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A Message from Sally Harrison

As I hear about garden clubs planning their club activities, I can feel the momentum picking up, and that is exciting. At last, we are really getting going!

Congratulations to our Piedmont District clubs who achieved NGC distinction with awards and commendations! I am also proud that our newsletter was honored. See the story on p 5.

The deadlines for fall VFGC Flower Show and Landscape Design Schools are coming up in early to mid-September. See the details for both in the summer issue of *Old Dominion Gardener*.

The "Visions of Beauty" calendar project is again being undertaken as a Piedmont District fundraiser. Be sure to see the order form, p 9.

As we kick off new administrations, new president themes are on page 3, including NGC President Mary Warshauer's fun "Plant America, Play Outdoors" theme. Our VFGC President Mary Owen is challenging us to "Dig into Action" – p 6.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Fall Piedmont District Meeting on October 18! **A new registration form** appears on the last page of this newsletter – or can be downloaded: <https://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org/>

I am always eager to hear your ideas and suggestions. Let me know what you're thinking!

Sally
Sally.c.harrison@gmail.com H: 804-784-2851

PIEDMONT DISTRICT FALL MEETING Monday October 18, 2021

WHERE: Four Points Sheraton
9901 Midlothian Turnpike
Richmond, VA 23235

SCHEDULE & PROGRAM

8:30-9:00	President's Meeting
8:30-9:45	Registration
10:00-11:30	General Meeting
11:30-12:00	Break / Shopper's Spree
12:00-1:00	Luncheon
1:00-2:45	Program: <i>Fabulous Fall Floristry</i> designs by Brenda McManaway

COST: \$30.00

Email reservation info – club name, attendee names and contact – to Registrar Johanna Gilbert at omaqilbert@aol.com

Mail one club check with completed form to:

Johanna Gilbert, Registrar
8423 Shannon Green Ct.
Henrico, VA 23228-1876

DEADLINE: Monday October 7, 2021

CHAIRMEN: If you are unable to attend, send three copies of your report to:

Sally Harrison, President
300 N. Ridge Rd Unit #30 Henrico, VA 23239

CLUB PRESIDENTS: It is important that you pick up the Presidents packet for your club. It contains much information that will help your club plan for the coming year. Please arrange for someone to pick up your packet if you will not be attending.

October 18 Program Preview; “Fabulous Fall Floristry”

JoAnn McNabb, Program Chair



“Fabulous Fall Floristry”

Brenda McManaway, our featured presenter at the October 18 Piedmont District Meeting, is a distinguished floral designer and President of the Blue Ridge District of Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, as well as President of Boones Mill Garden Club. Brenda is an NGC Floral Design Master Judge and creates designs for VMFA Fine Arts & Flowers and Creative Floral Arrangers of America.

We can expect ‘fabulous floristry’ at the October meeting. All of Brenda’s designs will be raffled off, so be sure to reserve early! Here is a preview of some of her designs.



Mysteries of Nature

Pam Mann, District Chaplain

As people who appreciate nature, we can often be found sitting in a garden or at the edge of a wood, - observing plants and how they grow ... or enjoying animals and how they behave. From all these gifts of nature, we learn much.

Squirrels, for example, in a race against winter, bury their acorns in a safe, memorable, accessible place. They make quite a commotion doing so. On the other hand, a herd of deer can nibble across my back yard without making a sound.

The two creatures are different in many ways. Did you know that deer do not prepare for winter? They simply devour whatever they find. (Sound familiar?) How about Hosta for the salad course and roses for dessert? Entrée? Just about everything else. Squirrels, on the other hand, would starve if unable to find food mid-winter.

The deer and the squirrel represent ways that God cares for us. He enables us to work and save and plan. That’s the squirrel in us. He gives us seasons of plenty to prepare for seasons of need.

But there are times we must lean on His promises. That’s the deer in us. He will meet our needs when resources are scarce. (Psalm 23) And then, there is the quality of ingenuity He has instilled in our DNA.

