



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 is the first of May and still there is a nip in the air. I am enjoying my Azaleas, other blooming shrubs and the gorgeous Irises while my perennials are trying to decide if it is still too chilly to begin showing off. It has been a long, cold winter, and I will be glad for those warmer days ahead!

What a great spring District meeting – 248 registered! This was a day packed with Friends, Awards, Grants, Designs, Vendors, beautiful centerpieces and, unfortunately . . . Snow! We truly enjoyed having our National President, Nancy Hargroves, in attendance as well as our State President, Marty Bowers. Through our Chaplain's Memorial Moment, Pam Mann remembered those members we have lost this past year. We congratulated Salisbury on their 50th Anniversary – what an achievement! Additionally, Grants were given to clubs for their outstanding projects. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the support of Piedmont, \$1,000 has been donated to the Horticulture program at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College for Scholarships/Internships. A Nominating Committee was selected for the upcoming term. Last but not least, thank you, Judy Binns, for the wonderful, informative afternoon Design program – “How to Design What's New”. You will see our State Award Chairman's report listed in this Newsletter. At our District meeting we were proud to present clubs with over 74 Awards for their excellent work. Hats off to all the very deserving winners! I am very proud of the accomplishments of the entire Piedmont District. Awards Chairman, Jane Earle, has devoted many, many, many hours on behalf of Piedmont, and I know she will be looking forward to even more applications next fall.

A good time was had by all at the 2018 State Convention! We were very fortunate to have the Convention in our own backyard and as your District President, I was honored to give the official “Welcome” and to participate in the Memorial Service and light a candle in memory of those Piedmont members we lost this past year. The Flower Show was lovely, the programs were very interesting and Piedmont clubs made us proud as we won many State Awards. Our very own Jean Fender deservedly received the “Member Award of Honor” for all her countless hours spent in the furtherance of NGC's Mission Statement.

I am happy to say, garden clubs in the Piedmont District continue to thrive as shown on the 31 Annual Reports I have received - and I have enjoyed reading each and every one. Club projects continue to amaze me along with fabulous programs! Garden clubs have many different methods of getting the word out about their activities and there are many ways clubs educate their members and the public. I'm sure every club would love to know the secret of Fundraising. All of this information is contained in the Annual Reports, and I look forward to sharing this information with club Presidents.

We are VERY excited about our next District meeting on October 8th. In addition to our Design program, which will be held during the morning session, we will be having a District Flower Show! Information about this event is included in this edition of Footprints and will soon be posted to our Website.

Four Points by Sheraton has reserved a block of 20 rooms at \$100 each as we are expecting out of town participants in the Show. I want to thank so many people who devote so much of their time and energy into making Piedmont District shine. From my entire Board, our club Presidents and all of our members . . . as I said at our meeting, it takes a Village to run a District.

Here's hoping your summer garden is filled with Blooms, Relaxation and Friends. Inspire, Grow, Connect Judy

Chaplain's Message -- Pam Mann

Spring has sprung, and now we welcome summer with all its many wondrous sights, sounds and fragrances. Birds sing, the grass grows and lawn mowers claim our attention. Consider the pleasure of standing at the window with a cup of tea or coffee in hand.

You might see sunbeams filtering through crystal dew drops--placed just so--upon a velvety garden rose. Later, outside, you might inhale the aroma of freshly cut grass mixed with the fragrance of old fashion phlox. As evening approaches, you just might experience a hallelujah chorus provided by--the “Throaty Frogs.”

Only God could have made it so.

The gifts just keep coming until, at last, the day draws to a close with the sunset, available anywhere you are at that moment. At the beach, between mountain peaks, or from behind your backyard grill. No matter where, the sunset is God's closure gift of the day.

I chanced upon the following meditation in Our Daily Bread, April 2017. With their permission, we are sharing it with you. The article was written by Jeff Olson

Enjoy The View

Sunsets. People tend to stop what they are doing to watch them...snap pictures of them...enjoy the beautiful view.

My wife and I watched the sun setting over the Gulf of Mexico recently. A crowd of people surrounded us, mostly strangers who had gathered at the beach to watch this nightly phenomenon. At the moment the sun fully slipped below the horizon, the crowd broke out with applause.

Why do people respond like that? The book of Psalms offers a clue. The psalmist wrote of God ordering the sun to praise its Creator (PS. 148.3). And wherever the rays of the sun shine across the earth, people are moved to praise along with them.

The beauty that comes to us through nature speaks to our souls like few things do. It not only has the capacity to stop us in our tracks and captivate our attention, it also has the power to turn our focus to the Maker of beauty itself.

