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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Garden Clubbers,

During uncertain times, we began a journey to Dig Into Action with this VFGC PRIDE administration. Since May 2021, we have reinstated our schools....both Landscape Design and Flower Show and produced a Symposium. We have held numerous flower Shows.

Recycled thousands pf pounds of plastic and received TREX® benches. Funded the planting of many Penny Pine Plantations. Added Blue Star Memorials And celebrated our gardens with a yard sign extravaganza. You contributed club news to the ODG and the new ROOTED e-message. We even instigated a VFGC PRIDE decal program. And you know, that's just what VFGC spearheaded, a small part compared to everything each of your clubs accomplished... **I thank you!**

I really hope that each of you will reward yourself with attending our state convention. If you missed the first extravaganza, you won't want to miss this one. We are having a White House Designer and the Washington DC's floral school's designer on the program...**You deserve it!**

These past two years have been an adventure I wouldn't have wanted to miss. Crisscrossing this state, I have seen just how devoted you are to our Purpose..... the love of gardening, floral design, civic, and environmental responsibility. You all should be commended because you pitched in... participated... and played. VFGC's good works shine even brighter because of you.... **VFGC PRIDE!**

Thank you for allowing me to share this journey.....keep **"Digging into Action"**!

Sincerely,

Mary Owen

President, VFGC 2021-2023

VFGC CONVENTION 2023

*Amy Gable Thorpe, Convention Chairman
Dianna Busch, Convention Co-Chairman*



*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 April 2

Hotel reservation deadline March 23

This year's VFGC Convention is not to be missed! Mary Owen, VFGC President, will preside over the convention. The new two-day convention format promises to be packed with excitement! A Flower Show, workshops, amazing lunch and dinner programs, shopping, awards, officer installation, connecting with old friends and making new ones ...see you at the convention!



Hotel Reservations

Venue: Hotel 24 South
(Stonewall Jackson Hotel)

Hotel Reservations: 540-
885-4848

Ask for "Virginia Federation
of Garden Clubs Block"

Special block rate per night:
\$119 + tax

Hotel reservation deadline:
March 23, 2023

The Flower Show

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show will be showcased during the convention. Any VFGC member in good standing may enter, regardless of convention attendance.

Theme: *Virginia - The Mountains to the Ocean*

The schedule will be available on the VFGC website or may be requested from Val Story: valstory@aol.com

Vendors

VFGC Conventions are known to provide great shopping experiences. The 2023 Convention will follow suit including Verona's very own The Fashion Gallery!

Special Guest Appearance

Smokey Bear will join us for our social hour and will be available for photos and selfies!

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 23

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Flower Room Open
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Flower Show Entries Received
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration Desk Open
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Vendor Shopping
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Board Meeting
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon and Awards Program
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<i>Kitchen Garden Farm'ocology</i>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Flower Show Open
4:00 pm- 5:00 pm	<i>GMO Labeling: What Does It Mean?</i>
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Social Hour (cash bar)
7:00 pm	Dinner
	<i>Design Program: Jeanne Ha</i>

Monday, April 24

8:00 am – Noon	Registration Desk Open
8:00 am – 9:30am	Complimentary Breakfast
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Flower Show Open
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Convention Opening and Business Meeting
10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Vendor Shopping
Noon -2:30 pm	Luncheon
	<i>Installation of VFGC Officers</i>
	<i>Design Program: Mark Frye</i>
2:00 pm- 3:00 pm	Flower Show Entries Removed

Workshops

Theresa Boardwine

Green Comfort School of Herbal Medicine

“Kitchen Herb Garden Farm’ocology”

Theresa Boardwine, RH (AHG) is a dynamic teacher on health and wellness. Her approach is professional, warm, and down to earth. She presents medicinal information in lay terms, in a way that is fun and easy to understand. In all of her programming, she teaches how to implement changes by integrating herbs, foods and supplements necessary to achieve optimal health and wellbeing. Theresa will guide us through using our kitchen herb gardens to fill our medicine cabinet!



Rebecca Webert, “GMO Labeling, What Does it Mean?”

