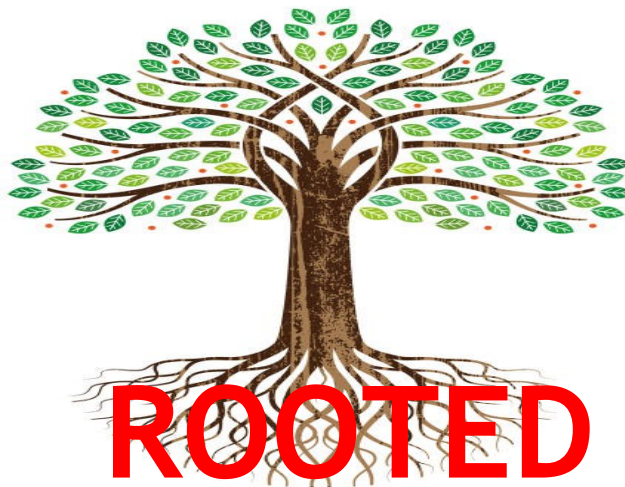


January 2023 EDITION OF THE VFGC, INC. NEWSLETTER



- January: Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Due
- February 27-March 2: Flower Show School Course IV: Roanoke
- March 5-7: SAR Convention: Hotel Roanoke
- March 27-28: Landscape Design School: Lewis Ginter
- April 23-24: VFGC Convention: Staunton
- May 2-4: NGC Convention, Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, WV

Happy New Year

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday and are enjoying a blessed New Year.

VFGC is certainly looking forward to it's new year and it's upcoming events. This spring we are showing our VFGC PRIDE throughout our state with the VFGC CONVENTION in Staunton. And with the chance to show our PRIDE, even further, by hosting the SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION in Roanoke. (This covers West Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina and North Carolina). What an opportunity for each of us to learn and share!

A bit of exciting news! The marker has been delivered. We WILL have a Blue Star plaque installation at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. I'll keep you posted on the date. Know you'll want to come. YEHHHH

Many of you have been busy writing and judging awards.....organizing your club's new administrations..... and continuing your club's projects. I know this because, more TREX benches have been delivered and even more Penney Pines Plantation established. Kudos to you all.....always know you're the heart of our organization.

You know, with the temperatures still chilly outside, take the time to make plans NOW to be a part of our VFGC and SAR conventions. When we all pitch in, participate and play.....VFGC shines even brighter.

See you soon at your District Meetings.

Mary Owen
President, VFGC

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



SAR Convention “Celebrating our Region Connections”

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, Roanoke, VA

110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke VA 24016

March 5-7, 2023

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

SAR Convention will have interesting programs with outstanding speakers including Mary Ann Jung (History Alive), presenting Sally Ride: “Who Wants to Be an Astronaut?”



Entrepreneur Jason Sarine from Humble Hen Farm and Nursery in New Castle, VA. Shop here for gorgeous, full, well rooted plants, perfectly packed with care and shipped right to your door.



Lavender expert. Joyce Beliveau from Blacksburg, VA. She and her husband run a B&B in the Manor House and a Winery/Brewery. Joyce is very passionate about lavender.



Trip to Black Dog Salvage. The inventory changes daily! Now in two warehouses located in Roanoke, Virginia. Discover architectural salvage, old house parts, custom upcycled designs, reproduction garden statuary, furniture paint, salvage inspired furniture, and decor in the main showroom .

Wildflowers in the Blue Ridge presented by Dr. Rebecca Ross, a horticulturist from Roanoke. She is well versed in pollinators and the beautiful wildflowers in the area.



Also, Mary Warshauer, NGC President speaking and installing the new officers. Additional programs and the SAR Awards will round out the schedule.

The convention registration form and hotel information. The schedule is on the SAR Web. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

We look forward to seeing you in Roanoke!

Val Story

2023 SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION

March 5, 6,7, 2023

“Celebrating Our Regions Connections”

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, Roanoke, VA

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

Postmark by February 15, 2023 for on time registration

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

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

Check **ALL** that apply:

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

Please select all that are included in payment:

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

Does not include Sunday Lunch

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

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED _____

Please indicate dietary requirements:



Virginia – The Mountains to the Ocean

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show

Presented by Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

April 23, 2023 1:00 to 4:00 PM
April 24, 2023 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Hotel 24 South
24 South Market Street
Staunton, Virginia 24401

Open & Free to the public
Affiliated with:
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
South Atlantic Region

This flower show will be held during the VFGC Convention.
The Flower Show Schedule will be attached in the email when the
VFGC Newsletter Rooted is emailed.

