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To keep you up to date on VFGC News, the e-newsletter ROOTED will be distributed to VFGC Committee Chairs and Presidents via email and can be viewed on the VFGC site. www.viriniagardenclubs.org

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VFGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello VFGC Garden Club members,
Hope this note finds each of you enjoying these beautiful fall colors in your gardens. You know, our gardens may be winding down, but our VFGC activities are more vibrant than ever....we continue "*Digging In.*" Our fall promises to be colorful...
.....especially at Lewis Ginter Botanical

Garden. I am proud to announce that WE WILL be adding a Blue Star Plaque to our healing garden. Finally, we got our go-ahead.....all that's left is for Sewah Studios to give us a delivery day. We are hoping for a late fall installation.

Plans for the Virginia State Fair are underway. We'll have two days of hands-on workshops and mini seminars for all ages. Make plans to be part of the action. What a chance to spread VFGC to others...as I hope you did with our VFGC "*Celebrating Virginia Gardens*" yard signs/posters. They were great for National Garden Week but do place them whenever and wherever appropriate throughout the year. I have a few more; simply, let me know!

I was enormously proud at the National Convention in Orlando. The results of many of your activities were evident at the Awards presentations. We had two top national awards! See the complete list, next two pages.

Even though fall colors are showing... you're not slowing down, all reports are that ya'll are busy earning more TREX® benches. Wow! The numbers are impressive. VFGC is continuing to "DIG INTO ACTION" and each of you should be proud of your accomplishments.

Keep Digging.....

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margie".

NGC Honors VFGC Clubs & Shenandoah District

by Heidi Sage, VFGC Awards Chair



I am delighted to announce the VFGC Awards presented at the NGC Convention in June. VFGC received two top awards - *Certificates of Merit*, and four clubs received *Certificates of Commendation* as "runners-up." *Sandy Yun* was recognized as the South Atlantic Region *Member of Honor* winner, and an additional six clubs received *Certificates of Appreciation*.

The Shenandoah District of Garden Clubs, Inc. earned the *Certificate of Merit* as the "Overall Winner" for their District Newsletter, "Shenandoah Sharings." Val Story editor. The newsletter is published at least four times a year to keep members aware of club programs and projects. The newsletter has two formats: one edition pertains to NGC, SAR, and VFGC and Shenandoah Board news. The other is news from various Shenandoah District Clubs.

These publications were particularly helpful during the pandemic, informing members of which meetings were occurring in person or by Zoom and what clubs were doing to cope with the in-person meeting challenges. Newsletters are distributed electronically through club presidents to members, with minimal printing costs. Copies of three of the editions accompanied the award application for "Newsletters of over 24 Pages".

Seasons IV Garden Club of the Southwest District was recognized for their award application for "Water or the most outstanding project with an emphasis on water conservation and/or clean water." The application was submitted by Elene Combs with one page of text and a total of four photos, nicely labeled. Seasons IV earned the *Certificate of Merit* for Overall winner plus \$100.

In previous years, over 300 sixth grade students and teachers participated in two in-person events. However, due to the pandemic, club members worked with the Education Coordinator of the Tazewell County Soil and Water Conservation district and created a video version of the programs. The application also included a link to the YouTube video of their program "Water in Your Hands."

The NGC *Member of Honor* for 2022 for the South Atlantic Region was awarded to **Sandy Yun of the Town & Country Garden Club of Wise** in the Southwest District. The NGC web site posted the following:

Sandy has served as club president on two different occasions and has been club secretary and served on numerous committees. She has been recipient of the Silver Achievement Award on two occasions. This is the club's highest award for outstanding contributions to the success of the club. She initiated the Junior Garden Club of Wise County Christian School and serves as advisor. She leads several activities in the club such as plantings at the fire station, along Main Street, at the entrance signs to town, the public library, the town hall and the Blue Star Marker, Flower Shows, National Garden Week activities, financial support of the food bank, holiday decorating contest, and the club's participation in the town's Fall-Fling. She is truly a "go-getter."

Earning Certificates of Commendation as Runners-up:

Sleepy Hollow Garden Club (P) for MAE-4G Publications, History

Glasgow Garden Club (S) for CE-2 Permanent Community Improvements

Westchester Garden Club (B) for MAE-1 Membership Awareness

Lake of the Woods Garden Club (S) for CE-8 Landscaping of Public or Religious Grounds

Earning Certificates of Appreciation-Award Participation:

Seasons IV Garden Club (SW) for YW-8 Horticulture Education for Youth

Buckingham/Dillwyn Garden Club (SC) for FD-2 Floral Design Program

Sleepy Hollow Garden Club (P) for FD-2 Floral Design Program

Abingdon Garden Club (SW) for MAE-5 National Garden Week

Salisbury Garden Club (P) for MAE-5 National Garden Week and MAE-2B, Social Media/Website

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club (P) for MAE-2B Social Media/Website

It is an honor for Virginia clubs, districts and individuals to be recognized at the national level. Congratulations to all as we look forward to an even more active year in 2022.