Wife. Mom. Cow Lover. Passionate “ag”vocate. Rebecca Webert grew up in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley on a beef cattle ranch. Agriculture was a way of life, and it quickly became a passion. She attended Virginia Tech where she majored in Animal and Poultry Sciences, followed by graduate school at Texas A&M, where she received a M.S. in Animal Breeding, while teaching Intro to Animal Science and Animal Genetics labs.



Since graduation, Rebecca has been fortunate to work for many different segments of the agriculture industry as Executive Director for the Virginia Angus Association, Education Coordinator for Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District, Communication and Event Specialist for Farm Credit Knowledge Center, and others.

Rebecca works for the Virginia Cattlemen's Association as their Director Communications, and also helps to run the business that she and her husband started, Black Locust Livestock, a multifaceted agricultural business.

Dinner program Sunday, April 23

Jeanne Ha

Park Florist & Washington Flower School Floral Designs



Jeanne Ha, AIFD CFD Certified judge/evaluator, Co-Owner, Wedding and special event director (Who is always creating something new), Jeanne has the job of her dreams: florist and owner of a retail shop! Born and raised in Seoul, South Korea, she has a strong foundation in art and music. (degrees in music from Seoul National University and University of Maryland). She was inducted as a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers in 2010 and is a proud member of the Society of American Florists, The Independent Floral Designers Association, and Old Town Takoma Park Business Association. She also served multiple terms as a Teleflora unit president. She has won numerous floral design competitions and been featured in many publications, along with her own floral design books "Asian Allure" and "Ready, Set, Design". Jeanne lives in Takoma Park with her husband and co-owner, Dennis; her three children; her mom, Sunny; Rocky, her cat, and Mizu, her Shiba Inu dog.

Jeanne's designs will be raffled off at the conclusion of her program.

Luncheon Program Monday, April 24

Mark Frye

Creative Occasions Events, Flowers & Gifts

Mark Frye is the owner/principal designer of Creative Occasions Events, Flowers & Gifts, located in Vinton, Virginia. Mark is an award-winning designer at both the state and national levels and has assisted with main



stage design presentations for the Southern Chapter of the AIFD (American Institute of Floral Design). He has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Professional Florist Association and served as a main-stage presenter for the Association's annual meeting.

In 2021, Mark was honored by having his application accepted to serve as a volunteer decorator for the White House! His experience there even included a few hours work in the White House flower shop, designing arrangements that were to be used in the private residential quarters as well as part of the holiday displays in the China Room and the Vermeil Room.

Early in 2022, Mark launched a YouTube series called *Blossoms and Bourbon*. In each episode of the series, a different floral design style or design technique is demonstrated, followed by a bourbon tasting, showcasing a different bourbon in each episode. Viewers range from across the United States, Australia, Portugal, The Philippines, and the UK!

89th Annual Convention Registration Form April 23-24, 2023 • "Growing in Action!"

Registration: Please complete form; make check payable to "VFGC 2023 Convention" and mail both to Dianna Busch 14453 Rillhurst Dr, Culpeper, VA 22701-9711; diannabusch@comcast.net; 540-353-9044 • **Postmark by Apr 1.**

Name _____ Phone(____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Club _____ District _____

Check ALL that apply:

- National Officer/Chm District President NGC Life Member
 Regional Officer/Chm District Director SAR Life Member
 Former VFGC Pres Club President VFGC Life Member
 State Officer/Chm Club Member Visitor/Guest
 VFGC Life Member/ Book of Honor since 5/1/22 First-time

Select Your Attendance Plan:

Full Convention (Package Plan - \$20 savings) \$ 165.00 _____

Full convention includes: Sunday Lunch and Dinner, Monday Breakfast and Lunch, Registration Fee if postmarked by April 10

Partial Attendance Options:

Sunday Lunch and Awards Program \$ 45.00 _____

Sunday Dinner and Design Program \$ 65.00 _____

Monday Member Breakfast Meeting *Complimentary

Monday Lunch and Design Program \$ 45.00 _____

Registration Fee *if postmarked by Apr 1* \$ 30.00 _____

Registration Fee *if postmarked after Apr 1* \$ 40.00 _____

One-event Registration Fee \$ 20.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Late fee must be included for all envelopes postmarked after 4/1/23. Any registrations postmarked after 4/15/23 will not be processed or accepted. No Walk-In registrations. No refunds after 4/10/23. *Refunds requested by 4/10/2023 are subject to retention of registration fee.*

**Complimentary breakfast for registered attendees*

_____ *Please check for any dietary requirements and list details.*

VFGC 2023 Convention Credentials Form

All designated delegates and alternates, including VFGC Officers and members of the Board of Directors, must complete this form and include it with your Registration Form.

