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COVER PHOTO

"Train Your Leaves to Fall
into the Wheelbarrow"
by Marie Butler
Lynnhaven Heritage GC (T)

Fall Gallery

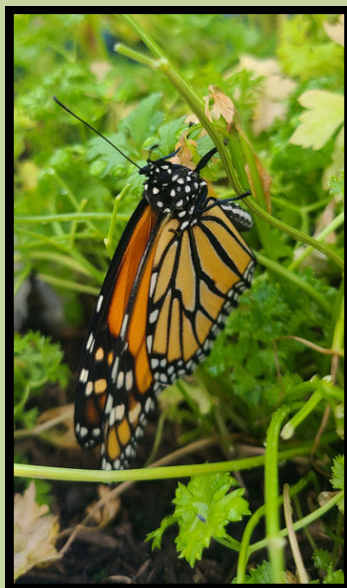
"Autumn is a second spring, where every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus



"A Few Bees Enjoy Breakfast"

Photo by Diane Cornett
Town and Country GC (SW)



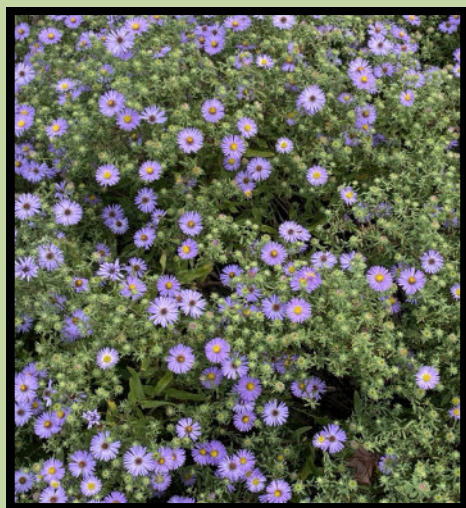
Monarch

Photo by Cheryl Kobuchar
Lynnhaven Heritage GC (T)



American Beautyberry

Photo by Shirley Edillon
Sugar Loaf GC (BR)



Autumn Asters

Photo by Janice Beatty
Salisbury GC (P)



Gourds Galore!

Photo by Debbi Babashanian
Lake Smith Terrace GC (T)



Turkey Tail Fungi

Photo by Linda Feeley
Old Ivy GC (P)

President's Message



Hello, VFGC!

Gardeners must have musical talents also... in June, July and August, VFGC has been "busting out all over." June was a busy month with National Garden Club Week that coincided with the exceptional National Garden Club Convention held in Denver, CO. Virginia was well represented with a couple of husbands attending, too. The venue was lovely, the programs and workshops were interesting and educational. The views were spectacular, and we could see the Rocky Mountains from our hotel windows!

National Garden Club has offered an opportunity for each state to be represented on the NGC Headquarters "Path of Success". Virginia will be represented by a state paver, and I encourage districts and members to purchase individual pavers to honor or remember a friend or family member. See page 14.

Congratulations to VFGC, Districts, Clubs who were recognized at the NGC Awards Ceremony. See the complete list on page 8. The awards will be distributed at the upcoming district meetings.

This summer, we have had numerous Flower Shows, with many more planned this fall on into 2025. This is such a great way to include the community. The Judges Council met during the VFGC Convention...and again during Symposium. Flower Show School is at the end of August. Landscape Design School is just around the corner...see the schedule and registration form, p 17.

The fall board meeting is August 26 in Roanoke (Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs), with a new and interesting format. In the afternoon we will have a speaker discussing ways to promote VFGC through marketing, membership, and virtual methods. A "must see"...for those interested, you may certainly attend (even if not on the board).

I cannot stress enough that VFGC clubs apply for "Plant America" Grants. This is a way to support your club/organization for a project to enhance gardens, schools, libraries, blue stars, and such. Grants are awarded up to \$2000...but you can apply for less. Virginia clubs have won in the past...let's do so again. The deadline for grant application is October 15. See page 12 for details..

Thank you, Virginia, for just being you....

Val

Everyone Makes a Difference

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

SEPTEMBER INTERLUDE

An NGC Standard Flower Show

Presented by

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT



Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs
3640 Colonial Ave., SW
Roanoke, Virginia 24018
540.343.4519

Thursday, September 12, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Open and free to the public

Flower Shows!