Piedmont District and VFGC Dedicate the Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Virginia War Memorial May 31, 2022



VFGC President *Mary Owen* prepares to deliver the official dedication proclamation as the colors are presented by a Joint Services color guard.

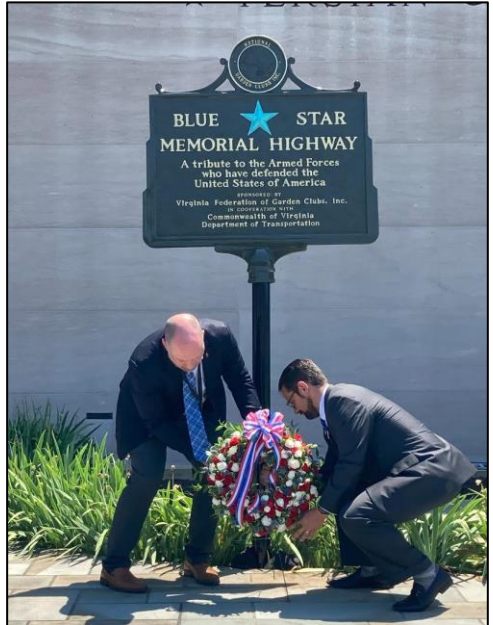
Program Chair *Barbara Hollister* presided over the ceremony. Other VFGC remarks were made by *JoAnn McNabb*, and *Sally Harrison* presented the memorial wreath she had created.





US Army Captain (Retired) William Haneke described his inspiring life of service despite severe injuries sustained while serving in Viet Nam in 1968.

The memorial wreath is placed at the Blue Star Memorial marker by War Memorial officials: Dr. Clay Mountcastle, Director, and Benjamin King, Operations Director.



Piedmont District President Sally Harrison fashioned the beautiful memorial wreath. In presenting the wreath, Sally spoke about using Poet's Laurel, which since ancient times has been a symbol of victory.

National Garden Week: "Celebrating Virginia Gardens"

Across Virginia during National Garden Week, June 5-11, brightly colored VFGC signs appeared "Celebrating Virginia Gardens."

Pictured are:

Right: Hilliard Park GC's Mediterranean Garden at Christ Lutheran Church in Richmond restored last year and newly enhanced this year.



Below: Sleepy Hollow GC's newly installed Natural Habitat Garden at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Richmond.



VFGC Club Profiles: A Story of Collaboration

by Carol Moore with Sharon Taylor, Andrea Meador, and Ruth Ann Price (Southwest District)

What happens when two small garden clubs collaborate? **Dogwood Garden Club** founded in Big Stone Gap in 1953 has 17 members. **Green Thumb Garden Club** founded in January 1950 in the City of Norton has twenty members. Big Stone Gap and Norton are located within 15 minutes of each area going either up or down the Appalachian Mountains.

Dogwood has long been active in gardening projects in Big Stone Gap. Each year they refresh the landscaping for "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" Drama (the oldest outdoor drama in the state of Virginia), decorate The SWVA Museum for "Festival of Trees," make flower arrangements for Mountain Empire Community College's commencement, and plant dogwood trees. This began when 150 trees were planted throughout Big Stone Gap in the 1980's.

Since 1960 on Arbor Day, Green Thumb Garden Club has planted trees throughout the City of Norton. The club is responsible for ten community gardens including six at the Norton Elementary and Middle Schools. The club also collaborates with the schools in their greenhouse to guide planting and transplanting plants for grades pre-K- third grade. Green Thumb has collaborated with both the elementary and middle schools and the high school to create opportunities for students to grow their own plants from seed, as well as transplants. The high school utilized the plants for their culinary arts program. Partial funding was provided by *VFGC Youth Project Grants*..

Each club has annual fund-raising events. Dogwood holds an annual brunch and auction in the spring. Green Thumb holds a brunch and auction in November. Each club is actively involved in the TREX® recycling project. Each club collected enough plastic to receive a bench.



