



# FOOTPRINTS

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

Arctic blast/polar vortex . . . winter storm warnings . . . wind chill factor . . . power outages . . . broken pipes . . . school closings . . . these are all terms we have heard in the past few months. Hopefully, spring is on the way and the days are getting longer - if by just mere minutes each day.

We've turned the page on 2018, but look back with pride on the many memories of informative club meetings, great club projects, beautiful flower shows and friendships made!

We now look forward to what's ahead in 2019, and what better way to celebrate the coming of spring than by attending the upcoming SAR Convention and the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Convention in Williamsburg. There will be great speakers, fabulous Vendors, friends you know and friends you might meet, all through the love of flowers. Check your *Old Dominion Gardener* for details.

Be in a "Happy Place" and join us at our Spring District Meeting which will be filled with Vendors, Awards, Grants, a wonderful design program, election of officers and a special time as we remember those members we lost this past year.

Yes, our gardens are beginning to come alive as daffodil buds burst open and shrubs wait patiently for their turn to show us their beauty. Spring is right around the corner!

**Bloom, Grow & Glow,**

Judy Durant  
President, Piedmont District

## **Chaplain's Message -- Pam Mann**

Helen Steiner Rice is a writer most of us are familiar with. She penned a lovely poem I'd like to share with you entitled:

### **"After the Winter...God sends the Spring."**

Easter is a season, of hope & joy & cheer.  
There's beauty all around us, to see & touch & hear.  
So, no matter how downhearted, and discouraged we may be,  
New hope is born when we behold leaves budding on a tree.  
Or when we see a timid flower, push through the frozen sod,  
and open wide in glad surprise, Its pedaled eyes to God.

For this is just God saying "Lift up your eyes to Me,  
And the bleakness of your spirit, like the budding  
springtime tree,  
Will lose its wintry darkness, and your heavy heart will  
sing"—  
For God never sends the winter, without the joy of  
Spring.

This is a very telling poem for us. We have the joy of watching designers who create arrangements with beautiful flowers. It's an initiation into the promises of spring, and the fullness of summer to follow.

Remember--Every flower has its purpose, season and significant meaning. For example, the Madonna lily symbolizes the resurrection, and white daisies the innocence of the Christ child. Golden yarrow represents Joseph the carpenter, and Iris—the sorrows of Mary. Fern growing at the feet of other plants convey the essence of humility.

At home, as the grass changes from winter brown to spring green, you'll plant and tend your pansies. They stand for meditation. Their little faces will be smiling as they muse about you. For you also have a purpose, a season, and significant meaning. And you are tended by the Master Gardener, who cultivates your hopes & joys and cheer.

## VFGC Convention 2019 -- Williamsburg -- April 2-4

I'm writing to ask all of you in VFGC for your help in making the **2019 VFGC Convention in Williamsburg** a huge success. Mary Dixon and I have been working on the specifics for awhile and now we're asking you for your help.

We need help with the following:

1. Fill out your registration form and send your money in for the March 31 – April 2, 2019 event. Volunteer to help us!
2. Our National Garden Club President, Nancy Hargroves, is from Virginia and she will be attending our Convention. Yeah! This will be a wonderful opportunity to thank her for all she has done and continues to do for our garden clubs here and at large.
3. VFGC will be selling "Dedication Pages" for our upcoming Convention Program. Although it is a way to make the program pay for itself it is also a way to send greetings or a thank you to members, board members, your garden club president, your VFGC president or NGC president. What a great way to thank someone and they'll see it when they open their program booklet at the convention. One page is 4.25" x 8.5". Item must be "copy" ready for publication. Due date is March 1, 2019 to Loy
  - a. One Line (maximum 47 characters (includes spaces), Times New Roman,
    - i. font size 12 only **\$10.00**
  - b. One Quarter page **\$25.00**
  - c. One Half page **\$50.00**
  - d. Full Page **\$100.00**
4. I am looking for old photos of garden clubs. You can scan and e-mail them OR send them to me with a post-it note on the back with your name and garden club, so that I can return them to you. I will turn them into black and white photos for one of our meals. You'll have to attend to see them.

Please send your Dedications and checks for Dedication, as well as the Old photos to me at:

**Loy Holt**  
105 Wood Pond Circle  
Williamsburg, VA 23185-3118

Also, electronic copies of the Dedications (in Word format) and old photos (in jpeg format) can be emailed to [Loy614@aol.com](mailto:Loy614@aol.com) If you have different electronic formats please contact Loy.

Thank you in advance for your help. Mary and I are looking for hostesses and other helpers. Please let me know if there is something you are interested in helping with. It really does take a village.

