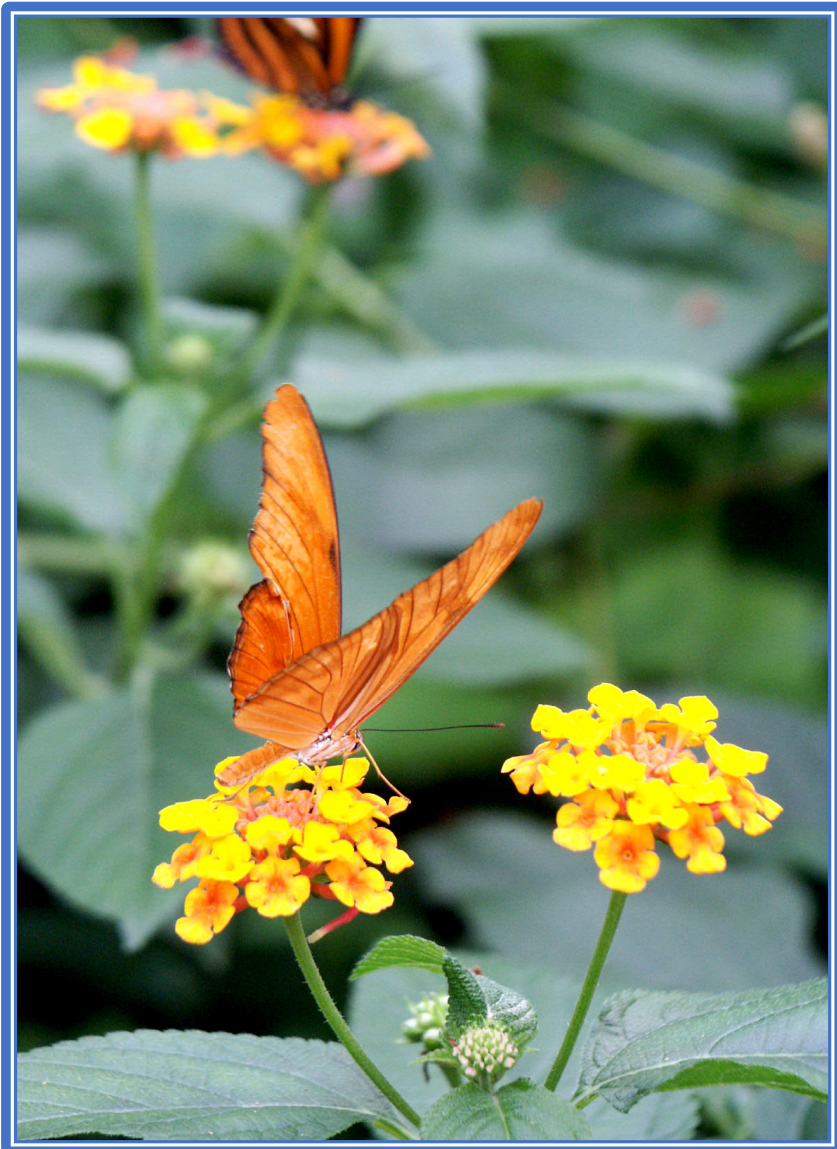


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VFGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear VFGC Members,

What a year we have had! I hope this finds everyone healthy.

While we are waiting for an end to being quarantined, we can still enjoy our outdoors whether working in the gardens or just admiring what we have.

At this time, we are still planning on being able to meet at the end of August for the board and hold our 2021 convention in Richmond next April when our NGC President Gay Austin will be our guest and will install the 2021-2023 officers.

Even though we had to cancel our convention, the awards were distributed to the clubs. Congratulations to those clubs receiving awards. Start now planning for the next club year!

Changing subjects, I want to thank everyone who participated in our No-Bake Sale. Hazel's report on the No-Bake Sale can be found under the VFGC section of this ODG edition. This year's project is a Virtual Plant Sale. You decide what plants you may want or already purchased. Then send to Hazel your donation equal to your purchase. The proceeds this time will go to our Scholarship Fund.

I have surely missed everyone. Looking forward to District meetings and our convention. Until then I wish everyone a healthy and safe summer.

Mary Sue



Grants to Beautify & Restore

Deadline Extended for 2019-20

Submitted by Judy Ann Fray, Chairman

Due to ramifications of COVID-19 and Stay-at-Home directives for people of all ages, the garden clubs that received VFGC Grants to Beautify & Restore have been unable to complete the projects as planned. Therefore, they have been notified of an extension to August 15, 2020 to complete the projects and submit their report. All have hope that circumstances of being able to work together will improve and allow completion of these worthwhile community projects.

Clubs that are considering making application for the 2020 – 2021 Grants to Beautify & Restore should be aware that application forms and guidelines are found on the VFGC Website, under the “Members” tab.

Information may also be obtained by contacting Judy Ann Fray, Chairman, at 540-948-4220 or ja.fray@verizon.net. We look forward to hearing from all clubs that have interest in the possibility of receiving up to \$1,000 from VFGC for qualified projects. Applications are due September 15th.

Summer Gardening

Submitted by Jane Sorensen, VFGC Horticulture Chairman

While we all hope activity will be less restricted by the summer, our gardening can go on no matter what.

Since Virginia stretches across several plant hardiness zones, ranging from 5a (in the mountains in the west) to 8a (on the eastern shore), one suggestion doesn't work for everyone. So, as you read this article, keep your own plant hardiness zone in mind. I'm in zone 6a, but just a few miles away people are in zone 5b, in a special microclimate. You can find the USDA plant hardiness maps at planthardiness.ars.usda.gov.

