

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs  
**OLD DOMINION  
GARDENER**



Cardinals in the Snow  
Photo by Christy Boone, Blue Ridge GC (BR)

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## VFGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Garden Clubbers,

The fall colors have been beautiful, but not quite as bright as your activities. As I've been traveling throughout the state for District Meetings, Blue Star installations, flower shows, and club anniversaries..... You never cease to amaze me with your dedication to "Garden- Clubbing." I'm proud to report ya'll have certainly been **Digging Into Action.**

And as those temperatures start to fall and our holiday celebrations begin, we mustn't forget the unique position that VFGC fills in our world. We "provide youth and adult educational resources and opportunities to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility." Sound familiar....and at a time in our world when things can be a little strained, we encourage and accomplish good and beautiful moments with our works.

We were just at the Virginia State Fair and held two days of hands-on workshops for all ages. We showed VFGC PRIDE and did good things. We're recycling with TREX .. almost 100 benches and about 50,000# of plastic not in the landfill. We're educating with our schools...both Landscape Design and Flower Show Schools are well attended. And **we will** be placing a Blue Star plaque in our Healing Garden at Lewis Ginter.

Remember, VFGC is here to help you. A new "rack card" has just been released and is available in your district, along with your "*Celebrating Virginia Gardens*" yard signs and VFGC Pride Decals. Also, use our ROOTED e-magazine to help stay in touch.

Be proud of VFGC and your accomplishments..... whether it be a flower show, a children's program, a recycling collection, or a community garden..... keep up the good work! As we approach a New Year, I wish for each of you "good health, wealth and happiness." And look forward to seeing you along the way. Keep **"Digging into Action!"**

Happy Holidays,

*Mary Owen*

President, VFGC

P.S. Mark your calendars for our VFGC and SAR Conventions!

## CLUB PROFILE: MAYWOOD GC

*An Interview with Marge Lewter of Maywood Garden Club  
Blue Ridge District*



*When was your club founded - by whom and why?*

The Maywood Garden club was founded on May 4, 1954 for the purpose of promoting interest in the culture and study of flowers, shrubs, and trees, stimulating civic beautifying, and to protect wildflowers, trees, native plants and animals, wildlife, and birds.

The fifteen founding members of Maywood Garden Club: Ozella Burger, Ruth Huffman, Mary Duncan, Fay Jones, Millie Jones, Kate Farrier, Jay Keffer, Neva Farrier, Elizabeth Overton, Anna

Givens, Mattie Reynolds, Lucille Huffman, Ruth Reynolds, Mamie Sue Huffman, Bea Robertson.

*How many members do you have and how that has changed over the years – how do you attract new members?*

Membership has varied between 14 and 30 members through the years. New members are invited to programs and can join our club. New members to the community are often invited to join.

*When and where your club meets and what kind of programs do you have?*

Our club meets at the local fire hall or church but through the past two years we have met at a pavilion outdoors or had field trips instead of programs. We have speakers on a wide variety of subjects, of birds, caves, medicinal plants, sustainable agriculture, and horticulture. The field trips initiated during the pandemic have been a fun addition to our gatherings like going to the Hahn Horticultural Garden at Virginia Tech and to Catawba Sustainability Center.

*How is your club involved in district or state initiatives?*

We are participating currently in the Trex® recycling program and will donate the bench we receive. We also have awarded scholarships to local high school students annually and have supported the 4-H program by donating to send a child to summer 4-H camp each year.

*What are some of the special traditions your club values?*



Each year we make wreaths for the community Christmas dinner at the Historical Society. We have a family summer picnic in August, and we maintain the family road signs all year round. We maintain community flower gardens at Maywood and Sinking Creek which are community landmarks. We have an auction in the fall to raise funds for donations to the scholarship fund and donations to the local volunteer fire department, library, and volunteer rescue squad.

*How does your club have an effect in the community?*

We support the community by financial support of the local students and fire and rescue. We support literacy through the one local high school and 4H program. We contribute to beautification of the community by the two flower gardens and the road signs that help visitors find their way. We send Christmas cards to speakers, visitors, and former members each year as well as supporting members families when a loved one is lost.

Best of all, we have a close-knit group of strong women who love nature and can gather each month for educational programs and social fun.





# SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION OF GARDEN CLUBS

## SAR Convention March 5-7, 2023

### At the Beautiful Historic Hotel Roanoke

#### *Celebrating Our Region Connections*



#### 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.  
11:30 a.m.- 12:30p.m.

Registration Open Foyer outside Shenandoah Room  
Luncheon: Former SAR Directors, Finance, Executive Committees and State Presidents: Pocahontas Room A  
Exhibits and Shopping: Shenandoah Hallway & Appalachian Room

Noon - 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting: Blue Ridge Boardroom  
Regional Executive Committee Meeting: Blue Ridge Boardroom

12:45p.m.- 1:45p.m.  
2:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting  
SAR Board Meeting: Pocahontas Room B

1:30p.m. - 2:30p.m.  
3:15p.m. - 4:15p.m.  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
6:30p.m.- 10:00p.m.

