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Fairies Delight...a Magical Summer Garden, Richmond
Photograph by Janice Beatty, Salisbury GC (P)

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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.

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Dear VFGC Garden Clubbers,
As I come to the end of the first full year of my presidency, I am filled with pride and gratitude at what we are doing in Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. We are making amazing strides on our two key objectives.

First - "**DIG INTO ACTION**" ...with **VFGC**. We have come roaring back on all fronts!

- A refreshed *ODG* and the new *Rooted* e-newsletter
- Amazing response to our call to action with the Trex® Recycling Project – **12 VFGC clubs have earned a bench!**
- Excellent Flower Show and Landscape Design Schools
- A Symposium with well over 100 attendees from our own state and beyond
- VFGC Flower Shows in the fall of 2021 and at Convention

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.

- Our presence and workshops at the Virginia State Fair
- Club members displaying "VFGC Pride" stickers
- Clubs celebrating *NGC National Garden Week* with posters, events, and our bright new yard signs

And our VFGC Convention! Excellent programs, high energy, beautiful honor arrangements. I so appreciated *Kathy Ward's* honor arrangement, the gorgeous pink roses given to me by my "home district," Piedmont – and the Penny Pines donation made in my honor. I can't thank Convention Chairs *Diane Burgess and JoAnn McNabb* enough – and all of you who attended and helped make it happen! I am so proud of all that our clubs are doing – just look at that awards list! **Keep Digging in!**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margie D." The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Celebrating Summer

"So, plant your own gardens and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers." – Jorge Luis Borges



"First blush of summer..."
Photo by Carolyn Frye
Glen Burnie GC (S)

"Feasting Monarch"
Photo by Dana Dee
Salisbury GC (P)



Perfect Dahlia
Photo by Lynn Leech
Lexington GC (S)



Blackberry Lily
Photo by Christy Boone
Blue Ridge GC (BR)

Rose campion
Photo by Christy Boone
Blue Ridge GC (BR)



"Opposites attract..."
Photo by Sandy Yun
Town & Country GC, Wise (SW)



Hummingbird in action...
Photo by Karen DeBord
Moneta GC (BR)



Mid-summer Glory
Photo by Janice Beatty
Salisbury GC (P)

“How Does Your Garden Grow?” ...Time to Dig In!

by Martie Parch, VFGC Horticulture Chair

It's time to dig in the garden! Do you have a border that needs some refreshing? Or a spot that you'd like to highlight? Perhaps an area around your patio that could use some color? First, have your soil tested. If you've already tested it, be sure to amend it appropriately. Add some of your compost that's been "cooking" all winter. Work it into the holes that you dig.



Consider the location and exposure. Will the area have morning or afternoon sun? Or is it shaded? Is there hardscape nearby...a patio, a sidewalk? These areas often retain heat in the summer. Do you want to view your garden from the house or the yard? Would you like to attract butterflies and birds with a native plant garden?

Choose healthy plants with good foliage color, and only a few roots exposed at the bottom of the pot. Consider colors that complement each other. Warm colors draw the focus; cooler colors recede.

Pay attention to the heights listed on the tags as well as the growth rate. So often, we plant shrubs that outgrow their areas. When planting perennials and bulbs, tallest should be at the back of the border; mid-height in the middle; lowest in the front. If your border is an island, tallest should be in the middle.

Make sure your plants and the border are moist. Dig the hole twice as wide as the pots so the roots have room to spread out and grow. Sometimes it can be difficult to remove a plant from its pot. Squeeze the sides and tap on the bottom with your hand gently covering the plant.

If the roots are thickly wound around, pull them loose. If they are fine, cut three slits from top to bottom about an inch into the roots. Position the plant the way you'd like in the hole with the top of the soil a bit higher than the surrounding soil. Then push the soil back in and pat it firmly around the crown.

Add water around each new plant and wait for it to drain. You may need to add more soil as it absorbs the water. Wait until the plants show new growth before you feed them with a 10-20-10 fertilizer.

Remember to water for a couple of weeks and then regularly, especially when the forecast is hot and sunny.

Set out a clean tuna can to gauge the water your plants are receiving. If it fills up each week, your new perennials, annuals, and shrubs will reward you with strong roots and colorful flowers.

Dig in!



Photo by Lynn Leech, Lexington GC (S)

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

SAR DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Submitted by Shirley Edillon, VFGC Chairman - SAR Director's Projects

Clubs, please take notice and apply for these special awards!

