

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs' *Old Dominion Gardener*

How We Teach the Next Generation:



Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club shows kids the importance of bats for our environment.



Town and Country Garden Club of Wise getting ready to show kids how to save seeds, and that seeds represent an important source of our food.

Old Dominion Gardener

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2017-2019 VFGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Planting Today for Future Generations"

Dear Virginia Garden Club Members.

November is upon us and the weather has finally turned cooler. My hummingbirds left a couple weeks ago and my trees have shed all their leaves – it is definitely autumn. But my friendly bear is still around so I guess it hasn't been cool enough for her to go take her long winter's nap. While snow can be beautiful (for one day), I hope we don't have too much of it this winter.

I attended the fall NGC Board Meeting in September in Orlando, FL. It was an enjoyable experience with a lot of information sharing and greeting old friends.

All six Virginia Fall District Meetings were held during October and I was able to attend all. Each meeting was different, some had flower shows and all had wonderful programs. And wonderful shopping!!! Some districts had a separate short meeting with the Club Presidents. This was an excellent idea as the presidents shared the programs or projects that have been outstanding and they expressed their concerns. Major concerns are lack of people to take leadership positions and aging membership. If anyone has some magic remedies for these two problems, I would love to hear from them.

Grants to Beautify and Restore and Keys to the Future Grants were awarded. I don't know who all received these grants but I saw several heads nod at the District Meetings. Congratulations to all who received funding. As you are working on your projects, please

keep wonderful records and submit for VFGC awards – submissions are due December 1 to the Districts – time is short.

Course III of VFGC Flower Show School was held in August. Landscape Design School Course IV was held October 1-2 at Lewis Ginter in Richmond and Symposium was held November 14-15 at Four Points by Sheraton in Henrico. Flower Show School, Course IV will be held February 25-28 at Four Points by Sheraton in Henrico. Landscape Design School, Course I will be held at Lewis Ginter in April. Consider attending these courses.

2019 VFGC and SAR Conventions will be held March 28-30 (South Atlantic Region) and March 31-April 2, (Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs) at the Double Tree by Hilton in beautiful Williamsburg, Mary Dixon and Loy Holt have been planning and have some wonderful programs – you won't want to miss either convention – come and stay for both.

A Blue Star Memorial was dedicated November 11, Veterans Day in Troutville, VA. This event was hosted by Fincastle Garden Club (Blue Ridge District). Piedmont District will be replacing a Blue Star Memorial, date to be announced. Moneta Garden Club (Blue Ridge District) will be placing one at the Smith Mountain Lake/Moneta Library, date to be announced. Congratulations to these clubs.

Stay warm and safe during the upcoming holidays. A cold winter day is a perfect time to curl up in front of a fire with a hot cup of tea (or coffee or hot chocolate) and a good garden book or catalog and dream of spring.

Happy Holidays,

Matty Bower



SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION (SAR) NEWS

South Atlantic Region 2019 Convention • March 29 – 30, 2019

Doubletree By Hilton Hotel • 50 Kingsmill Road • Williamsburg, Va. 23185

Springtime is such a beautiful time in the Historic City of Williamsburg, Virginia. Please plan to join the members of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. for the South Atlantic Region 2019 Convention at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Our members are planning wonderful programs, beautiful designs, shopping, and of course time for the business necessary for the organization.

Thursday, March 28th is a pre-convention day and we have afternoon programs by Shelley Fones "The Gardening Angel" and Tommy White "Alton's Keep Wild Bird Rescue" with some of his rescued birds. So, come early to give yourself time to enjoy these presentations. There will also be a dinner Thursday evening with David Roos' program "Spring is Time to Clean Gardens".

The official opening of the convention is Friday morning and David Pippin and Al Brockwell, The Dueling Designers, will entertain you at the luncheon. Afternoon programs will include Les Parks of the Norfolk Botanical Garden and Sharon McGukin of Smithers Oasis Floral Products will let us know about their products. This evening a program on "Cottage Gardens" will be given by Gordon Chappell, retired from Colonial Williamsburg and so knowledgeable. The Director and Alternate Director for 2019 – 2021 will be installed in the evening.

Saturday, March 30, 2019 will conclude the convention with Brunch and the Awards Program where members are recognized for all of the outstanding work they do in their Garden Clubs. Please plan to attend the Fifty-eighth South Atlantic Region Annual Convention and celebrate with us.

For the first time the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. annual convention will follow the SAR Convention. Please plan to spend a few extra days in beautiful Williamsburg and attend the VFGC Convention. There will be registration forms on the website – www.viriniagardenclubs.org. Room rates are the same and there will still be shopping and wonderful programs.

South Atlantic Region Convention

March 29-30, 2019 Fifty-eighth Annual Convention
“The Beauty of Nature: Protect, Preserve, Enjoy”

Registration: Please complete form, make check payable to “SAR 2019 Convention” and mail both to Claudia H. Cosby, 3015 Mount Hill Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113-3923. For info: chcosby@verizon.net • **Postmark by February 25, 2019 for On Time Registration.**

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Please check ___ if we may email your acknowledgement.

Check ALL that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Director | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Former SAR Director | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Chairman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse | |

Please mark the plan of your choice and note that the **Full Convention** includes:
Registration, Thursday Banquet, Friday Lunch and Banquet, Saturday Breakfast.

Full Convention – Non-Virginia Members	\$190.00 ____
Full Convention Virginia Members	\$185.00 ____
Full Convention Spouses	\$180.00 ____
Thursday Luncheon-Former SAR Directors, Finance & Executive Committee	\$ 35.00 ____
Thursday Banquet and Program	\$ 50.00 ____
Friday Luncheon and Design Program	\$ 35.00 ____
Friday Banquet and Program	\$ 55.00 ____
Saturday Breakfast and Awards Program	\$ 25.00 ____
Part Time Registration	\$ 25.00 ____
Additional Late Registration Fee – After February 25 2019	\$ 25.00 ____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Please indicate special dietary requirements:
 Diabetic _____ Heart _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten _____ Other _____

No Refunds after March 10, 2019

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 Early Arrivals – must register early as there is a limited block of rooms. **Hotel Reservations: DoubleTree by Hilton**, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Call: 1-800-222-8733 & reference group name: South Atlantic Region Associations 2019 or Code: SAG. Room rate is \$119.00 for standard room or \$139.00 for suite rooms, plus taxes and \$2.00 fee. Note: Hotel cut-off date is February 26, 2019.