Cash Bar  
Banquet Dinner and Program: History Alive

#### MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00p.m.  
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

Continuous Break (breakfast and refreshments)  
Registration (closed during meals)  
Exhibits and Shopping  
Official Opening of Convention: Business Meeting  
Luncheon Honoring State Presidents and Program  
Continuous Break (snacks and refreshments)  
Program  
Trip to Mad Dog Salvage  
Program  
Cash Bar  
Banquet Honoring NGC President  
Installation of SAR Director and Officers

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

8:00 am - 9:00 am  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Registration  
Breakfast and Awards Presentation

# SAR Convention Registration Form

## Postmark by February 15

**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:

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Officer          | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Director     | <input type="checkbox"/> Former SAR Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman         | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Officer      | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Life Member     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Committee Member | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Chairman     | <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, Installation, NGC President \_\_\_\_\_ \$68

Tuesday Award Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ \$45

One Day Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$35

Late Registration (Fee postmarked after February 15, 2023) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

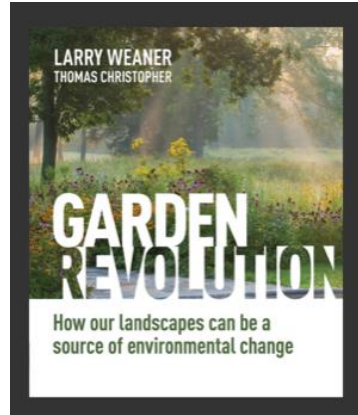
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## Ecological Gardening Advice from an Expert

*by Donna Cottingham, VLDC Program Chair*

Rising temperatures and water conservation pose no challenge to Landscape Designer Larry Weaner. He has been designing gardens for many years with a focus on conservation, restoration, and the environment. His garden installations typically aren't intended to be immediate successes – instead “they evolve over time according to the natural processes of change.” Many of his practices run contrary to age-old concepts of gardening. Weaner shared his knowledge with landscape designers and students in Virginia recently, at a class sponsored by the Oak Spring Garden Foundation in Upperville. His innovative ideas offered students a new approach to gardening.



### **Weeds**

One concept the designer shared made a lasting impression on me. Every time we disturb the soil, whether digging, planting, or weeding, we expose new weed seeds, thus creating an opportunity for dormant weeds to emerge. Weaner explained that weakening the weeds through multiple cuttings allows the surrounding native plants to outcompete the weeds for space in your garden. It's not just human interaction that disturbs the soil. Uprooted trees and animals can help dormant weeds to emerge. Even when we amend the soil prior to planting we are inviting new weeds. Weaner advised gardeners to plant natives that are already adapted to your existing soil rather than amend the soil.

### **Water**

Weaner's watering ideas are as conservative as his weeding ideas. Forget the recommended weekly inches of water. Weaner believes plants should only be watered as a necessary measure when they show stress “When you water your garden you are also watering the weeds,” he explained, adding that “local native plants that thrive in your area should not need lots of water.”



Irrigation is included in Weaner’s installations, but he advises homeowners to use it only when necessary, not on a regular weekly basis.

## Plant Selection

Weaner shared several websites where science and research assist designers and gardeners in planning. The Biota of North America Program, BONAP, provides a wealth of plant data on-line. It contains The North American Plant Atlas, with county distribution, as well as soil and specialty maps. Another on-line resource Weaner shared is the Coefficients of Conservatism in Virginia. It ranks plants on a scale of one to 10, with one being plants that can grow anywhere and 10s being those that grow in only a few select places. Information such as this helps gardeners save money by avoiding plants that aren’t likely to thrive. Gardeners should select generalists that thrive in a wide variety of conditions rather than specialists that have more specific needs. Below is an example from a list in the Coefficients of Conservatism in Virginia:

<b>Plant</b>	<b>Rank</b>
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	3
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	4
<i>Asclepias tuberosa var. rolfsii</i>	8
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	3
<i>Rudbeckia tribola var. lachiniata</i>	6
<i>Rudbeckia tribola var. beadlei</i>	9

## Mulch

Managing weeds tends to be a continuous job. In his presentation Weaner proposed the use of dense ground cover instead of mulch to smother weeds. Mulch works to suppress less aggressive weeds but not all weeds. Instead of using mulch, Weaner described planting an area with native plants and filling the space in between with *Rudbeckia hirta* seeds. As a biennial the rudbeckia filled the gaps between plants with greenery one year and flowers the next. By the third year the original plants had grown substantially to fill the garden bed.

