



## PIEDMONT DISTRICT

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### *A Message from President Sally Harrison*

It is so typical of Virginia that we can go from record-breaking cold at Christmas followed by balmy spring like days in January. The trees and shrubs around my condo complex are confused by Mother Nature's mixed signals. But the daffodils are not. It seems like daffodils pop up earlier and earlier every year. Will there be any daffodils left to exhibit at the Daffodil Society Show in late March (see p.4)? Who knows? My guess is that Mother Nature is sending "Mixed Signals" all over the Piedmont District.

One thing for certain is that our **Piedmont District Spring Meeting** will again be held at the DoubleTree at 1021 Koger Center Boulevard on **Monday, March 20**, 2023 beginning at 10 am. Look for the sign-up sheet on page 11 and be sure to book early; the **deadline is March 10**.

See page two for details about the meeting planned by Joann McNabb, Program Chair, and Diane Burgess, Hospitality Chair. As in many other aspects our lives, we find our meeting-related costs increasing for facilities rental, audio-visual equipment, program fees, food, and service fees. We have looked carefully at how we can contain costs and have decided to increase the meeting cost by \$5, to \$40 per attendee. I promise the day will be well worth it!

Vendor shopping is always enjoyable, and we will have one new vendor this time. Pam Mann, our Chaplain, will conduct our annual Memorial Moment to remember our members we have lost. Joanne Wallace will announce the Awards results. Betty Ann Galway's design program will emphasize mechanics, the hidden secret to every floral design. Opportunity tickets will be available!

While the weather may be unpredictable, activities in the Piedmont District are gaining momentum. Interesting and informative meetings have been planned by Program Chairmen for their Club meetings. Clubs are sponsoring Field trips, Flower Shows, community activities, school outreach, anniversary celebrations, just to name a few favorite activities. We are "Digging into Action," to borrow Mary Owen's theme.

I hope that many Piedmont District clubs will be represented at the **VFGC Convention** to be held in Staunton on **April 23-24**. See pages 6-7. See page 8 for information about club program ads.

Note that the **convention registration deadline is April 2**. The registration form is included at the back of this newsletter issue – you can attend the entire convention at a package price.

The NGC Convention is being held at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.V. May 2-5. Visit the NGC website to obtain a full schedule and information about special room rates. I hope to see you there!

Again, thank you for all that you are doing to support your Garden Club and the Piedmont District. I encourage every club to start brainstorming now about how we can celebrate NGC "National Garden Week" (June 4-10) in our communities.

Sally

[Sally.c.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:Sally.c.harrison@gmail.com)

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## “The Rocking Robin”

*Pam Mann, District Chaplain*

Forget the snow and ice, grey days, long nights, and whirling winds. I’m ready for spring.

I remember one special spring day. As I washed dishes, I watched a mother robin in the holly bush just outside my kitchen window. As it began to rain, she gently settled over her hatchlings. The quiet sprinkle soon turned into a downpour.

The robin stood up in her nest and spread her wings wide. She rocked back and forth a few times, stretching her wings to create an umbrella over the nest.

The rains pounded harder, yet she did not move. With wings outstretched, “Mrs.. Robin” remained stoic, lovingly protecting her young.

*“The Lord will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.”* NIV version. Psalm 91:4

Life’s trials may sometimes be only a drizzle and at other times a fiercely pounding storm.

Let us pray: O God, like that faithful robin, You gather us under your wings. Console our Piedmont District members who are unwell of body, mind, or heart. And when we finally experience spring’s first flush, and see our first robin, may we remember Your love and give thanks. Amen



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## Piedmont District Spring Meeting

*JoAnn McNabb, Program Chair & Diane Burgess, Hospitality*

“Taking the Mystery Out of Mechanics”

**Betty Ann Galway**



Join floral designer and Master Judge, Betty Ann Galway as she takes the “Mystery out of Mechanics,” She will demonstrate many ways to create re-usable structures for

decorative home designs ...and “going green” - designing without a block of Oasis. All attendees will have a chance to win one for their home, but everyone will learn how to re-create her designs.