GOOD VIBRATIONS

Designing to the music of

The Beach Boys

An NGC Design Specialty Flower 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

SPOTLIGHT

College Research Project: Environmental Microbiology

Ashleigh Mann,
Longwood University

Meet **Ashleigh Mann**
our VFGC Scholarship Winner
Junior at Longwood University
Ashleigh is also the Scholarship Winner for the South Atlantic Region and is the recipient of a \$3500 scholarship from National Garden Clubs, Inc. She is a first-generation college student.
Read about her research - and be proud and hopeful

This two-year project focused on sampling for *Legionella pneumophila* in roof harvested rainwater systems across the Piedmont region of Virginia and North Carolina. Sampling was conducted because of the potential human health risk associated with *Legionella*:

Legionella is naturally found in aquatic environments as well as man-made systems and can be responsible for Legionnaires' disease and Pontiac fever

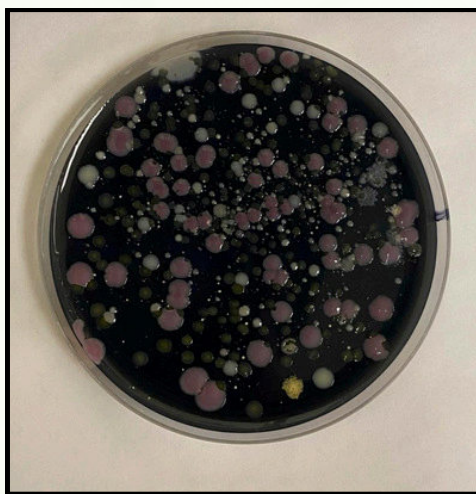
- Legionnaires' disease is a potentially lethal strain of pneumonia caused by breathing in small droplets of water that contain Legionella
- Pontiac fever is a non-lethal respiratory illness similar to Legionnaires' disease

The purpose of the study was to determine the presence of *Legionella pneumophila* in the rainwater harvested systems and determine if any environmental factors contributed to the growth of the bacteria, and then formulate design and maintenance recommendations for homeowners to reduce the growth of bacteria inside of the system.

My studies at Longwood are focused on environmental science with a concentration in life science. I'm also pursuing a minor in French! I've been working in the field of environmental microbiology so far, but as I enter my junior year of college I'm hoping to intern at a state or national park. Career wise: I'm hoping to earn a position working at a national park preferably one with a wildlife population, as part of the reason I majored in environmental science is my love for animals.



A roof-harvested rain collection system



A plate showing water-borne bacteria

VFGC and Clubs from All Six Districts Recognized at the National Level

Heidi Sage, VFGC Awards Chair

The top National award is the Award of Merit. Green Hills, Shenandoah District, earned it for their Environmental Education Project with Youth – involving the Boxerwood Nature Center.

For **VFGC**, the Website and the *Old Dominion Gardener* magazine each earned Certificates of Appreciation.

In the **Blue Ridge District**, the Westchester Garden Club earned the Certificate of Appreciation for their Newsletter.

Buckingham /Dillwyn in the **South Central District** earned the Certificate of Appreciation for their Beautification Project: decorating a Historic Building.

In the **Tidewater District**, Colonial Heritage Garden Club's Floral Design Program received the Certificate of Appreciation. The District earned the Green Rosette Ribbon for their Standard Flower Show "Fall Reflections".

In the **Southwest District**, Seasons IV received the Certificate of Appreciation for their Horticulture Education for Youth application. Abingdon received two certificates – one for their Education for Youth program and the other for National Garden Week activities.

The **Shenandoah District** Newsletter, *Shenandoah Sharings* received the Certificate of Appreciation, as did five clubs. Culpeper was recognized for their Membership Awareness award, as was Green Hills for their Landscaping of an Historic Marker. Green Hills also earned the high honor, the Certificate of Merit for their Environmental Education Project with Youth. Madison was recognized for their website, their newsletter and two of their student poets. Cedar Run's third grade poet was also recognized. Lake of the Woods received certificates for three awards: Digital Media Presentation for their Winter Wonderland, Permanent Community Improvements, and their Educational Publication: a Garden Tour.

Piedmont District earned the most Certificates of Appreciation. Violet Bank earned a certificate for their Beautification Project – decorating the Violet Bank Museum. Oxford was recognized for their Beautification Project- of the Manwood Temple of Masons. Town & Country received the certificate for their Roadside Plantings. Sleepy Hollow received three certificates: for their Publication, *Year End Look Back*, Floral Design Program, and their Community Project with Native Plants/Wildflowers. Thomas Jefferson received one for their Environmental Education Project with Youth and another for Landscaping Public Grounds. Hilliard Park received three: National Garden Week, Therapy Garden with Habitat for Humanity, and Landscaping Religious Grounds. Rappahannock Garden Club of White Stone received a Certificate of Appreciation for their Club Brochure. Salisbury Garden Club earned eleven Certificates of Appreciation for the following: Community Gardens, a Plant together Project; for Therapy Gardens at Spring Arbor Nursing Home; for Membership Awareness; for their Newsletter, for their Membership Brochure, for their Website, and for National Garden Week, for their Horticulture Education for Youth Project; and for their Environmental Education Project with Youth. Most impressive!

Congratulations to all!

Young Virginia Poets Recognized by NGC

Heidi Sage, VFGC Awards Chair

Virginia is proud to announce the three winners in third, fourth and fifth grade poetry contests who not only placed first at the regional level, but also earned Honorable Mention from the National Garden Clubs, Inc.. You may find the complete anthology of poems on the NGC website, Youth & Scholarships page, 2023 Poetry Contest.