More information about ecological landscaping can be found in Weaner’s book *GARDEN REVOLUTION How our landscape can be a source of environmental change*.

## **How Does Your Garden Grow... What a Wild Time!**

*Martie Parch, VFGC Horticulture Chair*

I spend hours in my garden pruning, deadheading, weeding, fertilizing, mulching, and watering. Finally, there's an easier way! There is a recent movement in gardening. It has several names: **matrix planting, modular planting, and new perennial design.**

After WWII, city planners in Germany looked for an easier way to maintain their parks. **Piet Oudolf, who designed the High Line in New York City, brought this style to the U.S., and added color and multi-season interest.**

The idea is to use plants that have the same growth habit, exposure and water needs to create matrices that blend together. You can adapt this method to any type or size garden. The size of the module can vary according to the area you want to design, so planting close together with complementary colors will create a uniform, attractive palette. The result is very artistic and peaceful.

In each square yard of the designated area, begin with ornamental grasses, then add lower growing perennials, such as phlox or asters, in the neighboring blocks, and finally, plant ground covers or use hardscapes to make boundaries. Choose a few plants to start and repeat them. Focal trees and shrubs with seasonal beauty will create structure and extra interest. Using native plants that are drought resistant will make less work and will attract pollinators. Annual and perennial weeds will appear for the first year or so, but they will eventually disappear as the dense plantings take over.

Your garden chores will be considerably lessened, and you will spend more time relaxing in your garden.

**For more information, check out this book:**

[Planting in a Post-Wild World](#) by Thomas Rainer and Claudia West, and Tony Spencer's website:

<http://www.thenewperennialist.c>

## CELEBRATING WINTER

*I prefer fall and winter when you feel the structure of the landscape – the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it. The whole story doesn't show.*

Andrew Wyeth



Winter Sunrise  
Photo by Shirley Edillon,  
Sugar Loaf GC (BR)



*A Pieris japonica*  
Photo by Lynne Still  
Thomas Jefferson GC (P)



*Ice on Dogwood Branch*  
Photo by Esther Davis  
Salem GC (BR)



*Cardinal in the Snow*  
Photo by Joanne Wallace  
Salisbury GC (P)



*Winter Wonderland in  
Winchester*  
Photo by Susan Spangler  
Glen Burnie GC (S)

## VFGC POLLINATION

### VFGC Booth...a Popular Attraction at the Fair

Once again, VFGC volunteers spread knowledge – and smiles – during our two days at the Virginia State Fair.



Activities including rock painting, assembling succulent terrariums, and making mini and larger creative designs. Visitors of all ages stopped by and participated enthusiastically!



# VFGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE IV

A National Garden Clubs, Inc. School

February 27 – March 2, 2023

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs Center, Roanoke, Virginia

## Schedule – must attend all sessions to receive credit

Monday, Feb 27	3:45 - 6:00 pm	Flower Show Proc
Tuesday, Feb 28	8:00 - 9:00 am	FSP Exam
	9:15 - 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 - 3:30 pm	Design/Lunch
	3:45 - 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test
Thursday, Mar 2	9:00 - 10:00 am	Design Exam

## 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** - *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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Questions: Frances Thrash – VFGC Flower Show School Chair  
[francestrash@cox.net](mailto:francestrash@cox.net) 1-(757)-478-5791 or 1-(757)-481-3484

## **Sue Kirkman**

### **Horticulture & Flower Show Procedure**

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. Sue will teach cut camellias and collections & displays.

## **Claudia Bates**

### **Design**

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.



## REGISTRATION FORM

Flower Show School - Course IV February 27-March 2 2022  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Full course with/without exam (Includes tuition, two lunches and reserved seating on front rows)	\$130 _____
Flower Show Procedure (Mon.)	\$20 _____
Horticulture & Lunch (Tue.)	\$65 _____
Design & Lunch (Wed.)	\$65 _____
Manual will be emailed (free of charge)	
Printed Manual available at Registration	\$ 5 _____
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, Registrar VFGC Flower Show School IV  
5531 Bethlehem Road, Boones Mill, Virginia 24065

**VFGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL**  
**Course IV Series 28 March 27-28, 2023**  
**Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond**