*Nationally Certified Floral Designer*

*Member of the American Institute of Floral Designers*

*AIFD Certified Floral Evaluator/Judge*

*National Garden Club Master Judge*

### PIEDMONT DISTRICT SPRING MEETING

**Monday March 20, 2023**

**WHERE:** Doubletree by Hilton  
1021 Koger Center Boulevard  
Richmond, VA 23235

#### SCHEDULE & PROGRAM

8:30-9:45	Registration and Shopping
10:00-11:30	General Meeting and Awards
11:30-12:00	Break / Shopper’s Spree
12:00-1:00	Luncheon
1:00-2:45	Design Program: <i>Betty Ann Galway</i>

**MEETING COST, LUNCHEON & PROGRAM \$40.00**

**MENU CHOICES:** Tuscan Grilled Chicken Breast, nut-free pesto sauce, seasonal vegetables, roasted potatoes; Grilled Filet of Salmon, lemon beurre blanc sauce, steamed rice, seasonal vegetables; Chef’s Choice Vegetarian Pasta (GF); all served with spinach salad, rolls, beverages, and “Death by Chocolate” cake.

**Reservation Form** – see page 11 of this *Footprints* issue or download from the website:

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

## CALENDAR

Feb 15	Piedmont District Grant Deadline
Feb 28-Mar 3	VFGC Flower Show School II
Mar 5-7	SAR Convention, Roanoke
Mar 20	Piedmont District Spring Meeting
Mar 27-28	VFGC Landscape Design School
April 23-24	VFGC Convention & Flower Show
May 1	<i>Footprints</i> Deadline, Summer
May 2-5	NGC Convention, The Greenbrier
Jun 4-10	NGC "National Garden Week"



Virginia – The Mountains to the Ocean  
An NGC Small Standard Flower Show

Presented by Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

April 23, 2023 1:00 to 4:00 PM  
April 24, 2023 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Hotel 24 South**  
24 South Market Street  
Staunton, Virginia 24401

Open & Free to the public  
Affiliated with:  
National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
South Atlantic Region

For more information and to obtain a  
schedule, contact Val Story at  
[valstory@aol.com](mailto:valstory@aol.com)

### Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

*Pat Merson - Chair*

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contest posters for elementary school grades one through five were submitted by two garden clubs - Salisbury and Sleepy Hollow.

Winning posters will be announced at the Piedmont District Spring Meeting March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support of the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

## Celebrate National Garden Week

NGC "National Garden Week" is June 4-10. How will your club celebrate? Some ideas from the NGC website:

- Plan an educational program and/or workshop at your local library, public garden, or garden center.
- Sponsor a hands-on "How Do You Select Flowers/Shrubs for Your Garden" workshop at an area nursery.
- Plan a garden tour. This is a wonderful time to share your knowledge of growing while sharing ideas.
- Beautify a manageable blighted area or enhance an existing garden. This would be a good opportunity to work with other groups.
- Plan an activity with a youth group or school students.
- Place a plant or flower arrangement at public facilities, along with one of the beautiful National Garden Week posters.

VFGC Clubs - Let's display our pride and spread the word during National Garden Week!



Go to the National Garden Clubs website to download this colorful *fillable format* poster. [www.gardenclubs.org](http://www.gardenclubs.org) Add your garden club name and community, print 11 x 14 or larger posters, and display them throughout your community: in local store windows, churches, parks – and even mount them on sticks and post in member yards, HOA rules permitting. Let's celebrate National Garden Week in all our communities across the state!

## Open Call for Daffodil Exhibitors!



**Virginia Daffodil Society invites You  
to exhibit at the  
2023 ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Daffodil Show**

**March 25-26, 2023  
Open to the Public  
Free to Exhibit & Free to Attend**

Open to ALL Daffodil Growers. VDS Membership not required.

Bring your Daffodils – complimentary exhibition materials and assistance with entries will be provided.

Entry Submission Times: March 24, Noon-6pm & March 25, 7am-10am.

Show Hours: March 25, 2pm-5pm & March 26, 10am-3:45pm.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden  
1800 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, VA 23228

Questions: Email [vdsdaffshow@gmail.com](mailto:vdsdaffshow@gmail.com)  
Follow our Facebook Page: [Virginia Daffodil Society](#)

## Piedmont District Memorial Moment

The traditional “memorial moment” will be held at the Spring 2023 District Meeting. Send notices of deceased members to Pam Mann (March 2022 – March 2023) [pamann1724@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## Be a Yearbook Sponsor

Now taking orders for the 2023-2025 Yearbook. Individual or Club Sponsorships. See the form at the end of this *Footprints* issue.

## Cleaning Up Our Planet



Clubs are encouraged to participate in VFGC’s Trex® plastic film 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](http://www.trex.com) and register.

