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The President's Corner

Barbara Hollister

Where has the summer gone? Your president has been blessed to have had two precious granddaughters added to her family. To counterbalance on the sad note, the oldest nephew passed away. I deeply regret to say this is the third nephew within a year. My condolences are extended to each of you who lost loved ones since our last meeting. Life is so special and each day is such a blessing to all of us.

A special thank you to all who have spent so much of their time, this summer, working on the RCGC *House Tour and Standard Flower Show*, being held **October 7, 2017**. The House Tour is being held in the Ginter Park area and is being jointly sponsored by RCGC, Inc. and the Ginter Park Garden Club. **Please** plan to support the project by volunteering to do a **design**, by sharing your beautiful **horticulture**, by serving a shift as a **hostess** the day of the House Tour, and a very important part of the House Tour, **will be selling at least 10 tickets per club**. Tickets are \$30.00 prior to the day of the tour and \$35.00 the day of the House Tour. If someone wants to visit only one home the ticket is \$7.00. We have 7 houses on the House Tour, plus the Laburnum House where the horticulture will be placed. The Ginter Park Woman's Club will sell box lunches the day of the tour. Chris Miles is the contact person for the lunches. Her phone number is 804-550-2481 and email address is earlygo@hotmail.com. A box lunch is \$12.00 and may be eaten at the Ginter Park Woman's Club. The lunches are being handled **only** by the Ginter Park Woman's Club. They sell tickets, make the lunch, collect the money and keep it. We get to enjoy the benefit of their labor.

I am delighted to report that RCGC will have a website by September 2017. Our website will be RVA Garden Club.org or RVA Garden Club.com. All elected club

September Meeting



Friday, September 1, 2017

*Ginter Park Woman's Club
3016 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia*

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

Refreshments provided by:

West Hanover Garden Club

Business Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

"All About Orchids"

*Art Chadwick
Chadwick & Sons Orchids*

**Open to All Members of
Our member Garden Clubs**

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officers will have an email address with RCGC and it will continue with the newly elected officers in the years to come. At the time of the newly elected officers the name of the officer will change, but not the email address. It is hopeful you may even be able to purchase your House Tour ticket through PayPal through our website.

Remember to watch PBS at 8 p.m. on August 29, 2017 to see our very own Lou Cavallaro live! Congratulations to Hilliard Park Garden Club for their wonderful landscape design project with the Ronald McDonald House. We appreciate Peggy Singlemann, Director of Horticulture at Maymount and Host of “Virginia Home Grown,” for inviting the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., to be a part of her regular TV show. Remember to watch!

To all club presidents, please share the RCGC, Inc. Newsletter with your club members. This is a must so everyone can be informed. So please take a moment when you receive this email and send it on. Thank you.

I am looking forward to working with each of you and making this a special year!

Your President

Barbara Hollister

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE LANDSCAPING PROJECT TO BE FEATURED ON PBS “VIRGINIA HOME GROWN” ON AUGUST 29TH, 8 PM

Two years ago during National Garden Week 2015, **Hilliard Park Garden Club** completely landscaped the front and back yards of the Ronald McDonald House in Richmond at a cost of over \$1,000. Our project won the NGC *National Award for Horticulture Therapy in 2015* along with several other awards including the RCGC J. Malcolm Pace 1st Place Award. As Barbara has mentioned at our meetings, the local PBS Station with Peggy Singlemann from Maymont, wants to feature the project in their monthly program, “Virginia Home Grown” at 8 p.m. on August 29. Be sure to tune in! We went back over there during National Garden Week 2017 and replanted some things that did not survive and added some annuals.

Life Membership Awarded 2016-2017

Congratulations to the following individuals who received a Life Membership Award this past year:

Pamela Bosserman was honored by Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

Judy Durant was honored by Hanover Towne Garden Club

Jan Hays was honored by Canterbury Garden Club

Fran Leckie was honored by Windsordale Garden Club

Ann Sangston was honored by Westham Garden Club

Connie Zuidema, Chairman
Life Memberships

Habitat for Humanity Project Hilliard Park Garden Club

On a muggy, warm morning of April 29, 2017, Hilliard Park Garden Club with 6 (members and spouses), met at the newest Habitat Home in Hanover on Senn Way in Mechanicsville to landscape the front of the house. We had previously met with the homeowner, Myra Adams, and developed a landscape plan. Myra has lupus and is on disability. Habitat constructed a wheelchair ramp for Myra although she is still able to walk at this time. Two ladies from Windsordale Garden Club and 3 from Habitat showed up to help.

