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JoAnn McNabb - Piedmont



Amy Thorpe - Shenandoah



LouAnn Dumminger - South Central



Lizzie Mann - Southwest



Patsy Cameron - Tidewater

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“Today's Actions Pave the Pathway to Tomorrow”

What are we doing to help pave the pathway for those coming after us? Whatever we do will have either a positive or a negative impact. We all want to be positive. By now we hope all of our clubs have made their plans for 2019-2020. Find ways to share these with others.

By the time this issue is received by you, hopefully we will have cooler weather. I hope everyone had a good, productive summer and stayed hydrated while outside. As we move into fall, may your plantings flourish. As a saying goes (don't know the origin) “Bloom where you are planted.” What a beautiful garden we will make!

We want to support our VFGC schools; award our scholarships; and share our knowledge. While doing this, we want to share our acts by applying for the awards available to our clubs.

Many of us see the faces of children as we help them learn about growing and nurturing plants as well as ways to protect our environment. Help a child or group of children plant seeds and nurture those plants. We should all have that kind of enthusiasm for nature. This little act will definitely “Pave the Pathways of Tomorrow.”

Or we may choose a larger project such as a major planting in our community. So, large or small, find something to make a positive impact on our communities and the world.

We will be continuing our VFGC projects: Monarch Butterflies, Plant Together projects, Blue Star Memorial dedications and landscaping, Youth Grants, Grants to Beautify & Restore, Penny Pines, and a variety of Youth projects

A questionnaire was distributed to our clubs. Please complete these by the end of September and return it to both this president and your district president.

Keep planting those seeds (small as a mustard seed or large as an avocado seed) and reaping their benefits.



Mary Sue

Blue Ridge District - Hazel Vance

Hazel is a native Virginian who grew up on a farm in Bedford County and graduated from Bedford High School. After high school, she moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a career with the Federal Government. During her professional career she was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Park Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Hazel attended night school for many years and earned a Business Degree from Strayer College in Washington, D.C. and an Associate Degree in Accounting from Prince Georges Community College in Largo, Maryland.

Hazel is an active member of Bedford Baptist Church and has been a member of the Blue Ridge Garden Club since 1997. Her time is spent enjoying church activities, garden club activities, vegetable gardening, yoga and pampering her chihuahua.

During her garden club membership, she has held numerous positions with the Blue Ridge Garden Club and the Blue Ridge District. She is proud to represent the Blue Ridge clubs for the 2019-2021 administration.

Piedmont District - JoAnne McNabb

JoAnn was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia and now lives in Rockville. Her first husband of 30 years died suddenly of a heart attack in 1996. She and her second husband, Jim, have been married almost 17 years and they met, believe it or not, on the internet - Match.com! They have no children, but they share their household with their two cats, "Fred" and "Whitesox", both are rescue animals.

JoAnn began her career with State Planters Bank in Richmond in 1966, and retired from the same banking group, SunTrust. She ended her career after 37 years as a Senior Vice President in charge of Richmond area branches.

After retirement she joined a garden club which set her on a wonderful and fun filled journey. While she loves to garden, floral design is her passion. She enrolled in flower show school just to learn about floral design and liked it so much she decided to become a judge. That was just the beginning...

She is currently President of the Piedmont District, past president of the River Road and West Hanover Garden Clubs, Treasurer of the Piedmont District Flower Show Judges Council, and VFGC Liaison to Fine Arts & Flowers. She is also a member of the Richmond Designers' Guild, and has exhibited at the Philadelphia Flower Show, Fine Arts & Flowers, and Creative Floral Arrangers of America.

Her theme for her administration is "Let's Learn, Grow & Laugh Together". With this she hopes to inspire our garden club members to work together to

improve our environment, beautify our communities and educate each other with information on all aspects of nature, gardening and using our creativity to showcase nature's flowers in floral design.

Shenandoah District - Amy Gable Thorpe

Growing up in Fauquier County as an accomplished equestrian, Amy fell in love with nature during her early years. She learned about gardening, canning and floral design from her mother and grandmother. She has been using those interests and skills to volunteer in the community for over 20 years with numerous community organizations. Her favorite time to volunteer is during Christmas so she can decorate trees for various organizations, sometimes over twenty in a season! Having a background in political research, fundraising and event planning, she is no stranger to orchestrating donation drives for flood victims, helping raise money for a handicapped accessible wounded veteran hunting and fishing camp and running fundraisers for both local charities and political campaigns.

Amy has been a Certified Real Estate Appraiser for twenty-two years, however, has spent the last five years at home with her daughter, Quentin, who is learning about horses, gardening, canning, floral design and the importance of volunteering from her mother and grandmother. Amy's husband, Huntley, of eight years is also from Fauquier County.

Amy is an active member in Cedar Run Garden Club. She became involved at the District level as the Children and Community Gardens chairman in 2013 and most recently, as Director Secretary. She currently is a member of the Virginia Federation of Garden Club Board of Directors as the Community Garden chairman. Her administration's theme is "Gardening with youth to cultivate wonder".

South Central District - LouAnn Dumminger

LouAnn was born and raised in Norfolk. After attending Longwood College, where she earned a B.S. in Accounting and Economics, she continued to call Farmville home for the majority of her life. She and husband of 41 years, Jim, have lived in their current home for 22 years. They enjoy adapting the landscape as it and they mature! Raised beds, perennials and container gardening are currently trending at the Dumminger home. They have two sons and daughters-in-law, all in Virginia.

LouAnn has been a member of Ruth Adams Garden Club since 2006. She had the good fortune to be invited as a guest to a SCD meeting and was hooked! She has served as president for two garden clubs and the Town and Country Beautification Council, SCD Registrar, SCD Treasurer, and is a Master Gardener. She loves to read and do research especially on

gardening topics. She is an active member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Farmville.

Both of LouAnn's parents loved gardening. In fact, until this spring her 92-year-old dad did his own weeding and enjoyed watching his birds. She hopes to encourage Youth Activities during 2019-21 to inspire the joy of watching things grow and arranging, in the next generation. Her theme is "Observe the Past, Plan Today, to Reap Rewards Tomorrow."

