



# FOOTPRINTS

Piedmont District  
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
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## A Message from your President, Judy Durant

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over when it seems it just began! It's been hot and dry – not the perfect growing conditions, but Mother Nature still managed to produce beautiful blooms for all to enjoy.

Despite the heat, garden clubs throughout the Piedmont District have been busy making preparations for the upcoming club year, securing programs and Judges, and having “get togethers” to keep in touch over the summer.

My theme for this administration is “Plant and Nurture Members with Seeds of Information and Awareness. Grow Everlasting Knowledge and Friendships”. There are many creative ways to draw in new members and my club, Hanover Towne, held a “Wine & Cheese in the Eve” party at my home during daylily season and invited friends, neighbors and anyone who seemed interested in gardening to attend in an effort to bolster our membership. I typed up calling card size notices of our first club meeting with date, time and location and passed them out to my club members so they could hand them out to prospective members. Please encourage your club to reach out and extend an invitation to others in your Community through notices on bulletin boards, libraries, stores, churches, Homeowner Associations and social media. I would love to hear how your club has reached out to grow your membership.

I will savor these last warm days of summer tucked into a shady corner of my yard with a good book and an icy beverage but eagerly await pumpkin pies, hayrides and the glorious fall colors scattered throughout my garden.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> I look forward to beginning this administration with you at our Piedmont District Meeting at our new location, Four Points by Sheraton Richmond. Let's grow “Everlasting Knowledge and Friendships” together.....

## CALL

### PIEDMONT DISTRICT FALL BOARD MEETING 2017-2019 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

**WHEN:** Monday, August 21, 2017

**Registration:** 9:30 a.m. **Meeting:** 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, 1800 Lakeside Ave. Henrico, VA

**DEADLINE:** Monday, August 14, 2017

**Call or e-mail:** Johanna Gilbert, Registrar [\(804\) 270-6056](tel:8042706056);

[omagilbert@aol.com](mailto:omagilbert@aol.com)

Please let her know if you are attending or not.

We need to be sure that we have a quorum present and prepare set-up.

Bring three copies of your report. Keep a fourth for your records. If you are unable to attend, send your reports to:

President, Judy Durant - 8283 Silkwood Dr., Mechanicsville, VA 23116-1890

[jgdurant@verizon.net](mailto:jgdurant@verizon.net)

## Chaplain's Message --

Pam Mann

With the cool evenings and shorter days, the race begins to harvest and hope for the very best. Here's something to ponder while you wander among the fruits of your labor.

IT'S HARVEST TIME!

*Note: this is a musing, penned by  
Joseph Mazzella.*

When life squeezes you--what is on the inside comes out. If you are full of sour grapes then you will give the world vinegar. If you are full of good fruits then you will give the world orange juice. Maybe my good fruits are finally ripening while my sour grapes are dying on the vine. Maybe I am finally gardening my soul the way that God wants me to.

One thing I do know, however, is that the more you fill your heart, soul, and mind with love and thankfulness-- the less room there is for anything else. The more you love God, yourself, and -- others the less room there is for anger and hate. The more you thank God for your life and every good thing in it, the less room there is for fear and worry. The more good fruits you plant and care for, the less room there is for sour grapes in the garden of your life.

May you always fill your heart, soul, and mind with wonderful love and glorious gratitude then.

May you always feel God's perfect love hugging your heart and uplifting your soul. May you always be so full of the good fruits of love, joy, and thankfulness that not a single sour grape can be squeezed out of you.

Remember, you are the gardener and your life is the harvest.

Plant well, water often, and always invite other to the feast

## PIEDMONT DISTRICT MEETING

October 16, 2017

Four Points by Sheraton, Henrico, VA

Sally Harrison

Don't miss this fall District meeting featuring **JANE GODSHALK** whose topic will be "Inspired by Nature".

Jane is on the faculty of Longwood Gardens. Her classes and lectures focus on nature as inspiration and flower arranging as an art.

She has represented the United States of America as an international demonstrator at the World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAFA) in Dublin, Ireland and as an exhibitor in the Chelsea Flower Show.

She was one of the featured designers at Richmond's Museum of Fine Arts "Fine Arts and Flowers" several years ago and is looking forward to returning to Richmond in October.

We hope to have her book, *Flower Arranging Secrets, Natural Designs for Everyday Living*, available for purchase.

### The Virginia

### Flower Show Judges Council

will present a **SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW** on October 31, 2017, and everyone is invited to attend. It will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Laburnum Avenue, Henrico, Virginia, and will be open to the public from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



The Show will feature NGC's new design types (cascade, featured plant material, grouped mass and low profile) and horticulture will feature collections, displays and succulent s. There will also be a botanical arts category.



So come on out to see what our state judges can do with these new styles!

If you would like additional information, please contact either Diane Burgess (804-784-6716) or JoAnn McNabb (804-749-8383), Co-Chairmen.