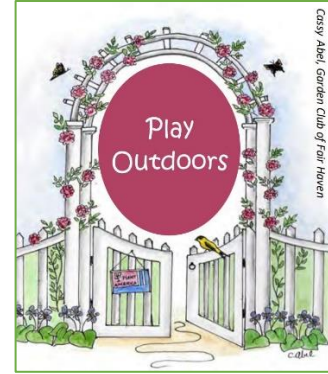
And so, as we once again strike the gavel to begin our garden club meetings, let us be thankful. Our *Garden Collect* is a lovely prayer that can anchor us as we go about our garden club activities.

Soon the days will grow shorter, and too soon, the leaves will undeniably fall. The painter Andrew Wyeth particularly preferred winter and fall when one could see the “bone structure” of the landscape. The nature observer will also note the cycle of life and find their touchstone in the One who created all.

New Administrations, New Presidents, New Themes

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

www.gardenclub.org
Mary Warshauer, President
57 Buena Vista Avenue
Rumson, New Jersey 07760
732-513-2671
MWarshauer@gardenclub.com
Theme: *Plant America, Play Outdoors*



NGC President Mary Warshauer's theme: "Plant America, Play Outdoors"

Click on this link to download and print the NGC
"Play Outside" Workbook ...and
Share It with Every Child You Know!

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/play-outside-booklet.pdf>

South Atlantic Region (SAR)

www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org

Marty Bowers, Director
2854 Hickory Cove Lane
Moneta, VA 24121-6029
540-309-1676
martbw@gmail.com
Theme: *Reconnect, Plant, Grow, and Bloom*

NGC Plant America Grants 2021-2022

Through the Plant America Grant program, up to \$1,000.00 is made available 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

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

www.viriniagardenclubs.org
Mary Owen, President
P.O. Box 206
Fort Union, VA 23055
434-390-3479
rxowen@aol.com
Theme: *Dig into Action*

Piedmont District, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

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Sally Harrison, President
300 N. Ridge Rd Unit #30
Henrico, VA 23239
sally.c.harrison@gmail.com
H: 804-784-2651 C: 804-986-7371
Theme: *At Last, Let's Get Going*

Applications must be submitted by October 15.

To learn more and apply, go to:

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

CALENDAR

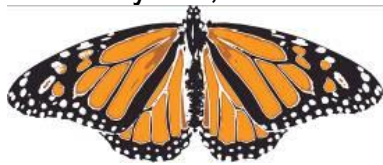
Sept 13	VFGC Flower Show
Sept 13-16	VFGC Flower Show School I
Sept 15	Deadline Grants to Beautify & Restore
Sept 15	Deadline Youth Project Grants
Oct 11-12	VFGC Landscape Design School
Oct 18	Piedmont District Fall Meeting
Oct 20-24	VMFA Fine Arts & Flowers
Nov 1	<i>Footprints</i> Deadline, Winter Issue
Dec 1	Awards Applications deadline

"VFGC Falls into Place"

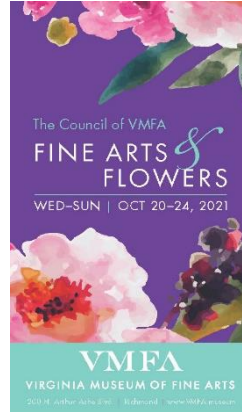


Flower Show September 13, 2021
 Four Points Sheraton near the airport
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Come Visit - Free and Open to the Public

SAVE THE DATE
 May 1-3, 2022



2022 VFGC Convention
 Richmond, VA



Fine Arts & Flowers Oct 20-24, 2021

JoAnn McNabb
 VFGC Liaison to FAF

Fine Arts & Flowers is a spectacular museum-wide exhibition of floral designs inspired by works in the VMFA collection. Presented by The Council of the

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the exhibition will include floral designs by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, the Garden Club of Virginia, and this year, Ikebana of Richmond. The exhibition is free and open to the public during museum hours.

Related special events requiring tickets include a Gala celebrating the re-installation of the Mellon collections, luncheons, a fashion show, floral design workshops, and exhibition tours.

