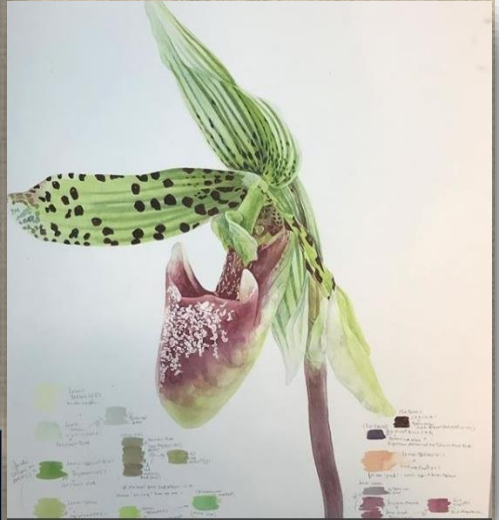


# Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs' *Old Dominion Gardener*

*Grow Them, Paint Them, or Arrange Them*  
We Can Do It 📷 Join Us & Learn How



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Botanical Art "Necklace"-  
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### Speakers:

**Tony Todesco**, founder and owner of Stow Florist/One Main Street Studio, of Stow, Massachusetts, has designed and commented for trade shows and has appeared on television promoting the use and enjoyment of flowers. He is a regular guest designer, lecturer and instructor for Civic, Design Groups, and Garden Clubs on state, national, and international levels. Design programs have been presented to numerous museums, including The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and The Minneapolis Institute of Art. Tony's large scale designs are a regular exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts.



Among his many accomplishments are set design and staging for numerous flowers shows, including The Massachusetts Horticultural Societies' Annual New England Flower Show. He is proud to be a National Garden Clubs (NGC) Master Flower Show Judge, and served on the NGC Flower Show Committee as New Design Development Chair (2001-2009). He developed and introduced five new design types which are included in the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, and are also seen in the Designing by Types publication. Tony is now Design Consultant for the NGC Flower Show Schools Committee.

In addition to over 35 years in the Metro West Boston area, Tony's colorful style and expertise make him a sought after designer, lecturer, and commentator. Because of his creative use of plant material in his designs and technical knowledge, he not only interprets design trends, but helps create them.



**Ellen Ogden** is the co-founder of The Cook's Garden seed catalog and author of numerous books including The Complete Kitchen Garden. Her articles and designs have appeared in Martha Stewart Living, Horticulture, and Eating Well magazines as well as the New York Times and The Boston Globe. She has been a guest on PBS's Victory Garden and the Baroness of Basil on HGTV. As an award-winning food and garden writer, Ellen is known for her informative and fun-

loving garden talks and design workshops. Her designs combine artistic elements with classic garden design techniques which elevate a backyard vegetable garden into a European-inspired kitchen garden.

**Jef Naunchik** is a 1986 graduate of Virginia Tech with degrees in

horticultural landscape design and studio art. He is a landscape designer with Village Garden Center, Fishersville, VA, where he designs and installs elaborate gardens, water gardens, gazebos, patios and decks. His landscapes have been published in Southern Living, Southern Accent, and English Gardener magazines. Jef teaches at Blue Ridge Community College, and Valley Career and Technical Center. His classes include the fundamentals of horticulture, techniques of landscaping, hardscape construction, nightscaping, indoor plants and water gardening. Jef was also honored to be asked to present a workshop for the NGC Convention 2017 in Richmond, VA.

**Convention Hotel Information:** The Westin Hotel Richmond - 6631 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230. The Convention room rate is \$135 (single, double, triple or quad) plus tax. Rate includes convenient free parking. Special Hotel Reservations Deadline: March 19, 2018. To reserve a room, please call 1-888-627-7786. Be sure to state you are with the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs to receive this special rate.

**Convention Flower Show Information:** Please contact Darlene (Sam) Halvorsen at [bsynana@aol.com](mailto:bsynana@aol.com) if you are interested in entering the flower show. The schedule will be available when completed. All garden club members are invited to enter.

### VFGC Credentials Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Check one that applies:

- VFGC Officer/Board of Directors  Club Delegate  
 Club President  Club Alternate

All designated delegates and alternates, including VFGC Officers and members of the Board of Directors, must complete this form and include it with your Registration Form. Eligibility shall be in accordance with VFGC Bylaws - the number of Delegates and Alternates each Club is allowed to send to Convention depends on the size of the Club. Based on club size, this is calculated as follows:

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1-25 members   | President or appointee - 1 Alternate                   |
| 26-50 members  | President or appointee plus 1 Delegate - 2 Alternates  |
| 51-100 members | President or appointee plus 2 Delegates-3 Alternates   |
| 100 + members  | President or appointee plus 3 Delegates - 4 Alternates |

Delegates have the right to vote, alternates fill in for the delegate if he/she is unable to attend the Convention.

# 2018 VFGC Convention Registration Form

April 8 - 10, 2018 • The Westin Hotel - Richmond, VA

Return form by **March 20, 2018**, make check payable to: **VFGC 2018 Convention**, Mail to: **Mary Sue Floyd, Registrar**, 2824 E. Meadow Wood Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321-4233 •

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Check **ALL** that apply:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer/Chm                                | <input type="checkbox"/> District President | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Officer/Chm                                | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director  | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Life Member  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former VFGC President                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President     | <input type="checkbox"/> VFGC Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer/Chm                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor/Guest    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VFGC Life Member or Book of Honor since May 1, 2017 |   |   |

Registration Fee ..... \$15.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee Post Marked after 3/20/18 ..... \$25.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Package Plan (includes four meals, all programs and registration fee)  
..... \$210.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday April 8, 2018