**The theme for 2023 - 2024 was
"I Spy with My Little Eye, Something Green Outside – Celebrating Our Green World"**

"Nature"

**Trees are green,
Grass is green,
Nature is beautiful.
Water is green,
Seaweed is green,
The world is beautiful.
Water is blue,
Fish are gray,
The outdoors is beautiful.
The water is cool,
I put my hand
In the water
And feel the cold.
I feel the breeze
In the wind.
The environment is beautiful.**

by Jackson Atkins, third-grade winner,
sponsored by
Cedar Run GC,
Shenandoah District.

"The Green Day"

**The trees are turning green,
The thorns are looking mean,
The river is now clean,
Wildlife taking the whole scene,
Celebrating green.**

by Wyatt Stone, fourth-grade winner,
sponsored by
Madison GC,
Shenandoah District.

"The Great Green World"

**All the green makes me want to sing
About the beautiful world
Lush and green and pure beauty.
All the beautiful green.**

by Adelaide Moeller, fifth-grade winner,
sponsored by
Madison GC,
Shenandoah District.

The upcoming school year **2024 – 2025 will have a new theme: "My Garden has Vegetables to Spare That I Can Share – Helping Fight Hunger by Sharing Vegetables from Our Garden"**.

Any student from K-9th grades and special education K-9th grades may enter.

Entries are judged by the clubs, then the winners are sent on to the district awards chairman by posted dates, typically mid-November.

To access the Guidelines, go to the NGC website site/Youth Poetry Contest.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Add Interest and Environmental Protection to Your Garden

Martie Parch, Horticulture Chair

If you want to add multi-season interest in your garden, plant ornamental grasses. Their wispy looks create texture and movement as well. With so many varieties, it's easy to find one that suits your taste and needs.

Some grasses are drought tolerant and hold the soil in place while others are chosen for their bright fall colors. They also provide food and cover for birds and butterflies.. Care is minimal, in that grasses need only to be sheared to a few inches in late winter/early spring.



One type we often see in gardens is *Calamogragis* 'Karl Foerster', commonly known as reed grass. It forms large clumps of tall green leaves that grow up to six feet and show big, feathery plumes through the winter. Another variety with fluffy plumes is fountain grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*). Its graceful appearance seems to dance in the breeze. It is, however, invasive in some areas, so always check your plant zone.

There are quite a few native grasses available in Virginia. Planted in masses, Muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) makes a delicate addition to borders with its fine, pink or white cloud-like blooms. Switchgrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*) and Indian grass (*Panicum virgatum*) are native plants that grow 3 to 6 feet tall in sun or part shade. Their upright habit can soften hardscapes, and their leaves add bright colors to the fall season.

Little bluestem (*Schizachrium scoparium*) is a native grass that is low-growing and a perfect solution to edging a border. It is very drought tolerant and has thin, blue-green foliage that changes to a coppery shade in autumn.

From wildlife protection and erosion control to soil benefits and year-round interest, ornamental grasses are a great choice for any garden.

Sources:
Chicagobotanic.org
MGNV.org
UMN.edu

Trex: Company with a Purpose

Emily Whitacre, Trex Company, Inc.

Trex is the world's No. 1 brand of wood-alternative decking and railing with over 30 years of experience. The company's history began in the late 1980's by an engineer with a bread crumb business. He was turning multiple truckloads of unwanted bread loaves into poultry feed. In an effort to recycle his bread bags, he perfected a way to combine shredded plastic with saw dust to make a long-lasting building log. He sold his technology to Mobil Oil in the early 90's, and they then merged with Mobil in 1996. Trex became a public company in 1999.

Trex global headquarters is located in Winchester, VA. Trex has manufacturing facilities in Winchester, VA and Fernley, NV. A third factory is being constructed in Little Rock, AR. Trex employs over 1,700 full-time employees worldwide. Our product is sold all over the US and in 43 international countries. As reported in our 2023 Sustainability Report, Trex sourced more than 320 million pounds of waste polyethylene film last year. Over its lifetime, Trex has diverted and recycled more than 5 billion pounds of waste PE film, making us one of the largest recyclers in North America. "NexTrex" is the recycling label.

VFGC is part of the recycling program known as the "NexTrex Challenge" where schools and community organizations can sign up to recycle polyethylene film to earn a bench. Carolyn Nichols is our State Chair.

Trex decking boards are made from recycled polyethylene bags, wraps, films and packaging that is combined with wood waste, sawdust and co-products. The film is purchased from various commercial and community resources and the wood is obtained from cabinet and flooring manufacturers as well as tree waste from agricultural operations. Trex has a consumer program network of approximately 32,000 retail collections points in the US.