The wonder of God's vast creation can cause us to pause and remember what's truly important. Ultimately, it reminds us that there is a Creator behind the stunning entrance and exit of the day, one who so loved the world He made that He entered it in order to redeem and restore it.

Psalm 148:3 “Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.” **Taken from *Our Daily Bread*®, © 2017 by Our Daily Bread Ministries, Grand Rapids, MI. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved**

PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Program

Message from our NGC President, Nancy Hargroves:

Dear Members,

There was an overwhelming response to the PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Program. 415 garden clubs applied in the first year of this new NGC program! This is wonderful that so many clubs are active in their communities.

This level of response shows the needs of NGC's clubs. One of our roles as a national organization is to support our clubs in accomplishing our mission. NGC must do all it can to expand the funding for these grants to help clubs all across the country with their projects.

In order for this fund to increase so that NGC can give more grants, P. Allen Smith is providing a fundraising opportunity for PLANT AMERICA Grants. He offered his gardening and business advice and expertise for the plant selection, for obtaining the plants and for the method of distribution to our members. He believes in our organization's purpose and mission and has helped develop this promotion in many ways by giving his time, his staff's time and by donating a very generous percentage of the sales.

I am very proud to announce that beginning March 1 and ending June 15, National Garden Clubs will be selling plants selected by P. Allen Smith. This promotion, entitled **Inspiring Gardens Across America**, includes three different collections of plants. Each item was chosen because of a special feature in its hybridization for performance or beauty or for its limited availability in the general marketplace.

1. **Peony Flowering Daylily Collection.** This collection includes three of the most prolific reblooming double-flowering daylilies.

2. **Sunpatiens® 'Razzle Dazzle' Collection.** This is not your grandmother's impatiens! SunPatiens® is a hybrid impatiens bred by Sakata. These remarkable plants represent a breakthrough in flower breeding: they are **sun-loving** and bloom from spring through frost. P. Allen Smith

has grown these in containers and on the grounds of Moss Mountain Farm where they survive the hot summers of Arkansas with no wilting. Each of the four cultivars was picked as the one that is the most vigorous in the series.

3. **Whitewashed Wooden Stand with Succulents.** This selection is for succulent lovers and those who no longer have a garden! The whitewashed wooden stand of reclaimed wood holds three pots of succulents. It's also a great gift item for Mother's Day, Father's Day and other spring occasions.

More detailed descriptions of these plants are included in the brochure/order form that is attached.

Orders can be placed in two ways:

1. NGC Website Online Shopping -

www.shopgardenclub.org/shop

2. Mail a check with the order form to NGC headquarters, [4401 Magnolia Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110](http://www.shopgardenclub.org/shop). The order form in the brochure can be used, or the order form can be downloaded from the NGC website on the PLANT AMERICA page: www.gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america.

Orders will be accepted **starting March 1**. **Please note:** some items will be shipped when it is appropriate for your growing zone. Order early while supplies last.

This promotion is not meant to be "We've got a bargain for you." These are quality items chosen by P. Allen Smith that he knows will perform well in your home and garden or as a gift for someone. Allen and NGC share the goal of "Inspiring Gardens Across America" by contributing to the PLANT AMERICA Grant Fund so that we may give as much help as possible to NGC-member garden clubs in their projects all across America.

Our purchases will help grow the NGC PLANT AMERICA Grant Program. Thank you for your support, as all of us working together can benefit so many of our garden clubs throughout the country.

Nancy Hargroves

Promising Propagators Margie Redlin, RGC Publicity

Rappahannock Garden Club began the year with an informative program presented by RGC President Bonnie Schaschek. Bonnie, a Master Gardener, is known for her beautiful vegetable and flower gardens. Her program covered growing your own plants using the Seed-Blocking Method. This is a very popular way to produce healthy seedlings that are easily transplanted due to their substantial root development.

Bonnie has motivated the club with trying seed germination and plant production. Hopefully we can look forward to beautifying our upcoming community projects with our home-grown plants. This program fits well into RGC's theme "Plant American the Beautiful." Our best wishes to all clubs as we join together to Plant America.



**District's Flower Show Judges'
A Standard Flower Show
Mark Your Calendars for
Monday, June 4, 2018
"Here Comes Summer"**



Please join your District's flower show judges at their June 4th, 2018 "Here Comes Summer" standard flower show.

Exhibits will include the latest in National Garden Club floral design and horticulture exhibits. It will be held at the historic Inn at Montross, 21 Polk Street, Montross, VA 22520, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Flower Show Chairman, Jane Denton, 804-435-6877 or denton@va.metrocast.net for information.