We planted a Knock Out (Radrazz) Rose on the outside of the ramp which runs along the side of the house to the back and gets more sun than the front of the house.. The house has a lot of trees nearby and gets mostly filtered sun. Myra wanted some shrubs that would get fairly large in front by the foundation. We chose 2 Aucuba Gold Dust with a Golden Mops Cypress Sawara inbetween to go on the back wall of both sides of the front. Then we placed 3 Nandina Firepower Bamboo Heavenly in front of them. On the right side in front of the porch next to the steps we placed an April Snow Camellia, and on the right end of the house we placed a Nandina Domestica Bamboo Heavenly.

One of Myra's friends had previously planted variegated liriopie and a sedum in front of the lattice work on the porch as well as laying stepping stones from the sidewalk to the back of the house beside the ramp. On the left of the stones in the front she had planted more variegated liriopie and in one spot in the bed on the left she had planted iris. Myra had several other perennials that had been given to her. We planted iris and dianthus in the bed on the right. Her gravel driveway is in front of the house and she plans to lay a railroad tie or 2 at the end of the driveway which would be coming straight from the end of the porch. There is a slope down beyond that and we planted some ground cover she had to fill in. We then mulched the entire area with brown mulch giving it a finished look. Myra was so thrilled. She kept thanking us over and over.

Total cost of the plants and mulch was \$255.33. Glen Allen Nursery once again gave us a discount on the plants which totaled \$224.53 and the mulch was also discounted to \$30.80. Richmond Council of Garden Clubs reimbursed us \$200 and Hilliard Park Garden Club donated the remaining \$55.33. See before and after pictures below.



THE RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
Annual Luncheon
May 5, 2017
The Meadowbrook Country Club
3700 Cogbill Road, Richmond, Virginia 23234

President, Barbara Hollister called the meeting to order at 10:16 A.M. She welcomed everyone to the Annual Luncheon May meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs.

Chaplain, Gladys Bowles gave the invocation and the Gardener's Collect.

Barbara introduced special guests: Wilma Bowman – Protocol Chairman, Peggy Singlemann, -Director of Horticulture at Maymont; Amy Gonzales – Nature Camp; Past Presidents: Judy Hodges and Barbara Hollister.

Barbara thanked everyone for coming and supporting Richmond Council's 85th Anniversary. She gave some information on the council's past history. She reminded everyone if we continue to support and participate we will keep Richmond Council of Garden Clubs alive for the next 85 years. (Report attached.)

Recording Secretary – Johanna Gilbert, the minutes from the April Meeting have been approved by Judy Durant (Hanover Towne Garden Club) and Jan Vandenburg (Olde Ivy Garden Club). Today I have asked Wilma Bowman (Windsordale Garden Club) and Cheryl Smith (Hillard Park Garden Club) to approve the minutes from today's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Peaks gave the balance as of April 30, 2017 is \$18,776.83. No questions, the report will be filed as presented. Debbie Peaks presented 2017-2018 budget. Linda Hardwick seconded the motion. The budget was approved as presented.

Membership Chairman: Johanna Gilbert reported for Bonnie Parker: We had 72 members, 5 guests and 16 clubs, a quorum is present and business may proceed. Johanna present Attendance Certificates for perfect attendance for the 2016-2017 year. (Report attached.)

School Gardening: Gilpsie Rodriques – We received \$1,325 from seven Clubs. Gave out five grants of \$275 each.

Habitat for Humanity – Jean Fender – Thanked everyone for the support and funding of the five houses that were worked on this year. She also thanked Glen Allen Nursery for the donation of peat moss...

Meals on Wheels – Lu Cavallaro, Debbie Peaks gave Lu's report.

Nature Camp – Sandra Walker presented of gift for Nature Camp to Amy Gonzales

Gift to Maymont Foundation: Barbara Hollister presented Peggy Singlemann, Director of Horticulture for Maymont a check for the continued support to the Maymont Foundation.

Awards & Grants Chairman had not report.

Landscape Award and Grants: No applicants for the J. Malcom Pace Award,

Judy Hodges, parliamentarian, read the following changes to the bylaws as presented at the April, 2017 meeting. The changes to the bylaws were published in the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Newsletter. The finance committee shall advise on the investments of Council funds in order to obtain the best and highest expected rate of return.

The Finance Committee shall make, if deemed advisable and necessary, an annual distribution to the Council Treasury for approved expenses and obligations as per the Richmond council of Garden Clubs annual budget from this fund, such a distribution not to exceed 5% of the net asset value, determined quarterly. The percent of an actual distribution shall be determined by the Finance Committee based on the overall performance of the fund.

Judge Hodges made a motion that the changes to the bylaws be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Jean Fender. The motion was passed.