If you are going to plant vegetables, Virginia Cooperative Extension has an excellent planting guide, with separate charts for each Virginia hardiness zone (you used to need to calculate the dates on your own). This guide is available at: www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/426/426-331/SPES-170.pdf

This guide can help you restrain your desire to plant early. Sometimes planting early doesn't do much more than slow your plants down. But if the soil is too cold and wet, seeds may rot instead of germinating; if the temperature goes too low, some transplants may be killed. Unless you don't mind heartache and unnecessary costs, it's a good idea to follow the guides.

Here's a list of some common vegetables that can be planted in June in my zone: beans, cucumbers, eggplant (transplants) melons, okra, peppers

(transplants), potatoes (yep, you can plant them this late), pumpkins, summer and winter squash, corn, and tomatoes (transplants). If you live in a warmer zone, these can be planted in May. Besides tomatoes, peppers, greens, and beans, winter squash is one of my favorites. Last year I discovered a new (for me) variety of butternut squash, Tahitian butternut. It makes very long neck, sweet squash. Since I'm a lazy cook, I love having squash that requires very little seed removal.

If you are planning to prune shrubs, the following shrubs may be pruned in June and July: arborvitae, azalea, barberry, boxwood, deutzia, forsythia, Harry Lauder walking stick, holly, hydrangea (spring blooming), lilac, mountain laurel, quince, rhododendron, viburnum (deciduous), pussy willow, and yew. Pruning pretty much closes down after July (rhododendron and sumac may be pruned as late as August), and doesn't resume until November (as plants go dormant). Virginia Cooperative Extension has an excellent shrub pruning calendar available at:

www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/430/430-462/430-462.pdf.

I wish everyone success and happiness in your summer gardening.

Living Legacy Trees

Submitted by Janice Clem, 2015-17 VFGC president

During the 2015-2017 VFGC administration, we raised funds to plant trees along the Journey Through Hallowed Grounds National Scenic Byway, a 180-mile corridor from Monticello in Charlottesville to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania along Routes 15 and 20. The living legacy trees would honor and be a living memorial for the 620,000 men who gave their lives in the War Between the States.

The first of our Living Legacy Trees were planted and dedicated at Woodberry Forest Community School on Route 15 near Madison on November 7, 2017. After a lengthy search, three other locations were found and 100 of our Living Legacy trees were planted in April.

The first site is in Historic Buckland, a small town that is on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmark Register. Fifty of our Living Legacy trees have been planted in a large open area near the intersection of Routes 15 and 29. There is a small museum on the property. The Buckland Historic Society has also planted trees in this open area and will help care for the trees. Forty trees were planted on the road frontage near Little Oatlands which is located between Leesburg and Middleburg on Route 15. The trees planted at Buckland and Little Oatlands were red oak, red maple, redbud and willow oak.

The third site is near Gilbert's Corner and the historic Mt. Zion Church at the intersection of Routes 15 and 50 in Loudon County. The church was used as a hospital during the War Between the States. Both Confederate and Union soldiers are buried in the church cemetery. The planting site is between the church and the highway. A total of ten dogwoods and redbuds were planted. We hope to have an early fall dedication of our trees.

Department of Conservation and Recreation Virginia Scenic Rivers Program: Designation of Gray's Creek

Submitted by Barbara Eger, President Surry Garden Club

The Scenic Rivers Program was established in 1970 to identify, designate and help protect rivers and streams that possess outstanding scenic, recreational, historic and natural characteristics of statewide significance for future generations.

In 2019, as the result of a project initiated by Surry County Garden Club, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) completed a Scenic River evaluation of Surry County's Gray's Creek. Based on the evaluation, six miles of this creek were deemed eligible for inclusion in the Virginia Scenic River System. The designation of Gray's Creek as a Virginia scenic waterway was recommended, with DCR as the administering agency. Both houses of the Virginia General Assembly submitted bills to this effect during the legislative session recently concluded. On February 22, the notification was recorded:

House Bill 1612 – Grants scenic rivers designation on Gray's Creek in Surry County. HB 1612 passed the House 90-8 and passed the Senate 40-0.

One of the program's strengths is the partnership forged between citizens, local governments and the state. Numerous local and state organizations worked diligently to bring this designation recommendation forward in conjunction with DCR and the County's Administrative and Economic Development Staffs, including the Surry Garden Club (proposal initiator), Surry County Historical Society, Preservation Virginia, Surry County Sheriff's Department, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the James River Association. Many individual County citizens also assisted with providing private watercraft and navigational support, referenced knowledge of the creek's historical and wildlife features, and informative congressional interface.

The offices of Delegate Emily Brewer and Senator Louise Lucas have sponsored the designation legislation. It is intended for the Gray's Creek designation to occur in 2020 during the 50th anniversary of the Scenic Rivers Program. Inclusion in this program will notably strengthen Surry County's economic and tourism development profile.