Lewis Ginter Garden Tour (details to follow. Check if interested)

..... \$ 35.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner and Program by Jef Naunchik ..... \$ 60.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Monday April 9, 2018

Luncheon and Design Program by Tony Todesco ..... \$ 55.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner and Program by Ellen Ogden ..... \$ 60.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Tuesday April 10, 2018

Awards Breakfast ..... \$ 35.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ check if special needs menu is requested. List details on separate page

## VFGC Convention Schedule April 8-10, 2018

The Westin Hotel Richmond

6631 West Broad Street, Richmond VA 23230

*“ Celebrate Spring ”*

### ◆ Sunday, April 8, 2018

11:00 -2:00 p.m. .... Finance Committee Meeting

12:00 Noon ..... Registration Open

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. .... Lewis Ginter Garden Tour or Shopping

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.....	Executive Committee Meeting
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.....	VFGC Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.....	Reception – Cash Bar
6:00 p.m.....	Registration Closed
6:30 p.m.....	Dinner – Honored Guest, Judy Barnes, SAR Director; <b>“New Ideas for Your Landscape”</b> by <b>Jef Naunchik</b>

◆ Monday, April 9, 2018

8:00 a.m.....	Registration and Flower Show Open
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.....	Official Opening of Convention – Business Meeting
12:00 p.m.....	Design Luncheon - <b>“Designs from the New Handbook”</b> by <b>Tony Todesco</b>
3:00 – 5:30 p.m.....	Shopping – Flower Show
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.....	Reception – Cash Bar
6:00 p.m.....	Registration Closed
6:30 p.m.....	Dinner - <b>“The Art of Growing Food”</b> by <b>Ellen Ogden</b>

◆ Tuesday, April 10, 2018

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.....	Awards Brunch
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 VFGC PRESIDENT'S PAGE 

**“Planting Today for Future Generations”**

Whew! What a whirlwind and exciting fall with the garden clubs in our state. I’m now receiving and enjoying reading the Club Presidents’ Reports and I can say Virginia Garden Clubs are alive and flourishing and accomplishing wonderful works.

I was a guest at all six district meetings. Each district meeting was well planned with delightful and unique programs and all were well attended. Vendors were kept busy: plants, mechanics, boutique items, floral designs, silent auction baskets, and white elephant sale items were all being carried in the arms of eager gardeners who love to shop at district meetings because they can’t find some of these items elsewhere.

I was privileged to attend milestone celebrations of several garden clubs: Natural Bridge celebrated 85 years and was able to celebrate in the home where the garden club was organized, Herring Hall; Town and Country Garden Club of Wise celebrated 60 years with three charter members in attendance; and Kilmarnock celebrated 50 years on September 19 at the beautiful and historic Tides Inn. All of these clubs are very active.

On Veterans Day, November 11, Blue Star Memorials were dedicated in Charlottesville by the Monticello Garden Club and in Big Stone Gap by the Big Stone Gap Garden Club. I was able to attend the moving dedication in Big Stone

Gap but had to miss the Charlottesville dedication since I couldn't attend both.

During the 2015-2017 VFGC Administration, President Janice Clem promoted the Living Legacy Project which commemorates soldiers who fought in the civil war, many who died on the battlefields within what is now designated as the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area. A tree will be planted or dedicated for each soldier who died along the 180-mile Byway from Gettysburg to Monticello. The planting and dedication of the first of the VFGC sponsored trees was at the entrance to Woodbury Forest School in Madison on November 7, 2017.

Virginia's grant program, "Grants to Beautify and Restore" has awarded funds to two garden clubs and a district: Chilhowie Garden Club in partnership with the Chilhowie City Council to create a Butterfly Station in the heart of town next to the City Hall; Rapid Ann for their ongoing "beauty spot" in the town of Orange; and Blue Ridge District to restore the Margaret Healey Memorial Garden at the O. Winston Link Museum and Roanoke Valley Visitor's Center adjacent to the Hotel Roanoke.

The "Keys to the Future Youth Project Grants" awarded a total of \$7,300 for projects to work with school students. Every project receiving funding helps to instill gardening knowledge that they will appreciate during their lifetime.

It's a new year and VFGC members are looking forward to two schools that will be offered this winter and spring. Flower Show School Course II will be finished by the time you receive this ODG. Landscape Design School will be held April 16 & 17 in Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg in the spring is a beautiful place to be. Plans are still being worked on before we can offer our newest school: Gardening. More information later.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and renewing friendships at the SAR Convention in Covington, KY March 18 – 19, 2018.

The VFGC Convention will be held April 8-10 at the Westin Hotel in Richmond. Speakers include Tony Tedesco, Ellen Ogden, and Jef Naunchik. We hope you all are planning to be there. Check it out on the VFGC website - [www.virginiagardenclubs.org](http://www.virginiagardenclubs.org).

The NGC National Convention, "Love Blooms in Philadelphia", will be held May 20-24, 2018. Great programs have been planned – all worth attending. In addition, some exciting tours are available: Longwood Gardens, Chanticleer, Bartram's Gardens, historic Philadelphia and some Post Convention Tours. Philadelphia isn't that far away – so come enjoy garden clubbing at the National level. Information is available on the NGC website at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org).

*Happy planting – see you in April in Richmond.*

*Marty*

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Watercolor studies by Stacy Pugh

## Pay In May • 501(c)(3) Updates

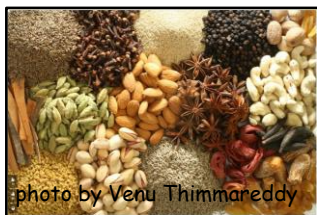
*Submitted by Claudia H. Cosby, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP / Finance*

It's getting close to that time of year again! Dues (\$5.00 per member) for the upcoming fiscal year (2018-2019) are due to Kathy Ward, VFGC Treasurer, by May 31st. On or about March 1st, club treasurers or presidents will be sent a dues request package consisting of a club roster, contact information sheet, and a new member add-form (to be used when adding new members to your roll after the initial dues payment date). If you don't receive this package/envelope around that time, please contact Kathy Ward immediately! Also, if you are no longer treasurer or president, please pass the envelope on to your new representative.