Name _____

District _____ Garden Club _____

Check one that applies:

- () VFGC Officer/Board of Directors () Club Delegate
() Club President () Club Alternate

Eligibility shall be in accordance with VFGC Bylaws - number of Delegates and Alternates in accordance with size of club as follows:

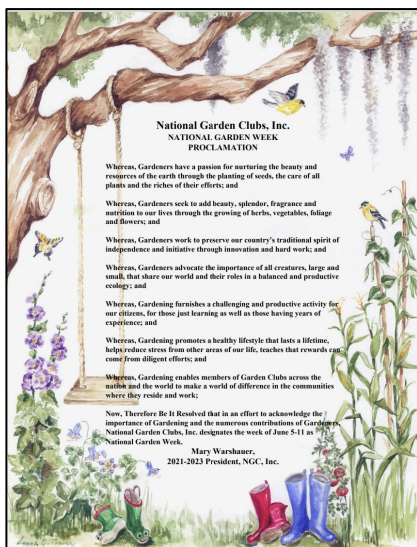
- 1-25 members President or appointee – 1 Alternate
26-50 members President or appointee plus 1 Delegate – 2 Alternates
51-100 members President or appointee plus 2 Delegates – 3 Alternates
100+ members President or appointee plus 3 Delegates – 4 Alternates

Delegates have the right to vote, alternates fill in for the delegate if he/she is unable to attend the Convention.

**See you for "Growing in Action!"
Staunton 24 South Hotel**

April 23-24

Celebrating National Garden Week



**National Garden Clubs, Inc.
NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and

Whereas, Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

Whereas, Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

Whereas, Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

Whereas, Gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

Whereas, Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

Whereas, Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that in an effort to acknowledge the importance of Gardening and the numerous contributions of Gardeners, National Garden Clubs, Inc. designates the week of June 5-11 as "National Garden Week."

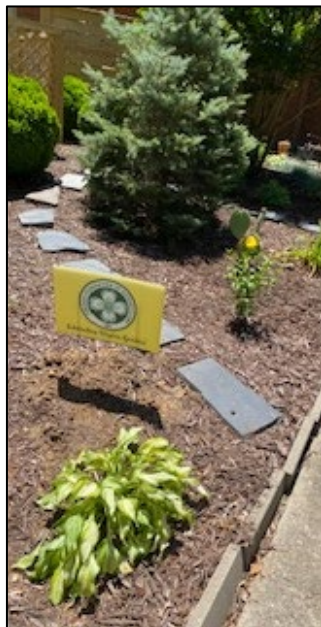
Mary Warshauer,
2021-2023 President, NGC, Inc.

National Garden Week June 4-10 is an

opportunity to join other clubs across our country in celebrating community, encouraging pride in our community, fostering interest in new members, and working with other groups, especially children's groups, such as Scouts, schools, and 4H.

How will your club celebrate?

- Display our VFGC "Celebrating Gardens" signs.
- Plan an educational program and/or workshop at your local library, public garden, or garden center.
- Sponsor a hands-on "How Do You Select Flowers/Shrubs for Your Garden" workshop at an area nursery.
- Plan a garden tour. This is a wonderful time to share your knowledge of growing while sharing ideas.
- Beautify a manageable blighted area or enhance an existing garden. This would be a good opportunity to work with other groups.
- Plan an activity with a youth group or school students.



A "PLANT LOVER'S" GARDEN

A Visit with Bonnie Satterthwaite of Lynnhaven
Heritage Garden Club, Tidewater District

Interview by Adele Lundquist, Tidewater District Editor

Bonnie Satterthwaite, a member of the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club, Virginia Beach, hosts the Garden Club's annual May luncheon meeting at her home. It is an event all members anticipate, not only owing to Bonnie's superb culinary skills, but also because members are invited to wander through Bonnie's gardens.