South Atlantic Region Convention Schedule

Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:00 am – Noon	Exhibit Room Setup	Conference Rooms A & B
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	Conference Lobby Desk
8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Flower Room Open	Executive Board Room
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Finance Comm. Meeting	Conference Room 5
11:00 am – Noon	Executive Comm. Meeting	Conference Room 5
Noon	Exhibit Room Opens	Conference Rooms A & B
Noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch – Exec. Committee	Private Dining Room
	and Former Directors	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Program – Shelley Fones	Auditorium
	<i>“The Gardening Angel”</i>	
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Program – Tommy White	Auditorium
	<i>Alton’s Keep Wild Bird Rescue</i>	
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Social Time	Conference Lobby Area
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Dinner & Program	Harrison
	David Roos – <i>“Spring Is Time To Clean Gardens”</i>	

Friday, March 29, 2019

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Flower Room Open	Executive Board Room
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Conference Lobby Desk
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Room Open	Conference Rooms A & B
9:00 am – Noon	Official Convention opening	Auditorium
12:15 pm -2:30 pm	Luncheon & Program	Harrison
	<i>The Dueling Designers</i>	
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Program: Les Parks	Auditorium
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm	Program: Oasis Products	Auditorium
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Social Time	Conference Lobby
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Dinner & Program	Harrison
	Gordon Chappell <i>“Cottage Gardens”</i>	
	Installation of 2019 – 2021	
	Director & Alternate Director	

Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration Open	Conference Lobby Desk
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Brunch – Awards Program	Adams Room
	Convention Closes	
11:00 am – Noon	SAR 2019 – 2021 Board Meeting	Center Lounge



Native and Heritage Plants

Submitted by Carolyn Nichols, Chairman

First off, what is a native plant? Native plants are plants that have evolved over thousands of years in a particular region. They have adapted to the geography and climate of that region. Native plants occur in communities, that is, they evolved together with other plants. As a result, a community of native plants provides habitat and builds a variety of native wildlife species such as songbirds and butterflies.

There are native and non-native species growing in the regions of Virginia. Native species occur in their natural regions without the direct or indirect activities of humans. A non-native species grows outside that natural range. In North America, many non-native plants were brought over for agriculture and ornamental purposes. Non-native plants continue to be a problem today. Some of these plants are a food source, however, certain species have aggressive traits that make them invasive species such as Kudzu and English Ivy.

Many non-native species will disrupt the natural growing habit of plants and will harm the native habitat. The aggressive growing habits of Kudzu is an example as it exhibits both rapid growth and reproduction rates and grows in most regions of our state. Also, some bamboo is invasive and spreads so easily it is getting into our forest and choking out young oaks and maple seedlings.

Generally speaking our native plants do not require fertilizers but fertilizers are applied to lawns and the excess phosphorous and nitrogen run-off causes harm to the native plant population.

There are many reasons to Plant Native: requires fewer pesticides; reduces water run-off; provides erosion control; helps to remove carbon from the air; provides shelter and food for native wildlife; and attracts a variety of birds, butterflies, and other wildlife.

For information on plants native to your area, contact your local Cooperative Extension office or garden centers in your area.



Penny Pines Update

Submitted by Joy Poole, Chairman



VFGC is doing quite well this year as we continue to support the NGC project called Penny Pines, which provides funds to the National Forest Service to replant burned out, diseased, and flooded areas. We are proud that all six districts have made donations this year. For the first half of this year, VFGC was responsible for contributing \$22,100 to various National Forests from the donations received. For the 3rd quarter, we have received over \$13,500 so far. It is our hope that we finish off the year with a record donation.

Remember that the Penny Pines information and donation forms can be found under the National Garden Club web site. It would be helpful to mail your donations to National in early December so they may be counted in 2018.

Thank you for your support!! We are making a difference in our National Forests.

VFGC Grants Awarded to Beautify & Restore Projects

Submitted by Shirley Edillon, Chairman

Grants for 2018 have been awarded to three clubs and a joint club project for their VFGC Grants to Beautify & Restore applications.

Wyndham Garden Club in Piedmont District received \$1,000.00 for planting a community area with all native plants which will attract butterflies and other pollinators. Irrigation and site preparation will be provided by The Wyndham Foundation.

South Boston Garden Club of South Central District received \$1,000.00 toward a \$7,600.00 community project to improve the beauty and landscape design of the main thoroughfare in the Town of South Boston. Assistance is also being provided by the Town of South Boston, the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office and the South Boston Rotary Club.

Dogwood Garden Club of Big Stone Gap and Green Thumb Garden Club of Norton, both clubs in the Southwest District, were awarded \$900.00 for their joint Native Plant and Pollinator Garden project. This garden is located next to a railroad car at the Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park in Big Stone Gap.

Blue Ridge Garden Club from the Blue Ride District was awarded \$700.00 to restore and beautify the Sherrie Conner Memorial Garden in the town of Bedford along historic Bedford Avenue and across the street from the Bower Center for the Arts.

