



PIEDMONT DISTRICT FOOTPRINTS

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A Message from President Diane Burgess

Gardening and Garden Club Friendships are gifts for all. Let's keep our clubs vibrant while enjoying our mutual interests in gardening, floral design, community involvement, and learning about the wonders of our precious planet and protecting it. With these common bonds come new and renewed friendships, and what could be better? **Our District alone consists of 53 Clubs and about 2,000 members. What an impact we have!**

Our March District Meeting at the Doubletree... with daffodils 'blooming' on each table compliments of the Midlothian Garden Club...was the beautiful and successful event we had hoped for. 200 were in attendance while 2 District Grants and 55 Awards were announced. Congratulations to all! (page 6). Betty Ann Galway's floral demonstration was unique and inspiring. Officers for 2023-2025 were elected; vendors were busy, and lunch was delicious. Who could resist 'Death by Chocolate' cake?!

Joanne Wallace is to be commended for her excellent job as Awards Chair. Chaplain, *Pam Mann*, beautifully memorialized departed club members and gave her ever inspiring devotion. Pam is retiring after 10 wonderful years. We are so grateful ...enjoy her last column in this issue.

The State Convention in Staunton was impressive, complete with a Flower Show. I wish all of you could have attended. The presentation on awards was a highlight, and **Piedmont Clubs received 32 VFGC awards and two South Atlantic Regional ones. *Footprints* was also honored with a District blue ribbon.** We heartily congratulate them! (See the full list, p 7). "Every Person Makes a Difference", is VFGC's new

president Val Story's theme, and it is so very true! Virginia clubs' many members dug into action, resulting in the Trex® recycling program success and the substantial number of Penny Pines donations, where Ye Accawmacke GC (Tidewater) was recognized for donating Penny Pines plantations to every state and Puerto Rico. To top it all, Sally Harrison, our recent District president, was installed as VFGC First Vice-President. We are so proud!

I am excited to announce that we are planning a series of basic floral design instructions. Calling it "Design 101," classes will be available to any Piedmont District club member. More information will be in the Fall issue of *Footprints*.

Flower Show School Course 1 is set for August 21-24. Details and registration form will be in the summer issue of *ODG*. We encourage anyone interested in becoming a judge to start with Course 1 (of 4). Certainly, any club member interested in learning more about horticulture and/or floral design is welcome to attend as well.

Our editor has put together this fabulous *Footprints* Summer Issue. Do take the time to read through all of it Remember to celebrate "National Garden Week" June 4-11, enjoy your summer, happy gardening, vacationing, exploring your hobbies, or just relaxing. Please contact me with any ideas, questions, or concerns about the district. **And please mark your calendars for a fabulous Fall District Meeting Monday, October 16, 2023.**

In Friendship through Gardening
Diane
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Summer in the Garden

Pam Mann, Piedmont District Chaplain

As we step into summer and survey the birth and growth of our flower gardens, hope rises on the wings of every butterfly. A feeling of peace floats on the melody of every bird. May your summer bring you the following blessings.

May your sunrise be as lovely as
a morning draped in dew.

May life seem a bit brighter,
as you rise to greet the view.

May the mist embrace the silence,
like a fire fly in the night.

May an angel walk beside you,
to hold you in the light.

May the rain caress your body,
and life drops flood your soul.

May His Spirit come upon you,
to cleanse and make you whole.

May the showers come so softly,
running gently through your hair.

May you touch the living water
and know that He is there.

May the freshness bring you new life,
pushing through tender sod.

May you pause to pick a flower,
and know you've touched the hand of God.



Dear Lord, We thank you for this earthly home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the towering hills and whispering winds of summer. Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty and the will to protect it. Amen

Photo by Joanne Wallace, Salisbury GC

Learning, Celebration, Fun at the Piedmont District Spring Meeting

JoAnn McNabb, and Diane Burgess

200 members from 36 clubs enjoyed the meeting, awards presentation, luncheon, shopping, and program on March 20th. 55 district awards were presented by Awards Chair *Joanne Wallace* and President *Sally Harrison*. Piedmont District Grants were also awarded to two clubs by *Jean Fender*.

VFGC President *Mary Owen* was on hand to congratulate award winners and to present incoming President *Diane Burgess* with her president's pin.



Floral designer and Master Judge, *Betty Ann Galway* worked magic as she "Took the Mystery Out of Mechanics," She demonstrated multiple ways to create design structures for decorative home designs ...and "going green" designing without a block of Oasis.