Both clubs have a tradition of planting a tree in honor and in memoriam of members. Cherokee Princess dogwood trees were purchased by both clubs for the Museum during National

Garden Week in 2019. Several members from both clubs helped to plant these trees in the rain. *Photo by park ranger Retha Cole*

A Collaboration Fueled by VFGC and District Grants

In 2017, the 101 Train car was acquired by the Friends of the Museum. *Andrea Meador* from Dogwood and *Carol Moore* from Green Thumb have been actively involved in the Friends of the Southwest Virginia Museum and Historical State Park for many years with both serving as past president of the nonprofit. After an evening meeting, they discussed the possibility of both clubs collaborating to create a native plant and pollinator garden on the space that needed some gardens. Both clubs and the Museum approved the project.

Where were they going to find funding to begin? A grant was written in 2018 to the *VFGC Southwest District* for \$400 to begin. The grant was funded; however, this was the first time two clubs in the district had collaborated on a project. Each club received \$200. The funding was combined and managed by Dogwood. The project began as well as a five-year plan to establish an educational native plant garden. We purchased soil, bench, large planters, and plants. In 2018, the clubs collaborated and applied for a *VFGC Grant to Beautify and Restore*. We were granted \$912. Funding was used to purchase soil, seeds, dogwood trees, rhododendron,

winterberry. Green Thumb planted milkweed and zinnia seeds in the greenhouse with assistance from students at Norton Elementary and Middle Schools. These were transplanted into the gardens with help from members, museum staff, and the Youth Conservation Corps.



Virginia Conservation Corp Members

We kept seeing possibilities for expanding the garden area. In 2020, the two clubs collaborated to apply for a *VFGC Grant to Beautify and Restore*. We received \$1,000 in funding. The grant provided funding for native seeds, elderberry, Joe Pye Weed, Witch Hazel, Viburnum, rhododendron, winterberry, and mountain laurels. Dogwood donated columbine and funding for more soil. Green Thumb donated funding for purchase or two flame azaleas and 75 native plant plugs which were planted in the fall of 2021. Members donated plants. Deer found several shrubs and plants quite tasty.

We are perpetually collaborating and see more possibilities. Once you start, it just keeps going. We hope our story will inspire other small clubs to seek out partners and collaborate for greater impact.

How Does Your Garden Grow... Time to Clean Up, Plant, and Rest!

Martie Parch, VFGC Horticulture Chair

Thank goodness for the cooler fall weather! What better time is there to clean up our gardens?

Now you can pull up the peony and tomato cages and the gladiolus stakes. Cut back the perennials that are going dormant and pull out the annuals. Maybe there are some plants that have old or unwanted growth. It's time to remove them. Also, dig up any bulbs that don't overwinter in your area, such as *Colocasia* (elephant ears) or



caladium. Healthy plants can be added to your compost pile but toss the diseased materials into the trash! Some trees and shrubs can be pruned in the fall, especially the spring bloomers. This encourages strong root growth.

Plant spring bulbs...daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, lilies...and add some bulb food or bone meal. Be sure to water them until the ground freezes. Asters, pansies, and mums can be planted also.

When the leaves start to fall, mulch them, and spread in the borders to provide insulation. The soil will stay moist, and the weed growth will be slower. If you have houseplants that have spent the summer outdoors, spray them with insecticidal soap. Let them sit outside for a couple of days and then bring them inside for the winter.

Before you put away your garden tools, wash off the dirt and caked mud. Lastly, dip your clippers and loppers into a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water. Air dry and rub with oil, if necessary. Now it's time to rest!

VFGC POLLINATION



Making a Difference: NGC Penny Pines Donations

Joy Poole, VFGC Penny Pines Chair

January 2022

River Rd GC – Piedmont	1	\$ 68
Blue Ridge District	2	\$136
Colonial Heritage GC – Tidewater	1	\$ 68
Lake of the Woods GC- Shenandoah	3	\$204

February 2022

Glasgow GC - Shenandoah	3	\$204
May Farm GC - Tidewater	1	\$ 68
Salisbury GC - Piedmont	1	\$ 68

March 2022

VFGC BOD	1	\$ 68
James River GC – Tidewater	1	\$ 68 (CA)
Wonder City GC – Piedmont	1	\$ 68
Lake of the Woods GC Shenandoah	1	\$ 68
Surry GC – Piedmont	1	\$ 68
Natural Bridge GC – Shenandoah	1	\$ 68
Green Thumb GC – Southwest	1	\$ 68
Colonial Heritage GC – Tidewater	1	\$ 68