- To sign up, there is a simple registration form on the website <https://nextrex.com/>.
- Once you register your club, you will gain access to an online portal where you can opt in to participate.
- Trex will send your club recycling bins and posters for advertising at no charge.
- The website offers educational information to educate club members on the right and wrong types of plastic that are accepted as well as a list of retailers in your state that are selling their plastic to Trex via their distribution centers.
- The portal is where you will report to Trex how many pounds you have delivered as well as uploading a photo of your plastic to support your submission.
- Once your club reaches the minimum of 1,000 pounds in a 12-month period, Trex will award your club with a bench manufactured by Polywood. Polywood has the same recycling concepts as Trex but they are using rigid plastics to manufacture their furniture. Polywood has a whole line of Trex branded furniture that is designed to complement Trex's outdoor living ideas and can be purchased at <https://www.trex furniture.com/>.
- Clubs are welcome to participate year after year and are eligible for one bench per year. Questions can be directed to recycle@trex.com or 540-542-6930.

South Boston GC's VFGC Grant Project

Judy Ann Fray, Chair VFGC Grants to Beautify and Restore

In 2023, one VFGC garden club was awarded a VFGC Grant to restore beauty to their community. In 1996, South Boston Garden Club helped to sponsor the planting of 28 Crepe Myrtles in the median of Highway 501 North, the northern main entrance to the Town of South Boston in Halifax County, in VFGC's South Central District. Twenty-seven years later, it was necessary to replace seven of the trees that had been damaged or were no longer living due to weather issues.

A representative of South Boston Garden club met with their town officials and a local lawn and garden business to determine the work to be done. Dead Crepe Myrtles were to be removed and replanted by Reeves Garden Center. Ten South Boston Garden Club members removed the base foliage of existing trees. A VFGC Grant of \$800 provided the boost that the Club needed to get the job done! Dead trees were cut, roots removed, and new trees were planted and mulched in December 2023. The project cost, including in-kind labor, was \$2,025.00. In this very dry summer, the Club reports that the new Crepe Myrtles are blooming beautifully alongside the more mature, 27-year-old ones. SAFETY of members working in highway medians or roadsides is always a concern, and having town employees assisting with this type of project was a MUST.

We congratulate THE South Boston Garden Club for providing this restoration project that enhances the entrance to the town. When you happen to drive there, you will recognize a VFGC Garden Club project that actually began 27 years ago.

Apply for an NGC Plant America Grant

Through the Plant America Grant program, up to \$2,000.00 may be awarded to be used for direct expenses of projects. Projects submitted for receiving a grant may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects in communities may include:

- Beautification and/or restoration
 - Community gardens
 - School gardens/classrooms
- Landscaping for Habitat for Humanity Homes
- Landscaping of Blue Star Memorial Markers
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

Applications must be submitted by October 15.

To learn more and apply, go to:

<https://gardenclub.org/plant-america-community-project-grants>

Event Calendar

- Sept 15.....VFGC Grant Applications Due
- Sept 30-Oct 1.....VFGC Landscape Design School
- Oct 1.....VFGC Booth at State Fair, 3-7 pm
- Oct 2.....VFGC Booth at State Fair, 10 am - 3 pm
- Oct 3.....Tidewater District Fall Meeting
- Oct 10.....Shenandoah District Fall Meeting
- Oct 14.....Piedmont District Fall Meeting
- Oct 15.....NGC Plant America Grant Applications Due
- Oct 23.....Blue Ridge District Fall Meeting
- Oct 24.....South Central District Fall Meeting
- Oct 26.....Southwest District Fall Meeting
- Oct 23-27.....VMFA Fine Arts and Flowers
- Nov 1.....ODG Winter Deadline
- Nov 11-12.....VFGC Symposium, Roanoke
- Dec 1.....Awards Applications Due to District Chairs
- Apr 28-29.....VFGC 2025 Convention, Richmond



PENNY PINES Update

Violet Neel

40 Penny Pines Plantations have been donated to restore damaged land during the period January-July 2024



District Chairs - please report Penny Pines donations to: mvneel@yahoo.com

Blue Ridge District	3 Plantations	\$ 204
Piedmont District	12 Plantations	\$ 816
Shenandoah District	8 Plantations	\$ 544
South Central District	7 Plantations	\$ 476
Southwest District	7 Plantations	\$ 476
VFGC	3 Plantations	\$204
TOTAL	40 Plantations	\$2720

Recycling Progress NexTrex Challenge


Ten VFGC Clubs Have Recycled Over 1,000 Pounds of Plastic Film Since August 2023

Stonehenge, Violet Bank, Canterbury, Appomattox, Rappahannock County, South Boston, Green Thumb, Season's IV, Town and Country of Wise, Keysville


16 Other Clubs Are Well on Their Way

Rock Spring, Appomattox Hopewell, Cartersville, Salisbury, Wonder City, Hawthorne, Thomas Jefferson, Blue Ridge, West Hanover, Glen Burnie, Dogwood, Staunton River, Buckingham/Dillwyn, Sleepy Hollow, Ruth Adams, Lake Smith Terrace

Clubs interested in being part of this important project - a VFGC priority - review the NexTrex Challenge details on page 11.



