



A **Penny Pines** certificate is a special way to honor a member. The award represents the planting of 200 or more trees in a National Forest due to disease, flooding, or fire. This year, in particular, and especially in California and Oregon, forest fires are raging. We are making a difference in our National Forests!

At the fall VFGC board meeting, we were honored to award a Penny Pines certificate to Sharon Jones for her outstanding work on our VFGC website. Thank you again, Sharon!

VFGC Garden Clubs have contributed 41 Penny Pines plantations so far this year thru August 2020. We are so proud that all 6 districts have participated as follows: Blue Ridge: 10; Shenandoah: 14; Piedmont: 4; South Central: 3; Southwest: 3; Tidewater: 6; VFGC state board: 1.

In 2019, I visited 2 of the 8 USDA National Forest District offices in Virginia. I was pleasantly surprised with the office displays and information provided. The district office locations can be found at [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov). Let me know if you visit one.

Thank you for supporting this project.  
Joy Poole, Penny Pines Chairman