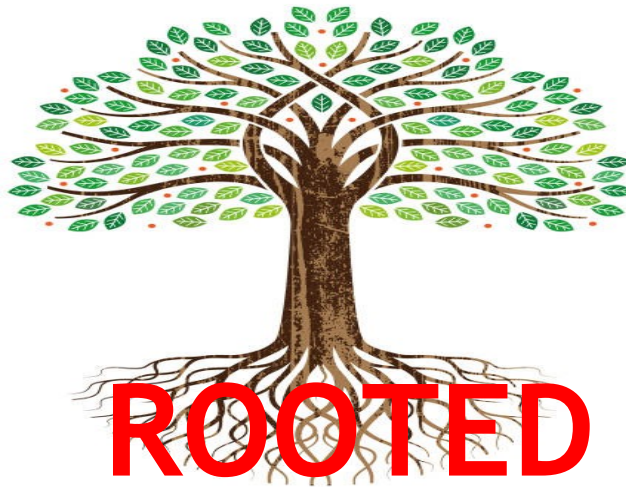


November 2022 EDITION OF THE VFGC, INC. NEWSLETTER



December 1: Award Applications Due
January 10: Rooted Deadline
January 15: ODG Winter Deadline
January: Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Due
February 27-March 2: Flower Show School Course IV: Roanoke
March 5-7: SAR Convention: Hotel Roanoke
March 27-28: Landscape Design School: Lewis Ginter
April 23-24: VFGC Convention: Staunton

Hello Garden-Clubbers,

Y'all are the best! There may be a chill in the air... however, I know it hasn't cooled off your activities. I've attended Flower Shows, Blue Star Memorial celebrations, club anniversaries, even an arrival of a TREX bench....to mention a few. And I certainly hope you're working on those AWARD applications. You've worked enthusiastically this past year, on so many projects and programs, you deserve to be recognized. (Deadline December 1....there's still time)

And on behalf of VFGC, I want to thank you for all your hard work and "Digging Into Action" You've made us all VFGC Proud.

Happy Thanksgiving and have a wonderful Holiday!

Mary Owen
President, VFGC

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



SAR Convention “Celebrating our Region Connections”

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, Roanoke, VA
110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke VA 24016

The Convention room rate is \$149.00 (for single, double, triple or quad) plus tax. Hotel Reservations Deadline: **February 5, 2023.** State you are with SAR Garden Clubs to receive this special rate: 844-442-8746

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration Open Foyer outside Shenandoah Room
11:30 a.m.- 12:30p.m. Luncheon: Former SAR Directors, Finance, Executive Committees and State Presidents: Pocahontas Room A
Noon - 6:00 p.m. Exhibits and Shopping: Shenandoah Hallway and Appalachian Room
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting: Blue Ridge Boardroom
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Regional Executive Committee Meeting: Blue Ridge Boardroom
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting Blue Ridge Boardroom
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. SAR Board Meeting: Pocahontas Room B
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner and Program: History Alive

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Continuous Break (breakfast and refreshments)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration (closed during meals)
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Exhibits and Shopping
9:00 a.m. Official Opening of Convention: Business Meeting
12:00 noon Luncheon Honoring State Presidents
Program
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Continuous Break (snacks and refreshments)
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Program
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Trip to Mad Dog Salvage
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Program
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar
6:30 p.m. Banquet Honoring NGC President
Installation of SAR Director and Officers

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration
9:00 am – 11:00 am Breakfast and Awards Presentation

2023 SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION

March 5, 6,7, 2023

“Celebrating Our Regions Connections”

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, Roanoke, VA

Mail completed form and check payable to “SAR 2023 Convention” to
Hazel Vance: 210 North Branch Road, Bedford VA 24523

Postmark by February 15, 2023 for on time registration

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

May we confirm registration by your email noted above? ___ Yes ___ No

Check **ALL** that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Director | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Chairman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Committee Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Former SAR Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse |

Please select all that are included in payment:

Note: Full Convention includes Registration, Sunday Banquet, Monday Continuous Break (breakfast and refreshments) Lunch and Banquet, Tuesday Breakfast.

