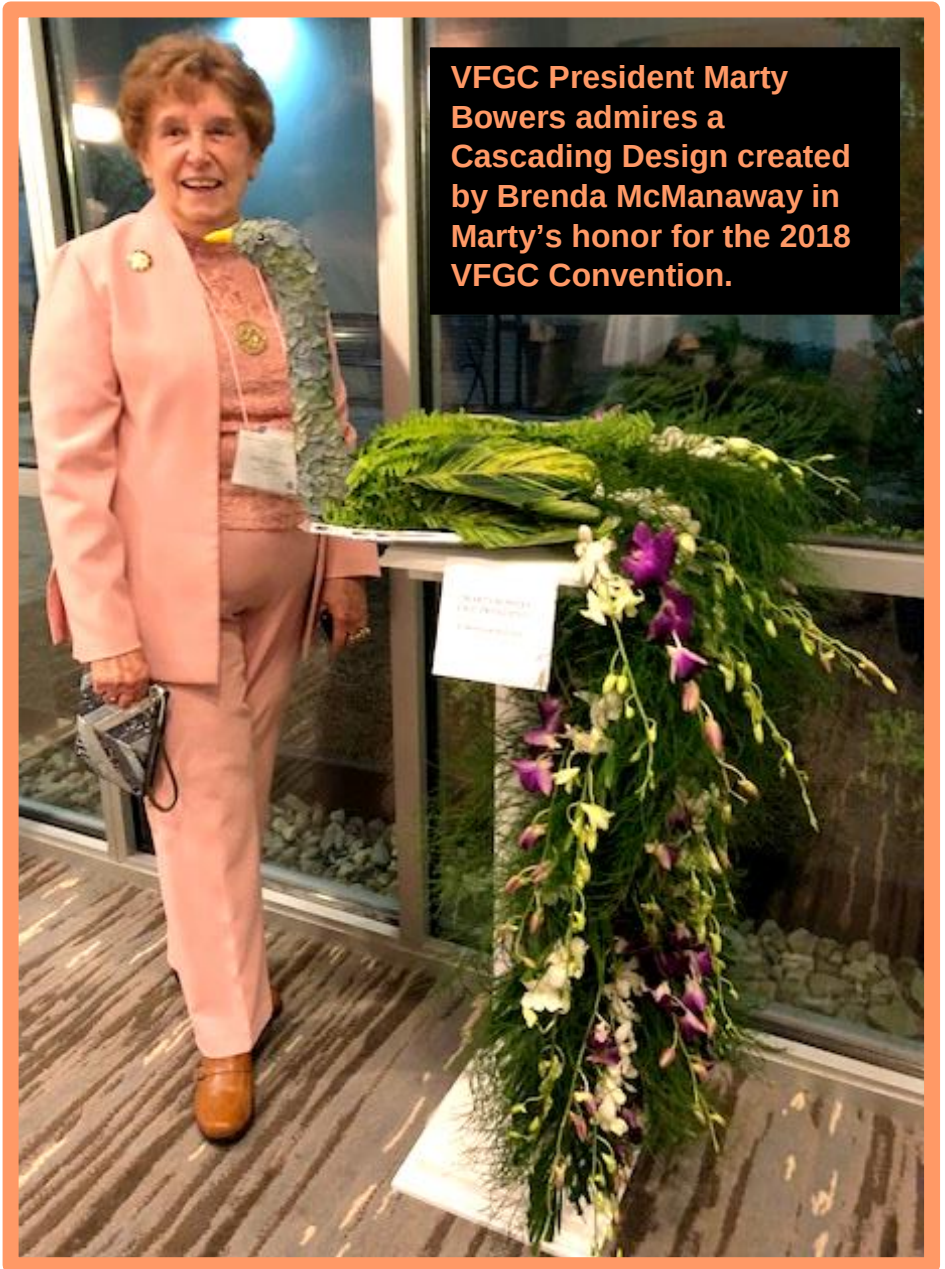


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“Planting Today for Future Generations”

Thanks to a wonderful VFGC Convention Committee, led by Grace Morris and Ruth Rider, we experienced a great convention, April 8-10 at the Westin Hotel in Richmond. I hope everyone who was able to attend enjoyed the presentations by Tony Tedesco, Jef Naunchik, and Ellen Ogden. We were privileged to have Judy Barnes, SAR Director, as our Honored Guest.

Awards given out at the Awards Brunch show that VFGC garden clubs are out there doing a lot of good work. A big thank you is extended to the many garden clubs who submitted applications for awards and to Heidi Sage and her committee for reviewing all those awards. South Atlantic Region awards were also presented.

Attending District Spring Meetings was a bit challenging at times due to the many unexpected snow storms. I was able to attend all but the Southwest District Meeting – too much snow that day. The meetings were full of information, especially about the new Flower Show Handbook designs. Shopping is always a big part of district meetings along with seeing garden club friends from other clubs.

Flower Show School was held at the Four Seasons by Sheraton in Richmond following the February VFGC Board Meeting. Flower Show School, Course III will be held in August at the Kirkley Hotel in Lynchburg. Landscape Design School, Course III was held in April in Williamsburg at the beautiful Woodlands Hotel. Course IV is scheduled to be held at Lewis Ginter in September.

Although no Virginia garden club received funds from the National Plant America Project, I hope that you all are, or have, ordered some of the P. Allen Smith plants that will help support this project financially. Last date for ordering is June 15 so don't miss the chance to help fund this project – your garden club could benefit from this.

As you are working on projects this summer, please remember to document your work and submit it for an award next year. By winning multiple awards the money can add up and it's a pat on your back for the work you have done. Also, consider applying for one of the VFGC grants, Grants to Beautify or Restore or the Keys to the Future Youth Grants. The deadline for both of these grants is September 15, 2018.

I'm packing my bags and preparing to take off for the National Garden Club's Convention, “Love Blooms in Philadelphia”, which will be held May 20-24, 2018. Great programs have been planned – all worth attending. Some exciting tours have been planned: Longwood Gardens, Chanticleer, Bartram's Gardens, historic Philadelphia and some Post Convention Tours. Philadelphia isn't that far away – so I hope you have made plans to attend.

