

## September, 2024 EDITION OF THE VFGC, INC. NEWSLETTER



### ROOTED

Don't forget:

Deadline for Youth Grants: September 15  
Deadline for Grants to Beautify and Restore: September 15  
Tidewater District Flower Show: September 28, 2024  
PDFSJC Flower Show: September 30, 2024  
Landscape Design School: Sept. 30- Oct 1

Dear VFGC,

As I think about 9/11, there are some great quotes: "The attacks of September 11th were intended to break our spirit. Instead, we have emerged stronger and more unified. We feel renewed devotion to the principles of political, economic and religious freedom, the rule of law and respect for human life. We are more determined than ever to live our lives in freedom." We do remember.

VFGC had a full Board Meeting in Roanoke last month as well as a great flower show school. The speaker for the board meeting created some interest thoughts and plans for the use of digital formats, AI and ways to promote garden clubs. Cherri is working with Pat, Judy and Sharon on our social media. During the meeting there was a proposal regarding VFGC having a Virtual Club. Some are interested and know of a few who would join. This would certainly not be to take members away from garden clubs, but to add members who want to meet by zoom, have programs and belong to VFGC, with the right to go to schools, meetings and conventions. There are plans in the works to have bylaws, a facilitator, also working with States who already have Virtual Clubs. Stay tuned.

Also, the decision was made to offer the ODG by subscription...\$20.00 for 4 issues. The ODG will continue to be emailed to VFGC Board Members and Club Presidents as well as be on the VFGC web site. The plan is “canvas” VFGC members to see who may be interested receive the ODG by mail (black and white). This will be mentioned at the upcoming district meetings. Please let me know if you are interested.

I am certainly looking forward to visiting each district during the fall meetings. And, such a “big deal”, there are three flower show, two in September and one in October.... are there more. Plans are in the works for a great VFGC Convention in Richmond, April 27-28...save the date for sure. Congratulations to the great work of the VFGC nominating committee: there is a slate, hurray. Remember don't say NO!

Also remember that “every person makes a difference” and all of you do.

Val

### **Youth Programs**

Has your club implemented a successful program with youth? If so, please submit an article to “Rooted” and/or “The Old Dominion Gardener” detailing your project. We can learn and get ideas from one another.

Check out your District Awards. The list of awards can give ideas of projects to involve youth whether as a workshop or working alongside them to complete a program or project. Awards such as S-40, ‘Gardening for Wildlife’ would be a great program to form a partnership with youth.

Sparking a young person’s interest could inspire them to become a horticulturist, a gardener, a floral designer, a future garden club member, the list is endless. Explore opportunities in your community for your garden club to educate or collaborate with young people. You never know what impact you may have on a young person.

Janet Minock  
Youth Chairman

### **CLUB NEWS:**

**AMELIA COUNTY GC MEMORIAL GARDEN: COMMUNITY SERVICE, EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP EFFORTS.** By Jean Tremaine

Amelia County Garden Club takes its role seriously as a resource for everyone. Their primary service/outreach project is a permanent Memorial Garden that is both a sanctuary and educational venue for residents.

The club gives ad-hoc guided tours of the Garden to donors, students, garden clubs and non-profits. And they hold an annual sale of divisions of plants from the Garden. Members answer questions year-round from visitors, at sales and from published articles.

ACGC recognizes that the Garden is a showcase of cultivars that thrive locally. They fulfilled a long-term goal of community action through education when they invested in dozens of professionally printed permanent labels for mainstay plants.

Now visitors can walk the paths and identify specimens of interest. ACGC encourages county residents to visit often for inspiration.

ACGC publishes 30+ articles annually in the local newspaper about plants/activities to keep the club and Garden top of mind and to encourage new members. Articles always reference when plants can be found in the Garden to encourage visits. Labeled plants make it simple to locate/replicate something visitors admire. Articles always include club contacts for more information.

ACGC maintains the Memorial Garden 24/7/365. Though they have fewer than 25 members, they do most of the upkeep themselves. Even during months they do not meet, members lovingly tend the Garden and publish articles.

Inevitably, some things are outsourced...such as a new pergola to sit upon that replaced an earlier version.



ACGC is grateful the Garden appeals to all ages. Prom, Mother's Day and wedding photos are taken there. Nearby rehab facility residents visit. Students & Scouts come to learn about plants. Office workers lunch there, enjoying the serenity.

