

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs' Old Dominion Gardener



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Old Dominion Gardener

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2017-2019 VFGC PRESIDENT'S PAGE

“Planting Today for Future Generations”

Dear Virginia Garden Club Members.

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are almost over. Most garden clubs do take some time off so that members can enjoy their own gardens. I hope you have had that opportunity as well as enjoying produce from your vegetable garden. I have been extremely lucky this year as a breakfast friend with a prolific garden has been furnishing me with tomatoes, squash, zucchini, cucumbers, peppers, collards, okra, etc. (I need to encourage her to join a garden club.)

With the advent of fall, our busy season starts with club meetings, flower shows, schools, projects and district meetings. In a short time, members will be putting beds to sleep for the winter and gearing up for the holidays – there is always something to do.

The August KIT announced that with funds raised and donations received, the Plant America Community Project Grants WILL BE awarded for the second time during this administration. Submission deadline is October 15, 2018. Go to the NGC website for information.

Brent Heath of Brent & Becky's Bulbs has developed a new Narcissus Cultivar, N. 'Plant America'. There are only a limited number of bulbs available and they will only be sold to NGC members. See article in August KIT and in this ODG. If you haven't had a copy of this passed on to you, please email me (martbw@gmail.com) and I will forward a copy to you.

Applications for “Keys to the Future” Youth Project Grants and Grants to Beautify and Restore are due September 15. Just be aware that date is fast approaching.

By the time you receive this edition of the ODG, Course III of VFGC Flower Show School will have already been held in August. Landscape Design School Course IV will be held October 1-2 at Lewis Ginter in Richmond. Symposium will be held November 14-15 at Four Points by Sheraton in Henrico. Consider attending these courses.

A Blue Star Memorial will be dedicated September 1, 2018 at the Eagle Rock Lime Kiln in Eagle Rock, VA. This event is hosted by the Fincastle Garden Club (Blue Ridge District) and the Stinnet family. Piedmont District will be replacing a Blue Star Memorial, date to be announced. Congratulations to these clubs.

On a Personal Note:

Life can change very quickly. I wish to say a thank you to all who have sent cards, visited, called and expressed their care and concern on the passing of my husband. Words cannot fully express the wonderful and warm feeling I have felt from this outpouring. Garden Club people are special and I appreciate you all!

Thank you,.....Marty Bowers

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS (NGC) NEWS

VFGC Awards Received at the 2018 NGC Convention

Blue Ridge District

Westchester Garden Club, Certificate of Appreciation of award participation, #PUB 1-2 Ai
Newsletter, “Windows on Westchester”

Piedmont District

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club: Certificate of Merit, Award #57, Standard Flower Show
staged in a Public Building, “Festivities of the Northern Neck”, Burgundy/Pink
Rosette

Fluvanna Garden Club: Tommy Donnan, Certificate of Merit, #PUB 2-2 Ai, Educational
Publication – Small Club, “Woodsy Owl DVD”

Hilliard Park Garden Club: Certificate of Appreciation of Award participation, #PUB 2-5
Ai Membership Brochure

Midlothian Garden Club: Certificate of Commendation, First Place, Award MP-3 ©ii,
Social Media/Website

Rappahannock Garden Club: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit, #PUB 2-5 Aii,
“Membership Brochure, Medium Club”

Rock Spring Garden Club: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit, #PUB 1-3 Aiii, 12-24
Page Bulletin – Large Club, “The Gardenzette”

Rock Spring Garden Club: Certificate of Commendation, First Place, Award MP-1 (A)iii,
Garden Club Membership

Salisbury Garden Club: Certificate of Appreciation of award participation, #PUB 1-2 Aiv
Newsletter “Mum’s the Word”

Salisbury Garden Club: Certificate of Merit, Award #5 Club Standard Flower Show, “A
Sentimental Journey”, Purple Rosette

Salisbury Garden Club: Certificate of Commendation, First Place, Award EC-2 (A)iv,
“Litter/Recycling/Reclamation”, (The Harriet Thomas Award)

Salisbury Garden Club: Certificate of Commendation, First Place, Award CS-1 (D)iv,
Community Gardens

Salisbury Garden Club: Tommy Donnan, Certificate of Merit, #PUB 2-5 Aiv, Membership
Brochure, XL Club

Thomas Jefferson Garden Club: Certificate of Merit, Overall Winner, Award G-3 (A)ii,
Therapy Gardens (includes a \$100 check)

Shenandoah District

Culpeper Garden Club: Certificate of Commendation, First Place, Award CS-1 (D)i,
Community Gardens

Madison Garden Club: Certificate of Appreciation of award participation, #PUB 1-2 Aii
Newsletter “MGC Garden Scoop”

Monticello Garden Club: Certificate of Commendation, First Place, Award L-3 (A)i, Blue
Star Memorial Marker

Winchester Council of Garden Clubs: Certificate of Merit, Award #1B, Council Standard
Flower Show, “Celebrate the Bloom”, Rose Rosette

South Central District

Wayside Garden Club, Tommy Donnan, Certificate of Merit, #PUB 1-1 Aii, 1 Page bulletin – Medium Club, “By the Wayside”

Wayside Garden Club: Tommy Donnan, Certificate of Merit, #PUB 2-1 Aii, Educational Publication, “Job Description for Officers and Committee Chairmen”

Southwest District

Abingdon Garden Club, Certificate of Commendation, First Place, Award MP-2 (A)i, National Garden Week

Seasons IV Garden Club, Certificate of Merit, Overall Winner, Award EC-6 (A)i, Water (includes a \$100 check)

Town & Country Garden Club, Tommy Donnan, Certificate of Merit, PUB 2-8 Aii, Other Publication – Medium Club, “60th Anniversary”

Tidewater District

Berkeley Garden Club: Certificate of Appreciation of Award participation, #PUB 1-1 Ai Newsletter “The Berkeley Buzz”

Tidewater District: Certificate of Merit, Award #30, District Standard Flower Show, “Colorful Jewels” Green Rosette

Tidewater District: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit, #PUB1-3B, 12-24 Page bulletin – Group of Member Clubs, “Tidewater News & Views”

Special Award

Jean Fender (Hilliard Park Garden Club): NGC Member Award of Honor

Barbara Ohmsen received an award for the highest number of Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters received by the clubs in Virginia and SAR.

Member Award of Honor

Submitted by Lisa Robinson, NGC Member Award of Honor Chairman

The Member Award of Honor is a longtime tradition in National Garden Clubs, Inc. Each year any NGC garden club has the option to submit a member who they feel deserves to be recognized for their efforts and accomplishments. Each state judges these applications and determines if criteria are met and a member deserves this honor from their state. From there, each state can submit one winner to be judged and only one can be selected for the Regional Member Award of Honor. Each Region has the opportunity to submit their winner to NGC for the title of National Garden Club Member Award of Honor.

At the 2018 NGC Convention in Philadelphia, a member of VFGC was awarded the title of NGC Member Award of Honor! The following was her introduction to the 400 + attendees at the NGC Award Banquet:

She is a master flower show judge, master landscape design consultant and a master gardener. A garden club member since 1985, she has served in every leadership role, including 4 times as President! She also has a long history of service to her district and state federations, as well as her state and regional Judges Councils, actively promoting, entering and judging flower shows across her state. She's also active in the garden, leading her community and club in numerous projects.



As a gifted writer, she regularly submits articles for district and state publications, applies for grants and has won thousands of dollars and national recognition thru award applications. In an effort to increase club membership, this talented lady designed a brochure which has been successful in bringing potential members to visit.

We recognize JEAN FENDER, Sponsored by Hilliard Park Garden club, Glen Allen, VA., of Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and South Atlantic Region.