Keys to the Future Youth Project Grants

Submitted by Melissa Damiano, Chairman

Blue Ridge District: Moneta GC sponsored Bethlehem United Methodist Church preschool and Lake Christian Ministries to work with youth as well as families of low-income households to enhance intergenerational relationships through gardening and harvesting the fruits of their labor. Awarded - \$920

Piedmont District: Salisbury GC sponsored Homework Helpers, an after-school activity pairing a high school student with an elementary student in a disadvantaged area. Club members will teach the youth about recycling/repurposing by making bird feeders and miniature greenhouses from typical trash items. Awarded - \$350

Shenandoah District: Cedar Run GC sponsored the Boys and Girls Club of Warrenton. At two events the club members will guide the youth in plant identification and appreciation for flowers and design. Awarded - \$290

Glasgow GC sponsored Natural Bridge Elementary School to replace decayed raised-bed gardens and amend the soil. This provides an opportunity to reinforce the students' science topics of erosion, decomposition, and the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Awarded - \$900

Rapid Ann GC sponsored Orange Elementary School to enhance an existing outdoor classroom located in a memorial butterfly garden at the school. Planting a shade flower border with the students will be a highlight. Awarded - \$650

Southwest District: Green Thumb GC sponsored Norton Elementary School to create an accessible sensory garden to engage children with disabilities. Awarded - \$900

Town and Country GC of Wise sponsored Junior Garden Club to teach the youth about ornithology and co-habitation of birds with local flora and fauna. Awarded - \$870

Tidewater: Green Meadow Point GC sponsored youth at Western Branch Intermediate School and at Aldersgate United Methodist Church Kinder-Prep. Both groups will learn from *The Saved Seed* book, activities germinating seeds, and providing container gardens with plants for pollinators. Awarded - \$980

Featured Speakers:

Honored Guest National Garden Club President, **Nancy Hargroves**, will be attending the convention and speaking at the Installation Dinner on Monday night. "PLANT AMERICA" is the theme for her administration.



Jim Gray grew up on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He graduated from college in art education. In 1983 he went into business as a floral designer, later he gravitated towards weddings and large scale events. He believes that floristry is truly an art form, one that demands respect of all of the elements. He also believes one should get lost in the creation of a floral design. His inspiration has always been his family. He



now leads a team of very successful designers at "The City Florist" in Salisbury, MD. I know you will enjoy his design program titled: "Flowers With Heart" on Monday at lunch.

Laura Viancour, Landscape Director, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation will be our featured speaker at Sunday night's dinner. Laura graduated with a B.S. in horticulture from Virginia Tech after which time she began her career at Colonial Williamsburg. She quickly climbed the promotional ladder and in 1997, when a new position was created, she became the manager of garden programs, a new way to enhance the interpretation of Colonial Williamsburg's gardens.

In her current position as director of landscape, Laura is responsible for

the overall management of the Foundation's gardens and grounds, which include 301 – acre Historic Area, Merchant's Square, the Visitor Center and Colonial Williamsburg's museums.

Laura is a frequent presenter for a variety of publications and television shows including: Southern Living, CNN, the P. Allen Smith Garden Show and Turner South Network. We know you will enjoy her presentation on "Enhancing and Interpreting Colonial Williamsburg's Gardens."



◆ 2019 VFGC Convention Form ◆

March 31-April 2, 2019 • 85th Annual Convention
"A Gardener's Path... Can take you anywhere."

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel • 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Registration: Please complete form; make check payable to "VFGC 2019 Convention" and mail both to Claudia H. Cosby, 3015 Mount Hill Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113-3923. For info: chcosby@verizon.net

Postmark by February 28, 2019 for On Time Registration.

Name _____ Phone(____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Club _____ District _____

Check ALL that apply:

- National Officer/Chm District President NGC Life Member
 Regional Officer/Chm District Director SAR Life Member
 Former VFGC President Club President VFGC Life Member
 State Officer/Chm Club Member Visitor/Guest
 VFGC Life Member or Book of Honor since May 1, 2018
 First Time Convention Attendee

Note: Full convention includes: Sunday Dinner, Monday Lunch and Dinner, Tuesday Brunch and Registration Fee

Full Convention (Package Plan)	\$180.00 _____
Sunday Evening Banquet and Program	\$ 50.00 _____
Monday Luncheon and Design Program	\$ 35.00 _____
Monday Banquet and Installation Program	\$ 55.00 _____
Tuesday Brunch and Awards Program	\$ 25.00 _____
Registration Fee	\$15.00 _____

**Optional Meal: Sunday, March 31 Luncheon-Board of Directors and Former VFGC State Presidents \$ 35.00 _____

Additional Late Registration Fee – After **February 28, 2019** \$ 25.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

_____ Please check for dietary requirements and list details on a separate page.

Hotel Reservations: DoubleTree by Hilton, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 • Call: 1-800-222-8733 & reference group name: **Virginia Federation of Garden State Conference 2019** or Code: **VFG** • Room rate is \$119.00 for standard room or \$139.00 for suite rooms, plus taxes and \$2.00 fee. Note: Hotel cut-off date for above price is February 28, 2019.

Saturday, March 30, 2019 Early Arrivals – must register early as there is a limited block of rooms.

No Refunds after March 15, 2019

◆ *Convention Schedule:* ◆

Sunday, March 31, 2019:

8:00 am – Noon	Exhibit Room Setup	Conference Rooms A & B
10:30 am – 6:00 pm	Registration	Conference Lobby Desk
8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Flower Room Open	Executive Lounge
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Finance Comm. Meeting	Conference Room 5
11:15 am – Noon	Executive Comm. Meeting	Conference Room 5
Noon – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Room Opens	Conference Rooms A & B
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Luncheon – Board of Directors & Former VFGC Presidents	
	Private Dining Room	
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Workshop – Darene Honeycut	Center Lounge
	<i>“Sowing Seeds for Future Generations”</i>	
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Workshop – Marlene MacDonald	Auditorium
	<i>Focusing on the Mechanics of Design”</i>	
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Social Time (cash bar)	Conference Lobby Area
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Dinner & Program-Laura Viancour Harrison	
	<i>“Enhancing & Interpreting Colonial Williamsburg’s Gardens”</i>	

Monday, April 1, 2019:

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Flower Room Open	Executive Lounge
8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration Open	Conference Lobby Desk
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Room Open	Conference Rooms A & B
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Official Convention opening	Auditorium
Noon -2:30 pm	Luncheon/Program-Jim Gray	Harrison
	<i>“Flowers With Heart”</i>	
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Workshop: Lisa Robinson	Auditorium
	<i>“Growing & Showing Daffodils”</i>	
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Workshop: Gloria Nelson	Auditorium
	<i>“In a Nutshell why Squirrels Matter”</i>	
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Social Time (cash bar)	Conference Lobby
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Dinner & Installation	Harrison
	Honored Guest: Nancy Hargroves, NGC President	
	Installation of 2019 – 2021 VFGC Officers	

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration Open	Conference Lobby Desk
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Brunch – Awards Program	Adams Room
	Convention Closes	
Noon – 1:00 pm	VFGC 2019 – 2021 Board Meeting	Center Lounge

Care of Holiday Greens and Plants

Submitted by Genie Cate, Shenandoah District Horticulture Chairman

Grandma and ancestors decorated only a day or two before Christmas, hence the use of fresh greens and fruit. Today many of us decorate at least two weeks before and want it to last through New Years. So start out by helping the greens last as long as possible. Make a fresh cut and split, not crush, the last 2 inches of the branch. Place boughs in warm water with a little preservative and keep in a cool place, preferably overnight, but at least for a few hours. Boxwood and Holly can be submerged in a bucket or tub overnight before using it. But ONLY overnight.....after that it starts to lose leaves. Add some glycerine to water to treat magnolia leaves and stems. Try to keep all arrangements and wreaths out of direct sun and very warm rooms.

On a scale of 1 to 10 here are some favorite greens: 10- Port Orford Cedar (a.k.a. Lawson cypress), a western green but takes the place of fern and lasts forever; 8- All of the firs and yews; 5- white pine; boxwood (unless in water/oasis.. then lasts well); Magnolia and Juniper; 2 - Hollies; 1- Mistletoe.....ugly and poisonous (Use preserved with neat little plastic white berries that stay in place. Looks even better than the real thing.).

For cyclamen: cool temperatures and a north or east window. They love cool bay windows or if you close curtains at night, leave between the curtain and the window. "Cyacs" like to be moist but not wet. You rarely see the bulb above the soil line as they would prefer to grow-half of the bulb should be above the soil. Watering from the top then often means that the water settles in the middle of the bulb and it rots. So, best to water from the bottom up. Place the plant in a saucer and fill the saucer with water and come back in half an hour. If it is all gone fill some more until when you come back there is still water in the saucer. If a lot of water is left, pour it out, if just a wee bit, leave it. Use a good houseplant fertilizer, ½ tsp. once a week to keep it blooming until spring.

Poinsettias - their care can be summed up in one word. WATER. The plant is usually grown in a pot that is small for the size of the plant, so requires frequent watering. Wrapped in foil or kept in a decorative cache pot helps keep it moist, but again, be careful of standing water. The plants are also usually placed to be part of holiday decorations so expect to lose some leaves due to low light levels, but they should not lose all of their leaves. After the holidays start feeding a weak solution of fertilizer, replot if possible and place in a sunny window.

◆ *Landscape Design School Course I, Series XXVIII* ◆

April 8-9, 2019 • Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
1800 Lakeside Drive • Richmond, VA 23228-4700

Submitted by Glenda Knowles, Chairman

Instructors for Course IV will be:

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

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

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

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 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.

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.

◆ *Course Registration Landscape Design School* ◆

Course I • Series XXVIII • April 8, 9, 2019

Registration Deadline: March 15, 2019

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

(The cost of your meals or lodging is not included in the registration fee.)

Please Check the Correct Boxes

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

Circle One: Monday or Tuesday

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check payable to VFGC Landscape Design School and mail to LDS Registrar:
 Marty Bowers • 2854 Hickory Cove Lane • Moneta, VA 24121-6029 • Phone: 540-297-0965 • E-mail: martbw@gmail.com. LDS Chairman: Glenda Knowles • 6948 Chancery Lane • Williamsburg, VA 23188 • Phone: 757 651-0401 • E-Mail: ggknowles@cox.net

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

 *Landscape Design School Course I Schedule:* 

Monday, April 8, 2019

Time	Activity	Chap	Instructor
8:00am – 8:20am	Registration		
8:20am	Welcome		
8:30am – 9:30am	Space, Design, and People	1	Neal Beasley
9:40am – 10:40am	Public Landscapes	17	Trevor Buckley
10:50am – 11:50am	Prin. and Elements of Landscape..... Design	2	Neal Beasley
11:50am – 1:30pm	LUNCH		
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Color in the Landscape.....	6	Trevor Buckley
2:40pm – 3:40pm	Developing Your Home/Private	7	Gordon Chappell Gardens
3:45pm	Class Dismissed –		
6:30pm	Group Dinner – place to be announced		

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

8:30am - 9:30am	Development of Landscape Design.....	22	Gordon Chappell
9:40am - 10:40am	Design for the Environment	10	Laurie Fox
10:50am - 11:50am	Basics of a Site Plan.....	9	Jack Douglas
11:50am - 1:00pm	LUNCH		
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Rain Gardens	*SIT	Laurie Fox *SIT – Special Interest Topic
2:10pm - 3:10pm	Landscape Design Resources.....	8	Jack Douglas
3:15pm	Review – consultants not taking the exam may leave.		
3:30pm	Exam		

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

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Submitted by Val Story, Chairman

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4 – 6 p.m. Point Scoring Test
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Submitted by Judy Hodges, President - VLDCC

Members and guests visited Thomas Jefferson's boyhood home in late October. The weather was warm and sunny with just enough breeze to make it an ideal fall day.