<b>Monday March 27<sup>th</sup></b>			
8:00 am 8:20 am	Registration Welcome	Coffee, tea, water available	
	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
8:30 am- 9:30 am	Redesign of Areas	20	Neal Beasley
9:30 am- 10:40 am	Development of Landscape Architecture from World War II to present	26	Gordon Chappell
10:50 am- 11:50 am	History & Development of Community Gardens: A Brief History of Urban Garden Programs in the U.S.	website	Laurie Fox
11:50 am- 1:10 pm	Lunch (café is convenient)		
1:20 pm- 2:20 pm	Designs for the Future	36	Neal Beasley
2:30 pm- 3:30 pm	Contemporary Landscape Design	21	Gordon Chappell
6:30 pm	Optional Group Dinner – location TBD – pay on your own		
<b>Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup></b>			
8:30 am- 9:30 am	Special Interest Topic: Designing with Annuals	SIT	Jack Douglas
9:40 am- 10:40 am	Community Participation: Organization and Individual Responsibility	33	Gordon Chappell
10:50 am- 11:50 am	Evaluating Landscape Designs of Residential, Public and Business Property	31	Jack Douglas
11:50 am- 1:00 pm	Lunch (café is convenient)		
1:00 pm- 2:00 pm	Tour – Lewis Ginter Public Gardens		Jack Douglas
2:10 pm – 3:10 pm	Evaluating the Landscape (using LDS Form 14. Form provided in class)		Jack Douglas
3:15 pm	<b>Review</b> – consultants not taking the exam may leave		
3:30 pm	<b>Exam</b>		

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

## Landscape Design School Textbook References

The text for the entire series of Courses I-IV is Stewards of the Land: A Survey of Landscape Architecture and Design in America, published by NGC, Inc.

Order through National Garden Clubs, Inc.,

[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) Look for "Our Store"

Or phone: 800-550-6007 or 314-776-7574.

Cost is \$40.00 plus shipping & handling.

NGC has approved a new LDS curriculum.

**This course will use the textbook.**

## Hotel Information

Hotel accommodations at: Hampton Inn, - 5406 Glenside Drive, Richmond. (804) 756-1777

Hilliard Road beside LGBG becomes Glenside Drive. (2.7 miles from LGBG).

Hot breakfast included.

Ask for the LDS Block – **Rate: \$119.00 plus tax, single.**

**\$124 plus tax, double**

*Cut-off date for discount is February 28, 2023*

**To Reserve a Room online, go to:**

**[www.richmondglensidesuites.hamptoninn.com](http://www.richmondglensidesuites.hamptoninn.com)**

- \* Select your arrival and departure dates, then click "Add special rate codes"
- \* In the box labeled "group code," enter VFC
- \* Continue making your reservation by selecting from the available room types at the negotiated group rate set up by the group contact.

## **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.

### **Laurie Fox, Ph.D.**

Laurie Fox is a faculty member in the Horticulture department at Virginia Tech and is based at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center in Virginia Beach, VA where she has extension and research responsibilities. She received her BS & MS degrees in Horticulture from North Carolina State University, with an emphasis on landscape design, ornamental plant production, and weed science, and her Ph.D. from Wageningen University, The Netherlands. Laurie is an author and the publisher of [Best Plants for Hampton Roads](#) - *A Landscape and Garden Companion*.

**REGISTRATION - LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL**  
**COURSE IV SERIES 28    MARCH 27-28, 2023**  
*REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2023*

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*

[ ] EXAM STUDENT \$ 80.00

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## VFGC “Beautify and Restore” Grants Results

*Judy Ann Fray, VFGC Chair, Grants to Beautify and Restore*

Five garden clubs in VFGC challenged themselves with projects deemed worthy of grants enabling them to beautify and restore areas needing attention. We congratulate them for work done as they created beauty and increased garden appeal in each location.

### Shenandoah District

In Virginia’s Northwestern ‘corner,’ the **Purcellville** Garden Club’s sixteen members chose to restore an overgrown and hidden Meditation Garden within Historic Oatlands Plantation, a National Historic Trust Property located within the Journey Through Hallowed Grounds National Heritage Area. They recognized the need to assist Oatlands as they could and chose the 1600 sq. ft. Meditation Garden. Removal of overgrown plantings and pruning and sculpting iconic eight-foot boxwoods was labor-intensive, requiring professional assistance.

Evergreens and dwarf conifers were chosen to soften the landscape and provide garden structure. Weeping grasses and Oakleaf Hydrangeas provide rhythm in the garden. They are searching for a stone sculpture or boulder to capture the tranquility of the garden and enhance the meditation aspects, evoking the spirit of the place. A bench has been placed to invite meditative time spent in the garden.

The \$1,000 VFGC Grant enabled a significant portion of the \$5,000 cost of Phase I. Other Phases include hardscape, garden elements and plant signage.

**Noland Heights** Garden Club in Waynesboro planned to improve the appearance of the Historic Plumb House by adding a Medicinal Herb Garden to the property at the request of The Waynesboro Heritage Foundation. (The house had been used as a hospital for soldiers from both sides during the Civil War.)

The garden was planted, and plant identification added. Noland Heights Garden Club, along with their local Woman’s Club and DAR Chapter entered the TREX Challenge and obtained a bench of TREX plastic wood which has been placed near the new Medicinal Herb Garden! Congratulations on this collaborative community beautification project.