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION (SAR) NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! • SAR 58th CONVENTION *March 29-30, 2019*

South Atlantic Region Convention 2019 will be held March 29 -30, 2019 at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Historic Williamsburg. Plan now, mark your calendars, and come enjoy Williamsburg in the spring.

Speakers will include the Dueling Designers – David Pippin and Al Brockwell of Richmond, Virginia on Friday, March 29 for lunch, that afternoon a program will be given by Les Parks of the Norfolk Botanical Garden, and Gordon Chappell will give a power point program on “Cottage Gardens” for the Friday evening Banquet. Other events will begin on March 28 with pre-convention programs including the “Gardening Angel” - Shelley Fones from Portsmouth, VA, Tommy White - a Suffolk bird rehabber and David Roos for the evening dinner.

Hotel reservations can be made now by calling 1-800-222-8733 and reference group name: South Atlantic Region Associations 2019 or group code: SAG. Rooms are \$119.00 for standard plus taxes and a \$2.00 Resort Fee and Suites are \$139.00 per night plus taxes and a \$2.00 Resort Fee.

The deadline for reservations is February 25, 2019. Registration forms will be in the winter issues of the state publications and at www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org.

Please Come and Enjoy
“The Beauty of Nature: Protect, Preserve, Enjoy”

Mary H. Dixon, Convention Chairman – mdixon2643@aol.com - 757-934-3420
Loy Holt, Convention Vice-Chairman – Loy614@aol.com - 757-564-0980

VA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS (VFGC) NEWS

New State and NGC Flower Show Achievement Award Numbers • Summer 2018

The NGC Flower Show Awards numbers were just changed and now the VFGC numbers have been revised to reflect the new system. Note there are several new award categories and that two previous categories, Home Standard Flower Show and Standard Flower Show Staged in a Public Building, no longer have their own awards, but may still be held and entered into another category. These new Flower Show Award numbers should be used on any books of evidence submitted in 2018 and going forward.

Single Club Flower Shows: letters A, B, C, and D correspond to club size

A is fewer than 21 members (i)

B is 21 – 49 (ii)

C is 50 -99 (iii)

D is 100 or more (iv)

Multiple Club Shows: letters A, B, & C correspond to number of clubs sponsoring the show

A is one club

B is two or more clubs.

C is for (1) Youth Participation in Standard Flower Shows (NGC # FS-17C) and

(2) A Specialty Flower Show sponsored by a Council, District, State or Regional organization.

Please consult the VFGC Yearbook and/or the NGC website (www.gardenclubs.org) for descriptions of the following awards. Note: FS is used below to abbreviate Flower Show.

Type of Flower Show.....	VFGC Award No.	NGC Award No.
Club Standard FS.....	V-FS-1 (A, B, C, or D)...	FS-1 (A, B, C, or D)
Holiday Standard FS.....	V-FS-2 (A or B)	FS-2 (A or B)
Patriotic Standard FS.....	V-FS-4 (A or B)	FS-4 (A or B)
Petite Standard FS	V-FS-5 (A or B)	FS-5 (A or B)

Small Standard Flower Shows:

Club Small-Standard FS

V-FS-7 (A, B, or C).....	FS-7 (A, B, or C)
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The following three shows are for one club with fewer than 100 members. Note: This is a brand new category.

Holiday Small-Standard FS.....	V-FS-8.....	FS-8
Patriotic Small-Standard FS	V-FS-10.....	FS-10
Petite Small-Standard FS.....	V-FS-11	FS-11

Near-Club, Council or District Flower Shows:

Near-Club Standard FS.....	V-FS-13.....	FS-13
Council Standard FS.....	V-FS-14 (A, B).....	FS-15 (A, B)
District FS	V-FS-15 (A, B).....	FS-15 (A, B)

Youth Flower Shows:

Youth FS or Youth Section of Adult Standard FS

..... V-FS-17 (A, B, C)..... FS-17 (A, B, or C*)

*NGC #FS-17C is for Youth Participation in a Standard Flower Show.

Plant Society Flower Shows:

Plant Society FS

V-FS-19.....	FS-19
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Specialty Flower Shows (New):

Horticulture Specialty Show..... V-FS-20 (A, B, or C)..... FS-20 (A, B, or C*)

Design Specialty Show..... V-FS-21 (A, B, or C)..... FS-21(A, B, or C*)

**NGC #FS-20C and NGC #FS-21C are only given in Specialty Flower Shows sponsored by Council, District, State or Regional organizations.*

VFGC Scholarships

Submitted by Lisa Robinson, VFGC Scholarship Chairman



The VFGC scholarship program continues to invite applications from many schools in Virginia. Last summer and fall information packets, followed by email reminders, were sent to representatives of 10 colleges and universities soliciting applications for 2018 scholarships. Updated information was submitted for the VFGC website and the VFGC scholarship application was updated to reflect changes.

By the deadline, only 2 applications for VFGC Scholarships were received, and zero SAR or NGC Scholarship applications were received. Late January, when it became evident that applications were slow in coming, this chairman reached out to all 10 schools with a reminder and plea for student encouragement.

Through thoughtful consideration of VFGC funds versus applicant worthiness, this committee selected the following scholarship recipient for the 2018-2019 school term: Heather Abernathy, from Blacksburg, a graduate student in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Department at VT, is to be awarded a \$2,000.00 Minna D. Adams Conservation Scholarship.

I know from experience that there are many deserving students who qualify for our annual VFGC scholarships. It's disappointing that these students aren't applying. Please help by spreading the word and encouraging students in your area to apply. Information is available on the VFGC Website. Please direct students or schools to me, Lisa Robinson, at gardenlisava@gmail.com.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Save the Date! VFGC 84th Convention in Williamsburg April 1-2, 2019

Submitted by Loy Holt, Chairman

The Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. will be holding their convention on April 1-2, 2019 at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Historic Williamsburg. Spring in Williamsburg, nothing could be better, so make your plans now to attend.

Featured speaker and honored guest National Garden Club President, Nancy Hargroves will be attending the convention and speaking at the Installation Banquet on Monday night. Also speaking will be Jim Gray, of The City Florist, Baltimore, MD. The topic of the design luncheon will be "Flowers with Heart" on Monday. Afternoon workshops include our very own Lisa Robinson with a power point presentation on "Growing and Showing Daffodils" and a workshop on "Container Gardening". Some of our pre-convention programs on Sunday, March 31 include a workshop by Darene Honeycutt of North Carolina featuring working with youth. She will be followed by Marlene MacDonald's workshop on "Focusing on the Mechanics of Design". I'm still working on a Sunday dinner program but whoever it is, it will be fun.

Hotel reservations can be made now by calling 1-800-222-8733 and reference the group name: Virginia Federation of Garden State Conference 2019 *or* group code VFG. Rooms are \$119.00 per night for a standard room plus taxes and a \$2.00 Resort Fee. Jr. Suites are \$139.00 per night plus taxes and a \$2.00 Resort Fee. The deadline for reservations is midnight, February 28, 2019. Registration forms will be in the ODG Winter Edition and online at viriniagardenclubs.org.

Please make plans to join us in Williamsburg as we celebrate
"A Gardener's Path... Can take you anywhere".

Loy Holt, Convention Chairman, Loy614@aol.com, 757-561-9416

Mary H. Dixon, Convention Co-Chairman, mdixon2643@aol.com, 757-934-3420

Landscape Design School Course IV, Series XXVII
October 1, 2, 2018 • Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
1800 Lakeside Drive • Richmond, VA 23228-4700

Submitted by Glenda Knowles, Chairman

Instructors for this wonderful course will be:

Gordon W. Chappell, FASLA: Gordon Chappell has taught at Landscape Design School for many years in several states. From Georgia, Gordon is a graduate of the University of Georgia, a former garden director at Colonial Williamsburg, and a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architecture. His private practice of landscape architecture in James City County focuses primarily on historic properties.