National Garden Clubs
OFFICIAL WEBSITE



The permanent home and endowment trustees have approved the addition of a walking path to the NGC grounds: The NGC Path of Success

Roughly 1/4 mile long, the Path of Success will be a walking path located on the grounds of NGC's headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri and will link to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, spreading more awareness of NGC than ever before. This project will also serve as an educational platform, showing the rich history and mission of NGC.

Linked below is a form for regions, districts, clubs, affiliates and individuals to purchase a paver to be installed in the NGC Path of Success.

A second form to donate to this project is also linked below.

We thank you for your participation in this exciting new project!

[ORDER YOUR PAVER HERE](#)

[DONATE](#)

If you have questions regarding the NGC Path of Success or your paver order, please contact [Bill Trapp](#), NGC Executive Director.

Follow the NGC Path of Success on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

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www.gardenclub.org



VFGC Needs YOU!

Have you ever considered supporting your organization by participating at the State Board or Officer level? You know you'll get back much more than you contribute ...and you'll be making your world, and specially your state, a better place.

The time is now...so please do apply ...the application appears on the following page, or can be downloaded from the website:

<https://viriniagardenclubs.org>

Any questions, please contact me.

Mary Owen

Nominating Committee Chair

rxowen@aol.com / 434-390-3479

It's State Fair Time!

If you would like to have fun and introduce "kids of all ages" to horticulture and floral design, come on out and help with the VFGC hands-on activities at the State Fair.

October 1 - 3-7 pm

October 2 - 10-3 pm

To volunteer, contact VFGC

Coordinator Judy Durant

jgdurant@verizon.net

VFGC Symposium November 11-12, 2024

Judges, student judges and those who are just interested in learning more about horticulture and design, Plan on attending the Symposium November 11-12, 2024, at the Roanoke Council of Garden Club's Center in Roanoke. We have tremendous instructors for this Symposium

Lynn Fronk, an NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge and FSS Design and Procedure Instructor and former Garden Club of Ohio President, will be teaching us about Tapestry and Framed Spatial Designs. She will also be teaching the Allied Topic, Botanical Arts – Bonded Designs (Plaques and Collages). She has taught in 42 states and 7 Central American countries, judged major US flower shows, and her designs have been published in *Designing by Types*. She is on the NGC board and is currently serving as the NGC Symposium Chairman.

Jan Griffin, NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge and Horticulture Flower Show and Symposium Instructor will be our horticulture instructor. She will teach us about *Bromeliads* (Air plants, pineapples, quills, Spanish moss) and *Goepertia* (Prayer Plants, Peacock Plants). She will also be teaching an Allied Topic, Creative Horticulture Staging. When not teaching Symposium or Flower Show School, Jan teaches Floral Design classes in Florida. She is actively involved in the Florida Federation of Garden Club and the Florida FS Judges. Her comment to all her wonderful floral design friends is that you need great horticulture to create great designs!

For more information, or to receive a copy of the Symposium brochure, please contact Kathy Ward at klhward@gmail.com or 804-921-1021 or Claudia Cosby at cosbych1205@gmail.com or 804- 794-7798.

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
APPLICATION FORM FOR VFGC OFFICE
2025-2027 Term of Office Application Postmark Deadline – September 15, 2024

NAME_____PHONE_____

ADDRESS_____

City_____ Zip+4 _____ -_____

Name of present Garden Club(s)_____ District_____

A. List office, chairmanship or any other position held plus date served in the following:

- Garden Club_____
- District_____
- VFGC_____
- South Atlantic Region_____
- NGC_____

B. List membership in other organizations including position held:

C. . Work Experience_____

D. Educational Background_____

E. List any recognition and honors received_____

F. Computer skills: Word_____ Excel_____ Other (list)_____

G. Check if applicable:

NGC Accredited Flower Show Judge_____

NGC Accredited Landscape Design Consultant_____

NGC Other Accredited Consultant (Gardening Study, Environmental) _____

H. Are you familiar with Parliamentary Procedure as in Robert's Rules of Order? Yes__ No__

I. State position you are interest in:_____

(Application may be made for any position but there is no guarantee of consideration for a specific position.)

Please complete the application and email or mail by September 15
to the Nominations Committee Chairman: Mary Owen
434-390-3479 email: rxowen@aol.com
P.O. Box 206 Fork Union, Virginia 23055

VFGC Landscape Design School

Course 3 Series 29 Sept 30 - Oct 1, 2024

Sponsored by Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond
Registration Deadline September 20, 2024