### South Central District

The Southern ‘corner’ of Virginia is home to **Keysville** Garden Club, recipient of a \$950 VFGC Grant to restore beauty to the



Keysville Veterans' War Memorial Park in the center of Keysville. Three mature trees were removed due to a damaging ice storm in February, 2021.

The small club determined that the Park needed trees and shrubs to restore shade and beauty in the town. Charlotte County Master Gardeners and Keysville Town Staff were enlisted to assist Keysville Garden Club members in planting maple trees, dogwoods, dwarf Hydrangeas and miniature crepe myrtles. A flower base was added to the Blue Star Memorial inside the Park. Keysville Garden Club received extensive color photo and article publicity in their regional "Southside Messenger" newspaper. Congratulations to Keysville Garden Club on making excellent use of their VFGC Grant to Restore beauty in the town.

### **Piedmont District**

**Wonder City** Garden Club is part of a community action group which also includes VFW, American Legion, and City of Hopewell personnel. Their goal was to renovate and restore Washington Circle, the site of Virginia's first World War I monument. The City Council renamed it Veterans Circle in 1997. WCGC used their \$300 VFGC Grant for removal of very overgrown shrubbery that blocked the view into the park, and to create flower beds, including one of red poppies. Congratulations on their first VFGC Grant that helped to beautify the City of Hopewell.

### **Southwest District**

The **Green Thumb** Garden Club in the Southwest 'corner' of Virginia received \$1,000 for restoration of four gardens that had become overgrown. The City of Norton Municipal Building has a "Cannon" Garden built into the front entrance area. (Cannon from the USS Constitution which is being restored. The cannon base holds space in the garden.) Native pollinator plants, including blueberries, were planted in all the restored beds.

Extensive involvement of students in planting seeds of plants to be transplanted into the gardens. A letter of praise from Norton's City Manager expressed appreciation to The Green Thumb Garden Club "for working to preserve the beauty of our mountainous landscape for future generations to enjoy and the survival of pollinators," a vital component for landscape and life.



## **“Keys to the Future” 2022 Youth Project Grant Awards**

*Melissa Damiano, VFGC Chair, Youth Project Grants*

### **Piedmont District**

Salisbury GC will sponsor several programs for youth. First, they will show preschoolers how to create gifts from planting paperwhites in the fall and a dish garden in the spring. Second, elementary students will learn how to make holiday baskets with fresh plant material, then in May youth will learn how to create fresh flower arrangements. Finally, club members will instruct elementary students from a disadvantaged area on fire prevention and basic environmental conservation. The children will create posters of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl showing an understanding of these topics. Awarded - \$250

### **Shenandoah District**

Cedar Run GC will sponsor 30 youth of the Boys and Girls Club of Warrenton. At two events the club members will guide the youth in floral design using fresh plant materials. Awarded - \$320

Glen Burnie GC will continue their marigold project. They sponsor City of Winchester Public Schools first graders. The 240 students will plant and care for marigold seeds. The club members will assist students in planting their marigolds for all to enjoy. The club also plans to record instructional videos for each elementary school. Awarded - \$475

Rapid Ann GC will sponsor the 25 students (3rd-5th graders) of the Orange Elementary Girls on the Run Club. The girls and club members will update plantings as well as replace some of the seating in the school’s memorial garden. Awarded - \$525

### **Tidewater District**

May Farm GC of Kingston will sponsor the youth at the Thalia Elementary School as they enhance the community garden located at the school. Included in this are the pollinator garden and vegetable garden which provides support to the local food pantry. Awarded - \$540

## **VFGC Life Membership and Book of Honor Nominations**

*Submitted by Felice Proctor*

*VFGC Life Membership/Book of Honor Chair*

It is always a “good time” to honor someone special with a VFGC Life Membership, or inclusion in the VFGC Book of Honor. The next month or so, however, would be an especially good time to start thinking about those club members, (or non-members!) you would like to honor in the spring, and planning a bit ahead to make sure the presentation of those honors goes smoothly.

With the turnover of club administrations in the spring it is anticipated- and hoped for- that a great many VFGC Life Membership/Book of Honor applications will be submitted between now and May. While applications are processed in a timely manner, clubs should allow at least two to three weeks for their application forms to be processed and the VFGC Life Membership materials to get back to you for presentation. Avoid the rush. Plan ahead.

The VFGC Life Membership/Book of Honor application form can be found on the VFGC website under FORMS AND INFO. The same form is used for both honors: just check the appropriate space, fill in the required, information and send it in.

If you have difficulty accessing the form or questions about filling it out please contact the VFGC Life Membership/Book of Honor Chair, Felice Proctor: [fproctor1@comcast.net](mailto:fproctor1@comcast.net). She will be happy to help and is looking forward to receiving lots of applications!