Thomas Jefferson Garden Club
Celebrating 85 Years of Gardening and Friendship
Presents
A NGC Standard Flower Show

"ECHOES OF THE PAST"

Sponsored by the Thomas Jefferson Garden Club,
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
September 27, 2018

Show hours: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Free and Open to the Public

Trinity Lutheran Church
Bruening Hall
2315 Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23229
804-270-4626

Anna Meyers, President of Thomas Jefferson Garden Club

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

**CALL
PIEDMONT DISTRICT
SUMMER BOARD MEETING
2017-2019
OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN**

WHEN: Monday, August 20, 2018
Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens,
1800 Lakeside Avenue
Henrico, VA 23228

DEADLINE: Monday, August 13, 2018
Call or e-mail: Johanna Gilbert, Registrar
[\(804\) 270-6056](tel:8042706056); 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@verison.net



**SAVE THE DATE
October 17th, 2018
Rosecrest Garden Club's
8th annual Holiday Gala
at the Country Club of Petersburg.**

SAVE THE DATE

Ginter Park Garden Club
Presents
David Pippin -- Al Brockwell
(The Dueling Duo)
on
Thursday, November 8, 2018
at
Ginter Park Woman's Club
[3016 Seminary Avenue](http://3016SeminaryAvenue.com)
[Richmond, VA](http://RichmondVA.com)

Contact: Joyce Parker (804) 513-7268

CALL -- PD FALL GENERAL MEETING – Monday, October 8, 2018

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

WHEN: Monday October 8, 2018

SCHEDULE & PROGRAM --
8:30-9:30: Registration & Shop
9:30 -- Call to Order -- Morning program: Peyton Wells

11:30-12:00 Break/Shop/Cash Bar
12:00- 1:00 Lunch
1:00 -4:00 -- The Flower Show, "Piedmont Presents"

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

Rules for 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: Sunday, September 30, 2018

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

Keep a 4th copy for your records.

Hotel Room Information: Four Points by Sheraton, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235. The room rate is \$100 plus tax. To reserve a room, please call (804) 323-1144. Be sure to state you are with Piedmont District (VFGC) to receive this special rate

REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON-LINE AT: PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org

The Piedmont District is proud to announce a District Standard Flower Show -- Oct. 8, 2018

Four Points by Sheraton, Midlothian, Virginia

You are invited to attend, and any NGC member is invited to enter!

The show will be big and exciting including new design types and old favorites, plenty of horticulture classes and educational exhibits. It will also include the new Botanical Arts Division. Many Top Awards offered!

If you are interested in entering, **please request a schedule** and one will be sent to you.

Contacts: Diane Burgess -- (burgessdiane@gmail.com), 804-784-6716 -- or

JoAnn McNabb -- (josiemcva@gmail.com), 804-749-8383

If you are interested in entering, registration is as follows:

Design --please register with Sally Harrison (sally.c.harrison@gmail.com), 804-784-2851

Horticulture --no registration necessary but exhibitors are limited to 3 entries

Educational exhibit -- please register with Lorraine Van Wickler

(dragonfly14@va.metrocast.net) 804-453-6126

Botanical arts design -- (crafts and freedom of style) -- please register with Diane Burgess

(burgessdiane@gmail.com), 804-784-6716



We'd love to see you there!



Don't miss the Fall District Meeting featuring Peyton Wells whose topic will be

"From Tradition to the Edge", and as a member of the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton in Richmond, the Garden Club of Virginia, and the Garden Club of America she is presently in the Garden Club of America Judging Program as a prospective judge. As the Lewis Ginter Gala Floral Design Chairman, many of you may have seen her work at a gala there from 2010 to 2014. Peyton also owns Peyton Wells Floral Design, LLC specializing in creative designs for weddings and special events. Her website, PeytonWells.com, is inspiring.

Peyton won her first "Best in Show" for Botanical Arts in 2011 among numerous awards over the years both in traditional and creative design. Like you, she loves flowers and all their parts. To Peyton, floral design is an ever-changing art that has become a love and passion of hers.

She looks forward to sharing her ideas and creativity with us.

The Virginia Landscape Design Consultants Council

(VLDCC) met on Monday, April 30th, 2018. There were 20 people in attendance (this included a few volunteers for Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens). The group enjoyed a visit to the Lewis Ginter Nature Reserve in Hanover County and a tour of a Japanese garden in Montpelier. Both gardens are superb examples of the owners' passion for gardening.

At the end of the first two tours, the group enjoyed lunch at The Pickle Barrel just off Ashland Road. Thereafter, several attendees visited the beautiful and well maintained garden of Mary Lou Bean in Manakin-Sabot.

The VLDCC is open to all those who have successfully completed two of the four courses of (LDS) Landscape Design School.

LDS (sponsored by the VFGC and NGC) will be offered at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 01-02, 2018.