Marty Bowers' 2021-2023 South Atlantic Region Director's Theme is "**Reconnect, Plant, Grow, and Bloom.**" The Director's Projects include 1) a gardening project involving youth and 2) restoring or reclaiming a public site. Plan a project for your club that fits within these guidelines and apply for a SAR Director's Award.

1) **Youth are our future.** Through our work as gardeners, we can instill in youth the rewards and joys of gardening. If they plant it, watch it grow, they will eat it. Imagine the joy on a child's face when the bulb they planted in the fall becomes a bright yellow daffodil in the spring. Creating pollinator gardens, wildflower gardens and any other type of gardening with youth. \$50 cash award will be presented annually to the garden club for the most outstanding project involving youth. Must include number of garden club people involved and number of youths.

2) **Plan to restore a public site** that has become overgrown, contains dead plants and weeds, or reclaim a public site that has been abandoned. \$50 cash award will be presented annually to the garden club for the most outstanding project either for restoring or reclaiming. Photos must be presented showing before and after completion of work and must include location, time, cost, and number of garden club people involved.

Applications are due December 1 to District Awards Chairmen. The NEW application form to be used for all Awards is available on the VFGC website.



**Welcoming Our New
VFGC Honorary
President**

Mary Dixon

At our February 28th VFGC Board meeting we were elated to have *Mary Dixon* become our new VFGC HONORARY PRESIDENT. This is a well-deserved lifetime appointment.

Mary is from the Tidewater District and has been a member of garden clubs for 47 years. The first club that she belonged to was North Siesta Garden Club. She was also a charter member of Point Elizabeth Garden Club. She is currently a member of Green Meadow Point Garden Club.

Mary has served as president of all three clubs plus the Portsmouth Area Council of Garden Clubs; Tidewater District, VFGC; Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and Director of South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

An NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Mary also belongs to the Tidewater Flower Show Judges Council. Along with her husband, Dan, they are Master Landscape Design Consultants and belong to the VFGC Landscape Design Consultants Council.

We are fortunate that Mary has been on many committees through the years and enjoys the opportunity to help in any way that she can. She readily says "yes" when asked to help. She continues to enjoy the many friendships she's made along the way.

Congratulations Mary!





Val Story, General Chairman



Pat Carswell
Petite Award



Amy Gable Thorpe
Award of Design Excellence and
Designer's Choice Award



Frances Thrash
Tricolor Award



Gail Goodrich Harwood
Educational Top Exhibitor Award
Penny Pines

Convention Honor Arrangements



Top: for Mary Owen and LouAnn Dummering
Middle: for Lizzie Mann, Patsy Cameron, and Brenda McManaway
Bottom: for Sally Harrison and Pat Carswell

VFGC AWARDS

Heidi Sage – State Awards Chairman
Mitzy Cassidy – Vice Chairman

District Chairmen

Blue Ridge (BR)	Patty Smith
Piedmont (P)	Joanne Wallace
Shenandoah (S)	Denise Gorsky
South Central (SC)	Barbara Speece
South West (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 1st, including active, associate, inactive, honorary, etc.

- i. Small Club 20 or fewer members
- ii. Medium Club 21-50 members
- iii. Large Club 51 plus members
- iv. Two or more Clubs

VFGC SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

8 – 2 “Trex® Recycling Film Challenge”

- i. Blue Violet Bank (P)
Red Calfee (S)
- ii. Blue Rappahannock County (S)
Red Blue Ridge (BR)
Red Green Thumb (SW)
Red Westchester (BR)
Red Town and Country of Wise (SW)



6 Club Membership within Districts – Blue Ridge District

8 District Newsletter

B) Over 900

Members

Blue - Shenandoah District

9 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters - Tidewater District

11 Penny Pines - Tidewater District

12 VFGC Life Membership

Blue - Blue Ridge District



15 Butterfly

- ii. Yellow - Town & Country of Wise (SW)

18 Water

- ii. Blue - Seasons IV (SW)

19 Litter / Recycling

- i. Blue - Violet Bank (P)
- ii. Blue - Town & Country of Wise (SW)

21 Flower Design Program

- ii. Blue - Sleepy Hollow (P)
- iii. Blue - Westham (P)
- iv. Blue - Buckingham/Dillwyn & Ruth Adams (SC)

24 Civic Beautification/ Civic Achievement

- i. Blue - Glasgow (S)
- iii. Blue - Buckingham/Dillwyn (SC)
- ii. Yellow - Town & Country of Wise (SW)

26 Community Landscape Design

- i. Blue - Glasgow (S)
- Red - Hilliard Park (P)

- ii. Blue – Midlothian (P)
Red – South Boston (SC)
- iii. Blue – Lake of the Woods (S)