SCHEDULE

TIMING	ACTIVITY	INSTRUCTOR
Monday, Sept 30		
8:00 am	Registration	
8:20 am	Welcome	
8:30 am-9:30 am	Herbaceous Materials in the Landscape	Peggy Singlemann
9:40 am-10:40 am	Landscape Design Process	Gordon Chappell
10:50 am-11:50 am	Landscape Design Process	Gordon Chappell
11:50 am-1:10 pm	LUNCH (Café is convenient)	
1:20 pm- 2:20 pm	Woody Plants in the Landscape	Laurie Fox
2:30 pm- 3:30 pm	Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind	Laurie Fox
6:30 pm	Group Dinner - Location TBD (pay on your own)	
Tuesday, October 1		
8:30 am- 9:30 am	Sustainable Landscape: Self-sustaining Landscapes	Peggy Singlemann
9:40 am-10:40 am	Graphics Interpretation	Gordon Chappell
10:50 am-11:50 am	Creating Your Own Home Landscaping Plan	Neal Beasley
11:50 am-1:00 pm	LUNCH (Café is convenient)	
1:00 pm- 2:00 pm	Creating Your Own Home Landscaping Plan	Neal Beasley
2:10 pm- 3:10 pm	Creating Your Own Home Landscaping Plan	Neal Beasley
3:15 pm	Review (Consultants not taking exam may leave)	
3:30 pm	Exam	

Course Location

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

Passing an exam is still necessary if you want to obtain NGC LDS Consultant certification. But....exams are now "open book/open notes." Four courses are still required for consultant certification but can be taken in any order. After completing two courses, you are eligible to join the Landscape Design Consultants Council and participate in their fabulous trips.

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

INSTRUCTORS - Landscape Design School

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. She 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.

REGISTRATION - LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL
COURSE 3 SERIES 29 September 30 - October 1, 2024
LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDEN, RICHMOND
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 20, 2024

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State____Zip_____

Email _____ Phone_____

Garden Club _____District_____

Check if Refreshing _____ 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: Mon __ Tues ___ 50.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Refunds can be given only for medical emergencies.

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Email: martbw@gmail.com Phone: 540 309-1676

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Start Date: Sunday, September 29, 2024

End Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Last Day to Book: Sunday, August 30, 2024

Hotel offering the VFGC special group rate:

SpringHill Suites Richmond North

9701 Brook Road, Glen Allen (804) 266-9403

special rate 109 USD per night plus taxes

Click this link to book your reservation:

[Book your group rate for Va Federation of Garden](#)

Garden Tours Bring Learning to Life

Donna Cottingham

Members of the Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council (VLDC) enjoyed a beautiful day of enhanced learning by visiting three magical gardens in Free Union, Virginia, near Charlottesville. While the VFGC Landscape Design School teaches ideas and principles, tours provide students an immersion in landscape design. Landscape Design School students who successfully complete one two-day course are eligible to join VLDC and participate in garden tours that expand their classroom education.

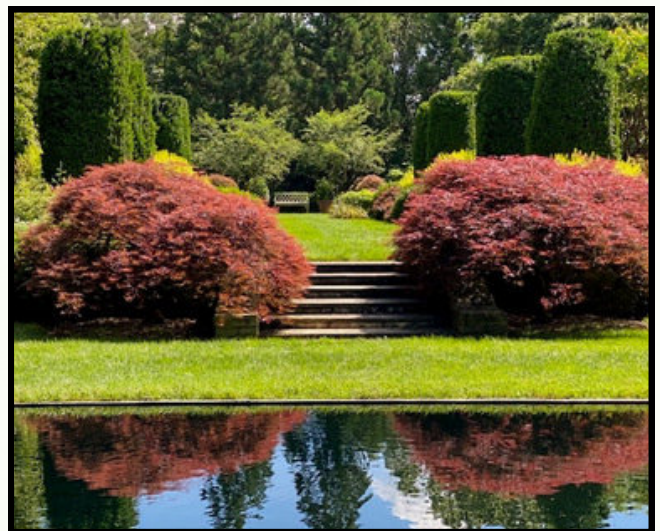


Two of the gardens visited recently were private residences, and one was a farm wedding and events venue. The private venues featured woodland gardens showcasing shade plantings and native grasses, delightful garden rooms, large kitchen gardens, and cutting gardens in full bloom. Mountain vistas, beautiful fountains, and unique garden sculptures added to the beauty of the gardens. Waterperry Farm consisted of many acres devoted to elegant garden rooms, meandering paths, parterres, and lovely color palettes, with the feel of a large botanical garden on grounds that were previously farm fields.

Susan Gaskill, VLDC Vice President, arranged the tours, and VLDC members attended from throughout Virginia. "I greatly enjoyed the spring garden tours. Many of the concepts introduced in landscape design classes were on display in the gorgeous gardens we saw," said Marguerite Mars, a member of Laurel Garden Club in Springfield, Virginia.



One of the gardens featured lush woodlands.



Careful plant selection results in beautiful color contrast.

Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council Civic Award for Landscape Design 2025

Melissa Damiano

The Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council consists of members who have completed at least one course of The Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs' Landscape Design School. The mission of the Council is to provide continuing education beyond the classroom, with meetings held twice a year that typically include garden tours. In addition, the Council also offers a Civic Improvement Award to a VFGC garden club for completion of a landscape design and installation project that enhances a community.