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**(Registration has changed, PLEASE READ)**

## CALL

### PD FALL GENERAL MEETING –

Monday, October 16, 2017

**WHERE:** **NOTE: NEW LOCATION**

Four Points Sheraton  
9901 Midlothian Turnpike  
Richmond, VA 23235

**WHEN:** Monday, October 16, 2017

#### **SCHEDULE & PROGRAM -- (NEW TIMES)**

8:30-10:15 Registration & Shop  
9:30 – 10:00 Presidents' Meeting  
10:30 Call to Order  
11:15-12:00 Break/Shop/Cash Bar  
12:00- 1:00 Lunch  
1:00-2:45 Design Program

**COST:** \$30.00 (includes tax, gratuity & Program)

**MAIL TO:** Johanna Gilbert, Registrar  
8423 Shannon Green Ct.  
Henrico, VA 23228-1876  
804-270-6056 -- [omajilbert@aol.com](mailto:omajilbert@aol.com)

**New Rules for Registration --** Due to problems we have had with checks being lost in the mail, we are changing the registration.

**Mail check to registrar and the club will be notified when the registrar receives the check. Seating will be in the order the check is received.**

**Have the club email the names of the attendees with the following information: (Club Name, Voting delegates, Club President (CP) 1 vote, 2 Voting Delegates (VD) 1 vote each, District Officer (DO) 1 vote, District Chairman (DC) 1 vote, Former District President (FDP) 1 vote.**

Ck payable to Piedmont District -- **(We are sorry but we will unable to issue refunds-- please find a substitute)**

**DEADLINE:** Monday, October 02, 2017

**NOTE:** Please indicate on your registration form any dietary requirements or allergies

**CHAIRMAN:** If you are unable to attend, send 3 copies of your reports to:  
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**REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON-LINE AT:**  
**PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org**

## Piedmont District Awards

Application Deadline -- December 1, 2017

What has your club promoted this year 2017? Awards are a justifiable way to recognized members with high achievements in keeping with the NGC Mission Statement.

Here are some suggestions for encouraging your club members to be active and apply for awards.

Read the list carefully and read the rules for submitting books of evidence.

Form a committee even if it is only one or two other club members to help decide to submit an award application(s).

Review the list of awards to see whether there is an activity that your club has performed or is performing this year. Since most clubs have a yearbook and a newsletter, these are great candidates for award applications. Every club should submit their Club Yearbook (see PD-22). (The List is being updated to comply with NGC and will be available soon.

Please use the following Application Form and submit: Jane Earle, P.O. Box 29224, Richmond, VA

## Who can receive an NGC Life Membership?

Jane Denton,  
Life Membership Chairman

**YOU** can become an NGC Life Member or honor someone such as a garden club member, a wife, or someone in the community who shares the NGC garden club interests with a \$200 donation. The recipient receives a lifetime subscription to *The National Gardener* magazine and may attend the National Life Member Banquet at all conventions. Plus a portion of the contribution is tax deductible.

Call Jane Denton at 804-435-6877 or send an email [denton@va.metrocast.net](mailto:denton@va.metrocast.net) to get the application process started.

## 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows A must for 2018

The **2017 Handbook for Flower Shows** is available from NGC Headquarters Member Services. Although the effective date is July 1, requirements for Judges refreshing anytime during 2017 will be grandfathered in to allow them to use the credits garnered prior to July 1.

However, judges refreshing in 2018 must meet the guidelines found in the **2017 Handbook**.

## Litter Prevention/Recycling --

Lorraine Van Wickler

Have you ever thought about the terms: **Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle and now Upcycle?**

I WILL EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES.

### Recycle:

Recover materials from manufactured goods that are ground up and/or melted down to be a new product -- Glass bottles, aluminum siding or steel are melted down and casted into new products.

### Reuse:

In the sense of conservation it is to use something in a manner similar to its original use. Ex. -- A soda bottle, once empty it can be refilled with water and stored in fridge for a cold drink.

### Repurpose:

To use an item for a different purpose than it was intended for without changing its original form. Take a plastic soda bottle, poke holes on  $\frac{3}{4}$  s of bottle and connect to a hose for a water sprinkler -- Take an old wash tub, poke holes in bottom and fill with dirt and flowers repurpose the item into a planter. This retains the original form but changes its use entirely.

### Upcycle:

To use an item in such a way as to add value to it, a base item is essentially used in its original form and embellished to create a product of greater monetary value than the original. If you have a piano and the sound board is cracked, it can not be properly tuned and repairs are costly, why not convert the large serpentine body and lid into a display case with shelves? The upcycle piano saves you the cost of hauling and an acquired unique piece of furniture that has considerable value.

My favorite new Reuse: Candle sticks! With the Holidays coming up just think of how festive they will look.



## Happenings on the Northern Neck -- Karen Luzuriaga Publicist, Chesapeake Bay Garden Club

**Members attend the National Garden Clubs Inc. Convention in Richmond, VA** Pictured: Back row: Cheryl Katz, Sue Moore, Carolyn King, Wonda Allain, Darlene Nelson, Patsy Sylvia, and Barbara Yinger. Front row: Nancy Hargroves, Karen Luzuriaga, Bobby Brogden, Sharon Lemke, and Joan Clements. Others who attended the convention were Lorraine Van Wickler, Anne Haynie, Jacque Penny, Debbie Boze, and Dody Douglas.