27 Roadside Beautification

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

28 Plant Together Community Garden Project

- iii. HM – Salisbury (P)

29 Historic Preservation

- i. Blue – Glasgow (S)

30 Decoration of Historic Building

- i. Blue – Violet Bank (P)
- ii. Yellow – Town & Country of Wise (SW)

31 Horticulture Therapy (without a garden)

- ii. Blue – Midlothian (P)
- iii. Red – Salisbury (P)

32 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project

- i. Blue – Hilliard Park (P)

35 Membership

- i. Blue – Maud Clement (SC)
Red – Galax (SW)
Yellow – Dogwood (SW)
- ii. Blue – Rapid Ann (S)
Red – Cedar Run (S)
Yellow – Nelson County (S)
- iii. Blue – Windsor Farms (P)
Red – Colonial Heritage (T)
Yellow – Crestwood Farms (P)

34 National Garden Week

- ii. Blue – Abingdon (SW)
Red – Buckingham/Dillwyn (SC)
Red – Calfee (S)
- iii. Blue – Salisbury (P)

35 Penny Pines

- i. Blue – Green Meadow Point (T)
- ii. Blue – James River (T)
- iii. Blue – Ye Accawmacke (T)

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 – Madison (S)

39 Youth Horticulture Education

- i. Blue – Seasons IV (SW)
- iii. Red – Salisbury (P)

41 Pollinator Gardens with Youth

- ii. Red – Town & Country of Wise (SW)

42 (A) Publications

(4) History

- ii. Blue – Sleepy Hollow (P)

(5) Membership Card, Brochure

- ii. Blue – Sleepy Hollow (P)
 - Red – Chesapeake Bay (P)
- iii. Blue – Salisbury (P)

43 (A) Newsletter of 1-2 pages

- i. Yellow – Hilliard Park (P)
- ii. Red – Sleepy Hollow (P)

(B) Newsletters of 3-12 pages

- i. Red – Amelia (P)
- ii. Blue – Westchester (BR)
 - Red – Madison (S)
 - Red – Thomas Jefferson (P)
- iii. Yellow – Salisbury (P)

44 Club Yearbooks (Orange Rosette)

- 1. *under 20 members*

- Blue – Lynnhaven Heritage (T)
- Red – Keysville (SC)
- Red – Monticello (S)
- Red – Violet Bank (P)
- 2. *20-29 members*
 - Blue – Sleepy Hollow (P)
 - Red – Calfee (S)
 - Red – Westchester (BR)
- 3. *30-44 members*
 - Blue – Stonehenge (P)
 - Red – Abingdon (SW)
 - Red – May Farm of Kingston (T)
 - Red – Town and Country of Wise (SW)
- 4. *45-69 members*
 - Blue – Chesapeake Bay (p)
- 6. *100-299 members*
 - Blue – Salisbury (P)

45 Flower Show Schedule – One Club

- ii. Blue – Calfee (S) Design Specialty Petite Show
- ii. Blue – Chesapeake Bay (P) Standard Flower Show

47 Website

- ii. Blue – Chesapeake Bay (P)
- iii. Blue – Salisbury (P)

Member Award of Honor – Sandy Yun
Town and Country of Wise (SW)



Y2 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters

- 1st grade – Josie Cate Wynham, sponsored by Madison (S)
- 2nd grade – Olivia Wade Barker, sponsored by Glasgow (S)
- 3rd grade – Maria Lugo Garcie, sponsored by Salisbury (P)
- 4th grade – Ellie Fox, sponsored by Southside (BR)
- 5th grade (tie)– Emma Messick, sponsored by Colonial (S)
Ayla Agah, sponsored by Southside (BR)

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION AWARDS

Congratulations to SAR Award Winners from VFGC

No. 4 – Community Beautification, Small club

Glasgow (S)

No. 8 – Historic Preservation, Small club

Glasgow (S)

No. 9 – Penny Pines

Small club – Green Meadow Point (T)

Medium club – James River (T)

Large club – Ye Accawmacke (T)

No. 10 – National Garden Week, Large club

Salisbury (P)

No. 15 – Water Conservation, Medium club

Seasons IV (SW)

No. 17 – Litter, Recycling, Reclamation, Small club

Violet Bank (P)

No. 21 Website

Chesapeake Bay (P)

No. 22 Yearbook

Small club – HM – Lynnhaven Heritage (T)

Medium club – 2nd place Sleepy Hollow (P)

Medium club – 3rd place Stonehenge (P)

Large club – 1st place Salisbury (P)

