

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs  
**OLD DOMINION  
GARDENER**



Daylily Cultivar 'Red Suspenders'  
Judy Durant's garden in Hanover County  
Photo: Gail Goodrich Harwood, Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

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## VFGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear VFGC Garden Clubbers,

Thank you for honoring me with the VFGC Presidency. I am excited about the many possibilities that lie ahead. Even though we are still navigating some uncertain times with non-traditional approaches, I think the SUN is beginning to shine.

We have TWO objectives for the next couple years:

**First** - "**DIG INTO ACTION**" ...**with VFGC**. Get back to doing what we do best. Yes!!!! "**DIG INTO ACTION**" **with VFGC** is our theme for this administration. It's time to do it.

**Second** - Increase the visibility of VFGC....to make sure our works are seen, and our organization is recognized...to take **PRIDE** in who we are AND what we do. That's **VFGC PRIDE**.

We have been working to develop programs that highlight several of our existing committees and explore new ways to better communicate to our members and general public.

- ❖ Our new *ODG* Editor is refreshing the magazine with the goal of making it a periodical with more special interest stories and articles.
  
- ❖ And to keep us updated between *ODGs*, we're launching **ROOTED**...a newsy addition to help keep our Board and Club Presidents in the know electronically.
  
- ❖ Visit our NEW website! It should be a great resource for everyone.  
username: GardenClub password: DigIn2Action
  
- ❖ We're doing even more Digging...right into Flower Show School and Landscape Design School this fall. And to highlight our first in-person event, we will hold a Flower Show this September: "VFGC FALLS INTO PLACE," open for all to attend. And we will plan to hold a Symposium in 2022.

- ❖ Recall **VFGC PRIDE**.... we are planning to do a Blue Star Memorial at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and fund it through the sale of VFGC Pride decals. Mine is on my car back window. Place them anywhere visible to the public. Can't wait to see decals everywhere.
- ❖ Get ready, because National Garden Week in 2022 will be celebrated not only by our clubs' activities, but with a yard sign extravaganza.
- ❖ And Litter and Prevention plans are underway. Each club can elect to collect plastics for TREC and earn garden benches made from recycled materials.
- ❖ One more opportunity: preliminary plans are underway for a Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show 2023. Start thinking about it now!

I have outlined many possibilities of showing **VFGC PRIDE** and "**DIGGING INTO ACTION**," but these will only be IDEAS if I don't have each of you as partners. I have experienced such willingness and enthusiasm from chairmen and members. It assures me we can meet the challenges of "Digging into Action" ....and making sure our works are seen through VFGC Pride.

Let's **DIG IN** and get it done.

Mary Owen

### **VFGC PRIDE DECALS**

Ours is a wonderful organization, beautifying our communities and making the world a better place. Let's increase visibility and show our pride! Decals are \$3 each or two for \$5.

Order from Barbara Hollister

[budhollister@gmail.com](mailto:budhollister@gmail.com) or Mary Owen

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## Meet Your VFGC Leaders for 2021-2023

*At the VFGC Virtual Convention on April 27, Mary Owen was installed as President, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs by Gay Austin, NGC President. Gay used a bird theme to describe Mary and each of the District Presidents. Mary's theme bird: the ruby-throated Hummingbird. Gay suggested that this tiny bird with rapid heartbeat and incredible speed would epitomize Mary's administration.*

### **Mary Owen, President**



A Virginia native, my love and appreciation for garden and floral arranging began at an early age. From my grandmother's garden, I was encouraged to cut and arrange flowers, and this instilled in me a love of nature and the need to preserve and protect. That was the foundation for what continued in 1995 when I became a garden club member.

With a BS in Business Administration and a Minor in Government, I initially pursued positions in the political arena with Congressional, Attorney General and Gubernatorial Campaigns. Although this was educational, I turned my career to the corporate environment, working for Shell Oil Corporation as Director of Public Relations/Advertising for a new subsidiary and then to Corporate Advertising and Marketing in Richmond, Virginia. Then, marrying EW in 1992, I joined the family business of owning and operating Pharmacies.

In 1995 a new world opened: "Garden Clubbing." This began with offices and responsibilities at the local level including President, all club offices, a myriad of chairmanships and the charring of multiple flower shows. When the Piedmont District started, I served as President and Director of Hospitality and Programs. Also, during that time I had the privilege of being a Nature Camp Trustee and Camp Secretary.

For VFGC, I have served as Chairman of the VFGC 2011 State Convention, Third Vice President, Finance Committee Secretary, and numerous committee chairmanships. Coinciding with much of my District and State Activities, my National level involvement began in 2007, where I served on NGC committees: Membership, Nominating Committee to Organizational Study, my last position being NGC Recording Secretary.

And now, having just finished the VFGC First Vice President's role, I am enthusiastically looking forward to the VFGC Presidency and doing some serious "Garden Clubbing." Let's Dig into Action" ...with VFGC!

## **Val Story, First Vice President**



Val is currently a member of Calfee Garden Club, soon to be secretary and long-time member of Cedar Run Garden Club. She has served as President, chaired flower shows, awards chair, and editor of the yearbook and newsletter.

Val is a Master Flower Show Judge, belongs to Shenandoah Guild and SDFSJC, having been treasurer, secretary, and president of the council. She is currently secretary of the District Judges Council and of the State of Judges Council. For the District, Val has served as Litter Prevention Chair, Treasurer and President. She appreciates members and visiting clubs, offering programs and officer installations. She is the editor of *Shenandoah Sharings*, Finance Chair, Program & Event Coordinator for Shenandoah District.