When Ann Abrams Hammett first entered the garden, she recalls that she was struck by the variety of colors and native plants, while Jessica O'Connor reminisces about sitting under the giant pecan tree near Bonnie's patio overlooking the seasonal gardens. Cheryl Savage tears up when she visits the garden. "I feel as though I have stepped back in time to a beautiful and peaceful place. I love to sit in the swing under the arbor where I am happy and relaxed."



How does Bonnie, who is employed full time and involved in a variety of activities, create and maintain such a garden? We asked her:

Did you completely plan your garden; or has it evolved over time?

This garden has definitely evolved over time. My very first gardening experience was planting impatiens in full sun, not a good idea.

Is your garden a particular style or a blend of styles?

I would call it “plant lover” style. If I see something I love, I will find a place for it or create a new bed.



Have you seen or experienced gardens that inspired your plant choices?

I have had the opportunity to visit gardens all over the nation and in several different countries. I often come home thinking to recreate. But in the end realize that what is appropriate to the gardens of Athens is not meant for a small “farmette” in Virginia Beach. So, I generally return to my haphazard, plant lover style.

How have you planned for seasonal interest?

I have ornamental grasses for year-round interest, lots of evergreens, camelias, hydrangeas, seasonal perennials, etc. I go all in with annuals as well because I love constant color in-season; all four of them.

Can you describe how you have varied color, texture, and other elements to achieve focal points or interest spots?



I have several specific color or theme spots, including the burgundy bed, the white garden, the herb garden, the succulent

garden, rain garden, the cutting garden, and the Monarch Way Station.

I have come to believe massing is important if you have a large space; otherwise plants get lost in the greenery. I also believe some type of water feature really adds to the ambiance of a garden, not to mention the birds love the water.

Finally, have you experimented with plants or design elements that didn't work out? If so, what was the remedy?

I believe every gardener has something or things that look fabulous when you first plant them, but somehow end up being a bad choice. We end up asking ourselves, "Who thought this was a great place to plant that?" Then we start moving and replanting.

I do have a general rule for all plants: nonperformers do not stay. I do not have time to baby plants. If you are not performing, out you go. I have a huge compost pile 😊. The only exception to the rule is for hydrangeas. I love them so much; I will give a seemingly nonperformer an extra chance in what I call the "hydrangea graveyard." Amazingly, I have never had to remove one from the graveyard. I think word got around.

I have the unique opportunity to work with many garden centers in the southeast United States. I have been so very fortunate to have been gifted many trial plugs/plants from various growers. Having the opportunity to see new introductions and getting to trial some in advance of mass productions is truly exciting.



I enjoy hosting our garden club every year...and creating gardens that provide joy for all who visit!

How Does Your Garden Grow?
Making the Most of Small Patios and Balconies
Martie Parch, Horticulture Chair

Current housing markets show that there are changes happening. It seems that more people are moving into apartments, condominiums, or continuing care retirement communities. All of these moves can create challenges to those of us who have enjoyed the pleasure of maintaining our own gardens with lovely borders.

Thus, we transition to “patio and balcony borders!”

There are several factors involved before you begin. First, you must consider the covenants of your community or your HOA:

- Are plant containers allowed on patios or balconies?
- Is there a weight limit on a balcony?
- A restriction on the number of containers?
- If you have a balcony, is it permissible to have hanging baskets, whether from the ceiling or the railing?

Once you’ve figured out what you CAN do, the FUN begins!

Tips for planning your space:

- Look at your space at different times of the day. What direction will your plants face? Will it be a sunny or shady spot? Will they be exposed to rain or wind?
- When choosing containers for your patio or balcony, look for glazed ceramic pots or thick plastic pots. Clay pots tend to crack over time. Those thick plastic ones with patterns on them are very attractive and not as heavy as the ceramic ones.
- Make sure there is a hole in the container bottom for drainage, then rest it on “pot feet” or bricks.
- Fill each pot with a good quality potting soil that incorporates fertilizer in the mix.

- If you have a very large or tall pot, you can put Styrofoam packing peanuts in the bottom before adding the soil. This will decrease the weight of the pot when it's filled.

When you are shopping at the nursery, depending on the size of the container, place 3-5 plants together and step back to see how they look together.



A good rule of thumb is a thriller (tall, focal), and filler (mounding), and a spiller (low and spreading).