No. 24 Standard Flower Show Schedule

Chesapeake Bay (P)

Y1 Youth Education – Seasons IV (SW)

Smokey Bear – 1st grade: Josie Cate Wynham,
sponsored by Madison(S)

Smokey Bear – 5th grade: Harper Crowe,
sponsored by Merrifields (T)

Thank you to Awards Program Donors

Marty Bowers, Diane Burgess, Patsy Cameron, Pat Carswell,
Claudia Cosby, LouAnn Dumminger, Sally Harrison, Gail
Harwood, Sharon Jones, Mary Ann May, Brenda McManaway
Linda Nau, Mary Owen, Joy Poole, Toni, Shreve, Val Story,
Amy Gable Thorpe; Kathy Ward

Salisbury Garden Club
Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

Thank you also to the generosity of the previous
administration's donors, as we were able to use carryover funds.

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 2022-2023 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.



VFGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL Course IV

October 10-11, 2022

Richmond, VA

Contacts: Marty Bowers martbw@gmail.com

Glenda Knowles gqknowles6@gmail.com

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs



Flower Show School Course III August 22-25, 2022

Freemason Street Baptist Church Norfolk, Virginia

Attendance is required at all sessions to receive credit.

Monday, Aug 22	3:45 - 6:00 pm	Flower Show Procedure
Tuesday, Aug 23	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:15 - 3:30 pm 3:45 - 5:45 pm	FSP Exam Horticulture/Lunch Point Scoring Test
Wed, Aug 24	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:15 - 3:30 pm 3:45 - 5:45 pm	Horticulture Exam Design/Lunch Point Scoring Test
Thursday, Aug 25	9:00 - 10:00 am	Design Exam

Hotels near Freemason Street Baptist Church - Rates NOT guaranteed:

- 1) Courtyard Marriott, 520 E Plume St, Norfolk, 23510, 757-963-6000, \$101
- 2) Wyndham Garden Norfolk Downtown, 700 Monticello Ave., Norfolk, VA 23510, 757-627-5555, \$97
- 3) Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 E Main Street, Norfolk VA 23510, 757-627-4200, \$118

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 Harriet Osborne.*

Flower Show Procedure will cover an explanation of the Education Division and judging educational exhibits, an explanation of the Youth/Sponsored Groups Division, requirements to become an accredited flower show judge, judging etiquette/ethics, and a review of writing a flower show schedule with emphasis on format and general rules.

Horticulture will cover creating a horticulture schedule, a review of general requirements for NGC Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards, a review of judging qualities on the Horticulture Point scoring Form, a review of horticulture

commenting vocabulary and judging procedures. Cut Herbs will be studied along with combination plantings.

Design will cover creating a design schedule, creative staging options, characteristics of creative design, the elements & principles as they relate to creative design, dynamic balance, plastic organization, juxtaposition and abstraction, general requirements for NGC Design Section Top Exhibitor Awards, a review of judging qualities found on the design point scoring form, and a review of design commenting vocabulary and judging procedures. Creative Designs will be studied.

Pam Braun

Horticulture & Flower Show Procedure Instructor

A garden club member for almost 50 years, Pam Braun is currently a member of Leipers Fork Garden Club, which she founded in 2004. She is member of TN District II and a board member for the TN Federation of Garden Clubs and Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. She is an NGC accredited master flower show judge, an NGC horticulture, flower show procedure, and symposium instructor, member of numerous plant societies. She specializes in exhibiting collections and displays of numerous different plant groups and has won numerous top exhibitor awards for her horticulture. Besides horticulture, she enjoys floral design and has been a speaker, leader of workshops, or exhibitor at all levels from district to internationally. She has enjoyed growing plants all her life and the plant material she uses for both designs and instruction often come from her own garden or indoor plants.

Kathleen Hawryluk ***Design Instructor***

Kathleen, a resident of Naples, Florida for 17 years is originally from Long Island, NY. The unusual tropical plant material on her property has inspired many new designs. Along with being a National GC Flower Show Design Instructor, she is an instructor of Ikebana (Sogetsu). As resident designer for the Moorings Church in Naples she gets to practice every week! Her designs have appeared in the FL calendar, *Design Dimensions*, and the Assembly of Flower Arrangers, *Concept* magazine. Currently serving as President of CFAA 2021, she is the immediate past President of the Naples GC and has been the President of II#160 (Ikebana Naples). Kathleen will teach creative designs.

