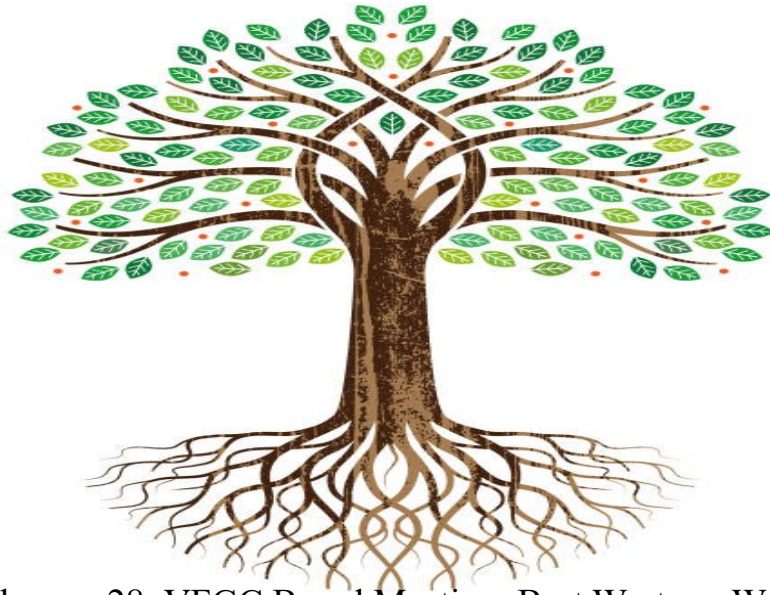


January 2022 EDITION OF THE VFGC, INC. NEWSLETTER



February 28: VFGC Board Meeting: Best Western, Waynesboro
Feb 28-March 3, 2022: Flower Show School II: Waynesboro
March 20-22, 2022: SAR Convention: Berea, Kentucky
April 4-6: Symposium: Hilton at Short Pump
May 1-3, 2022: VFGC Convention: Hilton at Short Pump
May 1-2: Flower Show: “May Magic Comes to Richmond”
May 16-19: NGC Convention: Orlando

Don't forget!

Dear Garden Clubbers,

We made it to 2022, YEH!!!!!! And what a way to start with a jam packed ROOTED. We're so fortunate to have this vehicle to keep us up to date.

We're looking forward to a busy spring this 2022. We're getting back to our Club meetings, District Meetings, and even an IN-PERSON convention as a start. And It's great to have so many clubs joining in with the TREX challenges just can't wait to see all those benches in gardens. VFGC PRIDE decals are being ordered and distributed thorough out the state. And our National Garden Week, will shine with activities and displays of VFGC.

2021 had it's challenges and it looks like 2022 will also.... However, with your amazing determination and spirit we're sure to “Dig Into Action” with a vengeance, regardless of the obstacles. Sometime those barricades create the most rewarding results.

I ran across this quote in my Garden Club travels the other day. It truly expresses VFGC's determination and creativity to continue to do “good thing”

“sometimes instead of climbing over barricades, you've got to
Walk around them” BONO

In these uncertain times.....leave it to a garden clubber to make it happen. Hope to see you all soon.
Mary Owen, President
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

Please continue to submit articles for Rooted. Send to valstory@aol.com

SYMPOSIUM

Date: April 4 – 6, 2022

***Location: Hilton at Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street
Henrico, Virginia***

Submitted by Julia Clevett, Flower Show Judges Symposium

Allied Topic: Janis Ranck

Janis will present the Allied Topic entitled “Orchids, How to Grow and Show.” Janis Ranck has worked at Chadwick Orchids for 17 years. Prior to that, she worked on the family dairy farm. Her first introduction to orchids was when her Mother took her into the woods as a little girl in the spring-time to look for pink lady slippers in bloom. Janis enjoys all the orchids but particularly likes vanillas and the natives. She would be glad to answer your orchid questions.