This school purpose is to educate students to better design and maintain their own gardens, and to be aware of good garden design and conservation practices in their communities.

Interested in registering for the school? Contact Marty Bowers at 540-309-1676 or 540-297-0965. E-mail is martbw@gmail.com. Submitted by Judy Hodges, President, VLDCC.

2018-2019 Piedmont District membership Dues and Communication Fee Registration Form

Club Treasurer -- It's time to renew your 2018-2019 Piedmont District membership. Dues and Communication Fee total \$20 per club. Thank you for using the form provided below or on the District website.

Please mail this completed form and your \$20 check payable to **Piedmont District VFGC** to:

Linda Nau, Treasurer - 804-514-0095
1810 Ethelred Ct.
Midlothian, VA 23113-3400 - naule@aol.com

Payment is due no later than May 31, 2018, so mail today so it is not forgotten. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Thank you

Club Name

Club President 2018-2019

Street: Address

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number with Area Code ()

Email address

Club Treasurer 2018-2019:

Street: Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number with Area Code ()

Email address

Club's Piedmont District Representative 2018-2019 (This is NOT the president. This is to be a 2nd person in your club to also receive emails/notifications from Piedmont District).

Name

Phone Number with Area Code ()

Email address

Salisbury GC celebrates 50th anniversary

Martie Parch -- Publicity Chairman, Salisbury Garden Club

Founded in 1968, Salisbury Garden Club is planning a series of events over the next year to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. On April 3rd, 2018 SGC President, Lorna Boucher, presented a book, *Flora of Virginia* to Midlothian Library Assistant Branch Manager, Leslie Johnson, with members of SGC and Library staff attending.



SGC has evolved significantly over the last 50 years, reaching out to the community with programs of service, education and beautification to local schools, to Assisted Living and Memory Care, to the new Community Hospice House and to various civic service areas whose gardens need attention from time to time. Now with a

100+ members, the club has the resources, talents, skill and knowledge to carry out these and other projects where help is often needed.

Leslie Johnson thanked the club for its generous donation and has placed the book on a special display designed by club members, where it will remain for two weeks. After that, the book will join Midlothian Library circulation, where it is hoped it will shed light on some of the mysteries of gardening and provide inspiration and information to those who enjoy 'getting down to the earth'.

Life Memberships

All it takes is a \$50 tax-deductible donation, which goes to the VFGC Scholarship funds, to honor club members, friends and associates with a VFGC Life Membership.



Please access this website

http://www.virginiagardenclubs.org/VFGC/Life_Memberships.html

and begin the process of applying. On that same page is information regarding South Atlantic Life Memberships and National Garden Club Life Memberships. Please contact Jane Denton, Piedmont District's Life Membership Chairman, for information and presentation protocol at 804-435-6877 or denton@va.metrocast.net

A Fond Farewell to Barbara Yinger -- Karen Luzuriaga, Publicist for CBGC



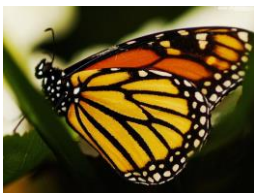
The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club (CBGC) honored Barbara Yinger at Northumberland Library with a surprise brunch on March 19th. Barbara thought she was coming to her last board meeting, but instead members came to say goodbye. Barbara has been a member of the club for the past **twenty-three years**. Now, she and her husband Bob are moving back to Maryland.

Barbara has worked hard for the garden club. From 2001-2003 and 2007-2009, Barbara served as president of the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club., and is a creative floral designer, a flower show judge, and landscape design consultant. Barbara helped to design and maintain the gardens at the Reedville American Legion and other gardens.

Along with her local contributions, Barbara is a Life Member of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, the National Garden Clubs, Inc., and the South Atlantic Region. Her knowledge of floral design and landscaping was willingly shared with other members and the community with a warm smile.

Barbara Yinger will surely be missed by the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club and the Northumberland community.

Thank you, Barbara. Your hard work and skills helped to make the CBGC a success. Your kindness and friendship will be missed most of all.



Butterflies /Pollinator Education --Michele Clarke, Chairman

The small tortoiseshell butterfly, whose habitat is England and Ireland, though has been spotted in New York, Massachusetts and Charleston, S.C., is the first sign of spring in Britain.

Though just 40-55mm, its deep orange wings are interspersed with black, dark brown and yellow markings lined with blue semi-circles along the side and at the bottom of its underside. This small butterfly feeds on nectar and favors the butterfly bush. Sadly, affected by climate control, their population has decreased by 80%.