REGISTRATION FORM: Flower Show School-Course III

August 22-25, 2022

Freemason Street Baptist Church

400E Freemason Street Norfolk, VA 23510 757-625-7579

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 Registration \$5 _____

TOTAL _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

****No refunds after July 22, 2022**

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

Brenda McManaway, Registrar • VFGC Flower Show School •

5531 Bethlehem Road, Boones Mill, VA 24065

"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, 2022

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

9436 Park Bluff Terrace Chesterfield, VA 23838

Or send via email to: mtdamiano@aol.com

Questions – contact Melissa by email or by phone: 804-796-3287

VFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: April 23-25, 2023



2023 VFGC Convention
Staunton Hotel 24 South

- Aug 1 ODG Fall Deadline
- August 22-25..... Flower Show School Course III
- Sept 15..... Grants to Beautify & Restore Deadline
- Sept 15 Youth Project Grants Deadline
- October 10-11.....Landscape Design School Course IV
- Oct 13 Shenandoah District Fall Meeting
- Oct 15..... South West District Fall Meeting
- Oct 17 Piedmont District Fall Meeting
- Oct 20..... South Central District Fall Meeting
- Oct 20..... Blue Ridge District Fall Meeting
- Oct 27 Tidewater District Fall Meeting
- Nov 1 ODG Winter Deadline
- Dec 1..... Deadline: Award Applications to District Chairs

Resumes for VFGC Elected Officers Needed by August 1

Members are still needed to accept the positions of elected officers for the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs for the 2023-25 term. There is no automatic "move-up" in elected officers. Every office, except that of President, is open. See your District members of the VFGC Nominating Committee for resume forms. The only requirements for holding elective office are willingness to serve and service on the VFGC Board of Directors the four years prior to the term to be served. Resumes must be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chairman by August 1st, 2022.

If you have questions or if you want to submit a resume, contact:

Mary Dixon - VFGC Nominating Committee Chairman

132 Moonlight Point Suffolk, Virginia 23434-9300

mdixon2643@aol.com

VFGC Trex® Challenge: Top Recycling Clubs

Garden Club	Pounds	Time Period
Blue Ridge (BR)	510	11/15/21-5/15/22
Calfee (S)	511	9/1/21-3/1/22
Canterbury (P)	521	10/20/21-4/20/21
Glen Burnie (S)	524	9/20/21-3/20/22
Dogwood (SW)	525	4/4/22-10/4/22
Green Thumb (SW)	507	10/1/21-4/1/22
Hawthorne (S)	513	10/1/21-4/1/21
Rappahannock Co. (S)	940	11/1/21-5/1/22
Sleepy Hollow (P)	523	10/15/21-4/15/21
Stonehenge (P)	587	1/1/22-7/1-22
Town & Country of Wise (SW)	551	10/1/21-4/1/22
Violet Bank (P)	520	11/1/21-5/1/22

All listed have earned a Trex® Garden Bench – Congratulations!

Number of VFGC Clubs Registered: 21 (14%) *up from 10% last qtr.*

Total Pounds Collected by VFGC Registered Clubs: 8,732

double the pounds reported last quarter

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! Our seasonal gallery displays member talent and allows 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
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South Central District

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*Our members are like flowers.
Their varieties are endless,
Their beauty stupendous.
And each and every one
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And remember as friend.*

-Pam Mann, Piedmont District Chaplain

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Galax Garden Club Grows and Thrives

Submitted by Nan Chase, Galax GC (BR)



Galax Garden Club continues to add new members. We feel lucky to have such active interest for our programs, field trips, community service projects, and fellowship. During our March meeting, themed "Lucky Luck," we tried something new: a vase

exchange. Everyone brought a pre-loved vase from home and went home with a "new" vase for showing off our flower arrangements. Try a vase exchange at your club! Another Exchange program is a garden book exchange. Members bring a garden book they no longer need and get a new one in return.

Pictured: Joy Murray.

Dan Vallandingham's Floral Design Featured at VMFA

Submitted by Sleepy Hollow GC (P)

As part of the Hirschler Endowment providing fresh floral arrangements to welcome visitors to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, SHGC member *Dan Vallandingham* created this stunning design as the museum prepared to open the *Whistler to Mary Cassatt* exhibition.

Dan's design materials evoked the look and feel of American impressionism: pale cream and peach roses interspersed with lavender *lisianthus*, Italian *ruscus*, Monte casino white asters, pink and white snapdragons, *delphinium* 'sea waltz,' pink Asiatic lily, *plumosus* and leather leaf.



Kilmarnock GC Delivers Spring "Cuppa Care" Arrangements to Bon Secours Patients

Submitted by Jo Manson. Kilmarnock GC (P)



On April 20, members of the Kilmarnock Garden Club (KGC) provided Spring flower arrangements to Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital (RGH) for distribution to new patients. Since Spring of 2021, KGC has delivered over 250 "Cuppa Care" arrangements to RGH.