Southwest District - Lizzie Mann

Lizzie was born in Virginia but grew up in a military environment living all over the U.S. and overseas. Once her father retired and returned to his Kentucky roots, Lizzie considered Lexington, KY her native home. She is an avid WILDCAT fan, and as they say in Kentucky "bleeds blue!" Lizzie is a graduate of the University of KY with a B.S. in Accounting and worked on her Masters degree at Xavier University.

She retired from Accounting when she and her husband moved from Colorado to Maryland in 2004. In Maryland, she was an active member of Split Rail Garden Club, serving as Corresponding Secretary. In 2010, they relocated to Abingdon where she became an active member of the Abingdon Garden Club, serving as Vice President, President, and the current Corresponding Secretary. Lizzie has served as the SW District Board's Bird Chairman and has recently ended her four-year term as Registrar. Lizzie is a life member of VFGC and a life member of NGC. She also stays busy as an active member of the Washington County of Virginia Master Gardener Program, and other volunteer organizations.

Besides gardening and hiking, Lizzie and her husband enjoy traveling overseas every year, and look forward to the many stateside adventures with their daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren.

Her love of birds, finds her watching the variety of birds that frequent her garden and bird feeders throughout the year. It is her passion for all birds, butterflies, and winged creatures that inspired her theme "Just Winging It - Soaring to New Heights in Gardening!"

Tidewater District - Patricia Cameron

Having grown up on a farm just outside Hertford, NC, Patsy has lived in Virginia Beach most of her adult life. After graduating from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and French, she began a teaching career in Virginia Beach in 1962. She later earned a Master of Science degree in Guidance and Counseling from Old Dominion University and became a school guidance counselor, retiring after 37 years in education in 2003. She was invited to join May Farm Garden Club in 1976 and since that time she has held numerous chairmanships and offices, including president of May Farm for five two-year terms. Active in Tidewater

District before retirement, she was a committee chairman, has served in numerous elected positions, and is a Past President of the District, 2011-2013.

She has most recently served on the Board of Directors as the State Life Membership and Book of Honor Chairman for Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. She served in that capacity during three administrations, 2013-2019.

Patsy is a certified National Garden Club accredited flower show judge and when she is not judging, she has won numerous awards for her own entries. In addition to her garden club responsibilities, she still finds time for tennis and bridge and enjoys her five lively and engaging grandchildren, ages 9-15, as well as her two adult children and their spouses.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS (NGC) NEWS

Submitted by Heidi Sage, VFGC Awards Chairman

Virginia was recognized in many categories at the National Garden Club Awards Banquet at the NGC convention in Biloxi, Mississippi in April. Marty Bowers, VFGC President for the 2018-2019 administration attended and received the awards on behalf of the clubs. Very few NGC awards offer monetary prizes; rather the overall winners across all size categories of clubs receive a First Place Certificate or Certificate of Merit. Runners-up receive Certificates of Commendation, which are for each size club and all other applicants receive Certificates of Appreciation.

Blue Ridge District

Westchester Garden Club: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for their Newsletter of 3 – 12 pages, "Windows on Westchester" and Certificate of Commendation for their Yearbook, club size (2).

Piedmont District

Chesapeake Garden Club: 1st place for the May Duff Walters Historic Preservation of Beauty Award, Certificate of Commendation for their Yearbook, club size (4).

Hilliard Park Garden Club: 1st Place for their National Garden Week award as a small size club.

Midlothian Garden Club: 1st Place for their web site in their size category.

Rappahannock Garden Club: Certificate of Appreciation for their Membership Brochure.

Rock Spring Garden Club: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for their Newsletter of 3 – 12 pages, "The Gardensette".

Salisbury Garden Club: 1st place for National Garden Week, 1st Place for Litter Recycling/Reclamation, Certificate of Appreciation for their newsletter of 3-

12 pages, “*Mums the Word*” and the Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for their Membership Brochure.

Violet Bank Garden Club: 1st place for the Doctor William Welch Award for Community Landscape Design.

Piedmont District: earned the green Rosette for their District Standard Flower Show, “*Piedmont Presents*”.

Richmond Designers Guild: earned the purple rosette for their Club Standard Flower Show, “*New Beginnings*”.

Shenandoah District

Cedar Run Garden Club: Certificate of Appreciation for their Membership Business Card.

Madison Garden Club: Certificate of Appreciation for their Newsletter of 3 – 12 pages, “MGC Scoop”. Madison also sponsored Kayleigh Bright, a 3rd grade student for her poem about “Pop Goes the Seed”, receiving a certificate of appreciation.

Shenandoah District: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for their fund-raising calendar, “Giggles and Gardens”. Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for the district newsletter, “Shenandoah Sharings”.

South Central District

Wayside Garden Club: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for their single page newsletter, “*By the Wayside*”.

Southwest District

Abingdon Garden Club: 1st place for National Garden Week.

Green Thumb Garden Club: Ames Tools Grant.

Seasons IV Garden Club: 1st place for their Water award as well as 1st place for the Kellogg Civic Achievement Award.

Town & Country Garden Club of Wise: 1st place for their Flash Drive Media Award and 1st place for their Blue Star Memorial Marker.

Tidewater District

Berkley Garden Club: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for their single page newsletter, “*The Berkeley Buzz*”.

Colonial Heritage Garden Club: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for their Membership Brochure.

Green Meadow Point Garden Club: Certificate of Appreciation for their Membership Brochure.

Tidewater District: Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for their Newsletter of 13 – 24 pages for a group of clubs, “*Tidewater News and Views*”.