Design: Julia Clevett

Julia is an NGC Accredited Master Judge and NGC Flower Show School/Symposium Instructor. She is also a former President of the Garden Club of New Jersey. Julia is currently a member of the NGC Board as a member of the Flower Show School Committee, where she holds the position of Symposium Chair. Julia had the honor of representing NGC at the Chelsea Flower Show in London. She also represented NGC at the Wafa World Flower Show in Boston, MA. She was the only NGC Instructor to be so honored.

Horticulture: Gay Austin **please note change of Horticulture Instructor**

Due to health concerns, Dottie Howatt is being replaced by Gay Austin. Gay is an accredited Master Flower Show Judge and Horticulture Instructor for the NGC Flower Show Schools, teaching both at the school and symposium level. She served as State President for The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. 2009-2011 and NGC President 2019-2021. She has been an active garden club member for over 30 years in McComb GC and Natchez GC. Gay and her husband, Will, live near McComb, Mississippi where they enjoy nature and gardening. They have three sons, two daughters, twelve grandchildren (all under the age of 13), five dogs and two cats – all of which bring joy to their lives.

Schedule:

	Monday, April 4
2:00 – 3:00pm	Registration Open
3:00 – 5:00pm	Allied Topic
	Tuesday, April 5
8:00 – 8:45am	Registration, Announcements
8:45 – noon	Design
1:00 – 3:15pm	Design & Break
3:15 – 5:15pm	Point Scoring Exam
	Wednesday, April 6
8:00 – 8:45am	Registration, Announcements
8:45 – noon	Horticulture
1:00 – 3:15	Horticulture & Break
3:15 – 5:15	Point Scoring Exam

Hotel Information:

Contact the Hilton at Short Pump at 804-364-3600 for room reservations. Room rates are guaranteed through **March 13, 2022** at **\$129.00** per night either single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes until the block is filled. Ask for the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs **Symposium block**.

Questions – contact Julia Clevett julia.clevett@gmail.com or **804-598-3386**

REGISTRATION FORM
Hilton Hotel at Short Pump, Henrico, Virginia

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Club _____ District _____

Taking Point Scoring Exam? Yes _____ No _____

Master Judge Auditing? Yes _____ No _____

Symposium is open to NGC Judges and interested parties. Virginia judges should email intention to attend Symposium to State Credentials Chairman, Rebecca Elston, with name and district. Out-of-state judges should contact their State Credentials Chairman to send Form 18 to Rebecca Elston. Note that per NGC Flower Show School Committee all exhibiting and judging credits required to attend this and any Symposium taken prior to December 31, 2022 are suspended.

VA State Chairman: Rebecca Elston
3332 Mob Neck Road, Heathsville, VA 22473-2307
804-580-6713 elston.marshwood@gmail.com

Full course (exam or audit). Includes tuition, two lunches, and reserved seating on front rows for those taking exams. \$160 _____

Design & Lunch Only (Tuesday) \$ 80 _____

Horticulture & Lunch Only (Wednesday) \$ 80 _____

Manual will be emailed free of charge. **OR**

printed manual available at registration if **PRE-ORDERED** \$ 5 _____

TOTAL** \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

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

Claudia Cosby
VFGC Symposium
3015 Mount Hill Drive
Midlothian, VA 23113-3923
cosbych1205@gmail.com

****DEADLINE: MARCH 21, 2022****

Must include late fee of \$25 if postmarked after this date.

NEWS AND TIBITS

There is always confusion regarding “good plants and berries” and “bad plants and berries”. Several have mentioned that the nandina berry is harmful to animals and birds and these berries last for months. The severity of harm is up for debate. The US Department of Agriculture and most states classify Nandina as a noxious, not native and invasive weed. However, this plant is still planted without constraint in yards. The major thought is that the berry, which has cyanide, can kill birds and other animals. If the growers still want the nandina plant in their yards, maybe the best approach would be to remove the berries.



Announcing a Special Silent Auction

Dust off that “prized” (but seldom-if-ever used) container, design sculpture or accessory and enter them in our Convention’s Silent Auction. This will be a chance to recycle your quality design piece (s), spark others creativity and set your own starting bid. You will receive 50% of the selling price while also supporting the VFGC. Look for details in the Spring. This will be a win/win opportunity!