Botanical Arts Design Workshop: "Making" Cakes

Submitted by Fran Judd, Salisbury GC (P)

Kathy Ward, a member of the Salisbury Garden Club, lifted the Winter spirits of her Garden Club members with a hands-on workshop designed to "make" floral cakes. Kathy sent attendees a list of items needed and then she demonstrated how to assemble the listed items into beautiful Botanical Art Designs. Over 30 members attended the workshop, and the designs were judged at the monthly meeting. *Connie Sorrell* won the design overall for the competition.



What a Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood!

Submitted by Sue Harper; Written by Harry Maixner, Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club (T)



Our friends and neighbors made the Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club (LSTGC) Spring Plant Sale a resounding success.

Haygood United Methodist Church was a welcoming and easy-to-find location, making the turnout beyond our expectation. Over twenty Garden Club members were on hand to stage, label, and water all the beautiful plants, and eager to answer questions, provide advice and assist our customers. It was a pleasure to discuss numerous interesting and far-reaching topics including blue birds, bird houses, sun or shade locations and planting dos and don'ts.

Our plant selections this year featured many flowering and decorative foliage choices including begonias, verbena, and elephant ears. Also on hand were a variety of homegrown plants provided by LSTGC members. The club was established in 1966 and is still going strong, so this is our 56TH year!! We continue to offer education in horticulture, flower designs, and environmental information for gardeners of all varieties – there is always something to learn.

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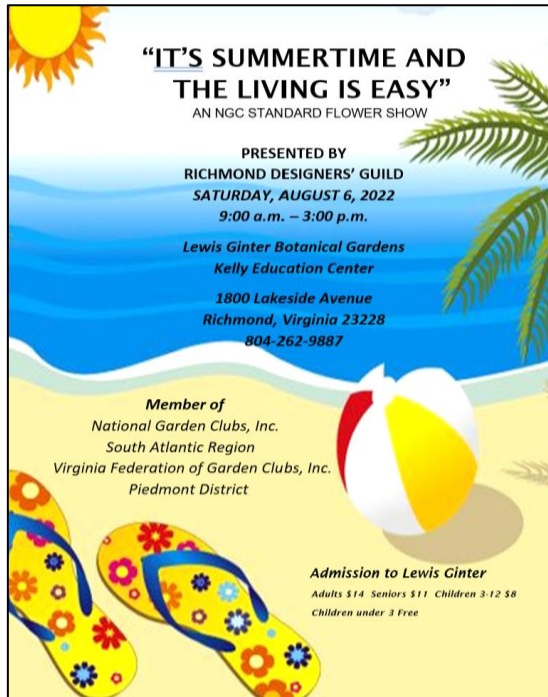
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Dedication and Memorial Service for Club Founder

Submitted by Shirley Edillon, District Editor (BR)

On March 20, 2022, the **Green Thumb Garden Club** held a dedication and memorial service for *Rebecca Naff Green*, Founder of the Green Thumb Garden Club, Blue Ridge District. Members met at Antioch Park on Callaway Road to dedicate six red crepe myrtle trees and to remember and honor their friend, mentor and leader, Rebecca.



Despite the windy and chilly temperatures, many of her family members from as far away as Louisiana along with friends from the community, Antioch Church, and nine members of the club attended. Stories were told of her fun-loving, caring, giving personality throughout her life. She was an avid outdoors, nature, and people lover. It showed in all she did. There were music and refreshments later at the church. The club and community look forward to enjoying the crepe myrtles as they add beauty and shade to the park and we remember our friend, Rebecca Naff Green.

A Tidewater District Event: "Divas & Designs"

Submitted by Adele Lundquist, District Editor (T)



Chaired by Glenda Knowles, a former Tidewater District president x 3, the "Divas & Designs" fundraiser was a sellout and a true success.

Two-hundred District members and guests filled the beautiful ballroom at the Colonial Heritage in Williamsburg on April 21, 2022. The creative themed-basket silent auction, Chico's fashion show, luncheon, and "Dueling Designers" were anticipated and very well received, but few expected the appearance of actual divas straight from royalty and the entertainment industry. The divas, portrayed by members of the Colonial Heritage Garden Club, provided light-hearted relief to an audience who had waited for this event for two years. The fun continued throughout the day with the "Dueling Designers," creating beautiful floral arrangements, while jesting with each other to the delight of the audience.

