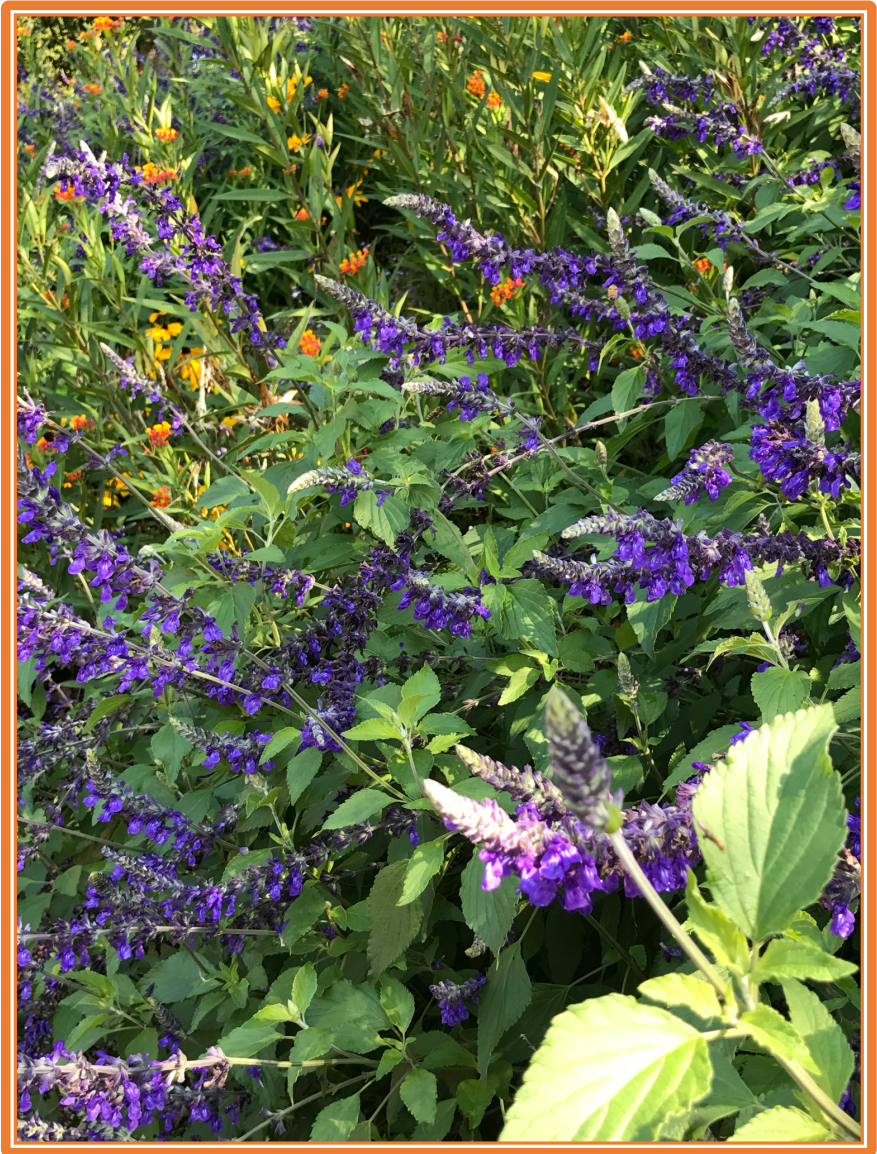


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VFGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear VFGC Members,

I hope this finds everyone healthy and safe. We thought 2020 meant "perfect vision". Who would have thought the year 2020 would turn out to be the year of social distancing, masks, and pandemonium?

Many clubs have found ways to hold virtual meetings or are meeting where social distancing can be done. Some clubs have not met but are keeping in touch. This president would like to hear from our clubs as to how they have handled this pandemic. We are all hoping to be able to meet in person in 2021.

While we still have to be careful going places, we can enjoy our yards and being outdoors whether working the flower beds or cutting plant material for designs to enjoy inside. We might just sit and watch the birds and butterflies.

Speaking of plants, we hope you are finding ways to support our Virtual Plant Sale. The proceeds from this project will be put in our scholarship fund. Check the article from Hazel Vance in this issue of the ODG.

At this time, we are still making our plans for now through next April. Our 2021 convention will be in Richmond with our guest being our NGC President Gay Austin who will install our 2021-2023 officers.

Until we are able to meet in person, I send my love and good thoughts to every member of every club within our VFGC family.