BIRDS -- Phillipa Smith, Chairman



I don't know about you but I am an avid bird-watcher. I sit in my den and look out through large ceiling to floor windows at my patio and out into the backyard. The birds that come to visit are such fascinating creatures. I have learned over the years that if you put out the right food in the right place, the birds will find it and will come to eat it, giving you wonderful moments of entertainment and education. For instance, do you want to see woodpeckers? Then put out suet blocks and hang them in the far backyard and wait. They love them and will soon come to enjoy them and give you enjoyment as well. The stores (Home Depot /Lowes) have a variety of different kinds of suet blocks and you can play with them to find out which work the best.

I started feeding the birds one winter when we had a snow that stuck around for several days. I put bird seed on a pizza pan and put it on my patio and soon I had cardinals, jays, purple finches, snowbirds, chickadees, tufted titmice, sparrows, nuthatches, wrens and many more. One of my favorites is the rufous-sided towhee, a beautiful little bird, smaller than a robin, slate-grey back with rusty sides located under the wing area. Another bird that fascinated me was a cardinal that had no head feathers. Did you know that cardinals have black skin under those red feathers? I later learned that a virus causes the cardinal to lose feathers in this manner. But every time he appeared on my patio, I knew it was the same bird visiting. Another thing I learned over my bird-watching years is that the white spots on the backs of blue jays are not all the same. They are either a different number or located in a little different pattern. But this is intriguing because it helps you to identify the birds that come to your house.

So, back to the placement of your feeding stations. Of course, hummingbirds love feeders that have some red on them. I put one part sugar to three parts water to fill up the feeder. It is important to keep those feeders clean and refreshed every day as they tend to attract some unwanted creatures, like earwigs, who try to get in on the food. Hummingbirds are bold and territorial and they tend to come back every year to the same place to feed. I've had one to fly outside my window and remind me he needed feeding. I once visited a friend where feeders were hung on either side of French doors, and the hummingbirds were everywhere and didn't seem to be bothered by the humans going in and out of the doors.

Out in the backyard, I have different birdfeeders hung filled with mixed song bird feed, thistle seed, and one which will hold fruit of different kinds for those birds which pass through at different times of the year. It is an ever-changing panorama of sizes and colors. And feeding opportunities come along when least expected. I finally got around to unpacking a tote from a trip to help with state awards. We had been given a thank you to helping which turned out to be a little seed ring. I need to decide where I'm going to hang it since it's on the small side and I want to watch and see who comes to take advantage of this treat.

And let's not forget another way to feed the birds----flowers that you plant in the garden. We have coneflowers which come back every year so they are easy and don't require a lot of attention and the goldfinches love them. Late in the summer when they have gone to seed, you see tons of these beautiful birds in the yard taking advantage of these flowers. There are other flowers, of course, that you should consider for this purpose – asters, Black-eyed Susan, cardinal flower, Culver's root, and milkweed are all popular with our feathered friends.

And don't forget to keep water near by for the birds. It is soothing to watch birds at the birdbath. They really enjoy themselves in the water and you can learn a lot about the hierarchy within individual bird groups and between the different bird species. There is seniority and order at the birdbath and always a watchful eye to the sky above for the predator hawk.

So please give a part of your yard to these amazing creatures. They will keep you entertained and educate you. HAPPY BIRD-WATCHING!!!

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Pat Merson – District Chairman

The 2018 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest posters were submitted by participating garden clubs by the January 5, 2018 deadline.

Children in grades 1 – 5 were invited to participate in the 2018 National Garden Clubs, Inc. poster contest.

The winning posters were very creative and illustrated Smokey Bear's message "*Only you can prevent forest fires*".

Awards for the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest were announced at the Piedmont District meeting in March. A special thank you goes to the garden clubs that participated in the poster contest.

Native Plants -- Carolyn Shiflet

Spring is finally here! The garden centers are bursting with an array of flowers, shrubs, and trees.

The selections are overwhelming. So let me encourage you to try some of the native varieties. As you know, they are the easiest to care for, require less water, and are well adapted to the piedmont soil. They benefit the birds and bees for pollination, and give habitat to native animals.

Let me suggest *Monarda Didyma* (perennial bee balm) for full sun to partial shade. It grows two to four feet tall and provides nectar for humming birds and butterflies. The leaves can be used for tea.



Echinacea purpurea, (purple cone flower) is another good choice. It requires full sun and gets 3-4 feet tall. It provides nectar and seeds for the birds.



Also, it is great for floral arrangements as well as a lovely addition to the garden.

Muhlenbergia capillaris (muhley grass) is a beautiful long blooming native grass. It grows three feet tall and has a haze of delicate pink-purple flowers that float above slender green foliage. It prefers sandy soil and is deer resistant. It combines nicely with rudbeckia. This is a fall show stopper.