VFGC NEWS

VFGC Life Membership Recipients 2018-2019

Submitted by Patsy Cameron, Chairman

NO	Name	Club	District
7397	Carolyn Fink	Moneta GC	Blue Ridge
7398	Eileen Butler	Buckingham-Dillwyn GC	South Central
7399	Jackie Fairbarns	Buckingham-Dillwyn GC	South Central
7400	Patricia Johnson	Buckingham-Dillwyn GC	South Central
7401	Jeanette Reck	Buckingham-Dillwyn GC	South Central
7402	Charlene Snoddy	Buckingham-Dillwyn GC	South Central
7403	Suzanne Vandegrift	Buckingham-Dillwyn GC	South Central
7404	Dianna Busch	Calfee GC	Shenandoah
7405	Judy Durant	Hanover Towne GC	Piedmont
7406	Pat Holt	Westchester GC	Blue Ridge
7407	Mary Ellen Williams	Hot Springs GC	Shenandoah
7408	Betty Anne Ebert	Ragged Robin GC	South Central
7409	Elizabeth Davis	Westham GC	Piedmont
7410	Sue Harper	Lake Smith Terrace	Tidewater
7411	Marietta Irby	Greenvale GC	Shenandoah
7412	Shawn Moreland	Greenvale GC	Shenandoah
7413	Deanne Schwartz	Keysville GC	South Central
7414	Rebecca Guilliams	Boones Mill GC	Blue Ridge
7415	Catherine Abrahams	Rock Spring GC	Piedmont
7416	Loree Fisher	Luray GC	Shenandoah
7417	Deborah Boze	Chesapeake Bay GC	Piedmont
7418	Doris Melson	Abingdon GC	Southwest
7419	Ann Wilson	Westham GC	Piedmont
7420	Shirley Gates	Salisbury GC	Piedmont
7421	Gloria Nelson	Colonial Heritage GC	Tidewater
7422	Judy Lipas Garst	Salem GC	Blue Ridge
7423	Gail Goodrich Harwood	Sleepy Hollow GC	Piedmont
7524	Jeanne Lawson	Nelson County GC	Shenandoah
7525	Faith Harbaugh	Glen Burnie GC	Shenandoah
7426	Karen Baker	Green Meadow Point GC	Tidewater
7427	Patricia Burton	South Boston GC	South Central
7428	Gloria Gibson	Appomattox GC	South Central
7429	Sherry Boyce	Manassas GC	Piedmont
7430	Leslie Sweetland	Merrifields GC	Tidewater

7431 Betty Waltman	Woodland Pond GC	Piedmont
7432 Pam Spillman	Thoroughgood GC.....	Tidewater
7433 Sharon Smith.....	Fincastle GC	Blue Ridge
7434 Linda George	Sugar Loaf GC.....	Blue Ridge
7435 Hazel Vance	Blue Ridge GC	Blue Ridge
7436 Fran Baker.....	Little Neck GC	Tidewater
7437 Janice Aulisio.....	Twin Rivers GC.....	South Central
7438 Carol Bridgforth.....	Midlothian GC	Piedmont
7439 Jennifer Wester	Midlothian GC	Piedmont
7440 Kim Worley.....	Gretna GC.....	South Central
7441 Madeleine Russ	Rustburg GC.....	South Central
7442 Mirian Wickman	Oxford GC	Piedmont
7443 Anneliese Hink.....	Hunting Hills GC	Blue Ridge
7444 Joyce Tuggle	Hunting Hills GC	Blue Ridge
7445 Jan Pingel.....	Violet Bank GC.....	Piedmont
7446 Donna Lee.....	Hawthorne GC	Shenandoah
7447 Elizabeth Carling.....	Monticello GC.....	Shenandoah
7448 Ruth H Parrish.....	Fluvanna County GC.....	Piedmont
7449 Diane Killip	Moneta GC	Blue Ridge

VFGC Book of Honor Recipients 2018-2019

NO	Name.....	Club	District
104	Hilda Lindell	Moneta GC.....	Blue Ridge
105	Marty Bowers	Moneta GC.....	Blue Ridge
106	Amy Gable Thorpe	Cedar Run/Francis Fauquier GC..	Shenandoah
107	Patty Smith	Westchester GC	Blue Ridge
108	Betty Fleenor	Dogwood GC	Southwest
109	Carol Hix	Amelia County GC	Piedmont
110	Barbara S Ohmsen	Green Meadow Point GC	Tidewater
111	Susan B Piepho	Village GC.....	South Central
112	Jeanne Bruton.....	Madison GC.....	Shenandoah
113	Roslyn C Reynolds.....	Blue Ridge GC.....	Blue Ridge
114	Debbie Nunez	May Farm GC	Tidewater
115	Glenda Knowles	May Farm GC	Tidewater

VFGC Scholarship Program

Submitted by Lisa Robinson, 2017-2019 VFGC Scholarship Chairman

The VFGC Scholarship program continues to invite applications from students majoring in Horticulture related fields in 4-year colleges and Universities across Virginia. Last winter, we received 1 undergraduate and 3 graduate student applications for VFGC Scholarships, 1 for SAR and 3 for NGC Scholarships. All applications received were complete and exemplary. Through the dedicated efforts

of this committee to analyze, discuss and judge the merits of each application, we have determined the following award schedule for the 2019-2020 school term.

Ashley Coates, from Falls Church, a graduate student at VT, majoring in Landscape Architecture with a dedication to applying her undergraduate degree in Environmental Science to her work in Landscape Design. She will be awarded the Minna D. Adams Scholarship and the Peg Grinus Scholarship for a total award of \$4,000.00.

Garrett Brockwell, from Bumpass, a rising Senior at VT, majoring in Environmental Horticulture, who plans to be a local production Farm Manager, will be awarded the Presidents Horticulture Scholarship at \$2,000.00.

Leah Kahler, from Greenwood, a graduate student at UVA, majoring in Landscape Architecture, with undergraduate work in Anthropology and City Structure, seeks to partner with environmental engineers and planners to create landscapes that function beautifully, socially and ecologically. She will be awarded the Thelma Utt Scholarship at \$2,000.00. Leah's application came with a letter of recommendation from a previous winner of the Minna D. Adams Scholarship, C. Colston Burrell. He speaks very highly of Leah and of her future. At the NGC Convention in Biloxi, we received news that Leah will also receive a \$4,000.00 NGC Scholarship.

As always, it is the honor of the VFGC Scholarship Committee to consider these wonderful applications.