- The speaker on Thursday, October 21st is Kiana Underwood, founder of "Tulipinia" -- an internationally renowned floral design studio. She is the author of *Color Me Flora*. Find Kiana on Instagram: @tulipinadesign.
- On Friday, October 22nd, Susan McLeary of "Passion Flower Sue" will be the guest speaker. She is the author of *The Art of Wearable Flowers*, which provides how-to instructions for a stunning collection of flower and plant-based designs. Find Susan on Instagram: @passionflowersue.

Tickets for special events went on sale May 1st...early advance purchase is recommended. For tickets and a complete schedule, visit www.VMFA.museum/FAF

Piedmont District NGC Awards

Joanne Wallace, District Awards Chair:



Congratulations to all Piedmont District clubs honored with National Garden Club awards!

Membership and Promotion

Membership Activities (large club)

Commendation: **Salisbury Garden Club**

National Garden Week (large club)

Commendation: **Salisbury Garden Club**

Publications

Newsletter or Magazine 13-24 pages

Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit

Piedmont District: Footprints

Membership Brochure (small club)

Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit

Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

Yearbooks South Atlantic Region

Certificate of Merit

(100-299) **Salisbury Garden Club**

Programs

PowerPoint based program South Atlantic Region

First Place Award:

Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

"Everything about Daffodils"

featuring the "Plant America" cultivar

Award Applications Due Dec 1

Club Presidents, Awards Chairmen and committees can find applications and additional resources on the Piedmont website:

<https://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org/>

Awards lists can be found on the **Forms** Page.

Please feel free to contact your Piedmont District Awards Chair, Joanne Wallace:

804-683-9006

dougandjoanne@gmail.com

"Footprints" Wins NGC Merit Award

JoAnn McNabb, immediate Past President

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to Footprints 2019-2020! NGC has awarded the Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit to Piedmont District, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. for #PVB 1-3, Newsletter, District, "Footprints".



The newsletter scored 100 points against all judging criteria, and the judges' comments highlighted that educational content included an "informative President's message, calendar of events, youth projects, articles on gardening, garden club reports, birds, recycling, NGC, convention info and award information." And that "general appeal was attractive, good use of colored text boxes to segment topics, with good print quality and easy to read." "Overall, outstanding newsletter"!

Please continue your contributions to "Footprints"...they do matter!

Editor's Note: Many thanks to all of you who have made *Footprints* an award-winning publication!

VFGC Projects for YOU and Your CLUB

Kathy Ward
VFGC 2nd Vice President

First a project for YOU –

One of our new president's objectives for the next two years is to make the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and its clubs more visible. We need to make sure our projects are seen and our organization is recognized.

To further this objective, there are VFGC decals available for purchase. These decals can be displayed with pride knowing that our wonderful organization beautifies our communities and makes the world a better place. Decals are \$3 each or two for \$5. Decals are 4 X 4 inches.



**Order Your Decals Today and
Display Them Proudly!**

To order your decals, contact Barbara Hollister (bedhollister@gmail.com) or Mary Owen (rxowen@aol.com).

Proceeds from the decals will be used to purchase a Blue Star Memorial to be placed at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.

Bonus! \$100 will be awarded to the club with the most participation.

And a project for your CLUB –

One of the VFGC projects for clubs can help clean up the planet while earning a beautiful bench for your community gardening locations. Trex®, the maker of composite decking material, has a plastic recycling program that allows community groups to earn a beautiful Trex® bench with the collection of 500 lbs. of plastic film.



Each club that wishes to participate must go to www.trex.com and register. On the website, there is additional information about the program and support materials (flyers that tell what types of plastic can be recycled, posters). Promotional materials and bins to collect plastic will be sent to you once you register.

More information on the program can be found on the Trex® website: www.trex.com. At the bottom of the homepage, under Our Company, click on Recycling.

The program we are participating in is the Community and University Challenge Programs. For questions or more information, contact Carolyn Nichols (CLNichols@centurylink.net) or Mary Owen (rxowen@aol.com).

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Restoring Forested Land through NGC's Penny Pines Project

Carol Medlin

Chair, World Gardening/Natural Disasters/US



Piedmont District is proud to announce our continued support for NGC's "Penny Pines Project". The Natural Disasters/USA Fund was established by NGC in partnership with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forestry Service in 1999.