Does not include Sunday Lunch

Full Convention (outside Virginia) _____	\$260
VFGC Member Full Convention _____	\$240
VFGC Spouse Full Convention _____	\$200
Sunday Lunch: Former SAR Directors, Finance and Executive Com _____	\$35
Sunday Banquet and Program _____	\$68
Monday Lunch and Program _____	\$45
Monday Banquet, Instillation, NGC President _____	\$68
Tuesday Award Breakfast _____	\$45
One Day Registration _____	\$35
Late Registration (Fee postmarked after February 15, 2023) _____	\$20

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED _____

Please indicate dietary requirements:

VFGC Resource Information

Change of Address: Claudia Cosby, VFGC Treasurer email: cosbych1205@gmail.com

Club Membership: Grace Morris, VFGC 3rd VP email: glyonm@aol.com

Membership Dues: Claudia Cosby, VFGC Treasurer email: cosbych1205@gmail.com

Old Dominion Gardener: Gail Harwood, Editor email: gallev@aol.com
ODG Mailed to members, available of VFGC Web

“Rooted” Newsletter: Val Story, Editor email: valstory@aol.com
Rooted emailed to VFGC Board and District Presidents. Available on VFGC Web

Scholarships: Jill Quinley, VFGC Chair email: jquinley37@gmail.com
Detail available on VFGC Web

National Garden Club website (no password required) www.gardenclub.org
Virginia Federation Garden Club website www.virginia gardenclubs.org
This was distributed at the South West District Meeting

Penny Pines Total for 2022

From Jan. thru Oct. = 103 plantations with a value of \$7,904

Blue Ridge	13
Piedmont	11
Shenandoah	29
South Central	9
Southwest	2
Tidewater	35
VFGC	4



We have done extremely well and should be proud of our support for our National Forests. 103 plantations!! Hats off to Tidewater and Ye Accvawmacke as it looks like you will be the clubs/ district with the most contributions -- unless someone makes a huge contribution in Nov and Dec. Thank you to all of you!! Joy Poole

I had the pleasure of attending several District Meetings this fall. Each meeting is special and the members are even more special. The meetings are run differently, but the common, positive theme of unity and growth are prevalent. Also, the welcome one receives is outstanding. Thank you.

Mary Owen, VFGC President, often says “be proud of VFGC and your accomplishments, whether it be a flower show, a children’s program or a recycling collection involving the community. Be proud.” I could not agree more.....VFGC is a wonderful organization.

As we put our gardens to sleep for the winter, clubs tend to be a bit less active....however, I have noticed there are holiday house tours, plans for Christmas lunches and of course all the award applications need to be submitted on or before December 1, 2022.

Soon, we will be preparing for Thanksgiving. I hope everyone has many reasons to be thankful. I am thankful to belong to an active garden club, an active district and an active state organization. Of course, I am also thankful for my family and friends and the health I enjoy today.

I have had the pleasure of reviewing the NGC Plant America applications for the past several years. If you ever want to see how individuals and clubs are involved in their communities, this is a must program. Virginia had two applications this year, none last year. This is not a difficult process for which to apply and the funds are there. This year 242 applications were submitted, though not all will be awarded grant monies, many will...NGC offers \$50,000.00 worth of grants for Plant America each year.