This Committee asks the membership to create Scholarships for the deserving students of Virginia to receive the funding they so desperately need to further their education in Horticulture and related fields. If our wish is to strive for environmental health, safe food production, continued maintenance and beautification of our National and State parks and green spaces, and education of future horticulturists and environmentalists, then we must assist our future stewards to achieve these goals. Please consider ways that you and your club can help.



Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council Annual Civic Improvement Award

Submitted by Judy Hodges

The Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club of Tidewater District was the winner of the Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council's Annual Civic Improvement Award for 2018/2019. The group completed a Native Tree project at Kings Grant Park in Virginia Beach. This was a project to improve the tree canopy in the park.

The garden club worked with the City of Virginia Beach arborist and the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation to complete this addition to the park.



Trees planted include Fringe, Sweetbay Magnolia, American Elm, and Swamp White Oak. The native trees should provide an enduring enhancement to the city's tree canopy program and Kings Grant Park. They will provide excitement with their beautiful spring blooms and in autumn the deciduous varieties will add additional color to the landscape. They will also be a source of food and shelter for the local wildlife for many years to come.

Congratulations to the club for their strong commitment to conservation and their community.

EDIBLE GARDENS

Submitted by Judy Hodges, Chairman

Although many gardeners are already using landscape designs that include plants that produce food, there are also many who do not incorporate edibles into their garden plans. Edible flowers, herbs, berries and vegetables can easily be grown together. Some of the edibles I am currently growing in my gardens are basil, dill, sage, oregano, green peppers, cherry tomatoes, garlic and onions. They are interspersed with zinnias, daylilies, sedum, lirioppe and ivy. A list of edible flowers includes Pansies, Violets, Nasturtiums, Roses, Calendulas, Sweet Peas, Marigolds, Anise, Honeysuckle, and Common Daisies.

Fruit and nut trees are also another good choice for the gardener interested in growing edibles. Apples, peaches, pears, cherries, plums, pecans, and walnuts provide blossoms in the spring, fruit in the summer and nuts in the fall. In the place of ornamental flowering trees, consider one that will give you food.

SAVE THE DATE - SAR CONVENTION

March 19 - 20, 2020

Greenville, SC

Landscape Design School • Course II, Series XXVIII

Mon. & Tues. Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2019

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

1800 Lakeside Drive • Richmond, VA 23228-4700

Submitted by Glenda Knowles, Landscape Design Chairman

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.

Gordon W. Chappell, FASLA: Gordon Chappell has taught 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 & 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 Storm water: 1050K Street, NW Washington, DC" 2007.

Landscape Design School Schedule

Monday, September 30, 2019			
Time	Activity	Chap	Instructor
8:00 – 8:20am – 8:20am	Registration Welcome		
8:30am – 9:30am	Structures in the Landscape	11	Neal Beasley
9:40am – 10:40am	Landscapes as a Learning Experience	19	Trevor Buckley
10:50am – 11:50am	Landscape Design Process	3	Jack Douglas
11:50am – 1:30pm	LUNCH (The Café is convenient – take time to tour the LG Botanical Garden)		
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Community Landscape Management	34	Trevor Buckley
2:40pm – 3:40pm	Special Interest Topic – Explore our Senses in the Garden	SIT	Neal Beasley
3:45pm	We will tour a specific garden within Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden to continue the Special Interest Topic!		
6:30pm	Group Dinner – place to be announced		
WEDNESDAY - October 1, 2019			
8:30am - 9:30am	Site Design and Landform	4	Jack Douglas
9:40am - 10:40am	Development of Landscape Design in Early America	23	Gordon Chappell
10:50am - 11:50am	Plants in the Landscape	5	Laurie Fox
11:50am - 1:00pm	LUNCH (The Café is convenient)		
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Plants Selection	13	Laurie Fox
2:10pm - 3:10pm	Preservation of Historic Sites and Structures	35	Gordon Chappell
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 NGC, 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, scroll to the bottom of this webpage: <http://nationalgardenclubs.org/schools/landscape-design.aspx>. A new curriculum has been approved by NGC; however, this course will use the textbook.

Hampton Inn - 5406 Glenside Drive. Hilliard Road beside LGBG becomes Glenside Drive (2.7 miles from LGBG) (804) 756-1777. Hot breakfast included. Ask for LDS Block – Rate \$124. Cut-off for discount is Sept. 13! (This hotel is recommended by Lewis Ginter.).

To Reserve A Room in The LDS Block: go to richmondglensidesuites.hamptoninn.com
 * select your arrival and departure dates, then click “add special rate codes”
 * in the box labeled “group code”, enter LDS
 * continue making your reservation by selecting from the available room types at the negotiated group rate set up by the group contact.

COURSE REGISTRATION
LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Course II Series XXVIII September 30, Oct. 1, 2019

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail and/or Fax _____

Garden Club & District: _____

Check if Refreshing _____ Are you a Master Gardener? yes / no

Is your garden club a member of VFGC? ___Yes ___No

Please Check Correct Box

Exam Student _____ \$ 80.00

Non-Exam Student _____ \$ 80.00

Single Day Student _____ \$ 40.00

Circle One: Tuesday or Wednesday

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ \$ _____

Note: The cost of your meals and lodging is not included in the registration fee.

Please make check payable to **VFGC Landscape Design School** and mail to:

Mail to: LDS Registrar

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

VFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 8	VFGC Finance Committee Meeting	Roanoke
September 9	VFGC Board of Directors	Roanoke
September 15	Deadline for Youth Grants Applications	
September 15	Deadline for Grants to Beautify & Restore	
Sept. 30 - Oct 1	VFGC Landscape Design School	Richmond
October 10	Shenandoah District Meeting	
October 14	Piedmont District Meeting	Richmond
October 17	Blue Ridge District Meeting	
October 22	South Central District Meeting	
October 31	Tidewater District Meeting	
November 1	Deadline for Winter ODG Articles	
November 2	Southwest District Meeting	
Nov. 6 -7	Flower Show Judges Symposium	Henrico

SAVE THE DATE

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS 2020 CONVENTION

MARCH 29 - 31, 2020



Mark March 29-31, 2020 on your calendar for the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs 2020 Convention! Enjoy four diamond lodging and dining, and explore the vibrant downtown area boasting shopping, museums and so much more!