Be sure and enter and then come see the great horticulture and
wonderful designs.

Email or call Val Story for any questions
valstory@aol.com 540-272-0975



The Power of a Jar



Six years ago, in 2016, eight members of my garden club sat around my dining room table painting Mason jars (that we retrieved from a local garage sale) with pine trees and lettering Penny Pines on the jars in red. We used the jars as part of the centerpieces at our Shenandoah District meeting. Most of the members had never heard of Penny Pines at that time. We encouraged the members to pass the jars around their clubs asking for pennies to support the USDA National Forest program, which our NGC supports.

Since that effort was a success, we gathered around my dining room table again to paint even more Mason jars – this time to be given out at our VFGC State Convention to encourage collecting pennies. What happened then? Our state contributions continued to grow. At the convention, one lady said to her friend: “That is something we can do.” So she took a jar back to her club. They set their goals high, and this year – they achieved their goal, which was to present a Penny Pined plantation to every state in our union, and then they even gave one to Puerto Rico!

I am so impressed with the value of a visual aid, determined attitudes, and folks who really care about trees in our USDA National Forests!

Thank you for caring, Wanda and her crew at the Ye Accawmacke Garden Club!

You are really making a difference and should be commended!!

Submitted by Joy Poole, Penny Pines chairman

Virginia Federation of Garden Club Penny Pines Contributions

2022	124
2021	91
2020	61
2019	110
2018	89
2017	56
2016	28
2015	32

These 591 Penny Pines plantations, at \$68 each, represent a total value of \$40,188 to plant new trees in our USDA National Forests.
(Dec. 2022 amounts are not available yet.)

Open Call for Daffodil Exhibitors!



***Virginia Daffodil Society invites You
to exhibit at the
2023 ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Daffodil Show***

**March 25-26, 2023
Open to the Public
Free to Exhibit & Free to Attend**

Open to ALL Daffodil Growers. VDS Membership not required.

Bring your Daffodils – complimentary exhibition materials and assistance with entries will be provided.

Entry Submission Times: March 24, Noon-6pm & March 25, 7am-10am.

Show Hours: March 25, 2pm-5pm & March 26, 10am-3:45pm.

**Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
1800 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, VA 23228**

***Questions: Email vdsdaffshow@gmail.com
Follow our Facebook Page: Virginia Daffodil Society***



Congratulations Virginia

The Lexington Garden Club, Lexington and Town and Country Garden Club, Roanoke have been notified that they have been awarded a \$1,000 Plant America Community Project Grant, sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. and made available to NGC member garden clubs across the country for new or existing club projects in their respective communities. Projects may be a joint venture with another organization. The grants are awarded to honor of April, as Plant America Month. More than 180 grant applications were received for 2023. This is wonderful....no club in Virginia applied for 2022!

Valentine's Day, also called **St. Valentine's Day**, holiday (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. Given their similarities, it has been suggested that the holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. Good this changed!!!





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MGPW Education Committee

Announces a free program open to the public

Virginia Snake Identification

Overview and Discussion



Saturday, January 21, 2023

10 am to 12 Noon

Old Manassas Courthouse

9248 Lee Avenue

Manassas, VA 20109

Speaker Bill Crisp will discuss how to accurately identify snake species of Virginia and provide the best practices for limiting snake access to your property, and your house...

Register @ https://vce.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eEXfowFvMJ8SZiS or use the QR code



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Christina Hastings, Virginia Cooperative Extension – Prince William at 703-792-6285/TDD* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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*Growing in
Action*

**89th Annual Convention
and Flower Show
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs
April 23-24, 2023
Hotel 24 South (Stonewall Jackson Hotel)
24 South Market Street, Staunton, VA**

**Convention Registration deadline is
April 2**

Hotel reservation deadline is March 23

See registration in ODG and on VFGC web

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. Deadline is March 15.

Checks may be made to VFGC (convention ad in memo line) and submitted to Claudia Cosby, VFGC Treasurer. Indicate Club or other organization and size of ad purchased. Send to:

Claudia Cosby
3015 Mount Hill Drive
Midlothian, VA 23113-3923

Ad copy should be submitted in non-pdf format, preferably MS Word. Any photos or graphics work best if submitted as separate jpeg files. Submit to Gail Goodrich Harwood, program designer,

**VFGC PRIDE DECALS
Remember to display**

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

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

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