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

## VFGC LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Everyone needs a Life Membership into the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. Please consider giving one to several garden club members or to yourself. The cost is \$50.00. You’ll receive a lovely ceramic pin (shown) If you want to make it a surprise, the pin can be sent to whomever you designate on the form. A presentation can be given at a District Meeting (arrangements must be made in advance) or at a garden club meeting. The \$50 is a tax-deductible donation to the VFGC scholarship fund. You may also receive or give a Book of Honor award. You won’t receive a pin, but you will receive a card. Go to [http://www.viriniagardenclubs.org/VFGC/Life\\_Memberships.html](http://www.viriniagardenclubs.org/VFGC/Life_Memberships.html) for the applicable form/s. Or call or email Jane Denton, Life Membership Chairman at 804-435-6877; email: [denton@va.metrocast.net](mailto:denton@va.metrocast.net).



## Bees Are Essential Pollinators

*Jan Pingel, Butterfly & Pollinator Education Chair*

It has often been said that bees are responsible for one out of every three bites of food we eat. Of the 100 crop species, bees pollinate 70% of the crops grown for the fruits and vegetables, nuts, and seeds that we consume.

Pollination is the transfer of pollen from the male parts of a flower to the female parts of a flower of the same species, which results in fertilization of plant ovaries and the production of fruit and seeds. The main insect pollinators, by far, are bees. European honeybees are the best-known pollinators. But there are also hundreds of other species of bees, mostly solitary ground nesting species that are essential pollinators.



Photo credit – Jan Pingel,  
*Carpenter Bee and Passionflower in my back yard*

Bees make excellent pollinators because most of their life is spent collecting pollen, a source of protein that they feed to their developing offspring. When a bee lands on a flower, the hairs on the bees' body attract pollen grains. They use their legs to groom the pollen into specialized pockets on their legs or body, and then carry it back to

their nest. Usually, individual bees focus on one kind of flower at a time, which means it is more likely that pollen from one flower will be transferred to another flower of the same species by a particular bee. Collecting pollen requires a lot of energy, and many flowers provide bees with nectar.

Most of us know about European honeybees and bumble bees that nest communally and have a division of labor within the colony. But 90% of the native bee species are solitary and each female produces offspring in her own nest with only one generation of bees produced per year. Some species of solitary bees in Virginia are carpenter bees, andrenid or mining bees, leafcutter bees, orchard mason bees and sweat bees.

*Source: Virginia Cooperative Extension [www.est.vt.edu](http://www.est.vt.edu)*

Bee communities, both wild and managed, have been declining over the last half century as pesticide use in agricultural and urban areas has increased. Changes in climate and land use have resulted in a patchy distribution of food and nesting sites. This decline in bee populations has many growers concerned about how they will continue to be able to pollinate their crops. If the crops are not adequately pollinated, the production of food will decrease.

As gardeners, we need to help pollinators by providing habitats free of pesticides, full of nectar and pollen producing plants, and with ample potential nesting sites.

*Source: Michigan State University [msu.edu](http://msu.edu)*

### Attention Club Treasurers

Reminder that the  
deadline to submit  
Piedmont District club  
annual dues is May 31<sup>st</sup>

*Form is on p 14*



*Growing in  
Action*

**89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
and Flower Show  
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs**

**April 23-24, 2023**

**Hotel 24 South (Stonewall Jackson Hotel)  
24 South Market Street, Staunton, VA**

**Convention Registration deadline April 2**

**Hotel reservation deadline March 23**

*Amy Gable Thorpe, Convention Chairman  
Dianna Busch, Convention Co-chairman*

This year's VFGC Convention is not to be missed! Mary Owen, VFGC President, will preside over the convention. The new format of a two-day convention promises to be packed with excitement! A Flower Show, workshops, amazing lunch and dinner programs, shopping, awards, officer installation, connecting with old friends and making new ones...see you at the convention!

**The Convention Registration form is on pp 12-13 of this issue of *Footprints*. Deadline April 2.**

*Hotel Reservations*

Venue: Hotel 24 South (Stonewall Jackson Hotel)  
Hotel Reservations: 540-885-4848  
Ask for "Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Block"  
Special block rate per night: \$119 + tax  
Hotel reservation deadline: March 23, 2023

*The Flower Show*

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show will be showcased during the convention. Any VFGC member in good standing may enter, regardless of convention attendance.