An evergreen, such as a Dwarf English boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa') will give your design structure.

Consider adding a dwarf grass plant like Sweet Flag (*Acorus gramineus* 'Ogon') and a perennial. Coral bells (*Heuchera*) can be found in various shades of green ('Citronelle'), silver ('Color dream'), purple, ('Palace purple'), and peach ('Amber waves').

A combination will provide color and texture all year long. Bulbs can easily be planted for spring show, and annuals can be added for summer color. You can change the plants every year.

Container gardening on a patio or balcony is so fun, and your choices are limitless!

Upcoming Landscape Design Tour Opportunities

Donna Cottingham, VLDCC Programs Chair

The Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council board has planned two very exciting garden tours for its members this spring.

Monday, April 24, 10 am -12:30. We will tour the garden of the late Rachel Lambert (Bunny) Mellon in Fauquier County, Virginia.

Not open to the public, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to explore this famous garden with its splendid crabapple alley and impressive trompe-l'oeil painted greenhouse atrium(pictured).



Mellon is known for many gardens, including the White House rose garden she designed for President John Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline, her close friend. Mellon left her mark on the gardens of Versailles, when she restored the kitchen garden there at the request of couturier Hubert de Givenchy, then president of the World Monument Fund. Previously she had helped Givenchy with the design of the private park at his French chateau, and he became an admirer of her work. A life-long gardener, Mellon's work has appeared in numerous magazines, including *Architectural Digest*. *The Gardens of Bunny Mellon*, *Garden Secrets of Bunny Mellon*, and *Bunny Mellon Garden Journal* are among the books that feature her beautiful work. After exploring the garden, we will have a brief meeting and lunch at nearby Hunter's Head Tavern.

Monday, May 15, 10 am – noon. We will tour the gardens at Morven Farm in Charlottesville, Virginia. This historic property is not open to the public. Once inhabited by Native Americans and known as “Indian Camp,” Thomas Jefferson later purchased the land for William Short, his secretary. After Short became America’s first career diplomat, Jefferson deeded the property to local merchant David Higgenbotham, who created a large plantation. He changed the name to Morven. After a series of owners, Morven was purchased in 1988 by television industry mogul John Kluge, who made significant changes to Morven, and added the Japanese garden to the estate. A key feature of the garden is the Sukiya tea house designed by an architect from Japan. We will also see the formal garden, restored by renowned landscape architect Annette Hoyt Flanders in 1930. The roses, the cutting garden, and a State Champion Chinese chestnut tree are among the features of the formal garden. In 1997 Kluge donated the 7,378-acre estate to the University of Virginia. Morven will become the university’s new Sustainability Lab, under the leadership of Faculty Director and Landscape Architect Elizabeth K. Meyer.

For more information, contact VLDCC programs chair Donna Cottingham at Carolina_donna@yahoo.com, or Melissa Damiano at mtdamiano@aol.com. VLDCC members as well as students who have completed two of the four classes are eligible to sign up. We are limited to 30 participants at each garden. Parking is limited so we strongly recommend carpooling. **Registration deadline is March 15.** Registrants will receive detailed information about directions, menu options, and other important details by email.

After the long break due to pandemic precautions, we are excited to resume our VLDCC activities, and both of these gardens are sure to make a lasting impression for their beauty, history and education. There will be lots of walking and standing, so participants should wear comfortable shoes and be aware there may be uneven ground and areas that are not easily accessible.

NGC Grant Program Aids Restoration following Natural Disasters

Diane Burgess

The natural disasters which have occurred across our country are truly heartbreaking. Devastating hurricanes, forest fires, and blizzards were headlines in 2022. And major flooding and horrific tornadoes in the beginning of 2023 certainly remind us of "Mother Nature's" destructive forces. The aftermath of natural disasters is bewildering and hard to comprehend. Once life and habitat are back to semi-normal, there is more to do in communities – to restore history, lift spirits, and preserve environments. Did you know that NGC can help?

NGC's Natural Disaster USA Fund was established in 1997 to receive monetary contributions to assist with garden-related restoration after a natural disaster. The fund has helped clubs replant hundreds of parks, municipal gardens, and other sites throughout the US. *The Natural Disaster USA Fund is the largest grant fund that NGC offers, with grants up to \$5000 per project.* Funds are available each year through a simple application process. Clubs can submit applications anytime throughout the year; the application information is on the website.

