



ROOTED

Don't forget!

Independence Day July 4
August 1, ODG Deadline
August 25 VFGC Finance Committee
August 26 VFGC Board of Directors
Flower Show School III, August 26-29

Hello VFGC,

Oh my, have our gardens and lawns suffered...At least some had rain last PM and maybe more tomorrow.

Flower Shows are increasing! I think this is wonderful! Another positive aspect to flowers shows is that several are applying for an NGC Achievement Awards. Flower Show School is in August and Landscape Design School will be in September. Brochures are included at the end.

Another goal working its way to completion is the list of club programs that were sent in by Club Presidents with their annual reports. Many sound very interesting. A partial list is included.

One more goal on the horizon is to investigate having a Virtual Club in Virginia. This was mentioned at the NGC Convention (in fact some are in place). What a thought. I have heard that some maybe interested...now to work on the how's and wherefores.

I have the NGC Certificates for Virginia awards, which I will distribute at the fall district meetings. They will be listed in the next issue of ODG.

The Path to Success is a very positive recognition at NGC Headquarters. Virginia will have a paver. Would the Districts be interested in purchasing a brick paver too which would be located by the VFGC paver? Let me know...these are \$250.00.

Also, please be aware that Plant America is alive and well. Virginia needs to apply for a grant up to \$2000. All the information is on the NGC Web site. Clubs in Virginia have won in the past. The grants help enhance and beautify our public areas and community gardens. Project grants to NGC member clubs help educate adults and children about the joys of gardening and create a pride throughout the community. Grants may be used for physical landscaping or environmental projects, or for horticultural or educational opportunities for the community.

Please remember "every person makes a difference".
Val

Have you thought about Bug Bites?

Flower shows are explicit about "bug bites". Sure, I get it, a "perfect specimen". (Kind of like the perfect over fertilized, wasteful, desert of a lawn. Oh, wait, this is the *large* soap box. Another time. Sorry.)

Times are changing, and we ALL need to do more for the environment... Maybe, just maybe, a new thinking in Flower Shows should be to allow a certain number of bug bites.

OR... make a category for "Bug Bites on hort spec/arrangements are Good".

All of the horticultural specimens or arrangements would have some sort of bug bite, and be identified as to the insect and the positive effects of that insect. One should now be PROUD to have an indication of certain bug bites in their garden... because those bug bites mean that one's garden is healthy and is providing an ecological balance for the entire food web; which ultimately includes us.

Examples -

1. Perfectly round circular holes are an indication that a native bee, called a Leaf Cutter Bee, has cut the circle to use as a partition in her tubed nest. 1,000 points for that!
2. Lots of caterpillars mean there are lots of soft, squishy, fat, protein rich bodies to feed baby birds that consume around 5-9,000 caterpillars/insects per clutch. Same!

Okay, as you know, I could go on. This is just a thought... Well, really it is a passion... kind of like mycorrhiza. You remember those...?



By Leslie Mack
Hill and Valley Garden Club

CLUB NEWS:

Galax Garden Club July Monthly Meeting

For our July 2 club meeting, it was decided to assemble and distribute patriotic flower arrangements to the Waddell Nursing Home residents in Galax. Members met at the Galax Public Library and put together beautiful, small arrangements and walked them across the street to the nursing home. The residents were delighted and appreciative with the red, white and blue arrangements for their rooms. It was a good day. Submitted by Suzan Hamilton, President



Great Ideas for Club Programs:

Listed below are a selection of programs clubs have enjoyed in the past year.

Jody Conway- Topic: Honey Bees, “More than just Honey”
Dandelion Springs Apiary. 804-404-2388; 804-669-5310
Uptowngirl @outlook.com

Art Chadwick- Topic: Orchids
Chadwick Orchids speak with Janis 804-598-7560

Bill Shanabruch – Topic: "Replacing Non Natives with Natives."
contact --reedycreekenvironmental@gmail.com and LERN

Cathy Mearthy- Topic: The Garden of Eden
GPMGA (Goochland Powhatan Master Gardener Association).
[contact--cdmccarthy@yahoo.com](mailto:cdmccarthy@yahoo.com)

Jim Kaeser,-Topic: Gillette Gardens
Chesterfield Coop extension Master Gardeners
[Contact--jimkaeser@gmail.com](mailto:jimkaeser@gmail.com)

Mark Dolfi-Topic: Black Bears of North Carolina and will be singing for us
contact-dolfimark@gmail.com

Holly Schott, Manager, Cross Creek Nursery, “Houseplants”

Nancy Knewstep, Williamsburg, “Shade Plants”

Lisa Trapp, “Capital Trails Gardens” – Capital Tree Project

John Donaldson, Richmond Rose Society, “Roses”

Donna Cottingham, “Plant It and Forget It”

Composting - Elissa Parish, Master Gardener for the Virginia Cooperative Extension office for Rockingham County. 540-564-3080

Blue Ridge Wild Life Center. CJ White 106 Island Farm Ln, Boyce, VA 22620 [\(540\) 837-9000](tel:5408379000)
Program was mainly on their raptors

Oak Hart Farm Shawna 822 Shepherd’s Mill Rd. • Berryville, VA 22611
shawna@oakhartfarm.com • 540-533-3096 (Tour of the farm and member cut flowers)

Boxwoods in the Garden by Mr. Ken Schumaker, Brookneal, VA. The husband of member Jean Schumaker. Mr. Schumaker was a professor at Lynchburg College and developed a company that planted, grew and sold boxwoods for many years. Williamsburg Virginia touts many of Ken’s plants.

Diane Burgess, Nationally Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, design program on “In the Oriental Manner”. Her email is burgessdiane@gmail.com and phone number is 804-784-6716.

