buy their first piece of property together at the age of 19.

In 1973 Greg & Susie became certified scuba divers and continue to enjoy a life of travel and diving with about 2,000 dives under their belt. While enjoying a great deal of Florida and Caribbean diving one of their favorite places to dive is right off our very own local beaches searching for fossils and sharks teeth.

In 1974 Greg and Susie were married at the Venice Nokomis United Methodist Church. After learning the carpentry trade they helped family members build their home, who in return then helped Greg & Susie build their first home in Nokomis. One of Greg's first carpentry jobs was working on the old KMI building remodeling it into the Venice Center Mall and Condo's. Greg also worked on Dr. Ron Higle's home which is now the home of Mayor Holic & his wife Pam.

In their early years of marriage while enjoying photography the Vines decided to become professional wedding photographers. One memorable wedding was being hired by Ringling Brothers Circus to cover the wedding of circus aerialist with photos being published in Time/Life magazines.

The forest of New York surrounding his family's home lead to Greg's interest in wood working. From fireplace mantels, hand rails, trim and

furniture you can find Greg happily working on his beautiful wood creations.

In 1986 Greg and Susie built their current home and later added tropical gardens with trails and a Kio pond. They continue to enjoy their own special piece of Eden and the life style that our area offers.

For the past 40+ years the Vines continue to have a career in Real Estate Investment and are moved to give back their time in service to their community.

Volunteer Service History:

Florida House Learning Center

SURE (Sustainable Urban Rural Enterprise)

20/20 Foresight charrette

Sarasota County Economic Development Council

Leadership Sarasota – Graduate

Venice Area Chamber of Commerce- Board of Directors

20/20 Visions of Venice Task Force

Government Affairs Committee-Chairman

Citizens Democracy Corp.- 4 volunteer missions to Russia

SunCoast Reef Rovers Dive Club – underwater & beach cleanups

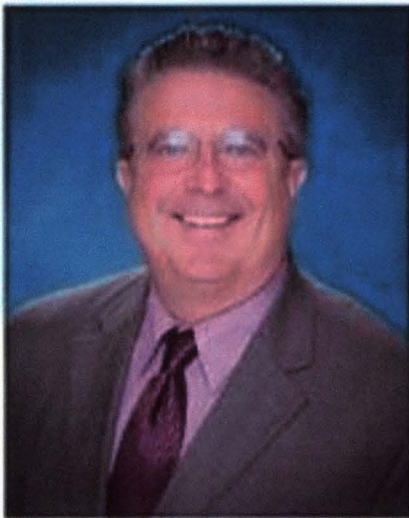
VABI (Venice Area Beautification Inc)-Past President & Board member

Ribbons of Venice Connective Trails Committee

Urban Forrest Committee

Please see Gregory Vine BIO for more information:

Biographical Information Gregory E. Vine



Gregory Vine has been a private Real Estate Investor for over forty years, buying, selling and renting primarily single family homes in the Venice and North Port, Florida, area for his own account. He and Susie, his wife of over 43 years, own *SunAcre Corporation*, their licensed real estate brokerage company.

Greg holds the C.E.C. designation "Certified Exchange Consultant" along with the REALTOR Emeritus designation for having been an active member of the Venice Area Board of Realtors for over 40 years.

Greg brings multiple talents to his many projects. While serving for five years on the Board of Directors of the Florida House Foundation during the development of the Florida House Learning Center, he learned much about the concepts of sustainable development and environmentally-friendly development, construction and business management practices. Greg has served four years on the Sarasota County Economic Development Board. He has extensive contacts in the community, along with ecological development and construction expertise.

Greg is a very active member of the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce. He has served five years on the Board of Directors, has chaired the Government Affairs Committee, and has served on the Economic Development Committee. Greg was General Chairman of the 20/20 Visions of Venice Task Force, a citizen-driven project developed to enhance the long-term quality of life along with the economic and environmental development of the greater Venice area. Greg is also a graduate of Leadership Sarasota, a one-year leadership training program and has served as a past President for the Board of Directors of VABI "Venice Area Beautification Inc." of which he has served as an active board member for over 15 years and is currently Chairman of the VABI Urban Forest committee.



Greg is an award-winning speaker and has received many recognitions for his abilities and achievements. He has received numerous awards for his business and community involvement, among them the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award, the Chamber's President's award, the Chamber's Business of the Month Award and the Venice Area Board of REALTORS' Co-Broke Award. Greg is honored to have received Sarasota County's award for water conservation. Greg Vine Enterprises, Inc. has also won the Merit Aurora Award for Energy Efficient Design presented by the Southeast Builders Conference and the Florida Home Builders Association. Greg was an invited speaker on sustainability and economics at the Environmental Education Foundation symposium held in Tampa, entitled "Working for a Sustainable Future" and related conferences in Washington, D.C.

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