Happy planting – enjoy the summer,

Marty Bowers



# AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE 2017 VFGC CONVENTION

Submitted by Heidi Sage - Chairman; Mitzi Cassidy - Vice Chairman

## VFGC Awards Presented at the 2017 Convention

### **District Awards**

#### **# 7 District Flower Show Schedule**

A Blue - Tidewater District

#### **#8 District Newsletter**

A Blue - Tidewater District

#### **# 9 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters**

Blue – Tidewater District  
Red – Shenandoah District

#### **# 11 Penny Pines**

Blue - Shenandoah District

#### **# 12 VFGC Life Membership**

Blue – Blue Ridge District  
Red – Southwest District

### **Club Awards**

#### **# 14 Bird Protection**

i Blue - Merrifields GC (T)  
ii Blue - Oxford GC (P)

#### **#15 Butterfly**

i Red - Francis Fauquier GC (S)  
ii Blue - Abingdon GG (SW)  
Red - Rappahannock GC of White Stone (P)  
iii Blue - Lake of the Woods GC (S)

#### **#16 Organic Gardening Practices (New)**

i Blue - Seasons IV GC (SW)  
ii Blue - Town & Country GC &  
Wise County Jr. GC (SW)

#### **# 18 Water (New)**

i Blue - Seasons IV GC (SW)

#### **#19 Litter/Recycling/Reclamation**

iv Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

#### **#20 Chucky Chipmunk**

i Blue - Merrifields GC (T)

#### **#24 Civic Beautification/Civic Achievement**

i Blue - Four Seasons GC (SW)  
Red - Greenvale GC (S)  
ii Blue - Town & Country GC (SW)  
iii Red - Lake of the Woods GC (S)

#### **#25 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping**

i Blue - Monticello GC (S)  
ii Blue - Rappahannock GC of  
White Stone (P)  
Red - Abingdon GC (SW)

#26 Landscape Design For The Community

- i Blue - Violet Bank GC (P)  
Red - Francis Fauquier GC (S)

#28 Plant Together Community Garden Project

- i Blue - Culpeper GC (S)  
Red - Gretna GC (SC)
- ii Blue - Madison GC (S)  
Red - Abingdon GC (SW)
- iii Blue - Rock Spring GC (P)
- iv Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

#29 Historic Preservation

- i Blue - Francis Fauquier (S)

#30 Decoration Of Historic Building

- i Blue - Violet Bank GC (P)  
Red - Colonial GC (S)  
Red - Staunton River GC (SC)
- ii Red - Lake Anna GC (P)  
Red - Town & Country GC (SW)

#31 Horticulture Therapy

- i Blue - Staunton River GC (SC)
- ii Blue - Colonial Heritage GC (T)  
Red - Abingdon GC (SW)  
Red - Wayside GC (SC)
- iv Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

#32 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project

- i Blue - Seasons IV GC (SW)  
Red - Hilliard Park GC (P)
- ii Blue - Thomas Jefferson GC (P)  
Red - Town & Country GC (SW)

#33 Membership

- Blue – Oxford (P)
- Red – Westham (P)

#34 National Garden Week

- i Blue - Hilliard Park GC (P)  
Red - Hot Springs GC (S)
- ii Blue - Abingdon GC (SW)
- iii Blue - Lake of the Woods GC (S)
- iv Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

#35 Special Achievement

- iii Blue - Chesapeake Bay GC (P)
- iv Blue - Westham GC (P)  
Red - Salisbury GC (P)

#36 Vision Of Beauty Calendars

- A • total number sold Blue - Green Pine GC (T)  
Red - Westchester GC (B)
- B • per member sold Blue - Green Pine GC (T)  
Red - Seasons IV GC (SW)

#37 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters

- Blue – Green Meadow Point (T)

# 38 Youth Environmental Education

- i Blue - Fluvanna GC (P)  
Red - Francis Fauquier GC (S)
- ii Red - Rappahannock GC of White Stone (P)
- iii Blue - Chesapeake Bay GC (P)

# 39 Youth Horticulture Education

- i Blue - Seasons IV GC (SW)  
Red - Green Meadow Point GC (T)  
White - Merrifields GC (T)  
White - Rapid Ann GC (SH)
- ii Red - Thomas Jefferson GC (P)
- iii Blue - Chesapeake Bay GC (P)
- iv Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

# 40 "The Saved Seed" Education Award

- i Blue - Seasons IV GC (SW)
- ii Blue - Abingdon GC (SW)  
Red - Thomas Jefferson GC (P)  
Red - Wayside GC (SC)

# 41 Pollinator Gardens With Youth

- i Blue - Seasons IV GC (SW)

**Publications and Promotion**

# 42 - 1 Manuals And Handbooks

- ii Blue - Wayside GC (SC)

# 42 - 2 Educational

- i Blue - Fluvanna GC (P)

# 42 - 5 Club Membership Brochure

- i Blue - Hilliard Park GC (P)  
Red - Green Meadow Point GC (T)
- ii Blue - Rappahannock GC of White Stone (P)
- iv Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

# 42 - 8 Other

- ii Blue - Town & Country GC (SW)

# 43 A Club Newsletter (Single Page)

- i Blue - Berkeley GC (T)
- ii Blue - Wayside GC (SC)
- iii Red - Lake of the Woods GC (S)

# 43 B Club Newsletter (3 - 12 Pages)

- i Blue - Westchester GC (B)  
Red - Amelia County GC (P)  
Red - Cedar Run GC (S)  
Red - Green Meadow Point GC (T)
- ii Blue - Madison GC (S)  
Red - Colonial Heritage GC (T)  
Red - Sleepy Hollow GC (P)
- iii Blue - Rock Spring GC (P)
- iv Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

#44 Club Yearbook

- 1. under 20 Blue - Lynnhaven Heritage GC (T)  
Red - Francis Fauquier GC (S)  
Red - Hilliard Park GC (P)

- 2. 20-29
  - Red - Twin Rivers GC (SC)
  - Blue - Westchester GC (B)
  - Red - Berkeley GC (T)
  - Red - Green Hills GC (S)
  - Red - Violet Bank GC (P)
- 3. 30-44
  - Blue - Town & Country GC (SW)
  - Red - Oxford GC (P)
  - Yellow - Calfee GC (S)
- 4. 45-69
  - Blue - Wayside GC (SC)
  - Red - Abingdon GC (SW)
  - Red - Midlothian GC (P)
  - Red - Thomas Jefferson GC (P)
- 5. 70-99
  - Blue - Chesapeake Bay GC (P)
  - Red - Lake of the Woods GC (S)
- 6. 100-299
  - Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

**#45 Flower Show Schedule**

- i Red - Francis Fauquier GC (S)
- iii Blue - Chesapeake Bay GC (P)
- iv Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