Program by Ami Deel-Sanders from the Southwest Virginia Health Systems New Day Recovery Program

Program was on the Drug Recovery Program in Tazewell and Smyth County
Our group discussed ways that we could partner with this program in the future.

Mark Ragland *Kitchen Gardens*: contact number is 804-894-3106. He is a well-known speaker and often speaks at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. He recently was featured on PBS and has been published in *Country Gardens*.

Linda Taylor's color program was a big hit.

Mike Connolly's gourd program was enjoyed by all and he is returning for an additional hands on class.

Honey bees, bee keeping, honey tasting. Connor Parrish, Beekeeper and owner of Blossoming Roots Farm & Supply LLC

"Nature's Spring Fling", Native Perennials and Spring Ephemerals, with Theresa Agustin, Norfolk Botanical Garden VP of Education, South Hampton Roads Chapter of VA Native Plant Society.

Jim Jones – Natural Bridge State Park about the improvements and changes that are happening at the park. (pollinator garden and Dark Sky designation)
Antique Rose Tour-Old City Cemetery (Lynchburg) 434-847-1467

Birds in our Area, Tracey Hopper and Joanna Vondracek, members of the Piedmont Virginia Bird Club, birders@piedmontvirginiabirdclub.org

Boxwoods at the White House, Bennett Saunders, info@saundersbrothers.com
Bulb Forcing and Wreath Making Demonstration at Saunders Brothers Farm Market, Tom Saunders, info@saundersbrothers.com

Karen Tavakoli "Growing Native Shade Plants" and "in the Garden: Native Trees and Shrubs. "Sunny Native Gardens and Deck Containers." karen@karenfornature.com email and she is located in Bealton. Her speaker fee for us was \$75.

Heather Shanks-Given, CPTC, NRP who spoke about vultures and their importance to the environment. She brought her vulture with her (we went outside). We gave her a donation. hshankgivens@gmail.com 202-359-6735.

Bob Schermerhorn- Topic: Birds and Inground birdbath
Bob@iPhotobirds.com 804-929-6568

Sara Mallory- Topic: Flower arrangement and wreath making
Freckled Flower Farm. 804-317-2552

Connie Hilker- Topic: Antique Roses for Today's Gardens

Hartwood Roses.

Captain Mike Ostrander- Topic: Eagles on the James

Discover the James. 804-938-2350

“Creating a Coleus Topiary”. Speaker was Kendall Riggan. She is with the Va. Cooperative Extension Master Gardener/Heart of Virginia Master Gardeners Association.

“Nature’s Spring Fling”, Native Perennials and Spring Ephemerals, with Theresa Agustin, Norfolk
Botanical Garden VP of Education, South Hampton Roads Chapter of VA Native Plant Society.

The Propagation of Seeds by Pat Lust: lustpd@longwood.edu

Winter Sowing: Betty Dotson, dnbdotson@gmail.com

Getting a Blue: Margaret Craft, mhcraft@verizon.net

Pollinators: Diane Cornett, cornettdiane@gmail.com

“Composting for Better Soil” presented by Chesterfield Cooperative Extension Services, 9501 Lori Road Chesterfield, Va 804 752 4401 – Master Gardeners present this program.

Floral decorating demonstration by Betty Ann Galway: bettyann.galway@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Miller, Floral designer: Purcellville GC

Waterpenny Farm, Sperryville: Bill and Rachel Bynum. They grow specialty daylilies among other plants; Bill Bynum is a fungi expert.

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 are included at the end of this edition of Rooted.

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!

THE FOLLOWING FLOWER SHOWS ARE PLANNED:

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.

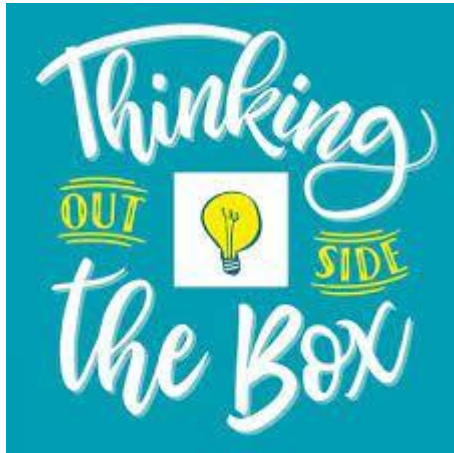
At Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs

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 call H:540-977-1713

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

GOOD VIBRATIONS

Designing to the music of

The Beach Boys

An NGC Design Specialty Show

Hosted by

Piedmont District Flower Show Judges Council of
Virginia Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

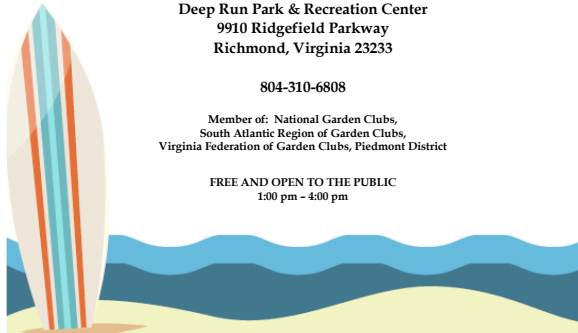
Monday, September 30, 2024

Deep Run Park & Recreation Center
9910 Ridgefield Parkway
Richmond, Virginia 23233

804-310-6808

Member of: National Garden Clubs,
South Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs,
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Piedmont District

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



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 add to the list of ideas included in this issue. **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

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. 540-774-4400**

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 (Includes tuition, two lunches, and reserved seating on Front rows.)	\$150 _____
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 Registration if preordered.	\$10 _____
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

- [] EXAM STUDENT \$100.00
- [] NON-EXAM STUDENT 100.00
- [] 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: gknowles6@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