Photo 1 Courtesy of Spectra Productions Photography, Williamsburg: The "Divas" (L-R) Dolly Parton (Kathi Keating); Marilyn Monroe (Carol Miller); Cyndi Lauper (Patty Boyd); Tina Turner (Laverne Stonick); Iris Apfel (Noreen Dobratz); Audrey Hepburn (Judy Cohen); Princess Diana (Linnea Cvirko)



Photo 2 Courtesy of Spectra Productions Photography, Williamsburg: The "Dueling Designers" (L-R) David Pippin and Al Brockwell

Calfee Garden Club Celebrates 60 Years

Submitted by Val Story, District Editor (S)

April 20, 2022, Calfee held an Anniversary Party celebrating 60 years as a Federated Garden Club. Three Charter Members attended: *Mary Jo Browning, Pat Blankhead and Mary Frances Phillips.*



The video presentation by *Pat Carswell* was a huge hit, and plans are to feature it at the June Luncheon. The 1962-2019 scrapbooks were of great interest, too. Food abounded as well as a great punch. Huge thanks to the "Anniversary Committee," led by President Melanie.

Glen Burnie GC Stages Small Standard Flower Show

Submitted by Carolyn Frye, Glen Burnie GC (S)



In preparation for the April 2023 Winchester Council Standard Flower Show, GBGC members hosted a small standard flower show at *Alana Danko's* home. The theme was "Springtime Beauty."

The show was staged as an "in-house" event for our club, but it was judged by *Susan Creasy* and *Alana Danko*. After judging, we all walked through while Susan and Alana explained why they awarded a blue, red, or yellow. We learned a great deal and enjoyed the creative process.

Pictured is Susan Creasy's blue-ribbon design from the parallel design class "Up, Up, and Away."

South Boston GC Plants for Pollinators at the Cove

Submitted by Meredith Bowman, South Boston GC (SC)

On April 13th, the South Boston Garden Club met with Ward Burton at The Cove, Halifax County, to plant pollinators and cover crops. A mixture of mesic to dry native pollinator seeds was spread over a prepared area and then covered with oat and millet seeds.

The seed assortment included purple coneflower, black-eyed Susan, oxeye sunflower, and goldenrod, among others. It is anticipated the plot will result in an attractive display of color from spring to fall that will draw a variety of pollinators and songbirds. This worthwhile effort is part of the Club's charge to improve and beautify the local community.



Aquaponics: A New Quest in Food Sustainability

Submitted by Margie Redlin, Rappahannock Garden Club (P)

Rappahannock Garden Club (RGC) recently invited Cindy Balderson Vice-President and Development Director of Healthy Harvest Food Bank as a guest speaker. Balderson talked about the history and growth of the Food Bank which now serves Lancaster, Middlesex, Richmond, Northumberland, Essex, and Westmoreland Counties in the Virginia peninsulas. "Backpack Buddies" is an additional undertaking. Working with local schools, backpacks with nutritious snacks and food are provided to some children for the weekend. Balderson stressed the need for protein-rich foods and snacks.

New technology for food sustainability is being built at the food bank: a greenhouse which will support Aquaponics. This is "the combination of aquaculture (raising fish) and hydroponics (the soil-less growing of plants)". Basically, it is the integrated system of growing fish and plants together. This innovative approach not only uses less water than soil-grown plants, but it also brings science, education, and hope to future generations. *Healthy Harvest Food bank reported RGC members donated 141 pounds of nonperishable food items plus monetary donations.*



First Row L to R, Cindy Balderson, Sheila Stepko, Judy Burlbaugh, Aleta Hoffman, Muffin Fitzpatrick, Mary Hutya. Helen Johnson, JoAnn Smith, Second Row: Robin Perks, Mary Ann McKay, Deborah Brooks, Ginni Barron, Trisha Tetlow and Cathie Elliott

A Busy Spring for Town and Country of Wise GC

Submitted by Sandy Yun, Town & Country of Wise GC (SW)

Members of Town and Country Garden Club of Wise groomed the Rain Garden at the Wise County Cancer Treatment Center on Earth Day, April 22. Pictured: Patsy, Mary, Phyllis, Sandy, Teresa, and Ginger.



Dedication of the Butterfly Garden in Memory of former Principal James Bryant who had the vision for creation of a school garden .



Council Holds Arbor Day Ceremony and Tree Planting

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



On March 11, the Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs and York County held its 37th annual Arbor Day ceremony at the Freight Shed and its tree planting at the York County Tourism Office.