The Natural Disaster USA Fund is supported solely by generous donations from dedicated garden club members as well as state, districts, and clubs. We can all aid NGC in lending a hand to fellow clubs in their time of need.

Clubs and members – please consider giving to this important fund. All gifts, no matter the size, will be gratefully acknowledged.

Contributions may be sent to NGC Headquarters - marked for the Natural Disaster Fund – at 4401 Magnolia Ave. St. Lewis, Mo. 63110.

Inquiries: Diane Burgess burgessdiane@gmail.com

VFGC POLLINATION

We still have VFGC PRIDE DECALS

Ours is a wonderful organization, beautifying our communities and making the world a better place. Let's increase visibility and show our pride! Proceeds will be used for the Blue Star Memorial marker at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Decals are excellent quality, 2.5" round. Cost: \$3 each or two for \$5. Order from Barbara Hollister budhollister@gmail.com or Mary Owen rxowen@aol.com



VFGC Plastic Film Recycling Project

We have made a tremendous impact with the VFGC recycling project. Keep it going! Each club must go to www.trex.com and register. More information on the program can be found at the bottom of the Trex® homepage: under Our Company, click on Recycling. The program we are participating in is called the Community and University Challenge Programs. For questions or more information, contact Carolyn Nichols (CLNichols@centurylink.net) or Mary Owen (rxowen@aol.com).

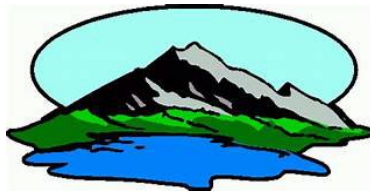
TOP RECYCLING CLUBS - New Cycle

Garden Club	Pounds	Time Period
Woodland Pond (P)	557	10/20/22-4/20/23
Keysville (SC)	502	7/3/22-1/3/23
Glen Burnie (S)	634	7/1/22-1/1-23
Stonehenge (P)	628	7/3/22-1/3/23
Lake of the Woods (S)	503	10/12/22-4/12/23
South Boston (SC)	506	10/3/22-4/3/23
Rappahannock Co. (S)	600	10/6/22-4/6/23
Seasons IV (SW)	504	7/1/22-1/1/23

VFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 12	Blue Ridge 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 and Flower Show
May 1	ODG Deadline for Summer Issue
May 2-5	NGC Convention, The Greenbrier
June 4-10	NGC "National Garden Week"

*See Winter ODG for Landscape Design School details and registration form. **NOTE: hotel accommodations** have been changed to Springhill Suites by Marriott Richmond North, 9701 Brook Rd., Glen Allen, VA. 804-266-9403. Group rate: \$101 plus applicable taxes per night. Copy this link into your browser to book online:
[Book your group rate for VA Federation of Garden Club](#)



Virginia – The Mountains to the Ocean

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show presented by VFGC

Hotel 24 South, Staunton

April 23 – 1-4 pm

April 24 9 am – 1 pm

Come Visit - Free and Open to the Public

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

Be a VFGC 2023-2025 Yearbook Sponsor

Deadline: June 30, 2023

Who can be a Sponsor? *Each club and every club member*

- Listed on the *Sponsors Page*
- Receive a yearbook insert (*\$10 Sponsor*)

Each club receives **two** gratis yearbook inserts, VFGC district officers and chairs each receive **one** gratis yearbook insert.

What's in it for me?

- A directory of names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for all VFGC officers and chairmen, district officers and chairmen, all garden club presidents, and SAR and NGC officers.
- Information—on dues, donations, Life Memberships, etc.
- Calendar of Events
- Awards offered by VFGC, SAR and NGC
- List of Flower Show Judges & Landscape Design Consultants
- VFGC Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Standing Rules

INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR

Please print your NAME as it is to appear in the yearbook.