And happily, the Garden is a certified Monarch Way Station making it a refuge for pollinators, as well.



**Signs of Fall: The first Camelia Sasanqua Bloom**  
**September 2024**

Submitted by Linda Wynne, Chester Garden Club

## ATTENTION ALL VFGC CLUBS:

We hope you have had a wonderful summer in spite of times of record heat, horrible humidity, long periods of drought, Debby deluge and finally early morning sweater weather. As your club resumes meeting this Fall, please be sure to submit news from your club at least once in the next twelve months. Every club has news to share! And it is easy...email: [rootedvfgc@gmail.com](mailto:rootedvfgc@gmail.com)

Thank you!

Sally Harrison, Editor, [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](mailto:rootedvfgc@gmail.com)** so it can be included in future editions of [ROOTED](#). There have been and, there may be, club road trips in everyone's future to see your club's Flower Show!

## THE FOLLOWING FLOWER SHOWS ARE PLANNED:

### HARVEST HARMONIES



### AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

PRESENTED BY  
TIDEWATER DISTRICT, VFGC

TO BE HELD AT

HAMPTON ROADS AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EXTENSION CENTER  
1444 DIAMOND SPRINGS ROAD  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23455  
757-363-3900

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

AFFILIATED WITH:  
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION  
VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

# 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.

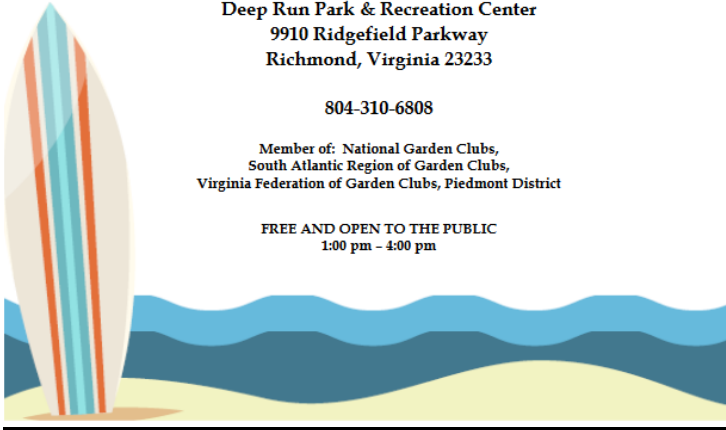
Monday, September 30, 2024

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](http://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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> of each month to [rootedvfgc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**WE HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

Sally Harrison, Editor, **ROOTED**, Email: [rootedvfgc@gmail.com](mailto:rootedvfgc@gmail.com)

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE: CONSIDER ATTENDING VFGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL:**

**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.**

| <b>Monday, September 30, 2024</b> |   |  |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|
| <b>Time</b>                       | <b>Activity</b>   |  | <b>Instructor</b>   |
| 8:00 – 8:20am –<br>8:20am         | Registration<br>Welcome                                       |  |                     |
| 8:30am – 9:30am                   | Herbaceous Materials in the<br>Landscape                      |  | Peggy<br>Singlemann |
| 9:40am – 10:40am                  | Landscape Design Process                                      |  | Gordon<br>Chappell  |
| 10:50am – 11:50am                 | Landscape Design Process                                      |  | Gordon<br>Chappell  |
| 11:50am – 1:10pm                  | <b>LUNCH</b> (The Café is<br>convenient)                      |  |                     |
| 1:20pm - 2:20pm                   | Woody Plants in the Landscape                                 |  | Laurie Fox          |
| 2:30pm – 3:30pm                   | Landscape Design with<br>Maintenance in Mind                  |  | Laurie Fox          |
| 6:30pm                            | <b>Group Dinner – place to be announced – pay on your own</b> |  |                     |

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|---------------------------------|--|--|------------------|
| <b>Tuesday, October 1, 2024</b> |  |  |                  |
| 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                | <b>LUNCH</b> (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                          | <b>Review – consultants not taking the exam may leave.</b> |  |                  |
| 3:30pm                          | <b>Exam</b>  |  |                  |

**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

3015 Mount Hill Drive

Phone: 804 794-7798



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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 landscapi***