Tuckahoe Plantation is in Goochland County, VA and originally encompassed over 25,000 acres. The current size is approximately 550 acres. Much of the property is in a Conservation Easement and the house and surrounding grounds are listed on the National



Historic Register. The original home was built by the Randolph family around 1714. An additional center hall and south wing was completed in 1740, making the house an H shape. The house features pine and black walnut paneling with impressive carvings and moldings. Filled with beautiful antiques and rugs, it remains a stately home.

Because he was a widower, the original owner (Thomas Randolph) made an arrangement with his close friend Peter Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson agreed to become the guardian of Thomas Randolph's children upon Thomas' death, until such time as his eldest son was able to manage the estate. Further, Jefferson agreed to move from his plantation in Albemarle County to Tuckahoe Plantation to raise the children and oversee the plantation. Peter Jefferson, his wife, three daughters and two-year old Thomas moved to Tuckahoe and remained there until 1752. Thomas Jefferson and his siblings and cousins were educated in the one-room schoolhouse still on the property.

On our tour, we visited the house, the cutting garden, vegetable garden, herb garden, one of the three cemeteries located on the property, the kitchen house and held our VLDCC gathering in the stable. This was a truly enjoyable day and provided us with a great educational experience.

NOTE: The home is occupied full-time by the owner/manager Addison B. Thompson and his wife Susan. Susan (Sue to her friends) is the 'brains' behind the restoration and maintenance of the exceptional gardens. The grounds are open for self-guided tours and the house is available for private tours by appointment and may be rented for private events. The Tuckahoe Plantation staff was knowledgeable, friendly, and extremely accommodating.



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December 1.....	Deadline for most Awards to District Awards Chairmen
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March 31-April 2...	VFGC Convention.....Williamsburg
April 18.....	Shenandoah District MeetingStaunton
April 29-May 2.....	NGC National ConventionBiloxi, MS
May 1.....	ODG deadline to submit articlesTBA
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CLUB AND DISTRICT NEWS

Little Neck Garden Club Goes All Out for Arbor Day (T)

Submitted by Jan Bradley (T)



Little Neck Garden Club members celebrated Arbor Day by honoring Sarah Stermer, a young environmentalist. After reading an article in the "Beacon" section of *The Virginian-Pilot*, they decided to support the Kellam High School senior whose goal was to increase the tree canopy in Virginia Beach and Haiti by planting 1,000 trees. In April the club donated \$1,000 in Sarah's honor for The Urban Forest Fund and the Landscape Management Division of Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation to plant trees in Virginia Beach neighborhood parks and schools.

In August the club and city representatives met to finalize the selection and locations for the ten trees to be planted in Sarah's honor. Most of the trees will be planted in city parks with two going to Lynnhaven Elementary School. The selection of trees varies from *Magnolia virginiana*, *Ulmus parvifolia* "Drake", *Ulmus Americana* "Valley Forge", to *Quercus shumardii*.

Sarah is currently a freshman at Virginia Wesleyan where she continues her studies at the Greer Environmental Sciences Center.

Town and Country Garden Club's Fundraising Activities (SW)

Submitted by Kate Hibbits

October 2018 marked the 40th annual Fall Fling in downtown Wise. Town and Country GC has been a part of this celebration for many years, but participation this year was even more involved. At the recommendation of the

Ways and Means Committee, the club voted to have a booth at the event as a fundraiser. The days just prior to the festival were busy! Members decorated the stage where several musical groups performed on Saturday and Sunday. Others filled decorated treat bags with items donated by local businesses to give to the festival's vendors. Some members planted mums and other fall flowers along Main Street.

The weather was a bit cool and damp on



Frances Sturdavant braved the weather to work the club booth.

about the many activities of Town and Country Garden Club.



Vicki Stephens chaired the apple butter project.

the festival days, but the club booth was still a success. Lots of potted plants, apple butter, books, and craft items were sold. Members also had an opportunity to tell visitors



From Left: Elenore Castellano, Sherry Kern, Cheryl Klobuchar, Bev Hunter, Adele Lundquist.

Lynnhaven Heritage GC (T)

Submitted by Adele Lundquist

On June 7 at the King's Grant Farmers' Market in Virginia Beach, twenty-three children enjoyed making paper bag puppets and learning about the benefits of having bats in the neighborhood. The children's craft table was provided by members of the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club.

New Castle Garden Club's Annual Picnic (BR)

Submitted by Diane Givens

The annual New Castle Garden Club picnic was held recently with eleven members and guests attending. Held every August for most of the 79 years of the club's history, the potluck picnic this year was enjoyed at the Craig Valley Baptist Church pavilion with lovely summer weather and delicious food. A plant, seed, and vegetable exchange has become a picnic tradition. Herb clippings, daffodil bulbs, and fresh vegetables were shared by those attending this year.