# VFGC Convention 2023

*Mark Your Calendars Now!*



## “GROWING INTO ACTION”

**Convention 2023  
and Flower Show**

**Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs**

**April 23-24**

**Historic Hotel 24 South  
(Stonewall Jackson Hotel)**

**Staunton**

An event to look forward to! Mark your calendars and plan to attend Convention 2023. VFGC President Mary Owen will preside over the convention. Look forward to inspiring lunch and dinner speakers, expert demonstrations, the flower show, and more.

*Photo by Karen DeBord, Moneta GC*

## ***The Venue***



The historic and gracious Hotel 24 South (formerly Stonewall Jackson hotel) is in the heart of Staunton within easy walking distance to galleries, shops, and restaurants.

## ***The Flower Show***

An NGC Flower Show will be highlighted during the convention. Any VFGC member in good standing will be eligible to participate.

More information will be forthcoming in the VFGC "Rooted" e-newsletter.

## ***Vendors***

VFGC Conventions are known to provide great shopping experiences. The 2023 Convention will follow suit. Invited vendors include handmade pottery, jewelry, clothing, floral design accessories, and more!

## ***Program Ads***

Clubs, Districts, and business organizations may place ads in the 2023 Convention Program. The program size is the same as ODG: 5.5" by 8.5" Ad costs are \$50 for half-page or \$100 for a full-page ad.

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## VFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 15 ( <i>change</i> )	ODG Deadline for Spring Issue
Feb 28	VFGC Board of Directors Meeting,
Feb 27-Mar 2	VFGC Flower Show School IV, Roanoke
Mar 5-7	SAR Convention, Roanoke
Mar 20	Piedmont District Spring Meeting
Mar 27-28	VFGC Landscape Design School
Mar 28	Shenandoah District Spring Meeting
Mar 30	Tidewater District Spring Meeting
Apr 15	Southwest District Spring Meeting
Apr 20	South Central District Spring Meeting
Apr 23	VFGC Board of Directors Meeting
Apr 23-24	VFGC Convention/Flower Show
Apr 26	Blue Ridge District Spring Meeting
May 1	ODG Deadline for Summer Issue
May 2-5	NGC Convention, The Greenbrier
June 4-10	NGC "National Garden Week"

### **92 Penny Pines: Plantation Donations Through September, 2022**

*Submitted by Joy Poole, VFGC Chair*



Blue Ridge	13
Piedmont	10
Shenandoah	26
South Central	8
Southwest	2
Tidewater	30
VFGC – Board	3

Total value of donations \$6,256.

Thanks to all of our clubs!! We are making a difference!



## VFGC Nominating Committee Report

*Submitted by Mary Dixon, Nominating Committee Chair*

The Nominating Committee introduces the slate of officers to be presented for election at the VFGC Convention in April, 2023 in Staunton. The Committee expresses appreciation to those willing to be nominated to serve. In accordance with the bylaws, Valerie Story, serving as First Vice President for the 2021-2023 term, will assume the role of President.

*The Slate of Officers for the 2023-2025 term is as follows:*

First Vice President.....Sally Harrison  
Second Vice President.....Grace Morris  
Third Vice President.....Loy Holt  
Recording Secretary.....Amy Gable Thorpe  
Treasurer.....Linda Nau

*Nominating Committee:* Chair, Mary Dixon; Shirley Edillon (BR), Janet Minock (P), Amy Gable Thorpe (S), Carolyn Nichols (SC), Violet Neel (SW), Geneva Hunt (T)

### Calling All Photographers!

*Gail Goodrich Harwood, ODG Editor*



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

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- 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 not forgotten. They live on in our hearts, and memories of them are blessings.

### **Blue Ridge District**

Nellie Kritter..... Boones Mill GC  
Stephanie Trout.....Green Thumb GC

### **Piedmont District**

Becky Dowell..... Manassas GC

### **Shenandoah District**

Vicki Godwin..... Academy of Gardeners GC  
Marcella Mears.....Lexington GC

### **South Central District**

Marge MacDonald.....Ragged Robin GC  
Elizabeth Ann Beyer.....Wayside GC  
former VFGC President 1995-97 & former President, SC District

### **Southwest District**

Leravena "Ninkey" McCarty.....Dogwood GC  
Doris Keene.....Seasons IV GC  
Renee Johnson.....Seasons IV GC  
former editor, *Old Dominion Gardener*  
Beverly Whittaker Viers .....Town & Country Wise GC

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

-Pam Mann, Piedmont District Chaplain

**Note to Presidents and Treasurers:** Membership Updates and input for "In Memoriam" should be sent to Claudia Cosby, VFGC Treasurer at [cosbych1205@gmail.com](mailto:cosbych1205@gmail.com)

**Salem GC Member Esther Davis Recognized  
for Garden Restoration**

*Submitted by Meg Hibbert, Salem GC (BR)*

When avid plant lover Esther Davis first looked at overgrown gardens and lawn at historic Preston Place, she had no idea she would pour her heart and hands into the soil and plants for the next four years. "Little did I know that I would be charged with the privilege to oversee the gardens, nor how they would also capture and hold my heart," Davis said. Davis has given 578



hours to the gardens. Another 118 hours were donated by other volunteers, including members of the Salem Garden Club and Salem residents such as Jack Susser, also a Preston Place Restoration Committee member.

