




# STEPHENSON EYE ASSOCIATES

Improving People's Vision  
Improves Their Lives

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**I**N one of the 1926 historic buildings on Venice Island, Stephenson Eye Associates has a state-of-the-art boutique ophthalmology practice that reflects the comfort and understanding that Dr. Dee Stephenson offers her patients. She explains, "My great staff and I put our patients' care first and foremost in my practice, giving our patients the personal attention that they deserve and also providing them with the latest innovations in care available." Dr. Stephenson adds, "As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we have kept our controlled office protocol in place. Our first concern is for the patient and staff's health and safety. We have continued our steps to protect our patients using the most current CDC mandates, state and government regulations as well the safety recommendations from our medical organization including the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) we implemented for our practice."

As part of her commitment to giving her patients world-class eye care, Dr. Stephenson offers the most cutting-edge procedures available, including laser-assisted cataract surgery customized for each patient's eye. She uses the latest in lens implant technologies that both improves patients' vision and also eases the recovery period following surgery. She continues to be an expert in visual outcomes by her utilization of pre-surgical diagnostics including corneal topography and the use of intraoperative aberrometry (ORA). "The ORA technology continues to be such a remarkable advancement in helping achieve great post-op results in post-LASIK and post-RK patients, as well as patients with astigmatism," she says. "It is a real-time, on-the-table reading that allows me to make modifications right then and there, if needed, eliminating more surgery for the patient."

Stephenson Eye Associates' sponsored seahorse, SEEBiscuit by artist Carroll Swayze



The Stephenson Eye Associates Team

### DR. DEE AT A GLANCE

- Named to the Top 100 Most Influential Women in Ophthalmology
- Florida native and University of Florida graduate
- Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology
- Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)
- Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at USF
- Past President of the American Board of Eye Surgery
- Past President of the American College of Eye Surgeons

Dr. Stephenson offers a wide range of intraocular lens options for the patient to choose from during their surgical consultation. Expectations and goals are discussed so each patient can decide on the lens that best suits their visual needs. Performing all of her surgeries at the Surgery Center at St. Andrews, Dr. Stephenson affirms, "As an elite surgical facility, St. Andrews is equipped with some of the most advanced surgical technology available, allowing for the smallest incisions, and a state-of-the-art microscope used to perform the surgery." The center maintains a full complement of lenses in its intraocular lens inventory for the surgeon's selection.

In today's world of computers and cell phones, dry eye has become a leading patient complaint. Dr. Stephenson treats not only the symptoms, but also the potential underlying causes of the discomfort. "The only way to give patients the relief they seek is to recognize and treat these issues. More importantly, their eyes feel better, so they feel better," she says. Patients suffering from dry eye may

experience "fluctuation of vision," a common symptom of ocular surface disease. In describing how this affects their sight, patients might use words like "my vision changes between blinks." Dr. Stephenson offers treatments to unblock the tear glands, allowing the natural protection of tears to cover the eye's surface once again.

After more than 30 years in practice, Dr. Stephenson continues to find contact with her patients rewarding and professionally stimulating. "Human kindness makes for a successful practice; how you treat your patients is important," she says. "As a physician and surgeon, I have been very fortunate to be able to do what I love. I want to continue to make a difference in people's lives by improving their vision."

For more information about this advertorial, call 941.485.1121 or log on to [StephensonEye.com](http://StephensonEye.com). Stephenson Eye Associates is located at 200 Palermo Place on Venice Island.



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- Offering Cutting Edge Technology
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