



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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The President's Corner

Barbara Hollister

Autumns colors have painted our landscape and made our surroundings breathtaking. Now we continue to rake leaves and acorns. What a bumper crop of acorns. The acorns dropped in "piles". Careful as you walk. Anyway nature has surely had her paint brush out. All we need to do is take time out and enjoy what is around us, even if it is while we rake leaves or acorns.

Please note we are planning to work with the project a "Night to Shine", in February 9, 2018; landscape project at the St. John's Church in Churchill, chaired by Cindy Rustin; and "Fashion with Flowers", April 13, 2018, chaired by Pat Merson.

Today's news is not always the best. On that note, I would like for the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. to start a preventive measure at each council meeting. We will have two (2) members assigned in the foyer of the Ginter Park Women's Club; the side door toward Rennie Street will be LOCKED during our meeting. Anyone coming in late, after 10:30 am, will be allowed in, anyone leaving early will be allowed out, anyone that is not recognized as an "appropriate person" or likely person for Richmond Council will not be allowed into the building. (Not appropriate person would be, dressed in black wearing a mask and acting weird). The monitors at the foyer door would, one call 911 and the other monitor would come into our meeting, tell us what was going on outside, and we would all exit out the side door where we meet. This plan has met with the approval of the Executive Board. Hopefully, we are over reacting and this plan will never be necessary to use. A reminder, keep your car doors locked and never have anything visible through the windows. We are living in a strange time.

December Meeting



Picture from 2016 "A West End Winter Wonderland" HouseTour

Friday, December 1, 2017

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 AM

**Refreshments by: Northam and Huntington
Garden Clubs**

Business Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by:

KATHLEEN GAGAN, PEONY'S ENVY

"ALL ABOUT PEONIES"

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

All that being said, I wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving, take time to count your blessings and enjoy your family and friends.

Gratefully, Your President

Barbara Hollister

Richmond Council of Garden Club
Regular Meeting – November 3, 2017
Ginter Park Women's Club
3016 Seminary Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia 23227

Barbara Hollister called the November Meeting for the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs to order at 10:30 A.M.

Gladys Bowles gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Barbara Hollister thanked everyone who helped with the Autumn House Tour in Ginter Park. She thanked all the garden clubs who stepped up to the plate in designs and hosting. Thank you again. It was a huge success!

1st Vice President – Pat Merson – reported that Fashion with Flowers will be held on April 13, 2018, an alternate date is April 20, 2018 at First Baptist Church, our speaker will be Marguerite Slaughter, she has exhibited at the VMFA, Chrysler Museum presented a program at the Judges Council. We are requesting ideas for a place to hold our May Banquet from the floor, any recommendations please call me. Seating is around 125.

2nd Vice President - Judy Futch will be doing the program today. Next month's speaker will be Kathleen Gagan, Peony's Envy.

Recording Secretary – Johanna Gilbert – The minutes were published in the newsletter, there being no corrections the minutes stand approved as published.

Corresponding Secretary – Linda Hardwicke – Not present. – The deadline for information for the Newsletter is November 15, 2017. The list of winners in design and horticulture from the house tour will be posted on the RCGC website.

Treasurer – Debbie Peaks – Reported that the balance brought forward as of October 1, 2017 was \$16,105.88, income was \$3,830.95, disbursements were \$1,316.00. Balance in checking account as of October 31, 2017 is \$18,620.83. CD's New Horizon Bank \$150,000 and Portfolio Investments at Davenport & Company is \$100,000 and Wells Fargo Clearing Service is \$100,000. Total income for the Autumn House Tour was \$3,818, disbursements were \$544.91, with a total profit of \$3,273.09. There being no corrections to the treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Historian – Bonnie Parker – needs pictures for scrapbooks.

Parliamentarian – Judy Hodges – not present

Advisor – Judy Durant – no report

Bonnie Parker- Gave the credentials report. There were 100 members and 1 guest representing 28 clubs present. A quorum is present, and the business may proceed.

Our hostess's chairman, Karen Patterson – thanked Lake Anna Garden Club for serving as the hostess club today. Thank you so much for serving our refreshments.

Standing Committee Reports:

Awards – Jeanne Stigall – no report

Conservation – Suzanne Spooner-Munch (delete Suzanne) – no report

Habitat for humanity – Jean Fender – not present

Horticulture – Mary Lou Bean – passed out information

Life Membership – Connie Zuidema – no report

Meals on Wheels – Lu Cavallaro – No flowers for Meals on Wheels this month. Information in newsletter.