April 2022

Keysville GC – South Central	4	\$272
Culpeper GC – Shenandoah	4	\$272
Abington GC – Southwest	1	\$ 68
Sleepy Hollow GC – Piedmont	2	\$136
Sugarloaf GC – Blue Ridge	1	\$ 68
Rappahannock GC – Shenandoah	2	\$136
Lake of the Woods GC – Shenandoah	1	\$ 68

May 2022

Westchester GC – Blue Ridge	1	\$ 68
Westham GC – Piedmont	1	\$ 68
Hill & Valley GC – Shenandoah	1	\$ 68
James River GC – Tidewater	1	\$ 68
Merrifields GC – Tidewater	1	\$ 68
Amelia GC – Piedmont	1	\$ 68
Berkley GC – Tidewater	1	\$ 68
Narrows Rose GC – Blue Ridge	4	\$272
South Central District – VA	1	\$ 68
Thomas Jefferson GC – Piedmont	1	\$ 68

June 2022

Ladies of Salem GC – Blue Ridge	2	\$136
Colonial Heritage GC – Tidewater	2	\$136
Madison GC – Shenandoah	2	\$136
South Boston GC – South Central	1	\$ 68
Sleepy Hollow GC – Piedmont	1	\$ 68
Keysville GC – South Central	2	\$136

VFGC Donated 58 Plantations Jan-June 2022 - \$3944

Blue Ridge - 10	Piedmont - 10	Shenandoah - 18
South Central - 8	Southwest - 2	Tidewater- 9
	VFGC – BOD - 1	

VFGC Life Membership Recipients – 2021-2022

*Submitted by Felice Proctor
VFGC Chair*

- 7499 Virginia Nowlin Hot Springs GC (S)
- 7500 Jackie Stephenson..... Hot Springs GC (S)
- 7501 Cindy Reasor.....Canterbury GC (P)
- 7502 Faye Schutt.....Violet Bank GC (P)
- 7503 Judith Perkins..... Glasgow GC (S)
- 7504 Diana Irvine.....Glasgow GC (S)
- 7505 Amy Bryant..... Glasgow GC (S)
- 7506 Glenda Harris.....Buckingham-Dillwyn GC (SC)
- 7507 Barbara A. Wheeler ...Buckingham-Dillwyn GC (SC)
- 7508 Kim Black.....Rose Cliff GC (S)
- 7509 Peggy Young..... Salisbury GC (P)
- 7510 Dawn Fiske.....Greenfield GC (P)
- 7511 Linda Ticomb.....Lake of the Woods GC (S)
- 7512 Taylor Amponin.....Green Meadow Point GC (T)
- 7513 Tracy Tuttle.....Sugar Loaf GC (BR)
- 7514 Gloria Nelson.....Colonial Heritage GC (T)
- 7515 Patsy Slaughter..... Little Neck GC (T)
- 7516 Janice Fagan..... Southside GC (BR)

VFGC Book of Honor Recipients

- 124 Jo Garey.....Salisbury GC (P)
- 125 Agnes Marie Cramer Buckingham-Dillwyn GC (SC)
- 126 Amy Restrepo.....May Farm GC of Kingston (T)

VFGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

**Course IV Series 27 October 10-11 , 2022
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond**

Monday October 10 – 8:00 am Registration, 8:20 Welcome Tuesday October 11 – End at 5:00 pm following Exam		
<p>Note: this is a preliminary class line-up – schedule and sequence to be determined and will be provided at registration. Coffee, tea, water available. Lunch on your own at the Café. Optional Group Dinner on your own Monday evening.</p>		
Topics	Chapter	Instructor
"Development of Landscape Architecture: WWII to present"	26	Gordon Chappell
"Contemporary Landscape Design"	21	Gordon Chappell
"Design for the Future"	36	Neal Beasley
"Redesign of Areas"	20	Gordon Chappell
"Community Participation: Organization and Individual Responsibility"	33	Neal Beasley
"History and Development of Community Gardens"		Neal Beasley
"Evaluation of Landscape Designs of Residential, Public, and Business Property"	31	Jack Douglas
"Evaluating the Landscape" (Using LDS Form 14 – provided in class)		Jack Douglas
Special Interest Topic – "Using Annuals to Create Design"		Jack Douglas
Tuesday Review – consultants not taking the exam may leave.		
Exam		

Landscape Design School Textbook References

Although NGC has approved a new curriculum for LDS, we will be finishing Series 28 with Course IV using the textbook Stewards of the Land: A Survey of Landscape

Hotel Information

Hampton Inn - 5406 Glenside Drive. Hilliard Road beside LGBG becomes Glenside Drive

(2.7 miles from LGBG) Phone: (804) 756-1777.
Hot breakfast included.