The 88th Annual Convention for the National Garden Clubs was held in Richmond, VA. It was held from May 18th to 20th at the Richmond Marriott. The host for this event was the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. Garden Clubs from across the country were represented. Guest speakers, vendors, seminars on gardening techniques, dinners, luncheons, and of course beautiful flower arrangements were presented at the convention.

Many members of the CBGC attended this convention. Some members stayed at the Marriott and other hotels to attend the various events. Others helped with refreshing the arrangements and performed other duties to make the convention run successfully.

On Friday, May 19th, additional members carpooled to Richmond to attend the luncheon and hear the keynote speaker, P. Allen Smith who is an author, television host, entrepreneur, and conservationist. His home, Moss Mountain Farm in Arkansas, serves for promoting the local food movement, organic gardening, and the preservation of heritage poultry breeds. His presentation explained how to connect health, home, happiness, and passion for American style and sense of humor made for a delightful afternoon. *Virginia is for Gardeners!*

**The CBGC's Flower Show was a success.** Held at the Transportation Building, Rice's Hotel/Hughlett Tavern in Heathsville, VA on June 9th, the show highlighted the beauty and charm of the Northern Neck. One was able to walk through beautiful floral designs, table artistry, artistic crafts, educational and horticulture exhibits based on the Northern Neck.

**It was an award winning show. The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club earned 95 plus points by the judges. This qualified the club to apply for a national Achievement Award.**

Many awards were earned by individual members of the club. Sharon Lemke was awarded Design Excellence and Best Design in the Show for her parallel design, "Row by Row." Table Artistry Award went to Sharon Stieber for her entry entitled "Oysters R in Season." Carolyn King



was the Educational Top Exhibitor for the "Frighten Frog Program" for children. Artistic Craft Award went to Debbie Gwaltney for her decorated box.

One hundred fifty-one people entered exhibits for horticulture. Helen Bell, Wonda Allain, and Sharon Stieber received the Award of Merit for their entries. Rebecca Elston earned the Horticultural Excellence Award. The Presidential Award was given to Darlene Nelson for her entry. Finally, Lorraine Van Wickler received the Arboreal Award for her horticultural entry. All the entries came from the local gardens of the Northern Neck.

The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club would like to thank the members of the community that helped to make this Flower Show a success. Corrine Becker, the Tavern's administrative person, helped with publicity that encouraged a nice crowd for the show. Also, Mark Payne from the Tavern, was a real trooper cleaning up and helped with loading and unloading the boat provided by The Reedville Fisherman's Museum, and Wayne Clark and Bill Small brought the boat from the museum. A special thanks goes to Carol Hammer for the cover page for the Flower Show schedule and to Sherrie at Dreams Fashion Boutique for the necklace forms. The Flower Show was a success because of great community involvement.



Kudos to everyone who helped out.

**Awards Luncheon and Installation of Officers** CBGC installed their new officers at a luncheon held at the Indian Creek Country Club in Kilmarnock on June 13th. Barbara Yinger presided over the installation of officers, providing each new officer with a plant and a humorous antidote about their new role in the club. The new officers are as followed: Helen Bell, president, Darlene Nelson, 1st vice president, Sandra Ehlert, 2nd vice president, Debbie Boze, treasurer, Linda Hixon, assistant treasurer, Kathie Truxall, recording secretary, Tricia Mrzyglod, assistant recording, and Dee McMurray, corresponding secretary.



Members received awards for their achievements at the luncheon as well. Horticulture awards were awarded to Sharon Stieber (3rd), Lorraine Van Wickler (2nd), and Helen Bell (1st). Floral Designs were presented to Barbara Yinger (3rd), Sharon Lemke (2nd), and Sharon Stieber (1st). Life memberships were awarded to Helen Bell, Veda Watts, and Carolyn King. Lorraine Van Wickler earned the Frances C. Biddlecomb "Spirit Award" for outstanding work as chairman of the June 9th, Flower Show. Debbie Boze earned a certificate for bringing in the most new members. The club is proud of its members' accomplishments.

Members brought in unconventional floral designs for the tables and decorations which everyone enjoyed. Sue Moore's design in a purse was chosen as the prettiest. The most whimsical design was in a pair of sneakers which was created by Veda Watts. Susan Brandli created a unique design in a garden hose. Shoes, hats, baskets, and other containers created a fun atmosphere for all to enjoy.

The garden club is also about friendship. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon and getting together with old and new friends. There was laughing and storytelling enjoyed by all. The friendships and camaraderie are what make the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club a unique organization.



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## Birds of Virginia -- Phillipa Smith, Chairman

I started bird-watching many years ago. Bird feeders, bird-baths and flowers which attract birds are the major come-hithers in my yard with special efforts in the winter if we happen to get a Virginia "snow-storm". I have gotten so many hours of pleasure from the birds which happen to land on my patio. They help me think and plan on many levels.