For VFGC, Val has served as 3rd Vice President, FSS Chair and Finance Committee member. She is on the NGC Board as part of the Plant America Committee, and will be Penny Pines Chair for SAR. Val thoroughly enjoys garden club activities and relishes the challenges of new projects.

Val was raised in California, is a retired RN, belongs to the Episcopal Church in Warrenton and is an avid bridge player. She and her husband have four children and seven grandchildren.

## **Kathy Ward, Second Vice President**



Kathy has lived in Virginia for the past 20 years, 19 of which she has been involved with the Salisbury Garden Club, where she has served on the board in most positions.

At the state level, she has been the awards chairman and treasurer. Kathy is also an accredited NGC Flower Show Judge, a member of the Richmond Designers Guild, the Piedmont District and Virginia Flower Show Judges Council, a life member of VFGC and a life member of NGC. She has created designs for the VMFA Fine Arts and Flowers event and has given floral design programs and workshops throughout Virginia.

Kathy is a native of Rochester, NY and a graduate of Virginia Tech. She and her husband, Ben, have been married 38 years and they have a son and a daughter. Kathy has always enjoyed being outside and learned to enjoy nature from a young age. Gardening became a hobby with the purchase of their first home. Since then, she has gardened her way through North Carolina, New Jersey, Germany, and now Virginia. Kathy also likes reading, creating multimedia art, genealogy, kayaking, and walking in the woods.



### **Grace Morris, Third Vice President**



Grace lives in Waynesboro with husband Harold and a distinguished Bengal cat: Tiger Lily. They have four children and three special grandchildren. She retired as Associate Director of UVA Medical Alumni Association/Medical School Foundation.

Member of four garden clubs and Ikebana of Richmond, Grace has served as Symposium Chair, VFGC Convention Chair, Shenandoah District President, and VFGC Recording Secretary. She is President of both Shenandoah Designers Guild and VFGC Judges Council.

A Master Flower Show Judge, Grace loves doing flowers for her church, gardening, designing for VMFA, studying Ikebana, painting, photography, sewing, volunteering when needed, and most of all, being with family and friends.

### **Claudia Cosby, Treasurer**



Claudia joined Salisbury Garden Club in 1992 and has held many positions including President. Piedmont District duties have included Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Awards, and Finance Chair. Claudia has served VFGC as Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, *ODG* Ad Manager and Circulation Editor, Awards, and Yearbook Sponsor Chair.

A member of the Commonwealth Chapter of the D.A.R., Claudia enjoys researching her ancestors. In the late 1990s, she returned to school and earned her Associate and Bachelors' degrees. She has worked in banking and real estate sales. Claudia has been married for 51 years and has three children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. In her "spare time" she enjoys reading, gardening, and genealogy.

### **Amy Gable Thorpe, Secretary**



Having lived in Virginia since the age of 4, I was blessed with an amazing childhood riding horses, extensively showing, fox hunting and a little racing. Horses, gardening, canning and volunteering are treasures I learned from my mother and grandmother and share with my daughter.

With a degree in Public Administration, minor in Legal Studies, I worked on many political campaigns, from local to presidential. I have continued to work as a real estate appraiser and have been honored to serve on many charitable boards.

I joined Cedar Run Garden Club in 2011 and completed the Master Gardener course in 2014. I have served on the Shenandoah District Board since 2013, most recently as District President. This new VFGC term promises to be exciting, and I am honored to be a part of this amazing organization.

## National Garden Week June 6 - 12, 2021

### How Will Your Club Celebrate?

*Submitted by Frances Thrash*

National Garden Week is the perfect opportunity to share the joy of gardens and gardening with those beyond our clubs. Here are some ideas to get started.

- Plan an educational program and/or workshop at your local library, public garden, or garden center when the CDC allows.
- Sponsor a hands-on "How Do You Select Flowers/Shrubs for Your Garden" workshop at an area nursery; or do a Zoom presentation for a local council of Garden Clubs, asking them to get the word out.
- Plan a garden tour. Share your knowledge of gardening while sharing ideas about garden club.
- Beautify a manageable blighted area or enhance an existing garden. This would be a good opportunity to work with other groups, especially Scouts or Seniors.
- Plan an activity with a youth group or students.
- Place a plant or flower arrangement at public facilities, along with one of the beautiful National Garden Week fillable format posters (shown) which are available on the NGC website for download.





## **Gardening for the Pleasure of Consuming!**

*by Judy Hodges, Edible Gardening Chair*

As an avid gardener of five acres, I am always looking for ways to improve my garden beds while adding new and interesting plants. I have discovered that the addition of various herbs to the edges of garden beds deters deer and other such hungry critters, saving many of my favorite plants from being devoured relentlessly.

I select herbs that I use in my own recipes (including garlic and small onions) that will fit into small spaces at the edges of my beds. If the herbs begin to overshadow my other plants, I can easily cut them back or replace them with smaller versions. I grow many hostas, both in containers and in the ground.

When I started these plants, the deer wiped out about thirty plants in one night. At that point, many gardeners would have given up and found plants that deer don't enjoy. However, with determination and a lot more plants, I figured out the solution that stopped the deer feasts: herbs.... and plenty of them.

As Edible Gardening Chair, I hope to offer several ideas on how to successfully grow edibles in many different areas. Vegetable gardens are wonderful if you have success and can enjoy the food you grow. Oftentimes, that is not the case, and we end up expending time, money and energy and reaping very little of the food we work hard to grow.