Discounted Rate for LDS: \$119.00

Cut-off for discount Sept. 12, 2022

To Reserve a Room in the LDS Block, go to:

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.

This course is available to all those having an interest in the beauty and care of our environment through landscaping.

. 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.

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.

REGISTRATION - LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL
COURSE IV SERIES 27 OCTOBER 10-11, 2022
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone/Fax _____

Club _____ District _____

Check if Refreshing _____ Master Gardener? ___ Yes ___ No

Is your garden club a member of VFGC? ___ Yes ___ No

PLEASE CHECK CORRECT BOX

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EXAM STUDENT | \$ 80.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NON-EXAM STUDENT | 80.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SINGLE DAY STUDENT: Mon ___ Tues ___ | 40.00 |

Order TOTAL \$ _____

Max class size 30. Refunds can be given only for medical or family emergencies.

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

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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 Sept. 12, 2022!** (*This hotel is recommended by Lewis Ginter.*)

VFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 15	Grants to Beautify & Restore Deadline
Sept 15	Youth Project Grants Deadline
Oct 2.....	Southwest District Fall Meeting
Oct 10-11	Landscape Design School
Oct 13	Shenandoah District Fall Meeting
Oct 17	Piedmont District Fall Meeting
Oct 20.....	Blue Ridge District Fall Meeting
Oct 21.....	South Central District Fall Meeting
Oct 25	Tidewater District Fall Meeting
Nov 1	ODG Winter Deadline
Dec 1.....	Deadline: Award Applications to District Chairs

Let's Promote VFGC at the State Fair!

Judy Durant is preparing all sorts of fun and educational activities for visitors to our VFGC booth. This is a really fun event – and we need volunteers!

What:

Work our booth at the fair – talk to visitors and introduce them to horticulture and design. Recruit new members!

When:

September 27
3-7 pm
September 28
10 am – 2 pm



Contact Judy Durant
jqdurant@verizon.net

Make Plans for 2023 – Save the Dates!



2023 will bring three extraordinary convention opportunities within easy driving distance for VFGC members.

Mark Your Calendars Now!

April 23-24, 2023
**2023 VFGC Convention
and Flower Show**

Historic Hotel 24 South
Staunton, Virginia



May 2-5, 2023
**National Garden Clubs
Convention**

The Greenbrier
America's Resort
White Sulphur Springs,
West Virginia



Thank You Dogwood Society Donors!



Claudia Cosby, VFGC Treasurer

The Dogwood Society was established in 2012 to recognize clubs, districts, and individuals that donate to all four of the Virginia funds in a club year. The funds are Blue Star Memorial, Youth Projects Grants, Grants to Beautify and Restore, and the Scholarship Fund (a VFGC Life Membership/Book of Honor counts as a donation to the Scholarship Fund). These gifts make it possible to continue supporting our clubs and communities.

The VFGC is grateful for the following individuals and groups who donated during the 2021-2022 club year: *Abingdon Garden Club, Stonehenge Garden Club, Rock Spring Garden Club, Seasons IV Garden Club, Claudia Cosby, and Shenandoah District* who made two donations during the year. These seven donations raised \$753.00 for the four funds! Thank you all for your generosity.

The Dogwood Society application may be found on the VFGC website at www.viriniagardenclubs.org on the Forms and Info page, under the heading of National Garden Clubs Life Membership. Please send your donations to the current VFGC treasurer listed on the form. Remember, your gift is tax-deductible, and no amount is too small!



Calling All Photographers!

Gail Goodrich Harwood, ODG Editor

Thanks to all who have submitted their beautiful photographs, not only for this issue but for future issues. This is a wonderful way to “travel” the state.

To submit your photographs:

- Select *seasonal photographs to complement the ODG seasonal publication schedule*. 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– include your name and club name; add a caption and location of the photograph.
- Submission will be considered permission to print.