Jack Douglas, ASLA: Jack is the President and Founder of Douglas Associates, a professional landscape design and architecture firm in Richmond, VA. He taught as an instructor for the University of Richmond, Georgetown University and the University of Virginia. His garden designs have been featured in *Southern Living* and *Southern Accents*. Jack received a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University.

Trevor R. Buckley, Landscape Planner: Trevor is a landscape planner and designer with a keen interest in bringing ecological design principles to bear on projects at all scales. His education and research have taken him across the American West, Europe, and Southeast Asia. After graduating from the College of William and Mary with a B.S. in Geology, he pursued farming and gardening for several seasons. This work led him to the Conway School's graduate program in sustainable landscape planning and design, where he earned a M.S. in Ecological Design. As a member of the landscape architecture studio at Timmons Group, based in Richmond, VA, Trevor works on a wide array of public and private sector projects in MD, VA, and NC.

Laurie Fox, Ph.D.: Laurie Fox is a faculty member in the Horticulture department at Virginia Tech and is based at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center in Virginia Beach, VA where she has extension and research responsibilities. She received her BS & MS degrees in Horticulture from North Carolina State University, with an emphasis on landscape design, ornamental plant production, and weed science, and her Ph.D. from Wageningen University, The Netherlands. Laurie is an author and the publisher of *Best Plants for Hampton Roads - A Landscape and Garden Companion*. For the past several years Laurie has served as the chairman of the Virginia Flower & Garden Expo held in Virginia Beach.

Landscape Design School Schedule:

Monday • October 1, 2018

Time	Activity	Chapter	Instructor
8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.	Registration and Welcome • Coffee, hot water available each morning		
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Development of Landscape Architecture .. 26.....	Gordon Chappell	
	From World War II to present		
9:40 a.m.- 10:40 a.m.	Redesign of Areas	20.....	Laurie Fox
10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	Special Interest Topic	SIT.....	Jack Douglas
	“Hardscape and Enclosures”		
11:50 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (the Café is convenient)		
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Community Participation	33.....	Laurie Fox
	Organization and Individual Responsibility		
2:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.	Contemporary Landscape Design.....	21.....	Gordon Chappell
3:45 p.m.	Class Dismissed-visit the Lewis Ginter library, gardens and gift shop		
6:30 p.m.	Group Dinner – place to be announced		

Tuesday • October 2, 2018

Time	Activity	Chapter	Instructor
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Designs for the Future	36.....	Trevor Buckley
9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	Evaluating the Landscape Designs of.....	31.....	Jack Douglas
	Residential, Public, and Business Property		
10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	Community Gardens.....		Trevor Buckley
	(email in large file)		
11:50 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (The Café is convenient)		
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Tour – Lewis Ginter Public Garden.....	31.....	Jack Douglas
2:10 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.	Evaluating the Landscape (using LDS	31.....	Jack Douglas
	Form 14 – provided in class)		
3:15 p.m.	Review – consultants not taking the exam may leave.		
3:30 p.m.	Exam		

The text for the entire series of Courses I-IV is “Stewards of the Land: A Survey of Landscape Architecture and Design in America”, published by NCG, Inc. Order through National Garden Clubs, Inc., 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110, phone: 800-550-6007 or 314-776-7574. Cost is \$40.00 plus shipping & handling. To order, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on: nationalgardenclubs.org/schools/landscape-design.aspx.

All classes for Course IV of the Landscape Design School will be held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Education Building. 1800 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, VA 23238-9887; From I 95N, Exit 80. Hampton Inn (recommended by Lewis Ginter) is at 5406 Glenside Drive. Hilliard Road beside LGBG becomes Glenside Drive (2.7 miles from LGBG) (804) 756-1777. Hot breakfast included. Ask for LDS Block – Rate \$119. Cut-off for discount is Sept. 5! To reserve a room in your block go to richmondglensidesuites.hamptoninn.com, select your arrival and departure dates, then click “add special rate codes” in the box labeled “group code”, enter LDS, continue making your reservation by selecting from the available room types at the negotiated group rate set up by the group contact.

This course is available to all those having an interest in the beauty and care of our environment through landscaping.

**Course Registration • Landscape Design School
Course IV Series XXVII October 1 - 2, 2018
Registration Deadline: September 15, 2018**

---Please Print---

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail: _____ Fax: _____

Garden Club: _____ District: _____

Check if you are refreshing ___ Are you a Master Gardener? yes / no

Is your garden club a member of VFGC? ___Yes ___No

Please Check the Correct Boxes

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|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exam Student | \$ 80.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-exam Student | \$ 80.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | *Single Day Student | \$ 40.00 |

Circle One: Monday or Tuesday

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check payable: VFGC Landscape Design School

(Note: Maximum class size is 30 students. Late cancellations for refunds shall be based upon medical/family emergencies.)

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**Mark Your
Calendar**

Flower Show School - Course IV
February 25-28, 2019
at the Four Points by Sheraton, Henrico
Submitted by Val Story, Chairman

Horticulture: Pam Braun will teach horticulture on pines and cacti

Flower Show Procedure and Design: Frances Thrash will teach both classes; designs will be abstract designs

Join Us At VFGC's Judges Symposium
Nov. 14 - 15, 2018 • Four Points by Sheraton
4700 Laburnum Avenue • Henrico, Virginia 23231 • 804-226-4300
Submitted by Frances Thrash, Chairman

Instructors:

Horticulture: Dotty Howatt - *Horticulture Specialty Flower Show and any other class; Allied Topic - An Ethics and Etiquette Tune-up / Maintenance Check and Beat the Clock - Stumbling Blocks To Timely Judging.*

Dottie Howatt, a resident of Wilmington, DE, is the Alternate Director of the Central Atlantic Region, an Accredited Master Judge, a NGC, Inc. Flower Show School/Symposium Horticulture Instructor and a Daffodil Instructor for the American Daffodil Society. Dottie collaborated with other NGC Horticulture Instructors to write "Horticulture, Exhibiting and Judging". She holds a BS degree in Horticulture, majoring in plant science with a minor in botany, from the University of MD.

Design: Lynn Fronk - *Cascade and Low Profile Designs; Allied Topic: Design Techniques*

Lynn is an NGC master flower show judge and flower show school design and procedure instructor. She has taught in 40 states as well as Guatemala, Columbia, Equator, and Guantanamo Bay Cuba. She has judged major flower shows in the US such as the Philadelphia Flower Show, Newport Flower Show and the Rhode Island State Flower Show. She is currently serving as immediate past President of the Garden Club of Ohio and is their symposium chairman. She is an accrediting chairman for the flower show schools committee and a member of the data entry committee for all the NGC schools. She is a member of the Serendipity Garden Club Creative Arrangers Guild, Great Lake Atelier Flower Design Group, and the National Flower Arranger Guild. Lynn is a retired nurse and is active in many community activities.

If you have questions please contact Frances Thrash • 757-481-3484 •
francesthresh@cox.net • 2109 Cocoa Circle • Virginia Beach, VA 23454-2213

Hotel Information: Symposium is being held at the Four Points by Sheraton on 4700 Laburnam Ave. in Henrico, Virginia 23231. Contact the Four Points by Sheraton at 804-226-4300 for room reservations. Room rates are guaranteed through Tuesday, October 13, 2018, at \$95 per night, either single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes. Ask for the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs block to receive this rate.