Mary Sue



NGC 2019 Awards

Submitted by Heidi Sage, Awards Chairman

#EC-7 Organic Gardening

Overall Winner: Seasons IV Garden Club: ED-7 (Ai) (SW)

#HP-2 Decoration of Historic Building

Ai-Dogwood Garden Club (SW)

#L-1 Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker

Overall Winner: Westchester Garden Club: L-1 (Ai) (B)

#L-4 The Dr. William C. Welch Award – Community Landscape Design

Overall Winner: Violet Bank Garden Club: L-4 (i) (P)

#MP-2 National Garden Week

Aii-Abingdon Garden Club (SW)

#MP-3 Social Media/Website

Cii-Midlothian Garden Club (P)

2019 NGC Publication Award Winners

PUB 1-2 Ai Virginia Amelia County Garden Club “Perennial” (P)

PUB 1-2 Aii Virginia The Madison Garden Club “The MGC Garden Scoop” (S)

PUB 1-3 Bv Virginia Tidewater District of VFGC “Tidewater News & Views” (T)

Yearbooks by Region - South Atlantic Region

A2 - (20 – 29 members) Green Hills Garden Club (S)

A3 - (30 – 44 members) Wayside Garden Club (SC)

#YR-1 The Helen Hussey Champlin Award – Youth Horticulture Education

Overall Winner: Abingdon Garden Club: YR-1 (Aii) (SW)

Flower Show Achievement Awards

Award FS-1D Club Standard Flower Show 100+ Members

Salisbury GC (P) “Pages from Our Past” May 1, 2019

Award FS-13 Near Club Standard Flower Show 2 or more clubs

Calfee GC and Culpeper GC (S) “Culpeper Times” April 9, 2019

Award FS-15B District/Region Standard Flower Show 16 or more NGC Clubs

Tidewater District VFGC “ Rhythm in Hues” January 25-27, 2019



Certificates of Commendation - a flower show supporting the aims and objectives of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

FS-1B Luray GC (S) "September in the Valley" September 7, 2019
FS-14A Winchester Council of Garden Clubs (S) "Give Thanks, Share Love, Spread Cheer" Nov. 22-23, 2019

NGC Scholarships Recipients For 2020 Convention

Amber Edwards of Virginia awarded the Nancy L. Hargroves Scholarship

NGC Award Judging Criteria:

Categories by size-Garden Club applications are judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC and State dues are paid, including Active, Associate, Inactive, Honorary, etc.

- i. Small Club- 29 members and under
- ii. Medium Club- 30-59 members
- iii. Large Club- 60-99 members
- iv. Ex-large Club- 100 members plus

State Garden Club applications are judged according to size determined by number of members on whom NGC dues are paid, including garden club members, Affiliates, State Life Members, etc.

- i. Small state- 999 members and under
- ii. Medium state- 1,000-2,999 members
- iii. Large state- 3,000-7,999 members
- iv. Ex-large state- 8,000 plus members

Categories by type-Eligibility: Eligibility to apply and receive awards as noted:

- A. Single member garden club (further divided by size-noted above)
- B. Group of member clubs (council, districts, etc.)
- C. Individual garden club members
- D. State Garden Club (further divided by size-noted above)
- E. Affiliates (dues paid directly to NGC)
- F. Individual Affiliate members (member of NGC Affiliate)
- G. International Affiliate
- H. Individual International Affiliate
- I. Region
- J. Junior Garden Clubs
- K. Individual Youth

Certificates: After judging, award applicants will receive one of the three certificates listed below, according to judges' decisions:

Overall Winners: First Place Certificate or Certificate of Merit

Runners-Up: Certificate of Commendation (by category size/type)

All other submissions: Certificate of Appreciation



New Narcissus Cultivar for National Garden Clubs

Submitted by Nancy Hargroves

Sales have begun by Brent and Becky's Bulbs of Gloucester, for delivery this fall at a time appropriate for your growing zone. 2020 is the last year that the bulb will be sold exclusively to members of National Garden Clubs with a portion of the proceeds going to the Plant America Community Project Grants Program.

In 2018 Brent and Becky's Bulbs obtained a new daffodil cultivar for National Garden Clubs from friends and colleagues, the Hulsebosch Brothers in North Holland, who specialize in growing sustainable and organic bulbs. Brent has several criteria for choosing a new cultivar. First, he observes how it looks growing in the field, and then he looks for an upward-facing blossom that is held above the foliage.

Only then does the process began to officially name the daffodil. Even though the initial plan was to name it "N. 'National Garden Clubs'", Brent advised that N. 'Plant America' would have more appeal when this daffodil goes on the world market.