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

- Emily Moore.....Big Spring GC
- Frances Krause..... Town & Country, Roanoke GC

Piedmont District

- Sharon Soldan.....Canterbury GC
- June Haynes-Garrett..Chester GC & Sleepy Hollow GC
- William Glascock.....Crewe GC
- Ruth Parrish.....Fluvanna GC
- Linda M. Martin.....Rock Spring GC
- Tillie Smithers.....Rock Spring GC
- Laen Heberle.....Windsor Farms GC

Shenandoah District

- Susan Oldach.....Lake of the Woods GC
- Marge Quigg.....Luray GC

South Central District

- Barbara Campbell.....Riverside GC

Southwest District

- Kathryn Beattie.....Chilhowee GC
- Emily Duncan.....Chilhowee GC

Tidewater District

- Darlene 'Sam' Halvorsen.....Lake Smith Terrace GC

Note to Presidents and Treasurers: Membership Updates and Input for "In Memoriam" should be sent to Claudia Cosby, VFGC Treasurer at cosbych1205@gmail.com

CROSS-POLLINATION

Rappahannock GC Helps Seniors Celebrate

Submitted by Margie Redlin, Rappahannock Garden Club (P)

Members of the Rappahannock Garden Club (RGC) recently made 50 red, white, and blue tabletop floral arrangements for the residents of Commonwealth Senior Living.



Small mason jars filled with red *Dianthus* (carnations), white *Chrysanthemum*, and Blue *Eryngium* (sea holly) were delivered to Evon Smith, Commonwealth Senior Living Programs Director. She expressed her sincere gratitude and reported the residents were delighted with the latest gift of flowers. RGC continues to serve their community with various outreach projects. Cathie Elliott headed this project.

Fluvanna Supports Historic Village of Palmyra

Submitted by Doshia Morris, Fluvanna GC (P)



Fluvanna Garden Club provided arrangements throughout the historic Village of Palmyra for the July 2nd "Sundays" event sponsored by the Fluvanna Historical Society. Tours were offered of various historical structures.

Joan Nelsen, Fluvanna Garden Club Vice-President, adds the finishing touch to an arrangement to be placed at the Old Farm Museum.

Flower Pots and Seed Pods

Submitted by Bonnie Satterthwaite, Lynnhaven Heritage GC (T)

Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club supports the Virginia Beach Farmers Market at Kings Grant Baptist Church twice during the summer months with hands-on crafts. These craft projects provide a fun introduction to various environmental and horticultural experiences; be it pollinators, seeding, or floral arranging.

This season LHGC provided what became a teen favorite, Mini Floral Arranging. Small flowerpots full of oasis were given to each participant, to which they were encouraged to select from the bevy of flowers supplied from members' private gardens and a couple of supermarket bundles, just in case. The younger children were just as excited to create their own little floral treasures especially for Mommy!

The next craft project consisted of the children creating Seed Pops. Molded from clay, organic flower and herb seeds, and organic soils. The "Pops" were rolled, bagged, and tied with a pop stick, all ready to be planted for a summer surprise.

When you have parents return to your booth year after year commenting how the garden club crafts are one of their favorite stops, you know you are helping make your community better by bringing young people and plants together.



Photo: Members ready to help children with floral arrangements. Standing from L: Jessica O'Connor, Connie Cannon, JoAnne Matthews; Sitting: Bonnie Satterthwaite and Olivia Fernandes

Colonial Heritage GC Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

Submitted by Gloria Nelson, Colonial Heritage GC (T)

Colonial Heritage Garden Club in Williamsburg, Virginia and Tidewater District, marked 10 years being a federated VFGC club. A large, festive gathering reminisced the year-by-year progression of our club, acknowledging founders Glenda Knowles and the late Helene Gardner.

Our club is one of the fastest growing federated clubs in Tidewater District. We are a highly regarded organization that has raised and contributed over \$23,000 back to the community. Our members are proud of our many accomplishments -- from garden tours to flower shows to garden therapy programs to Arbor Day events in James City and York County -- and will continue to be a dynamic member of NGC.

Green Spring Christmas Homes Tour Is Back!



Come see us in Williamsburg!

Two Tours!! Two Weekends!!

December 3 and December 10

Check out our new website!

Tickets sold here:

greenspringgardenclub.wdtp.info

We are taking care to follow CDC Guidelines
Tickets will be sold to afford spacing with Allotted times for Tours

Salem Garden Club Celebrates 95-year Anniversary

Submitted by Betty Freund, Salem GC (BR)

The Salem Garden Club held its Installation Luncheon and celebrated the Club's 95th Anniversary at Hidden Valley Country Club on April 20th. The Club was founded in 1927 and currently has 36 members.



Nelson County GC Stages Annual Hat Contest

Submitted by Cheryl Brogdan, Nelson County GC (S)

June is "hat meeting" for Nelson County GC. The judged hat design winners appear below.

L to R: **Whimsical** – *Ellen Larkin*, **Classic and Fun & Festive**, *Jackie Britt*, **Outrageous** – *Mary Hopkins* and *Rev. Donna Steckline*.