Symposium is open to all. You may attend a single session or the entire course.

REGISTRATION FORM: SYMPOSIUM

Nov. 14 - 15, 2018

Four Points by Sheraton, Henrico, Virginia

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone and Cell: _____

E-Mail _____

Garden Club & District: _____

Taking Point Scoring Exam? Yes _____ No _____

Auditing? Yes _____ No _____

Credentials approved? Yes _____ No _____

Full course with/without exams and with two lunches..... \$130__

includes tuition & reserve seating only for students taking point scoring exam.

Design & Lunch Only (Wednesday) \$ 65__

Horticulture & Lunch Only (Thursday)..... \$ 65__

Manual will be emailed free of charge

Or, Printed manual available at registration if Pre-ordered \$ 5__

TOTAL** _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

No credentials will be accepted at the door. To take for credit, credentials must be sent to:

Rebecca Elston

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804-580-6713 • elston.marshwood@gmail.com

To register, make check payable to Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. with Symposium in the memo line and mail to:

Brenda McManaway

VFGC Symposium

5531 Bethlehem Road

Boones Mill, Virginia 24065-3231

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Penny Pines Update

Submitted by Joy Poole, Penny Pines Chairman



VFGC is once again supporting the NGC project called Penny Pines, which provides funds to the National Forest Service to replant burned out, diseased, and flooded areas. All six districts have made donations this year, and so far for the first half of this year, we have a total of 39 plantations to our credit. This is especially relevant as we have been witnessing so many destructive wild fires this year. Thank you for your support and keep on collecting coins for this worthwhile project.

Litter Prevention/ Recycling

Submitted by Lorraine VanWickler, Chairman

This is a fabulous Reuse, Refurbish, Recycle Company.

Computer Recycling of Virginia, Inc. was founded in 2001 with a mission to place educationally-useful equipment into Virginia’s schools and non-profit organizations free of charge, while promoting electronics recycling throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

They accept all computer related equipment and most any electronic devices including - computers, lap tops, and telephone equipment, even cables, and mice. All required components are reused or recycled in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations. NONE of the equipment is sent to a land fill!

Reuse, refurbish and recycling has enabled CRVA to donate over 20,000 pieces of equipment to Virginia schools, non-profits, and youth programs. Over 14,000 tons of waste has been diverted from Virginia’s landfills thereby helping our children, and protecting the environment.

Give your old obsolete electronic equipment new life and purpose by donating it to CRVA to help them continue to donate much needed equipment to Virginia’s public schools and non-profit organizations. Please go to their web site for more info: recycle4va.com.

VFGC Life Membership Recipients 2017-2018

Submitted by Patsy Cameron, Chairman

No.	Name	Club	District
7342.....	Pamela Bosserman	Sleepy Hollow GC	Piedmont
7364.....	Dale Daly	Manassas GC	Piedmont
7366.....	Corann Kitchen	Abingdon GC	Southwest
7367.....	Terry White	Rustburg GC	South Central
7368.....	June Goode	G C of Bedford	Blue Ridge
7369.....	Wanda Ames	Smith Mountain Lake GC	Blue Ridge
7370.....	Irene Demm	Smith Mountain Lake GC	Blue Ridge
7371.....	Norene Lore	Smith Mountain Lake GC	Blue Ridge
7372.....	Judy Hudgins	North Lake GC	Blue Ridge
7373.....	Martha Roby	Rapid Ann GC	Shenandoah
7374.....	Debbie Glover	Seasons IV GC	Southwest
7375.....	Ray Glover	Seasons IV GC	Southwest
7376.....	Jody Hazelwood	Seasons IV GC	Southwest

7377.....	Marian Batson	Calfee GC	Shenandoah
7378.....	Sue Ferguson	Rose Cliff GC	Shenandoah
7379.....	Sandy Hill.....	Westchester GC	Blue Ridge
7380.....	Sabrina Alumbaugh.....	Greenvale GC	Shenandoah
7381.....	Lucinda Eye.....	Greenvale GC	Shenandoah
7382.....	Jo Ann White.....	Red Hill GC	South Central
7383.....	Susan Hunt	Raged Robin GC	South Central
7384.....	Judy Barnes	SAR Director	VFGC
7385.....	Kay Melinowski	Front Royal GC.....	Shenandoah
7386.....	Camille Archie	Salisbury GC.....	Piedmont
7387.....	Lee Wyche.....	Woodland Pond GC	Piedmont
7388.....	Sandy Delauder	Merrifields GC.....	Tidewater
7389.....	Terri Crawford.....	Westham GC.....	Piedmont
7390.....	Sherry Means.....	Westham GC.....	Piedmont
7391.....	Joyce Suttles	Cedar Point GC.....	Tidewater
7392.....	Rose Marie Crocco	Colonial Heritage GC	Tidewater
7393.....	Linda Hudson	Sugar Loaf GC	Blue Ridge
7394.....	Joyce Woods	Sugar Loaf GC	Blue Ridge
7395.....	Jane Denton	Kilmarnock GC.....	Piedmont
7396.....	Yvonne Warren	Green Meadow Point GC.....	Tidewater

VFGC Book of Honor Recipients 2017-2018

No.....	Name	Club.....	District
98.....	Kimberly Santolla.....	Seasons IV GC.....	Southwest
99.....	Mary Akers.....	Amelia County GC	Piedmont
100.....	Joyce Clark.....	Rapid Ann GC	Shenandoah
101.....	Doris Samuels	Rapid Ann GC	Shenandoah
102.....	Sylvia Brewington.....	May Farm GC	Tidewater
103.....	Lib Wetsel	Amelia County GC	Piedmont



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Horticulture Notes

*Submitted by Jane Harrold Sorensen,
Chairman*

Not so fast with the fall clean-up! As you put your flower gardens to bed this fall, leave some flowers behind to provide food and shelter for birds. The seed heads of black-eyed Susans, purple coneflowers, goldenrod, sunflowers, asters, zinnias, and other flowers are important food

sources for birds in the winter. The remaining plant material from flowers and grasses provide shelter as windbreaks, nest materials, and temporary cover. While these flower left-overs may not offer the same color and charm as your spring and summer flower garden, they do provide helpful wildlife habitat, and a great opportunity for wildlife viewing from the comfort of your easy chair.

The VERY IDEA: INCREASING CLUB MEMBERSHIP!

Submitted by Judy Ann Fray, 3rd VP / Membership Chairman

The Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs provides money and recognition for clubs that INFORM others about what they do, INVITE new people to join the club and actually INCREASE membership! Have you thought about your membership efforts since our Convention in April? There we learned about clubs with very large increases in membership. Where is the club that does not like to hear their name proclaimed as 'among the most successful' in any subject area and especially in the area of Increased Membership: one of our VFGC ongoing projects?

Clubs may be as creative as possible in order to INFORM, INVITE and INCREASE their numbers. Six months remain in the time period to achieve increases and apply for AWARDS # S-4 AND S-33. (See VFGC Yearbook, pages 71 and 75 for details of these awards). An application FORM is not required, but a list of new members and the date that they joined your club must be provided to VFGC Membership Chairman, Judy Ann Fray, by MARCH 10.

Have you made a plan to use some of the newly revised and informative VFGC MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES to get attention for our VFGC Increased membership effort?? Club contact information may be added into the space for it on the brochure. These are being used at flower shows, garden events, programs, and garden centers where people with the same interests as garden club 'member-people' think of joining a garden club. "The VERY IDEA!!"

For additional information and brochures, contact VFGC Membership Chairman, Judy Ann Fray, 540-948-4220 or ja.fray@verizon.net.