**#47 Website**

- i Blue - Francis Fauquier GC (S)
- ii Blue - Midlothian GC (P)
- iii Blue - Chesapeake Bay GC (P)
- iv Blue - Salisbury GC (P)

**#48 Publicity Press Books**

- A. Clubs
  - i Red - Green Meadow Point GC (T)
  - ii Blue - Madison GC (S)
  - ii Red - Town & Country GC (SW)
  - iii Blue - Chesapeake Bay GC (P)
- B. District
  - Red - Tidewater District

**Youth Contests**

**Y-2 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters**

- Paetyn Lester, 1st grade sponsored by Madison GC (S)
- Mia Greene, 2nd grade sponsored by Madison GC (S)
- Alyssa Bosso, 3rd grade sponsored by Colonial GC, (S)
- Ryan Li, 4th grade sponsored by Southside GC, (B)
- Katherine Snell, 5th grade sponsored by Colonial GC (S)

**Y-3 Youth Essay Contest**

- Anna Smith, 12th grade sponsored by The Madison GC (S)

**Y-4 Youth Poetry Contest**

- Grier Pancione, 8 years old sponsored by Cedar Run GC (S)

**Flower Show Achievement Awards**

**FS I D Club Standard Flower Show – purple rosette**

Salisbury Garden Club – first place

**FS III A Council Standard Flower Show – Rose rosette**

- 1st place Winchester Council of GCs
- 2nd place Williamsburg Area Council of GCs

**FS VII B District Standard Flower Show – Green Rosette**

- 1st place Tidewater District of Garden Clubs

FS XI A Standard Flower Show Staged in a Public Building

1st place Burgundy/Pink Rosette - Chesapeake  
Bay Garden Club

**Member Award of Honor: Jean S. Fender**

Nominated by Hilliard Park GC (P)

**South Atlantic Region Awards Presented at the VFGC 2017 Convention**

There was only one Overall winner in each category. The Overall Winner received money and the Blue Ribbon Winner received a certificate.

SAR # 1 Arbor Day Tree Planting/Activities

Blue: Madison GC (S)

SAR # 2 i Bird Protection

Blue: Merrifields GC (T)

SAR # 7 Garden Therapy Horticulture Project

Blue: Seasons IV GC (SW)

SAR # 8 Historic Preservation

Overall: Francis Fauquier GC (S)

SAR # 9 Publication: Club Newsletter

Overall: Westchester GC (BR)

Blue: 9 ii Madison GC (S)

Blue: 9 iv Salisbury GC (P)

SAR # 11 National Garden Week

Overall: Hilliard Park GC (P)

Blue: 11 ii Abingdon GC (SW)

Blue: 11 iv Salisbury GC (P)

SAR # 12 Programs A. Best Slide, Video, or Power Point

Overall: Town and Country GC of Wise (SW)

SAR # 15 Standard Flower Show Schedule

A. Single club: overall: Salisbury GC (P)

B. Two or more clubs: overall: Tidewater District (T)

SAR # 18 Vision of Beauty Calendar Sales

Overall: Green Pine GC (T)

SAR # 19 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping

Overall: Monticello GC (S)

SAR # 21 Water Conservation Award

Overall: Seasons IV GC (SW)

SAR # 22 Website

Overall: Midlothian GC (P)

SAR # 25 Youth Education

Overall: Seasons IV GC (SW)

SAR # 26 Yearbooks

Overall: Town and Country GC (SW)

Blue: 26 i Lynnhaven Heritage GC (T)

Blue: 26 v Chesapeake Bay GC (T)



### SAR # 33 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters

Alyssa Bosso, 3rd Grade sponsored by Colonial GC (S)  
Ryan Li, 4th, Grade sponsored by Southside GC (BR)  
Katherine Snell, 5th Grade sponsored by Colonial GC (S)

Please note that districts were abbreviated as: Blue Ridge District - (B), Piedmont District - (P), Shenandoah District - (S); South Central District - (SC), Southwest District - (SW), and Tidewater District - (T).

Categories By Size: VFGC award applications are judged per garden club size, as determined by the number of members on whom NGC and VFGC dues are paid as of Dec. 1, including active, associate, inactive, and honorary, etc.

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|------|------------------|---------------------|
| i.   | Small Club       | 29 or fewer members |
| ii.  | Medium Club      | 30 – 59 members     |
| iii. | Large Club       | 60 – 99 members     |
| iv.  | Extra Large Club | 100 or more members |

## VA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS (VFGC) NEWS

### VFGC Nominating Committee

*Submitted by Marilyn Mason, Chairman*

It has been said “what goes around comes around”. Members, the VFGC 2019-2021 administration will usher in not only the next decade, but what has been famously coined “the Roaring 20’s!

Historically, VFGC member commitments have proven to be forces for good in our lives. We have learned from - and helped one another - enjoy common interests in conservation, preservation, and beautification and been a wonderful source and service to our communities.

That said, I ask you - Can YOU help? Or \_\_\_do you know someone who might lead VFGC into the next decade and become a part of VFGC’s future?

The VFGC Nominating Committee is seeking applicants for First Vice-President; Second Vice- President; Third Vice-President; Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The First- Vice President becomes the President-Elect at the close of the fall VFGC board meeting in even-numbered years.

Each member, except Recording Secretary and Treasurer, must have served a minimum of 4 consecutive years on the Board of Directors immediately preceding the beginning of the term for which they are being nominated. Previous service on the Board of Directors is not required for Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Duties of each of the elected officers may be found in the VFGC Bylaws - Article V-Officers (page 95, 2017- 2019 VFGC Handbook) and VFGC Standing Rule IX - Officers (page 109, 2017-2019 Handbook).

The Nominations Application Form is available on the VFGC website under ‘FORMS’ or “Quick Links”. Applications must be mailed or emailed to this Chairman and received by August 1, 2018. Nominations for elected officers may be sent as an email attachment OR may be mailed in time to reach the VFGC Nominating Committee Chairman no later than August 1.

Please call me if you have questions. Marilyn Mason, VFGC Nominating Committee Chairman • 15140 Heather Mil Lane, Apt 405 • Haymarket, VA 20169



## **“KEYS TO THE FUTURE” Youth Project Grants**

*Submitted by Melissa Damiano, Chairman*

The “Keys to the Future” Youth Project Grants Program is sponsored by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. for new or existing youth-centered programs. All VFGC clubs are encouraged to apply for a one-year grant of up to \$1000 for the purpose of working with and helping youth realize the rewards and life lessons from gardens and habitats and for becoming good stewards of the earth. The scope of these programs may include benefits to the community, environmental awareness/education, plant-to-food connections, outdoor classroom projects, horticulture education, and the social aspects of gardening.