Please verify that all of your members' addresses are correct, including the nine digit zip code (available online at [www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov)). The treasurer passes a copy of the corrected roster to the ODG Circulation Chairman for editing the ODG mailing list. Any errors in addresses will cause the post office to deem your ODG "undeliverable" and may cause your copy to end up in the "dead letter office."

The Group Exemption 501 (c) (3) annual update has been submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. Information regarding the annual 990N filing and contact update will be emailed (or mailed) to all subordinate contacts of record on June 1st. Please remember that IF your club, council, or district is a 501 (c) (3) subordinate, you ARE obligated to file yearly reports with VFGC. That, of course, includes filing the 990N e-postcard with the IRS. Failure to file the e-postcard and/or yearly reports will result in your club being withdrawn from the subordinate group.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



### Horticulture

*Submitted by Jane Harrold Sorensen, Chairman*

The following Virginia Public Libraries have Seed Libraries. If you haven't checked out the one close to you, stop by this spring and see what interesting seeds are available.

☐ Alleghany Highlands Regional Library,

<http://www.ahrlib.org/>, Covington, VA, 540-962-3321. The seed library is maintained by the Alleghany Highlands Master Gardeners. The library page has links to interesting books and websites about seed saving. Alleghany Highlands Regional Library, 406 West Riverside St., Covington, VA 24426; (540) 962-3321.

☐ Newport News Public Library, <http://nnpls.libguides.com/home>. Grissom branch, 366 DeShazor Drive, Newport News, VA 23608; (757) 369-3190. Information about the



gardening workshops (January through April) is on the website, but information on the seed library can be obtained by phone.

☐ Prince William Public Library System (at their Chinn Park Regional Library), 13065 Chinn Park Drive, Prince William, VA; (703) 792-4880; or Kathy Lavallee, 703-792-4811.

☐ Salem Public Library, <https://salemva.gov/Departments/Salem-Public-Library/Seed-Library>. This is a new program, started in the spring of 2017. 28 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153; (540) 375-3089

☐ Washington County Public Library (main library in Abingdon), <http://www.wcpl.net/about/seed-savers/>. The library has a variety of vegetable and flower seeds, and also offers educational sessions on seed starting, and more. 205 Oak Hill Street, Abingdon, VA; (276) 676-6298,

☐ Loudoun County Public Library – the Lovettsville, VA branch, <https://library.loudoun.gov/> 12 North Light Street, Lovettsville, VA 20180; (540) 822-5824

☐ Poquoson Public Library, [www.poquoson-va.gov/library](http://www.poquoson-va.gov/library). They started a small one in the spring of 2017 and hope to make it bigger this coming spring. 500 City Hall Avenue, Poquoson, VA 23662; (757) 868-3060

☐ Portsmouth Planters Seed Library, sponsored by Seed Savers, at the Cradock Branch of the Portsmouth Public Library, Cradock Branch, 28 Prospect Parkway, Portsmouth VA 23702; Tammy Zavinski, (757) 393-8759. Also offers classes.

☐ Goochland Seed Library at Reynolds Community College, Goochland branch, Facebook page GoochlandSeedLibrary. Free self-serve seeds, plus the program also actively seeks volunteers to grow out seeds to replenish supplies. Room 200. Building C20, 1851 Dickinson Road, Goochland, VA 23063; (804) 523-5419.



## Yearbook Updates

*Submitted by Patty Smith, Corresponding Secretary*

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## Blue Star Memorial Markers - Cost Increase

*Submitted by Barbara Hollister, Chairman*

From Sewah Studios: Effective May 1, 2018 through May 1, 2020 • Price increases are as follows:

- Highway or memorial (large) markers – delivered with a 7’ pole (includes shipping) = \$1,530 (an increase of \$60)
- Memorial by-way marker (small) marker – (includes shipping) = \$510 (an increase of \$20)
- Replacement posts - \$325 (no change in price)
- Highway or memorial (large) marker refurbishment – no post (round trip freight included) = \$800 (no change in price)
- Highway or memorial marker refurbishment with cap repair – no post (round trip freight included) = \$900 (no change in price)
- Extra shipping charge (western states) for highway & memorial (large) markers only - \$50 (no change in price)

If you are thinking about honoring our armed forces and their families, please take advantage of ordering your memorial markers now through April 30, 2017, and take advantage of the current prices.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of all our armed forces of the United States of America and their families.

## Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council Landscape Design Civic Award

*Submitted by Judy Hodges, Chairman*

**Annual Civic Improvement Award**

for a **COMPLETED** Project

**Deadline April 2, 2018..... 1st place \$200 .... 2nd place \$150 .....3rd place \$100**

Please prepare your application as follows: (*NOTE*- Application to be sent in a plastic cover)

**Front Cover:** State name of Award, Title of Project, Club, District

**First Page:** State name of Award, Title of Project, Club, District, Chairman, Address, Phone and Email address

**Page Limit:** 6 pages only

**Description:** Explain reasons for selection of project, written approval and authority from State, City, County or another authorized agency, where relevant.