RutRoh: the Plant America bulb project, described below by Liz Lester, was so successful that the bulbs were sold-out before the ODG could go to press. However, Brent and Becky's has other wonderful bulbs and you can still donate a portion of your purchase to NGC (or VFGC). Simply go to bloominbucks.com, scroll down and select the organization that you'd like to support, hit "Go", and you will go to a special REMINDER page. Read it and click YES to continue. You will be taken to the Brent and Becky's Bulbs website where a portion of every dollar you spend goes to support the organization you chose.

Two For The Price Of One

Submitted by Liz Lester, National President's Project

~~Add a special split corona daffodil, N. 'Plant America', to your Civic Beautification Project or to your own personal landscape and you have supported the PLANT AMERICA COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT FUND. Brent and Becky's Bulbs introduced a new narcissus cultivar for National Garden Clubs, Inc. Brent Heath is importing the bulb from the Hulsebosch Brothers in North Holland, who specialize in growing sustainable and organic bulbs. Purchase a bag of 5 bulbs for \$7.50 plus 40 cents Va. sales tax and a percent of each purchase will be donated to PLANT AMERICA COMMUNITY GRANTS.~~

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VFGC Calendar of Events

Aug. 26.....	VFGC Finance Committee	Kirkley, Lynchburg
Aug. 27.....	VFGC Board Meeting.....	Kirkley, Lynchburg
Aug. 27-30.....	VFGC Flower Show School Course III	Kirkley, Lynchburg
Sept. 15.....	Deadline for a Keys to the Future Youth Grant Application	
Sept. 15.....	Deadline for Grants to Beautify and Restore Grant Applications	
Sept. 26-28.....	NGC Board Meeting	Orlando, FL
Oct. 1-2.....	Landscape Design School	Richmond
Oct. 8.....	Piedmont District Meeting	Richmond
Oct. 12.....	Shenandoah District Meeting.....	Waynesboro
Oct. 13.....	Southwest District Meeting.....	Abingdon
Oct. 18.....	Blue Ridge District Meeting	Roanoke
Oct. 24-28.....	Fine Arts & Flowers	VA Museum of Fine Arts
Oct. 25.....	Tidewater District Meeting	Norfolk
Nov. 1.....	Deadline for Winter ODG articles	RLJLDJED@twc.com
Nov. 13.....	VFSJC Meeting.....	Four Points, Henrico
Nov. 14-15.....	VFGC Judges Symposium	Four Points, Henrico
December 1.....	Deadline for most Awards to District Awards Chairmen	

In Memoriam

◆ Blue Ridge District

Barbara Badger.....	Boones Mill Garden Club
Katherine Logan	New Castle Garden Club
Millie Trent.....	Westchester Garden Club

◆ Piedmont District

Marguerite Morris.....	Salisbury Garden Club
Jean Fountain.....	Canterbury Garden Club
Bonnie Jarrard.....	Canterbury Garden Club
Lydia Morris.....	Canterbury Garden Club
Cynthia Slough	Canterbury Garden Club
Patt Woodby	Nathaniel Cawsey Garden Club
Ann Tenser	West Hanover Garden Club
Doris Hendrickson.....	Windsordale Garden Club
Elizabeth Maybach	Woodland Pond Garden Club

◆ Shenandoah District

Anne Stilwell.....	Hill & Valley Garden Club
Virginia P. Sikes.....	Town & Country Garden Club
Brenda Entwistle.....	Beverly Garden Club
Carolyn Graham	Lake of the Woods Garden Club
Jennifer Alphin	Lexington Garden Club
Janet Ecklund.....	Middleburg Garden Club
Salome Musch	Middleburg Garden Club
Linda Newton	Middleburg Garden Club



Jean Brent Nelson County Garden Club
 Joyce Clark Rapid Ann Garden Club
 Doris B Samuels Rapid Ann Garden Club
 Jackie Meadows Rose Cliff Garden Club

◆ **South Central District**

Jane Virkler Friends & Flowers Garden Club
 Helen Moser Inglewood Garden Club

◆ **Southwest District**

Merry Lu Prior Town & Country Garden Club
 Bibbi Fraley Green Thumb Garden Club

◆ **Tidewater District**

Gaye Burton Cavalier Garden Club
 Peggy Cowan Cedar Point Garden Club
 Dana Lee Walker-Wasserman James River Garden Club

**Open Invitation from North Carolina Garden Clubs, Inc. to Virginia
 Garden Club Members and Flower Show Judges to Attend
 North Carolina’s Symposium October 28-30, 2018**
Submitted by Francis Thrash, VFGC Symposium Chairman

The North Carolina Symposium will be October 28 - 30. Contact Barbara Walter with any questions: 1649 Halltown Road, Jacksonville, NC 28546, *barbie@ec.rr.com*, 910-389-9742.



Checks should be made to Rose of Sharon GC/2018 Symposium with a cost of \$150 before 9/28/18 or \$165 afterwards but before 10/18/18.

North Carolina’s Symposium will be in the Embassy Suites Hotel, Raleigh-Durham Research Triangle East, 201 Harrison Oaks Blvd., Cary, NC 27513 which may be called

directly at 919-677-1840. A flyer with additional information can be found at www.gardenclubofnc.org/index.php/flower-shows-2, then click on Symposium.

Instructors will be Pam Braun discussing chrysanthemums and dahlias and Lynn Fronk with Petite Line Design and Feature Plant Material Design. Allied topics will be Exhibiting Photography and Bonded Designs.

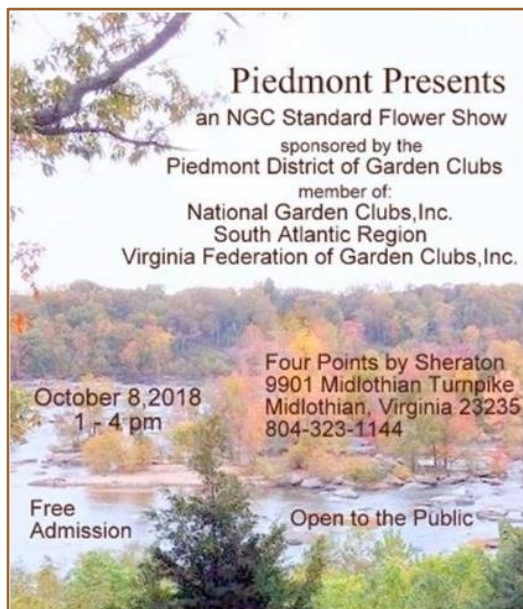
CLUB AND DISTRICT NEWS

Thomas Jefferson Garden Club Celebrates 85 Years

Submitted by Randi Heise, Flower Show Publicity Chair (P)

“Echoes of the Past”

Thomas Jefferson Garden Club is celebrating 85 years of gardening and friendship with “Echoes of the Past”, a NGC Flower Show. The flower show will be held September 27, 2018, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bruening Hall, 2315 Parham Road Richmond, Virginia 23229. This show is free of charge and open to the public.



Piedmont District Flower Show

If you are interested in entering, please request a schedule and one will be sent to you.

Contact: Diane Burgess
burgessdiane@gmail.com • 804-784-6716 or JoAnn McNabb
josiemcva@gmail.com • 804-749-8383.

If you are interested in entering, registration is as follows: design- register with Sally Harrison *sally.c.harrison@gmail.com* • 804-784-2851; horticulture- no registration necessary but exhibitors are limited to 3 entries; educational exhibit – register with Lorraine Van Wickler

dragonfly14@va.metrocast.net • 804-453-6126; botanical arts design (crafts and freedom of style) – register with Diane Burgess (see info above).