REQUIREMENTS

A project must be **completed between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.** The application for the award must be **submitted by February 15, 2025.** Award applications are limited to one per club per year. Awards will be presented at the VFGC Convention in April.

Civic Awards

First Place: \$200

Second Place: \$150

Third Place: \$100

Locations for Consideration:

- The enhancement of public buildings such as hospitals, schools, nursing homes, libraries and churches.
- The enhancement of recreational spaces such as outdoor classrooms, play areas and mini-parks.
- The enhancement of public sites such as city signage, boulevards, the entrance to a city or a public walkway.

Awards will be judged on the following scale of points:

- 40** **Visibility and benefit to the community**
- 25** **Impact and scope of the project**
- 15** **Sustainability of the project upon completion -- and plans for maintenance**
- 10** **Participation and collaboration with community groups**
- 10** **Participation of club members**

See the following page for the club application form.
For more information, contact Melissa Damiano, mtdamiano@aol.com.

**Application
Civic Improvement Award
Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council**

Part I.

Name of Applicant_____Address_____

Applicant email_____Applicant phone_____

Name of Garden Club_____Garden Club District_____

Project Location_____

Project Objective_____

Budget_____

Number of Garden Club Participants_____Number of Community Participants_____

Part 2.

Program Description: Please attach to this document one page, no longer, describing the project, plant selection, participation, the project's impact and how it benefited the community, and how the project will be maintained.

Part 3.

Photographs: Please attach to this document one page, no longer, of project photographs including before and after photos, if possible; participation, and other relevant photos that best illustrate your finished project.

Your completed application should consist of a total of 3 pages.

Send your award application to:

Melissa Damiano, 9436 Park Bluff Terrace, Chesterfield, VA 23838.

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IN MEMORIAM

We honor those we have lost but have not forgotten. They live on in our hearts, and memories of them are blessings.

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- Kathie Childers.....Garden Club of Bedford
- Eleanor Dillard.....Salem GC
- Vicki Piper.....Salem GC
- Shirley McGinty.....Southside GC
- Charlotte Kabler.....Westchester GC

Piedmont District

- Alois Ellis.....Crestwood Farm GC
- Jane McKinley.....Crestwood Farm GC
- Cheryl Esposito.....Midlothian GC
- Sondra Green.....Midlothian GC
- Jackie Southworth.....Northam GC
- Paul C. Gibert.....Rock Spring GC
- Phyllis Whitaker.....Thomas Jefferson GC
- Ann Sangston.....Westham GC
- Lauren Prince.....Windsor Farms GC

Shenandoah District

- Virginia Magura.....Calfee GC
- Thelma Cameron.....Glen Burnie GC
- Carolynne Pell.....Glen Burnie GC
- Frances Gregory.....Luray GC
- Nannette Crowdus.....Madison GC

South Central District

Gloria Gibson.....Appomattox GC
Eloise Thomas.....Appomattox GC
Janie L. Luck.....Rose & Garden

Southwest District

Caroll Chapman.....Four Seasons GC
Wanda Blevins.....Lee County GC
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Artie Bailey.....Town & Country GC

Tidewater District

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Dave Nelson.....Colonial Heritage GC
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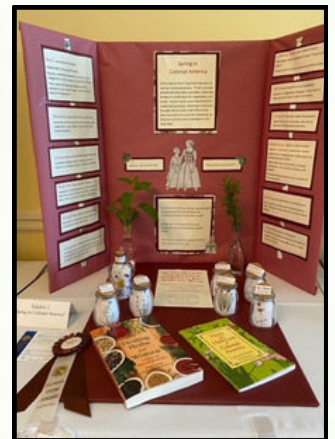
“It’s A Small World After All!” An NGC Petite Small Standard Flower Show Held at the Tidewater District Meeting

Adele Lundquist- Tidewater District Editor (T)

VFGC President, Val Story, has made one thing perfectly clear --- she likes flower shows. Because of Val’s interest and promotion in this area, Tidewater District President, Mary Dixon, came to realize that many Tidewater District members have never even been to a flower show. How can you encourage a garden club member who is a creative designer to enter a show when she is not familiar with it? In the same vein, how can you convince a member that the plants in her garden would be perfect specimens for the horticulture exhibit? So, instead of having a number of vendors at the spring meeting, Tidewater District held an NGC petite small standard flower show, entitled “It’s A Small World After All”. During breaks and free time, the members were able to see a simple flower show. It was inspiring and gave them confidence that surely they too can participate in the next NGC standard flower show.

Winners of specific categories were: First Place and Award of Design Excellence, Susan Atkins, Thoroughgood Garden Club; Award of Merit and Award of Horticulture Excellence, Iris Japonica, Frances Thrash, Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club; First Place and Educational Award, Gloria Nelson, Colonial Heritage Garden Club; and Award of Merit, Hosta “Blue Mouse Ears”, Frances Thrash.