One of my favorite visitors was a cardinal which had no feathers on its head and underneath the skin was black. I could always tell which one he was by this distinguishing characteristic. Now I know that this condition is caused by a mite and not just the result of some throw-back gene. And my other favorites are the beautiful Mourning Doves which come back every Spring. They are so soothing to watch as they hunt for food on the ground.



The other day, my husband, Guy, cut on the sprinkler to water the lawn and placed it so it would fill up the birdbath on its arc across the yard. The birds had a blast and I got an idea for this article.

Also Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden has some of the beautiful birdbaths in their gift store. They would add a beautiful spot of color and give you pleasure as well

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## Arboreta/Botanical Gardens --

Julie Abbott, Chairman

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden welcomed John Morse as its new Director of Horticulture on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Morse comes to the Garden from the Morris County Park Commission in Morristown, New Jersey where he was Superintendent of Horticulture, where he was responsible for more than 450 acres of parks and gardens. Previously he was curator of outdoor gardens at New York Botanical Garden. He is also an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist, and has worked at Cornell University Plantations in Ithaca, New York for thirteen years as plant records curator and greenhouse manager for the university's 200 acre botanical garden and arboretum. Morse received his bachelor's in ornamental horticulture and botany plus a master's in plant pathology from Cornell. He is now adjusting to the hot, humid South!

The 8,042 visitors on CarMax Free Fourth of July set a record for daily attendance. The Monet Bridge on the north end of Flagler Garden has been rebuilt by Harrison Higgins, a furniture builder who donated his time. Painting of the bridge will be done by volunteers.

Other dates and topics of interest:

- *Wild Art: A Journey Off Canvas* through 10/1
- *Butterflies LIVE!* through 10/15
- *WaterPlay in Children's Garden* through 9/30 (weather permitting)
- *Late Summer Lawn Party at Bloemendaal House* Saturday, 8/26 from 12-3PM and Sunday, 8/27 from 12-4PM. Lots of fun activities for all ages and informal tours of Bloemendaal House
- *Flowers After Five* Thursdays through 9/14
- *Genworth Free Community Day* 9/4
- *Fall PlantFest (plant sale)* Thursday, 9/14, 4-7PM—members only; Friday, 9/15, 9AM-5PM; Saturday, 9/16, 9AM-3PM
- *Solar Eclipse Sun Celebration*—Monday 8/21, 1-3PM
- *And if you are really planning ahead*—Dominion GardenFest of Lights 11/24/2017 through 1/8/2018

The gardens only are open at 8AM on Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day Weekend. The rest of the Garden will be on its usual schedule.

For additional information on events or classes, check website [www.lewisginter.org](http://www.lewisginter.org) or call 804-262-9887. Take some time and visit a garden to refresh your spirit

## Habitat for Humanity Project --

Hilliard Park Garden Club -- Jean Fender

On a muggy, warm morning of April 29, 2017, Hilliard Park Garden Club with 6 (members and spouses), met at the newest Habitat Home in Hanover on Senn Way in Mechanicsville to landscape the front of the house. We had previously met with the homeowner, Myra Adams, and developed a landscape plan. Myra has lupus and is on disability. Habitat constructed a wheelchair ramp for Myra although she is still able to walk at this time. Two ladies from Windsordale Garden Club and 3 from Habitat showed up to help.

We planted a Knock Out (Radrazz) Rose on the outside of the ramp which runs along the side of the house to the back and gets more sun than the front of the house. The house has a lot of trees nearby and gets mostly filtered sun. Myra wanted some shrubs that would get fairly large in front by the foundation. We chose 2 Aucuba Gold Dust with a Golden Mops Cypress Sawara in-between to go on the back wall of both sides of the front. Then we placed 3 Nandina Firepower Bamboo Heavenly in front of them. On the right side in front of the porch next to the steps we placed an April Snow Camellia, and on the right end of the house we placed a *Nandina Domestica Bamboo Heavenly*.

One of Myra's friends had previously planted variegated liriop and a sedum in front of the lattice work on the porch as well as laying stepping stones from the sidewalk to the back of the house beside the ramp. On the left of the stones in the front she had planted more variegated liriop and in one spot in the bed on the left she had planted iris. Myra had several other perennials that had been given to her. We planted iris and dianthus in the bed on the right. Her gravel driveway is in front of the house and she plans to lay a railroad tie or 2 at the end of the driveway which would be coming straight from the end of the porch. There is a slope down beyond that and we planted some ground cover she had to fill in. We then mulched the entire area with brown mulch giving it a finished look. Myra was so thrilled. She kept thanking us over and over.

Total cost of the plants and mulch was \$255.33. Glen Allen Nursery once again gave us a discount on the plants which totaled \$224.53 and the mulch was also discounted to \$30.80. Richmond Council of Garden Clubs reimbursed us \$200.00 and Hilliard Park Garden Club donated the remaining \$55.33. See before and after pictures below.



## Piedmont District Grants --

Jean Fender

Once again Piedmont District will have funds to award for worthwhile Club Projects in your community.