Rosecrest Garden Club

Submitted by Marie Crites Co-chairperson, Rosecrest Holiday Gala (P)

Rosecrest Garden Club’s 8th annual Holiday Gala will be held October 17 at the Country Club of Petersburg. There will be a floral design presentation by Marion Zimmermann of Fredericksburg, lunch, a silent auction, a fashion walk by All Manor of Things, and door prizes galore! Call today for this sell-out event! Contact Carolyn Shiflet, 804-536-0865, or Marie Crites, 804-720-5198, for reservations with a \$35 contribution. Proceeds support our scholarship fund.



Moneta Garden Club Gives Scholarship

Submitted by Sharon Jones (BR)

Linda Bosiger is shown presenting a scholarship to Cassidy Chambers from Moneta Garden Club at the Staunton River High School awards ceremony on Monday May 21, 2018.



Hoe 'N Hope Garden Club Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Submitted by Sue Knight (Sh)

Hoe 'N Hope Garden Club of Waynesboro celebrated a very happy 60th anniversary by having a social evening, including dinner prepared by members, on May 14. Each participant designed and wore a hat, decorated with beautiful living spring blossoms taken from personal gardens. Many colors, mostly perennials, were wonderfully represented.

Thank you Lucille Gresham for opening your home for such a lovely and fun evening.



Berkeley Garden Club Holds Awards Luncheon

Submitted by Loy Holt (T)

The members of the Berkeley Garden Club, Tidewater District, met at the Waypoint Seafood Grill for their annual year-end awards luncheon. In keeping with their president, Judy Casone's theme of "In the Garden." they were all asked to wear a hat adorned with fresh flowers.

Pictured Left to Right, Back Row: Loy Holt, Mary Grogan, Judy Casone, Dee Arbegast, Susan Moorman, Ann Fulford, Carol Fryer, Sandy Anthony, Bev Baker, Ricki Carson, and Glenda Knowles. Middle Row: Ruth Maruca, Angela Cingale, Linda Ruggles, Geneva Hunt, Kate Wilhide, Patsy McGrady and Shirley Jenkins.

Seated: Sandra Gillette, Betty Babb, Barbara Wallace, Toni Webb, and Madelyn Larkin.



Toano Garden Club Marks 50th Anniversary

Submitted by Beverley Smith, President (T)

Toano Garden Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a tea June 2 at the Norge Community Hall. Pictured seated, from left, are Diane Wheeler and



Toska Mungo; standing are Michelle Eardly, Rachel Wheeler, Ruth Espailat, Karen Foraker, Betty Smith, Wanda Espailat, Beverley Smith, and Judy Taylor.

The club supports projects of Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs, Tidewater District, VFGC, and the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. Community beautification projects include planting a dogwood tree at Toano Fire Department and cleaning James City Chapel Cemetery. Members participated in a Memorial Day Service at the cemetery and donated a decorated wreath to honor veterans. The club provided a dish garden to Hospice House for the month of June. With only ten members, the club has been successful with bake sales as a fund raiser.

Appomattox GC Shares Magic of Gardening with Children

Submitted by Carrie Lewis (SC)



In honor of the Week of the Young Child, Appomattox Garden Club visited Appomattox Christian Academy (ACA) and shared an age appropriate program about gardening with

the children. ACA Kindergarten teacher and garden clubber Carrie Lewis was aided by the following club members, some of whom are former school teachers: Evelyn Ford, Jean Hacker, Pat Brownell, Gloria Gibson, and Mary White. On April 25 a club member read “The Saved Seed” to kindergarten through fifth grade children. Following the reading youngsters planted seeds in containers. Club members brought different types of seeds for comparison purposes.

The preschool class had a special craft and hands-on gardening activity. Students got to hold different types of seeds and talk about their appearance before gluing them down on pretty paper and making a fantastic collage. Another fun activity for the younger children was pretending to take care of a blooming flower garden, using artificial flowers and child-size gardening shovels in a plastic container full of potting soil. The preschoolers got to take home seeds they had planted in containers and share their excitement about gardening with their parents.

During the spring, the children continued gardening by taking care of the beets, radishes, English peas, and lettuce that the kindergarten class had planted in March. It was a fine thing for former school teachers to be with young children again, and all of us felt pleased that we could share the magic of gardening, of seeds sprouting and gardens blooming, with the children.



Chesapeake Bay GC Sends Best Wishes to Elaine Price as she and her husband, Tom, are moving closer to family and friends in Oxford, PA!

Submitted by Dody Douglas (P)

Elaine is originally from Baltimore, MD, and lived up and down the Eastern part of the States due to Tom's job. In 1996, they permanently moved to the Northern Neck where they had always dreamed of retiring.

Elaine joined our garden club shortly after moving here. Neighbors Barbara Yinger and Virginia Cummins invited her to a club meeting and, as she says, "she was hooked"! She had always loved gardening and this seemed the perfect time to learn more about landscaping and gardening. She did learn a lot (completed Landscape Design School!), became involved in the Horticulture program, served on various committees, served as 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and helped with several of the flower shows put on by CBGC.

She says her favorite job for the garden club was co-chairing the Horticulture committee with Wonda Allain for four years. She loves horticulture and everything about it. Aside from that, the best thing about being a club member has been the friendships she's made over the years. Elaine will deeply miss everyone at CBGC, but she'll carry the wonderful memories forever.

One highlight of their move to Oxford, Pa, is that it's just 30 minutes from Longwood Gardens! She's inviting club members to come for a visit and enjoy the beautiful gardens at the same time!

Town and Country Garden Club Works Hard

Submitted by Kate Hibbitts, Secretary (SW)

National Garden Week was observed by Town and Country GC with a proclamation recognizing the week displayed at Wise Town Hall. In addition, a "Get to Know Us" was on display at the public library. Club members were available at various times during that week to greet visitors and explain our projects. Fresh floral arrangements and a display about flowers and gardening were enjoyed by visitors all week. A PowerPoint presentation of the club's many activities throughout the year was available for visitors to watch.

Other activities for the club have included members dividing daylilies at the library to encourage blooms and provide a neater appearance. Extra divisions were



donated to the Master Gardeners for their plant sale. Planters at the library were refreshed with new flowers.

Work is ongoing in the large circular garden in front of the Wise County Courthouse. Roses and an urn and pedestal will be added soon. Club members worked on the large flower box in front of the fire hall, planting a combination of annuals and perennials.

A major project has been landscaping a Blue Star Memorial at Wise Town Hall. Club members, with much assistance from town employees, friends and family members, were able to add mulch, a tree, shrubbery and many red, white and blue flowers. A dedication ceremony for the memorial garden was conducted on Flag Day, June 14.

Earlier this spring club members placed summer flowers in the planters along Main Street and at Wise Town Hall. Red, white and blue flowers were used. Work was also done on the planters at the Welcome to Wise signs as part of the community beautification effort.



Luray Garden Club Learns About Hydroponics *Submitted by Loree Fisher (Sh)*



On June 12 members of Luray Garden Club visited Endless Summer Harvest in Purcellville, VA to tour their hydroponic lettuce growing operation owned by May Ellen Taylor. Mary Ellen's mother, Rita Taylor (deceased), was a member of Luray Garden Club for many years. We had a wonderful time learning about hydroponic gardening and enjoyed sampling the produce! Yes, we each held a "bouquet" of lettuce for the group photo and we each took home several bags of freshly picked lettuce!