### **TIP FOR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS**

Begin teaching your children and grandchildren about growing plants. Create a simple PIZZA GARDEN in a contain with a pepper plant, grape tomatoes, and an onion. Then, get the children to water and when your plants mature, they can harvest the items to be shared on a pizza.

## “How Does Your Garden Grow?” ....Summer Plant Care

by Martie Parch, VFGC Horticulture Chair

As I’m writing this, my garden is bursting with the colors of spring. Azaleas are blooming, and perennials are popping up to hide the fading leaves of daffodils. However, as you’re reading this, the summer season has begun. What to do now? There are many different issues that arise in our gardens when the weather gets hot.

**Watering correctly** is crucial for flowers, trees, shrubs and lawns. All plants should have about one inch of water per week. One way to be sure is to set out an empty tuna can in your garden or lawn and see how much water it collects, whether by rain, irrigation system, or sprinkler. A soaker hose is a good option, especially in the summer, because watering the leaves of plants from overhead can often lead to disease. A time-saving tip is to plant perennials together that have the same water requirements.

Plants with low-water needs are coneflower, artemisia, lambs’ ear, Russian sage, butterfly bush, hardy geranium, sedum, epimedium, and grasses like miscanthus and pennisetum. Keep in mind that native plants require less water and fertilizer. Remember too that taller grass is more drought tolerant, so be sure to raise your mower an inch higher.



Low water need plant:  
Coneflower *Rudbeckia*.  
©ggh

If you keep the root zones moist, you can still plant trees now as long as it’s in the morning or early evening. Deadhead your perennials after they bloom. Some will reward you by reblooming if you pinch them back to the newest bud or branching stem. Examples are phlox, coreopsis, catmint, pentas, salvia, yarrow, bee balm and hardy geranium.

**Feeding your garden** can be tricky in the summertime. Most plants don't need a lot of food when the weather is hot and dry. If you choose to fertilize, use one with low nitrogen, as higher nitrogen can burn plants during dry, hot spells. Roses are heavy feeders though and should be fertilized every month through August or September, depending on your plant zone. Mulching helps to keep the moisture in your plants...not just flowers and shrubs...but also vegetables. It discourages weed growth and increases organic matter.

**Watch for pests.** They love the hot weather and plants that are stressed. If you find an insect or disease problem, treat it with an environmentally friendly product. We all know that period at the end of summer when the colors of our gardens seem to have disappeared.

**Deadheading** mid-summer will encourage plants to fill out and rebloom. You can add more color by pulling up spent annuals and replacing them with varieties like angelonia, zinnias, lantana, coleus, portulaca, ageratum, and salvia. These annuals will grow quickly in hot weather and renew the color in your garden.

Once a week, take a walk through your garden and look for weeds. If you pull them when they are small, they won't have a chance to spread seeds and get ahead of you! And finally, consider adding a bench or a chair under the shade of a tree, so you can sit and enjoy the beauty and the fruits of your labor.

“As long as one has a garden,  
one has a future.”

- Frances Hodgson Burnett

## 2021 VFGC Convention Live!

*Submitted by JoAnn McNabb*



Mary Sue Floyd's 2021 Virtual Convention was a huge success, and now everyone can view it online! Just go to the new VFGC website at [www.Viriniagardenclubs.org](http://www.Viriniagardenclubs.org), select the "convention" tab, and view the video of the actual meeting. Also, Hitomi Gilliam produced a design video especially for this occasion, and there are other design and horticulture videos available there too. And do not overlook the shopping opportunities for floral containers and sculptures!

## Investing in the Future of the Natural World

*Submitted by Jill Quinley, Scholarship Chair*

The 2021 VFGC Scholarship Committee has awarded scholarships to the following very deserving recipients:



Bleighley Austin    Virginia Tech  
Major: *Agricultural Sciences*  
One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)



Grace Cook    Virginia Commonwealth  
Major: Environmental Studies  
One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)



Natalie Mangaroo    Virginia Commonwealth  
Major: Environmental Science  
One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)



Wade Reiter    Virginia Tech  
Major: *Crop and Soil Science*  
Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)



Jacquelyn Vari    Sweet Briar College  
Major: *Biology*  
Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)

## VFGC AWARDS

**Heidi Sage** – State Awards Chairman

**Mitzy Cassidy** – Vice Chairman

### District Chairmen

Blue Ridge (B)	Patty Smith
Piedmont (P)	Joanne Wallace
Shenandoah (S)	Denise Gorsky
South Central (SC)	Lou Ann Dumminger
Southwest (SW)	Andrea Meador
Tidewater (T)	Loy Holt

### Categories by Size of Club

VFGC award applications are judged by garden club size, as determined by the number of members for whom NGC and VFGC dues have been paid as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, including 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 + members



### 8 District Newsletter

*A) Fewer than 900 Members*

Blue – Blue Ridge District

*B) Over 900 Members*

Blue - Shenandoah District

Red - Piedmont District

**Smokey Bear/Woosy Owl Posters** - Shenandoah District

**11 Penny Pines** - Shenandoah District

### 12 VFGC Life Membership

Blue - Tidewater District

Red - Blue Ridge District



**17 Conservation**

- iii. Blue - Lake of the Woods (S)

**24 Civic Beautification/ Civic Achievement**

- i. Blue – New Castle (B)
- ii. Yellow – Town and Country (SW)
- iii. Red – Lake of the Woods (S)
- iv. Blue – Salisbury (P)

**26 Community Landscape Design**

- i. Blue – Violet Bank (P)  
Red – South Boston (SC)
- iii. Red – Lake of the Woods (S)