Last year we gave a total of \$1,000 in grants for 3 different projects. These projects can include landscaping public spaces such as schools, other public building grounds, roadsides, youth activities, garden therapy, Blue Star Memorials, or other environmental and community projects. Projects other than landscaping can also be submitted. Priority is given to projects supporting the Presidents Projects (NGC, SAR, and VFGC). These funds are for new projects or projects not yet completed that clubs would be unable to undertake without a grant.

Please consider participating in this valuable program. You may receive funding for a project that gives your garden club a sense of pride and recognition for work in your community. Deadline is February 15, 2018. Winners will be announced and checks awarded at the Spring District Meeting on March 12, 2018. See application in this issue of *Footprints*.

## GRANTS TO BEAUTIFY AND RESTORE

Shirley Edillon, VFGC Chairman

The purpose of Grants to Beautify and Restore is to provide financial support for clubs to restore gardens that have been damaged by natural disasters within Virginia or to beautify areas within communities. Priority is given to natural disaster restoration projects.

Applications can be found in the May issue of the *Old Dominion Gardener* or on the VFGC website. Club Guidelines are also available on the VFGC website or from the Chairman, Shirley Edillon ([swe@cox.net](mailto:swe@cox.net)).

Application DEADLINE: September 15

Take advantage of money offerings to support your club projects. You could be a winner!

# RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

## NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK PROJECT JUNE 6, 2017

Jean Fender

Two years ago during National Garden Week 2015, Hilliard Park Garden Club completely landscaped the front and back yards of the Ronald McDonald House in Richmond at a cost of over \$1,000. Our project won an NGC National Award for Horticulture Therapy in 2015 along with several other awards and now **the local PBS Station wants to feature it in their monthly program, "Virginia Home Grown", at 8 p.m. on August 29.** We decided to go over and see what needed to be done to the landscaping and spruce it up during National Garden Week 2017 to get ready for the August telecast.



On June 6, 2017 (National Garden Week) 10 of us (7 Hilliard Park Garden Club members and spouses and 2 from Windsordale Garden Club) met at the Ronald McDonald House at 8:30 a.m. to carry out the plans that 3 of us had drawn up a couple of weeks prior. We were delighted that all the shrubs we previously planted in front were thriving and the begonias had been replaced and petunias added. In the back on the left, the Ronald McDonald playhouse still had the dwarf boxwoods and Helleborus we previously planted. We planted red and white impatiens in the small window boxes. There was one large aggregate stepping stone in front of the playhouse. We purchased 5 additional aggregate stepping stones and place them from the side door of the playhouse to the front.

Looking past the playhouse many of our skypencil shrubs, helleborus, and hosta we planted along the privacy fence in 2015 were gone. Five small aucuba shrubs and a camellia had been planted. The aucuba were very close together so we moved 2 of them to give them room to grow and planted variegated hosta in-between them. On the back left there were a few hosta, 1 skypencil, and 2 helleborus. Our plan was to move the skypencil to the brick bordered bed where 3 other skypencils had survived, transplant the hosta along with 7 new ones in an alternating fashion that had more eye appeal. One of the aucuba was planted further down making the 4 aucuba nicely spaced and the other one we transplanted outside the side gate.

There was a large urn under the porch which we moved to the side of the steps and planted new guinea impatiens adding some vinca vine and creeping jenny. On past the steps was the brick bordered bed which we had completely transformed in 2015. The skypencils, daylilies, and variegated liriopie were thriving in this bed which gets more sun. We planted a large geranium and some trailing vinca vine in each of the 2 urns on each end of the front of the bed, and relocated a few asiatic lilies and calla lilies. We dug up a dead rose bush and transplanted the skypencil from the left side of the yard. Someone had planted small annual bedding plants between the daylilies and variegated liriopie. There were 3 metal flowers and a small metal birdbath in bad need of sanding and painting which our president took home to do and return them later.

Under the porch there was an open space which could be seen from the steps as well as from the brick lined border where we planted woodland poppy. We also planted a small woodland poppy beside the playhouse. Mulch had

already been added. We thoroughly watered everything and left it looking very clean and neat.

We received a donation of \$100 from the Sunday School class of some of our members which was enough to pay for our purchases. Just before the telecast in August we will check to see if anything else needs to be done. **BE SURE TO TUNE IN PBS AUGUST 29 AT 8:00 P.M.**

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# Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contests

Pat Merson, Chairman

It's time for the 2018 Smokey Bear Poster Contest that is open to children in first through fifth grades.

You don't have to wait until September when school starts; you can reach children this summer – think day care, summer day camps, 4H, etc.

Last year I received four "local" winning posters from various PD Garden Clubs. All posters were from the second, third and fourth grades. It would be nice to have a representative winning poster from each of the applicable grades this year. Please note that there are several rules, but the most important rules are below. Each year we have received beautiful posters that have featured Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear together [see Rule #2]; posters on poster board [see Rule #5]; and lovely posters without the proper message from Smokey Bear and/or Woodsy Owl. For ALL Rules and Guidelines go to [www.PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org](http://www.PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org).