**Electronic Submissions are acceptable:** Send to [vldcc2015@gmail.com](mailto:vldcc2015@gmail.com) or [judy.hodges14@yahoo.com](mailto:judy.hodges14@yahoo.com)

**See suggestions for possible projects:**

- 1) **Public/Semi Public Buildings** – Improvement to grounds or gardens at hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, schools, churches, libraries, etc.
- 2) **Recreation** – Outdoor classrooms, play areas, mini-parks, gardens or other public areas seen or used by public, but not necessarily attached to a specific building or road. Examples: Community or neighborhood garden, play area, picnic area, vacant lot, location used by teachers for instruction.
- 3) **Highways And Median Strips** – Entrance to city, boulevards, drainage ditches, curb and gutters. Beautification, tree planting, safe walkways, etc.

## Judging Criteria:

- **Importance of Project**..... 20%  
In terms of need and total impact or benefit to the community.
- **Extent of Community Involvement** ..... 20%  
Success in getting community participation in support of the project.
- **Extent of Participation** ..... 20%  
Clubs/club members who actively participated in and supported the project.
- **Degree of Permanence** ..... 20%  
Lasting effects of project on the community, provisions for continuity.
- **Organization of Written Application** ..... 20%  
Contents should tell a story of the current year's project. If available, include before and after photos, newspaper clippings, letters and other information (plans, drawings, outline of project before beginning).

Send application to: Judy Hodges • P. O. Box 202 • New Canton, VA 23123; Questions: Home Phone 434-581-1547 • Cell Phone 434-547-5332 • Email: [vldcc2015@gmail.com](mailto:vldcc2015@gmail.com)

## Improved Cultivars

*Submitted by Helen Bell, Chairman*

Raspberry derives its name from various sources - raspise, "a sweet rose-colored wine" in mid-15th century English and from rapoie, meaning "thicket" in German - an apt description by which ever one you choose.



these delicious fruits just weren't worth the hassle, until a few years of deprivation made us try again.

Taking into account the reason we gave them up originally - weeding amongst brambles - we researched cultivars that were described as "thornless" but they also had to be "everbearing". Thornless raspberries are self-descriptive. "Everbearing" describes a plant that bears fruit on first-year canes (primocanes) in the late summer and fall, as well as a summer crop on second-year canes (floricanes). If you are going to mess with them, why not have them yield as much as possible in a season?

After researching even further, we came upon another reason to pick the variety Joan J. (*Rubus idaeus* 'Joan J'). At the end of the spring season, this cultivar can be simply mowed down and will rebound in abundance in the fall!! The variety was first developed in 2008 and is still not widely known but we love its large red fruit which has been abundant enough that an area three feet by ten yields enough berries to make many pints of jelly. Plus 'Joan J' is self-

pollinating. What more can you ask?

## VLDC Fall Meeting / Maymont, Richmond, VA

*Submitted by Judy Hodges, VLDC President*

The Spring meeting of VLDC is scheduled for April 30, 2018. More information will be coming soon. Check back at [viriniagardenclubs.org](http://viriniagardenclubs.org).

## Landscape Design School • Course III, Series XXVII

*Submitted Glenda Knowles, Chairman*

### **Instructors:**

✧ ***Gordon W. Chappell, FASLA:*** Gordon Chappell has taught the 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 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 & 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.

✧ ***Neal Beasley, ASLA, ISA Certified Arborist:*** Neal is a Landscape Architect and Certified Arborist with over 25 years of experience in the fields of horticulture, arboriculture, irrigation, landscape construction and public gardening. Neal studied horticulture at N. C. State University and was formerly Manager of Horticulture at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. As an Arborist, he assesses trees during the site analysis to best determine protection strategies or removal. Neal is also on the team of the Timmons Group in Richmond. Neal is the co-author of "Recycling Urban Stormwater: 1050K Street, NW Washington, DC" 2007.

✳ **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.

<b>Monday - April 16, 2018</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Chap</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
8:15am -	Welcome		
8:30am – 9:30am	Introduction to Urban Design	32	Gordon Chappell
9:40am – 10:40am	Landscape Design Accessories	12	Trevor Buckley
10:50am – 11:50am	Graphics Interpretation	29	Neal Beasley
11:50am – 1:30pm	Lunch Break		
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Tree Canopy *Special Interest Topic	SIT*	Trevor Buckley
3:00pm – 4:30pm	<b>Visit local gardens (to be announced)</b>		
6:30pm	<b>Group Dinner – place to be announced</b>		
<b>Tuesday - April 17, 2018</b>			
8:00am - 9:00am	Development of Landscape Architecture From 1840-1940	25	Gordon Chappell
9:10am - 10:10am	Herbaceous Materials for the Landscape	14	Laurie Fox
10:20am - 11:20am	Guidelines for Evaluating Landscape Design	30	Jack Douglas
11:20am – 12:30pm	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Landscape Design for Maintenance	15	Laurie Fox
1:40pm – 2:40pm	Design on the Land – Regional Expression	24	Gordon Chappell
2:45pm – 3:45pm	Parks, Playgrounds and Conservation	18	Jack Douglas
3:45pm 4:00pm	<b>Review Exam</b>		

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:

<http://nationalgardenclubs.org/schools/landscape-design.aspx>

All classes for Course III of the Landscape Design School will be held at the Woodlands Conference Center, 1105 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185 (adjacent to the Woodlands Hotel & Suites, 105 Visitor Center Drive Williamsburg, VA 23185). Reservations: 800-261-9530, ask for Landscape Design School block or use LDS ID 48197. Rate: \$119.00 per night, if reserved by March 14. Check-in is 4pm; check-out is 11am.

Driving Directions: The hotel is located adjacent to the Colonial Williamsburg Visitors Center. Follow signs that will lead you to the Visitors Center.