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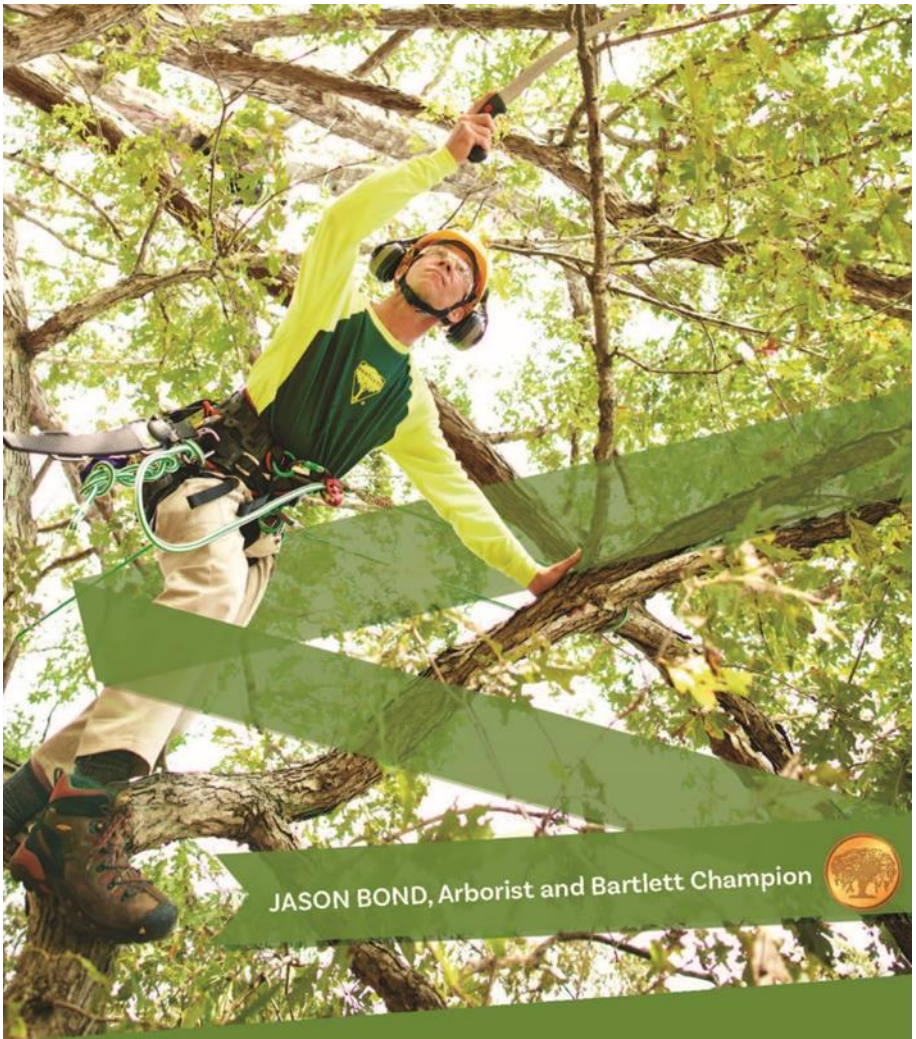
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Hoe and Hope GC (Sh)

Submitted by Sue Knight



Waynesboro's Hoe and Hope Garden Club has had a busy and interesting summer. On June 11, our Jane Whitesell presented a workshop on "line design" which was held at the Village Garden Center, Red Barn. Each member then made an arrangement using our new techniques.

July 9 we again had a fascinating and very enjoyable afternoon at the beautiful home and gardens of Jack Coward and Carol Shannon. What an amazing and georgeous display. Thank you Marian Thompson for arranging this wonderful tour.

Again at the red barn, Marian presented

a program on August 13 - "Making a Succulent Living Wreath" with added instruction on drying flowers. What perfect timing with so much in full bloom and fall on the way.



Chesapeake Bay Garden Club's 65th Celebration was a Success! (T)

Submitted by Karen Luzuriaga, Photos by Roz Messing

There was a lot of preparation for our 65th celebration. During the summer, Susan Brandli and Veda Watts created a large teacup made out of recycled tires, complete with teabag

and sugar cubes. This was placed outside of the Transportation Building with mums placed inside. The week before, members cleaned up the gardens at the tavern so that everything would look lovely.

On September 20, Sharon Stieber conducted a workshop at the Northumberland Library to help members decorate teapots and saucers. Sharon advised us on how to prolong the life of arrangements and suggested the use of chicken wire to keep your arrangement in place. Everyone went home with many ideas and plans to create a centerpiece for the celebration.

On September 25, the celebrating began. That morning, under the direction of Susan Brandli, club members arrived early at the Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern Transportation Building in Heathsville. Tables were set up and beautiful; spring-like tablecloths placed on the tables. Some of the tables held old scrapbooks so members could see what the club accomplished in the past. Also, it was fun to see the changes that have taken place through the years. Roz Messing displayed a slide show that members could enjoy watching while enjoying their food and drinks. There were lovely centerpieces in teapots and saucers created by the members themselves. Let's not forget the Tavern Culinary Guild who catered the party. They displayed and arranged an assortment of finger foods that could surpass any English tea.



Linda Hixon & her arrangement with vegetables

The next meeting of CBGC will on October 23 at Festival Hall in Reedville. The meeting will begin at 12:00 with lunch provided by members. The guest speaker will be Zach Bradford. He will speak about the vanishing orchids of the Northern Neck.

Natural Bridge Garden Club (Sh)

Submitted by Diane Weaver

Natural Bridge GC has had the sorrow to see the passing of three of its former members this past year -Boots Jones, President 1995-1997; Jeanne Day, President 1987-1989;and Sarah Lanford, President 1967-1969. We will miss these lovely ladies and the many contributions they gave to all of us over the years. On a happier note, we welcomed two new members, Sharon Littlepage and Jennifer Young.

The club has been busy learning to "Show our Best" with the proper ways to make horticulture exhibits and floral designs.

We look forward in November to a guest speaker from Natural Bridge State Park as well as a trip to Millmont Greenhouse in December to explore and learn about their beautiful poinsettias on display.

Pictured here are (from left) members Linda Baron, Irene Condie, and Rosanne Facciolo cleaning up gardens for the Natural Bridge Elementary School community project.



2017-2018 An Outstanding Year for Red Hill Garden Club (SC)

Submitted by Marilyn Shorter, President

This year has been great for Red Hill GC but it has come and gone. Dr. Seuss once said, "Don't Cry because it's over, Smile because it happened". For us it has been an outstanding year. We are a growing, active, and community involved garden club with talented designers, and hard workers.

In September we had a wonderful workshop conducted by Mitzi Cassidy, NGC accredited flower show judge. Mitzi demonstrated leaf manipulation and the importance of conditioning flowers, plus she critiqued designs for us, and created several beautiful new designs. We also attended a design learning evening with Tennessee designers Greg Campbell and Erick New at the Farm Basket in Lynchburg. All flowers used in their creations were grown at the beautiful Pharsalia Plantation.

We attended SCD President Deanna Schwartz's Keysville Garden Club's NGC Small Standard Flower Show at Ash Camp Baptist Church in Keysville. It was a beautiful fall flower show and well-presented show.