Many states continue to suffer from Natural Disasters: floods, wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, earthquakes, development and disease. In Virginia alone, according to state environmental groups, 16,000 acres of trees are lost annually to development and disease.

Penny Pines donations are made in units of \$68.00. Donations are used by the USDA Forest Service or state forestry, supplementing federal funds to replace burnt, damaged or destroyed trees.

As a consequence of the pandemic, our spirits have been renewed to include conservation of natural resources. You may make a club or individual donation to honor, memorialize or recognize any club member – or a friend or family member not connected with garden club. A lovely NGC certificate will be sent upon receipt of your donation.

To support Penny Pines:

- Download / print the form from the website.
- Donations are \$68.00. If you make more than one donation, a form must be completed for EACH \$68.00 donation.
- Make checks payable to 'NGC-Penny Pines'.
- Send completed form(s) and check(s) to Carol Medlin - 594 Pine Crest Drive, Heathsville, Virginia 22473-4304

Landscaping Habitat for Humanity Homes in Ashland

Jean Fender, Habitat for Humanity Chair

After many delays in construction due to the pandemic, six new Habitat for Humanity homes were completed this spring in Hanover Cove, a new cul-de-sac in Ashland.



Hilliard Park Garden Club, Clay Springs Garden Club, West Hanover Garden Club, and Town and Country Garden Club each planned and installed landscaping at separate houses. Hilliard Park and Town and Country Garden Clubs worked together to plan and landscape the other two houses. "Installation Day" was June 5th.

Hanover Cove has been transformed as a result of these clubs' efforts. Homeowners are very pleased with the outcome, as each house has its own unique landscaping. Each homeowner also received a landscape journal identifying plant characteristics and care. Thank you to clubs and individuals who donated plants, and to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs who reimbursed clubs for the cost of shrubs, mulch and other supplies for this worthy community project.

New National Recycling Effort

Sharon Lemke, Recycling Chair



As gardeners, we know the importance of great soil to get the best product, and compost is one of those special ingredients that can help make that happen. Composting is often an individual project. Some communities have resources to provide the means to get rid of your kitchen and yard waste. There is an effort underway to give this form of recycling a national impetus.

Some members of congress have introduced a bill called the COMPOST Act (Cultivating Organic Matter through the Promotion of Sustainable Techniques). The bill aims to proactively advance composting infrastructure support across the country. It would amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to officially define and designate composting as a conservation practice and activity.

This legislation would help restore depleted soils, protect the climate, and create new jobs in rural and urban areas across the country. This is especially vital in our low-income communities. The bill would provide grants and loan guarantees for composting facilities, projects, and programs of all sizes, not just large scale, centralized facilities; for example, it allocates funding to composting projects that produce less than 10,000 tons of compost a year. It would accept only source-separated compostable materials to qualify for funding. Also, it would help implement curbside pickup, community drop-off programs, and facilitate outreach to organizations such as schools, restaurants, and community festivals.

This national composting effort can be a pivotal step in promoting sustainability for our future.

The Healing Power of Gardening

Martha Blessing, Garden Therapy/ Healing Gardens Chair

Did you ever wake up one morning and find a surprise in your garden? Perhaps you found a plant that did not bloom last year but surprised you by blooming this year. What a feeling of achievement and joy we can have from that experience!



Studies show that gardening is great therapy. One of the most rewarding things we can do is select plants at a nursery, plant them, and watch them grow. Health professionals believe that this feeling of accomplishment can decrease levels of anxiety, help with depression, and improve memory. Soaking up Vitamin D from the sun's rays can also help fight disease by strengthening our bones and immune system.

Some of the best healing plants include:

- Vegetables like leafy greens, broccoli, cauliflower, and brussels sprouts -- especially known for suppressing inflammation and providing immune defenses
- Fresh berries such as blueberries possess essential health benefits for our bodies. They contain Vitamins C and K and many valuable minerals for our good health -- and can help lower the risk of heart disease and cancer

During the pandemic, gardening has helped us overcome feelings of loneliness and melancholy due to separation from "normal" life. Gardening is both therapeutic and healing to our bodies. Just spending time in a garden can provide a feeling of satisfaction and well-being. So, happy gardening as you find those little surprises in your garden!