Davis's work was recently recognized with a Monarch butterfly-shaped plaque. It reads simply "Preston Place Gardens, restored by Esther Davis." Monarchs are her favorites. Each year she hunts for eggs on milkweed near her home, and carefully nurtures them to develop into butterflies she releases.



Salem Historical Society placed the plaque at the foot of a giant Osage Orange tree Davis was largely responsible for getting recognized on the register of "Big Trees of Virginia" The tree is estimated to be 200 years old and the fifth largest in the state.

## **Fluvanna GC Brightens the Lives of Meals on Wheels Recipients**

*Submitted by Doshia Morris, Fluvanna GC (P)*

Fluvanna Garden Club made 75 dried bouquets to "Spread Joy" to local Meals on Wheels recipients. Club members dried a variety of flowers, rosebuds, golden rod, and grasses to use.

Mary Volin, Merrie Ott, and Doshia Morris show off their finished bouquets.



"Thinking of You" bouquets ready to go

## **Appomattox GC Spring Tea**

*Submitted by Rebecca Slagle, Appomattox GC (P)*

### **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

## **Madison GC Plans National Garden Week Event**

*Submitted by Judy Ann Fray, Madison GC (S)*

In observance of National Garden Week  
the Madison Garden Club presents

### **“Floral Designs to Delight” by David Pippen**

Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Madison Vines Resort  
Madison, Virginia

Contact Judy Ann Fray [ja.fray@verizon.net](mailto:ja.fray@verizon.net)

## **South Boston Garden Club Supports Local Art Gala**

*Submitted by Susan Leonard, South Boston GC (SC)*

The Prizery in South Boston, VA held an art gala in October. Several members of the South Boston Garden Club interpreted art pieces with floral arrangements.



## **Berkeley Garden Club Celebrate Golden Anniversary**

*Submitted by Loy Holt, Berkeley Garden Club (T)*

Members of the Berkeley Garden Club, wearing floral-decorated hats, celebrated the Club's Golden Anniversary by holding a High Tea at the Carrot Tree Restaurant, Williamsburg. The Club was organized in June 1970 and federated in 1971. The Anniversary Committee was made up of Ricki Carson, Chair, Dee Arbegast, and Loy Holt. Souvenir floral pins made by Ricki Carson were given to each person in attendance. Everyone agreed that the celebration, delayed two years because of the pandemic, was worth the wait.



*Pictured are members and guests from left to right:*

Back Row-Loy Holt, Ben Owen-College of William and Mary friend, Ricki Carson, Mary Grogan, Anne Collins-Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs President, Ellen Schiavone, Bev Baker.

Middle Row-Toska Mungo, Linda Ruggles, Cathy Young, Pat Duggan, Dee Arbegast, Sandy Anthony, Sandie Gillette, Angela Cingale, Kate Wilhide, Miriam Mazingo, Ann Fulford, Toni Webb, Jill Sitcer.

Front Row-Barb Zimmer, Geneva Hunt, Patsy McGrady-Berkeley President, Madelyn Larkin, and Patsy Cameron-Tidewater District President.



## **“The Cinderella Garden”**

*Submitted by Barbara Smith, Abingdon GC (SW)*

The Abingdon Garden Club changed its meeting place in 2018 to the Jubilee House, a local Catholic Retreat and Conference Center. The Jubilee House staff asked the garden club if it would be willing to restore the memory garden in front of the center. The garden was started in 2014 as a memorial to members of the armed services but had fallen into disrepair. It was only a 24 X 36-foot space and was enclosed by a driveway.

We thought this would be an easy fix...just plant some easy-care perennials and shrubs! Club members Patte Redmond, Ikue Eng, Corann Kitchen, Fran Wall, Dianne Bisig, and Garden chairman Linda Wynne (with husband David) met in the fall to clear the site. They began to dig weeds and hit asphalt about 10 inches down. The memory garden had been built on top of pavement!

It has now been four years since the project started. Over the years there has been lots of trial and error, added compost, and sweat. The sad little garden, however, has become a star!



From neglected to glorious!