Last of all, I would love for you to try *Salvia Greggii* 'Maraschino'.

Its scarlet flowers are held in loose clusters on upright branching plants. It blooms May to November and grows 30-36" tall. It is attractive to humming birds and butterflies and is deer resistant.

When shopping, be sure to ask for your plants by botanical name so as to purchase the correct variety.

Happy Gardening with natives.



PIEDMONT DISTRICT FUNDRAISER

2019 Vision of Beauty Calendars- Lee Bedsole, Chairman

The National Garden Clubs Inc. will be 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. This calendar is a great resource for creative ideas for your own designs. This is also a very easy way to help the Piedmont District raise funds. Please make sure to place your order by July 1, 2018. (Order form below). The cost is \$6.00 each and includes shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to Piedmont District, VFGC. Calendars will be delivered to clubs and individuals at the Fall Board Meeting and the District Meeting. If you have any questions please contact: Lee Bedsole: lee.bedsole@gmail.com

2018 VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDARS ORDER FORM -- ATTENTION!!!! --

DEADLINE JULY 1, 2018 -- MAIL TO: Leola Bedsole, 7090 Covenant Woods Drive, Apt. M-210, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-7025 Tel: [804-417-5162](tel:804-417-5162) -- lee.bedsole@gmail.com

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Piedmont District, VFGC _____ Number of Calendars @ \$6.00 = Total \$ _____

Club Name _____ Contact Person _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone _____ Email _____

“KEYS TO THE FUTURE” Youth Project Grants

Melissa Damiano VFGC Grants Committee

The “Keys to the Future” Youth Project Grants Program is sponsored by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. for new or existing youth-centered programs. All VFGC clubs are encouraged to apply for a one-year grant up to \$1000 for the purpose of working with and helping youth 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

HOW TO APPLY: Please fill out the **2018 revised** application form, include a budget and mail to:

Melissa Damiano Phone: 804-796-3287

VFGC Grants Committee

9436 Park Bluff Terrace

Chesterfield, VA 23838-8957

or email mtdamiano@aol.com

***NOTE:** The revised 2018 application is available as a Word document by email from Melissa Damiano. **(NOT yet available on the VFGC website)** It MUST be submitted by a VFGC member Garden Club (not the school or other organization.) Applicants will be emailed to verify that I received the application.

PURPOSE: The purpose of “Keys to the Future” Youth Project Grants is to provide financial support for clubs working with youth on a specific project.

PROGRAM CRITERIA: In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements

- number of youth participating/reached
- benefits to the community
- environmental awareness/education
- horticulture educational focus or curricular/program integration
- plant-to-food connections
- social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning

FUNDING GUIDELINES

Grants will **NOT** be provided for:

- projects in which the club does not participate in some aspect
- salaries or benefits of school personnel
- field trips outside Virginia
- political action programs
- Eagle Scout projects
- capital drives and building funds
- scholarships
- endowments
- lawsuits and litigation
- overhead costs
- consumable, one-time use items or give-aways, such as T-shirts, tote bags, food, admission fees, or tuition

Arboreta/Botanical Gardens --

Julie Abbott, Chairman

Periodically check the websites of the gardens you are interested in visiting to see what peeks your fancy.

The big attraction for the year is *Origami in the Garden, Art by Kevin Box*. This exhibit starts April 13 and runs through September 30. Twenty-one sculptures are featured in sixteen vignettes. These are larger-than-life sculptures inspired by the art of paper folding.

Kevin Box, Santa Fe Artist, with his wife, Jennifer, along with origami masters have created these sculptures. For pictures of this amazing art form, check the calendar on the website www.lewisginter.org.

Butterflies LIVE! is back April 6—October 14.

And of course, there are classes which may appeal to you. For additional information, check website or call 804-262-9887. Happy Gardening!

Flower Show School – Course III -- August 27-30, 2018

The Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center -- 2900 Candler's Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 25402

Horticulture: Jan Griffen will teach creating a horticulture schedule as well as discuss club competition, displays and gardens. Sunflower and coleus plants will be the horticulture specimens.

Design and Flower Show Procedure: Lynn Fronk will teach both Flower Show Procedure and Design classes. She will discuss judging procedure and innovative staging. Creative designs will be demonstrated.

Monday, August 27

3:45 – 6 pm Flower Show Procedure

Tuesday, August 28

8:45 am – 3:30 pm Horticulture

4 – 6 pm Point Scoring Test

Wednesday, August 29

8:45 am – 3:30 pm Design

4 – 6 pm Point Scoring Test

Thursday, August 30

9 am – 12 noon Written Examination

Hotel Information: Contact the Kirkley Hotel, 2900 Candler's Mountain Road, Lynchburg VA (866-510-6333 or 434-237-6333) for room reservations. Room rates are guaranteed through July 27, 2018, at \$103 per night for either single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes. Ask for the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs (VFGC) block.

