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Don't forget!

VFGC Dues Deadline June 1
NGC Convention June 2-5, Denver
National Garden Week June 2-8
Independence Day July 4

Hello VFGC Members,

My, did VFGC have a great convention at the Boar's Head Resort. The facility, staff and food were all good. The vendors were varied and did well selling their wares. The speakers were entertaining and well attended. And, of course, the Awards presentation was certainly good. And let's not forget the Flower Show!! Many thanks to all who helped!

I have recently returned from the NGC Convention which was also very good, located west of Denver. The Rockies were beautiful, still covered in snow. Of course, I learned a thing or two which I hope to work on very soon....one, offering the ability to have a Virtual Club in VFGC. The possibilities are endless.

VFGC did very well in the NGC awards category...congratulations to all the winners and Certificates of Merit. Our own VFGC/SAR Scholarship recipient also received an NGC Scholarship. Congratulations Ashleigh!

VFGC has some leftover umbrellas that were given out at the convention...I will be bringing these to upcoming meetings... Ha, Ha, for sale now.

The 2025 Convention is in the works, Richmond being the location...Start planning now to attend April 27-28, 2025 and see Sally Harrison installed as the next VFGC President.

I will be starting the Club President zoom meeting soon. Be on the lookout for this. Also, we may be working on offering a subscription to the ODG, for those that might be interested in receiving a copy in the mail...more to come soon. But if you may be interested, let me know.

There are more and more flower shows on the horizon! I think this is terrific! Keep them coming! (See the announcements on pages 12-13.)

One more thing, please remember," Every Person Makes a Difference" and all of you do!

Val

THE NGC CONVENTION:



Above: Frances Thrash presented a workshop at the NGC Convention. This was well attended and by a lot of judges too. She did an excellent presentation talking about basic designs, discussing the elements and principles.

Below: some of the SAR members attending the convention (unfortunately not all are pictured) and SAR Presidents with SAR Director.



BLUE STAR and GOLD STAR MEMORIAL PROGRAM

The **Blue Star Program** honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now NGC, Inc.) adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed along the way. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war as well as in churches and businesses.

Gold Star Families is a non-profit organization created to provide support to those who have lost a loved one in service to our country through the United States Armed Forces. Their mission is to offer honor, hope and healing through remembering fallen heroes by coming together. The name Gold Star came from the custom of families of service members hanging a banner called a service flag in the window of their homes. The service flag had a star for each family member in the United States Armed Forces. Blue Stars represented living service members while a Gold Star represented those who had lost their lives. NGC clubs work with Gold Star Families to honor our fallen heroes with **Gold Star Markers**. Guidelines can be found on the NGC website.

The Nathaniel Cawsey Garden Club of Hopewell (Piedmont District) has maintained their Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker located on Route 36 mid-way between both entrances to the Fort Gregg-Adam's Headquarters (formerly Fort Lee) since the installation in July 2014. Over the years, a club member was assigned the duty of placing a wreath on the marker three times a year. During the 2022-23 club year, new members Anna Noland and Peggy Rivenbark decided that honoring our Armed Forces should be done all year long, not just on Veterans or Memorial Day. Beginning in November of 2022, wreaths were placed on the Blue Star Memorial Marker that reflected each month's season or holiday. Each month, Anna Noland designs and creates a wreath with a coordinating bow. Club members assist Anna with taking down the old wreath and installing the new one. Our club hopes that our endeavors will serve as inspiration for other Garden Clubs throughout Virginia. (Photos submitted by Anna Noland).



CLUB NEWS:

On May 21st, the **Rustburg Garden Club** met at Wool Branch Farm, a Flower Farm in Concord Virginia owned by Amy and Adam Bigham. Amy had picked buckets of flowers for members to make beautiful arrangements to take home. As she assisted with the arrangements both answered questions about their farm. A great evening of fun and fellowship was had with our favorite friends and flowers!

(Submitted by Paula Yancey, President Rustburg Garden Club)



VFGC Flower Show and Landscape Design Schools Are Scheduled:

CONSIDER ATTENDING VFGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL:

Do you realize that you can attend either school just to learn without being required to take a test? Many Flower Show judges started out that way and realized they wanted to also take the course for credit. Brochures for both Flower Show School and Landscape Design School follow.

Flower Show School
Course III
A National Garden Clubs, Inc. School

August 26-29, 2024

Roanoke Council of GC Building
3640 Colonial Ave.
Roanoke, VA 24018
540-343-4519

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs



VFGC President – Val Story

For more information contact:

Flower Show School Chairman – Frances Thrash
2109 Cocoa Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-2213
francesthresh@cox.net
757-481-3484 or 757-478-5791

Flower Show School – Course III

Date: Aug 26-29, 2024

Location: Roanoke Council of GC Building, 3630 Colonial Ave., Roanoke, VA 24018

Design: Kathleen Kawryluk

Kathleen will teach creative designs.