## Maywood GC Supports the Community with Signs

*Submitted by Marge Lewter, Maywood GC (BR)*

Since 1954 Maywood Carden Club has maintained signs along the winding mountain roads in Sinking Creek Valley in southwest Virginia. It is one of those high elevation valleys with fertile soil and a surrounding ring of mountains. The cows graze peacefully as they have for generations, and many of our garden club members live in the historic farmsteads that grace the valley.

The community signs stand at several intersections of roads that crisscross the valley, helping visitors find their way to a particular family property. Even today with GPS, some people cannot be located in the sparsely populated hills. The black and white signs are available to any resident who wants one and are an endearing part of our close-knit community.

Miss Lucille Cox (Huffman) moved here from Grayson County where these road signs were used in her community. She brought the idea to Craig County when she began teaching at the Maywood School. She was a founding member of Maywood Garden Club, and the club took on the project, gathering in Miss Lucille's kitchen to paint signs. Today, her daughter Barbara Charlton serves on the Sign Committee and the club carries on the tradition.

This summer, signs were in need of fresh paint and some new posts, so Maywood Garden Club members gathered in Marge Lewter's barn for a sign painting party.



The community signs are one way Maywood Garden Club serves the neighbors we share this valley with. As long as people want the signs, we will continue to carry on the tradition thanks to Miss Lucille and her daughter Barbara.

*See the Maywood story in this issue's Club Profile, p 4.*



## Shenandoah District Holds Fall Meeting

by Val Story, District Editor (S)

**October 13, 2022** marked the fall Shenandoah District Meeting at the Market at Grelen. Attendance was great with many enthusiastic members participating. The meeting tent looked lovely with "tea pot" arrangements created by Calfee and Cedar Run Garden Clubs.

Rappahannock County Garden Club made the memorial arrangement (pictured right with President Pat Carswell conducting the memorial ceremony). Dianna Busch made the name tags and staffed the registration desk.



Ways and Means offered the opportunity to purchase an array of "goodies." Valerie and Jane Vaughn organized the Shenandoah

District items for sale, as well as Luray Garden Club Luray Garden Club also sold many goods. Seasonally dressed members sold opportunity tickets.

President Pat Carswell gave a warm welcome and explained her meeting theme "Be my Guest, Be my Guest." Mary Owen, VFGC Present gave an inspiring talk and presented Val Story with a Penny Pines Certificate. The morning program was presented by Lesley (owner of the Market at Grelen), and the afternoon program was presented by designers Mary Arakelian and Lili Aram-Bost.

## **Piedmont District Fall Meeting Brings 189 Members and 35 Clubs Together**

*by Gail Goodrich Harwood, District Editor (P)*

On October 17 in Richmond, Piedmont District President Sally Harrison welcomed attendees to the fall district meeting. *Nine* former district presidents attended, and VFGC President Mary Owens was on hand to add a warm welcome.

In her remarks, Sally highlighted examples of clubs "digging into action." Piedmont District Clubs have supported ten Penny Pines plantations in 2022 - and in the recycling challenge, Stonehenge, Canterbury, Sleepy Hollow, and Woodland Pond Garden Clubs have each earned a Trex® Bench. Violet Bank GC has earned three benches! Sally urged all clubs to start a new six-month challenge.

Members visited, shopped with vendors, enjoyed luncheon, and then marveled at the creativity of Frances Thrash and Kathy Ward. Working with the same materials, Frances and Kathy produced traditional and creative designs. Enlightening, educational, and inspiring!



*Piedmont District meeting attendees were offered opportunity tickets for the chance to take home one of Kathy's designs (left) or one of Frances' designs (right).*

## **"Goblins in the Garden"**

by Adele Lundquist, Tidewater District Editor (T)

The Tidewater District held its 2022 standard flower show on September 24 at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center, Virginia Beach. Exhibitors competed for awards in both the horticulture and design categories. Top awards are listed below:

### **Horticulture**

Section A - Award of Merit – Carol Jarvis (Lake Smith Terrace GC) – *Hosta* 'Miniature'

Section B – Award of Merit – Lynne Still (Jefferson GC, Piedmont) – *Linnea elegans*

Section C – Award of Merit – Frances Thrash (Lynnhaven Heritage GC) – *Alpinia japonica* (ginger)

Section D – Grower's Choice Award – Frances Thrash – *Streptocarpus ionanthus*, 'Rob's Wascally Wabbit' (African violet)

Section E – Arboreal Award & Award of Horticulture Excellence – Frances Thrash – *Fatsia japonica* 'Variegated'

### **Design**

Section A - Table Artistry Award & Award of Design Excellence – Exhibition Table Design – Laura Jacobson (Church Point GC) - 'Everything Apple'

Section B – Petite Award – Petite Design – Lynne Still – 'Witches Cauldron'

\*Section C – Award of Distinction – Group Mass Design - Betty Ann Galway (Thoroughgood GC) – 'Fall Bounty'



\*Pictured.



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