Fall District Meeting October 16

CALENDAR

Jun 4-10	NGC "National Garden Week"
Aug 1	<i>Footprints</i> Fall issue deadline
Aug 4	9:30 am - Blue Star Memorial Dedication, Lewis Ginter BG
Aug 21-24	VFGC Flower Show School, Course 1, Richmond
Sept 15	Deadline: Application for VFGC Youth Projects Grants
Sept 15	Deadline: Application for VFGC Grants to Beautify and Restore
Oct 2-3	Landscape Design School, Course 1, Richmond
Oct 16	Piedmont District Fall Meeting
Nov 1	<i>Footprints</i> Winter issue deadline
Nov 6-8	VFGC Symposium
Dec 1	Award Applications Due

Celebrate NGC National Garden Week June 4-10

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 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!

Attention Club Treasurers

Reminder that the deadline to submit Piedmont District club annual dues is May 31st

Form is at the end of this issue.

Be a Yearbook Sponsor

Now taking orders for the 2023-2025 Yearbook. Individual or Club Sponsorships. Due June 30th. See the form at the end of this *Footprints* issue.

Cleaning Up Our Planet



Clubs are encouraged to continue participating in the Trex® plastic film recycling program that enables community groups to earn a beautiful Trex® bench with the collection of 500 pounds of plastic film. **To date, VFGC clubs have recycled over 25,000 pounds of plastic film...and earned 42 garden benches!**

Each club that wishes to participate must go to 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)

Piedmont District Contingent at *The Greenbrier* NGC Convention May 4th



VFGC Convention April 23-24



**Honor Arrangement for
Sally Harrison, Piedmont District
President
by Kathy Ward, Salisbury GC**



**Joanne Wallace
Salisbury GC
Arboreal and Horticulture
Excellence Awards**



**Mary Owen (Piedmont District), right,
passed the VFGC President's gavel to
Valerie Story (Shenandoah District)
for the 2023-25 term.**



**Mary Owen
Fluvanna GC
Grower's Choice Award**

VFGC Grants Available to Garden Clubs

Melissa Damiano, District Chair

Does your garden club have projects planned for 2023-2024 but not enough funds? Consider applying for one of two VFGC grants by Sept. 15, 2023. All clubs are encouraged to apply for a one-year grant of up to \$1000. This can be for a new or ongoing project. A club can apply for more than one grant in the same fiscal year if it is a different project. If the project is ongoing, a club can apply more than one time for a grant for the project (different VFGC fiscal years.) First time applicants shall receive priority over clubs that have received previous grants. The two grants have different applications, chairmen, and judging panels. Grant applications can be found on VFGC website www.VirginiaGardenClubs.org or contact the appropriate chairman listed below. (Note: A club can not apply for both grants for the same project in the same VFGC fiscal year.)

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

Youth Project Grants ('Keys to the Future'): The purpose of this grant is to provide financial support for club members to work with youth to help them realize the rewards and life lessons from gardens and habitats and to become good stewards of the earth. The scope of these programs may include benefits to the community, environmental awareness education, plant-to-food connections, outdoor classroom projects, horticulture education, and the social aspects of gardening. For more information on Youth Project Grants contact: VFGC Chairman Lizzie Mann, kynana3@msn.com, 276-739-2302.

Piedmont District 2023 Grant Awards

Jean Fender, PD Grants Chairman

Congratulations to the following two garden clubs who received grants for their landscaping projects this year.

Thomas Jefferson Garden Club was awarded \$500 for their ongoing project at Hunter Holmes McGuire Rooftop Garden for the patients, their families, and staff in the Poly-Trauma Unit. They add plants each season to the planter boxes and four large containers, and also plan to plant a tree this year where there used to be a fountain.

Crestwood Farms Garden Club was awarded \$500 for their project to create, maintain, and grow an educational Monarch Waystation at Crestwood Elementary School.

Also, thanks to **Sleepy Hollow Garden Club** for submitting a nice Final Report for the Grant they received last March for their project of a Natural Habitat Garden at Epiphany Lutheran Church where they meet. The garden is pictured below, now with a second Trex® garden bench. Educational signage is being added this month.



We encourage all garden clubs who are considering a project for 2024 to remember that District Grants are available for landscaping public schools, other public building grounds, roadsides, etc., youth activities, garden therapy, Blue Star Memorial landscaping, and other environmental and community projects. Applications are due February 15., 2024.