**Application Deadline: September 15, 2018**

**How To Apply:** Please fill out the 2018 revised application form, include a budget and mail to: Melissa Damiano • Phone: 804-796-3287 • VFGC Grants Committee • 9436 Park Bluff Terrace Chesterfield, VA 23838-8957 or email [mtdamiano@aol.com](mailto:mtdamiano@aol.com)

**Note:** The revised 2018 application is available as a Word document by email from Melissa Damiano. It **MUST** be submitted by a VFGC member Garden Club (not the school or other organization). Applicants will be emailed to verify that I received the application.

**Purpose:** The purpose of “Keys to the Future” Youth Project Grants is to provide financial support for clubs working with youth on a specific project.

**Program Criteria:** In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- number of youth participating/reached
- benefits to the community
- environmental awareness/education
- horticulture educational focus or curricular/program integration plant-to-food connections
- social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning

**Funding Guidelines:** Grants will NOT be provided for:

- ❖ projects in which the club does not participate in some aspect
- ❖ salaries or benefits of school personnel
- ❖ field trips outside Virginia
- ❖ political action programs
- ❖ Eagle Scout projects
- ❖ capital drives and building funds
- ❖ scholarships or endowments
- ❖ lawsuits and litigation
- ❖ overhead costs
- ❖ consumable, one-time use items or give-aways, such as T-shirts, tote bags, food, admission fees, or tuition

## VFGC Life Memberships

*Submitted by Jane Denton, Piedmont District LM Chairman*



I'm going to sign myself up for a VFGC Life Membership and would like for each of you to join me. Let's send in a \$50 tax-deductible donation, which goes to the VFGC Scholarship funds, to demonstrate our dedication to gardening and VFGC. Access this website to apply: [viriniagardenclubs.org/VFGC/Life\\_Memberships.html](http://viriniagardenclubs.org/VFGC/Life_Memberships.html).

If you are a Piedmont garden club member, you'll be welcomed into the Life Membership "club" at the Fall Piedmont District Meeting. Other districts are encouraged to support their Life Members with special recognition. On the webpage noted above is information regarding South Atlantic Life Memberships and National Garden Club Life Memberships. If you are a Piedmont District club member please get in touch with me at 804-435-6877 or [denton@va.metrocast.net](mailto:denton@va.metrocast.net) if you have questions. All other club members can contact their district Life Membership chairman (see the VFGC yearbook for details).

## HEAR YE HEAR YE FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL UPDATE

*Submitted by Val Story, Chairman*

Course III will be coming soon..... August 27-30 at the Kirkley Hotel in Lynchburg. What an exciting time...this will be the third course in Virginia with the new handbook. Do consider attending. This course is recommended for all judges and garden club members wishing to learn more about the 2017 Handbook.



### Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs • Flower Show School – Course III Val Story, VFGC FSS Chairman

**August 27-30, 2018 at the Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center  
2900 Chandlers Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 25402**

**Flower Show Procedure & Design:** Lynn Fronk will teach both Flower Show Procedure and Design classes. She will discuss judging procedure and innovative staging. Creative designs will be demonstrated.

**Horticulture:** Jan Griffin will teach creating a horticulture schedule as well as discuss club competition, displays and gardens. Sunflower and coleus plants will be the horticulture specimens.

#### **Schedule:**

Mon., August 27 .....	3:45 – 6 p.m. ....	Flower Show Procedure
Tues., August 28 .....	8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. ....	Horticulture
.....	4 – 6 p.m. ....	Point Scoring Test
Wed., August 29 .....	8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. ....	Design
.....	4 – 6 p.m. ....	Point Scoring Test
Thurs., August 30 .....	9 a.m. – noon .....	Written Examination

**Hotel Information:** Contact the Kirkley Hotel, 2900 Chandlers Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 25402 (866-510-6333 or 434-237-633)

Room rates are guaranteed through July 27, 2018 at \$103 per night either single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes. Ask for the VFGC block. Questions – contact Val Story • [valstory@aol.com](mailto:valstory@aol.com) • home 540-349-2348 • cell 540-272-0975.

**Registration Form: Flower Show School-Course III**  
**August 27-30, 2018 at the Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center**  
**2900 Chandlers Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 25402**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone / Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Credit \_\_\_\_\_ Non Credit \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*No refunds after August 21, 2018\*\***

Full Course with/without exam \$130 \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes tuition, two lunches, and reserved seating on front rows)

Flower Show Procedure (Mon.) \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Horticulture & Lunch (Tues.) \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

Design & Lunch (Wed.) \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

Manual will be e-mailed (free of charge)

Printed Manual available at Registration \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** with **Flower Show Schools** in the memo line and mail to: Mary Ann May, Registrar • VFGC Flower Show School • 3164 Somerset Drive, Jeffersononton, VA 22724-1798 • 540-937-4613  
[ptmboat@comcast.net](mailto:ptmboat@comcast.net)



## VFGC Promoting NGC's Plant America Project at the VFGC Convention

**2, 4, 6, 8 Plant America Projects are Great!**  
From left are: Violet Neel, Janice Clem, Cynthia Herrell, Elene Combs, Lizzie Mann, Jane Sorensen, Liz Lester and Renee Johnson.

### A Weed for Your Pollinator Garden

*Submitted by Jane Sorensen, Horticulture Chairman*

Here's a recommendation for your pollinator garden: add goldenrod (*solidago*). I've had goldenrod at the back of one of my flower beds for years, because it volunteered to be there, and also because I really like the way it looks with the phlox, rudbeckia, shasta daisies, and other flowers there. It adds a graceful plume, interesting foliage texture, and a bright splash of yellow drawing your eye all the way to the back of the bed. Then, this spring I learned (from my Extension agent) that goldenrod is an important fall food source for honeybees. Now I'm delighted to know that I have been "beefing up" my local honey bees before the long winter.



Photo Courtesy of Missouri Botanical Gardens

Goldenrod is a weed, but one that I welcome into my garden, since it is definitely low-maintenance, and hasn't shown itself to be invasive (not something I can say for the *rudbeckia*, which I love), and is tough and beautiful. Consider adding it to your garden.

### 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:** 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:** 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:** 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:** 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 the Manager of Horticulture at the 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.