After a search was done in the named daffodils database to be sure the name was not already in use, the name, photographs, and description were submitted to the Royal Horticultural Society, who is the International Registration Authority for the genus Narcissus. The registration was approved in late June 2018.

Next year this bulb will be placed on their website and in their catalogue for sale to the public. Place your order by mail or by phone soon, as supplies are limited.



Only a limited number of bulbs available - Please order early!

N. 'Plant America' –A split corona daffodil - Color Code: 11 W-Y. The yellow perianth segments of this mid-season flower fold back smoothly over its white petals. It has a nice thick substance, which is why its flowers last so long. It has a strong stem and is up-

facing. It grows best in full sun to a height of 12"-16", depending on the richness of the soil.

- 1) Sold only in quantities of 5 bulbs; \$8.00 per bag of 5 bulbs.
- 2) May be ordered individually, with friends or as a club; club orders are encouraged in order to save on shipping.
- 3) If being shipped to Virginia, add 5.3% sales tax (\$0.40/bag).
- 4) Purchase of this bulb is NOT eligible for Bloomin' Bucks Program orders.

Item #	Number of bags	Price per bag	Total
01-1135		\$8.00	
+ Sales Tax (5.3% for Virginia shipments only)			
+ Shipping East of MS River: 10% of order total or \$7 min			
+ Shipping West of MS River: 15% of order total or \$9 min			
+ Shipping to Alaska, Hawaii: Actual cost of UPS/FedEx 2nd Day Air or \$15.00 min			
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			

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Mail to: 7900 Daffodil Ln, Gloucester, VA 23061

Credit card orders: (877) 661-2852 (toll-free) or (804)693-3966



SAR Director's Projects

Submitted by Shirley Edillon, Chairman

Don't forget to apply for one of the South Atlantic Region Director's Special Project Awards. One of the Awards is about "Improving Our Communities Through Youth Involvement" and the second is "Reclaiming Unusable Spaces." Both winners will receive a \$50 cash award.

SAR 2019-2021 Special Project Awards

#1 \$50 Cash Award

This cash award will be presented annually to a garden club for the most outstanding project involving youth. It can be a scout group, youth group, a class at a school, etc. The project must be garden related.

#2 \$50 Cash Award

This cash award will be presented annually to the garden club with the most outstanding reclaimed space. It must be an area that has not been used in the past such as an empty lot, an area that has been a 'dumping ground', etc. The project photos must reflect a definite change in the use and look of the space, locations and details of work done must be included.

The SAR guidelines can be found on their website. The link is:

<http://www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org/awards-2/list-and-rules/>

Thank you to our Dogwood Society Donors!

Submitted by Kathy Ward, VFGC Treasurer

The Dogwood Society was established in 2012 to recognized clubs, individuals and districts that donate to all four of the Virginia funds in a club year. These funds include Blue Star Memorial, Youth Project Grants, Grants to Beautify and Restore and the Scholarship Fund (Giving a VFGC Life Membership/Book of Honor counts as a donation to the Scholarship Fund). Gifts such as these make it possible for us to continue supporting our clubs and communities, as they educate and beautify our state.

The VFGC is most grateful for the following groups who donated to the Dogwood Society during 2019-2020 club year: Abingdon Garden Club, Rock Springs Garden Club, Seasons IV Garden Club, Stonehenge Garden Club and the Shenandoah District. Thank you!

Virtual Plant Sale

Submitted by Hazel Vance, President's Project Chairman

From August to November, 2020 VFGC is holding a Virtual Plant Sale to raise funds for the VFGC Scholarship Fund. Since this is a virtual sale, no plants need to be grown, watered or sold! Each District will receive 10% of their District's total donations.

Send your Club Check to Hazel Vance, 210 North Branch Road, Bedford, VA 24523-1240. Please include with your check your Club name, District, donation amount and a list of plants you didn't purchase.



Virginia Flower Show School

Course II

February 8 - 11, 2021

Four Points Sheraton near the Richmond Airport

Big news: If you want to take Course II for credit, you do NOT have to take Course I first!

Flower Show School is not only for prospective flower show exhibitors and judges, but also for all garden club members and persons interested in flower design and horticulture.

Succulents and Magnolia are the horticulture topics: we are fortunate to have Darlene Newell return to Virginia and be the Flower Show Procedure and Horticulture instructor

Table Designs and Petites are the design topics for Course II with Judy Binns as the instructor.