Piedmont District Fundraiser 2022 "Vision of Beauty" Calendars Order Now

Mary Wiblin, Chairman



The National Garden Clubs Inc. is offering the "Vision of Beauty" Calendars again this year. This Flower Arrangement and Engagement Calendar has full-page color designs by club members from around the world. The calendar is a great resource for creative ideas for your own

designs. This is also an easy way to help the Piedmont District raise funds.

Please place your order NOW. The \$6.00 cost includes shipping and handling. Calendars will be delivered to clubs and individuals at the District Meeting October 18. If you have questions, please contact: Mary Wiblin:

mikeandmarywiblin@hotmail.com .

2022 VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDAR

SEND TO: Mary Wiblin
12208 Mt. Hermon Road
Ashland VA 23005-7807

Checks payable to Piedmont District, VFGC

Number of Calendars @ \$6.00 _____

Total \$ _____

Club Name:

Contact Person:

Address:

City/ State: Zip+4

Phone: Email:

It's time for the 2022 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

Pat Merson, District Chairman

This national contest begins at the local level and is open to children in first through fifth grades. Posters must be submitted by a local garden club. Think beyond school children – think about scout troops, 4-H clubs, etc. Who do you know that could open the door to your club sponsoring poster contest participants?



2021 Grade 1 National Winner, Salt Lake City, Utah

I want to encourage more clubs to participate this year. It would be nice to have a winning poster from each of the grades eligible to submit for state competition.

Adhering to the contest rules is of utmost importance. Each year, beautiful posters are submitted that feature Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear *together* [see Rule #2]; posters on *poster board* [see Rule #5]; and posters *without the proper message* from Smokey Bear and/or Woodsy Owl. Beautiful, but not accepted!

Go to www.PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org for ALL Rules and Guidelines.

Posters are due to me no later than January 7, 2022. Send to:

:

Pat Merson
11231 Woodland Pond Pkwy.
Chesterfield, VA 23838

September 15 Grants Deadline

Melissa Damiano, VFGC Grants Chair

VFGC has two grant programs available to member garden clubs to assist in financing club projects. For more information and applications contact the appropriate chairman listed below or go to: <https://www.VirginiaGardenClubs.org>.

Youth Project Grants ('Keys to the Future'): The purpose of this grant is to provide financial support for club members to work with youth and help them realize the rewards and life lessons from gardens and habitats for becoming good stewards of the earth. The scope of these programs may include benefits to the community, environmental awareness education, plant-to-food connections, outdoor classroom projects, horticulture education, and the social aspects of gardening. For more information on Youth Project Grants contact: VFGC Chairman Melissa Damiano, mtdamiano@aol.com, 804-796-3287

Grants to Beautify and Restore: The purpose of this grant is to provide financial support for clubs to restore gardens that have been damaged by natural disasters within Virginia OR beautify areas within Virginia garden club communities. Priority is given to natural disaster restoration projects. For more information on Beautify and Restore Grants contact: VFGC Chairman Judy Ann Fray, ja.fray@verizon.net, 540-948-4220.

Piedmont District Memorial Moment

The traditional "memorial moment" be held at the Spring 2022 meeting.

Send notices of deceased members to Pam Mann pamann1724@yahoo.com

Include: club name, deceased member's name, year of passing, and whether she served as president and/or was a charter member.

What Is the Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council?

Susan Gaskill, Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council President

As gardeners, we can all benefit from studying garden design, not only for our personal gardens, but also to be able to participate in community feasibility studies and project committees.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. has established excellent schools to train garden club members in various disciplines. The Landscape Design School is a two-year program of four courses, held in two-day sessions in the spring and fall. *We are so fortunate in Virginia to have outstanding professionals who conduct classes on historical beginnings, structures and organization in landscape design, and maintenance for longevity of the designed space.*

After completing two courses, the student is eligible to join the Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council. After completing all four courses, the student is eligible to serve on the Board. The Council meets two times a year, in the fall and in the spring, at which time we have an on-location meeting and a *wonderful professional guided garden tour*. Members are required to complete one additional educational course every five years to remain in good standing.