Schools, Conventions, District Meetings are all scheduled this coming spring. Do try to attend as many as you can. Symposium will be a year from now (I know, mumble and groan), but surely this will be an outstanding session. Have wonderful upcoming holidays....the next Rooted will come out in January 2023. Wow, 2023, not that far away. The best to all, Val Story

Flower Show School,

Course IV

Feb 27 – March 2, 2023

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs Center

3640 Colonial Avenue

Roanoke, VA 24018

540-343-4519

For more information contact:

Flower Show School Chairman – Frances Thrash

2109 Cocoa Circle

Virginia Beach, VA 23454

francesthresh@cox.net

1-(757)-478-5791 or 1-(757)-481-3484

Attendance at all Sessions is Required for Credit

Schedule:

Monday, Feb 27	3:45 – 6 pm	Flower Show Procedure
Tuesday, Feb 28	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 1	8:00 – 9:00 am	Horticulture Exam
	9:15 am – 3:30 pm	Design/Lunch
	3:45 – 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test
Thursday, Mar 2	9:00 – 10:00 am	Design Examination

Hotels near the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs Center:

Rates are NOT guaranteed!

Holiday Inn Roanoke – Tanglewood, 4468 Starkey Rd., Roanoke, VA 24018, (540)774-4400, \$83 per night

Hilton Garden Inn Roanoke, 4500 S Peak Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24018, (540-776-3400, \$135 per night

Sleep Inn Tanglewood, 4045 Electric Road, Roanoke, VA 24018, (540)772-1500, \$88 per night

Required Books to have:

Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, NGC Horticulture Exhibiting & Judging, both available on the NGC Website, or 1-800-550-6007. Recommended books are Hortulana, the 21st Century Edition, and Designing by Types, by Harriott Osborne.

Flower Show Procedure will cover a review of judging etiquette/ethics, flower show achievement awards, flower show schedule writing, and evaluating an NGC Flower Show.

Horticulture will cover a review of writing sections and classes in the horticulture schedule, a discussion of botanical arts horticulture section, a review of general requirements for all NGC botanical top exhibitor awards, a review of judging qualities found on the horticulture point scoring exam, a review of horticulture commenting vocabulary, a review of judging procedures, and a discussion of growing and showing cut camellias along with collections & displays and the Club Competition Award with displays and gardens.

Design will cover a review of design schedule writing, the elements and principles of design as they relate to abstract design, the characteristics of creative designs, a review of plastic organization, penetration of space and dynamic balance, a discussion of the botanical arts design division, the general requirements for all NGC Design Top Exhibition Awards, a review of Division & Section Awards, a review of judging qualities found on the Design point scoring form, and a review of design commenting vocabulary & judging procedures.

**REGISTRATION FORM: Flower Show School-
Course IV**

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs Center

3640 Colonial Avenue

Roanoke, VA 24018

540-343-4519

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 January 27, 2023**

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

Brenda McManaway,

Flower Show School IV Registrar, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
(VFGC)

5531 Bethlehem Road, Boones Mill, Virginia 24065

Sue Kirkman

Horticulture & Flower Show Procedure Instructor

Sue Kirkman is a Horticulture and Symposium instructor, member of the Garden Club of Frankfort, NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Gardening Consultant, Landscape Design Consultant, Master Gardener, former American Iris Society Judge and a member of Bluegrass Iris, Bluegrass Daffodil, and North American Lily societies. A retired college instructor, State of Kentucky aging director and gerontologist, Sue and her husband take care of her 106 year old mother who lives with them. Her mother recently passed away. Sue will teach cut camellias and collections & displays.

Claudia Bates

Design Instructor

Claudia will teach Abstract Designs. Claudia Bates is a seventh generation Floridian who has been a member of the Gainesville (Florida) Garden Club for over 30 years. Claudia graduated from the University of Florida and taught Math, English and Gifted Education at the Middle School level. Claudia is a nationally accredited Master Flower Show Judge, a NGC, Inc. Flower Show Schools Instructor in Design and a Floral Design Instructor for FFGC. She is a former President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. She has been awarded Life Memberships in her local Garden Club, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Deep South and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Additionally, FFGC has awarded her the PILLAR OF PRIDE & HALL OF FAME Awards. Claudia has presented Design Programs in many states, CFAA and OFAD. She has devised and taught several Fantasy Flower workshops for CFAA, and, abstracting and texturizing various plant components, and DIY containers. Her designs have been published in the Vision of Beauty, NCG, Inc. calendar, and she has had the honor of one of her designs gracing the cover of the Florida Federation of Garden Club's calendar, and had designs featured in that calendar numerous times, and has two designs featured in the Wafa publication, Designing the American Way. Claudia currently serves on the NGC Board of Directors as a member of the Flower Show Schools Committee, and on the BOD of FFGC as the Chairman of the FFGC ADVISORY Committee and the State Symposium Chairman.