The Saved Seed: An Educational Experience With Luray Garden Club

Submitted by Linda Dudley (Sh)

Copies of “The Saved Seed” by Brenda Moore were purchased by the Luray Garden Club and given to all Page County elementary schools and public libraries last fall. In the spring of 2018, former elementary teacher and counselor, Linda Dudley and her granddaughter Courtney, who is studying to be a teacher, shared the book and hands-on seed activities with two 4th and two 5th grade classes at Springfield Elementary School and one kindergarten class at Luray Elementary reaching approximately 125 students and 9 adults.

The book was read to each class followed by enthusiastic discussions after which Courtney assisted students in planting seeds to take home and grow. Each class was given enough roasted and raw pumpkin seeds (pepitas) for everyone to give them a try.



Left: Courtney Dudley reads “The Saved Seed” to kindergarten students at Luray Elementary.

The project was met with such enthusiasm that Linda was easily talked into re-turning in the fall with a pumpkin for each class to harvest seeds and make some delicious pumpkin treats. After all, “once a teacher, always a teacher” and what better lesson to teach than one about the life cycle of seed plants and the

importance of planting –things garden club members are passionate about.

Additionally, on June 18, Loree Fisher read the donated copy at the Luray Branch library and she and Susan King helped children plant pumpkin seeds in peat pots to take home !



Red Hill Garden Club ladies with VFGC President, Marty Bowers and Restoration Archeologist, Jack Gary on the steps of Jefferson's beloved second home, Poplar Forest.

Red Hill Garden Club Members Busy “All Summer Long”

Submitted by Marilyn Eanes-Shorter, President (SC)

Oscar Wilde said, “And all at once Summer collapsed into Fall...” and that my friends has happened. I can't

believe it is time to update the ODG on Red Hill Garden Club's activities for the fall issue of the ODG.

We have had a very busy and productive summer. First and most important of all, we have added 4 new members to our club in the past 3 months. Great programs, wonderful comradery, and good publicity in local papers and the ODG certainly pays off.

May, we made a trip to Danville for our awards luncheon and visited local garden centers to purchase plants. June, we had a field trip to Poplar Forest, Jefferson's beloved second home and toured the grounds with, and had a lecture by Mr. Jack Gary, on-site archeologist working on the restoration of the grounds per Jefferson's specifications. Our very own VFGC President, Marty Bowers joined us for this outing and dinner. July, we had a wonderful meeting outside at the Aspen Bee Farm learning all about honey bees, how to care for them, harvest the honey, taking care of our pollinators and working to try and reverse the threats currently facing these little important pollinators. After the meeting we had a wonderful dinner and meeting at Jo Ann White's home. In August we had a very informative meeting on succulents by Susan Timmons. With that August program, summer has come and gone!

So, as you can see, Red Hill GC continues to plan and execute wonderful programs, bring in new members, work in our local communities, work with children to educate them in gardening and have fun. We have planned programs all the way through next May. So "stay tuned" for more exciting news from Red Hill GC in the winter issue of ODG.

"Why try to explain miracles to your kids, when you can just have them plant a garden".....Robert Brault

Rose Cliff Garden Club

Submitted by Sandy Curry, Publicity Chair (Sh)

Rose Cliff Garden Club in Waynesboro continues to maintain the grounds at the local post office in our downtown. In addition the club members have decided to contribute to three local garden related groups using the funds from our yearly February event, "Auction of Treasures," where members bring gently used items from home, baked goods, gardening supply baskets, etc. Our most prized



auction item each year is a painting donated by one of our members, Pat Cook, who is a well renowned artist. Her painting is also used as the printed cover of our club yearbook. Someone in the club auctions these items to our members in order

to acquire funds for our post office project as well as for our many donations to a variety of area groups.

This year we have decided to contribute to Nature Camp, a private, non-profit, residential, co-ed summer camp for children in grades 5-12 that specializes in natural history and environmental science education. We are also donating to the Boys & Girls Club of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County, for a project where the children visit local farms to learn gardening and team-building skills. They come away with a wider understanding of their food, nutrition, and health. Our third contribution will be to the Waynesboro Public Library to purchase, "Nature Backpacks." The Backpacks can be checked out and they come with a parking pass that allows free entry to a Virginia State Park, pocket guides, a specimen container, a magnifying lens and more. The Backpacks are a partnership between the Library of Virginia, Virginia State parks, and the Science Museum of Virginia.

Hopefully these three projects to which we have contributed will in some way encourage children and their families to learn together about their backyard, about nature, and increase awareness of the beauty in our local area.

Wayside Members Jump Right in to 2018

Submitted by Mitzi Cassidy, President (SC)

Wayside Garden Club had a very busy winter & spring. In January members created designs representing the theme "Winter Wonderland". Designs were critiqued, further educating members about the elements & principles of design.

Our February program was on "Permaculture Gardening" practices, and in March we learned of "The Secrets Inside" the homes & buildings on Danville's Millionaires' Row. With April came our Spring Tea & Flower Show themed "A Stroll Down Memory Lane", as well as our annual Geranium Plant Sale.

May was a busy month for our youth projects. Wayside provided plants, pots & soil to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Danville for the youth members to plant, nurture & then share with someone significant in their lives. This is a long-standing project between the clubs to help encourage an interest in flowers, herbs, and gardening as well as promote an educational opportunity for area youth to learn about different types of horticulture. "The Saved Seed" project was next on our youth project list. We prepared to help the first-grade students at Heritage Academy start Phase II of the project; planting the pumpkin seeds they harvested in the Fall 2017. Mother Nature had other plans however,



rain arrived and delayed the planting of the seeds until the beginning of June. The students learned about the importance of rain barrels, properly preparing the soil and then got to work planting those pumpkin seeds! We plan to harvest pumpkins in early Fall.

Wayside's 84th club year concluded with our May Business Meeting and Luncheon.

Two NGC Blue Ribbons for Wayside Garden Club

Submitted by Mitzi Cassidy, President (SC)



Wayside Garden Club was honored to be awarded a Blue Ribbon at the 2018 VFGC Convention for our Club Yearbook, our Club Newsletter “By the Wayside” and our Publication “Job Descriptions for Officers and Committee Chairman”. As a result, these award applications advanced to SAR and/or NGC for further evaluation and consideration for regional and national awards.

“Surprise, surprise” is all I can think of to say to our members when they open and read this great news in their fall 2018 ODG!

Wayside Garden Club won First Place for its one-page, club newsletter “By the Wayside”. The Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for a 1-page Bulletin, Medium Club award was presented at the 2018 NGC Convention. The newsletter began in August 2017 as a way to improve communication with the club's membership. It is published by the Club President from August through May each year and emailed or mailed to every member of the club.

Wayside also won First Place for its Publication-Manuals/Handbook, “Job Descriptions for Officers and Committee Chairman”. This handbook contains updated and detailed job descriptions for each Officer and Committee Chairman grouped together into a user-friendly format that can be referenced by the current and future Officers & Committee Chairman.

Job Well Done Ladies.

Hopewell's Appomattox Garden Club Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Submitted by Marilyn Brown, President (P)

Hopewell's Appomattox Garden Club celebrated its 60th anniversary on June 7 with a luncheon meeting at Hopewell's historic Weston Manor (c. 1789) on the Appomattox River. Nine meetings a year for 60 years since 1957 add up to 519 meetings plus outings! Cholly Easterling, who is the only surviving charter member, presented a history of the club.

We're proud that Appomattox Garden Club has had a tremendous impact on our community throughout the years. The club participates in Garden Week and the Christmas Tours each year, embellishing Weston's historical setting by decorating the home for visitors. AGC works with the Hopewell Department of Public Works to plant and maintain various gardens throughout the city. It also supports the Hopewell Public Schools in projects related to growing vegetables.

To commemorate the clubs anniversary, a bench will be placed at the garden across from the Hopewell marina.