**Landscape Design School Schedule:**

**Monday • October 1, 2018**

<b>Time</b> .....	<b>Activity</b> .....	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.....	Registration and Welcome		
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.....	Designs for the Future .....	36.....	Trevor Buckley
9:40 a.m.- 10:40 a.m.....	Development of Landscape .....	26.....	Gordon Chappell
	From World War II to present		
10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.....	Redesign of Areas.....	20.....	Laurie Fox
11:50 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.....	Lunch (the Café' is convenient)		
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.....	Community Gardens .....		Trevor Buckley
2:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.....	Contemporary Landscape Design .....	21.....	Gordon Chappell
3:45 p.m.....	Class Dismissed		
6:30 p.m.....	Group Dinner – place to be announced		

**Tuesday • October 2, 2018**

<b>Time</b> .....	<b>Activity</b> .....	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.....	Community Participation.....	33.....	Laurie Fox
	Organization and Individual Responsibility		
9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.....	Special Interest Topic .....		Jack Douglas
	To Be Announced		
10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.....	Evaluating the Landscape Designs .....	31.....	Neal Beasley
	of Residential, Public, & Business Property		
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		
2:10 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.....	Evaluating the Landscape .....	31 .....	Neal Beasley
	<i>continued in class</i>		
3:15 p.m.....	Review – consultants not taking the exam may leave.		
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Registration Deadline: September 15, 2018

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**VFGC Funds Available -  
Grants to Beautify and Restore**

*Submitted by VFGC Chairman, Shirley Edillon*

Now is the time to start planning a project and putting together an application for VFGC Grants to Beautify and Restore. All of the available money was not awarded last year. So please take advantage of these VFGC funds to help with your projects.

The purpose of Grants to Beautify and Restore is to provide financial support for clubs to restore gardens that have been damaged by natural disasters within Virginia OR beautify areas within communities. Priority is given to natural disaster restoration projects.

All VFGC clubs are encouraged to apply for a one-year grant of up to \$1,000. This can be for a new or existing project. And clubs may apply for more than one grant provided the application is for a different project. If the project is on-going, a club may apply more than one time for a grant for the project. First time applicants shall receive priority over a club that has received a previous grant.

**Club Guidelines for Grants to Beautify & Restore**

**Application Deadline:** September 15 Each Year

**Report and Refund Of Unused Funds Deadline:** May 15

**How To Apply:** Please fill out the application form, include a budget and mail or e-mail to: Shirley Edillon, VFGC Chairman • *shirle4858@gmail.com* • 540-989-3137 • 4858 Glenbrook Drive SW • Roanoke, VA 24018-2800

The application is available in a Word document at [viriniagardenclubs.org](http://viriniagardenclubs.org) or by email from the Chairman. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to RESTORATION projects following a natural disaster when there is significant impact such as:

- 1.) Quality of life, such as damage to a garden/park frequently used by many people;
- 2.) Endangered/rare plants are threatened; or
- 3.) Historic integrity of the garden.

Community Beautification projects are also eligible and will be evaluated based on the following:

- 1.) Benefits to the community;
- 2.) Club participation; and
- 3.) Project visibility/location of the project.

**Funding Guidelines:** Grants will not be provided for-

- Projects in which the club does not participate in some aspect
- Salaries or benefits of school personnel
- Fieldtrips outside Virginia
- Political action programs
- Eagle Scout projects
- Capital drives and building funds
- Scholarships and endowments
- Lawsuits and litigation
- Overhead costs
- Consumable, one-time use items or giveaways, such as T-shirts, tote bags, food, admission fees, or tuition.



► Application for Grants to Beautify And Restore ◀

**Deadline:** September 15

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (Name, address, phone number, email):

Restoration Project Yes\_\_ No \_\_ Disaster/s Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning date:\_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Project Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use a separate sheet of paper and give a brief description of how the funds will be used and list the following:

1. Nature and severity of disaster (if applicable)
2. Location of area to be restored/beautified
3. Proposed plan by garden club/s
4. Landscape plan
5. Estimated itemized costs of your project
6. Other funds received toward project
7. Participation of club members

Judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

- Emphasis on live plant material .....45
- Scope of project .....40
- Scope in relation to number of club members ..... 5
- Networking with other groups in project ..... 5
- Application form complete ..... 5
- Total Points.....100



**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 judge 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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 .....

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

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## VFGC Calendar of Events

June 2-8.....	National Garden Week	
Aug 1 .....	Deadline for VFGC Nominations	
Aug. 26 .....	VFGC Finance Committee	
Aug. 27 .....	VFGC Board Meeting	
Aug. 27-30 .....	VFGC Flower Show School Course III.....	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	
Oct. 1-2 .....	Landscape Design School.....	Richmond
Oct. 8.....	Piedmont District Meeting.....	Richmond
Oct. 11.....	Shenandoah District Meeting .....	Waynesboro
Oct. 13.....	Southwest District Meeting .....	Abingdon
Oct. 18.....	Blue Ridge District Meeting.....	Roanoke
Oct. 29.....	Tidewater District Meeting.....	Norfolk
Nov. 14-15 .....	VFGC Judges Symposium.....	Henrico
December 1 .....	Deadline for most Awards to Awards Chairmen	

## In Memoriam

### ◆ Blue Ridge District

Curtis Anderson ..... Piedmont Estates Garden Club  
Dorothy "Dot" Wimmer ..... life time member of Boones Mill GC

### ◆ Southwest District

Phyllis Davidson..... Town and Country Garden Club



## CLUB AND DISTRICT NEWS

### Salisbury Garden Club Celebrates 50 Years

*Submitted by Martie Parch, Publicity Chairman (P)*

Founded in 1968, Salisbury Garden Club (SGC) is planning a series of events over the next year to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. On April 3, 2018 SGC President, Lorna Boucher, presented a book, *Flora of Virginia* to Midlothian Library Assistant Branch



Manager, Leslie Johnson, with members of SGC and library staff attending.

SGC has evolved significantly over the last 50 years, reaching out to the community with programs of service, education, and beautification to local schools, to Assisted Living and Memory Care, to the new Community Hospice House and to various civic service areas whose gardens need attention from time to time. Now with a 100+ members, the club has the resources, talents, skill and knowledge to carry out these and other projects where help is often needed. In May 2018, the club will host an anniversary

luncheon to which past presidents will be invited. Also, in September, there will be a "Golden Anniversary Tea".

Leslie Johnson thanked the club for its generous donation and has placed the book on a special display designed by club members, where it will remain for two weeks. After that, the book will join Midlothian Library circulation, where it is hoped it will shed light on some of the mysteries of gardening and provide inspiration and information to those who enjoy 'getting down to the earth.'