Announcements:

Advisory Board Meeting to be held May 16, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m. at the Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Moseley, Virginia 23120. (Including all elected officers, Chairman of a Committee, Club Presidents and their Representatives). Please RSVP to Barbara Hollister. No refreshments will be served. The church is not charging for us to have our meeting.

The meeting was adjourned 11 :45 a.m. and Council recessed for lunch, followed by a program presented by Frances Thrash on "Creative Flower Designs".The program was well received by the members.

Recording Secretary

Johanna Gilbert

Old Ivy Garden Club Holiday Magic Program

The Old Ivy Garden Club will present its very popular HOLIDAY MAGIC program and lunch on Friday, November 17, 2017 at Chamberlayne Heights United Methodist Church, 6100 Chamberlayne Rd. (Rt. 301), Henrico, VA 23227. This includes a holiday design program by Jane VanDenburgh, a buffet lunch, silent auction, sales table, door prizes and raffle of the designs. The hours are 10 am to 2 pm.

Reservations will be taken beginning Sept 5, 2017. Send your check for \$25 payable to Old Ivy Garden Club, to Faye Moran, 11082 Linderwood Dr. Mechanicsville, VA 23116. This program usually sells out quickly. If you have questions, contact Jane VanDenburgh, janevand@yahoo.com or [804-723-4214](tel:804-723-4214) or Faye Moran, [804-363-8223](tel:804-363-8223).

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Ginter Park Garden Club

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~ Present ~

Autumn in Ginter Park

Dedicated to the memory of

Mary Jane McIntosh Ruth Moss Lois Williams

An NGC Standard Flower Show and House Tour



Saturday, October 7, 2017

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Ginter Park, Richmond, Virginia 23227

Admission \$30 in advance or \$35 or \$7.00 per house the day of the tour

Horticulture Exhibits free & open to the public

Autumn in Ginter Park
Flower Show and House Tour
(tickets available at all locations)

Horticulture Exhibits

Historic Laburnum House 1300 Westwood Avenue

Houses on Tour
with
Floral Designs & Botanical Arts--Door Wreaths

1. **3819 Brook Road Home of Patrick Held and Neal Tilghman**
2. **3203 Hawthorne Avenue Home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Melton**
3. **3016 Seminary Avenue The Ginter Park Woman's Club**
4. **3319 Gloucester Road Home of Mrs. Clement Woodward**
5. **1412 Palmyra Avenue Home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Foley**
6. **1406 Palmyra Avenue Home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCarty**
7. **1513 Palmyra Avenue Home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seipel**

Ginter Park Woman's Club 3016 Seminary Avenue **Box Lunches 11:00 2:00**

Chris Miles is the contact person for the lunches. Her phone number is 804-550-2481 and email address is earlygo@hotmail.com. A box lunch is \$12.00 and may be eaten at the Ginter Park Woman's Club

Laburnum House



The illustrious history of Laburnum House can be traced back to the early 19th century.

Early, the property was a prosperous Richmond inn/tavern called the *Paradise House*.

After *Paradise House* burned, the property was purchased by a prominent Richmond lawyer and once more built upon—this time as a large Queen Ann style estate called “*Laburnum*”. Such notables as Henry Clay, William Thackery, Daniel Webster, Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis were known to have met there.

Joseph Bryan (one of Mosby’s Rangers for the Southern effort during the Civil War, President of the Virginia Historical Society, lawyer, owner of the Richmond Times and area philanthropist) purchased “*Laburnum*” and converted the estate to a garden showplace.

“*Laburnum*” caught fire and burned during the middle of the night. Undeterred, Bryan set about rebuilding on the site. John T. Wilson of New York designed the new estate - a 15,450 square-foot red brick and limestone mansion in the Georgian style - the new “*Laburnum*”.

Bryan lived nearby during construction overseeing all details of the project. Completed in 1908, it was designed to be as fireproof as possible with concrete flooring and fire-resistant partitions. It was hailed as “unquestionably the most handsome residence in Richmond” with elaborate marble fireplaces, hand-carved millwork, intricate plastered ceilings, parquet floors and blown glass windows.

The Bryans loved to entertain and in their 50+ rooms. Winston Churchill, Lloyd George, Franklin D. Roosevelt as well as Lord and Lady Aster were guests.

It was gifted to Richmond Memorial Hospital in 1947 and purchased by Veritas School in 2016. Veritas School is an accredited Christian school providing education to students K-12.

Laburnum House was used as a mansion-converted-to-hospital in the filming of the PBS Civil War series “Mercy Street”.