**27 Roadside Beautification**

- ii. Blue – Town and Country of Wise (SW)

**29 Historic Preservation**

- i. Blue – South Boston (SC)

**30 Decoration of Historic Building**

- i. Blue – Staunton River (SC)

**31 Horticulture Therapy (without a garden)**

- ii. Blue - May Farm Garden Club of Kingston (T)
- iii. Blue – Rock Spring (P)
- iv. Blue – Salisbury (P)

**33 Membership**

- i. Blue – Lynnhaven Heritage (T)  
Red – Roslyn Hills (P)  
Yellow – Boones Mill (B)
- ii. Blue – Powhattan (P)  
Red – Rappahannock (S)  
Yellow – Midlothian (P)
- iii. Blue – Colonial Heritage (T)  
Red – Middleburg (S)



**34 National Garden Week**

- iv. Blue – Salisbury (P)

**35 Special Achievement (White Rosette)**

- i. Blue – Green Hills (S)

**36 Vision of Beauty Calendars**

- A) *Based on total # sold*
  - Blue – Westchester (B)
- B) *Based on Calendars per member*
  - Blue – Westchester (B)

**37 Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Posters**

- Blue - Glasgow (S)

**39 Youth Horticulture Education**

- i. Blue – Seasons IV (SW)
  - Red – Green Hills (S)
- ii. Blue – Thomas Jefferson (P)
- iv. Blue – Salisbury (P)

**42 (A) Publications**

**(5) Membership Brochure**

- i. Blue – Sleepy Hollow (P)
  - Red – Green Meadow Point (T)
- iv. Blue – Salisbury (P)

**(7) Cookbooks**

- i. Blue – Sleepy Hollow (P)

**(8) Other**

- i. Blue – Sleepy Hollow (P)
- iv. Blue – Salisbury (P)

**43 (B) Newsletters of 3-12 pages**

- i. Blue – Westchester (B)
  - Red – Cedar Run (S)
  - Red – Green Meadow Point (T)
  - Red – Hilliard Park (P)
- ii. Blue – Madison (S)
- iii. Blue – Rock Spring (P)
- iv. Blue – Salisbury (P)

#### **44 Club Yearbooks (Orange Rosette)**

*1. under 20 members*

Blue – Green Meadow Point (T)

Red – Hilliard Park (P)

*2. 20-29 members*

Blue – Glen Burnie (S)

*3. 30-44 members*

Blue – May Farm of Kingston (T)

Red – Stonehenge (P)

Red – Town and Country of Wise (SW)

*6. 100-299 members*

Blue – Salisbury (P)

#### **47 Website**

iii. Blue - Rock Spring (P)

#### **48 Publicity Press Books**

A. Clubs

iii. Red – Lake of the Woods (S)



#### **Y2 Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Posters**

1<sup>st</sup> grade – Olivia Barker, sponsored by Glasgow (S)

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Carron Smith, sponsored by Glasgow (S)

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Cole Berkstresser, sponsored by Glasgow (S)

4<sup>th</sup> grade – Harper Crowe, sponsored by Merrifields (T)

5<sup>th</sup> grade – Emma Messick, sponsored by Colonial (S)

#### **Y4 Youth Poetry Contest**

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Grace Abbott, sponsored by Cedar Run (S)

5<sup>th</sup> grade – Liam Abbott – sponsored by Cedar Run (S)

## SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION AWARDS

*Congratulations to SAR Award Winners from VFGC*

**No. 4 – Community Beautification, extra-large club**

Honorable Mention – Salisbury Garden Club (P)

**No. 8 – Historic Preservation**

First Place – South Boston Garden Club (SC)

**No. 9 – Penny Pines**

First Place – Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

**No. 20D Program without slides, video or PowerPoint**

First Place – Sleepy Hollow Garden Club (P)

**No. 21 Website**

First Place – Rock Spring Garden Club (P)

**No. 22 Yearbook, medium size club**

Winner – May Farm Garden Club (T)

**No. 22 Yearbook extra- large size club**

Winner – Salisbury Garden Club (P)

**No. 23 Publicity Press Book, medium size club**

Honorable Mention – Chesapeake Bay Garden Club (P)

**Grants to Beautify & Restore**

*Submitted by Judy Ann Fray, Chairman*

Look around your community. What opportunities do you see to beautify and restore? Consider making a club application for the 2021-2022 Grants to Beautify & Restore.

Application forms and guidelines can be 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 a grant of up to \$1,000 from VFGC to help with a qualified project. Applications are due September 15th.

# Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs



## Flower Show School Course I September 13-16, 2021

The Four Points by Sheraton  
4700 Laburnum Avenue, Henrico, VA 23231 804-226-4300

### Horticulture: Jan Griffin

Jan's instruction will teach Horticulture, emphasizing Hostas and Ilex. Jan is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge. She is a Horticulture, Flower Show School Instructor. She is President of the Florida Flower Show Judges.

### Design and Flower Show Procedure: Frances Thrash

Frances's instruction will emphasize Traditional Designs, the history and progression through the years, and Flower Show procedure. 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.