Loy Holt  
[Loy614@aol.com](mailto:Loy614@aol.com)  
2019 VFGC Convention Chairman

Mary H. Dixon  
[mdixon2643@aol.com](mailto:mdixon2643@aol.com)  
2019 VFGC Con. Vice Chairman

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**The 2019 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest posters** were submitted by participating garden clubs. Children in grades 1 – 5 were invited to participate in the 2019 National Garden Clubs, Inc. poster contest. The winning posters were very creative and illustrated Smokey Bear's message, "Only you can prevent wild fires". Awards for the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest will be announced at the Piedmont District meeting in March. A special thank you goes to the garden clubs that participated in the poster contest. **Pat Merson Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Chairman**

## Beautiful Homes on Tour in Reedville -

Karen Luzuriaga , Publicist for CBGC



To help support the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, CBGC decorates the homes on the tour. Attached in an article and some pictures.

One of the many highlights of Christmas on Cockrell's Creek of 2018, were the beautifully decorated homes. On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>, visitors from all over toured these beautiful Reedville homes. This event supports the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. The four homes were beautifully decorated by their owners and the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club.

The Red Cottage on Roseland Road is the home of Charley and Maureen Gillmer. This home was recently built by the Gillmers. An old cow barn once stood where this lovely house is now. Sue Moore was the head decorator, and she had a lot of help from other members of club. The Gillmer's home has a unique design that allowed for many traditional Christmas decorations. The decorations glimmered from the light let in by the large windows which also provided a panoramic view of the creek. The decorations and family heirlooms provided a cozy, warm feeling in this home.

The Steamboat House at 532 Main Street got its name because it looks like a steamboat pilot house.

The new owners are Mark and Stacey Stickley. It's an old beautiful, light filled house located on the creek. The head decorator was Rebecca Elston. She and her crew did a lovely job making arrangements and placing greens in this quaint old house. The renovations blended in with this historic home. As you walked through this house, it was like going back to another time.

On 560 Main Street is the Carroll House which is an American four-square. The new owners are Dan and Michele Ginnerty. The Carrolls created a blend of modern and antique style with their home. Sharon Lemke and Sharon Stieber, the head decorators, and other members from the club did an outstanding job with the decorations. The beautiful arrangements and greenery blended well with the home's décor. The view of the creek, the decorations, and the home's style all added to the home's charm.

The Pittman Cottage on 1126 Fleeton Road was also decorated by the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club. The proud owners are John and Sally Baffa. This cottage is filled with photography of family and nature. Sally provided many of the decorations, and the garden club provided the greenery and floral arrangements. The head decorator was Kathie Truxall. She too had a group of club members assisting in the decorating. The lovely decorations provided Christmas cheer to this home. The Pittman Cottage was a warm, pleasant place to visit on the tour.

The Chesapeake Garden Club also supported the RFM by creating a beautiful tablescape that was on display throughout the entire event. Linda Hixon and friend Donna Bowen created the beautiful table called "Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree." Many other organizations supported the Reedville Fishermen's Museum as well by providing lovely tablescapes for all to enjoy. The tablescapes were on display in Festival Hall.

The event ended with a snowfall and chilly air, but it did not keep away visitors. It was a festive beginning to the holiday season.

The Chesapeake Garden Club hopes that everyone enjoyed the lovely, decorated homes hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## GARDEN THERAPY -- Mary Kudless

### The Harvest with Pre-K students at Glebe School

Mary Beth Scaggs designed a beautiful program for our Pre-K students at Glebe Elementary. Her emphasis was the Harvest and she told the story through a beautiful book, a wonderful song, and hands on gourd experiences, and the decoration of pumpkins with animal features to capture the creatures of Fall. The student's creations resulted in very cute foxes, raccoons, possum, etc. to bring home to their families.



Dianne Simmons read the book, "Possum's Harvest Moon" by Anne Hunter, aided by Mary Cottrell with a very animated raccoon puppet at Dianne's shoulder. They captured the student's attention! We will add this book to the Garden Therapy library, as the story is engaging and the pictures are mesmerizing.

Under Mary Beth's leadership, we circulated gourds, squash and pumpkins for the students to touch. Susan Scotti led all present in the chosen song, "Autumn Leaves are Falling Down" and the children loved the animation and acting involved in conveying falling leaves.

This was followed by great excitement about decorating the different colored pumpkins as animals of the forest with foam ears, noses and mouths that Mary Beth had prepared ahead.

Afterwards, we celebrated all creatures and creations with Vegan Monster Cookies and juice. There is no doubt that this is another comprehensive educational and fun program that we will want to repeat in the future.

Thank you Mary Beth, Marion, Dianne, Mary C., Mary M, Susan, and Margi for your leadership and participation.

## SALISBURY GARDEN CLUB

The members of Salisbury Garden Club are busy ladies.