For more information on The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center and Virginia's Blue Ridge, visit www.HotelRoanoke.com

SYMPOSIUM

Date: November 6 - 7, 2019

**Location: Four Points by Sheraton, 4700 S. Laburnum Avenue,
Henrico, Virginia 23231
804-226-4300**

Submitted by Frances Thrash, Chairman

DESIGN: CLAUDIA BATES

Claudia has been a garden club member of Gainesville, FL Garden Club for 30 years. She is a Master Flower Show Judge and a Design Instructor for Flower Show Schools & Symposiums. She is a member of NFA, WAFA and OFAD. She currently is the 1st VP of CFAA. She has served her state as President of her circle and club, District Director, and is the Immediate Past President of Florida Federation of Garden Club. Claudia has presented programs throughout the US and has had many designs published in the Vision of Beauty, the Florida Federation's calendar, and in the WAFA book *Designing the American Way*. Claudia has three children, 10 grandchildren, 2 dogs, and 4 cats.

HORTICULTURE: PAM BRAUN

Pam has been a garden club member for over 40 years. She is currently a member of Leipers Fork Garden Club of Franklin, TN, which she founded in 2004. She is a board member for the TN Federation of Garden Clubs, TN District II, and the Deep South Region. She is an NGC accredited master flower show judge, member of 14 different plant societies and judge for 4 of them. She specializes in exhibiting collections and displays of numerous different plant groups and has won numerous top exhibitor awards for her horticulture. Besides horticulture, she enjoys floral design and has been a speaker, leader of workshops, or exhibitor at all levels.

Wednesday, November 6

8:00am – 9:15am	Announcements & Horticulture Allied
9:30 – noon	Horticulture
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Horticulture
3 – 5pm	Point Scoring Test

Thursday, November 7

8:00am – 9:15am	Announcements & Design Allied
9:30 – noon	Design
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Design
3 – 5pm	Point Scoring Test

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Questions – Contact Frances Thrash (francesthresh@cox.net or 757-481-3484)

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“KEYS TO THE FUTURE” Youth Project Grants

Submitted by Melissa Damiano, Youth Project Grants Chairman

The “Keys to the Future” Youth Project Grants Program, with a simple application procedure, 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 up to \$1000 for the purpose of working with and helping youth realize the rewards and life lessons from gardens and habitats 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, 2019** Must be submitted by a VFGC member garden club

HOW TO APPLY: Please fill out the application form, include a budget and mail to
Melissa Damiano
VFGC Grants Committee
9436 Park Bluff Terrace
Chesterfield, VA 23838-8957 or email mtdamiano@aol.com

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
- Club member support and participation

FUNDING GUIDELINES: Grants will NOT be provided for the following 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
- 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
“KEYS TO THE FUTURE”
VFGC Youth Project Grant**

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Date: _____ VFGC District: _____

VFGC Club: _____

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

Chairman will email you that your application was received.

New Project: Yes _____ No _____

Beginning date: _____ Expected Completion date: _____

Amt Requested: \$ _____ Amt Club Provides: \$ _____ Total Project Budget:
\$ _____

Number of Youth Involved in Project _____ Number Reached by Project _____

Briefly Describe Project, how funds will be used include the following if applicable:

1. What is the youth population you are working with & how will they benefit?
2. Briefly describe the project
3. Approximately how many Garden Club Members will be involved in this project and in what roles?
4. Brief statement of any in-kind or volunteer services, please list organization & their role:
5. Location of Project: Ex. If a garden or greenhouse is to be built/used, where is it located?
6. Does your project require special approval of authorizing groups (i.e. school board)?
7. Description of how the funds will be used. Please provide reasonable estimates. If you have access to wholesale prices, use those in the budget.

NOTE: Grant funds can ONLY be used for the stated project. Unused grant funds MUST be returned to VFGC by May 15 with the Final Report.

Judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

Scope of Project	35
Club Member Involvement	35
Criteria Met (read Guidelines)	10
Budget complete	15
Application Form Complete	5

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*Green Spring Garden Club's
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Saturday, December 7, 2019 • 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

This year's tour will consist of five exceptional private residences in Historic Williamsburg. The houses include the Palmer House, Prentis House, Ludwell Paradise, The Red Lion Inn, and Seymour Powell Tenement, an original CW house. All the homes will be beautifully decorated with seasonal period appropriate floral arrangements.

Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased on December 6th or 7th at the Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center and at the houses on the day of the tour.

Advance tickets are \$35 per person online at www.greensprings.org or locally, cash or check only, at Seasons of Williamsburg and Williamsburg Floral & Gifts.

Tickets include free parking at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center and use of Foundation buses from the Visitor Center and around the Historic Area.

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Plant Shower

Submitted by Adele Lundquist, District Editor (T)

March 31, 2019 was a tragic day in Virginia Beach when a city employee fatally shot twelve people and wounded four others in a mass shooting at Building No. 2 at the municipal center. In the aftermath, City residents raised funds and donated money to support the victims' families. While others were asking, "What can I do?", garden club members learned that when employees of Building No. 2 were evacuated and relocated to other buildings, they had to leave many of their office items behind, including their plants. Under the leadership of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, federated and non-federated garden club members organized a plant shower for Building No. 2 employees. As later reported by Lee Belote in the Virginia Beach Beacon, the local newspaper, "More than 90 plants, all potted in cute and cheerful containers, were delivered to affected city employees. Club members and master gardeners were on hand to offer advice on caring for the plants." Attached to each plant was a poem written by Ellie Kreassig, of the Thalia Garden Club.



Pauletta Anglin (Left), Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club, and Betty Ann DesRoches, President, Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, prepare plants.



*We hope this green plant is uplifting,
And puts a smile upon your face.
It will bring you joy and remembrance.
Peace will come at a quiet pace.
As the days go by, this plant will grow.
It will cast some brightness all around.
Let's trust in God's grace to protect us.
And happier days will be found.*

Students Celebrate National Garden Week

Submitted by Ann Bull (T)



Pictured: Tony H., Miralson P., Kayla M., Carter R., Jodenson I. Keylandy C., Anjelli L., Yovanny G. and Kayden D.