Schedule			
Monday, Sept 13	3:45 - 6:00 pm	Flower Procedure	Show
Tuesday, Sept 14	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:15 - 3:45 pm 4:15 - 5:15 pm	FSP Exam Design Point Scoring Test	
Wed, Sept 15	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:15 - 3:45 pm 4:15 - 5:15 pm	Design Exam Horticulture Point Scoring Test	
Thursday, Sept 16	9:00 - 10:00 am	Horticulture Exam	

**Hotel Information:** Contact Four Points by Sheraton: 804-226-4300  
Room rates are guaranteed through September 2, 2021 at \$99 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)

### **Frances Thrash: Design & Flower Show Procedure**

Originally from Jackson, Mississippi, Frances 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 through high school. She rejoined a garden club in 1989 in Virginia. She 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.

Frances 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.

### **Jan Griffin: Horticulture**

Born, raised, and educated in the Seattle, Washington area, my gardening interests evolved around growing food as well as flowers for the table. I always loved flowers and spent many hours finding out which plant did the best for what type of conditions. The Seattle area was a mecca for many different blooming annuals, colorful bulbs and wonderful evergreens. Upon moving to Florida in late 1989, I quickly learned those plants I knew all about would not thrive in Florida's climate. I joined a Garden Club and started my quest for learning about other varied and interesting plants. An Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, I teach Floral Design classes as well as horticulture for Flower Show Schools.

Being actively involved in The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and Florida Flower Show Judges has kept me busy. I am completing my term as President of the Florida Flower Show Judges. It has been my honor to serve as horticulture chairman for four state flower shows and several district shows as well as chairman of our yearly local Strawberry Festival Horticulture Show. My interests other than Garden Club are my family, golf and working in my friend's florist shop.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Flower Show School - Course I September 13-16, 2021

The Four Points by Sheraton  
4700 Laburnum Ave. Henrico, Virginia 23231

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Full course with/without exam (Include tuition, two lunches and reserved seating on front rows) \$130 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Manual will be emailed (free of charge)

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

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

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

\*\*No refunds after September 7, 2021

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

Darlene Nelson, Registrar VFGC Flower Show School  
153 Bushfield Road, Montross, VA 22520-3813 [darlydurl@aol.com](mailto:darlydurl@aol.com)



## VFGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

**Course 3 Series 28 October 11-12, 2021**

### Four Points by Sheraton at the Richmond Airport

<b>Monday, October 11, 2021</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Chptr</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
8:00am 8:20am	Registration Welcome		
8:30am- 9:30am	Landscape Design Accessories	12	Neal Beasley
9:40am- 10:40am	Herbaceous Materials for the Landscape	14	Laurie Fox
10:50am- 11:50am	Introduction to Urban Design	32	Trevor Buckley
11:50am- 1:10pm	<b>LUNCH</b> <i>Pre-ordered Box Lunches \$20</i>		
1:20pm- 2:20pm	Landscape Design for Maintenance	15	Laurie Fox
2:30pm- 3:30pm	Graphics Interpretation	29	Trevor Buckley
6:30pm	<b>Group Dinner, place TBA pay on your own</b>		
<b>Tuesday, October 12, 2021</b>			
8:30am- 9:30am	Guidelines for Evaluating Landscape Design	30	Jack Douglas
9:40am- 10:40am	Development of Landscape Architecture from 1840 - 1940	25	Gordon Chappell
10:50am- 11:50am	Special Interest Topic - To be announced		Neal Beasley
11:50am- 1:00pm	<b>LUNCH</b> <i>Pre-ordered Box Lunches \$20</i>		
1:00pm- 2:00pm	Parks, Playgrounds and Conservation	18	Jack Douglas
2:10pm- 3:10pm	Design on the Land - Regional Expression	24	Gordon Chappell
3:15pm	<b>Review</b> - consultants not taking the exam may leave.		
3:30pm	<b>Exam</b>		

## **Landscape Design School Textbook References**

Although NGC has approved a new curriculum for LDS, Courses 3 and 4 of Series 28 are to be completed using the textbook Stewards of the Land: A Survey of Landscape Architecture and Design in America, published by NCG, Inc. Order through National Garden Clubs, Inc., [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) Look for "Our Store" or phone: 800-550-6007 or 314-776-7574. Cost is \$40.00 plus shipping & handling.

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Ask for the LDS Block – **Rate: \$109.00**, plus taxes and gratuity.

*Cut-off date for discount is September 13, 2021.*

## **Instructor Profiles - Landscape Design School**

### **Gordon W. Chappell, FASLA**

Gordon Chappell has taught the 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 former 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 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 Manager of Horticulture at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. As an Arborist, he assesses trees during site analysis to best determine protection strategies or removal. Neal is also on the team of the Timmons Group in Richmond. Neal is the co-author of "Recycling Urban Stormwater: 1050K Street, NW Washington, DC" 2007.

### **Laurie Fox, Ph.D.**

Laurie 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.

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## **"KEYS TO THE FUTURE" Youth Project Grants**

*by Melissa Damiano, Chair*

All VFGC clubs are encouraged to apply for a one-year grant of up to \$1000 for projects working with and helping youth realize the rewards and life lessons from gardens and habitats, becoming good stewards of the earth.

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.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** SEPTEMBER 15 of each year

Must be submitted by a VFGC member garden club.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Please fill out the application form, include a budget and mail as indicated on the application.

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

### **PROGRAM CRITERIA:**

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

- number of youth participating/reached.
- benefits to the community
- environmental awareness/education
- horticulture educational focus or curricular/program integration
- plant-to-food connections
- social aspects of gardening, i.e., leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning
- club member support and participation

Grant funding *will not* be provided for projects in which the club does not participate in some aspect, for example: political action programs; Eagle Scout projects; capital drives and building funds; scholarships; endowments; lawsuits or litigation; overhead costs; consumable one-time giveaways such as T-shirts, tote bags, food, admission fees or tuition.