Amenities: - complimentary continental breakfast, complimentary self-parking, use of Woodlands fitness room; access to the Historic Area Shuttle during regular operating hours; wireless internet in all guest rooms and meeting space.

## Course Registration • Landscape Design School

Course III Series XXVII April 16- 17, 2018

*Suggested Deadline Registration for Class Notes: March 31, 2018*

**Register early to receive your Instructors' Notes!**

*---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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- Mar. 3-11 .... Philadelphia Flower Show ..... Philadelphia, PA
- Mar. 12 ..... Piedmont District Meeting ..... 4 Points Sheraton, Richmond
- Mar. 13 ..... South Central District Meeting..... Red Hill in Brookneal
- Mar. 18-19.. SAR Convention ..... Covington, KY
- Mar. 24 ..... Southwest District Meeting ..... Abingdon
- Mar. 26 ..... Tidewater District Meeting ..... Williamsburg
- Mar.-Apr. ... (Date TBA) VFSJC Spring Meeting
- April 8..... VFGC Finance Comm. Meeting ..... Westin, Richmond
- April 8-10 ... VFGC Convention..... Westin, Richmond
- April 12..... Shenandoah District Meeting ..... Warrenton
- April 16-17 . Landscape Design School Course III.. Williamsburg
- April 19..... Blue Ridge District Meeting ..... Roanoke
- April 21-28 . Historic Garden Week in VA ..... state-wide
- May 1..... Deadline • Summer ODG articles ..... rljldjed@twc.com
- May 21-24 .. NGC Convention..... Philadelphia, PA
- May 31..... Deadline • VFGC dues
- June 2-8 ..... National Garden Week



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  - Margaret Anne Dawson..... Madison Garden Club
- ◆ South Central District
  - Anne Thaxton ..... Ragged Robin Garden Club
  - Shirley Moorman ..... Ragged Robin Garden Club





## Green Meadow Point Garden Club Works with Lab Keepers Jr Garden Club (T)

*Submitted by Mary Sue Floyd*

Green Meadow Point Garden Club, in sponsoring the Lab Keepers Junior Garden Club at Western Branch Intermediate School, helped the students create a craft using pumpkins and recycled/repurposed material. The pumpkins were painted white, and the students created characters by adding markers, fabric, pots, etc. The completed characters were then placed in front of the school to be viewed by those entering the school or just

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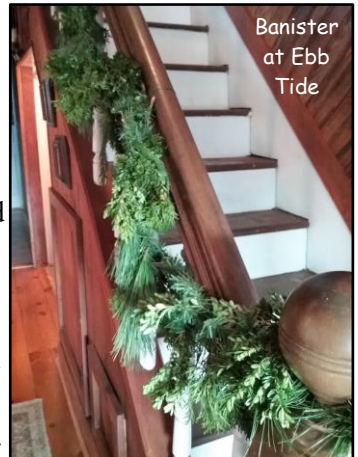
## Chesapeake Bay GC's Snow and Christmas Decorations on Cockrell's Creek (T)

*Submitted by Karen Luzuriaga*

Christmas on Cockrell's Creek began with a fashion show, *Mistletoe and Mimosas*, on Friday, December 8. This successful and new event for the Reedville Fishermen's Museum was held at Festival Hall. Event participants wandered around and enjoyed creative tablescapes created by nonprofit organizations. Lorraine VanWickler, Linda Hixon, and Debbie Gwaltney from the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club (CBGC) provided a tablescape based on the Northern Neck of VA.

Lofland House on Main Street, owned by Cheri Sheridan and her husband, is a lovely, ninety year old Victorian and guests toured four floors. Cheri showcased her collection of vintage toys which brought back memories as visitors walked through the house. Sue Moore was head decorator from CBGC and she and other club members made arrangements and added greens that accented the home and set-off the toys. Cheri's old toys and CBGC's beautiful arrangements perfectly accented this stately, old house.

A second house on Main Street, the Ebb Tide Bed and Breakfast, is a lovely old Victorian owned by retired Captain Tom Briggs and his charming wife Donna. The couple have set up the bed and breakfast for veterans, especially those with PTSD.





The family dog provides good therapy for the veterans. Donna herself is a painter and avid gardener. Rebecca Elston was the head CBGC decorator for this house and club members added their touch to this beautiful old house. The decorations and greenery made one feel right at home.

The Scholtes' Home is located on Pine Street and is owned by Brett and Ann Scholtes from Houston, Texas. Brett is the CEO of Omega Protein. Ann and Brett purchased this home in 2014 and enjoy spending holidays and summers here. It was built in 1955, but the home has been renovated and enlarged to meet the family's needs. Kathie Truxall and her crew outdid themselves with beautiful decorations that made the house inviting for family and guests. Our decorators beautifully combined the nautical and Christmas spirits.

On Sutton Avenue the Ames House is owned by Sue and Ben Ames from Wichita, Kansas. They purchased the home in 2016. The house is decorated in silver, crystal, and white that accentuates the lovely pale blue walls and white cabinetry. CBGC used this color scheme to add to the beautiful Christmas décor. Head decorators here were Sharon Lemke and Sharon Stieber.

Each year CBGC and the home owners provide the decorations for *Christmas on Cockrells Creek*. It is a huge undertaking, but the results bring people from all over. The snow on the ground and the beautiful decorations brought smiles to the Reedville residents and visitors.



The photos were provided by garden club members. The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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## Preston Place Decorated for the Holiday Season by Salem Garden Club Member Esther Davis

*Submitted by Salem Garden Club member, Meg Hibbert*

*The original article was written by Meg Hibbert and printed in the Salem~Times Register. That article is re-written here for brevity.*

For almost 200 years, Preston Place has anchored the west end of the Salem community. And this holiday season, the home now known as the White Oak Tea Tavern has been accented with arrangements of wild and long-cultivated plants. All the arrangements are artfully put together to form “a collage of elements,” explains floral artist Esther Davis of Salem.

