

## April, 2025 EDITION OF THE VFGC, INC. NEWSLETTER



### ROOTED



Finance Committee Meeting, April 6  
Landscape Design School, April 7-8  
VFGC Convention, April 27-28, 2025  
NGC Convention, May 18-22  
National Garden Week: June 1-7, 2025

Dear VFGC,

Wow, the convention is just around the corner...and so many have been working very diligently on this endeavor. A huge thank you to everyone. Looking forward to hearing all the award winners, the speakers and vendors.

The flower show at the convention promises to be a "good one!" Be sure to visit. Thanks to those who are entering, the committee, the judges and clerks...flower shows are just so neat!

Visting the District is one enjoyable time...the members are terrific, programs outstanding and informative...these range from floral designs, native/invasive plants and bees.

As I say at district meetings, being VFGC president has been very rewarding and an honor. I thank VFGC for this opportunity. After May comes new tasks: I look forward to being NGC Plant America Chairman, SAR parliamentarian and VFGC Symposium chair plus other things with VFGC and Shenandoah District...and I still love bridge!

I know VFGC will be in good hands with the new administration, we need to support "this group", their goals and of course continue to attend the schools and symposiums...and have flower shows.

See some of you next week at a couple more district meetings, a flower show, the convention, more flower shows and then the NGC Convention...what a spring.

Happy and a blessed Easter....

Everyone makes a difference, and this is just what you have done: Thank you!

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## **CLUB NEWS:**

### **Berkeley Garden Club Member of Tidewater District**

#### **Workshop on Traditional and Creative Designs:**

The members of Berkeley Garden Club are interested in all kinds of floral designs. In fact, two years ago they asked the president and vice president to please include at least two hands-on floral workshops each year when putting together the yearbook.

We were delighted to have one of our members, Glenda Knowles, provide us with a tutorial and lead us in a workshop on Traditional & Creative designs. Glenda furnished the containers, the oasis and the flowers. Glenda also presented a Power Point program on designs she'd made. She discussed Elements of Design, Principles of Design, Color and so much more. As one member put it, "It was the most interesting and the most entertaining hour."



### **Thomas Jefferson Garden Clubs Honors Martha Saunders**

On Thursday, March 27, 2025, Thomas Jefferson Garden Club honored the memory of long-time member, Martha Saunders, by making table designs for the Crossings at Bon Air, an assisted living facility where Martha resided before her passing.

Co-President Sue Essad demonstrated the technique for making the arrangements. Club members made 40 designs that were delivered to the facility.

Martha Saunders was a former President of Piedmont District of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Richmond Council of Garden Clubs and Thomas Jefferson Garden Club.

She was also a nationally accredited Master Flower Show Judge, a Master Gardener, and served as Treasurer of Nature Camp for many years

Martha was 96 years young when she passed on March 11, 2025. She was a friend to many and will surely be missed.



**Natural Bridge Garden Club shares pictures:**

( Left) Master Gardener Maureen Becker instructs members about the types of lines in floral design.





(Left) President Diane Weaver received the Sweepstakes award for winning the most blue ribbons in 2024.



(Above) Beth Owerhohle hosted the first meeting of the year at her historic home in Steeles Tavern. She is with members Vicki Goodhart and Mary Wheeler.

## The VFGC Convention is planned for April 27-28, 2025

### **VFGC 2025 Convention**

Diane Burgess and JoAnn McNabb, Convention Chairman  
Claudia Cosby, Convention Registrar

**91st Annual Convention**  
**"Thank You, Virginia, for Making a Difference"**  
**The Westin, Richmond**  
6631 West Broad Street

**While the Convention Registration deadline was April 7, the Flower show is free and open to the public. Also there will be exciting vendors.**

*PS. There are a few seats still available for  
Dinner and Peggy Singleman's presentation on Sunday night and for  
Lunch and Jane Godshalk's floral demonstration on Monday.*

Email Diane Burgess for information: [burgessdiane@gmail.com](mailto:burgessdiane@gmail.com)

## FLOWER SHOWS, TOURS and EVENTS ARE PLANNED:



Midlothian Garden Club  
proudly announces  
An NGC Standard Flower Show,  
***Springtime in Midlothian***  
Friday, April 25, 2025  
1-4 p m  
Bethel Baptist Church  
1100 Huguenot Springs Road  
Midlothian VA  
Free admission; **All** are welcome



**Plant SALE**

HOSTED BY THE  
*Stonehenge Garden Club*



**SATURDAY, MAY 3  
9:00 AM - 1:00**

**Stonehenge Golf & CC Pavilion**  
1000 Farnham Dr  
Midlothian, VA 23236

## Come Fly with Me

*An NGC Standard Flower Show*



at the  
Episcopal Church of the Redeemer  
2341 Winterfield Rd.  
Midlothian, VA 23113  
(804) 378-7481

**May 5, 2025  
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Presented by the Salisbury Garden Club

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

Open to the public

No Admission Fee

# Garden Lover's Day

Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10-4 pm  
Birdsong Pleasure Garden  
Luray, Virginia

Artisans, Plant Sale, Raffle,  
Music, Door Prizes,  
Local Wines, Food Truck

Hosted by *Hill and Valley Garden Club*

[hillandvalleygc.com](http://hillandvalleygc.com)

Tickets on Site ~ Environmental HS Scholarship Fund

[birdsongpleasuregarden@gmail.com](mailto:birdsongpleasuregarden@gmail.com)

# PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 17th  
8AM - 12PM

SUNSPOTS PAVILLION  
ADJACENT TO THE STAUNTON FARMER'S MARKET

All plants locally grown by the Beverley Garden Club

Houseplants, Perennials, Annuals, Shrubs, Groundcovers, Herbs

Cash, check, or credit card

Proceeds donated to Montgomery Hall Park Pollinator Garden, Nature Camp, and Shenandoah Green

Special thanks to Sunspot Studios





# ALL HALLOWS' EVE



## **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**

**October 4, 2025**  
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**



### **From the VFGC Corresponding Secretary –**

Please let me know if you have an email address change.

Also, if you are not the current Garden Club President, please ask your replacement to provide his or her email information to me.

Thank you,

Dianna Busch  
VFGC Corresponding Secretary  
Email: [diannabusch@comcast.net](mailto:diannabusch@comcast.net)

### **Attention::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 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](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 2025!**

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.

**HAPPY SPRING! HAPPY EASTER!**

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