**Note:** The same project cannot be considered for both *Youth Project Grants* and *Beautify and Restore Grants* in the same fiscal year.



**Application: "KEYS TO THE FUTURE" VFGC Youth Project Grant**

**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ VFGC District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of VFGC Club \_\_\_\_\_

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

New Project: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Club Provides: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Budget: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Youth Involved in Project \_\_\_\_\_ # of People Reached \_\_\_\_\_

Submit a narrative including the following if applicable:

1. Briefly describe project. Application with budget should be no longer than 3 single-sided pages.
2. What is the youth population for this project?
3. Approximately how many Club Members will be involved /role?
4. Brief description: in-kind or volunteer services, list organization & role.
5. Location of Project
6. Does the project require special approval of authorizing groups (i.e., school board)
7. Must include a detailed 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. The same project is not eligible for both Youth Project Grants and Beautify & Restore Grants in the same VFGC year.

Judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

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

Mail to Melissa Damiano, Chairman

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# VFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: May 1-3, 2022



2022 VFGC Convention  
Richmond Short Pump

June 6-12..... National Garden Week  
June 30 ..... VFGC Yearbook Sponsor Deadline  
Aug 1 ..... ODG Fall Deadline  
September 13-16..... Flower Show School, Course I  
Sept 15..... Grants to Beautify & Restore Deadline  
Sept 15 ..... Youth Project Grants Deadline  
Oct 2..... Southwest District Fall Meeting  
Oct 11-12..... Landscape Design School, Course 3  
Oct 14 ..... Shenandoah District Fall Meeting  
Oct 18 ..... Piedmont District Fall Meeting  
Oct tbd..... South Central District Fall Meeting  
Oct 28..... Blue Ridge District Fall Meeting  
Oct 28 ..... Tidewater District Fall Meeting  
Nov 1 ..... ODG Winter Deadline  
Dec 1..... Deadline: Award Applications to District Chairs

*"VFGC Falls into Place"*



*Flower Show September 13, 2021*

*Four Points Sheraton near the airport*

*9:00 am to 3:00 pm*

*Come Visit - Free and Open to the Public*

## Calling All Photographers!

by Gail Goodrich Harwood, ODG Editor



Gardeners and Floral Designers are, by nature, enthusiastic photographers. Now's your chance to snag a cover shot!

*Something new:* we will be using member photographs for ODG cover art – and creating a “gallery” (in color) on inside pages. This will showcase member talent and allow us all to appreciate gardens and plants from around

the Commonwealth. Here's how to submit:

- Select seasonal photographs to complement the ODG seasonal publication schedule: Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer (Take photos now for *next summer's edition*; look at your *old photos* for the next three issues.) Select either long shots or close-up photos
- Send 300 dpi jpegs – if submitting a phone photo, and your email gives you a size choice, select “Actual” or “Large” size
- Photographs for the cover must be ‘portrait’ orientation – inside gallery photos may be either portrait or landscape orientation
- If your photograph is not of your own garden or plant(s), please gain permission to print in the *ODG*
- Send to your district editor by the deadline (see inside back cover)
- include your name and club name; add a caption & location
- Submission will be considered permission to print

### Gail Goodrich Harwood, New *ODG* Editor



A few folks asked me to introduce myself. Here goes, some fast facts: A native Tennessean, University of Tennessee grad, die-hard Vols fan. MBA, University of Chicago. 30 years with United Airlines, followed by a second career as a management consultant & executive coach; recently retired. Husband Ev and I enjoy movies and cooking together; we love to travel, especially to NY, the UK,

Carolinas, historic gardens, and sporting events. Members of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Richmond.

Certified botanical artist, active in local and DC area art societies. Board member, the American Society of Botanical Artists; leads Artist Grants and Strategic Planning teams. Dabble in wet felting, needle felting and eco-printing with natural botanical dyes.

Sleepy Hollow Garden Club since 2015. Served as president, first VP/ programs, awards, yearbook, historian. Piedmont District *Footprints* editor. Excited (and anxious) about being a first-time designer this year at VMFA's Fine Arts and Flowers.

## IN MEMORIAM

We honor those we have lost but have not forgotten. They live on in our hearts, and memories of them are blessings.

### **Blue Ridge District**

Rebecca Green.....Callaway's Green Thumb GC  
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Bevelyne Thomas Prillamon Callaway's Green Thumb GC

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Anne Grigg.....River Road GC  
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Kathy Montei.....Nathaniel Cawsey GC  
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Jean Watlington.....South Boston GC

### **Southwest District**

Jean Miller.....Virginia GC

### **Tidewater District**

Betsy Edwards.....Colonial Heritage GC

"IN MEMORIAM" honors the memory of current garden club members.  
Please send notification to VFGC Treasurer and ODG Circulation Manager:  
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## Berkeley Garden Club Donates to Local Hospice House

*Submitted by Loy Holt, Berkeley GC (T)*

At a recent meeting of the Berkeley Garden Club, members heard Gary Streb, Head Gardener and patient volunteer with Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg speak via Zoom. He took members on a virtual tour of the grounds and gave information about areas around the site. Gary is also a Master Gardener. Donations were collected and given in appreciation.



*Pictured left to right:*

*Gary Streb, Head gardener volunteer, Allison Garrison, Advancement Director at Hospice House and Barbara Zimmer, President Berkeley GC*

## Chesapeake Bay Garden Club Stages Plant Sale and an NGC Standard Flower Show

*Submitted by Karen Luzuriaga, CBGC (P)*



After months of preparation, CBGC held its annual plant sale on April 17, with over 500 plants on offer, mostly seeded and grown by club members. The club then turned to its next big project: an NGC standard flower show set for May 15 at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern.