We are dedicated to volunteering in our community wherever we see a need:



holiday floral designs in an after-school program at Southampton Elementary School, and planting a garden of daffodils at Suburban Park Village.



Making bird feeders with students in the Homework Helpers program at Stony Point Church, assisting students creating

### Pages from our Past

An NGC Standard Flower Show

Presented by the Salisbury Garden Club for their 50th Anniversary

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

2341 Winterfield Rd. Midlothian, VA 23113 (804) 378-7481 May 1, 2019

1:00 to 7:00 PM

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Piedmont District

Open to the public --No Admission Fee

**CALL**  
**PD SPRING GENERAL MEETING –**  
**Monday, March 18, 2019**

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

**WHEN:** Monday March 18, 2019

**SCHEDULE & PROGRAM --**

8:30-10:15 Registration & Shop

10:30 -- Call to Order

11:15-12:00 Break/Shop/Cash Bar

12:00- 1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:45 Design Program-Gals from the Cathedral Flower Guild

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

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

**Rules for Registration --** Due to problems we have had with checks being lost in the mail, we have implemented the following procedure.

**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.**

**Clubs should email the names of the attendees with the following information: Club Name, indicate 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.**

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

**DEADLINE:** Monday, March 4, 2019

**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: President, Judy Durant  
 8283 Silkwood Dr.  
 Mechanicsville, VA 23116-1890  
[jgdurant@verizon.net](mailto:jgdurant@verizon.net)

Keep a 4th copy for your records.

**NOTE:** A block of rooms has been reserved at Four Points Sheraton for Sunday night, March 17th at \$10 off the normal price. Normal price is \$114.00, our block charge is \$99.00. If you wish to reserve, ask for the "Piedmont District Garden Club" block of rooms. The hotel telephone number is 804/323-1144.

**REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON-LINE AT: [PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org](http://PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org)**

## Piedmont District membership Dues and Communication Fee Membership

Linda Nau, Treasurer

It's time to renew your 2019-2020 Piedmont District membership. Dues and Communication Fee total \$20 per club. Thank you for using this form which is also provided on the Piedmont District Website, [www.PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org](http://www.PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org). Please mail this completed form and your \$20 check payable to Piedmont District VFGC to: Linda Nau, Treasurer 1810 Ethelred Court, Midlothian VA 23113-3400 [naule@aol.com](mailto:naule@aol.com) 804-514-0095, Payment is due no later than May 31, 2019. Please mail it today so it is not forgotten. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Thank you!

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

**Club President 2019-2020:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Club Treasurer 2019-2020:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Club's Piedmont District Representative 2019-2020. (This is NOT the president. This is to be a 2nd person in your club to also receive email notifications from the Piedmont District.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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



### FOOTPRINTS

Send articles to: Carolyn Ball, EditorEmail:

[Footprints@PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org](mailto:Footprints@PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org) -

PH: 804-580-6035

Articles are due before the following dates.

MAY 1, 2019

AUGUST 1, 2019

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.

## Calendar and Deadlines

March 01 -- "Dedication Pages" for upcoming VFGC Convention Program. Due to Loy Holt

**March 18.** -- Piedmont District Meeting  
Four Points by Sheraton, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike

**April 2-4** -- 2019 VFGC Convention in Williamsburg  
April 11-12 Landscape Design School - Course 1

May 01 -- Salisbury Garden Club NGC Standard Flower Show

May 18-20 -- NGC Convention

**May 31 -- PD Dues & Communication fee DUE**

**June 01 --Yearbook Sponsor VFGC  
YEARBOOK – 2019-2021 DUE**

June 4-10 -- National Garden Week

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**Deadline: June 1, 2019**

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[chcosby@verizon.net](mailto:chcosby@verizon.net) 804-794-7798

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**Each club and every club member can be a sponsor**

### ***SPONSOR BENEFITS***

- Listed on the ***Sponsors Page***
- Receive a yearbook insert (*\$10 Sponsor*)

Each member club receives **two** gratis yearbook inserts and each VFGC/district officer and chairman receives **one** gratis yearbook insert.

## What's in it for me?

- A directory of names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for all VFGC officers and chairmen, district officers and chairmen, all garden club presidents, and SAR and NGC officers.
- Information that Garden Clubs need—on dues, donations, Life Memberships, etc.
- Calendar of Events
- Awards offered by VFGC, SAR and NGC for clubs and individuals
- List of Flower Show Judges and Landscape Design Consultants
- VFGC Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Standing Rules

***Be a VFGC Yearbook Sponsor  
and Receive Your Copy of the VFGC Yearbook!***

**Yearbook Binders will have the VFGC logo in green on the front cover, and VFGC on the spine**