For more information on the next Flower Show School, contact Val Story, VFGC Flower Show Schools Chairman.

Events calendar -- 2018

May 21-24	NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA
June 02 -08	National Garden Week
June 04	PDFSJC Meeting/Flower show
Aug. 20	VFGC Board Meeting Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
Aug. 27-30	Flower Show School -- Course III
Sept. 27	TJGC "Echoes of the Past: Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond
Oct. 08	PD Fall General Meeting PD Standard Flower Show Four Points Sheraton, Richmond
Oct. 17	Rosecrest Garden Club's 8 th annual Holiday Gala

Deadlines

- May 31 **Deadline: 2018-2019 Piedmont District membership Dues**
- July 01 **Order Deadline: "Vision of Beauty" Calendar**
- Aug. 01 **Fall Issue/FOOTPRINTS**
- Sept. 15 **"Keys to the Future" Youth Project application**
- Sept. 30 **Registration -- PD Fall General Meeting**
- Nov. 01 **Winter Issue/FOOTPRINTS**
- Dec. 01 **Awards to District Chairmen**
- Jan. 05 **2019 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest posters entries**



FOOTPRINTS

Send articles to: Carolyn Ball, EditorEmail:
Footprints@PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org -
PH: 804-580-6035

Articles are due before the following dates.

JULY 1, 2016 – SPECIAL EDITION

AUGUST 1, 2018 - FALL

NOVEMBER 1, 2018 -- WINTER

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.


The National Gardener is a continuous circle that connects National Garden Clubs, Inc. to the Region, to the State Garden Clubs, to the Districts, to the Member Garden Clubs and, finally, to the individual Garden Club members. It is the voice of the NGC as it communicates with all garden club members and has many ideas for horticulture, floral and landscape design, flower shows, conservation, and environmental projects. The publication has the latest information concerning NGC awards, basic flower arranging, as well as information on NGC schools that are offered such as flower show schools, horticulture study, environmental study, gardening study, and landscape design.

I encourage all garden club members to subscribe. It is published quarterly by National Garden Clubs, Inc., and it is a good way to support the NGC. Subscription Prices are \$2.00 - Single Copy; \$8.00 - One Year (U.S.); \$21.00 - Three Year (U.S.) \$1.00 - Change in name/address. Call (800) 550-6007 or download to gardenclub.org or download a PDF subscription form.

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Piedmont District Awards March 12, 2018



NGC President Nancy L. Hargroves, VFGC President Marty Bowers, and Piedmont District President Judy Durant

Present Awards to Garden Clubs' Representatives.

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| PD-1 S-14 - Bird Protection | ii - Oxford GC - B, Blue(S)
Thomas Jefferson GC R
Midlothian GC - Y | PD-15 A S-35 - Special Achievement Award | ii Fluvanna GC - B
lii Chesapeake Bay GC -B, Blue(S)
iv Salisbury GC - B, Red(S) |
| PD-2 S-15 - Butterfly -
PD-3 S-29 - Historic Preservation
PD-5 S-30 - Decorating Hist. Bldg. | ii Rappahannock GC B, Blue(S)
iii Chesapeake Bay GC - B
i Violet Bank GC - B, Blue(S)
ii Lake Anna GC - B, Blue(S)
iv Salisbury GC - B, Blue(S) | PD-15 B S-35 - Special Achievement Award
PD-16S-38 - Youth Environmental Education | iv Westham GC - B, Blue(S)
i Fluvanna GC - B, Blue(S)
li Rappahannock GC - B, Red(S)
iii Chesapeake Bay GC - B, Blue(S) |
| PD-6 S-31 - Horticulture Therapy - | | PD-17 S-39 - Youth Horticulture Education | ii Thomas Jefferson GC - B, Red(S)
lii Chesapeake Bay GC - B, Blue(S)
iv Salisbury GC - B, Blue(S) |
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Martha Blessing of Lake Anna Garden Club, Judy Durant, President of PD, Marty Bowers, President of VFGC, and Nancy Hargroves, President of NGC, Inc. Piedmont District Awards were presented March 12, 2018.

Chesapeake Bay GC President Helen Bell received state awards. Several Piedmont District Clubs received State and SAR Awards at VFGC State Convention, April 10, 2018. Thank you, Heidi Sage, State Chairman.