Theme: *A Year Like No Other*

*Pictured: Debbie Elston, Darleen Nelson and Sharon Lemke organizing plants at Helen Bell's home. Photo by Debbie Gwaltney*

## **Kilmarnock GC Presents Daffodil Garden Sign at YMCA**

*Submitted by Jo Manson, Kilmarnock GC (P)*

On Monday, April 5, the Kilmarnock Garden Club (KGC) presented a sign for the daffodil garden they planted at the Northern Neck Family YMCA in Kilmarnock. Executive Director Liz Allen and KGC members were present for the event.

"The daffodils will continue to provide a tribute to the National Garden Club's Plant America Community Project as well as support the club's mission to encourage civic beauty and roadside beautification," said Jo Manson, KGC President.



*Shown from left to right are Olga Speck, Genny Chase, Rosemary Francis, Liz Allen, Evelyn Runyon and Jo Manson.*

## **New Castle Garden Club Celebrates Earth Day**

*Submitted by Shirley Edillon, Blue Ridge District Editor*



New Castle Garden Club celebrated Earth Day 2021 with their annual Plant Auction. Cuttings, divides, starts, and whole plants filled two rows of tables in the local VFW Post building. House plants, shrubs, ground covers, daylilies, and a variety of perennials were offered along with hand-painted birdhouses and garden sculptures. Pictured: an apron being auctioned by member Lee Greiser.

All items were donated by club members, 17 of whom attended. leaving with as many plants as they brought. Popular were gourds, hand-painted and carved into night lights by Vice President Haddi Miller. The community supported this fundraiser as usual, with an estimated crowd of 35-40. Door prizes and homemade refreshments made for a good time for all.



## **A Successful “Merger”**

Submitted by Adele Lundquist, Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club (T)



A couple of years ago, the Country Gardener’s Guild Garden Club (CGG) had shrunk to six active members. They had been an active club for almost 20 years. After evaluation, they concluded the club would have to disband. It was not an easy decision. At

the same time, the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club (LHGC), a relatively new club looking to build its membership, reached out to CGG. When the CGG members visited LHGC, it was obvious they were grieving the loss of their long-time garden club. Eventually, CGG did disband and were warmly welcomed into the LHGC. This “merger” has been highly successful. CGG members were able to continue their pet project, maintaining a flower garden at a neighborhood site, Witt Park. Two CGG members have been elected to the incoming LHGC board, including the president. The “merger” has been a win/win for all involved.

*Photo: Joey Himmelwright, Connie Cannon & JoAnne Matthews (former CGG members) with Cheryll Klobuchar (2d from R), current president of the LHGC, at Witt Park*

## **Amelia County GC Grows ‘Plant America’ Daffodils**

*Submitted by Jean Tremaine, Amelia County GC (P)*

In 2018, Amelia County Garden Club applied for the Plant America grant to repopulate trees that died in the Memorial Garden they maintain. The \$1000 grant funded four new trees.



“It was very important to us that we purchase ‘Plant America’ narcissus bulbs for the Memorial Garden,” ACGC President Jeanie O’Malley said. “We wanted this special daffodil to bloom where the trees we planted using the Plant America grant funds now flourish. What show-stoppers!”

## **Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs Celebrates Arbor Day**

*Submitted by Loy Holt, Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs (T)*

The Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs dedicated a White Oak tree for Arbor Day, March 12, 2021. The tree is located at Norge Elementary School, in James City County, the site of our first tree planting in 1970. Scott Brandt, JCC Lead Landscape Groundskeeper, and his crew planted the tree prior to the day of the dedication. Attendance at the dedication event was by invitation only, due to the pandemic. Masks were worn, and social distancing was observed.



*Pictured from right to left: Back row-Matthew Austin-Parks & Ground Superintendent for JCC; Jim Falzone-WJCC School Facilities Management. Coordinator. Center row-Loy Holt, WACGC's Continuing Projects Co-Chair; Becky Hubbard-Arbor Day Co-Chair, Gigi Thorpe-Arbor Day Co-Chair; Carolyn Sale-Tidewater District Historian; Glenda Knowles-former President of Council and Tidewater District; Ellen Schiavone-WACGC's Treasurer; Geneva Hunt-Tidewater District Arbor Day; Susan Langston-WACGC's Recording Secretary; Rose Marie Crocco-WACGC's President; Patsy Cameron-Tidewater District President. Tina S.-JCC Grounds Crew Member. Seated: Mary Sue Floyd-VA Federation of Garden Clubs President; Barbara Ohmsen-VA Federation of Garden Clubs Honorary President.*

## **Floral Design by Genny Chase Featured at VMFA**

*Submitted by Jo Manson, Kilmarnock GC (P)*

As part of the Hirschler Endowment providing fresh flowers to welcome visitors back to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA), Genny Chase created this stunning design, displayed from April 19-26. She is a past president of Kilmarnock GC, a Master Flower Show Judge, and an instructor in the Ikenobo School of Ikebana.

Genny's design materials included coral Anthurium, Upright Heliconia, Monstera leaves and dried Palm Spathes. A second arrangement included Birds of Paradise, Hala leaves and a "Slinky". A third arrangement artfully included pink Anthurium and Anthurium leaves and a white lamp shade suggesting clouds.