The collections of deep green Virginia pine, twisted tawny willow branches, plumes of gray-green rosemary, scarlet-edged nandina leaves, blue berries of red cedar, cones from evergreens and seed pods show up on window sills, in fireplaces and on tables in the public rooms. Garlands of running cedar frame one fireplace. The more formal banquet room has della robia arrangements of fruits and nuts similar to what might have been used in Colonial Williamsburg.



Davis knows where each leaf, flower, and tree specimen comes from. She collects many of them from the flower beds and grounds of the Tea Tavern on West Main Street which she tends as a volunteer for the Salem Historical Society. They also come from her house, and on her regular early-morning walks on nearby Little Brushy Mountain. Photo credit for the arrangement shown here - Esther Davis.

Many of the plants re-discovered at Salem’s oldest home were planted by Dr. Esther Brown, whose family willed the house to the historical society. “The fun in the garden is finding what Dr. Brown had in the garden,” Davis said. “Dr. Brown had planted quite a nice native plant garden, with wild clematis, bleeding heart, salvia, ginger and Jack-in the-Pulpit,” for example.

Davis used all fresh greenery on the tea tavern’s tables: euonymus, holly and pink alstroemeria nestled against pine. In the windows are rosemary, red-berried winterberry, Arizona cypress, English ivy, even the burnished orange wild grass known as Bluestem collected from Little Brushy mountain. Dried leaves of magnolia and Dusty Miller from Davis’ garden show up, too. “My point with these arrangements is it is amazing what one can put together from items gathered around people’s homes and woods,” she explained.

In the past, Davis has been known for her elaborate, colorful arrangements of flowers she painstakingly dried, in some cases reconstructed, and even tinted to restore their color. She even wrote a book on the subject, "Sensational Dried Flowers," which was published by Rodale Publishing in 1999. She has been designing with plant material since moving to Salem from Washington State.

One of her favorite jobs was the year Davis was selected to design seasonal arrangements for the Virginia Governor's Mansion when Tim Kaine was in office. She has also been a featured speaker at the granddaddy of all flower shows, the Philadelphia Flower Show. This Salem GC member has talked "to a good many garden clubs in the area about floral art."

## Red Hill Garden Club Members Stay Busy in 2017 Working Together for the Betterment of their Community (SC)

*Submitted by: Marilyn Eanes-Shorter, President*

Red Hill GC was busy the entire year of 2017 giving back to the communities in which they live, work and play. They started off the year with an officer's installation luncheon at the beautiful Pharsalia Plantation in Tyro, VA. Not only do they plant and maintain 5 gardens in the Brookneal area, they keep the planters at the recycling center in Phenix stained, planted, weeded, and cleaned all year long. This is accomplished by working with the youth in the Phenix area. We try to encourage young people to get involved in gardening and in the communities in which they live.

In August and September, we had workshops, one on Asymmetrical Triangle Arrangements using succulents and/or moss and one on making sunflower wreaths. Both were very valuable learning experiences.

November 18, Red Hill Garden Club ladies decorated the River Church in Brookneal for the Community Thanksgiving Service which was held on November 19. The theme this year was "Give Thanks For a Little and You will Find a Lot". On December 1 and 2 we decorated Red Hill, Patrick Henry's Home for their open house on December 3. Decorations in every room used authentic period decorations - fresh greens, and fruits and nuts. On December 4, the club designed and constructed 11 wreaths for the town of Brookneal Town Hall, town Cemetery, Community Building, George Ed Britton Memorial Garden, as well as other town offices.

We Red Hill Garden Club ladies are always working to give back to our communities and getting our youth involved as well. We are now working on a \$500 scholarship - hopefully the first one to be given in spring 2018 to a deserving high school graduate who upon graduation is continuing his/her studies in the field of horticulture, conservation, ecology, forestry or environmental science.

More fun/work for 2018. February will be for creating arrangements for shut-ins, March we will have a joint meeting with the Keysville Garden Club on Wildlife Education, and along with Friends and Flowers Garden Club in Chatham we will be hosting the Spring South Central District Meeting in Brookneal, VA., plus in April a meeting on “Growing Spring Flowers” with Susan Timmons....and this has just “scratched the surface” for 2018. So, “stay tuned”, there are “bigger” and “better” things ahead in 2018 for Red Hill Garden Club.



Red Hill Garden Club ladies at beautiful Pharsalia Plantation in Tyro, VA for officer's installation luncheon.

## Living Legacy Trees Planted (P)

*Submitted by Mary Haught*

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 was a damp and chilly day, but nevertheless, a grove of trees took shape on the Woodberry Forest School campus in Madison County. The trees memorialize soldiers lost in the American Civil War.

Members of The Madison Garden Club responded to the project as encouraged by Janice Clem during her term as VFGC President. The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Foundation created The Living Legacy Tree Planting project, aiming to plant 620,000 trees in an area generally from Monticello to Gettysburg, Pa., one tree to honor each of the soldiers who died in the Civil War.

When members of our club approached Woodberry Forest staff with the idea of planting “our” trees on their campus, they not only agreed to the idea but enthusiastically included the project in students’ history and environmental studies curriculum. School officials recruited Bartlett’s Tree Experts and together they added enough trees to create a grove of 25. Students planted each of the trees with guidance from the school grounds manager and Bartlett’s Tree representatives.