Over the years the club members have enjoyed trips to Washington's National Arboretum, Tryon Palace in New Bern, N. C., Garden Week tours in Williamsburg, Richmond, Petersburg and Gloucester. The club is represented annually at Piedmont District meetings of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and State Conventions in Richmond.

With only twenty-five members, our purpose remains that of stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening and flower arranging among our individual members and furthering friendship and fellowship.

A helpful hint - A cornmeal/vinegar mixture cleans extra grimy hands.



Cholly
Easterling



Buckingham Dillwyn GC Celebrates 85th Anniversary

Submitted by Barbara Wheeler, Club Co-President (SC)

A gala affair was held at the Buckingham Arts Center to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Buckingham Dillwyn Garden Club in June. The club was established in 1932 and federated in 1933 and has stayed active promoting the love of gardening throughout the community. Members and guests enjoyed an afternoon filled with wonderful food, beautiful flowers and great friendships. Marty Bowers, VFGC President, presented a certificate honoring the club, National Garden Club presented a certificate, and the Buckingham Board of Supervisors presented a resolution commending the club for its long-standing service to the County. A Peace Rose bush, the club flower, was planted at the Art Center in honor of the celebration. Attending were Valerie Virkler, Past President of South Central District; Brenda Marks, club member; Barbara Wheeler, club co-president; Glenda Harris, club co-president; Deanna Schwartz, President South Central District; Elfriede Wolford, club member; Pat Johnson, past president; Jeanette Reck, past president; Marty Bowers, VFGC President; Eileen Butler, past

president; Sherley Chapman, Barbara Knabe, Marie Flowers and other members looking on. Photo by club member Agnes Cramer.



New Castle Garden Club

Submitted by Lee Greiser, Pres. (BR)

Craig County has been home to Camp Easter Seals for many decades. Beginning in 1959 and continuing every season since, the members of the New Castle Garden Club have provided fresh flowers to welcome each week's new campers. In preparation for the Camp's opening this past Memorial Day weekend, vases of flowers with a patriotic theme were placed on tables and beneath the Camp's beloved mascot.



Town and Country Garden Club

Submitted by Sandy Yun (SW)

Town and Country GC recently completed a beautification project of a butterfly garden and National Monarch Way Station in conjunction with the Junior Garden Club. This garden, located on the campus of the Wise County Christian School, contains a raised flower bed flanked by several smaller raised beds. Only

chemical free, organic products were used in this garden, making this National Monarch Way Station an organic butterfly garden. With the help of many other hands within the community, we were able to use this project as a butterfly/pollinator education program.

The goals that will be achieved as a result of this garden will include helping to protect the butterfly population, demonstrating the role that butterflies play in pollinating flowering plants, and emphasizing the role of the butterfly in



pollinating many human food sources. It is hoped that this garden will enlighten community members on the plight of the butterfly with 5 species having gone extinct since 1950 and an additional 25 species listed as endangered and will assist in butterfly and pollinator preservation, conservation, and improvement. The garden will provide many happy hours for the

butterflies, the local population, and the school children.

Plants in the garden include annual, biennial, and perennial nectar species. Among these plants are *Lantana*, *Nasturtiums*, *Zinnias*, *Cosmos*, *Marigolds*, *Tithonia* (also known as Mexican Sunflowers), and dill. Perennials we can plant are Purple Coneflowers, *Aster*, Catnip, Daisies, *Coreopsis*, *Monarda* or Bee Balm, *Sedum*, *Yarrow*, *Phlox*, *Liatris* and Milkweed.

A Walk in the Garden

Submitted by Jane Sorensen,
President (SW)

Seasons IV and Fincastle Garden Clubs of Tazewell staged a standard flower show, titled “A Walk in the Garden,” on July 28. Every other year these two garden clubs partner to host a flower show as part of Tazewell’s Main Street Moments celebration. This year’s flower show was special for two reasons: it honored a recently deceased Fincastle GC member (Jean Walk) who was a



steadfast flower show organizer and participant; and it celebrated Seasons IV Garden Club's 40th anniversary.

Our judges were Margaret Craft and Pat Smith (SW district) and Nancy Goodman (Blue Ridge district). Design blue ribbons were won by: Jan Lutz, Brenda Persin, and Nancy Dunford (2 blues). Nancy Dunford was also awarded the Design Excellence award. Award of Merit winners for horticulture were: Darla Fountain, Debbie Glover, Renee Johnson, Joan Flynn, and Elene Combs. Judy Houchins won the Growers Choice award, Brenda Davis won the Sweepstakes Award for the most blue ribbons for her entries, and the Seasons IV Court House garden won the Arboreal Award. Brenda Davis also provided two excellent educational displays about Blue Star Memorial markers in Southwest Virginia, and pollinators.

Both clubs give special thanks to Elene Combs (Seasons IV GC) for countless hours heading up the planning, set-up, and overall management of the show, along with providing an amazing supply of clean clear bottles for horticulture entries.

Save The Date

Tidewater District Presents

"Rhythm in Hues"

a NGC Standard Flower Show

in conjunction with the Virginia Flower & Garden Expo
"Symphony of Gardens"

January 25 - 27, 2019 • Virginia Beach Convention Center

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For information, please contact Glenda Knowles, show chairman
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Save That Date

Nathaniel Cawsey Garden Club's Garden Party (P)

Nathaniel Cawsey GC will hold its 25th annual Garden Party
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
at the Country Club of Petersburg
1250 Flank Road, Petersburg, VA 23805

...more info to come in the ODG but mark your calendars NOW!

**59th Annual Green Spring Garden Club
Christmas Homes Tour (T)
Saturday, December 1, 2018**

The **59th annual Christmas Homes Tour**, presented by the Green Spring Garden Club, will take place Saturday, December 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This year's Homes Tour will feature five sites, all of which will be beautifully decorated with seasonal floral designs. Three homes are located in the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's Historic Area: the Robert Carter House, Unicorn's Horn, and Timson House. The Colonial Williamsburg Stables also will be on the tour. A fourth home, the Reeves residence, is located near the Historic Area. These private homes will be open to the public just for this one special day.

Tour tickets are available only through Green Spring GC. Advance tickets are recommended. To order tickets by mail from September 15 – November 15, and to find more detailed information on tour houses, visit the garden club's website www.greenspringgardenclub.org/christmas-homes-tour. Tickets will be available from club members at the Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center and Williamsburg Lodge on Friday, Nov. 30, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday Dec. 1, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Tickets will also be sold at each house during tour hours. Only cash and checks will be accepted at these locations. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance, \$35 per person on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1 and \$10 per person to tour a single location. Advance ticket order forms will be ready for download in September.

Tickets include free parking at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center and use of Foundation buses from the Visitor Center and around the Revolutionary City. The Green Spring GC Christmas Homes Tour is scheduled to coincide with Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination weekend December 1-2, 2018. Inquiries may be sent to: greenspring.gardenclub@gmail.com.

Ye Accawmacke Garden Club Celebrates National Garden Week

Submitted by Ann Bull (T)



This is the first time that our club has participated in National Garden Week (NGW). We presented 4 events during the week. Our club members made Kokedamas, a form of Japanese bonsai that were placed in 2 local libraries and our Chamber of Commerce along with an enlarged copy of the NGW Proclamation. A window in downtown Onancock displayed floral designs around the NGW Proclamation. Metompkin Elementary School students planted a garden at the school with the help of one of our members. Finally, we visited the New Roots Youth Garden in Cape Charles. “The Saved Seed” was read to 17 students who also got to taste mini pumpkin muffins. We presented New Roots with a copy of “The Saved Seed” and a check.

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