Nominations were accepted until November 1 from the following jurisdictions: York County (Bruton area), James City County and the City of Williamsburg. The Honorable Sheila Noll, Chairman, County of York Board of Supervisors, gave the greeting. Lisa Deaton, Area Forester, from the Virginia Department of Forestry, gave a presentation on trees. Council President, *Rose Marie Crocco*; Arbor Day Awards Co-Chairmen, *Gigi Thorpe*, and *Becky Hubbard*, all from Colonial Heritage Garden Club presided over the event. Sixteen Awards of Excellence were given to businesses. The Garden Club Member Award was given to *Marie Bond*, Green Spring Garden Club, and the Individual Award was presented to Dan Worstell. A reception following the awards ceremony was held in their honor.

Loy Holt and Ruth Maruca, members of the Berkeley Garden Club, served as tree coordinators for the Council. Landin Prever, York County, spoke about the importance of trees in the environment, specifically about the two Red Maple trees that were planted for Arbor Day.

Shenandoah Holds Spring Meeting

Submitted by Val Story, District Editor (S)



Shenandoah District held its spring meeting at the Cross Keys Vineyard April 12, 2022. The hall was graced by pretty spring arrangements created by Luray and Hill and Valley Garden Clubs. The lovely memorial arrangement was made by *Barbara Meeh*, Culpeper Garden Club. "Ways and Means" again did an outstanding job with an array of spring "goodies," food, and all you could ask for!

President Pat Carswell thanked members and recognized Shenandoah as an exceptional District. *VFGC President Mary Owen* gave a warm and welcoming talk and thanked club members for all the friendly responses and diligent work. *Denise Gorsky and Toni Shreve* presented District Awards and congratulated winners. Many awards were presented as well as scrapbooks and Smokey Bear certificates.

A special treat was hosting two recipients of the Shenandoah District Scholarship for rising second year community college students. *Pictured are recipients Alex Burton and Jacob Rak.*



To cap off a great meeting, *Amy Thorpe* presented the new "Shenandoah Web." This project is a special addition for our district and much appreciated.

Piedmont District Celebrates Spring!

Diane Burgess Hospitality Chair and JoAnn McNabb, Program Chair

Socializing, shopping, celebrating club awards, and enjoying luncheon together – what could be more fun? The program! Popular designer Al Brockwell delighted the crowd of more than 150 members with his “Spring Fling” program. As soon as Al began his first large-scale design, the joke became who had vehicles that would accommodate opportunity ticket wins! Fortunately, most designs could be disassembled.

Regular traditions at the spring meeting were all the more special because we had not experienced them in person for such an extended period. Chaplain *Pam Mann* offered a lovely tribute to members we have lost. President *Sally Harrison* and Awards Chair *Joanne Wallace* presented a total of 43 District Awards. Piedmont District Grants Chair *Jean Fender* announced the awarding of Piedmont District Grants to three clubs: *Sleepy Hollow, Thomas Jefferson, and Woodland Pond.*

“Spring Fling” Indeed!

Designer Al Brockwell
Piedmont District
Spring Meeting



South Central District Holds Activity-Filled Meeting

Submitted by LouAnn Dumminger, President South Central District

The South Central District met on April 21 in-person for the first time since fall of 2019! The meeting was held at the Rustburg Ruritan Club and was hosted by the Appomattox, Maud Clement, and Rustburg Garden Clubs. Although special attention was paid to health and safety, none of the festivities were skipped. A good representation of clubs was present for this first time out, with many club presidents in attendance.

The "Easter Bunny" dropped off decorations and a large door prize for a lucky attendee. Instead of being asked to wear a special color or seasonal dressing, members and guests were asked to bring an item for the **Film Recycling Challenge**! Keysville Garden Club went home with a few extra pounds of plastic to add to their collection. A special drawing was made by SCD President, LouAnn Dumminger, in honor of National Donate Life Month. Other prizes, plants and garden related books were given for current club projects. Sunflower seeds in honor of Ukraine were distributed.

During the meeting, awards were announced for Blue, Red and Yellow Ribbons at the district level. Despite limitations on *meetings* during 2021, South Central District continued *projects* with more than double the entries for District Awards! Many Blue-Ribbon projects from Buckingham-Dillwyn, Keysville, and South Boston Garden Clubs were announced.

Master Gardener, Joe Pond M.D., gave an interesting and informative speech on, "Do Plants Think? Amazing New Insights into Plant Biology." Listeners may look differently at their plants after hearing all the ways they respond to types of stimuli.

Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed a delicious, boxed lunch and time to socialize.

South Central District will meet next on Thursday, October 20, hosted in Farmville by Buckingham-Dillwyn and Ruth Adams Garden Clubs.



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