Metompkin Elementary third grade students celebrated National Garden Week with their PALS tutor and YAGC member, Melinda Ashley and her husband, Hugh. They constructed birdhouse poles and plantings of liriop and marigolds

Gardens in Full Dress

Submitted by Karen Luzuriaga, CBGC Publicist (P)

Gardens in Full Dress, NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, was a success! The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club sponsored this flower show on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern at the Transportation Building in Heathsville, VA.

Visitors were able to wander through the Transportation Building looking at excellent examples of horticulture in addition to two educational displays on roses and lavender. It was a beautiful array of nature's wardrobe. Debbie Boze and Carol Cole, Co-Chairpersons, were responsible for staging of this event.



Six Top Exhibitor Awards were given out in Division I. The Award of Horticultural Excellence was earned by Darlene Nelson for a Hosta leaf. The Arboreal Award was awarded to A.C. Davis for her Mahonia and Helen Bell for her Smoke Tree. The Grower's Choice Award was earned by Helen Bell for her orchid and Debbie Gwaltney for a combination planting. Helen Bell earned the Collector's Showcase Award for her herb collection.

The Culinary Award was given to Sharon Lemke for her asparagus. In Division II, the Educational Top Exhibitor Award was awarded to Karen Luzuriaga. The purpose of this award was to inform and instruct the public on garden goals and objectives at the local, state, or national level. The display provided information on the versatile herb, lavender.

CBGC would like to thank the Tavern for providing the place and hospitality for this event. Hats Off to all the people who helped make "Gardens in Full Dress" a success. Photographs by Debbie Gwaltney and Patsy Sylvia.

Salisbury Garden Club Flower Show



Submitted by Martie Parch, Corresponding Sec (P)

"Pages from our Past", the standard flower show presented by Salisbury Garden Club, was held on May 1st and attended by 150+ visitors. Members who participated by staging the event, creating signage, exhibiting 44 floral designs, 154 pieces of horticulture, 35 botanical art entries (15 horticultural, 12 artistic crafts, and 8 design), and 4 educational exhibits were expertly led by the Flower Show chairmen, Kathy Ward and Meg Winn.

Local garden clubs from Powhatan, Stonehenge and Chester participated with design exhibits as well as residents from Bickford at Chesterfield who created 16 teacup designs.

Top award winners were Connie Sorrell for Horticulture, Linda Nau for Floral Design, Meg Winn for Botanical Arts, Becky Sido for Education. Midlothian Garden Club was the winner in the local club category.

Green Thumb Garden Club Celebration

Submitted by Martha Wells (Sw)

At the May 9th meeting of the Green Thumb Garden Club, a presentation was made to honor June Jones for her fifty years of membership in the Green Thumb Garden Club. Because of her love of children and the many years she was employed at Norton Elementary School, an Orchard of Gratitude will be started this fall on the grounds of Norton Elementary School with June's tree being the first planted.

Louise Witt, 97 years old (98 in August) was also honored as being the only Charter Member of the Green Thumb Garden Club established in 1950.

Little Neck Garden Club

Submitted by Susan Driskel (T)

For more than 7 years, the Little Neck Garden Club has been helping with landscaping projects at the Kings Grant Elementary School in Virginia Beach. This past May, at the request of a science teacher, the club, with the enthusiastic help of the second-grade class, planted a butterfly garden. After studying the requirements of caterpillar to butterfly maturity, the children are excitedly watching for Monarchs and Swallowtails to feed on the milkweed, parsley and lantana they helped plant.



New Castle Garden Club Celebrates

Submitted by Lee Greiser, Historian (BR)

On a warm evening in late May members of the New Castle Garden Club gathered in the dining room of the Old Brick Hotel for dinner and celebrations to honor a long-serving member, to acknowledge the Club's 80th anniversary and to install their incoming slate of officers.



Outgoing president, Lee Greiser, announced the evening was to begin with a tribute to Thecla Frantz for her 41+ years of service to the community through her membership in the garden club. Outgoing vice president, Darlene Charlton, next presented Thecla with a tiara which she gamely wore throughout the evening. She is the second member to be so honored having been preceded by Jane Johnston in 2013.



The club was established in May 1939 thus making this its 80th year. The charter membership numbered 20. At the club's half century mark, three of the original 20 were still active members making many years of gardening not so unusual in Craig County.

Thecla Frantz, who served as Mistress of Ceremonies, installed the officers for the 2019 - 2021 term. This was followed by Diane Givens, the previous recipient, bestowing the club's "Minnie Pearl Award" upon Haddi for her hard work and much-

admired creative contributions. Haddi was all smiles as she donned the Minnie Pearl hat, proclaiming that it should always be worn “with attitude!” The evening ended with Carolyn and Thecla, on behalf of the club, presenting a dahlia collection and member-inscribed journal to Lee who was stepping down after having served three terms as president.

Mother's Day Arrangements

Submitted by Amy Goswick, Vice-President (BR)



On May 7, 2019 members of the Blue Ridge Garden of Elkton, VA visited the local kindergarten class of Wendy Constable at Riverbend Elementary School. The club brought individual bags of cut flowers, greenery, mugs packed with florist foam and just for fun some flower leis.

After a short demonstration from Gabrielle, the class mascot mastiff, who showed off his own

sight-reading skills of SIT and DOWN, club members followed up with a short demonstration on flower arranging. Each child then made their own arrangement to take home for Mother's Day. It was a rewarding experience that we hope to turn into an annual event!



Madison Students Published Nationally

Submitted by Michael Rider (Sh)

Several Madison County elementary students have been recognized by National Garden Clubs (NGC) for being its state, district and regional winners in NGC-sponsored contests.

Madison Garden Club President, Judy Ann Fray, presented the *National Garden Club Anthology of Poems*, entitled “Nature’s Magic Show,” containing the winning poems that included those of third grader, Kayleigh Bright, and fifth grader, Caroline Wright, during a school recognition ceremony on May 23. Mrs. Fray also presented Kayleigh and Caroline with NGC Certificates of Participation for the national contest. This year’s contest theme was “Pop Goes the Seed,” and was based on the book, *The Saved Seed*, by Brenda Moore. Kayleigh titled her poem “The Seed That Believed” and Caroline’s poem was captioned “Me, A Seed.”