October we attended the SCD meeting in Lynchburg. The program was wonderful - *Gardening for Seasoned*



Red Hill members with Bryce Lane.

Gardeners (that's us) presented by Bryce Lane, a lecturer from NC State University's Department of Horticultural Science. He is the host and producer of Emmy winning, UNC TV (PBS) "In the Garden with Bryce Lane".

October also included the Fine Arts and Flower Show at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, in Richmond, VA.



Red Hill members pictured with designers Greg Campbell and Eric New.

The remainder of the year is all community related - in November we will decorate Ebenezer church for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Red Hill for their Christmas open house; construct Christmas wreaths for the town of Brookneal; and close out the year with our Christmas gathering and ornament exchange at the Lavalette House in Gretna.

We look forward to the New Year to continue our focus on youth education by sponsoring gardening projects, maintaining our five local gardens, and supporting SCD.

Shenandoah District Spring Meeting

Submitted by Val Story

October 12, 2018 marked the fall Shenandoah District meeting at Waynesboro Country Club. The room was full with many members attending, and the great hall sparkled with chandeliers and looked festive with fall table flower arrangements created by Dogwood Garden Club. Thomas Jefferson Garden Club made the beautiful memorial floral design while Monticello

Garden Club made the name tags and manned the registration table. There was an array of items for sale with pumpkins looking cheerful.



Rachael is *almost* visible behind Brenda's design.

Joe Murray spoke about the wonders of trees with an emphasis on "no tree is an island". He was both knowledgeable and entertaining. 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.

The afternoon design program was presented by Brenda McManaway. She created five exceptional design utilizing interesting containers and greens from a friend, Rachel Yungman. Many delighted winners received a

design or table centerpiece.

The next District meeting will be March 18 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton.

Culpeper GC Receives First Place Award from National Garden Clubs, Inc. (Sh)

Submitted by Elaine Stevens

On May 23, 2018, Culpeper Garden Club received the First Place Award from National Garden Clubs, Inc., in the category of Community Gardens.

Darlene Evans and Nora Rice supported creation of a pollinator garden in Yowell Meadow Park in conjunction with the Town of Culpeper, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries'



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Habitat Partners Program, and the Old Rag Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists. Four members of the Old Rag Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists, Darlene and Nora assisted with planting more than 700 plants of 15 different native species on October 19, 2017. Pictured holding the Certificate of Commendation, from left to right, are Nora Rice and Darlene Evans.

Shenandoah District - Giggles and Gardens

Submitted by Val Story



This fall Shenandoah District sponsored a light hearted calendar titled "Giggles and Gardening" for the year 2019. This was an important fundraising project to support our excellent district meetings with quality speakers and programs. Monies raised will also go to the scholarship and blue star memorial funds.

Twelve garden clubs supported this project by donating advertising funds and providing a group picture for their designated calendar month. They are Calfee GC, Cedar Run GC, Colonial GC, Dogwood GC, Glen Burnie GC, Hawthorne GC, Lake of the Woods GC, Luray GC, Madison GC, Middleburg GC, Monticello GC and Purcellville GC.

To date 375 calendars have been purchased, making this a profitable fundraiser. A huge *thank you* goes to the participating clubs and to all who have purchased the calendars.



Green Hills Garden Club Improves a Garden (Sh)

Submitted by Lynne Dubinski

The Green Hills Garden Club completed a garden beautification project this past summer in the Wellspring Village outdoor garden area at Brightview Baldwin Park, Staunton, Va. Wellspring Village is a specially designed neighborhood in the Brightview community for people who are living with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. This beautiful

area is freely accessible to the residents but was in need of some attention. After professional consultation from Jef Naunchik, club members devised a plan then purchased plants and received plant donations from club members to complete the plan.

Plants purchased: Sunshine Blue® *Caryopteris incana* 'Jason' • Blue Muffin® *Viburnum dentatum* 'Christom' • Chicago Lustre® *Viburnum dentatum* 'Synnestvedt' • Shenandoah Switch Grass *Panicum virgatum* 'Shenandoah' • Golden Japanese Forest Grass *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' • Blue Jean Baby Russian Sage *Perovskia atriplicifolia* 'Blue Jean Baby' • Tuff Stuff™ *Hydrangea serrata* 'MAK20'. Plants donated: yellow/green variegated *hosta*; hardy *begonia*; and *hellebores*.

Five club members and one husband came together to plant the materials:

Shirley Lacroix, Helen Chew, Keedie Leonard, Pam Schnake and Lynne Dubinski with husband John. Through coordination with the staff at the facility the plantings were watered and maintained through the summer with success. The project was much appreciated by the staff, residents, and family members of residents.



Save the Date • May
11, 2019

Kent Russell, The Garden Guru, is coming to Lake of the Woods Garden Club in Locust Grove, VA, on May 11, 2019. He will be presenting "Candy in the Garden." Flowers used for the presentation will

be available for purchase after the show. There will be Mother's Day gifts for yourself or a loved one.

For information, please contact: Lynn Cryblskey • t.cryblskey@verizon.net or Debbie Hein • debbiehein@comcast.com.

Buckingham Dillwyn GC Fall Activities (SC)

Submitted by Barbara Wheeler, President

Members of the Buckingham Dillwyn Garden Club gathered together on October 8 to mulch the Curdsville community gardens. The gardens were originally established under the Youth Grant in 2007. The Grants to Beautify and Restore funds assisted with the current mulching project, made quick work with the help of the "Barbie Tractor".



Pictured above are Elfriede Wolford, Sharon Byrum, Winnie Brown, Barbara Wheeler, Marie Flowers, Kate Sewalk operating her "Barbie Tractor", Pat Johnson, Elsie Towler, Jackie Fairbarns, Barbara Kragh. Not pictured are Glenda Harris, Barbara Knabe, and Suzanne VanDeGrift. Photo by Suzanne VanDeGrift.