### Little Neck Garden Club's "Heart" Arrangements

*Submitted by Susan Driskel (T)*



Love was in the air at the February meeting of Little Neck Garden Club of Virginia Beach. For over forty years, this Tidewater District club has been actively involved in VFGC, District, Virginia Beach Community and Council projects, but during this "celebration of heart" month, their meeting had a more personal tone. The members used their creative

talents to make floral arrangements that reflected love in their lives. During the social hour they shared wedding pictures and personal stories. A mystery prize drawing was held with proceeds, along with members' contributions, going to the American Heart Association. Pictured from left are Ann Troiano, Ankie Keizer, Roberta Golden, Susan Driskel, Diane Coleman, and Jan Bradley.

### May Farm Garden Club of Kingston Celebrates 50 Years

*Submitted by Audrey Kelly (T)*

May Farm Garden Club of Kingston in Virginia Beach celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary April 21, 2018, at Broad Bay Country Club. In 1968 after meeting with leaders of the



Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, a group of friends, who elected and installed officers and adopted their bylaws, received their charter and joined the Tidewater District, VFGC, and NGC. They have fulfilled many hours of community service in these past 50 years.

Pictured are members of May Farm Garden Club of Kingston. Seated is Sylvia Brewington, their first president who is still active in the club today. Far right is Glenda Knowles, current Tidewater District president.

### **A Fond Farewell to Barbara Yinger**

*Submitted by Karen Luzuriaga (P)*

The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club (CBGC) honored Barbara Yinger at Northumberland Library with a surprise brunch on March 19th. Barbara thought she was coming to her last board meeting, but instead members came to say goodbye. Barbara has been a member of the club for twenty-three years. Barbara and her husband Bob are moving back to Maryland.

Barbara has worked hard for the garden club. From 2001-2003 and 2007-2009, Barbara served as CBGC president. She is a creative floral designer, a flower show judge, and landscape design consultant. Barbara helped to design and maintain our gardens at the Reedville American Legion and other gardens. Along with her local contributions, Barbara is a Life Member of VFGC, NGC, and SAR. Her knowledge of floral design and landscaping was willingly shared with other members and the community with a warm smile.

Barbara Yinger will surely be missed by the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club and the Northumberland community. Thank you, Barbara. Your hard work and skills helped to make the CBGC a success. Your kindness and friendship will be missed most of all.



Barbara was surprised!  
Photo by Roz Messing.

### **Town and Country Garden Club Participated in Art in Bloom**

*Submitted by Kate Hibbitts, Pres. (SW)*



Five members of Town and Country GC participated in the recent *Art in Bloom* exhibit at the William King Museum of Art in Abingdon. Participating were Margaret Craft, Betty Dotson, Rose Ann Kennedy, Sunny Singh and Sandy Yun and each was given a piece of artwork to interpret with flowers. Among the exhibits were *Notes on the State of Virginia*, *Coal Country*, *Touching the Sacred*, and *Appalachian Decorative Arts*.

The exhibit began with a gala on Friday evening, April 13. Attendees enjoyed live music, a buffet, demonstrations and the opportunity to visit with the designers. The special three-day event featured over 25 floral designers from the region. Sunny Singh is pictured here with her floral design.

### **Shenandoah District Spring Meeting**

*Submitted by Val Story (Sh)*

April 12 marked the spring Shenandoah District Meeting at Fauquier Springs Country Club near Warrenton. Attendance was great with many enthusiastic members participating. The great hall sparkled and looked lovely with spring table flower arrangements created by Shenandoah Designers Guild. Greenvale Garden Club made the beautiful memorial floral design. Cedar Run and Francis Fauquier Garden Clubs were also host clubs. Shenandoah District had an array of items for sale.

Toni Shreve from Cedar Run Garden Club presented the official welcome. Janice Pardun, also from Cedar Run meeting gave the response. She encouraged members to visit the Ways and Means table in the lobby and also to purchase opportunity tickets for the drawing for designs from today's program and table designs.



(shown above) and JoAnn McNabb gave a wonderful and enlightening design program.

President Jill Quinley thanked members for attending this meeting, and recognized Shenandoah as an exceptional District. Clubs have been active in many projects which Jill recognized.

Ruth Rider and Toni Shreve presented the District Awards. Congratulations to all the award winners. VFGC President Marty Bowers was present to congratulate all the winners.

Jeanne Bruton, from Madison Garden Club, gave a wonderful presentation on "Oddball Plants You Should be Growing" while Diane Burgess

### Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club on Arbor Day

*Submitted by Adele Lundquist (T)*



Members of Lynnhaven Heritage GC participated in the April 27 Virginia Beach celebration of Arbor Day at Kempsville Recreation Center. Club members prepared tree seedlings to be given to students of Kempsville Meadows Elementary School, supplied cookies for the reception following the ceremony, and helped with cleanup.

Front row from left are members Sherry Kern and Jessica O'Connor; from the far right are Bev Hunter and Adele Lundquist.

Standing by the newly planted magnolia are Molly O'Liddy, VA Dept. of Forestry, and two City Parks & Recreation representatives.

### Violet Bank Garden Club Projects Enhance Violet Bank Museum

*Submitted by Jan Pingel and Sandra Coleman (P)*

During the past three years, Violet Bank Garden Club members have been working to create an inviting environment on the grounds at Violet Bank Museum in Colonial Heights. Because of the vision of President, Jan Pingel, the club has added a raised bed of sweet violets that will feed fritillary butterfly caterpillars and attract other pollinators. This project was partially financed with a Piedmont District Grant awarded to VBGC on March 12, 2018. Jan Pingel met with Amy Armstrong, Colonial Heights Horticulturist, to plan the layout of the raised bed in an established garden on the museum grounds. Amy Armstrong and her staff helped in preparing the area for the club to install the new raised bed, and the Colonial Heights Department of Recreation and Parks provided mulch.



Members met on April 26 to plant violets and lilies of the valley and mulch around them. These plants were started in the president's greenhouse and made a beautiful display. Three reblooming azaleas were planted on the perimeter of the raised bed.

This project is helping club members learn about butterflies and their host plants. A bird feeder was installed by VBGC in March 2017. Another new Trex® bench is being added to the grounds near the violet bed where visitors will be able to sit and enjoy the gardens, butterflies and birds. You are invited to visit our beautiful butterfly garden and raised bed of sweet violets at Violet Bank Museum, 326 Royal Oak Avenue, in Colonial Heights.