Very Important News

The Virginia Federation Judges Council is offering \$100.00 to all Virginia students who attend Flower Show School Course II for credit. All students must pass the point scoring and exams.

VFGC PRIDE DECALS Remember to order

VFGC 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 or Mary Owen



How Resolutions Have Changed

In the United States, New Year's resolutions are still the tradition, but the type of resolution have changed in scope and in order of importance. (from Farmers Alamac).

Resolutions in 1947

1. Improve my disposition, be more understanding, control my temper.
2. Improve my character, live a better life.
3. Stop smoking, smoke less.
4. Save more money.
5. Stop drinking, drink less.
6. Be more religious, go to church more often.
7. Be more efficient, do a better job.
8. Take better care of my health.
9. Take a greater part in home life.
10. Lose (or gain) weight.

Today's Resolutions

1. Lose weight.
2. Get organized.
3. Spend less, save more.
4. Enjoy life to the fullest.
5. Stay fit and healthy.
6. Learn something exciting.
7. Quit smoking.
8. Help others fulfill their dreams.
9. Fall in love.
10. Spend more time with family.

January is always a slow month for us, these cold days can be a real struggle. The best way to get through them is to take the pressure off as much as possible & make sure to get outside everyday for at least one brisk walk. Like our plants, we need a dormancy to refresh & re-charge knowing that come February it'll be all go again trimming hedges and shrubs before bird nesting season, cutting hazels & willows and planting bare-root if the soil allows. No pressure, but if you're feeling up to it, here are our five January gardening tips *which focus* on bringing you bursts of joy this month.

1. **ORDER SEEDS FOR BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD.** Remember organic (for wildlife) and open pollinated (for seed saving) are best.

2. **CLEAR & TIDY.** A tidy workspace is a healthy mind for the year ahead. I like to tidy things up, clean what I can so it's all good to go. Sharpen your tools as well, nothing worse than getting into a job realizing the shears are blunt.

3. **SMALL JOBS, SUPER SATISFYING.** Whether raking a path, weeding a bit of the patio or planting a pot to sit by your door or on a windowsill. Take half an hour, choose a little task & get to work.

4. **RAINY DAY WILDLIFE WATCHING.** On rainy days we venture inside & tackle office work which can be quite tedious. One of the things that helps me stay sane is having a bird feeding station outside the window & looking up every now & again to watch their aerial acrobatics.

5. **TAKE 5 TO COUNT 5!** Take five minutes to dive outside & see, smell or listen to five early signs of Spring. Even on the darkest days of January, the garden is already starting to burst back into life. Look for willow catkins, crocus flowers, snowdrops, the first frogspawn (eggs). See what treasures your garden, park or favorite walk has to be discovered!

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VFGC COVENTION 2022

Diane Burgess and JoAnn McNabb, Convention Co-Chairs

"Let's Dig into Action Together!"

**88th Annual Convention
and Flower Show**

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

May 1-3, 2022

Short Pump Hilton

11800 West Broad Street, Richmond



The Richmond Hilton Hotel & Spa / Short Pump

Convention Registration deadline is April 10

Hotel reservation deadline is April 8

This year's VFGC Convention is not to be missed! Mary Owen, VFGC President, will preside over the convention. The venue has been selected specially because they have excellent health and safety protocol. A Flower Show, workshops, amazing lunch and dinner programs, shopping, connecting with old friends and making new ones...see you at the convention!

Hotel Reservations

Venue: The Richmond Hilton Hotel & Spa / Short Pump

Hotel Reservations: 804- 364-3600

Ask for the "Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Block"

Special block rate per night: \$129 + tax

Hotel reservation deadline: April 8, 2022

The Flower Show

An NGC Design Specialty Flower Show will be showcased during the convention. Any VFGC member in good standing may enter, regardless of convention attendance.

Theme: "May Magic Comes to Richmond"

The schedule will be available on the VFGC website or may be requested from Val Story: valstory@aol.com

A Special Silent Auction

Dust off that "prized" (but seldom-if-ever used) container, design sculpture, or accessory and enter them in our Convention's Silent Auction. This will be a chance to recycle your quality design piece(s), spark others' creativity and set your own starting bid. You will receive 50% of the selling price while supporting the VFGC. A win/win opportunity!