## Excerpt from the Official Rules

- Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and must **not** feature both together.
- Smokey Bear posters **must include** Smokey's wildfire prevention message: Only you Can Prevent Wildfires! Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message: Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!
- Each entry should be **11 x 17** inches in size.

Children from first through fifth grades are invited to participate in the 2018 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest! The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate, through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl, their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles.

## Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!

Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for fire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey's message, "*Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!*", encourages personal responsibility for fire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

## Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!

Woodsy Owl is America's icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment. He challenges children to "*Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!*", and to take an active role in caring for

the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste, planting and caring for trees, using resources wisely, and not littering.

Posters are due to me no later than **January 5, 2018**. My mailing address is: Pat Merson, 11231 Woodland Pond Pkwy., Chesterfield, VA 23838

## Garden Therapy – Catherine Abrams

**Ginter Park Garden Club** in Richmond has a long standing monthly garden therapy program with the elderly. Joyce Parker, Ginter Park Garden Club's former President, described her club's garden therapy program at the Hermitage, a residential community offering various levels of assisted living and nursing. September through May, for an hour in the atrium, 6-7 club members offer flowers, greens and containers to residents who want to assemble floral arrangements.

Joyce noted how much the residents love working with flowers, creating arrangements for their rooms or sometimes the dining hall or reception desk. Occasionally, the residents make floral arrangements to donate to Meals



on Wheels to cheer up housebound people. Floral arranging is open to anyone who wants to join in; usually there are 15-16 regulars.

**Photo: A wagon full of flowers going to Meals On wheels**

The Ginter Park GC also provides live plants like vinca, petunias and begonias to residents so they can plant them in 4 1/2 feet tall flower beds in the outdoor courtyard. The flower beds are designed for those who cannot bend down or are in wheelchairs. Round pottery containers in the courtyard also get plantings. The Hermitage reimburses the garden club for the cost of all the supplies. Often the local Dollar Store provides inexpensive floral containers, such as Christmas coffee mugs or heart shaped vases for Valentine's Day. **Photo: Valentine flower arrangements made by the residents at The Hermitage**



To support young gardeners, Ginter Park GC donates \$100 annually to a Richmond elementary school so it can purchase plants and seeds for its garden.

Thank you, Joyce, for sharing the news about Ginter Park Garden Club's good works in the community!



## Rosecrest Garden Club's



### 7th annual Holiday

**Gala** will be held October 18th, 2017 at the Country Club of Petersburg. There will be a floral design presentation by Edwin Little, Lunch, a Fashion Walk by Anne's Dress Shoppe, a Silent Auction, and door prizes galore!

Contact Barbara Smith, 804-526-2609, or Marie Crites, 804-720-5198, for reservations. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund.

## Old Ivy Garden Club

**HOLIDAY MAGIC  
VII**



Old Ivy Garden Club will present its very popular HOLIDAY MAGIC program and lunch on Friday, November 17, 2017 at Chamberlayne Heights United Methodist Church, 6100 Chamberlayne Rd. (Rt. 301), Henrico, VA 23227.

This includes a holiday design program by Jane VanDenburgh, a buffet lunch, silent auction, sales table, door prizes and raffle of the designs.

The hours are 10 am to 2 pm. Reservations will be taken beginning Sept 5, 2017. Send your check for \$25 payable to Old Ivy Garden Club, to Faye Moran, 11082 Linderwood Dr. Mechanicsville, VA 23116. **This program usually sells out quickly.** If you have questions, contact Jane VanDenburgh, [janevand@yahoo.com](mailto:janevand@yahoo.com) or [804-723-4214](tel:804-723-4214) or Faye Moran, [804-363-8223](tel:804-363-8223)

## Oxford Garden Club's Second Annual Trip Philadelphia Flower Show March 7-9, 2018

Alicia Wilburn-Dickens

*The Oxford Garden Club cordially invite you to join us on our annual trip to the Philadelphia garden show March 7th through the 9th. We will also be*



*touring Winterthur Gardens in Delaware on the 9th before we head back to Richmond. The trip includes one of our brand new Oxford Garden Club bags, transportation to and from Richmond, a private tour at Winterthur Gardens in addition to the grounds and a ticket to the flower show as well. Next year's Philadelphia Flower Show will aim to make a splash. The theme for the show, to run March 3-11, 2018, is "Wonders of Water" -- a topic designed to offer equal parts inspiration and conservation. Following the flower show we will depart for Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library.*



*Once a Du Pont family country retreat, this estate's spectacular gardens surround a 175-room mansion housing the world's finest collection of*

*American decorative arts from 1640-1860.*

***Reserve your seat today for only \$250 the remainder balance (\$255) to be paid February 10, 2018.***

\*Prices are based on a full bus (38-person) with double occupancy hotel rooms -- Slight price increase for unoccupied seats --Private rooms available -- please contact Alicia (information below) for pricing. Please tell Alicia your roommate choice when paying your non-refundable deposit.