Garden Club members can begin courses at any time and in any order, completing all four required courses to obtain the Landscape Design Consultant credentials. Information on the Landscape Design School Fall session can be found in the *ODG Summer 2021* issue. You may also contact one of our Landscape Design School co-directors:

Marty Bowers 540 297-0965, E: martbw@gmail.com
Glenda Knowles 757 651-0401, E: gknowles@cox.net

Feel free to contact me with any questions about the Council and its activities. Susan Gaskill:
804 350-1444 email: itgalaxsea@aol.com

Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems with “Living Shorelines”

Rebecca Elston, *Chairman*

To collect information for this article, I visited my local Virginia Cooperative Extension office as well as the Northumberland Public Library, and I perused the local newspaper. As if it were predestined, there was a newspaper article on *living shorelines*, an erosion control technique that is prevalent in my area to protect water quality in the many rivers and small streams that eventually flow into the Chesapeake Bay.

Northern Neck Master Gardeners, an educational group under the “umbrella” of Virginia Cooperative Extension, has a *Shoreline Evaluation Program*. Any homeowner may contact this organization and request an on-site shoreline evaluation. One recommendation that may result from this evaluation is implementation of a living shoreline.



A local living shoreline open to public viewing is at the Reedville Fishermen’s Museum. This was a project of the Northern Neck Master Gardeners.

The referenced article in the *Rappahannock Record* reported a one-million-dollar grant to spur implementation of living shorelines awarded to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The article concluded as follows:

The project aims to restore water quality in the Chesapeake Bay by preventing nearly 3,500 pounds of nitrogen, nearly 2,500 pounds of phosphorus and more than 2,000 tons of sediment from annually entering the bay and its tributaries.

Watering Fall Installations of Trees, Shrubs and Seeded Lawns

Jane Earle, *Horticulture Chair*

Traditionally, fall is the recommended time for new installations to produce spring blooms and healthy turf pathways. Planning for new spring landscape can be inspirational to anyone creative.

Proper watering enables strong healthy root systems to form. Healthier plants are more resistant to disease and pest. Weather history supports that with cooler temperatures, less water from rainfall will evaporate.

When is supplemental watering necessary?

In the summertime, county offices encourage calculating water usage to prevent overwatering, to avoid wasting water as well as to preserve the water utility cost. Examples are on county websites.

During fall and winter, sensors installed with the irrigation system can detect soil moisture saturation. Handheld gauges can help with plants in containers and plantings throughout the landscape.

Overwatering can be detrimental, causing root rot and blight noticeable without a touch-test or a sensor; however, it may be misinterpreted as drought.

Keeping a journal to track new installations and growing performance can be useful to determine water amounts and frequency. Good drainage and organic matter in the soil are key!

For a good resource on supplemental water, click on the following link:

[Virginia Household Water Quality Program \(vt.edu\)](http://www.vt.edu/virginia-household-water-quality-program)

Garden Clubbing in the Piedmont

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club

enjoyed a delicious lunch on June 22 at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club in Kilmarnock.



Members were excited to be with friends they have not seen for a while. Besides having a great time, the purpose of the event was to install the new officers for the years 2021-2023 and to give thanks to outgoing officers, especially during this challenging year when they served with grace and determination.

Outgoing president Kathie Truxall presented the following awards:

The Frances C. Biddlecomb "Spirit" Award, named after a former president whose commitment to the garden club will be long remembered, was awarded to *Karen Luzuriaga* for her work in publicity.

Sharon Stiebert was awarded a Life Membership pin from Virginia Federated Garden clubs, Inc. Each year the club donates \$50 to the VFGC Scholarship Fund. Sharon received this honor because of her willingness to share her knowledge of horticulture and floral design with other members of the club.

Reluctant goodbyes were said, but members look forward to meeting in September. The next meeting will be September 28th at Festival Hall in Reedville. New members are welcomed. The meeting will begin at noon.