Vendors

VFGC Conventions are known to provide great shopping experiences. The 2022 Convention will follow suit. Invited vendors include handmade pottery, jewelry, clothing, floral design accessories, and more!

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 1

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Flower Room Open
8:30 am – 10:30 am	Flower Show Entries Received
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration Desk Open
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Vendor Shopping
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Finance Committee Meeting
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Board Meeting
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<i>Workshop: Kathy Ward</i>
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Flower Show Open
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Social Hour (cash bar)
7:00 pm	Dinner <i>Program: Gregory Britt Design</i>

Monday, May 2

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration Desk Open
8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Flower Show Open
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Convention Opening/ Business Meeting
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Vendor Shopping
Noon -2:30 pm	Luncheon <i>Design Program:</i> <i>Mary Arakelian and Lili Aram- Bost</i> <i>Workshop: Brenda McManaway</i>
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<i>Workshop: Mike Ostrander</i>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Social Hour (cash bar)
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner <i>Program: Dan Benarcik, Horticulturalist</i>
7:00 pm	<i>Combinations – Finding the Right Mix</i>

Tuesday, May 3

9:00 am	Brunch and Awards Program
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88th Annual Convention Registration Form
May 1-3, 2022 • "Let's Dig In to Action Together!"

Registration: Please complete form; make check payable to "VFGC 2022 Convention" and mail both to Claudia H. Cosby, 3015 Mount Hill Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113-3923 cosbych1205@gmail.com • **Postmark by Apr 10**

Name _____ Phone(____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Club _____ District _____

Check ALL that apply:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer/Chm | <input type="checkbox"/> District President | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Officer/Chm | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former VFGC President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> VFGC Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer/Chm | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor/Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VFGC Life Member/ Book of Honor since 5/1/21 | <input type="checkbox"/> First-time attendee | |

Select Your Attendance Plan:

Full Convention (Package Plan - \$20 savings) \$ 215.00 _____ Full convention includes: Sunday Dinner, Monday Lunch and Dinner, Tuesday Brunch and Registration Fee if postmarked by April 10

Partial Attendance Options:

Sunday Evening Dinner and Program	\$ 65.00 _____
Monday Lunch and Design Program	\$ 45.00 _____
Monday Dinner and Program	\$ 65.00 _____
Tuesday Brunch and Awards Program	\$ 35.00 _____
Registration Fee <i>if postmarked by Apr 10</i>	\$ 25.00 _____
Registration Fee <i>if postmarked after Apr 10</i>	\$ 30.00 _____
One-event Registration Fee	\$ 10.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Late fee must be included for all envelopes postmarked after 4/15/22. Any registrations postmarked after 4/22/22 will not be processed or accepted. No Walk-In registrations. No refunds after 4/17/22. Refunds requested by 4/10/2022 are subject to retention of registration fee.

____ Please check for any dietary requirements and list details

VFGC 2022 Convention Credentials Form

All designated delegates and alternates, including VFGC Officers and members of the Board of Directors, must complete this form and include it with your Registration Form.

Name _____

District _____ Garden Club _____

Check one that applies:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> VFGC Officer/Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Alternate |

Eligibility shall be in accordance with VFGC Bylaws - number of Delegates and Alternates in accordance with size of club as follows:

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1-25 members | President or appointee – 1 Alternate |
| 26-50 members | President or appointee plus 1 Delegate – 2 Alternates |
| 51-100 members | President or appointee plus 2 Delegates – 3 Alternates |
| 100+ members | President or appointee plus 3 Delegates – 4 Alternates |

Delegates have the right to vote, alternates fill in the delegate if he/she is unable to attend the Convention.

Flower Show School – Course II

Date: Feb 28 – Mar 3, 2022

Location: Best Western, Waynesboro, Virginia

Horticulture & Flower Show Procedure: Darlene Newell

Darlene will teach succulents, emphasizing dracaenas (sansevieras) and aucuba. She is a Master Judge, FSS and symposium flower show procedure and horticulture instructor. She is from West Virginia where she serves as Flower Show School Chairman. She serves on the NGC Board of Directors as the Horticulture Instructors' Chairman.