VFGC AWARDS

VFGC Special Achievement Awards

S-1 Paving Tomorrows Pathways Award Blue – Green Meadow Point (T)

District Awards

#6 Club Membership - Tidewater District

#7 District Flower Show Schedule

A) District Under 900 Members – Blue – Tidewater District

#8 District Newsletter

A) Less Than 900 Members – Blue - Tidewater District

B) Over 900 Members – Blue – Shenandoah

#9 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters - Tidewater District

#11 Penny Pines - Shenandoah District

#12 VFGC Life Membership - Blue Ridge District

Club Awards

#14 Bird Protection

I Red – Thomas Jefferson(P)

#15 Butterfly

I Blue – Greenvale(S)

II Red – Rappahannock of White Stone (P)

#16 Organic Gardening

I Blue – Seasons IV (SW)

#18 Water

I Blue – Seasons IV (SW)

Yellow – Town & Country of Wise (SW)

#23 Reclaiming Unusable Spaces (New)

I Blue – Boones Mill (B)

#24 Civic Beautification/Civic Achievement

I Blue – Boones Mill (B)

Red – Four Seasons (SW)

Red – South Boston (SC)

#25 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping

I Blue – Westchester (B)

#26 Community Landscape Design

I Blue – Violet Bank (P)



#27 Roadside Beautification

I Red – Twilight (S)

#28 Plant Together Community Garden Project

I Blue – Seasons IV (SW)

IV Blue – Salisbury (P)

#30 Decoration of Historic Building

I Blue – Dogwood (SW)

Red – Colonial (S)

#31 Horticulture Therapy (Without A Garden)

I Red – Staunton River (SC)

II Blue – Sleepy Hollow (P)

Red – May Farm of Kingston (T)

IV Blue – Salisbury (P)

#32 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project

II Blue – Thomas Jefferson (P)

#33 Membership

I Begonia (P)

II Canterbury (P)

III Colonial Heritage (T)

IV Westham (P)

#34 National Garden Week

I Blue – Greenvale (S)

HM – Hilliard Park (P)

II Blue – Abingdon (SW)

Red – Buckingham Dillwyn (SC)

IV Blue – Salisbury (P)

#35 Special Achievement

I Blue – Glasgow (S)

Red – Four Seasons (SW)

#36 Vision of Beauty Calendar Sales

(A) Based on Total # Sold

Blue – Westchester (B)

Red – Seasons IV (SW)

(B) Based on Calendars Per Member

Blue – Westchester (B)

Red – Seasons IV (SW)

#37 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters

Green Meadow Point (T)

#38 Youth Environmental Education

II Blue – Town & County of Wise (SW)

#39 Youth Horticulture Education

I Blue – Seasons IV (SW)

Red – Green Meadow Point (T)

II Blue – Abingdon (SW)

Red – Chesapeake Bay (P)

Red – Green Thumb of Callaway (B)

Club Awards - Publications and Promotions

#42-A 2 Publication – Club Program

I Blue - Town & Country of Wise (SW)

#42-A 5 Publication – Club Membership Brochure

I Blue – Green Meadow Point (T)

II Blue – May Farm of Kingston (T)

Red – Sleepy Hollow (P)

IV Blue – Salisbury (P)

#43-B Club Newsletter – 3 to 12 Pages

I Blue – Amelia County (P)

Red – Cedar Run (S)

Red – Green Meadow Point (T)

Red – Westchester (B)

II Blue – Madison (S)

Red – May Farm of Kingston (T)

Red – Midlothian (P)

III Blue – Colonial Heritage (T)

IV Blue – Salisbury (P)

#43-C Club Newsletter – 13 or more pages

III Blue – Rock Spring (P)

#44-1 Club Yearbook (Under 20 Members)

Blue – South Side (B)

Red – Hilliard Park (P)

Red – Lynnhaven Heritage (T)

#44-2 Club Yearbook (20 – 29 Members)

Blue – Green Hills (S)

Red – Amelia County (P)

Red – Westchester (B)

#44-3 Club Yearbook (30-44 Members)

Blue – Wayside (SC)

Red – May Farm of Kingston (T)

Red – Thomas Jefferson (P)

Red – Town & Country of Wise (SW)

#44-4 Club Yearbook (45 – 69 Members)

Blue – Abingdon (SW)

Red – Midlothian (P)

#44-5 Club Yearbook (70-99 Members)

Blue – Colonial Heritage (T)

#44-6 Club Yearbook (100 + Members)

Blue - Salisbury (P)

#45 Flower Show Schedule (One Club)

I Blue – Cedar Run (S)

Red – Seasons IV (SW)

II Blue – Chesapeake Bay (P)

IV Blue – Salisbury (P)

#47 Website

II Blue – Midlothian (P)

#48 Press Books

A. Club Publicity Press Books

II Blue - Madison (SH)

III Blue - Chesapeake Bay (P)

B. District Publicity Press Book

Blue - Tidewater District, VFGC

Youth Contests

Y-1 “The Saved Seed’ Education Award

Blue – Green Meadow Point (T)

#Y-2 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters

1st Grade – Emily Backe, Sponsored by Madison (S)

2nd Grade – Olivia Perry, Sponsored by Madison (S)

3rd Grade – Charlotte Thomsen, Sponsored by Colonial (S)

4th Grade – Kora Starkey, Sponsored by Green Meadow Point (T)

5th Grade – Sarena Savla, Sponsored by Southside (B)

#Y-3 Youth Essay Contest

10th Grade – Luke Ford, Sponsored by Madison Garden Club (S)

#Y-4 Youth Poetry Contest

3rd Grade – Josh Atkins, Sponsored by Cedar Run (S)

VFGC and NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards

FS-1 Club Standard Flower Show

B Blue – Luray (S)

D Blue – Salisbury (P)

FS-13 Near Club Standard Flower Show

Blue-Calfee/Culpeper (S)

FS-14 Council Standard Flower Show

Blue -Winchester Council (S)

FS-15 District Flower Show

B Blue - Tidewater District

CATEGORIES BY SIZE

VFGC award applications are judged per garden club size, as determined by the number of members on whom NGC and state dues are paid as of December 1st. Includes active, associate, inactive, honorary, etc.