Piedmont District Awards 2022-23

Joanne Wallace, Awards Chair

Amelia Garden Club

Newsletter – Red
Yearbook – Yellow

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club

Yearbook – Yellow

Fluvanna Garden Club

Decoration of Historic Building – Red
Publication/Brochure – Blue Ribbon

Ginter Park Garden Club

Publication/Membership Brochure – Blue
Newsletter – Red

Hilliard Park Garden Club

Horticulture Therapy – Blue
Membership – Yellow
National Garden Week – Blue
Newsletter – Yellow
Yearbook – Blue

Midlothian Garden Club

Horticulture Therapy – Blue
Newsletter – Yellow
Yearbook – Red

Nathaniel Cawsey Garden Club

Membership – Blue

Northam Garden Club

Membership – Red

Powhatan Garden Club

Membership – Blue

Richmond Designer's Guild

Membership – Yellow

River Road Garden Club

Flower Show Schedule – Blue
Yearbook – Red

Rock Spring Garden Club

Flower Show Schedule – Blue
Horticulture Therapy – White
Newsletter – Red
Website – Red
Yearbook – Yellow
Youth Horticulture Therapy – Yellow

Salisbury Garden Club

Membership – Yellow
National Garden Week – Blue
Newsletter – Blue
Website – Blue
Yearbook – Blue
Youth Horticulture Education – Blue

Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

Civic Project with Native Plants – Blue
Community Landscape Design – Red
Publication/History – Red
Newsletter – Yellow
Yearbook – White

Stonehenge Garden Club

Membership – Blue
Newsletter – Blue
Yearbook – White

Thomas Jefferson Garden Club

Bird Protection – White
Civic Projects with Native Plants – Red
Community Landscape Design – Blue
Publication/History – Red
Newsletter – Blue
Saved Seed – Blue
Yearbook – Blue
Youth Horticulture Education – Blue

Violet Bank Garden Club

Floral Design – Blue
Litter/Recycling/Reclamation – Blue
Membership – Red
Yearbook – White

Westham Garden Club

Membership – Red
Reclaiming Unusable Space – Blue

VFGC and SAR Awards for Piedmont District

Awards were announced at the VFGC Convention
April 23, 2023 ~ Our District Did Well!

DISTRICT AWARD

Newsletter – Piedmont District Blue Ribbon

CLUB AWARDS

Fluvanna

Membership Brochure (small club) Red Ribbon

Ginter Park

Membership Brochure (medium club) Red
Ribbon

Hilliard Park

Horticulture Therapy Garden Blue Ribbon
National Garden Week Yellow Ribbon
Yearbook Red Ribbon

Midlothian

Horticulture Therapy, No Garden Blue Ribbon

Powhatan

Membership Blue Ribbon

Richmond Designers Guild

Club Standard Flower Show Achievement Award
Blue Ribbon

River Road

Club Small Standard Flower Show Achievement
Award Blue Ribbon
Flower Show Schedule (medium club) Blue
Ribbon

Rock Spring

Flower Show Schedule (large club) Blue Ribbon

Salisbury –

Newsletter Red Ribbon
National Garden Week Red Ribbon
Website Blue Ribbon
Yearbook Blue Ribbon
Youth Horticulture Education Blue Ribbon
South Atlantic Region Award for Youth Education
South Atlantic Region Award Yearbook - Best
Overall

Sleepy Hollow

Civic Project with Native Plants Blue Ribbon

History Publication Blue Ribbon
Youth Woodsy Owl/Smoky Bear Poster – 5th
grade student winner

Stonehenge

Membership Red Ribbon
Newsletter Blue Ribbon
Yearbook Blue Ribbon

Thomas Jefferson

Community Landscape Design Blue Ribbon
Newsletter Red Ribbon
Yearbook Blue Ribbon
Youth Horticulture "Saved Seed" Red Ribbon

Violet Bank

Special Achievement Award – Trex Recycling Red
Ribbon
Floral Design Program – Blue Ribbon
Litter Prevention Red Ribbon
Membership Yellow Ribbon

Westham

Reclaiming Un-Usable Spaces Red Ribbon



Winning 5th Grade Student Poster
Sponsored by Sleepy Hollow GC

“OPERATION WILDFLOWER”

Lynne Still

History of the Program: “Operation Wildflower” started in 1976 when the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. developed a wildflower program based on the initiative founded by Lady Bird Johnson during her husband’s presidency. During the first year of the program, VDOT planted 25 wildflower plots across Virginia. Today, there are more than 500 acres planted along our state highways. Although the Virginia Wildflower Program is a state initiative, the success of the program is due in large part to the support of garden clubs, civic organizations, and enthusiastic Virginia citizens.

Wildflower Program Administration

VDOT employs professionals in agronomy, horticulture, and landscape architecture to administer the wildflower program. By combining drought-tolerant species with natives species, VDOT seeks to improve the diversity and success of plants within its programs.