Design: Judy Binns

Judy's will teach table designs of all types and Petites. She is a Master Judge & FSS design instructor. She is from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia originally, but lives in the Richmond area currently. She has served on the NGC Board since 2007.

Schedule:

Monday, Feb 28	3:45 – 6 pm	Flower Show Procedure
Tuesday, Mar 1	8:00 – 9:00 am	FSP Exam
	9:15 am – 3:30 pm	Horticulture/Lunch
	3:45 – 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test
Wed., Mar 2	8:00 – 9:00 am	Horticulture Exam
	9:15 am – 3:30 pm	Design
	3:45 – 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test
Thursday, Mar 3	9:30 – 10:30 am	Design Examination

Hotel Information: Best Western Waynesboro: 540-942-1100

Room rates are guaranteed through **Jan 28, 2022** at \$92.99 per night either single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes.

Ask for the VFGC block.

Questions – contact Frances Thrash, francesthresh@cox.net, 757-481-3484 (H) or 757-478-5791 (C)

REGISTRATION FORM: Flower Show School-Course II

Best Western Waynesboro

109 Apple Tree Lane, Waynesboro, VA 22980

540-942-1100

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Credit _____ Non-Credit _____

Full Course with/without exam \$130 _____

(Includes tuition, two lunches,
and reserved seating on Front
rows)

Flower Show Procedure (Mon.) \$20 _____

Horticulture & Lunch (Tues.) \$65 _____

Design & Lunch (Wed.) \$65 _____

Manual will be e-mailed (free of
charge)

Printed Manual available at \$5 _____

Registration

TOTAL _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

****No refunds after February 21, 2022**

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

Darleen Nelson, Registrar • VFGC Flower Show School •

153 Bushfield Road, Montross, VA 22520-3813 darlydurl@aol.com

SAR News

Marty Bowers, Director of the South Atlantic Region, has shared important information for upcoming events, plans and goals.

The SAR Convention is in Berea Kentucky at the Boone Tavern, which is a member of the Historic Hotels of America and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Berea is the Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky. Dates are March 20-22, 2022.

Information is on the SAR Web. Looks like a great place to visit.



Speaker are: Jonathan Webb – Sunday Evening Banquet Speaker

Jonathan Webb is the Founder and CEO of AppHarvest, a sustainable foods company developing and operating some of the world's largest high-tech indoor farms to build an efficient food system. AppHarvest's farms are designed to grow non-GMO produce using sunshine, 100% rainwater and up to 90% less water than open-field growing, all while producing yields, up to 30 times that of traditional agriculture, in a climate-resilient growing system.

Jon Carloftis – Monday Luncheon Speaker Jon Carloftis is an award-winning landscape designer, author, popular lecturer, and one of the pioneers in the design of rooftop and small-space gardens in New York City. His career in gardening and landscape design spans more than 30 years.

In 1988, he launched his career in New York City, where his design skills and talents for creating gardens in small spaces captured the attention of noted celebrities, including Julianne Moore, Edward Norton, and Mike Myers, as well as a number of renowned art collectors. In addition, Mr. Carloftis designed rooftop gardens for several corporate clients, including the headquarters of Google® in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. Mr. Carloftis is owner of Jon Carloftis Fine Gardens and Rockcastle River Trading Company, a unique retail shopping destination situated on 50 bucolic acres on the Carloftis family homestead in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

The SAR newsletter, Key Notes has been re-constructed by Sharon Jones and will be sent out later this month. Please submit any articles by Friday, January 21 as we would like to have this newsletter out with the Convention information. Email articles to: Sharon Jones: toddie1904@aol.com Phone number is 954-253-4383 if you have questions. Deadlines for Newsletter articles are: January 20, March 20, June 20, September 20 and December 20 for January of the next year.

The SAR website is up and running and has the board listings. Please check it out and consider submitting information about your area. Website is Teresa Langley, teresa.langley@gmail.com. Password for the member side is: bloom