Name _____

District _____ Club _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

CLUB SPONSOR

Club Name _____ District _____

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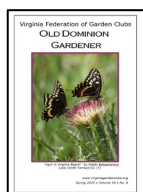
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Luray Caverns Blue Star Memorial Dedicated

Val Story, VFGC First Vice President

Shenandoah District and VFGC dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Luray Caverns, November 11, 2022. The day was cool and a bit wet; however, the dedication was well attended and very moving. The colors were presented by the VA State Police and the invocation led by Rev. Randy West, a retired USMC General. Music was provided by the Luray High School Choir, directed by Jack Schupner. Speaker of the House, VA General Assembly, Todd Gilbert gave poignant remarks about his visit to Normandy, France. Val Story, VFGC first VP, presented the history of the Blue Star, noting this is the sixth Blue Star Memorial Marker Shenandoah District has dedicated. VFGC President Mary Owen dedicated and presented the marker. Her words were meaningful and heart-felt.



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 wonderful way to “travel” around the Commonwealth.

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124 Penny Pines Plantations Donated through November 2022

Submitted by Joy Poole, VFGC Chair



Blue Ridge	15
Piedmont	13
Shenandoah	31
South Central	10
Southwest	3
Tidewater	48
VFGC – Board	4

Total value of donations \$8,432

Congratulations to Ye Accawmacke GC on achieving their amazing Penny Pines goal – see story page 29.

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

- Ferreta Belcher..... Piedmont Estate GC
- Ethelena Cabiness.....Piedmont Estate GC
- Janet Hairston..... Piedmont Estate GC
- Margaret Hairston.....Piedmont Estate GC

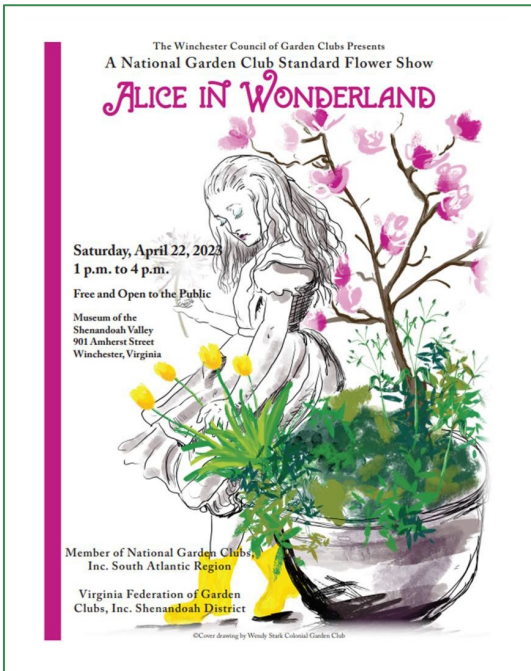
South Central District

- Judy (Judith) Jamieson.....Ruth Adams GC
- Carolyn Jolly.....Red Hill GC

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Winchester Council Staging April Flower Show

Submitted by Carolyn Frye, Glen Burnie GC (S)



The Winchester Council of Garden Clubs is pleased to present our National Garden Club Standard Flower Show, *Alice in Wonderland*, on Saturday, April 23, 2023.

The show will be held at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, 901 Amherst Street in Winchester, and it is open to the public from 1 pm to 4 pm.

The flower show committee, comprised of members from Colonial, Glen Burnie and Hawthorne Garden Clubs, has been diligently working for the past year to pull the show together. Our schedule is available to any judges who need flower show credit, as well as to our members.

We are very excited to see what magical exhibits and beautiful horticulture our members will present. For more information, contact our show chairmen:

Donna Lee at 10islvr@gmail.com

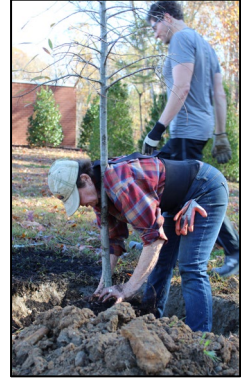
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Crestwood Farms GC Plants Trees to Support School

Submitted by Heather Mulvihill, Crestwood Farms GC (P)

On 12 November, 2022 Crestwood Farms GC planted five Willow Oaks and one Southern Magnolia at Crestwood Elementary School in North Chesterfield. This 1960's school had been razed and rebuilt, with students returning to the building in time for the start of the 2021 school year. Naturally, a project of this scale required removal of mature trees and bushes, leaving no shade for students on the playground, bus loop, or parent pick-up line.