Each of our members donated funds, allowing the club to honor six unknown soldiers, while three of our members donated individual trees in memory of

specific soldiers. During the dedication, they shared stories of their ancestors. Nannette Crowdus spoke about Peter Wood Crain, Jack Fray reminisced about his relatives Robert Semple Jeffries and Ambrose Powell (A.P.) Hill and John Lain told about his great- great grandfather and his great grandfather, Moses Henry Lain and John Leland Lain.

The dedication ceremony included VFGC Immediate Past President, Janice Clem, current VFGC President Marty Bowers, VFGC Third Vice President Judy Ann Fray and Shenandoah District President Jill Quinley, along with our club members. Officials of Woodberry Forest School as well as the Chairman, President and Chief Operating officer of the Journey Through Hallowed



Ground Foundation, also participated. Pictured above are , (left to right) Marty Bowers, President, VFGC, Stuart Haney, Chairman, Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, (JTHGP), Michelle Burrelli, Chief Operating Officer, JTHGP, Janice Clem, Immediate Past President, VFGC, and Bill Sellers, President, JTHGP

## Town and Country Garden Club (SW)

*Submitted by Kate Hibbitts*

Town and Country Garden Club ended an eventful 60th Anniversary year with a Christmas luncheon at the historic Inn at Wise. The hostesses used the theme “A Peppermint Christmas” in the decorations and for the program.

Club members helped decorate the town of Wise with seasonal greenery in containers along



Pictured are club members who worked on the town hall tree.

Main Street. They decorated the Christmas tree inside town hall, using a gardening and nature theme.

The final activity was to co-sponsor and judge the holiday home decorating contest. Winners were recognized and received their monetary awards on December 19 at the Clapboard House in Wise.

## Great Neck Meadows Garden Club Thanks Local EMS (T)

*Submitted by Jennifer Cryan*



Lori Powers, a member of the Great Neck Meadows Garden Club, presents a platter of homemade cookies from the Club's cookie exchange to members of the Virginia Beach Fire and Rescue Station at Great Neck, Virginia Beach. The Club's December meeting is traditionally dedicated to giving back to the community.

This is one of three separate community service projects the Club performed in December.

## Ye Accawmacke Garden Club (T)

*Submitted by Ann Bull*

Ye Accawmacke Garden Club held its annual luncheon January 20, 2018. Winner of an award for artistic achievement was given to Lola Custis and winner of achievement in horticulture to Kerry Klein, shown in the photo to the right. Shown below -Ye Accawmacke Garden Club members donated small arrangements at their



November meeting to be taken to our local nursing homes for residents to enjoy through the holidays. This is an annual community service event for our club. The residents are so

happy to receive these arrangements and it gives members such joy to visit with our elderly community.

## Green Thumb Garden Club Donates *The Saved Seed* to Norton Elementary and Middle Schools (SW)

*Submitted by Martha Wells*



Sue Wells, representing Green Thumb GC, presented NEMS with two copies of the book, *The Saved Seed*, written by Brenda Moore. Librarian Jennifer McCall will place one copy in the library and Ms. Anne Newlun was given a copy for her kindergarten classroom. The GTGC works with elementary students planting and growing vegetables and flowering plants from seeds. The work

begins in the greenhouse in early spring in order to produce plants to sell at the school's May Farmers Market.



## Green Thumb Garden Club Stays Busy with Wise County Christian School (SW)

*Submitted by Sandy Yun*

Teachers Rachel Jennings and Robbin Wells, along with Jr. Garden Club members, receive sign & certificate for registering Wise County Christian School as a Monarch Waystation.

Second, third and fourth grade students learn about Smokey Bear and try their hand at creating posters.





## Abingdon Garden Club (SW)

*Submitted by Barbara Smith*

The Abingdon Garden Club is having a very good year. The best news is that we are growing!! Since June, we have welcomed five new members- Daryl Ann Beeghley, Dianne Bisig, Iris Caudwell, Sally Jones, and Cordee Rugg and have two pending applications.

Club members, under the leadership of Eberhardt Park Chair (and club co-president) Corann Kitchen, spent many hours during the summer and fall working with the Master Gardeners and the Abingdon Parks and Recreation Department in our existing Butterfly garden and extending it to a new garden which will be twice the size of the existing one.

The fall and winter have also been busy with members planting spiral boxwood at the Shakespearean garden we maintain at a local museum and keeping four seasons of color around our Blue Star Memorial Marker and in our "Plant It Pink" container located at a hospital cancer center.

Our club projects are funded by an annual garden tour and our 19th annual garden tour promises to be an exciting one with a blend of contemporary and historic homes and gardens. It is a large undertaking for our medium sized club and Garden Tour Chair Dianne Bisig and her committee have been hard at work since July. The tour will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018. Please join us if you are in the area.

## Lynnhaven Garden Club (T)

*Submitted by Adele Lundquist*

A Malibu Elementary School student shows NGC's book, "The Frightened Frog, An Environmental Tale", to his classmates. The book was presented on February 2 by members of the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club - on the far



left are Adele Lundquist, and President Frances Thrash, and on the far right Cheryl Savage and Bev Hunter, along with the second and third graders of Malibu Elementary's Ecology Club in Virginia Beach.

## Tidewater District Holds Flower Show (T)

*Submitted by Mary Sue Floyd*



At the recent Tidewater District Flower Show, *Magical Mirage*, Bill Smoot (Green Pine GC) received the Award of Design Excellence for his Panel Design; Susan Porter received the Award of Horticulture Excellence for her *mahonia* (Thoroughgood GC); Nancy Fromer (Va. Beach GC) received the Botanical Arts Horticulture Award for a dried *hydrangea*; and Susan Atkins (Thoroughgood GC) received the

Botanical Arts Craft Award for a necklace of all plant material. The chairmen for this show were Frances Thrash (Lynnhaven Heritage GC) and Susan Porter.

