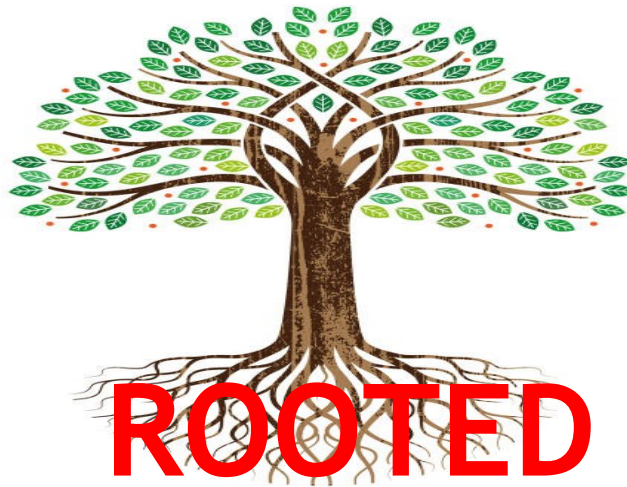


## AUGUST 2022 EDITION OF THE VFGC, INC. NEWSLETTER



Don't forget:

August 22-25: Flower Show School Norfolk  
August 28: VFGC Finance Meeting and VFGC Judges Council Williamsburg  
August 29: VFGC Board Meeting  
September 1: Grants Due  
October 10,11: Landscape Design School: Lewis Ginter  
Oct 15: Plant America applications due  
Oct 15 and Nov 15: Rooted Deadline  
November 1: ODG Winter Deadline  
December 1: Award Applications Due

We are finishing with summer and fall is around the corner, when garden clubs start in full swing. An exciting time for sure. This is somewhat of an abbreviated Rooted....the ODG will be out shortly and has a wealth of information. Be sure to read and enjoy. District meetings will also be this fall, I hope many will support their respective districts. Flower show school Course III is in another week or so and I understand there are 16 plus students. Next spring....seems far away, but not so much; there are three conventions locally: SAR, VFGC and NGC. Two are in Virginia and one in West Virginia. I appreciate all articles and pictures that are sent, please continue. There are many grants offered through VFGC and NGC: take advantage, these funds help garden clubs and the community. Thanks to all, Val

Please continue to submit articles for Rooted. Send to [valstory@aol.com](mailto:valstory@aol.com)

**COURSE REGISTRATION  
LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL  
Course 4 Series 27 October 10, 11, 2022  
Registration Deadline: September 15, 2022**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Is your garden club a member of VFGC? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Please check correct box:**

- |                          |   |          |
|--------------------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exam Student                                  | \$ 80.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-Exam Student                              | \$ 80.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Single Day Student (Circle one) Mon. or Tues. | \$ 40.00 |
|                          | TOTAL ENCLOSED                                | \$ _____ |

Make check payable: **VFGC Landscape Design School**

(Note: Maximum class size is 30 students. Late cancellations for refunds shall be based upon medical/family emergencies.)

Mail to: LDS Registrar Phone: 540-309-1676  
Marty Bowers  
2854 Hickory Cove Lane  
Moneta, VA 24121-6029 E-mail: [martbw@gmail.com](mailto:martbw@gmail.com)

LDS Co-Chairman:  
Glenda Knowles Phone: 757 651-0401  
6948 Chancery Lane  
Williamsburg, VA 23188 E-Mail: [ggknowles6@gmail.com](mailto:ggknowles6@gmail.com)

All classes for Course IV of the Landscape Design School will be held at  
**Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Education Building.** 1800 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, VA  
23238-9887; From I 95N, Take Exit 80.

**Hampton Inn - 5406 Glenside Drive.** Hilliard Road beside LGBG becomes Glenside Drive  
(2.7 miles from LGBG) (804) 756-1777. Hot breakfast included. – Rate \$119.00 **Cut-off for  
discount is Sept. 12, 2022!** (This hotel is recommended by Lewis Ginter.)

**To Reserve A Room In Your Block : go to  
[www.richmondglensidesuites.hamptoninn.com](http://www.richmondglensidesuites.hamptoninn.com)**

- \* select your arrival and departure dates, then click “add special rate codes”
- \* in the box labeled “group code”, enter VFC
- \* continue making your reservation by selecting from the available room types at the negotiated group rate set up by the group contact.



**Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**South Atlantic Region**  
**61<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention**  
**March 5-7, 2023**  
**“Celebrating Our Region**  
**Connections”**

**Exciting speakers and vendors**  
**Trip to Black Dog Salvage**  
**And much more**



**Save the Date**  
**2023 VFGC**  
**Convention**  
**April 23 and 24, 2023**

Join us for a Flower Show, Design Speakers,  
Workshops, shopping, a VIP dinner and more!