Photos courtesy of Bev Hunter, Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club.



Blue Ridge Flower Show Judges' Council "Thinking Outside the Box"

Shirley Edillon - Blue Ridge District Editor (BR)

More than forty garden club members attended Kathy Ward's exciting program "Thinking Outside the Box" on July 22. Many took notes and lots of photos as they saw how including ordinary items from a big box or hardware store can bring pizzazz and an extra touch of creativity to designs. Four lucky attendees went home with one of Kathy's unique arrangements. This free program was sponsored by the Blue Ridge Flower Show Judges' Council.

This is one of Kathy's designs using fans made from temporary blinds. Notice how she painted some of the blind material to bring out the colors in the container. Gorgeous fragrant white rose lilies complete the design.



Nathaniel Cawsey GC Invests in the Future

Paige Owen, Nathaniel Cawsey GC (P)

Nathaniel Cawsey Garden Club of Hopewell has made a \$1,400 donation to the VFGC Scholarship Fund. Proceeds generated from the club's 2024 Garden Party were used to make this significant donation.

Jill Quinley, VFGC Scholarship Chair, applauds Nathaniel Cawsey GC and encourages other clubs or districts to consider donations to the Scholarship Fund. Essentially any monies raised or contributed can be used to help fund this important program - a true investment in our future - an appropriate way to celebrate club events and milestones or to memorialize or honor a club member.

Be sure to see the Spotlight article in this ODG issue where Scholarship Winner Ashleigh Mann shares the story of her research project.

Celebrating Independence!

Melissa Ray, Chester GC (P)

Chester Garden Club has begun a tradition of displaying patriotic floral designs in the Chester Library each year during the week of the 4th of July. The designs feature a red, white and blue theme, and designers use "Designer's Choice" as their design type.



Green Spring GC Hosts Annual Homes Tour

Green Spring GC (T)

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOMES TOUR

Saturday, December 7th, 2024
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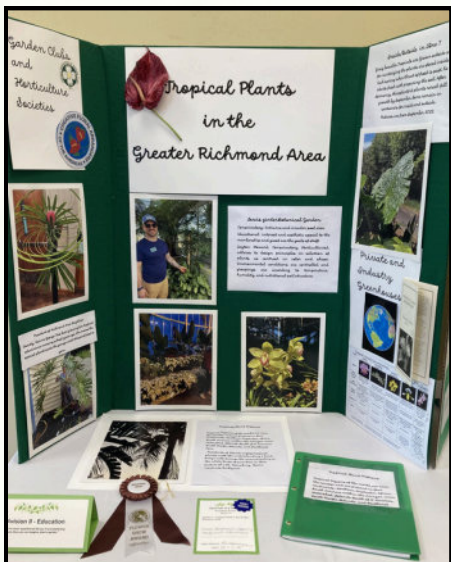
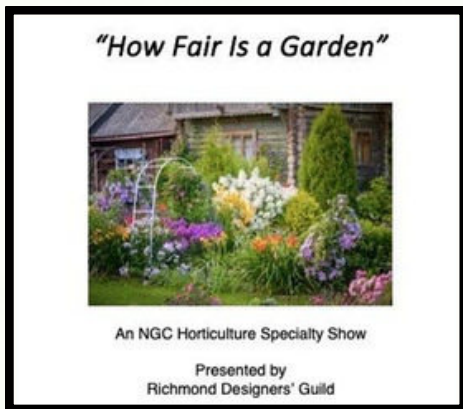
More Details: www.greenspringgardenclub.org

Thomas Jefferson GC's Flower Show

Thomas Jefferson GC (P)



Richmond Designers' Guild Flower Show



Rosecrest GC Hosts Holiday Gala

Lisa Cooley, Rosecrest GC (P)



Rosecrest Garden Club

invites lovers of flowers, holiday decorations,
and fashion to attend our holiday gala!

October 16, 2024
Country Club of Petersburg

Doors open at 8:45 a.m. Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Gala will feature a floral decorating demonstration
by Betty Ann Galway of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Enjoy a delicious luncheon by the Country Club chefs
and a Fashion Walk by All Manor of Things
with an opportunity to purchase a variety of items.

Exciting door prizes and a silent auction!
Tickets are available for a donation of \$45.

Proceeds help support the Rosecrest Scholarship program.

Limited seating, so please plan early to attend.
Deadline—October 9, 2024

For tickets contact chairpersons
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Calling All Photographers!

Thanks to all members who have submitted their beautiful photographs, not only for this issue, but for future issues. This is a terrific way to "travel" around the Commonwealth.

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- Send 300 dpi jpegs – if submitting a phone photo, and your email gives you a size choice, select "Actual" or "Large" size.
- Photographs for the cover must be 'portrait' orientation – inside gallery photos may be either portrait or landscape orientation.
- If your photograph is not of your own garden or plant(s), please gain permission to print in the ODG.
- Send to your district editor by the deadline—include your name and club name; add a caption & location of the photograph.
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