## Save the Dates:

Ginter Park Garden Club in Richmond, VA Presents

***David Pippin & Al Brockwell (The Dueling Duo)***

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at

Ginter Park Woman's Club

3016 Seminary Avenue • Richmond, VA

Contact: Joyce Parker • (804) 513-7268

Violet Bank Garden Club hosts

***“When the Deep Purple Falls”*** Brunch and Design Show

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 • Country Club of Petersburg

1250 Flank Road, Petersburg, VA 23805



**WE INVITE EACH OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES TO**  
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**"NEW BEGINNINGS" - A NGC Standard Flower Show**  
**July 14-16, 2018**

*Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens Library*  
1800 Lakeside Avenue • Richmond, Va. 23228 • 804-262-9887

*Show Hours: Saturday, July 14, 3-5pm*

*Sunday, July 15, 9-5pm*

*Monday, July 16, 9-5pm*

Admission to Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens:  
\$13 for Adults; \$11 for Seniors; \$10 for Military;  
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For additional information, please contact the Flower Show Chairman, Diane Burgess, at 804-749-8218

**The Piedmont District is proud to announce a**  
**District Standard Flower Show • October 8, 2018**  
**Four Points by Sheraton, Midlothian, VA.**

You are invited to attend, and any NGC member is invited to enter! This show will be big and exciting -- including new design types and old favorites, plenty of horticulture classes and educational exhibits. It will also include the new Botanical Arts Division.

***Many Top Awards will be offered!***

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  
*burgessdiane@gmail.com* • 804-784-6716.

## Hilliard Park Garden Club - Habitat For Humanity Project

*Submitted by Jean Fender (P)*

March 26, 2018, 3 of us (2 from Hilliard Park and 1 from Windsordale Garden Club) met with the new homeowner on Winston Road in Ashland to talk about landscaping the front of her new home. We decided on basic foundation plantings with the addition of some daylilies and variegated liriopse. The front of the house has mostly sun although there are a couple of tall trees that may produce some shade in the summer. We drew up a landscape plan and decided on Saturday, April 28, to do the installation.

April 28 we were delighted when 34 individuals turned out to help with the installation: (9 from Hilliard Park Garden Club, 4 from Windsordale Garden Club, 7 including homeowner, her 2 children, and 4 friends, and 14 from Habitat for Humanity.) We were able to complete the installation and mulching in 3 hours.

On the left and right sides of the porch we planted 3 dwarf Buford hollies with 2 gold mops offset in front of them. We then added Stella D Oro daylilies. On the right side of the porch steps, we planted a Camellia Autumn Moon which grows upright in a columnar habit and will produce large white blooms in the fall. On each side of the cement landing below the steps, we planted variegated liriopse and on the right side beside the camellia and liriopse we planted some double orange daylilies.

At the curve of the mulch on each side of the front we planted more variegated liriopse. On each end of the house we planted a Sky Pencil and along each side of the house we planted more double orange daylilies.

On the left side of the porch steps is latticework covering the underside of the porch. We planted 2 nandina firepowers in front of the latticework with gold daylilies in between and in front. Once the planting was done, everything was neatly mulched with black mulch to add the finishing touch.



## Red Hill Garden Club - Learning "Just What is a Solar Greenhouse"?

*Submitted by Marilyn Eanes-Shorter, President (SC)*

On April 18, the Red Hill Garden Club ladies enjoyed a lovely evening (their monthly meeting) at Linda Bradner's home in Charlotte Court House. There were 12 members and 3 guests in attendance. After a presentation on solar greenhouses and a tour of Linda's solar greenhouse a "Pot Luck Dinner" was enjoyed by all. **And** Linda gave us all plants to take home that she had grown for us. What a treat! And what made the evening even better, **all three guests are joining Red Hill Garden Club! YES!!!** So, we Red Hill Garden

Club ladies continue to grow together, work together, and learn together for the betterment of our communities in which we live, work, and play.



### **Green Meadow Point GC Discusses Seeds**

*Submitted by Mary Sue Floyd (T)*



Green Meadow Point Garden Club worked with a group of pre-schoolers during their six-week enrichment program. We read "The Saved Seed", discussed the parts of a seed using graphics, and planted some seeds to watch them grow during the project.

We put a lima bean in a baggie with a damp paper towel to watch it germinate. At the same time, we discussed plantings for pollinators. They learned that the same process for germinating applied to all seeds, whether flowers or vegetables. The children planted tomatoes, radishes, beans, and several kinds of lettuce in raised beds in the courtyard of the church. Some of the projects included making a mosaic using seeds, and making a small booklet showing the parts of a seed. The final project was to have each child plant six plants in pots to take home and watch for visiting pollinators

### **Arbor Day and the Portsmouth Area Council of Garden Clubs**

*Submitted by Mary Sue Floyd (T)*

The Portsmouth Area Council of Garden Clubs, in partnership with the City of Portsmouth, celebrated Arbor Day at Portsmouth City Park. In addition to remarks about Arbor Day and the reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation by the mayor, we had a first grade class from a local elementary school lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The city received a banner as a Tree City for the past 43 years. The Portsmouth Area Council of Garden Clubs then presented Beautification Certificates to local businesses nominated by members for their efforts in beautification. Following the ceremony a tree was ceremonially planted by program participants. This will actually be planted elsewhere on the property.



## Luray Garden Club Distributes *The Saved Seed*

*Submitted by Loree Fisher (Sh)*

National Garden Club President, Nancy Hargroves, was the guest of honor at the Luray Garden Club's Christmas luncheon in December 2017. Our club purchased 7 copies of *The Saved Seed* for local libraries and elementary schools. Mrs. Hargroves wrote the forward for the books, which she signed and added a message encouraging gardening!

## Salisbury Garden Club Pairs with Homework Helpers In January

*Submitted by Martie Parch, Publicity Chair*

To help disadvantaged students realize the rewards from gardening and growing plants, 73 elementary students learned about how to plant and grow the amaryllis bulb.

Salisbury Garden Club partnered with Homework Helpers, a volunteer after school tutoring program that pairs a high school student with an elementary student from the Suburban Mobile Village. Sixteen club members, many who came both days, assisted students in planting an amaryllis to take home. Thirty-six elementary students planted an amaryllis to take home on Wednesday, January 3, and 37 more students planted Thursday, January 11. None of the elementary students knew anything about an amaryllis, and neither did most of the high school tutors.