Appomattox Garden Club Tea

Sunday, April 16, 2023

3pm to 5pm

Weston Manor

Hopewell, VA

Tickets \$10 in advance

\$12 at the door

Contact: Marilyn Brown (804)678-9040



Correction to the October 2022 issue of *Rooted*.

Jane's name was incorrectly written: her legal name is:

Mabel Jane HUNEYCUTT Earle Duncan



Green Springs Garden Club

NOTE: correction in their Web address
The Correct address

is www.greenspringgardenclub.org

Green Spring Christmas Homes Tour Is Back!

Two Tours -- Two Weekends which coincide with Colonial Williamsburg Grand Illuminations. December 3rd and 10th

Purchase Tickets and find Details online at:

www.greenspringgardenclub.org



Shenandoah District and VFGC Dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Luray Caverns, November 11, 2022

The day was cool and a bit wet, however the dedication was well attended and very moving.

The colors were present by the VA State Police and invocation led by Rev. Randy West, a retired USMC General.

The music was provided by the Luray High School Choir, directed by Jack Schupner. Speaker of the House, VA General Assembly, Todd Gilbert gave poignant remarks about his visit to Normandy, France.



Val Story, VFGC first VP, gave the history of the blue star citing this was the sixth Blue Star Shenandoah District has dedicated.

VFGC President, Mary Owen gave dedication and presentation of the marker. Her words were meaningful and heart felt.



Acceptance of the Marker was made by the owners of Luray Caverns; brothers John and Rod Graves. Each spoke regarding the absolute pleasure and thankfulness they felt having a Blue Star Memorial placed on their property.

The wreath, made by Luray Garden Club was placed by veterans present at the ceremony. Tears were witnessed.



After the Benediction, Dave Shuma from Culpeper played "Taps."



Refreshments were immediately following the dedication.

The colorful tables were full with "goodies" made by Hill and Valley Garden Club, Polly Gable and Amy Thorpe. The table centerpieces were made by Hill and Valley.

A huge thank you goes to Polly Gable who is the Shenandoah Blue Star Chairman and Amy Thorpe, past Shenandoah District President, who did all the organizing and planning for this beautiful event.



Glen Burnie Garden Club

The club wrapped up a busy year of field trips, ongoing projects, beautification responsibilities, Christmas decorating at our local historic homes and a successful Joint Meeting with clubs in the Winchester Area. Our Marigold Project, sharing a love of gardening with elementary school students through instruction, lesson plans and hands on planting time was a huge success. Plans are in the works for next year's project, with a grant from VFGC! This winter, the focus will be on workshops and presentations on flower arranging to prepare our members for entries into the Winchester Council of Garden Clubs' Standard Flower Show, Alice in Wonderland, coming April 22, 2023. Members Susan Creasy, Alana Danko and Pam Lamborne are accredited judges who will be sharing design ideas for the various sections as well as tips on preparing horticulture and design presentation and staging. Members are looking forward to entering the show in April and showing our prized horticulture and design expertise!



Submitted by Carolyn Frye



VFGC Convention 2023
"Growing into Action"
Convention and Flower Show: April 23 and 24, 2023
At the historic Hotel 24 South
(formally the Stonewall Jackson Hotel)
Staunton, Virginia

VFGC PRIDE DECALS Remember to display

VFGC is a wonderful organization, beautifying our communities and making the world a better place.

Let's increase visibility and show our "pride"!

Mary has been generously passing out the decals at the fall district meetings.



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. You will find that this program has many helpful tools such as..... • Recycling locations • Posters showing acceptable plastics • Recycling Bins.