Theme: *Virginia- The Mountains to the Ocean*  
The schedule will be available on the VFGC website or may be requested from Val Story: [valstory@aol.com](mailto:valstory@aol.com)

*Vendors*

VFGC Conventions are known to provide great shopping experiences. The 2023 Convention will follow suit including Verona's very own The Fashion Gallery!

*Special Guest Appearance*

Smokey Bear will be joining us for our social hour and will be available for photos and selfies!

**CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, April 23**

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Flower Room Open
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Flower Show Entries Received
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration Desk Open
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Vendor Shopping
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Board Meeting
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon & Awards Program
2:00 pm- 3:00 pm	<i>Kitchen Garden Farm'ocology</i>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Flower Show Open
4:00 pm- 5:00 pm	<i>Know Your Food, What Does GMO Mean?</i>
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Social Hour (cash bar)
7:00 pm	<b>Dinner</b>
	<i>Design Program: Jeanne Ha</i>

**Monday, April 24**

8:00 am – Noon	Registration Desk Open
8:00 am – 9:30am	Open Breakfast
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Flower Show Open
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Convention Opening/ Business Meeting
10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Vendor Shopping
Noon -2:30 pm	<b>Luncheon</b>
	<i>Installation of VFGC Officers Program: Mark Frye</i>
2:00 pm- 3:00 pm	Flower Show Entries Removed

*Luncheon Program Sunday, April 23*  
*VFGC Awards – Heidi Sage*

*Workshops*

**Theresa Boardwine**

*Green Comfort School of Herbal Medicine*  
"Kitchen Herb Garden Farm'ology"

Theresa Boardwine, RH (AHG) is a dynamic teacher on health and wellness. Her approach is professional, warm, and down to earth. Theresa will guide us on using our kitchen herb gardens to fill our medicine cabinets!



**Rebecca Webert**

"GMO Labeling, What Does it Mean?"

Wife. Mom. Cow Lover.

Passionate "ag"vocate.

Rebecca Webert grew up in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley on a beef cattle ranch.

Agriculture was a way of life, and it quickly became a passion. Rebecca works for the Virginia Cattlemen's Association as their Director of Communications, and also helps to run the business that she and her husband started, Black Locust Livestock, a multifaceted agricultural business.



*Dinner Program Sunday, April 23*

**Jeanne Ha**

*Park Florist and Washington Flower School Floral Designs*

Jeanne Ha, AIFD CFD Certified judge/evaluator Co-Owner, Wedding and special event director (Who is always creating something new) Jeanne has the job of her dreams: florist and owner of a retail shop! Born and raised in Seoul, South Korea, she has a strong foundation in art and music.

Jeanne was inducted as a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers in 2010 and is currently a proud member of the Society of American Florists, The Independent Floral Designers Association, and Old Town Takoma Park Business Association. She also served multiple terms as a Teleflora unit president. She has won numerous floral design competitions and been featured in many publications, along with her own floral design books "Asian Allure" and "Ready, Set, Design".



*Jeanne's designs will be raffled off at the conclusion of her program.*

*Luncheon Program Monday, April 24*

**Mark Frye**

*Creative Occasions Events, Flowers & Gifts*

Mark Frye is the owner/principal designer of Creative Occasions Events, Flowers & Gifts, located in Vinton, Virginia. Mark is an award-winning designer at both the state and national levels and has assisted with main stage design presentations for the Southern Chapter of the AIFD (American Institute of Floral Design). He has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Professional Florist Association.



In 2021, Mark was appointed to serve as a volunteer decorator for the White House! His experience there even

included designing arrangements that were to be used in the private residential quarters as well as part of the holiday displays in the China Room and the Vermeil Room. Last year, Mark launched a YouTube series called *Blossoms and Bourbon*. Viewers from across the United States, Australia, Portugal, and The Philippines and the UK!

### **Convention Program Ads – deadline March 15**

Clubs and business organizations may place ads in the VFGC 2023 Convention Program. The program size is the same as ODG: 5.5” by 8.5” Ad costs are \$50 for half-page or \$100 for a full-page ad. Checks may be made to VFGC (convention ad in memo line) and submitted to Claudia Cosby, VFGC Treasurer. Indicate Club or other organization and size of ad purchased. Send to:

Claudia Cosby  
3015 Mount Hill Drive  
Midlothian, VA 23113-3923

Ad copy should be submitted in non-pdf format, preferably MS Word. Any photos or graphics work best if submitted as separate jpeg files. Submit to Gail Goodrich Harwood, program designer, at: [gailev@aol.com](mailto:gailev@aol.com) If desired, Gail can help with your ad design.