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| PD-7 S-32 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project | i Hilliard Park GC - B, Red(S) -
ii Thomas Jefferson GC - B, Blue(S) | PD-18 S-40 - "The Saved Seed" | ii Thomas Jefferson GC - B, Red(S) |
| PD-8 S- 28 - Plant Together | ii Rock Spring GC - B, Blue(S)
iv Salisbury GC - B, Blue(S) | | |
| PD-9 S-26 - Comm. Landscape Design
PD-10 S-19 - Litter Recycling/Reclamation
PD-11 S-33 - Membership_ | i Violet Bank GC - B, Blue(S)
iv Salisbury GC B, Blue(S)
I Violet Bank - B
li Oxford GC - B
Thomas Jefferson GC R
River Road GC - Y
Rosecrest GC -HM
iii Rock Spring GC - B
iv Westham GC -B
Windsor GC - R
Salisbury GC - Y | | |
| PD-12 S-34 - National Garden Week SAR 11 | I Hilliard Park GC - B, Blue(S) Overall(SAR)
Iv Salisbury GC - B, Blue(S), Blue(SAR) | | |
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President Anna Meyers of Thomas Jefferson Garden Club, President Judy Durant of Piedmont District, President Marty Bowers of Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and President Nancy Hargroves of national Garden Clubs, Inc

- PD-20B -S-43B - Club Membership Brochure
- I Hilliard Park GC - B, Blue(S)
 - li Rappahannock GC - B. Blue(S)
 - Oxford GC - R
 - iv Salisbury GC - B, Blue(S)
- PD-21 A One Page Newsletter
- i Stonehenge GC - HM
- PD-21 B (3-12 pages) S-43B Club Newsletter
- I Amelia County GC - B, Red(S)
 - SAR-9 Newsletter
 - Hilliard Park GC - R
 - Woodland Pond GC - Y
 - Crown Grant GC - HM
 - li Sleepy Hollow GC - B, Red(S)
 - Rappahannock GC - R
 - Midlothian GC - Y
 - Thomas Jefferson GC - HM
 - iii Rock Spring GC -B, Blue(S)
 - iv Salisbury GC - B, Blue(S)
 - Blue (SAR)

Yearbook First Place Award is an Orange rosette

- PD-22 - S S-44 Club Yearbooks -- Size
- 1. Under 20 Hilliard Park GC - Orange, Red(S)
 - Crown Grant GC - R
 - 2. 20-29 Violet Bank GC - Orange, Red(S)
 - Amelia GC - R
 - 3. 30-44 Oxford GC - Orange, Red(S)
 - Stonehenge GC - Y
 - Sleepy Hollow GC - HM
 - 4. 45-69 Midlothian GC - Orange, Red(S)
 - Thomas Jefferson GC - Orange, Red(S)
 - 5. 70-99 Chesapeake Bay GC - Orange (S)
 - Rock Spring GC - R
 - 6. 100-299 Salisbury GC - Orange (S)

President Lorna Boucher of Salisbury Garden Club, President Judy Durant of Piedmont District, President Marty Bowers of VFGC, and President Nancy Hargroves of NGC, Inc.



- PD-23, S-45, SAR-15 Fl. Show Sched.
- lii Chesapeake Bay GC -B, Blue(S)
 - lv Salisbury GC - B, Blue(S) Overall(SAR)

- PD-25-S-47, SAR-22 Website
- ii Midlothian GC - B, Blue(S),Overall (SAR)
 - Rappahannock GS - R
 - lii Chesapeake Bay GC - B, Blue(S)
 - Rock Spring GC - R
 - iv Salisbury GC - B, Blue(S)
- PD-26 Y-2 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters-\$10 Award Youth Awards



Presented to Cathie Elliott of Rappahannock Garden club at Piedmont District Spring meeting on March 12, 2018. 1st Place Winner-4th Grade and 1st Place Winner-5th Grade by PD President Judy Durant, VGFC President Marty Bowers, and NGC President Nancy Hargroves.

Member Award of Honor: Jean S. Fender of Hilliard Park Garden Club was nominated by President of the HPGC, Cheryl Smith. Jean's outstanding contributions to club and community for the past five years were presented and her efforts are recognized by the State of Virginia and by the South Atlantic Region. Congratulations to a remarkable member!



Awards that do not have Piedmont District Number: Special Recognition

- In consideration for State Award
- S-42 Publications-Category 2 -- Fluvanna submitted Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl.
 - State S-25 and NGC L-2 By Way Blue Star Memorial Landscaping
 - ii Rappahannock GC - Blue(S)
 - New Garden Club Membership NGC MP-1-A
 - iii Rock Spring GC
 - State Award 48 Publicity Press Books
 - iii Chesapeake Bay GC - Blue(S)

Thank you Cathie Elliott, Judy Durant, Marty Bowers and Nancy Hargroves and all participants and contributors to the Piedmont District 2017 Club Awards!