For further information contact Val Story: valstory@aol.com / 540-272-0975 (c)



“DIVAS & DESIGNS”

Presented by Tidewater District, VFGC

Postponed to April 15, 2021

New Litter Prevention/Recycling Challenge

Submitted by Deanna Schwartz, Litter Prevention/Recycling Chairman

As we consider how we can best support our Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Theme, "Today's Actions Pave the Pathways of Tomorrow," the emergence of the Coronavirus and how we practice safety to prevent the spread of this virus has created a new threat to our environment. Plastic in huge quantities has entered our lives in a new form; disposable masks and gloves.

If you already have a container in which you collect empty plastic, this solution will help because you already are geared toward recycling problems. But! Plastic disposal face masks and gloves used for preparing and serving food or helping to care for sick people present a new disposal problem. According to the Confederation of Paper Industries these items cannot be disposed with household recycling items for doing so would contaminate resources that could be recycled and also potentially put frontline workers at risk of infection.

CPI recommends that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) be treated in the same way as domestic medical waste, bagged separately and disposed of in general waste not with recycling plastics. Last month leading waste and recycling companies urged anyone experiencing Covid-19 symptoms to stop household recycling until they are fully recovered. All waste should be double-bagged and put in trash bin 72 hours before disposing of it.

Our actions today truly do impact tomorrow's future. Where in the past we focused on promoting proper disposal of plastic bottles, aluminum cans, paper products, cardboard, or tires, we have a new goal due to the necessity of preventing the spread of the Coronavirus.

In researching this subject, I have found no guideline offered to residence of Virginia concerning the recycling process of disposable face masks and gloves. The recommendations that apply for recycling centers in other states should apply to Virginia. It is recommended that cloth masks be used, for they can be washed and reused many times leaving no negative mark on our environment.

We, as members of VFGC, are caretakers of our communities and as such we need to make sure this information reaches every person living in Virginia. Begin by sending out letters to your garden club members, contact local newspapers, radio stations, social networks on the internet and television stations. From our homes we can make a positive difference for future generations. Proper methods of recycling are essential for the health of our nation and planet.

VFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 31 - Sept 3	Flower Show School, Course I	CANCELLED
Sept 15	Grants to Beautify & Restore Deadline	
Sept 15	Youth Project Grants Deadline	
Sept 28 - 29	Landscape Design School, Course 4	CANCELLED
Oct 6 - 7	Symposium	CANCELLED
Oct 8	Shenandoah District Fall Meeting	CANCELLED
Oct 15	Blue Ridge District Fall Meeting	CANCELLED
Oct 19	Piedmont District Fall Meeting	CANCELLED
Oct 29	Tidewater District Fall Meeting	
Oct 20	South Central District Meeting	Virtual
Nov 1	ODG Winter Deadline	
Nov 1	VFGC Virtual Plant Sale checks DUE	
Dec 1	Award Applications to District Chairmen Deadline	
Jan 4	Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl posters Deadline	
Feb 1	ODG Spring Deadline	
Feb 8 - 11	Flower Show School, Course II	Richmond
Mar 15	Piedmont District Spring Meeting	Richmond
Apr 17 - 25	Virginia Historic Garden Week	
Apr 25 - 27	VFGC Convention	Richmond
May 17 - 20	NGC Convention	Rutherford, NJ
June 6 - 12	National Garden Week	

Many meetings and events are cancelled or postponed to a later date. If in doubt, please check with the organizer.

IN MEMORIAM

Blue Ridge District

Barbara Guilliams	Green Thumb GC
Jean Roberts	Smith Mountain Lake GC

Piedmont District

Joan Betts	Canterbury GC
Natalie McNiel	Crestwood Farms GC
Nancy Thompson	Crestwood Farms GC
Frances Sadler	Fluvanna GC
Particia Harper	Oxford GC
Luella Hall	Thomas Jefferson GC
Susan Ferrett	Westmoreland GC
Polly Christian	Windsor Farms GC



Shenandoah District

Susan Bryan.....	Cedar Run GC
Donna Miller	Colonial Winchester GC
Louise Speakman	Glen Burnie GC
Anne Moody	Hill & Valley GC
Mary Felger	Monticello GC

South Central District

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Mary Jane Sydnor	Ragged Robin GC
Mary Frances Tweedy.....	Ragged Robin GC
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Patricia McLaughlin.....	Staunton River GC
Minnie Benjamin.....	Sunset GC
Marjorie Williams.....	Sunset GC
Helen Macko	Sunset GC
Elease Bolton	Wayside GC