General Rules

1. This schedule is the law of the Show and it is written to conform to the rules and regulations of the National Garden Clubs as set out in its *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017* edition. The NGC Handbook (HB) will be the authority on all points not covered by this schedule.
2. Classes are open to any member of a garden club affiliated with the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs. All entries are to be the work of one exhibitor. See this schedule’s Division I, II, III Rules for entering the Show.
3. All exhibits will be judged by the Standard System of Awarding (see schedule p.6). The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
4. An accredited judge will sign and date all blue-ribbon winners and 90+ entry cards.
5. The overall emphasis of the show will be on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material will be allowed in any Division of the Show. The use of native plants on Virginia’s conservation list are not allowed except as those grown by exhibitor and so labeled. Noxious plants are not allowed.
6. Judging will be by a panel of three NGC Judges or two NGC Judges and an NGC Student Judge.

7. Judging will begin on Friday, October 6 at 10:30 am. Only Show Chairmen, Classification Chairmen, Judges and Clerks are to be present during judging.
8. Awards will be presented by 12:30 pm. Honor Best-in-Show Awards are presented by the Richmond Council President; NGC Top Awards are presented by NGC Judges.
9. The Show will be open to the public on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Tickets for the tour are \$30.00 prior to the Show and may be purchased from a member of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs. **On the day of the Show, tickets may be purchased at Laburnum House, the Ginter Park Woman's Club or at the individual houses.** On October 7, tickets are \$35 for the entire tour or \$7 for a single home. The Horticulture Exhibit in the Laburnum House is free and open to the public.

The Richmond Council of Garden Clubs and its Flower Show Committee will exercise all care but will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury.

Division I Horticulture Horticulture Rules

1. NGC exhibiting policies are to be followed and these are printed in the ***Handbook for Flower Shows***, revised 2017, Chapter 6 p.55-56, or its supplement ***Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging***.
2. Entry cards are available at Richmond Council Meetings, Garden Clubs affiliated with the Richmond Council or at the Laburnum House on October 5. It is preferred that these cards be filled out in advance in pencil or in indelible ink.
3. Horticulture entries will be received at the Laburnum House on Thursday, October 5 from 4-7:00 pm. Exhibits are to be **removed on October 7 between 5:00 and 5:30 pm.**
4. All entries are to be fresh, grown by the exhibitor and in the possession of exhibitor-- see HB p.55 for number of days.
5. Specimen are to be correctly labeled with genus (Latin underlined), specific epithet and/or variety – patented/trademarked names. Common names may be given if no other identification is known.
6. Containers for cut specimens are to be clear glass bottles without lettering or decoration and of a size proportional to the specimen. All are to be provided by the exhibitor.
7. Wedging (provided by exhibitor) is encouraged to improve the pose of the specimen; materials allowed are cotton balls, cork pieces, wood slivers, or clear plastic wrap. Stems are to be visible and no foliage should be below the water line.
8. Container grown plants are to be exhibited in solid-colored pots (up to 10" outer diameter and weighing no more than 12 pounds. Double potting is allowed but inner pots are not to show. Unobtrusive staking is allowed. Top dressing such as moss is not allowed.
9. Exhibitors may enter more than one specimen per class or sub-class provided it is of a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type or color. Exhibitors are **limited to 5 entries**.
10. Entries will be checked by the Classification, recorded and then placed in the show by a member of the Placement Committee.
11. The Classification Chairman has the authority to subdivide classes as necessary.
12. Each Section will have at least 3 Classes. Classes need not have a minimum number of exhibits.
13. Judging will be by the appropriate Scales of Points found in HB pp. 129-130.

Division I Horticulture Sections and Classes

Section A. eligible for Award of Merit

“Autumn in Flower” ~ Cut Flowering Specimen

- Class 1. *Aster*
- Class 2. *Chrysanthemum*
- Class 3. *Sedum*
- Class 4. Any other worthy named specimen

Section B. eligible for Award of Merit

“Continuing thru Fall “ ~ Cut Herbaceous Specimen

- Class 1. *Caladium*
- Class 2. *Centaurea cineraria* (Dusty Miller)
- Class 3. *Yucca*
- Class 4. Any other worthy named specimen

Section C. eligible for Arboreal Award

“Staying Power of Leaves” ~ Broadleaf Evergreens

Cut Specimen maximum length 30”, must contain several nodes and apical tip

- Class 1. *Aucuba Japonica*
 - a. berried
 - b. non-berried
- Class 2. *Ilex* (Holly)
 - a. berried
 - b. non-berried
- Class 3. *Nandina*
 - a. berried
 - b. non-berried
- Class 4. Any other worthy named specimen

Section D. Eligible for Growers Choice Award

“At Home Allure” ~ Blooming Houseplants

Container-Grown Flowering Plants, maximum pot size 8” diameter

- Class 1. *Begonia*
- Class 2. *Orchidae*
- Class 3. *Saintpaulina* (African Violet)
- Class 4. Any other worthy named specimen