Benefits of Beauty on the Highways

All Virginians enjoy the aesthetic of having attractive, well-maintained roadways adorned with wildflowers. Well-kept highways can help reduce accidents by colorful plantings helping to fight “highway hypnosis” and driver fatigue. Also, it can help reduce litter because people are less likely to throw trash along a pretty road. Wildflowers provide a source of nourishment for songbirds and beneficial insects.

Show your support for the Virginia Wildflower Program by ordering the “**Virginia Wildflower**” license Plate. The Virginia Wildflower license plate is a revenue-sharing plate which means that after the sale of the first 1,000 qualifying plates, \$15.00 of the \$25.00 fee is transferred to the Virginia Department of Transportation to support “Operation Wildflower.”

Wildflower and Pollinator Habitate Program

History of Program:

VDOT’S Pollinator Habitat Program began with four pilot plots in 2014 through collaboration with the Loudoun wildlife conservancy, planted in northern Virginia at park-and-ride lots in Centreville, Woodbridge, and Sterling, and the Dale City Rest Area on Interstate 95 south. Since then, twenty additional sites have been planted or seeded across the state including Virginia Rest Areas. New funding will aid expansion and research on the best seed mixtures, and provide additional educational resources on native plants and pollinators.

Conservation practices: VDOT implements conservation practices on its lands by seeding and planting to restore or create habitat, brush removal, conservation mowing, and targeted herbicide treatment using best practices.

Pollinators: Pollinators contribute to the U.S. economy by keeping fruits, nuts, and vegetables fertilized through the process of moving pollen from one flower or plant to another. Only fertilized flowers, plants, and trees make fruits and seeds. Pollinators include honey and native bees, butterflies, birds, bats, flies, and beetles. In addition to providing habitat, the program reduces mowing so that plants can mature and produce seeds, increases vegetation to stabilize slopes and reduce erosion, and decreases invasive species to reduce the costs of removing problem vegetation and using herbicides.

Show your support for the Wildflower and Pollinator Habitat Program by ordering a “**Protect Pollinators**” license plate. The “Protect Pollinators” plate is a revenue-sharing plate, which means that after the sale of the first 1,000 qualifying plates, \$15 of the \$25 fee is transferred to VDOT and is used to support its Pollinator Habitat Program.

Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems

Rebecca Elston, Chair

It's the time of year when many homeowners are thinking about making their lawns even better. That is a noble goal, but perhaps an even better goal would be to think about how they could reduce the water-fouling nutrients that reach Chesapeake Bay.

By the mid-1800s, homeowners who were landscaping their property were influenced by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903), the father of landscape architecture in the United States. He designed the grounds of New York City's Central Park, as well as the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., the Biltmore estate in North Carolina, the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, and many other smaller landscapes. His landscapes included large swaths of manicured lawns. Lawns often require more irrigation than any agriculture crop, and many lawns are treated with fertilizers and pesticides. The result is algal blooms that suffocate wildlife and create dead zones in which no living organisms survive.

As a measure of how the number of lawns increased, Virginia Jenkins wrote in "The Lawn: A History of an American Obsession," that power mower production increased from under 35,000 before World War II to 362,000 in 1947 to nearly 1.2 million in 1951.

What steps could the average homeowner take to decrease the amount of nutrients entering nearby waterways? The logical start would be to decrease or eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides. In their place, homemade compost could be spread to fertilize plants. Compost bins are readily available online or at a local hardware store. Plant-based household scraps as well as clippings from weeding are added to the bin, which results, in time, in healthy black compost teaming with organic nutrients. Make a change for the better this year in your lawn management.

Garden Clubbing in the Piedmont

RAPPAHANNOCK GC

Rappahannock Garden Club is in its 60th year! The season began with a celebratory meeting. The intention for the meeting was to recognize the past while energizing the future. Special guests include Piedmont District President, *Sally Harrison* and former Piedmont District President, *JoAnn McNabb*, and they both expertly judged the Horticulture and Design exhibits. At this fundraising and friend-raising event, we raised funds for student scholarships – and gained six new members! – Submitted by *Margie Redlin*

CHANCELLOR GC

The last year has been both challenging and rewarding for our Club. Like every other garden club, starting up activities after the pandemic was uphill. We are one of Piedmont District's smaller clubs. Despite that, we hosted two NGC standard flower shows, back-to-back, for the historic Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair. The Fair is a two-week, fun, and exciting event and it is an honor to host their flower shows. What's probably most significant about our accomplishments is that we are getting it all done with fewer than 15 active members.

