

November EDITION OF THE VFGC, INC. NEWSLETTER



ROOTED

ODG Winter Deadline: November 1, 2023
State Judges Council Meeting November 6, 2023
NGC Judges Symposium: November 6-8, 2023
Happy Thanksgiving: November 23, 2023
Awards Deadline: December 1, 2023

Don't forget!

Hello VFGC,

What a wonderful fall this has been. Traveling through Virginia, visiting districts, what a treat! The colors, falling leaves, so beautiful. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting each district and I learned so much too. The clubs and districts are busy and all supporting VFGC. What more could one ask for! Each district is unique and special.

Please note the new ODG, with larger pages, more color...like a magazine. Club presidents, do send this newsletter and ODG to your members.

Another big change and this has to do with TREX...before delivering to your drop off center you need to take a picture of the plastic with the number of pounds. I know...but please keep up the great work.

Enjoy Symposium, if you are attending, I know the instructors will be great and we always learn something new.

Do remember: "Every Person Makes a Difference", all of you make a difference.

Val Story

Resource for Native Plants within Specific Regions of Virginia

Plant Virginia Natives



With the ever-increasing focus on planting and promoting native plants, there are several recently published books focused on specific regions of Virginia. With each region's unique aspects, these regional plant guides are an incredible resource. Extensive research was conducted utilizing knowledgeable resources and partnering with a variety of agencies to produce quality guides to assist gardeners in supporting wildlife, improving soil fertility, and protecting our water resources. The guides may be purchased online or locally at garden centers.

Specific regions include:

Ridge & Valley

Rappahannock

Richmond

Piedmont

Southern Piedmont

Southwest Virginia

Northern Neck

Northern Virginia

Eastern Shore

Hampton Roads

Links:

Plant Virginia Natives - <https://www.plantvirginiannatives.org>

Digital Plant Atlas of Virginia Flora – <http://www.vaplantatlas.org>

Flora of Virginia Project - <https://floraofvirginia.org>

Apps:

Flora of Virginia (developed by the Flora of Virginia Project)

Submitted: Stephanie Selmer, Rose Cliff Garden Club

CONGRATULATIONS to **Gail Goodrich Harwood**, Editor, Old Dominion Gardener and Footprints. Gail recently received well deserved, national recognition from The American Society of Botanical Artists.

CLUB NEWS:

Partnership of the Rose Cliff Garden Club with the Ikebana of Richmond and the Shenandoah Valley Art Center (SVAC)

In mid-October, three **Rose Cliff Garden Club** members designed an Ikebana landscape floral display for the SVAC display window for the recent Fall Foliage Festival in downtown Waynesboro. The design was titled, A Walk Through the Woods, and consisted of floral materials from our local gardens highlighting the beauty of our area.

Two members of Rose Cliff are also members of the Ikebana of Richmond club following the Sangetsu School of Ikebana. The Sangetsu School of Ikebana was established by the visionary and master artist Mokichi Okada in June 1972. His style of arranging formed the basics of the school. The foundation of the Sangetsu School is based on:

- Arrange naturally
- Arrange quickly
- Arrange as if you were painting a picture
- Arrange in harmony
- Arrange flowers with joy

This was a rewarding collaborative activity that was thoroughly appreciated by the SVAC and the many visitors to the Fall Foliage Festival.

Designers:

Helena Arouca, Rose Cliff Garden Club & Ikebana of Richmond
Grace Morris, Rose Cliff Garden Club & Ikebana of Richmond
Stephanie Selmer, Rose Cliff Garden Club

Submitted by: Stephanie Selmer



Members of the **Buckingham Dillwyn Garden Club** provided instruction and advice on creating floral arrangements to Buckingham 4-H members. The 4-H members created arrangements to enter in the youth division flower show of the Five County Fair. Of the entries from the Buckingham 4-H members, 3 won blue ribbons, 5 won red ribbons, and 5 won white ribbons.



Nathaniel Cawsey Garden Club
Invites you to Save the date ~May 1, 2024
Country Club of Petersburg
“Making Memories – Alfresco Style”
Featuring
Floral Demonstration by
Jennifer Mackintosh

Details to follow

VFGC CLUB FLOWER SHOWS:

Our VFGC President, Val Story, loves Flower Shows! So do club members! So, **if your club is planning a Flower Show open to the public, please send basic information to rootedvfgc@gmail.com** so it can be listed here in future editions of **ROOTED**. There may be club road trips in everyone's future to see your club's Flower Show!

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**A NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB STANDARD FLOWER
SHOW**

**PRESENTED BY
THE MIDDLEBURG GARDEN CLUB**



**EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
105 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA**

**Thursday, November 30th, 2023
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, December 1st, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Marketplace
Free and Open to the Public**

**Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
South Atlantic Region
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Shenandoah District**

ROADTRIP to Middleburg, anyone?

THE IDEA EXCHANGE:

Every VFGC Garden Club strives to sponsor great programs. But where can a club find new program ideas? **Please share information about your club's favorite programs and contact info by sending it to: rootedvfgc@gmail.com for THE IDEA EXCHANGE.**

While the Old Dominion Gardener is published quarterly, ROOTED can be sent monthly. So please submit articles or information you want to share before the next ODG is published to rootedvfgc@gmail.com. (ODG deadlines are: August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1.) For either publication, please submit photos in jpeg format as a separate file. Please submit text in Word format.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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