I. Small Club 29 Or Fewer Members

II. Medium Club 30 – 59 Members

III. Large Club 60 – 99 Members

IV. Extra Large Club 100 Or More Members

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION AWARDS

SAR #1 Arbor Day-Tree Planting/Activities Medium Club - Blue Ridge * (BR)

SAR #4 Community Beautification Award Small Club - Boones Mill* (BR)

SAR #6 Garden Therapy Healing Gardens Award - Thomas Jefferson (P)

SAR #9 Penny Pines

VFGC - State with Most Penny Pines

Rock Spring - Club with Most Penny Pines (P)

SAR #10 National Garden Week - Abingdon (SW)

SAR #18 Newsletter Publication Award - Madison (S)

SAR #22 Yearbook Award Small Club - Green Hills* (S)

SAR #23 Publicity Press Book Large Club - Chesapeake (P), Honorable Mention

SAR #23 Publicity Press Book Medium Club - Madison* (S)

SAR #24 Standard Flower Show/Council - Tidewater District VFGC

SAR #SP2 Reclaiming Unusable Spaces - Boones Mill (BR)

SAR #Y3 High School Essay Contest

Luke Ford, Madison County High School; Sponsor: Madison (S)

SAR #Y4 Youth Poetry Winner

Third Grade: Josh Adkins, St. James Episcopal School; Sponsor: Cedar Run (S)

SAR Y# 6 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

1st Grade – Emily Backe, Sponsor: Madison (S)

3rd Grade – Charlotte Thomason, Sponsor: Colonial (S)

4th Grade – Kora Starkey, Sponsor: Green Meadow Point (T)

5th Grade – Serena Salva, Sponsor: Southside (BR)

An * after the award designates an overall award winner for that award.

VFGC Yearbook Corrections

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No-Bake Bake Sale

Submitted by Hazel Vance, President's Project Chairman



The No-Bake Bake Sale President's Project held during the months of November and December 2019 was a great success. Every District participated and a total of \$4076 was donated to support the Keys to Future. The Districts received 10% of their total donation. Your participation in this project will help more clubs receive Grants for Youth Projects.

Virtual Plant Sale

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!

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



Hear ye, hear ye,
Virginia Flower Show School is
returning!

August 31 - Sept 3, 2020

Kirkley Hotel, Lynchburg, Virginia

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.

Special promotion for this offering: The first 10 people, who apply for the school, take the tests AND pass will receive \$100!

For further information contact Val Story: valstory@aol.com

Flower Show School Course I

August 31 - September 3, 2020

The Kirkley Hotel & Conference Center
2900 Candler's Mountain Road
Lynchburg, Virginia

Flower Show Procedure & Horticulture: Dale Defeo

Dale instruction will teach both Flower Show Procedure and Horticulture will emphasize mums and sansevieria. Dale is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Landscape Design Consultant and Master Gardner She is a Horticulture, Flower Show School Procedure and Symposium Instructor.

Dale is a native Virginian and a 5-Star Member of NGC, holding Master status in Flower Show Schools, Landscape Design School, Gardening Study School and Environmental Studies School. She has 45 + years of garden club experience at many levels and served 20 years on the NGC Board of Directors. While in the National Capital Area GC, she founded NGC Gardening Study Schools, Garden Consultants Council and Morning of Design Study. She has also served as National Capital Area President. She has an MBA and has been a recipient of numerous Horticulture and Design top flower show awards.

Dale has also served as the American Horticulture Society Awards Chairman for Central Atlantic Region. She chaired the NGC Convention 2011 in Washington DC. She loves gardening and shares her experiences enthusiastically through teaching and has been an NGC Flower Show instructor in Horticulture and Procedure for 13 years. She now resides in Florida.

Design: Frances Thrash

Frances instruction will emphasize Traditional Designs, the history and progression through the years. She is a Master Judge and a Design & Flower Show Procedure Instructor for both NGC flower show schools & symposiums. She also serves on the NGC Board as Co-Chair of the Flower Show Achievement Awards.

Frances is originally from Jackson, Mississippi, but has lived in Virginia for 31 years. At the tender age of 6, Frances joined the junior garden club affiliated with her mom's garden club and stayed in that club thru high school. She rejoined a garden club in 1989 in Virginia. She currently is immediate past president & founding member of Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club and president of the Richmond Designers Guild. She is Past President (twice) of the Tidewater District of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, currently Program Director, and serves her state as Symposium Chairman. She is a Master Judge and a Design & Flower Show Procedure Instructor for both NGC flower show schools & symposiums. She also serves on the NGC Board as Co-Chair of the Flower Show Achievement Awards.

She attended the University of Mississippi where she earned a degree in Education and Math. She has taught both geometry and algebra.

In 2009 she earned a gold award in the Wafa show in D.C. (first place – World Association of Floral Arrangers) and has earned two national Tricolor Awards from the American Hemerocallis Society.