To strengthen the students' math skills they also made predictions about the height, color, number of blooms and blooming date of their amaryllis. Later, as the amaryllis began to grow and bloom, students had the opportunity to measure and record the number and color of their blooms. Students also learned how to take care of their amaryllis when it was done blooming, so they can enjoy their amaryllis for many years. The students were amazed at the height and number of blooms their amaryllis produced. The bulbs were purchased using funds from a VFGC grant along with generous assistance from Southern States that sold them at a reduced price.

In October, students repurposed their saved water bottles into flower vases with the help and support of Salisbury Garden Club. First the students tied leftover ribbons, donated by SGC members, around water bottles and then created simple flower arrangements with donated flowers and herbs from SGC members' gardens. Over two days, 70 children created their own beautiful flower designs to take home. Five garden club members came each day to setup and assist the students, with 25 members donating ribbon and flowers, herbs and greens from their gardens.



## Luray Garden Club Member Publishes Her First Book at the Age of 89

*Submitted by Loree Fisher (Sh)*

Last month, Phel Jacobsen, a forty-year Luray Garden Club veteran, presented at our April meeting. She shared her personal experiences of writing her first book at the vibrant and productive age of 89. The name of her book being published in June is *I Married a Park Ranger and Became a Park Wife*. Telling the group about her motivation for writing the book, and the challenges in navigating the publishing world without any internet skills, Mrs. Jacobsen read several excerpts from her book. She will be interviewed during a Page Public Library lecture on May 24 at 7 pm.

## Luray Garden Club Crafts Ikebana Containers

*Submitted by Loree Fisher (Sh)*

Members and friends of Luray GC met on January 17 at the studio of Cathie Miranda "The Pottery Lady" to create beautiful containers for our Ikebana floral designs. The class came about after Linda Taylor taught a six week class on Ikebana floral arrangements this past summer and we loved the containers she brought with her to share with us. We had so much fun and can't wait to see our pieces after they are fired and glazed! The class was attended by Linda Taylor, Roberta Arcand, Susan King, Patty Comstock, Rose Ann Smythe, Gretchen Mulligan, Loree Fisher and Patty's friend Gina!



## Thomas Jefferson Garden Club is Celebrating 85 Years of Gardening and Friendship with "Echoes of the Past"

*Submitted by Randi Heise, Flower Show Publicity Chair (Sh)*



Thomas Jefferson Garden Club in Richmond is celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> year by holding a NGC Flower Show titled "Echoes of the Past". The flower show will be held on September 27, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bruening Hall, 2315 Parham Road, Richmond, VA. The show will be free of charge and open to the public.

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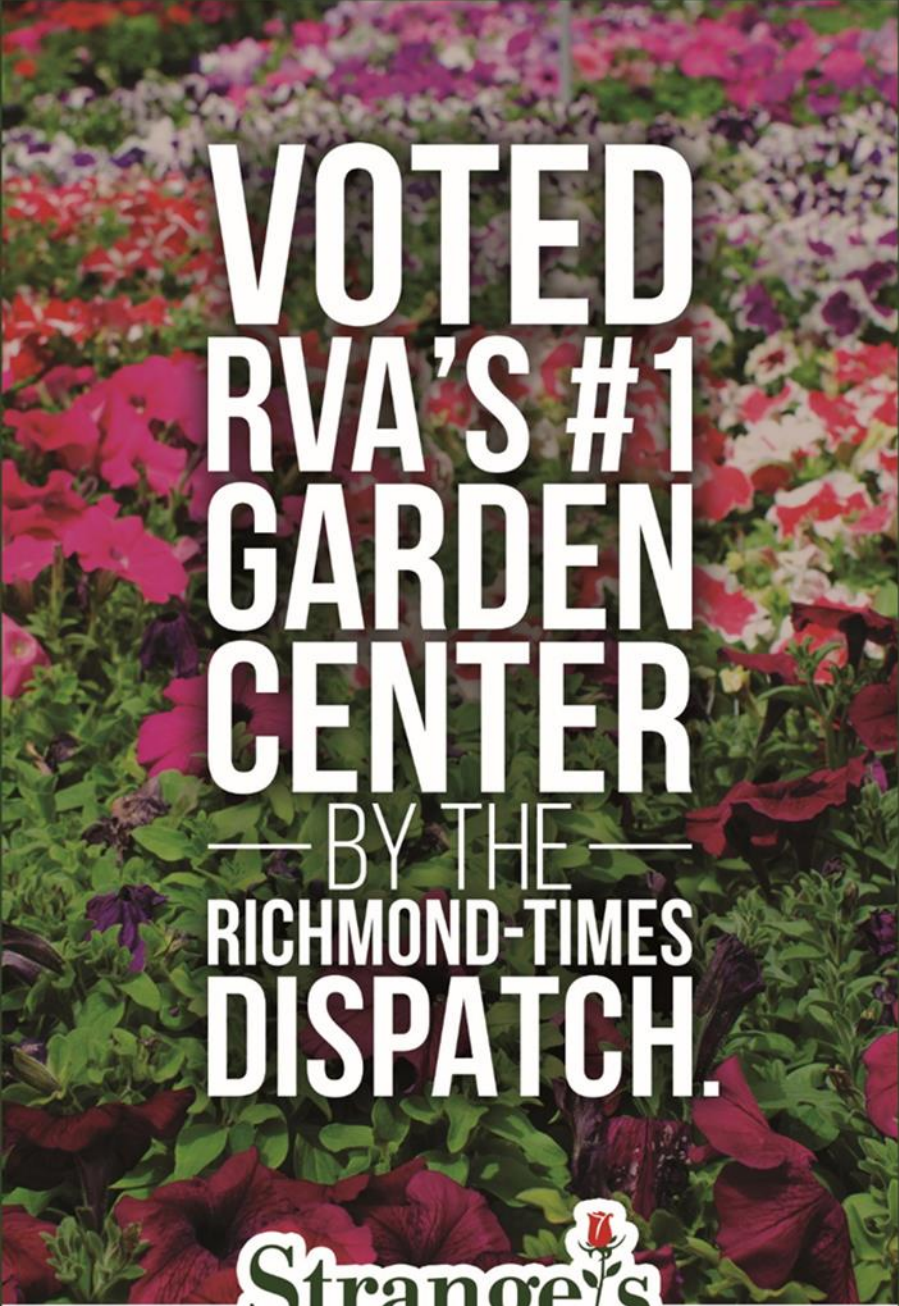
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