Horticulture & Flower Show Procedure: Darlene Newell

Darlene will teach FSP, cut hosta, & combination plantings

Attendance at all Sessions is Required for Credit

Schedule:		
Monday, Aug 26	3:45 – 6 pm	Flower Show Procedure
Tuesday, Aug 27	8:00 – 9:00 am	FSP Exam
	9:15 am – 3:30 pm	Horticulture/Lunch
	3:45 – 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test

Wed., Aug 28	8:00 – 9:00 am	Horticulture Exam
	9:15 am – 3:30 pm	Design
	3:45 – 5:45 pm	Point Scoring Test
Thursday, Aug 29	9:00 – 10:00 am	Design Examination

Hotel Information: Suggested hotel is Holiday Inn Tanglewood, 4468 Starkey Road, Roanoke, VA 24018. 540-613-8760

Required Books to have:

Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, NGC Exhibiting & Judging, both available on the NGC Website for purchase or Handbook may be downloaded.

Flower Show Procedure will cover an explanation of Education Division and judging education exhibits; explanation of Youth/Sponsored Groups division; requirements to become an accredited flower show judge; judging etiquette & ethics; review of schedule writing with emphasis on format & general rules.

Horticulture will cover creating a horticulture schedule with sections & classes; discussion of club competition award, review of general requirements for NGC horticulture TEAs; review of qualities found on Horticulture Point Scoring Form and commenting vocabulary

Design will include creating a design schedule with sections & classes; creative staging options, creative design general characteristics; elements & principles as they relate to creative design; dynamic balance, plastic organization, juxtaposition and abstraction. General requirements for TEA Designer’s Choice and Club Competition; Review of judging qualities found on the design point scoring form and design commenting vocabulary

Darlene Newell

Flower Show Procedure & Horticulture

Darlene is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure, Symposium Instructor and Daffodil Judge. She has lectured in over 26 states. In 1974, she joined the Woodland Oaks GC where she held several offices and later became the WV Appalachian District Director. She is a life member of WVGC and the NGC, and a member of the hosta and daffodil societies. She serves on the NGC Board of Directors as the Horticulture Instructors Chairman. On the state level she is the WV Flower Show Schools and Judges Chairman. In 2001, she founded the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal Project. To date, hundreds of volunteers have provided over 25,000 hot meals on Thanksgiving Day. Darlene is a retired registered nurse and nursing home administrator.

Kathleen Hawryluk

Design

Kathleen Hawryluk is a member of Naples Garden Club, Gulf Coast Garden Club and Ikebana International #160. She served for three years as Chair of the Naples Flower Show. She is an accredited National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge, and has held the positions of: Director of Florida Judges Council District IX; President of Naples Ikebana International #160; Director of District IX; President of CFAA (Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas); President of Naples Garden Club. She is a certified Judges Flower Show School Design

Instructor and a certified Sogetsu Instructor (Ikebana). Kathleen gives floral demonstrations nationwide, holds floral design workshops in her home studio and has had designs published in Design Dimension, NGC Calendar and the NGC Florida Calendar.

REGISTRATION FORM: Flower Show School-Course III

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Credit _____ Non-Credit _____

Full Course with/without exam \$150 _____
(Includes tuition, two lunches,
and reserved seating on Front
rows.)

Flower Show Procedure (Mon.) \$40 _____

Horticulture & Lunch (Tues.) \$75 _____

Design & Lunch (Wed.) \$75 _____

Manual will be e-mailed (free of
charge)

Printed Manual available at \$10 _____

Registration if preordered.

TOTAL _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

****No refunds after July 26, 2024**

Make check payable to **Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** with **Flower Show Schools**
in the memo line and mail to:

Brenda McManaway, Flower Show School Registrar, 5612 Bethlehem Road, Boones Mill,
Virginia 24065

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Course 3, Series 29

**Monday and Tuesday
September 30, October 1, 2024**

**Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
Education Classroom
1800 Lakeside Drive
Richmond, VA 23228-4700
Phone (804) 693-9393**

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Schedule:

Monday, September 30, 2024			
Time	Activity		Instructor
8:00 – 8:20am – 8:20am	Registration Welcome		
8:30am – 9:30am	Herbaceous Materials in the Landscape		Peggy Singlemann
9:40am – 10:40am	Landscape Design Process		Gordon Chappell
10:50am – 11:50am	Landscape Design Process		Gordon Chappell
11:50am – 1:10pm	LUNCH (The Café is convenient)		
1:20pm - 2:20pm	Woody Plants in the Landscape		Laurie Fox
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind		Laurie Fox
6:30pm	Group Dinner – place to be announced – pay on your own		
Tuesday, October 1, 2024			
8:30am - 9:30am	Sustainable Landscape: Self- sustaining Landscapes		Peggy Singlemann
9:40am - 10:40am	Graphics Interpretation		Gordon Chappell
10:50am - 11:50am	Creating Your Own Home Garden Landscaping Plan		Neal Beasley
11:50am - 1:00pm	LUNCH (The Café is convenient)		
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Creating Your Own Home Garden Landscaping Plan		Neal Beasley
2:10pm - 3:10pm	Creating Your Own Home Garden Landscaping Plan		Neal Beasley
3:15pm	Review – consultants not taking the exam may leave.		
3:30pm	Exam		