In addition to all this, she finds time to work at Wholesale Flower Market in Chesapeake, Virginia, where she is an FTD Master Designer, and, runs her own small business (Seascapes) out of her home doing weddings, meetings, and flowers for churches and individuals alike. She is a gardener, loves plants of all sorts, and her Persian kitties Ruby & Jasper.

Schedule

Monday, Aug 31	3:45 - 6:00 pm	Flower Show Procedure
Tuesday, Sept 1	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:15 - 3:45 pm 4:15 - 5:15 pm	FSP Exam Horticulture Point Scoring Test
Wed, Sept 2	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:15 - 3:45 pm 4:15 - 5:15 pm	Horticulture Exam Design Point Scoring Test
Thursday, Sept 3	9:00 - 10:00 am	Design Examination

Hotel Information: Contact the Kirkley Hotel, 2900 Chandlers Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 25402 434.237-6333 Room rates are guaranteed through July 30, 2020 at \$103 per night either single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes. Ask for the VFGC block.

Questions - contact Val Story (valstory@aol.com / (c) 540-272-0975)

The Tidewater Flower Show Judges Council presents



**"HORTICULTURE STARS of Tidewater"
An NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show**

Thursday, August 6, 2020

King's Grant Presbyterian Church-745 Little Neck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Entries are due August 6, 2020, 9 - 10:00am.

This Specialty Show will include Horticulture Specimens (no pre-registration required), plus two Educational Exhibits. If you are interested in serving on the flower show committee, please contact Frances Thrash or Glenda Knowles, ggknowles@cox.net (757-651-0401).

Open to the Public: 2:00 - 4:00 pm



ALL VFGC garden club members are invited to enter this show. Please contact Frances Thrash to receive a schedule. francesthrash@cox.net or 757-748-5791

REGISTRATION FORM

Flower Show School - Course I

The Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center
2900 Chandlers Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 25402

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Full course with/without exam (Includes tuition, two lunches and reserved seating on front rows)	\$130 _____
Flower Show Procedure (Mon.)	\$20 _____
Horticulture & Lunch (Tue.)	\$65 _____
Design & Lunch (Wed.)	\$65 _____
Manual will be emailed (free of charge)	
Printed Manual available at Registration	\$5 _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

****No refunds after August 24, 2020**

Make check payable to Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. with Flower Show Schools in the memo line and mail to:

Pat Carswell, Registrar VFGC Flower Show School
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LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL • COURSE 3, SERIES 28
MONDAY, SEPT 28 & TUESDAY, SEPT 29, 2020

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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.

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.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Monday, September 28, 2020			
Time	Activity	Chpt	Instructor
8:00 – 8:20 am – 8:20 am	Registration Welcome		
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Landscape Design Accessories	12	Neal Beasley
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Introduction to Urban Design	32	Trevor Buckley
10:50 am – 11:50 am	Special Interest Topic –History & Evolution of Conservatories/Orangeries*	SIT	Neal Beasley
11:50 am – 1:10 pm	LUNCH (The Café is convenient)		
1:20 pm - 2:20 pm	*Tour of Lewis Ginter Conservatory and Collections by Neal Beasley	SIT	Neal Beasley
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Graphics Interpretation	29	Trevor Buckley
3:35 pm - 4:35 pm	Parks, Playgrounds and Conservation	18	Jack Douglas
6:30 pm Group Dinner – place to be announced – pay on your own			
Tuesday, September 29, 2020			
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Guidelines for Evaluating Landscape Design	30	Jack Douglas
9:40 am - 10:40 am	Development of Landscape Architecture From 1840 - 1940	25	Gordon Chappell
10:50 am - 11:50 am	Herbaceous Materials for the Landscape	14	Laurie Fox
11:50 am - 1:00 pm	LUNCH (The Café is convenient)		
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Landscape Design for Maintenance	15	Laurie Fox
2:10 pm - 3:10 pm	Design on the Land – Regional Expression	24	Gordon Chappell
3:15 pm	Review – consultants not taking the exam may leave.		
3:30 pm	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.

Hotel Information

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: \$119.00. **Cut-off date for discount is midnight on Sept. 11, 2020**

To reserve a room in the LDS block:

- (1) go to richmondglensidesuites.hamptoninn.com
- (2) select your arrival and departure dates, then click “add special rate codes”
- (3) in the box labeled “group code”, enter LDS
- (4) 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 3 SERIES 28 SEPTEMBER 28 - 29, 2020
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail and/or Fax _____

Garden Club & District: _____

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

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SYMPOSIUM

Date: October 6 - 7, 2020

Location: Four Points by Sheraton, 4700 S. Laburnum Avenue,
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Design: Penny Decker

Penny Decker is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge and an NGC Design Instructor teaching at the Symposium level. She currently serves on the Boards of NGC, Deep South, and FFGC. Penny is known for her keen sense of color in creating beautiful traditional and highly creative floral designs. She is the winner of numerous top awards for design at major flower shows. Penny's designs have been published in both NGC's and Florida's calendars as well as Designs made easy (NGC), Flower Arranging the American Way (WAFa), and This Glorious Earth (WAFa). Her passion for design has taken her to various countries representing the USA in honorary exhibits at WAFa seminars in Canada, England, Ireland, Barbados, and India. Her design was one of two designs for the USA in the WAFa Boston Show "THIS GLORIOUS EARTH". Her design ability is only exceeded by her ability to teach and instruct others.