## **Roanoke Council Celebrates May Day**

*Submitted by Shirley Edillon, Blue Ridge District Editor*



Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs, with its twelve member clubs and vendors, held a Plant Sale and May Day Festival on Saturday, May 1. There was a traditional May Pole and children's area with crafts, gifts, and a story

featuring bees and other pollinators. And there were fresh eggs, bread, baked goods, etc. for sale. Council President Tracy Tuttle raised about 1,000 plants from plugs and seeds for the sale!

WSLS Daytime Blue Ridge (Channel 10) provided television coverage, Brenda McManaway was featured one week and talked about dividing iris. The following week, Shirley Edillon shared information about the Children's Project promoting the importance of "Bees" and other pollinators.

## **"Daffodil Delight" - Salisbury Garden Club Tradition**

*Submitted by Fran Judd, Salisbury GC (P)*

Salisbury Garden Club continues their Daffodil Tradition which started in the fall of 2009 on the 40th Anniversary of the club. That year they planted 4000 bulbs to honor the 100 members of the club.

Bulbs have been planted at various places around the community including the Church of the Redeemer (their meeting place), Wishing Well Park, the Midlothian Post Office, Midlothian Fire Station, Suburban Mobile Village, and the entrance to Salisbury at Robious Road.

*Salisbury GC  
plantings brighten  
the Midlothian  
Post Office*



Salisbury Garden Club members have maintained the Daffodil Tradition. Multiple types of bulbs, approximately 100, including Ice Follies, Carltons, Dutch Masters, Thalia and Jetfire are planted at the various sites yearly.



*When the club's  
Anniversary Garden was  
created at the Church of  
the Redeemer in 2019,  
members included  
Daffodils.*

*Photos by Fran Judd*

## Fine Arts & Flowers – Oct 20-24, 2021

by JoAnn McNabb, VFGC Liaison to FAF



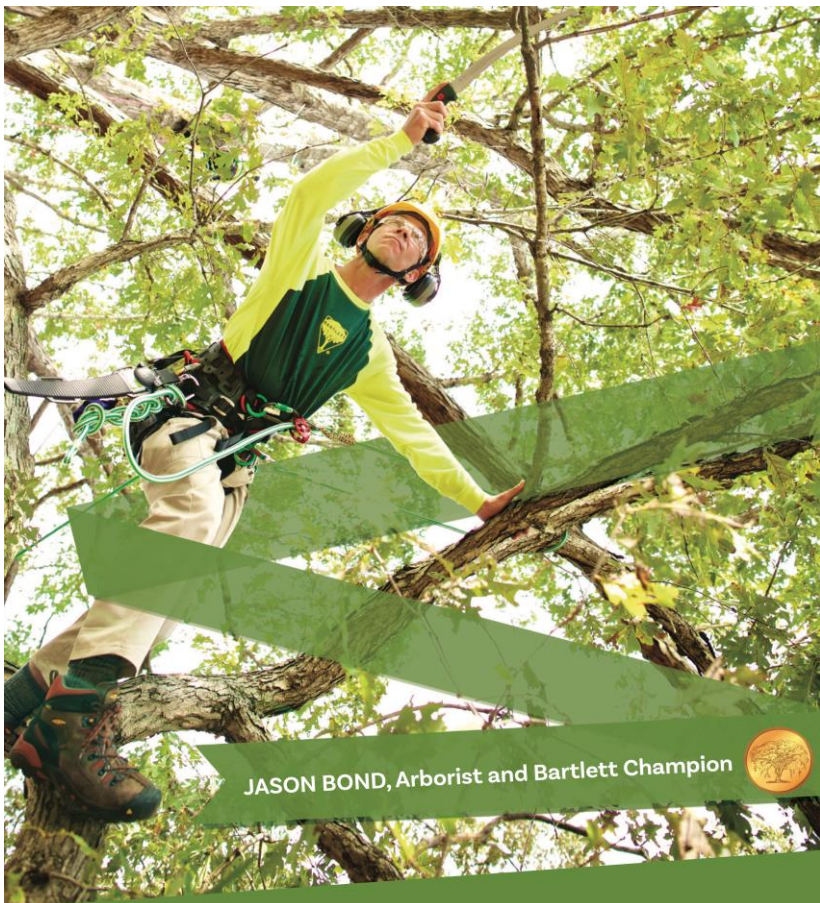
**Fine Arts & Flowers** is a spectacular museum-wide exhibition of floral designs inspired by works in the VMFA collection. Presented by The Council of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the exhibition will include floral designs by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, the Garden Club of Virginia, and this year, Ikebana of Richmond. The exhibition is free and open to the public during museum hours. Related special events requiring tickets include a Gala celebrating the re-installation of the Mellon collections, luncheons, a fashion show, floral design workshops, and exhibition tours.

- The speaker on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> is Kiana Underwood, founder of Tulipinia, an internationally renowned floral design studio. Her color combinations and floral varieties are unique. She is the author of *Color Me Floral*, which showcases her secrets to designing show-stopping monochromatic arrangements for each season. Find Kiana on Instagram: @tulipinadesign.
- On Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup> Susan McLeary, of Passion Flower Sue, will be the guest speaker. She creates imaginative arrangements with exciting dimensions and an artist's awareness of color and texture. She is the author of *The Art of Wearable Flowers*, which provides how-to instructions for a stunning collection of flower and plant-based designs. Find Susan on Instagram @passionflowersue.

Tickets for special events went on sale May 1<sup>st</sup>.... advance purchase is recommended, as special event tickets sell out quickly. For tickets and a complete schedule, visit

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