Southwest District

Sue Clark	Abingdon GC
Pam Whitman.....	Abingdon GC

Tidewater District

Joyce Tippin	Cedar Point GC
Bill Wingo	Colonial Heritage GC
Peggy Rhodes.....	May Farm GC of Kingston
Margaret Vadersen	May Farm GC of Kingston



Florence S. Nordone



The members of the Academy of Gardeners Garden Club are saddened by the loss of our Charter member and good friend, Florence Nordone, who passed away on May 30, 2020 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Florence was originally a member of the Rappahannock County Garden Club in the Sperryville area where she held many positions and was also its President. She then advanced to the Shenandoah District and held many offices including serving as President from 1989-1991.

Florence had a keen interest in organizational matters and efficiently run meetings. She promoted this by studying parliamentary procedure, becoming a

Professional Registered Parliamentarian and started in 1990, along with others, and in the affiliation with National Associate of Parliamentarians (NAP), The Virginia State Association of Parliamentarians (VSAP), the Silver Gavel Unit, a parliamentary education unit based in Charlottesville. She was also a member of the ALPHA unit of Registered Parliamentarians of Virginia.

After moving to Lake Monticello, the idea formed to start a new garden club closer by and again, with others, she organized and implemented the Academy of Gardeners Garden Club which received its Charter in 2008.

All through this time she served as Parliamentarian of the Shenandoah District for a few years, after which she primarily served as Parliamentarian for the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs until her retirement in 2017.

DISTRICT & CLUB NEWS

Hanover Towne Garden Club Renovates Healing Garden for Bon Secours, Mechanicsville

by Donna Holman, Hanover Towne Garden Club (P)

In spring of 2019, Hanover Towne was fortunate to be awarded a generous grant from Piedmont District for renovation of part of the Healing Garden at Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center in Mechanicsville. Due to some operational issues, the garden renovation didn't actually begin until early spring of 2020.



The Club removed old plant materials from 12 raised beds, added soil and planted new designs which were a combination of natives, easy-care perennials and pollinator-magnets. Members and volunteers planted 48 daylilies, 48 salvia, 24 yucca, 18 pennisetum grasses. Existing clustered mountain mint was divided and replanted in six of the beds.

The final stages of planting and maintenance over the summer had to occur under restrictions and social distancing due to COVID-19. Our club was undaunted - the garden is thriving - and the bees are very happy!

Stonehenge GC Brightens the Days for Seniors at The Laurels of Willow Creek

by Sarah Buckley, Stonehenge Garden Club (P)

On May 19, 2020, the Stonehenge Garden Club ladies made floral arrangements and brought them to The Laurels of Willow Creek, an assisted living facility in Chesterfield County. We were thrilled that so many garden club members could participate. We were able to give every resident an arrangement, and the nurses' station as well. They were so grateful to receive them. During these tough times, especially for the elderly at nursing homes with no visitors, this was a wonderful way to brighten the day for many. We have decided to make this a monthly event and are going to continue this project for the duration of the pandemic while The Laurels residents are being confined to their rooms.



Designs Using Form and Light

Submitted by Marilyn Brown, Appomattox GC (P)

The Appomattox Garden Club of Hopewell held its last official meeting on March 4, 2020. During the 2019-2020 club year, members worked on floral designs using a variety of form and light to enhance the aesthetic mood. One such reflective design inspired Jodi Carden to create the lovely arrangement pictured here. Members missed the opportunity to present their new designs during this year's spring meetings.

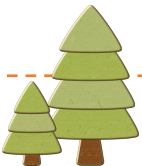


Jodi Carden displays her reflective design.

Because of the quarantine President Marilyn Brown communicated with club members via email. She thanked all members for their hard work during the past two years. A new slate of officers was voted in and will be installed by Carolyn Whitlock, past president. They are as follows: President, Pat Auton; 1st VP, Cindy Shearin; 2nd VP, Elisa Carraway; Secretary, Claire Haley; Treasurer, Mary Nix.

Congratulations to Serena Saula who placed 3rd in the 5th grade division of the 2020 NGC Smokey Bear Poster Contest! Serena was sponsored by the Southside Garden Club of Blacksburg.