Horticulture: Dale Defeo

A native Virginian, Dale is a 5-Star Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., holding Master status in Flower Show Schools, Landscape Design School, Gardening Study School and Environmental Studies School. She has 45+ years of garden club experience at many levels and served 20 years on the NGC Board of Directors. While in the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, she founded NGC Gardening Study Schools, Garden Consultants Council, and Morning of Design Study. She also served as State President, National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc., holds an MBA and has been the recipient of numerous Horticulture and Design top flower show exhibitor awards. She loves gardening and sharing her experience and enthusiasm through teaching and has been an NGC Accredited Flower Show Instructor in Horticulture and Procedure for 13 years.

Tuesday, October 6		Wednesday, October 7	
8:00 – 9:15am	Announcements & Horticulture Allied	8:00 – 9:15am	Announcements & Horticulture Allied
9:30 – noon	Horticulture	9:30 – noon	Design
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Horticulture	1:00 – 2:30 pm	Design
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Point Scoring Test	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Point Scoring Test

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

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VFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 7 - 13	National Garden Week	
Aug 1	ODG Fall Deadline	
Aug 31 - Sept 3	Flower Show School, Course 1	Lynchburg
Sept 15	Grants to Beautify & Restore Deadline	
Sept 28 - 29	Landscape Design School, Course 4	Richmond
Oct 6 - 7	Symposium	Richmond
Oct 8	Shenandoah District Fall Meeting	
Oct 15	Blue Ridge District Fall Meeting	
Oct 19	Piedmont District Fall Meeting	Richmond
Oct 29	Tidewater District Fall Meeting	
Nov 1	ODG Winter Deadline	
Dec 1	Deadline for Award Applications to District Chairmen	

Calling all Garden Club Members ... let's look to
SUNNIER DAYS!



Things have been challenging and we've all missed our District Meetings, State Convention, Schools and especially our own Garden Club Meetings. We've each really missed seeing each other and sharing our talents.

However, as things warm up and our flowers start to bloom, so will we as Garden Clubbers. We might have to do things a little differently ... We might have to get creative when accomplishing our projects... And we might have to sit 6 feet apart, but that will make us even more committed to beautify our surroundings and be caretakers of our world.

Stay in touch during this time, share a photo of your garden make a phone call...send an email ...or text message your fellow garden clubber. Let's use this time to plan our future and to anticipate our next gathering.

VFGC is planning and working for SUNNIER DAYS. We're here for you!

Mary Owen
1st VP, VFGC

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Editor's Note

I can hardly believe that it's been a year since tackling my first edition as ODG editor, and it's been quite the learning experience! However, I couldn't have done it without the support of our VFGC Community, including Officers, District Editors, frequent contributors, and the former ODG Editor, Renee Johnson. Renee's mentorship and guidance were invaluable in the continued success of the Old Dominion Gardener. Thanks to everyone for their contribution!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

DISTRICT & CLUB NEWS

Plant America Grant

By Jean Tremaine, Amelia County GC (P)

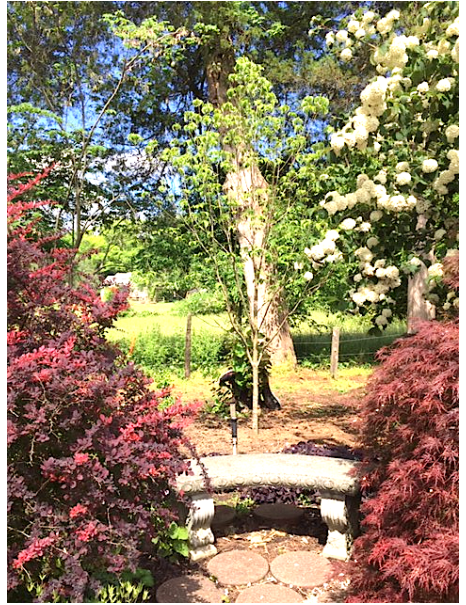
Amelia County Garden Club is one of the smallest clubs in the VFGC with just 23 members. Nevertheless, the members of the club

maintain a fairly large, mature public garden for its county as their primary community service project.

ACGC's Memorial Garden is roughly symmetrical with brick paths, four inner quadrants and outer quadrants, hedges and fencing, entrances with archways, a centerpiece statue and a pergola with seating for about ten people. The garden is a Certified Monarch Waystation filled with flowering perennials, shrubs and trees.

ACGC applied for a Plant America grant from the National Garden Clubs, Inc. in 2018. Multiple conifers and flowering deciduous trees were diseased after a record-breaking wet year following drought-ridden years. By the time the grant money was awarded, five trees were dead or dying. The grant helped ACGC remove dead trees and purchase new trees and mulch.

ACGC planted a large evergreen cryptomeria that they decorated during the holiday season with white twinkle lights. It adds soft color and texture year-round. A red Japanese maple with glowing autumn foliage was planted in another space. A 'Cherokee Brave' dogwood and a standard form 'Pinky Winky' panicle hydrangea was added for spring/summer color to other quadrants.



"It's important to us that the garden offers four seasons of interest so visitors can see something lovely every day of the year," said ACGC President Jeanie O'Malley. "The garden is a labor of love that the club tends with great care. We knew we had to replace these trees quickly to keep the garden looking good and are just so grateful to the NGC for this grant."

The Garden is enjoyed by all ages. Children leave painted stones there. Prom pictures are staged there. Brides use it for photo shoots. The local rehab center brings their residents there for outings. Government

workers and visitors to the courthouse walk its brick paths to clear their heads and get a fresh perspective.