REGISTRATION

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL
Course 3 Series 29 Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2024

Registration Deadline: Sept. 20, 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ VA _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Fax: _____

Garden Club: _____ District: _____

Check if Refreshing _____ Are you a Master Gardener? yes / no
Is your garden club a member of VFGC? ___ Yes ___ No

PLEASE CHECK CORRECT BOX

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|--------------------------|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EXAM STUDENT | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NON-EXAM STUDENT | 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SINGLE DAY STUDENT – Monday ___ or Tuesday ___ | 50.00 |

TOTAL ENCLOSED **\$ _____**

Refunds can be given only for medical emergencies.

Make check payable: **VFGC Landscape Design School**

Mail to: LDS Registrar
Claudia Cosby Phone: 804 794-7798
3015 Mount Hill Drive
Midlothian, VA 23113-3923 E-mail: cosbych1205@gmail.com

LDS Chairman, Marty Bowers
Email: martbw@gmail.com Phone: 540 309-1676

LDS Co-chairman, Glenda Knowles
Email: ggknowles6@gmail.com Phone: 757 651-0401

Hotel accommodations at: Springhill Suites, Richmond North, 9701 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA. 804-266-9403.
Rate is \$109+ per night. You can use the link below. Cut-off date for block reservations is August 30.

Hotel offering your special group rate:
SpringHill Suites Richmond North/Glen Allen for 109 USD per nigh

INSTRUCTORS

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.

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 the Manager of Horticulture at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. As an Arborist, he assesses trees during the 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*.

Peggy Singlemann

Peggy Singlemann is nationally known as one of the foremost gardening experts. Her experience in the field is exceeded only by her infectious enthusiasm in sharing knowledge of best practices. She is a familiar figure as the longtime host and co-producer of Virginia’s only gardening TV show, *Virginia Home Grown*, on Virginia Public Media/PBS. Peggy is also prominent in this field for her transformative role renewing and overseeing the gardens and grounds of the historic estate Maymont in Richmond. She holds professional certifications as an arborist, horticulturist, and landscape designer and has greatly expanded knowledge in the gardening/landscape design fields through her national and regional speaking engagements, contributions to publications, and consulting work via her business, RVA Gardener LLC. In 2022, the Virginia General Assembly presented a commendation to Peggy for her outstanding guidance, restoration, and preservation of Maymont’s gardens, grounds, and arboretum over 38 years of service.

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

FLOWER SHOWS ARE PLANNED:

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 included in future editions of **ROOTED**. There may be club road trips in everyone’s future to see your club’s Flower Show!

Westchester Garden Club invites you to our flower show
SURPRISE! IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY!



Thursday, July 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

At Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs

3640 Colonial Ave., SW in Roanoke

Open and Free to the Public

See creative designs, beautiful horticulture, inspiring botanical arts and educational exhibits. Light refreshments.



SAVE THE DATE: JULY 22 at 1:00 p.m.
at Roanoke Council Garden Center

The Blue Ridge Judges Council invites you to the program *Thinking Outside the Box* by Kathy Ward, a National Garden Clubs accredited Flower Show Judge, VFGC's Flower Show Judges Symposium Chairman, and a recent presenter at CFAA (Creative Floral Arrangers of America).

Kathy will show you a new way to look at PVC pipe, dryer vent hose, gutter guard, blinds and other items from your local hardware store in a new light to add interest, pizzazz, and loads of creativity to your designs. You'll be amazed!

This exceptional and educational program is FREE! Opportunity tickets will be available on Kathy's designs.

Come join us on July 22nd!!! See you then.

For questions on either of these two events, contact

Janice Clem at tchokie@aol.com or at 540-977-1713 (home number)

SAVE THE DATE:

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW

September Interlude

An NGC Standard Flower Show

Thursday, September 12

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Green Spring Garden Club, Inc.
presents

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOMES TOUR

Saturday, December 7th, 2024
Williamsburg, VA

More Details: www.greenspringgardenclub.org

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 by the 8th of each month to rootedvfgc@gmail.com. **Every club has some news they can share at least once in 2024!**

ODG deadlines are: August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1. For either publication, please submit photos in jpeg format. Please submit text in Word format.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Sally Harrison, Editor, **ROOTED**, Email:rootedvfgc@gmail.com