Sleepy Hollow GC Celebrates 60-year Anniversary by Planting a Natural Habitat Garden

Submitted by Stephanie Horacek, Sleepy Hollow GC (P)



The Garden Dedication Ceremony on June 5 doubled as a celebration of National Garden Week as well as Sleepy Hollow's 60-year Anniversary.



Five years ago, Sleepy Hollow set a goal to plant a "pollinator garden" at Epiphany Lutheran Church, the club's meeting place since 2013.

While the plan was delayed by church construction, club members learned more about native plants. With the assistance of Master Naturalist Sheryl Smith, the club shifted its goal to create a "natural habitat garden" to not only attract but protect pollinators. In 2022, the garden has become a reality. Planted with native honeysuckle, bee balm, river grass, and *callicarpa* American Beautyberry, the garden is in its infancy. A bluebird family is at home, and a Trex® bench awaits visitors. The club is grateful for having received a Piedmont District grant to support this project.

Ye Accawmacke GC Plants Hope on the Eastern Shore

Submitted by Susan T. Savage, Ye Accawmacke Garden Club (T)



Hope Harbor on the Eastern Shore of Virginia is the future emergency shelter for victims of domestic and sexual abuse. When the non-profit Eastern Shore Coalition of Domestic Violence, Onancock,

VA, purchased the site, it had been vacant and in disrepair for several years.

Along with other garden clubs and community groups, the Ye Accawmacke Garden Club contributed to its capital campaign and has applied for a significant financial gift to provide irrigation and supplies. In addition, some of its members have been busy planting a variety of perennials at the entrances to help beautify the grounds. Hope Harbor is scheduled to open in August 2022.

Chancellor GC Celebrates 50-year Anniversary

Submitted by Sharon Moser, Chancellor GC (P)

Chancellor Garden Club, Spotsylvania, is celebrating its 50-year Anniversary. Gardening, friendship, and community service have characterized those 50 years. The club was organized July 1, 1972 and federated in 1976. In celebration of our anniversary, club member Evelyn Matthewson, whose mother helped start the club, made a quilt to raffle off at our local Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair. The club also marked this milestone anniversary by hosting a flower show at the fair July 29-August 10. As a service to our community, Chancellor GC also maintains a flower border at the Chancellor Battlefield Visitor Center.

Hilliard Park GC Members Refresh Plantings during National Garden Week

Submitted by Jean Fender, Hilliard Park GC (P)

Hilliard Park Garden Club installed a Mediterranean style garden in the back 2-bed courtyard of Christ Lutheran Church in September 2021 at the handicap ramp entrance. We were delighted that most of the plants and shrubs survived the winter and came back in the spring. As expected, a few things needed to be replaced and some cleanup needed to be done.

The first week of June 2022 being National Garden Week seemed to offer the perfect time. After meeting at the home of one of our members for a covered dish lunch on June 7, we took pieces of slate that had been donated and placed them in the larger bed at the church. We pulled weeds, cleaned up dead debris, and watered everything.



On June 9, several of us went back and successfully planted three "Yellow Rose of Texas" Cactus with the help of one of our grandsons who also had to dig up the cactus in a neighbor's yard to transplant it in the garden. Very prickly chore! We transplanted several hostas from a member's yard and added more coneflower plants to one of the large pots. We were proud to place a VFGC "Celebrating Virginia Gardens" sign in each of the beds. Our members have continued to water the beds regularly and have also replaced a few plants. Everything is looking great.

James River GC Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

Submitted by Mary-Morgan Hunter, James River Garden Club (T)

The James River Garden Club, Newport News, established in 1972, celebrated 50 years of gardening and community projects on May 17, 2022. Three of the five founding members (*Ruth Daniels, Gail Lentz, and Susie Wornom*) were present.

The anniversary event theme was an English Tea Party. Tea pots arranged with flowers were the centerpieces for each table. *Earleen Corn*, the creator of the best floral design which was voted on by all present received \$50. *Gail Lentz* spoke of our 50-year history. Chaired by *Mary Ann Gaskins and Susie Wornom*, it was a lovely occasion enjoyed by all.



The Club was the recipient of two awards this past year for our contributions to the Penny Pines project: (1) \$20 from the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs (Tidewater District) and (2) \$25 from the South Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs. Both award monies will go back into Penny Pines.

Photo: Earleen Corn's winning design.