ACGC's Memorial Garden is a place where people come together. Local Horticulture/Landscaping students learn hands-on gardening techniques and members team up with the Boy Scouts to spread mulch. Free container planting classes for the public are sometimes offered there by ACGC. And Mrs. O'Malley gives tours of the garden to other non-profits. The Plant America grant has helped all these activities and the Garden itself to continue to flourish in Amelia County.

HISTORIC GARDENS RESTORATION

*Submitted by VFGC/TD Chairman, Kay Slover Eckhardt
Francis Land Historic House Formal Garden*

When the City of Virginia Beach purchased the Francis Land Historic House and its surrounding property in 1975, the physical work of restoration began. The May Farm Garden Club of Kingston took on the task of establishing a formal garden. Under the leadership of Patsy Cameron, President, Wanda Hudgins, Project and Committee Chairman for the Francis Land House Formal Garden's Installation, and Glenda Knowles, the Committee visited several Virginia historic properties to research the layout of formal gardens. Once the plan was approved by the City, May Farm Garden Club donated plants and materials, including heirloom boxwoods. The May 1988 dedication of the Formal Garden and a celebratory grand reception were held at the Friends of Francis Land House Spring meeting with Mayor-elect Meyera Oberndorf participating as the guest of honor. The May Farm Garden Club maintained the Formal Garden for several years until it was no longer feasible for them to do so.

As fate would have it, the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club, chartered in March 2013, was looking for a long-term project in which to work with the City in their beautification efforts. The Formal Garden at the Francis Land House suited their purpose perfectly, and May Farm Garden Club was pleased to have Lynnhaven Heritage adopt the project. Under the leadership of Lynnhaven Heritage's president, Bev Hunter, this new club with only eight members set to work.



They sent samples of the ailing boxwoods to Virginia Tech's Agricultural Research and Extension Center for care and guidance, amended the beds and provided plant material from their gardens, including the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club's flower, the heirloom Columbine, *Aquilegia vulgaris*. With the City's help, benches were painted, and fences/gates were repaired. Members re-laid the pathway border bricks and pathway clamshells. Seasonal color has continued.

Thanks to the May Farm Garden Club of Kingston and the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Clubs, Mrs. Francis Land would be truly proud to visit her beautiful Formal Garden today.

Photo: Sherry Kern, Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club's Chairman, Francis Land House Formal Garden, pulls weeds at the Formal Garden in Virginia Beach.

Arbor Day Tree Planting in Williamsburg

Submitted by Loy Holt (T)

The Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs and their host the City of Williamsburg found out 20 hours in advance of the Arbor Day Reception that they could not hold meetings with more than 10 people in attendance. It was with a heavy heart that Gigi Thorpe and Becky Hubbard, Arbor Day Co-Chairman, canceled the event.

We still had a tree to plant. The landscape crew for the city planted a Bald Cypress in the College Landing Park. The daffodils were in full bloom in the park as we celebrated social distancing while talking about the tree and the location of the park. We then took a quick picture of the event.



Pictured left to right: Ruth Maruca, Loy Holt (Arbor Day Tree Co-Chairman); Will Fidler-Landscape Superintendent, the City of Williamsburg; Gigi Thorpe, Becky Hubbard (WACGC's Arbor Day Co-Chairman); Andrew Sarver and Jon Miano (Landscape crew members).

Cherry Trees

Submitted by Fawn Evenson (S)

I am very pleased to announce that The Rappahannock County Garden Club was able to plant 365 blooming cherry, dogwood and redbud trees in Little Washington and Sperryville and environs this past month. A local Club supporter offered us \$5000 to buy and plant the trees in town, and helped with our fundraising efforts. In the end we raised \$7,000 which allowed us to reach some public spaces like the Firehouse, the Library, The Park and the Visitor's Center.

Even though our town is small, it was still an effort to carry out all the recruitment and organization of the project with over 50 gardens involved. The Mayor and Town Council were very supportive of the beautification efforts and offered us much assistance, but after all the flyers and adoption forms were sent to everyone, we started to go door to door to encourage people to sign up. Those efforts were very successful and much of the town was covered. We also held a "Planting Seminar" with experts telling us what we needed to know to keep the trees healthy, with planting direction handouts.

The local Newspaper, Rappahannock News, was incredibly supportive of the project and ran story after story keeping people up with our progress, with great pictures. The Inn at Little Washington offered dinner for two for the first person who donated \$5,000 to the project and the Three Blacksmiths restaurant in Sperryville offered two dinners for two to the first persons who donated \$2000.



Just as we were getting ready to plant this past fall, we were introduced to Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR) based in Fredericksburg, which has a lot of money through donations and grants to plant thousands of trees in the counties that border the Rappahannock River. We contacted them and they were thrilled to learn of our volunteer efforts and offered us, free of charge, all the trees we could use! That is when we grew the project to include Sperryville.

We started planting in March when the first paid order for 50 Yoshino trees arrived. Twenty-five of those trees went to Avon Hall in little Washington, the most visible spot we could find (and the owner gave us a very generous donation). The rest we sold to Garden Club members at a very reasonable price.