Speaking of membership, we actively recruited new members this year and increased our membership by six so far! That's close to a 30 percent increase in one year! Our recruitment efforts include our fair activities, "bring-a-friend" to garden club, word-of-mouth, and making our programs open to the public when possible. We offered a design program open to the public two months before the fair to showcase those designs in the schedule. We are always on the hunt for new ideas to increase membership. – Submitted by *Thea McGinnis and Sharon Moser*

Old Ivy Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday May 13 9am-1pm

Chamberlayne Heights United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

6100 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond

Get to Know Diane Burgess, Our Piedmont District President



I'm a proud mother of 4 grown children and one precious granddaughter. Our family has lived in several states, each home with a different style garden or climate, and I have loved gardening in all of them.

Before moving back to Virginia in 2005, I was in two garden clubs in the Midwest (founder of one of them). I joined the West Hanover Garden Club in 2007 and was inspired to study and become an NGC Landscape Design Consultant as well as an Accredited Flower Show Judge. Creative floral design became my personal "art form" thanks to my studies in Flower Show School.

I'm an NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge and a member of the River Road Garden Club, the Piedmont District Judges' Council, the Virginia Judges' Council, the Richmond Designers' Guild, as well as a Garden Club in Goochland and Ikebana of Richmond (currently studying the Ikebana schools of Sogetsu and Keika-Kazan). Judged and exhibited twice at the Philadelphia Flower Show. I participate in Fine Arts and Flowers at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and am a designer for the Hirschler Endowment flower arrangements to welcome museum visitors.

Associations ~ CFAA (Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas), one of their Kaleidoscope Designers, WAFSA (World Association of Flower Arrangers), Goochland Historical Society. Enjoy gardening, creative floral design, traveling, reading and collecting-ceramics, porcelain & specimen seashells. I hold an MA in Art History.

2023-25 Officers - Piedmont District

President	Diane Burgess
Director of Programs	Lili Aram-Bost
Director of Hospitality	JoAnn McNabb
Treasurer	Claudia Cosby
Recording Secretary	Susan DelSordo
VFGC Nominating Comm Rep	Judy Hodges
Alternate	Mary Wiblin

Appointed Officers and Chair Positions:

Corresponding Secretary	Theresa Tremper
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Historian	Mary Wiblin
Advisor	Sally Harrison
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Awards	Joanne Wallace
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District Grants	Lynn Bell
Edible Gardening	Mary Wiblin
Flower Design Resource	Kathy Ward
Flower Show Judges Credentials	Rebecca Elston
Flower Show Judges Symposium	Kathy Ward
Flower Show Schedule Eval	Diane Burgess
Flower Show Sch	Barbara Hollister
Garden Therapy, Healing Gardens	Martha Blessing
Grants to Beautify & Restore	Melissa Damiano
Habitat for Humanity	Sue Essad
Historic Garden Restoration/Memorial	Sally Harrison
Horticulture/Improved Cultivars	Janice Beatty
LD Consultant Council	Donna Cottingham
LD Study Program School	Donna Cottingham
Legislation	Susan DelSordo
Life Member Programs	Jane Smith
Litter Prevention/Recycling	Marty Morris
National Garden Week	Susan Rothenberg
Natural Disasters/World Gardening	Judy Durant
Native Trees/Heritage Plants	Marilyn Brown
NGC & SAR President's Projects	Patsy Deal
Nominations VFGC	Judy Hodges
Nominations alternate VFGC	Mary Wiblin
Org Study, Policy, Procedures	Lynn Bell
Piedmont District Projects	Martie Parch
Penny Pines	Carol Medlin
Personnel	Diane Burgess
Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems	Rebecca Elston
Protocol	Anna Meyers
Publications – ODG	Gail Harwood
Publishing Meeting Program	Theresa Tremper
Scholarship	JoAnn McNabb
VFGC Projects	Kathy Ward
VFGC Yearbook Sponsors	Thea McGinnis
Wildflower/Roadside Beautification	Lynne Still
Youth Activities/Smokey Bear	Pat Merson
Youth Project Grants	Melissa Damiano

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
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Footprints & ODG

Send articles and photos in separate files to:

Gail Goodrich Harwood, Editor

email: Footprints@PiedmontDistrictVFGC.org

PHONE: 804-317-8091

Articles are due before the following deadlines:

AUGUST 1 – 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.

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**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.

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

Linda Nau, Treasurer	804-514-0095
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Midlothian, VA 23113-3400	

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: _____

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Email Address: _____

Club Treasurer 2023-2024: _____

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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 2nd 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

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