On October 25, the club attended the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts "Arts and Flowers" exhibition to celebrate the club's interpretive arrangement of the Temple Lamp. Designers were Glenda Harris and Barbara Wheeler. There



were 84 beautiful and creative floral arrangements throughout the museum. The members also attended the luncheon/fashion show on the same day.

Pictured above are Kay Carter , Barbara Wheeler, Glenda Harris, Elfriede Wolford, Mary Lohr, Jeanette Reck, Barbara Knabe, Barbara Hansen, Agnes Cramer, Lou Ann Dumminger, Suzanne VanDeGrift, and Elsie Towler. Missing is Pat Johnson. Photo by Connie Hom.



Chester Garden Club Greens Sale And Historic Holiday Home Tour (P)

Submitted by Mary Musselwhite, Publicity Chair

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Think nearly 150 years ago and it is May in the little Village of Chester. A fierce battle is raging outside a little yellow house known simply then as the Winfree House. The woman who lives there approaches Colonel William Fowler of the Union troops with a fierce glare in her eyes, walked to the lane fence and, in a tone of voice indicating she was both angry and excited, ordered him to take the guns away and tells him to leave. The sound and blasts from the cannon are breaking the glass panes in the windows of her home. Bullets are flying about. He suggests that she go to her cellar for safety. She persistently refuses and is highly upset. Imagine this spunky woman telling a Union officer to leave and take his cannon with him? Only after the Union officer ran out of ammunition did he leave.

Today, the "Yellow House" is white and very much the same as it was in 1864. The furnishings include beautiful antiques and will feature a 15' fresh tree decorated with family ornaments and fresh designs of the Colonial period throughout the house. Greens sold will include swags, wreaths, kissing balls and bows. Parking is conveniently located at the home.

Hilliard Park Garden Club (P)
Habitat For Humanity Landscaping Project

Submitted by Jean Fender

On a chilly, damp Saturday morning, October 27, with drizzle still falling after 2" of rain in the prior 24 hours, 19 brave people showed up to landscape the newest Habitat Home in Hanover on Harver Court. The new homeowner and his wife are from Burma in Thailand and have been in the United States for 10 years and have 3 sons.

The front of their house includes roughly 10' of plantable area in front of a porch, to the left and right of the porch approximately 18' feet and 24', respectively, of potential plantings. We planted arborvitae 'Smaragd' with its pyramidal shape, and bright, lustrous, soft deep green dense foliage; king's gold cypress 'Sawara' with its stunning golden, threadlike branches; and *Nandina* 'Firepower' with its attractive foliage. 40 bags of red mulch completed the beds which were outlined with variegated *liriope*.

On each side of the front steps we planted a Japanese holly 'Steeds' for its rich green leaves and abundant small, purple-blue berries in the fall and winter. In front of the latticework, we planted Siberian and bearded *Iris* and some daylilies and included variegated *liriope* along the front. We planted a crepe myrtle in the left front yard.



Total cost of the project was \$310.74. Thanks to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs for reimbursing \$250 of the cost, and to the Habitat Restore in Mechanicsville for donating 40 bags of mulch. Hilliard Park GC paid the remaining \$60.74. The crepe myrtle, iris, and daylilies were donated by club members. A special thanks goes to 8 Randolph Macon students for their help!

Abingdon Garden Club Takes On A Garden Challenge. (SW)

Submitted by Barbara Smith

The Abingdon Garden Club recently changed its meeting place to the Jubilee House, a local Catholic conference center. The conference center is wonderful as it provides the club with a nice meeting room, a place to do "hands on" projects, and access to its kitchen and audio visual materials. The Jubilee House staff asked the garden club if it would be willing to restore the memory garden in front of the center. The garden was started in 2014 as a memorial to members of the armed services but had fallen into disrepair. It was only a 24 X 36 foot space and was enclosed by a driveway. We could plant some easy care perennials and shrubs ...it should be a piece of cake!



Club members Patte Redmond, Ikue Eng, Corann Kitchen, Fran Wall , Dianne Bisig, and Garden chairman Linda Wynne (with husband David) met on October 22 to clear the site. They began to dig weeds and hit asphalt about 10 inches down. The memory garden had been built on top of pavement!

This did not stop this intrepid committee. They cleared the weeds and started brainstorming. Plans are being drawn and, hopefully, work will be completed and we will have a picture of the finished garden in the 2019 fall issue of the ODG.

Little Neck Garden Club (T)

Submitted by Susan Driskel

October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness (& prevention) Month and Little Neck GC of Virginia Beach wanted to show support for the victims of such abuse. We collected supplies for the Help

Emergency Response (H.E.R.) Safe Place, a local domestic violence resource that provides emergency shelter and quality care to adult and child survivors. We also wanted to add a personal touch for the residents. Our club's design theme for the October meeting was "A Thoughtful Deed" so members created individual small flower arrangements with an added emphasis on the color purple, the symbol of the movement. Shown below are Little Neck GC members with their arrangements.



Seeds Do Not Come from Stores (T)

Submitted by Karen Luzuriaga, Publicist

On October 30th the first graders at Northumberland Elementary learned where seeds come from in a hands-on experience. Linda Hixon organized the program and Chesapeake Bay Garden Club members visited the school carrying pumpkins and scoops. The program is based on the book, *The Saved Seed* by Brenda Moore and illustrated by Emily Lackey. The book explained where seeds come from, and how the pumpkin seed will grow into a vine and new pumpkins for next Halloween.

The students worked in small groups and scooped out the seeds from the pumpkins. The seeds will be dried out and planted in the spring. They will be planted in the school garden so the students can watch the seeds sprout into vines and then produce more pumpkins.

The club will visit again in the spring for the program, Ready-Set-Grow. Members will explain the parts of the plants and how explain the different parts of a plant that are food to eat. Flower seeds and pumpkins seeds will be planted. As second graders they will have pumpkins for Halloween.



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