**TRIP CORDINATOR**

Alicia Wilburn-Dickens 804-309-2326 |  
[oxfordgardenclubrva@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordgardenclubrva@gmail.com)

**PIEDMONT DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION**  
**Deadline – February 15, 2018**

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

(Can include Landscaping Public Spaces such as schools, other public building grounds, roadsides, etc.; Youth Activities; Garden Therapy; Blue Star Memorials; or other Environmental and Community Projects.)

Project Beginning Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Completion date should be no later than May 31, 2019)

Clearly describe your project on 1 side of paper. Use up to 3 additional sides for landscape plans, budget, and before photos.

- Location of project.
- Purpose of the project and who it will benefit.
- If a landscape project, give approximate dimensions and include copy of landscape plan.
- Include "before" picture of area.
- Include list of plant material.
- Include a proposed budget and source of funds, i.e. from club, outside.
- Source of manpower, i.e. club members, others.
- If this is a new phase of a project, briefly describe what was previously done and include a photograph of the previous project.
- Who will maintain the property once it is complete?
- If not a landscape project, fully describe the project.
- Priority and weight will be given to projects that support the Presidents Projects (NGC, SAR, VFGC). These funds are for new projects or projects not yet completed that clubs would be unable to undertake without grant.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY **February 15, 2018** TO: JEAN FENDER, PIEDMONT DISTRICT GRANTS CHAIRMAN, 9245 ROYAL GRANT DRIVE, MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23116-4195 OR EMAIL IT TO [JEAN.FENDER@COMCAST.NET](mailto:JEAN.FENDER@COMCAST.NET). ANY QUESTIONS CALL 804-730-2256. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND CHECKS AWARDED AT THE DISTRICT SPRING MEETING ON MARCH 12, 2018.

**APPLICATION  
GRANTS TO BEAUTIFY AND RESTORE  
DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person (Name, address, phone number, email):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Restoration Project** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ **Disaster/s Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Completion date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested: Total Project Budget:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief description of how the funds will be used.**

Please use separate sheet and list the following:

1. Nature and severity of disaster (if applicable)
2. Location of area to be restored/beautified
3. Proposed plan by garden club/s
4. Landscape plan
5. Estimated itemized costs of your project
6. Other funds received toward project
7. Participation of club members

**Judging is based on the following Scale of Points:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Emphasis on live plant material	45
<input type="checkbox"/> Scope of project	40
<input type="checkbox"/> Scope in relation to number of club members	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Networking with other groups in project	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Application form complete	5
	100

Mail to: Shirley Edillon, Chairman OR Email to: swe@cox.net  
4858 Glenbrook Drive SW  
Roanoke, VA 24018-2800



District # \_\_\_\_\_ State # \_\_\_\_\_ SAR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NGC Awards Application 2017-2019** **Deadline -- Must be post-marked by December 1, 2017**

**NGC Award #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Award Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by (name of club or council, etc):** \_\_\_\_\_

[Enter name exactly as it should appear on any award received]

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number of members in club or council, etc.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information (club member name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(address, phone, email)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of State Garden Club: Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs** **Number in state garden club: 4900**

**State Awards Chairman: Heidi Sage** **Phone: (540) 948-3778** **E-mail: Hbsage@aol.com**

- Application is limited to three printed pages, front of pages only. **No** report covers, binders, plastic sheets allowed.
- Applications will not be returned. (Exceptions: publication (books), CD/DVD. Copy entry for your files.
- **State Awards Chairman** must send 2 copies of entry if mailed (or send 1 electronically) to NGC Awards Chairman to arrive no later than **January 15**. Send to Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich ~ 1166 Broadview Rd. ~ Tallmadge, OH 44278-3310 ~ [mafr43@hotmail.com](mailto:mafr43@hotmail.com) ~ (330) 630-9625

**Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.**

1. New project: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Beginning date:\_\_\_\_\_ Completion date:\_\_\_\_\_
2. Brief summary and objectives of project: (Use the remainder of this page for your summary, as well as p. 2 if needed)
3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.
4. Project expenses and means of funding
5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance
6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn)

**Helpful Information or ideas: Watch for Updates**

**Piedmont district website:** <http://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org/>

Key Note SAR Newsletter- website [http:// www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org)

National Garden club - website- <http://gardenclub.org/awards/>

Applications will be accepted at the Piedmont District Fall Meeting On October 16, 2017 - Or by Electronic File

[janeearle\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janeearle_2000@yahoo.com)

## CALENDAR 2017/2018

Aug. 21	PD Board Meeting
Aug. 28-31	VFGC Flower Show School-Course 1
Sept. 11	PDFSJC Meeting
Sept. 26 - 27	Landscape Design School, Course II Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
Oct. 16	Piedmont District Meeting
Oct. 31	FSJC Meeting
Oct. 31	VFGC FS Judges Symposium
Nov. 17	Old Ivy Garden Club, <i>HOLIDAY MAGIC VII</i>

## DEADLINES

- Sept. 15** **Application grants to Beautify and Restore Program (pg. 11)**
- Sept. 15** **Application to "Keys to the Future" Youth Project Grants Program (on-line at [www.virginiagardenclubs.org](http://www.virginiagardenclubs.org))**
- Dec. 01** **Awards application to District Chairmen**
- Jan. 05** **Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contests**



## FOOTPRINTS

Send articles to: Carolyn Ball, Editor  
Email: [Footprints@PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org](mailto:Footprints@PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org)  
PH: 804-580-6035

Articles are due **before** the following dates

NOVEMBER 1, 2017 - WINTER  
JANUARY 1, 2018 - SPRING  
MAY 1, 2018 - SUMMER  
AUGUST 1, 2018 - FALL

Officers and Chairmen - Please mark your calendars to allow time to meet the due date. If you want your article to appear in more than one issue, please indicate which ones.