Northern Neck Boys and Girls Club Assisted during Covid-19

Submitted by Margie Redlin (T)

During the Covid-19 quarantine food scarcity has become a prominent issue. Joni Carter a volunteer from the Northern Neck Boys and Girls Club contacted Rappahannock Garden Club (RGC) asking for assistance with activities packets for the children. Carter's goal is to encourage education around growing vegetables. Discussing the project with RGC members the club was very willing to join this cause. Carter designed the lesson plan and the RGC purchased 288 tomato plants from

a local grower. The timing was perfect as the plants were delivered to Carter for distribution the next day. To encourage success, RGC is also donating gift cards to children who post their progress on Boys and Girls Club website or email. Working together grows community and hopeful future gardeners.



Pictured is RGC member Cathie Elliott delivering very healthy tomato plants.



A New Kind of Garden Club Meeting

Submitted by Keren Pernini (T)

Due to the Coronavirus, Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club cancelled their March 2020 meeting and April Plant Sale. When it came time for our April Meeting, our wonderful tech-savvy member, Debbie Babashanian, set up a Zoom meeting for us. She walked us through all the steps and we ended up with 16 members participating. It was a great success! We were able to have members share their flower arrangements and horticultural specimens. We also voted on our Charitable Donations for the remainder of the year. The best part was



seeing everyone on video and checking in with each other. One of our members told me that her husband commented "on how much laughter he heard coming from the meeting." So, Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club fellowship continues in good shape.

My Garden, My Sanctuary

By Wanda Smith, Ye Accawmacke (T)

*In this troubling and uncertain time of isolation,
Whether I am inside or out,
I find myself wandering and wondering
To see what my garden is all about.*

*I have felt saddened and melancholy at times,
So I continue to lead my life as directed to protect others.
I am not a person of pessimism or doubt,
Yet there have been times when I have had my druthers.*

*Then all of a sudden, the beautiful sky and sunshine
And soft gentle breezes awaken me in disbelief,
Where in my yard and my garden, my mind and heart
Find solace and consolation and relief.*

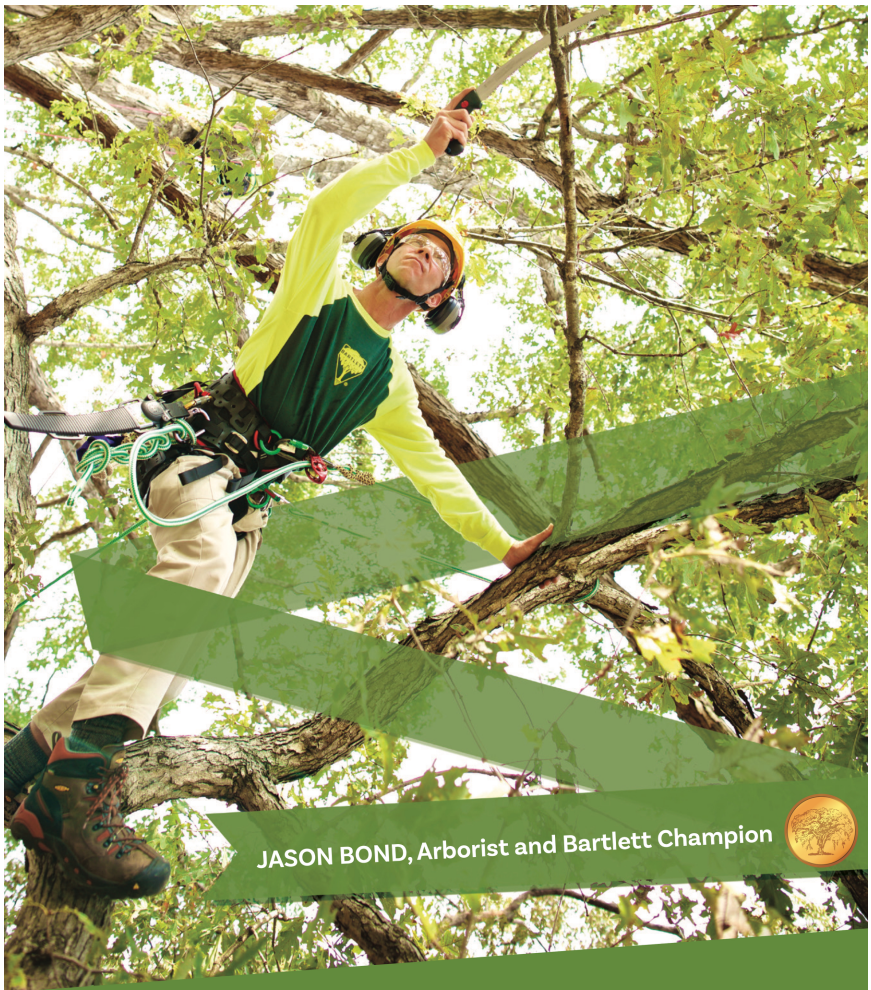
*It is there I am in touch with the beauty of nature –
The new buds bursting to bloom; the floral petals smiling up at me;
The swoosh of returning songbirds and my favorite, the bluebirds;
The azalea colors opening anew each day for me to see.*

*Going back and forth, it is the grandkids' swings –
And even though they are not here, I picture them anyway
Through the sounds of their laughter and my memories strong,
Knowing I will see them soon, I hope, when we finally have a safe day.*

*The daffodils are fading and so are my moments of doubt,
For I have found – oh! The fragrant lilacs are out! --
God has found a way -- a way to reach me,
Through the HOPE that my garden seems to shout.*

*It is the calm and, yes, even the woodpecker tapping and the timely showers
That nourish my heart, my soul, my garden -- so extraordinary.
My garden enfolds me in God's natural beauty and the hope
Through nature that all will return to be – my garden, my sanctuary.*





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