### **A Sure Sign of Spring!**



*Photo by Becky Sido  
Salisbury GC*

### **Grant Program Aids Restoration following Natural Disasters**

*Diane Burgess*

The natural disasters which have occurred across our country are truly heartbreaking. Devastating hurricanes, forest fires, and blizzards were headlines in 2022. And major flooding and horrific tornadoes in the beginning of 2023 certainly remind us of “Mother Nature’s” destructive forces.

The aftermath of natural disasters is bewildering and hard to comprehend. Once life and habitat are back to semi-normal, there is more to do in communities – to restore history, lift spirits, and preserve environments. Did you know that NGC can help?

**NGC’s Natural Disaster USA Fund** was established in 1997 to receive monetary contributions to assist with garden-related restoration after a natural disaster. The fund has helped clubs replant hundreds of parks, municipal gardens, and other sites throughout the US.

*The Natural Disaster USA Fund is the largest grant fund that NGC offers, with grants up to \$5000 per project.* Funds are available each year through a simple application process. Clubs can submit applications anytime throughout the year; the application information is on the website.

The Natural Disaster USA Fund is supported solely by generous donations from dedicated garden club members as well as state, districts, and clubs. We can all aid NGC in lending a hand to fellow clubs in their time of need.

**Clubs and members – please consider giving to this important fund. All gifts, no matter the size, will be gratefully acknowledged.**

Contributions may be sent to NGC Headquarters - marked for the Natural Disaster Fund – at 4401 Magnolia Ave. St. Lewis, Mo. 63110.  
Inquiries: Diane Burgess  
[burgessdiane@gmail.com](mailto:burgessdiane@gmail.com)



## Garden Clubbing in the Piedmont

### CRESTWOOD FARMS GC

On 12 November, 2022 Crestwood Farms GC planted five Willow Oaks and one Southern Magnolia at Crestwood Elementary School in North Chesterfield. This 1960's school had been razed and rebuilt with students returning to the building in time for the start of the 2021 school year. Naturally, a build of this scale required removal of mature trees and bushes, leaving no shade for students on the playground, bus loop, or parent pick-up line.

Garden Club members had a lovely fall day to dig down through compacted clay, rubble, and debris to amend soil and prep roots for the new trees. With the help of neighbors, the Crestwood Elementary Garden Club, teachers, and students, a bonus crowbar or two, and a manual post hole digger, all trees were successfully planted and will be enjoyed for another 50 years or more.

An impromptu celebration toasting the health of the new trees with long gulps of water was enjoyed by all, including the trees! The principal was



so grateful for the trees that she asked our club to help design, dig-in, and support a butterfly waystation between the parking lot and the school's greenhouse, thus connecting the school's Monarch butterfly mascot to the nature that surrounds the school. Plans for this new project are currently in committee talks.

### Old Ivy Garden Club Plant Sale

**Saturday May 13 9am-1pm**

Chamberlayne Heights United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
6100 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond

## Appomattox Garden Club Tea



Sunday, April 16, 2023  
3pm to 5pm  
Weston Manor  
Hopewell, VA

Tickets \$10 in advance \$12 at the door  
Contact: Marilyn Brown (804)678-9040

### Nathaniel Cawsey Garden Club

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Party

"The Language of Flowers" ~

presented by Frances Thrash

April 19, 2023 - 10:30 AM

Doors open 9:30 for shopping with  
*All Manor of Things*

Country Club of Petersburg

Contact Barbara Brigstock (804) 690-3256

Tickets \$40.00 in Advance



### Thomas Jefferson Flower Shows; Past and Present

*Celebrating 90 years!*

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show  
Presented by The Thomas Jefferson Garden Club

At Trinity Lutheran Church  
2315 N. Parham Road, Henrico VA 20233  
Thursday, April 27, 2023, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

For more information contact:  
Lynne Still - lynnstill23@gmail.com

Open and Free to the Public

## Piedmont District 2021-2023 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 this issue but for future issues. This is a wonderful 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 and 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](mailto:Footprints@PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org)

PHONE: 804-317-8091

Articles are due before the following deadlines:

AUGUST 1 – FALL

NOVEMBER 1 – WINTER

FEBRUARY 1 – SPRING

MAY 1 -- 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 Shopping, Luncheon, and Design Program