Pictured: New president Sharon Lemke (L), with Kathy Truxall, outgoing president. Photo by Debbie Gwaltney. Submitted by Karen Luzuriaga

Kilmarnock Garden Club toured Historic Stratford Hall Gardens on July 21. In 2018, a decision was made to redesign part of the Stratford Hall gardens to reflect the patterns revealed by archeology and typical of an 18th century garden. Completed in 2019, the renovation has set a new standard to better understand mid-to late 18th century gardens in this region. "It was an exceptional tour by our guides: Matt Peterschmidt, Director of Landscapes, and Liam Williams, Intern," said KGC First Vice President Rosemary Francis. "Plants appropriate to the period add seasonal interest, too."



L to R: Marie Jennings, Betty Harver, Olga Speck, Rosemary Francis, Lana Miersen, Karen King, Frank Lester, Evelyn Runyon, Ginger Lester, Matt Peterschmidt and Liam Williams. Submitted by Jo Manson

Violet Bank Garden Club

Hosts

"Tis the Season"

Design Show and Luncheon

**Featuring Lisa Kochuba, Katie Bowman,
and Christian Kochuba from
Over the Top Flowers**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

*Country Club of Petersburg
1250 Flank Road, Petersburg*

Doors open at 9:30 am

Design Show at 10:30 am

Luncheon at 12:00 noon

Ticket donation: \$40.00

Available from Jan Pingel

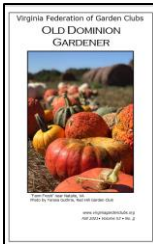
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2021-2023 District Officers

President	Sally Harrison
Director of Hospitality	Diane Burgess
Director of Programs	JoAnn McNabb
Treasurer	Linda Nau
Recording Secretary	Susan DelSordo
VFGC Nominating Comm Rep	Diane Burgess
Alternate	Janet Minock

Calling All Photographers!

Gail Goodrich Harwood, ODG Editor



Thanks to all members who have submitted their beautiful photographs, not only for the fall issue, but for future issues. This is a great way to “travel” around the Commonwealth.

To submit your photographs:

- Select *seasonal photographs to complement the ODG seasonal publication schedule.* Select either long shots or close-up photos
- 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
 - Submission will be considered permission to print

Footprints & ODG

Send articles and photos in separate files to:
Gail Goodrich Harwood, Editor
email: Footprints@PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org
PHONE: 804-317-8091
Articles are due before the following deadlines:
AUGUST 1, 2020- FALL
NOVEMBER 1, 2020 – WINTER
FEBRUARY 1, 2021- SPRING
MAY 1, 2021- SUMMER

Please mark your calendars to allow time to meet the due dates. Electronic transmission preferred, photos and graphics encouraged. Please submit photos in jpeg format as separate files, not embedded in text. Submit text in Word format, non-pdf. All articles welcome: club projects, special events, announcements about upcoming events.

Mark the subject of your e-mail submission “Footprints” or “ODG” – ordinarily the same article will not appear in both publications, but some announcements and some parts of articles may appear in both.

Footprints masthead art: Black-eyed Susan and Bordered Patch butterfly
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Piedmont District Meeting Registration

Monday, October 18, 2021

Four Points by Sheraton
9901 Midlothian Turnpike Richmond, VA 23235

Registration Deadline October 7

Registration Process Steps – please review before registering

- 1) **Via email:** Club Contact sends registration info to the Registrar via email. Include: club name, club contact, number of seats requested (*no registrations by telephone*)
- 2) **Via mail:** Club contact submits the completed registration form and one check covering all registrations. Make check payable to VFGC/ Piedmont District
- 3) **Registrar will confirm** registration(s) via email once the form and check are received
- 4) **Table assignments** will be made in the order in which checks are received
- 5) **Refunds cannot be made.** Club contact is responsible for managing substitutes

Club Contact Information

Club Name _____

Contact Name _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

Registrant Information

Name (print neatly please)	√ Voting Status if applicable *	Diet restrictions
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*Voting Status Codes: CP= Club President VD= Voting Delegate (up to two delegates per club)
DO= District Officer DC = District Committee Chair FDP = Former District President

Total # of Registrations @ \$30: _____ **Total Check Amount:** _____ (one check)

Registrar: Johanna Gilbert Email: omagilbert@aol.com

Mail form and check payable to VFGC/Piedmont District to Johanna Gilbert:

8423 Shannon Green Court Henrico, VA 23228-1876