Additionally, Megan Gable, 2019 Madison County High School graduate, has been honored for her essay sponsored by NGC. Her essay on the 2018-

2019 theme *The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply* received first place District, State, and South Atlantic awards. In turn, she competed in the National contest.

And, Paetyn Lester and Riley Chapman were First Place Smoky Bear Poster contest winners for second graders and first graders in the District, State, and South Atlantic Region, respectively. Madison Garden Club member, Heidi Sage, coordinated the three local NGC contests.

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club and Reedville Fishermen's Museum Make a Difference

Submitted by Gail Goodrich Harwood, Editor (P)

In celebration of National Garden Week, Chesapeake Bay Garden Club (CBGC) and Reedville Fishermen's Museum (RFM) partnered together to clean up the gardens at the museum site and Festival Hall. National Garden Week is one of the many projects established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. June 2-8th was designated as National Garden Week.



Gardening can make a difference in the community where members work and reside. Working together to establish a better community is one of the ways that gardeners can impact a community.



Debbie Gillispie (CBGC) and Lydia Hayne (RFM president) organized this event. Thirteen workers met on June 8th at 8:00 in the morning for this shared community project. Plants were donated as well as time. Weeding, planting, watering, and a lot of hard work helped to complete this project. Each person worked three hours each. The local gardens now look great and are ready for regular maintenance.

National Garden Week is a time to work with other groups to encourage pride in one's community. Beautiful gardens make a community proud of where they live. Photographs by Patsy Sylvia and Debbie Gillispie



Rustburg Garden Club

Submitted by Terry White, Secretary (SC)



Each year the Rustburg Garden Club takes on, as a community beautification/environmental project, the maintenance of the gardens at the Campbell County Court House in Rustburg, Virginia. We begin the project each year with an early spring raking, weeding, trimming and mulching. Once

the initial spring cleaning is done, we continue to maintain the gardens throughout the season with teams of members meeting each week to weed and trim as necessary. The Campbell County Courthouse is located in the heart of Rustburg, Virginia on Village Highway. Pictured here are three of the club members, Paula Yancy, Martha Maxey, and Linda Reichard.

Saved Seed Programs

Submitted by Loree Fisher (Sh)

Luray Garden Club was awarded second place by VFGC for their Saved Seed programs presented by Members Linda Dudley, Susan King and Loree Fisher at our local elementary schools and library!

Town and Country GC Refurbish Butterfly Gardens



Submitted by Sandy Yun, (SW)

Members from the Kiwanis Club, Town and Country Garden Club members, Jr. Garden Club, UVA college and community members joined together to refurbish the Butterfly Gardens at Wise County Christian

School Wise, Va.

THE NARROWS ROSE GARDEN CLUB 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Submitted by Shirley Edillon (BR)

On May 17, 2019, members and guests of the Narrows Rose Garden Club celebrated with a 75th Anniversary Tea. Special guests included Hazel Vance, President of the Blue Ridge District, Robert Dickerson, Mayor of Pearisburg, and Narrows City Manager Susan Kidd.



Rear: Beverly Gilmore, Jackie Jochem, Trish Sutherland, Florine Ferrall (President), Skeeter Sheally, Louise Johnston, Lois Tabor, Mozelle Dickerson.
Front: Allie Riffe, Eva LaFon, Glen Mako

President Florine Ferrell presented the high points of the club's history. In 1944 the club began with 27 members. Currently, the club plants and tends the Narrows flower boxes and awards a yearly

college scholarship. The club raises money with plant and bake sales and selling raffle tickets for a large garden basket filled with a variety of garden related items. Beverly Gilmore (former president of the Pearisburg Garden Club) gave a history of the Pearisburg Garden Club, formed in 1949 and disbanded in 2013. A memorial was given for past members. There was a table with the history in scrapbooks, news articles, and photographs.

There was a variety of great food and teas and door prizes. It was a celebration enjoyed by all present.

Nelson County Garden Club Hat Parade

Submitted by Elizabeth Upshur (Sh)

The club held its annual June Luncheon and Hat Parade on June 7. This is a long-standing tradition which goes back to the day when club members actually wore hats (and gloves) as a matter of course. Prizes are awarded in different categories such as Traditional and Whimsical. Becky Wilson is dressed as a Suffragette and Jackie Britt is wearing a traditional (but not quite) hat made of lilies and leaves. We also installed new officers at this meeting. Outgoing President, Jeanne Lawson was awarded a Life Membership and pin. Grace Morris who judges our flowers and horticulture and also has given many programs for the club was awarded a Penny Pines Plantation to be planted in her honor. Giving the award is Cheryl Brogdon.



"Spring in our Mountains" NGC Standard Flower Show

Submitted by Sandy Yun (Sw)

Three SW district garden clubs joined forces to present "Spring in our Mountains" Flower Show. The Green Thumb, Dogwood, and Town and Country Garden Clubs held their joint show at the W. Harris Art Gallery in the Lonesome Pine Regional Library. Members from all three garden clubs participated in all aspects of planning, hosting and exhibiting to make the show a sounding success!



Left to right: Margaret Craft, Francis Sturdavant, Cathy Dotson, Ms. Smith, Mary Beth Allen, Lizzie Mann (President, Southwest Virginia District), Sandy Yun and Cammie Ellison

Jackson River Garden Club Tour

Submitted by Doris Swartz, President (SC)

On Saturday June 8, 2019 the Jackson River Garden Club co-sponsored with Covington Woman's Club the Alleghany Highlands of Virginia Garden Tour. Several garden club members sold tickets and contributed considerable time making sweet and savory food for refreshments. We also had volunteer garden club members stationed at each location throughout the day, providing assistance to visitors. Our members helped with directions to all the locations and helped assist the owners. The tour included the following five locations:

Boys Home, West of Covington was established in 1906. Boys Home of VA sits on 1200 acres that border National Forest in the Callaghan area of Alleghany County.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Covington, VA, is one of the oldest churches in the area.