Garden Club members dug down through compacted clay, rubble, and debris to amend soil and prep roots for the new trees. With the help of neighbors, Crestwood Elementary Garden Club members, teachers, and students, a bonus crowbar or two, and a manual post hole digger, all trees were successfully planted. An impromptu 5-minute celebration toasting the health of the new trees with long gulps of water was enjoyed by all, including the trees!



The school principal was so grateful for the trees that she asked our club to help design, dig-in, and support a butterfly waystation between the parking lot to the school's greenhouse, thus connecting the school's Monarch butterfly mascot to the nature that surrounds the school. Plans for this new project are currently in committee talks.

Ye Accawmacke Achieves Lofty Penny Pines Goal

Submitted by Wanda Smith, President of Ye Accawmacke GC (T)

We made it! It all began with a lucky jar picked up at the VFGC convention in March 2019. Susan Grove and I both agreed: we could do this!

And so, we did:
Penny Pines donations for all 50 states and Puerto Rico!



Pictured L-R: Diane Custis; Betty Farley; Lou Bloxom; Diane Bowers; Wanda Smith, outgoing president; and Melinda Ashley, incoming president.

Ye Accawmacke Garden Club is located on the Eastern Shore, on the lower portion of the Delmarva peninsula and separated from the rest of Virginia by the Chesapeake Bay. At first, our goal was to support the Penny Pines project – a way of helping nationally by remembering the areas in our country damaged by natural disasters – until we decided to support all 50 states! We simply passed the jar at every meeting beginning April 2019 and ending November 2022, even with cancellation of many meetings due to the pandemic. Little did we know then that no club had accomplished this goal, so we set forward with dedications in honor of or in memory of others or events.

“This is a group of the most generous and supportive women with every project we approach, and we all share in the honor of accomplishing this for our club, district, and state,” said Wanda Smith, president of Ye Accawmacke GC. “It is our hope to inspire other clubs to increase their support of Penny Pines. Our country really needs our support now in so many ways.”

To continue our efforts for Penny Pines, we offer our “lucky jar” to a club which would like to take on this challenge. I will be delighted to pass it along to your club with our best wishes!

Gretna Garden Club Identifies Plants Along Trail

Submitted by Ann Brown, Gretna GC (SC)

The Gretna Garden Club spent an evening in June identifying and marking trees and plants along a new wooded walking trail. The Whitehorn Trail Extension begins at the cul-de-sac at the end of Industrial Street, where you will walk through



the woods to a bridge that crosses a stream. After crossing the bridge, you can go either right or left following the loop back to the bridge. The original Whitethorn Trail has two access points near Centra Gretna Medical Center.

Along this loop, members of Gretna Garden Club have identified many trees and plants, marking them with pink flags and name plates. Look for running cedar, American holly, a royal paulownia tree, wild grapevine, a swamp magnolia, blackberry vines. and milkweed that is the reproductive plant for the Monarch butterfly. We invite you to enjoy an informative nature walk on the new Whitethorn Trail Extension.

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

Oxford GC Members Spread Holiday Cheer

Submitted by Patricia Parsons, Oxford GC (P)

On December 6, the Oxford Garden Club held a "Gardens of Gifting" workshop at the Manwood Temple of Masons. Of the 32 active members, 18 participated as Evelyn Klumb led us step by step in fashioning festive holiday arrangements. The club furnished red carnations, white chrysanthemums, pinecones and materials to ensure all had everything they needed to follow Evelyn's well-paced instructions. Members brought their own greens, and some brought fragrant rosemary from their herb gardens. The objective of the workshop was that each member reach out to a neighbor with the surprise gift of her arrangement. Beside discovering a new floral design, we had the pleasure of spreading a bit of good cheer among our neighbors.

Thomas Jefferson Celebrates 90 Years with April Flower Show

Submitted by Linda Wood, Thomas Jefferson GC (P)

Thomas Jefferson Flower Shows; Past and Present
Celebrating 90 years!

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show
Presented by The Thomas Jefferson Garden Club

At Trinity Lutheran Church
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Thursday, April 27, 2023, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart.*
- Ranier Maria Rilke



Magnolia "Banana Shrub"
Photo by Bonnie Satterthwaite
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Robin's Nest in *Styrax* x
Japanese Snowbell Tree
Photo by Becky Sido
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Daffodil "Ice King" and
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