Submitted by Barbara Ohmsen



Remembering Mass Shooting Victims in Virginia Beach

*Submitted by Adele Lundquist,
Tidewater District Editor*



The City of Virginia Beach was changed forever by a mass shooter who killed 12 people in Building 2 at the Municipal Center on May 31, 2019. One year later plans to honor the victims had to be altered because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Through the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, garden clubs were given an opportunity to participate in the Remembrance by donating funds to cover the cost of 12 planters, one for each victim, as well as plants that lined the steps to Building 2. The planters were filled with Salvia “Blue Emotion” (color of

remembrance), Bacopa “Great White” (color of hope), Calibrachoa “Lemon Slice” (lighting the path).

Following the Memorial, the plants were replanted at the City’s Emergency Operations Building 30 which houses the City’s 411 and 911 employees.

The Tidewater District garden clubs that made additional contributions to the Memorial were Cavalier, Lake Smith Terrace, Little Neck, Lynnhaven Heritage and May Farm of Kingston.

Photo: Virginia Beach City workers putting plants in place for the Memorial. Taken by Symsi Denson, Operations Coordinator, VB Parks & Recreation

National Garden Week

Submitted by Shirley Edillon, Blue Ridge District Editor

Members of the Blue Ridge Garden Club created lovely floral designs to present to the First Responders in Bedford. The members expressed words of gratitude and appreciation to the following First Responders:

Bedford Fire Station - Brad Creasy, Fire Chief, and crew
Rescue Squad Station (next door to Fire Station)

Town of Bedford Police Station - Todd Foreman, Police Chief

Bedford County Sheriff's Office - Mike Miller, Sheriff, and deputies

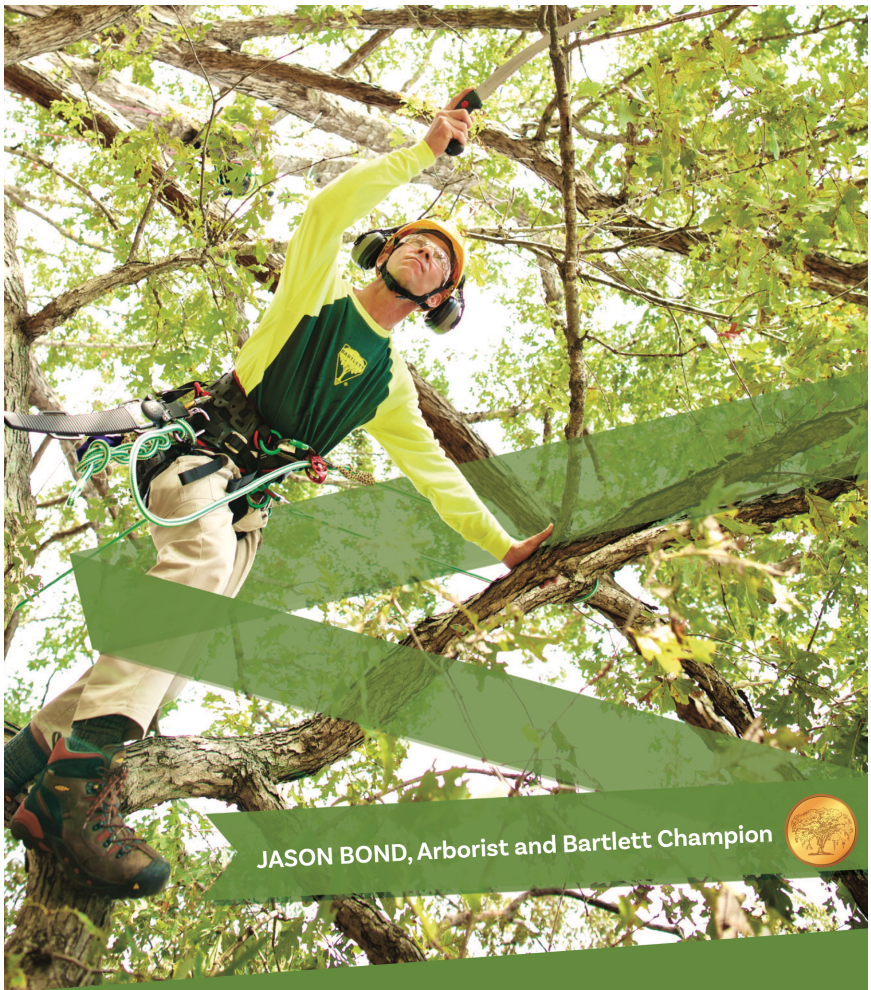
State Police Station - Officer Armstrong



Hazel Vance, Blue Ridge District President, presented a copy of the National Garden Week Proclamation to each group.

Pictured are Karen Craig, Christy Boone, Roslyn Reynolds, Bonnie Ellefson, Hazel Vance





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