Monday March 20, 2023

Doubletree by Hilton 1021 Koger Center Blvd Richmond, VA 23235

**Registration Deadline: March 10**

## 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 *	Circle Choice: Chick, Salmon, Vega/GF
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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 @ \$40:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Check Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ (one check)

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

8423 Shannon Green Court Henrico, VA 23228-1876 email: [omagilbert@aol.com](mailto:omagilbert@aol.com)

## 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Registration Form April 23-24 • "Growing into Action"

**Registration:** Please complete form; make check payable to "VFGC 2023 Convention" and mail both to Dianna Busch 14453 Rillhurst Dr, Culpeper, VA 22701-9711; diannabusch@comcast.net; 540-353-9044 • **Postmark by Apr 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**Check ALL that apply:**

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer/Chm                         | <input type="checkbox"/> District President | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Officer/Chm                         | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director  | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR Life Member     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former VFGC President                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President     | <input type="checkbox"/> VFGC Life Member    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer/Chm                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor/Guest       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VFGC Life Member/ Book of Honor since 5/1/22 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> First-time attendee |

**Select Your Attendance Plan:**

Full Convention (Package Plan - \$20 savings) \$ 165.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Full convention includes: Sunday Lunch, Sunday Dinner, Monday Breakfast, Monday Lunch, and Registration Fee if postmarked by April 1.*

*Partial Attendance Options:*

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Sunday Lunch and Awards Program                   | \$ 45.00 _____ |
| Sunday Evening Dinner and Design Program          | \$ 65.00 _____ |
| Monday Member Meeting Breakfast                   | *Complimentary |
| Monday Lunch and Program                          | \$ 45.00 _____ |
| Registration Fee <i>if postmarked by Apr 1</i>    | \$ 30.00 _____ |
| Registration Fee <i>if postmarked after Apr 1</i> | \$ 40.00 _____ |
| One-event Registration Fee                        | \$ 20.00 _____ |

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee must be included for all envelopes postmarked after 4/1/2023. Any registrations postmarked after 4/15/2023 will not be processed or accepted. No Walk-In registrations. No refunds after 4/10/2023. *Refunds requested by 4/10/2023 are subject to retention of registration fee.*

*\*Complimentary Breakfast for registered attendees*

\_\_\_\_ *Please check for any dietary requirements and list details below.  
See next page for Convention Credentials Form.*

## VFGC 2023 Convention Credentials Form

All designated delegates and alternates, including VFGC Officers and members of the Board of Directors, must complete this form and include it with your Registration Form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Check one that applies:

VFGC Officer/Board of Directors

Club Delegate

Club President

Club Alternate

Eligibility shall be in accordance with VFGC Bylaws - number of Delegates and Alternates in accordance with size of club as follows:

1-25 members	President or appointee – 1 Alternate
26-50 members	President or appointee plus 1 Delegate – 2 Alternates
51-100 members	President or appointee plus 2 Delegates – 3 Alternates
100+ members	President or appointee plus 3 Delegates – 4 Alternates

Delegates have the right to vote, alternates fill in for the delegate if he/she is unable to attend the Convention.

**PIEDMONT DISTRICT DUES  
2023-2024**

Club Treasurer,

It's time to renew your 2023-2024 Piedmont District membership. Annual Dues are **\$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:

<b>Linda Nau, Treasurer</b>	<b>804-514-0095</b>
<b>1810 Ethelred Court</b>	<b>naule@aol.com</b>
<b>Midlothian, VA 23113-3400</b>	

Payment is due no later than **May 31, 2023**.

We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Thank you!

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

**Club President 2023-2024:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**Club Treasurer 2023-2024:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**Club's Piedmont District Representative 2023-2024.** (This is NOT the president. This is to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> person in your club to also receive email notifications from the Piedmont District. Since virtually all our communications are via email, it is most helpful if this person has an email address.)

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

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

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

## Be a VFGC 2023-2025 Yearbook Sponsor

Deadline: June 30, 2023

### Who can be a Sponsor?

Each club and every club member can be a 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 receive **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—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

#### INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR

Please print your NAME as it is to appear in the yearbook.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### CLUB SPONSOR

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact (Treasurer) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
Yearbook Insert		\$10.00	
Binder with VFGC logo		\$8.00	
<b>Total Order</b>			

Make checks payable to VFGC, Inc. Mail check & form to:  
Darleen Nelson. 153 Bushfield Road Montross, VA 22520-3813  
[darlydurl@aol.com](mailto:darlydurl@aol.com) 804-472-9710