Tree Planting Ceremony in Waynesboro

Submitted by Imkelina Sturm, Academy of Gardeners GC (S)

The Academy of Gardeners Garden Club in Waynesboro, VA, recently planted a tree in the newly created Memory Garden at The Cottages of Summit Square Community Living in Waynesboro.

The tree, a white flowering Crepe Myrtle, "Natchez" (*Lagerstroemia Indica*) is a donation from the Club and was in the planning stages for about two years. Due to pandemic restrictions, the project had to wait until a safer time, after which the project could be completed.

The "Natchez" is placed near a bench, where the residents can rest and enjoy the shade which the tree will provide, once mature. The tree was planted earlier this spring at the proper planting time.



On Monday, July 25, 2022 a small ceremony took place during which the tree was dedicated, and an inscribed plaque was placed under the tree. President Imkelina Sturm led the ceremony which was attended by administrators, staff, and several residents, as well as club members.

Glen Burnie GC Plans Annual Joint Meeting

Submitted by Carolyn Frye, VP Glen Burnie GC (S)

Plans are in the works for Glen Burnie Garden Club's annual Joint Meeting, a gathering of Winchester area garden clubs. This year, *Linda Taylor* will present to our group on Design Panels for Flower Arrangements. This is going to be especially beneficial to members in preparation for the Winchester Council's Standard Flower Show in April 2023.

Joint Meeting provides us with a great opportunity to learn about flower arranging and flower shows, while sharing a meal and fellowship with friends from other clubs. We swap stories of our gardens and learn new tips and tricks from each other over a potluck lunch.

Sales tables sell books, gardening supplies and all things gardening to raise money toward club endeavors. We welcome garden club members in the Winchester area to join us!



Please reach out to President *Susan Creasy* for more information at glenburniegardenclub@gmail.com.



Last Year's Joint Meeting Designs: Display of Presentation Arrangements by *Alana Danko, Susan Creasy, Pam Lamborne and Jean Miller*

**Tidewater District Talent Evident
at the Daylily Festival**

Submitted by Adele Lundquist, District Editor (T)

The Tidewater Daylily Society held its 15th annual Daylily Festival at Norfolk Botanical Garden on Sunday, June 19, Father's Day. It featured a plant sale, flower show, and design show.

What caught my eye were the beautiful designs created by members of our Tidewater District. I've no doubt that our own *Frances Thrash*, Chairman, and a member of the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club, strongly encouraged District members to participate. As a result, Tidewater District took home most of the ribbons.

First Award winners were:

- *Barb Zimmer*, Berkley GC, "Light Luncheon," functional table for 2.
- *Sue Harper*, Lake Smith Terrace GC, "Romantic Dinner" exhibition table. Sue also was the winner of the Table Artistry Award, which was the best of three classes as well as winner of the Award of Design Excellence which was the best of all the designs.
- *Mildred Dyson*, Lake Smith Terrace GC, received a blue ribbon for her traditional line mass design, "Fun with Daylilies."
- *Betty Ann Galway*, Thoroughgood GC, won a blue for her traditional mass design, "Daylilies in Mass" as well as winning the Tricolor Award, best of Classes 4-6.

Tidewater District is proud of all its members who took part in the Daylily Festival.

Pictured, along with some selected designs, is Frances explaining the exhibit to a new resident of Virginia Beach.



TIDEWATER DISTRICT BLUE STAR HIGHWAY MARKER

Submitted by Janet Gehman and Leilani Ozment (T)

Tidewater District VFGC places floral tributes at our Blue Star Memorials on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Individuals or clubs may volunteer to participate.



This year, to commemorate Memorial Day in Virginia Beach, a fresh floral wreath was placed on the Blue Star Highway Memorial Marker at the Visitor Center. This location, right off the interstate, receives a tremendous amount of traffic on Memorial Day weekend as people heading to the resort area stop for directions and recommendations.

The hostesses at the Center informed us that many people stopped and took pictures of the Memorial. What a nice tribute to our armed forces!



The Tidewater District presents "Goblins in the Garden", a standard flower show, at Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center, Virginia Beach, VA, on September 24, 2022, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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- F. Scott Fitzgerald



*Fallen Leaves & Mums
By Tracy Tuttle
Sugar Loaf GC and Design
Atelier GC (BR)*

*October Brilliance of
Mexican bush sage
(Salvia leucantha).
by Sherry Kern,
Lynnhaven Heritage
Garden Club (T)*





Tubanacae Fungi
By Joanne Wallace, Salisbury GC (P)



Fall Display
By Karen Lync
Winchester GC (S)



Autumn Scene
By Adele Lundquist
Lynnhaven Heritage GC (T)



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