**Please try to limit articles to one column (350-400 words).** Electronic transmission preferred; photos and graphics are encouraged. If you have the information ahead of time, don't hesitate to send it early.

### **Show Procedure and Design**

Frances now resides in Virginia Beach where she is a member of the Little Neck Garden Club, the Lynnhaven Heritage Garden Club and the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Club. Now an NGC Master Judge, she belongs to the Tidewater Judges Council and the Virginia Flower Show Judges Council. In all of these organizations she has held many elected and appointed offices. Frances was the President of both the Tidewater District and the Virginia Flower Show Judges Council for 2013-2015.

She is a Life Member of NGC, SAR, and VFGC, the American Iris Society and the Tidewater/Hampton Roads Iris Society. She is also a member of the Camellia Society.

In 2008 Frances was approved as a Design Instructor for NGC. In 2009 she was invited to enter the WAFA competition in Washington, D.C. where she won a first place award.

Frances graduated from the University of Mississippi with a BA in Education and Math. In addition to being a retired teacher, Frances has worked as a floral designer at several businesses having earned an FTD Master Design Certificate.

### **Darlene Newel**

#### **Horticulture**

Darlene Newell is, a NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Landscape Design Consultant, Master Gardener, Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure, and Symposium Instructor. She was a presenter at the Instructor's Symposium in Tampa, Florida and Las Vegas and has lectured in fifteen states.

She is a life member of WVGC and NGC, a member of the American Horticulture, Fern, Gourd, and Daffodil Societies and is an ADS daffodil judge. She serves on the NGC Board of Directors on the Flower Show Committee as an Accrediting Committee chairman for the Northeast and Central Atlantic regions and on the state level as Flower Show and Symposia Chairman.

As a retired registered nurse and nursing home administrator, she enjoys working with hospice patients as a visiting and vigil volunteer.

Special interests include growing plants from seeds, gardening with her five grandchildren, and creating stained glass projects

## *Flower Show School Course I*

*August 28 – August 31, 2017*

### *The Kirkley Hotel & Conference Center*

2900 Candler's Mountain Road  
Lynchburg, Virginia  
1-866-510-6333

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs



**Flower Show School – Course I**

Submitted by Val Story, VFGC Flower Show School Chairman

**Date: August 28-31, 2017**

**Location: The Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center**

2900 Chandlers Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 25402

**Flower Show Procedure & Design: Frances Thrash**

Frances will teach both Flower Show Procedure and Design sessions. The design instruction will focus on Traditional Designs. Frances has a wealth of knowledge in all aspects of design. She is also a Symposium Instructor

**Horticulture: Darlene Newel** Darlene instruction will emphasize dahlias and hostas. Darlene is a NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Landscape Design Consultant and Master Gardener She is a Horticulture, Flower Show School Procedure and Symposium Instructor.

**Schedule:**

Monday, August 28	3:45 – 6 p.m.	Flower Show Procedure
Tuesday, August 29	8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Horticulture
	4 – 5 p.m.	Point Scoring Test
Wed., August 30	8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Design
	4 – 5 p.m.	Point Scoring Test
Thursday, August 31	9 a.m. – noon	Written Examination

**Hotel Information:** Contact the Kirkley Hotel, 2900 Chandlers Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 25402 (866-510-6333 or 434.237-633)

Room rates are guaranteed through July 27, 2017 at \$103 per night either single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes. Ask for the VFGC block.

Questions – contact Val Story (valstory@aol.com /540.349.2348 (c) 540-272-0975

**REGISTRATION FORM: Flower Show School-Course I**

The Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Club\_\_\_\_\_District\_\_\_\_\_

Credit\_\_\_\_\_NonCredit\_\_\_\_\_

Full Course with/without exam (Includes tuition, \$130\_\_\_\_\_  
two lunches, and reserved seating on Front rows)

Flower Show Procedure (Mon.) \$20\_\_\_\_\_

Horticulture & Lunch (Tues.) \$65\_\_\_\_\_

Design & Lunch (Wed.) \$65\_\_\_\_\_

Manual will be e-mailed (free of charge) Printed \$5\_\_\_\_\_

Manual available at Registration

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*No refunds after August 22, 2017**

Make check payable to **Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** with **Flower Show Schools** in the memo line and mail to: Mary Ann May, Registrar • VFGC Flower Show School • 3164 Somerset Drive, Jeffersonton, VA 22724-1798 540-937-4613 ptmboat@comcast.net