Helen Child's Garden, located in Covington's Fort Young Park, is a half-acre garden that is a cooperative effort between the Covington Parks and Recreation Department, several local organizations, and a group of dedicated volunteers.

Blue Spring Run Farm, a thirty-acre farm owned and operated by the family of Debrena Gordon.

Ayars Farm, owned by Robin & George Ayars, located in the Potts Creek section of Alleghany County.

Violet Bank Garden Club Plants a Butterfly Garden

Submitted by Jan Pingel (P)



On May 22, 2019, members of the Violet Bank Garden Club added plants and small bushes that attract butterflies to the landscaping beds that were already established at Appomattox River Landing Park in Colonial Heights, Virginia. The club purchased four perennial lantana bushes and two butterfly bushes. Our president, Jan Pingel, raised a flat of swamp milkweed from seed, and Kathy Porwoll divided rudbeckia plants from her yard and potted them.

We watered the plants by hand for two weeks until they were well established. In the past two months, the plants have grown quickly and are all blooming which has attracted many different butterflies including tiger swallowtails and monarchs.

Glasgow Garden Club Celebrates A Milestone Year

Submitted by Kim Serocki (S)

In April the Glasgow Garden Club, one of Rockbridge County's longest-standing, commemorated its 80th anniversary with a lovely celebration luncheon at House Mountain Inn attended by 44 members and guests.



80th Anniversary: Club Presidents with VFGC President: Mary Sue Floyd and Shenandoah President: Amy Thorpe.

Established in April 1939 by Mrs. W. W. Goodall and Mrs. M. K. Williams with 20 charter members, the Glasgow Garden Club kicked off its long, proud history of Rockbridge area beautification projects with the (then) new Glasgow Elementary school grounds. “The club met monthly and annual dues were just \$4!”, reminisces club historian and Life Member Elaine Massie.

Continuing its tradition of community beautification works, the club’s many subsequent projects included the Rockbridge Road tree plantings; plantings at the Natural Bridge Firehouse and Natural Bridge Hotel; the wayside picnic area on Rt. 130 near Natural Bridge; sponsoring children to Nature Camp and providing Garden Therapy to nursing home patients. “A particular point of pride for our club was our 2012 collaboration with Fair Hills Garden Club to establish the Lexington Armory Blue Star Memorial marker,” explains Glasgow Club president Doris Wright. “Our club still maintains the marker and each December hosts a commemorative ceremony recognizing those who served or currently serve in the five branches of our armed forces.”

The club has also hosted many flower shows through the years, most recently the very successful “Forest Oaks: The Once and Future” show at Natural Bridge’s beautifully restored historic inn in May 2018.

Another area of focus for the club is partnership with Rockbridge area gardeners in environmental sustainability projects. Recently, the club teamed with the Natural Bridge Virginia State Park to co-present the Nurturing Native Plants Symposium on June 1st, 2019 at the Park’s Conference Center.

The Glasgow Garden Club has always been a hardworking group of women and will continue its dedicated service to the community.

With thanks to Elaine Massie, esteemed long-standing Glasgow Garden Club member, who gleaned much of the above history from her review of 80 years’ worth of club minutes.

Town and Country Garden Club Advises on Memorial Garden

Submitted by Sandy Yun, (SW)



Six members from the club; Martha Blackburn, Teresa Atkins, Henrietta Dotson, Margaret Craft, Nancy Culbertson, and Sandy Yun were chosen by the University of Virginia's College at Wise "Develop Department " to be an advisory committee for making suggestions pertaining to the development of landscaping a memorial garden honoring one of our members Merry Lu Prior. Merry Lu was the wife of a former Chancellor of the College and was a very active member of our club who contributed greatly to many of our endeavors as a club. She loved young people and was a catalyst in forming and supporting the Jr. Garden Club that we sponsor. We were highly honored to be asked to be an ongoing part of the beautification on campus regarding this lovely Memorial Garden spot.

Nelson County Garden Club Homes Tour

Submitted by Elizabeth Upshur (Sh)

On May 4, 2019, the Nelson County Historical Society hosted their bi-annual homes tour featuring six properties in Nelson County around the area of Nellysford. As our club has done for many years, we met the day before with carloads of flowers. We picked from all the varieties and then set out for the various properties to create our arrangements.

L to R – Sue Fulton, Shirley McGatha, Cheryl Brogdon, Anne Newman, Jeanne Lawson, Terri Brooks, Esther Larkin



“Southern Garden Elegance” Staged by Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

Submitted by Gail Goodrich Harwood, Editor (P)



The NGC Standard Flower Show attracted over 120 guests, many of whom had never experienced a flower show. Guests enjoyed 20 elegant and creative design and botanical arts exhibits and 71 beautiful horticulture exhibits. They also viewed non-judged education exhibits on conservation. Guest donations enabled the funding of 300 seedlings, bringing the club's Penny Pines total for the year to 1500 seedlings. Tatter Hartmann chaired the show, and all Sleepy Hollow members played a part

whether in planning, staging, exhibiting, clerking, hosting, set up or tear down.

The Award for Design Excellence went to JoAnn McNabb for her Cascade Design. The Award for Horticulture Excellence went to Becky Einwick for her Hosta.



Ye Accawmacke Garden Club

Submitted by Ann Bull (T)

On April 26, 2019, Ye Accawmacke Garden Club hosted a Blue Star Memorial marker dedication at the Welcome Center at the southern end of Virginia's Eastern Shore. This beautiful, patriotic ceremony was attended by veterans and active-duty military; elected officials; community leaders, families and friends; and Tidewater District garden clubs.

A very special thank-you goes out to co-sponsors Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District, Ye Accawmacke Garden Club, and Tidewater District of VFGC.



Left to right: Barbara Hollister, Chair of Blue Star Committee, VFGC; Barbara Ohmsen, Honorary President, VFGC; Mary Sue Floyd, President, VFGC; Janet Gehman, Chair Blue Star Committee TD; and Glenda Knowles, President TD.

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