**Hotel 24**  
**Staunton, VA**  
The old Stonewall Jackson Hotel



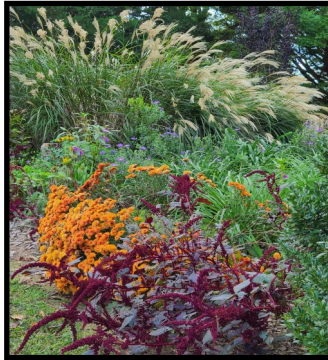
**FALL PICTURES FROM  
BIRDSONG PLEASURE GARDEN**

**WORTH A VISIT TO LURAY**

Double-flowered  
Asters



Autumn Colors: *Celosia*, *Chrysanthemums*, *Miscanthus*



*Monarda Punctata* - a wonderful pollinator magnet



*Sedum x 'Autumn Joy'* *Hylotelephium*

Ohio Buckeye hanging in its pods from the tree.



Pineapple sage, *Salvia elegans*, in the Herb Garden

Courtesy of Leslie Mack

## **FYI: Information for Presidents/Treasurers**

Thank you to all clubs who have submitted their dues in a timely manner. In my seven years as treasurer this is the first time I can remember that dues have come in so quickly. Congratulations to those clubs who have added members during such a difficult time!

However, I have a few requests of garden clubs regarding the submission of member information and dues:

- It seems that this year, more than ever before I have received incomplete information along with checks for dues. In some cases, a check is all that has come to me. In order to update the ODG mailing list I need a corrected roster. I have no way of knowing who is still a member or if new members have been added. And I also need to have the contact information for a club president and treasurer.
- Please be careful when you are submitting new member addresses and/or change of address for current members. I have noticed quite a few transpositions and/or missing digits. Also, when submitting addresses use the physical address where a member receives their mail, either a post office box or a mailbox at their home (NOT BOTH). If the member lives in a multi-family dwelling such as a retirement or assisted living community, please include an apartment or unit number. **THIS IS IMPORTANT:** Please write **LEGIBLY**, with blue or black ink; the only time you need to use red pencil or ink is to line through deleted members. As always, you may submit a change of address to me by email.
- When a member **passes away** please let me know by email (my email address is on the back page of ODG) so that I can add them to the list I submit to the ODG Editor. Their names will be listed in the *In Memoriam* section of ODG in an upcoming issue. If you are submitting VFGC dues you may note the deceased member on the roster.
- Lastly, please include the last four digits of your zip code. Each zip has nine digits; the first five tell the sorting machine which locality the mail is going to, the last four digits pinpoint with a great deal of accuracy, the particular location in a neighborhood. Those nine digits help our mail move faster through the system. Look at any bill you receive. More than likely those four digits appear in the zip! If you can't find those four digits or don't have the zip code at all, you may look it up on the Post Office website, USPS.com. Click on *Quick Tools*, then Look up a Zip Code. Type in the address, city and state, hit FIND, and voila, you have the zip. It will also tell you if the address you entered is invalid!

By following these simple requests, you will make my "job" as Circulation Editor and Treasurer much, much easier. I don't want you to miss a single issue of ODG.

Many thanks!

Claudia Cosby  
VFGC Treasurer 2021-2023  
Circulation Manager ODG

## FALL BOARD MEETING 2022

Reminder for the fall VFGC Board Meeting

Holiday Inn Express if spending the night, (night of August 28)  
720 Lightfoot Road  
Williamsburg North, Virginia 23188  
757-220-0062  
Rate \$119 /room (Free Parking and hot breakfast included)

Colonial Heritage Country Club (Meeting Day: August 29)  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23188  
757-645-2000  
*Meeting and lunch*



## Is Virginia participating in the NGC PLANT AMERICA

**Grant applications are now being accepted for 2022. The Grant Application Form may be found under Resources or in the Forms Library on the NGC Web.**

**Virginia has had application in the past.....let's try again.**

PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants help enhance and beautify our public areas and community gardens. Project grants to NGC member clubs help educate adults and children about the joys of gardening and create a pride throughout the community. Grants may be used for physical landscaping or environmental projects, for horticultural or educational opportunities for the community.



or

Grants have been awarded to NGC member clubs since 2017. More than 250 grants have been awarded, totaling more than \$225,000. Grants are awarded in amounts up to \$1,000.

- Plant America Community Project Grant applications are open to NGC member clubs **through October 15** of the calendar year to fund new or continuing projects carried out during the following year.

## **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



**TREX Film Recycling Challenge:** Don't forget this program is still occurring and is a great opportunity to improve the environment and, at the same time, potentially receive a TREX garden bench. Many clubs have received benches already. It is a Challenge/Collection time for a six month period. During this time you must collect the plastics, deliver to recycling locations and register your collections. Visit the website [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com). You will find that this program has many helpful tools such as..... • Recycling locations • Posters showing acceptable plastics • Recycling Bins.