## Green Thumb Garden Club Creates Celebration of Children Garden (SW)

*Submitted by Carol Ingram Moore*

One sunny afternoon in November, Green Thumb Garden members, family, friends, and the kindergarten class of Anne Newlun created a 28 foot circular garden filled with over 500 spring flowering bulbs at Norton Elementary and Middle School in Norton, Va. The principal, Scott Addison, determined the garden bed circumference and Ray Moore marked off the area with sand. Garden club members dug out roots and stones to create quadrants for the bulbs. Spring bulbs were planted to celebrate the joy of the children attending the elementary school and to remember children who in years past had died.



Left, garden club members Carol Moore and Debbie Mullins with Nina Honaker, a volunteer, help Ms. Anne's kindergarten class plant bulbs.

During a cold day in December garden club member Sue Wells and her husband Barry shoveled

mulch donated by master gardener Beth Walker onto the garden. Now we are waiting for spring when the crocus, tulips, daffodils, and iris will bloom.



**The 19<sup>th</sup> Abingdon Garden Tour**  
**Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, June 16,**  
**2018**

*Submitted by Barbara Smith (SW)*

Abingdon Garden Club is busy lining up an exciting mix of historic and contemporary gardens and homes and we hope you will join us! Please contact Garden Tour Chairman

Dianne Bisig ([davidbisig@yahoo.com](mailto:davidbisig@yahoo.com)) or Doris Melson ([dmelson10@hotmail.com](mailto:dmelson10@hotmail.com)) for further information.

**Hill & Valley Garden Club (Sh)**

*Submitted by Leslie Mack*

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**Westmoreland Garden Club Celebrates 86 Years (T)**

*Submitted by Joyce Hobes*



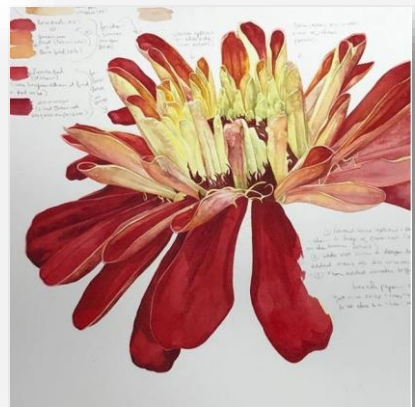
On Tuesday June 6 Westmoreland GC celebrated its 86<sup>th</sup> birthday with a tea in honor of our Presidents' Garden. Festivities were held in front of the Montross County Museum. The basement of the museum became our permanent club rooms in 1941 when the county discovered they did not have sufficient funds to finish the basement of the

new museum. The garden club ladies stepped up and offered to raise the necessary money. When the museum was completed the county asked the club to enhance the ground and Mrs. Thomas Lomax Hunter, President at that time, said we should do something spectacular!

It was decided to build a garden to honor the 8 Virginia born U. S. Presidents. Charles Gillette planned the garden and Mr. Attilio Piccireli, a famed Italian American sculptor created marble busts of George Washington, James Monroe, and James Madison - all born in the northern neck. The Presidents' Garden sits to the right of the museum entrance and features a sundial with the names of all 8 Virginia born U.S. Presidents. The sundial is in the middle of an herb garden surrounded by a brick walkway separating the herb garden from surrounding boxwood, crape myrtles, and ivy, growing between the 3 busts. The garden is enclosed by an outer brick wall.

Our white garden is to the right of the museum's main entrance and, we believe, was originally a cut flower garden featuring white flowers with a rectangle of grass in the center. Several years ago we replaced the grass with oyster shells and added boxwood corners interspersed with lavender. The white garden is the perfect place to sit on a bench and just enjoy the day. Both gardens are open to the public and regularly maintained by our club.

Our birthday party celebration was well covered by the Westmoreland News before and during the event. We had proclamations from the town Mayor, the chairman of the Board of Supervisors, as well as a congratulatory letter from Senator Richard Stuart, whose mother was a former club member. The weather was beautiful and the club members, along with our guest, had a very enjoyable time.



*Poppy and zennia watercolor studies by Stacy Pugh.*

# A Message From Our NGC President, Nancy Hargroves

*Submitted by Liz Lester, National President's Project Chairman*

Dear Members,

There was an overwhelming response to the PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Program. 415 garden clubs applied in the first year of this new NGC program! This is wonderful that so many clubs are active in their communities.

This level of response shows the needs of NGC's clubs. One of our roles as a national organization is to support our clubs in accomplishing our mission. NGC must do all it can to expand the funding for these grants to help clubs all across the country with their projects.

In order for this fund to increase so that NGC can give more grants, P. Allen Smith is providing a fundraising opportunity for PLANT AMERICA Grants. He offered his gardening and business advice and expertise for the plant selection, for obtaining the plants and for the method of distribution to our members. He believes in our organization's purpose and mission and has helped develop this promotion in many ways by giving his time, his staff's time and by donating a very generous percentage of the sales.

I am very proud to announce that beginning March 1 and ending June 15, National Garden Clubs will be selling plants selected by P. Allen Smith. This promotion, entitled *Inspiring Gardens Across America*, includes three different collections of plants. Each item was chosen because of a special feature in its hybridization for performance or beauty or for its limited availability in the general marketplace.

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Nancy Hargroves

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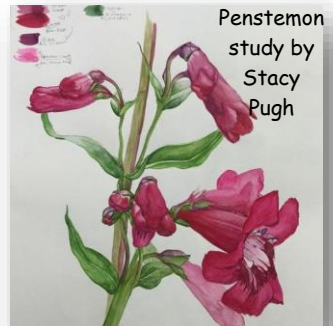
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