Nature Camp – Sandra Walker – no report

School Gardening – Gipsie Rodriques – Thanked everyone who sent checks.

Tab Tops – Barbara Covington – Reported that 30 pounds of tab tops were collected last month, clubs will be listed in the newsletter. Judy Durant gave her a bracelet made from tab tops, which will be raffled off at the end of the year. Thank you.

Old Business: St. John's Church in Church Hill, requested help with tree removal and landscaping advise. Asking for volunteers. Barbara will check into for more information.

New Business:

The Board made several recommendations, they are as follows:

It is the recommendation of the Board of Directors to allow a onetime exception to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. Standing Rule I.B. – which states – “All items sold at Council meetings shall be restricted to council-sponsored projects and have the approval of the Executive Committee.” The Board recommends that an exception to this rule be approved, for December 1st, 2017 meeting, being presented by Kathleen Gagan, Peony's Envy with the understanding that 15% of all sales made at said meeting be paid to the treasurer of Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. at the close of the meeting on the date of such sales. Motion made by Judy Futch. Motion was passed unanimously.

It is the recommendation that the Board of Directors recommends that Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. volunteer to make wristlets and boutonnieres for the Night to Shine foundation sponsored by Tim Tebow Foundation for special needed people ranging from ages 14 to 79 and up. This ball/prom is held in 50 states and different countries, will be held at Altria February 9, 2018, around 900 attends with over 1,000 volunteers. Motion made by Cindy Rustin. Motion was passed unanimously.

It is the recommendation that the Board of Directors recommends that Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. has a house tour in Windsor Farms area in the year of 2018, November. Motion made by Tish Iorio. Motion was passed unanimously

There being no future business the meeting was adjourned at 11:11.

Johanna Gilbert

Pat Merson introduced the speaker Judy Futch.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Presents

Fashions with Flowers XX

Friday, April 13, 2018

Inclement Weather Date – Friday, April 28, 2016

10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

2709 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.

Fashion Show, Floral Designs, Silent Auction, and Lunch

The cost will be \$30 per person

Program by Marguerite Slaughter, Heathsville, VA

- Registration Form will be in the February Newsletter.
- Each garden club will be asked to donate a floral design or a flowering plant for the table centerpieces.
- Each garden club will be asked to donate an item or items for the silent auction.

Thanks in advance for donations!!

TAB TOPS

The Ronald McDonald house was delighted to receive 11.39 pounds of tab tops this November from the following clubs:

Ginter Park, Hanover Towne, Highland Springs, Hilliard Park and Oxford..

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!!

Barbara Covington, Chairman

All About Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels (MOW) is a RCGC project that brings flowers to MOW participants at least once a year. Hopefully, more Garden Clubs will join in this worthwhile project so more people can enjoy the pleasure of receiving flowers. Small arrangements can be made around Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day or at any time of year. Some Clubs do flowers more than once at their own expense. RCGC will help with expenses by reimbursing your club with one dollar per arrangement. However, what you do need to know is that the RCGC budget for the 2017-2018 year was reduced to \$500.

Please follow these steps if you want to participate:

1. **FIRST** contact our MOW Coordinator Monica Coleman directly at Mcoleman@feedmore.org or [804-934-1958](tel:804-934-1958). Monica coordinates the project with each club. Monica will assign your club a delivery location, date, time, and approximate number of arrangements needed based on your club's input and the number of MOW participants on the route(s). She knows the MOW geographic area so clubs can request a specific area closer to you. Please speak with the former MOW chairman in your club so she can explain the procedure further. For those of you who have done this before, you can do it just as you have before.
2. Participating clubs complete and deliver the agreed upon number of arrangements to the designated location.
3. MOW volunteers then pick up the finished arrangements in addition to the standard meals and deliver them to MOW participants.
4. **AFTER** you have delivered your arrangements you then contact MOW Chairman, Lu Cavallaro, preferably by email to LuCavallar@aol.com or by phone [804-928-1016](tel:804-928-1016). Lu then arranges to have your check for one dollar per arrangement ready at the next RCGC meeting.

If you need additional information, please contact Lu Cavallaro.

Lu Cavallaro, Chairman
Meals on Wheels

Westham Garden Club Annual Boxwood Kissing Ball Sales

The Westham Garden Club is happy to offer its annual Boxwood Kissing Balls for sale in early December. The club has made these fabulous English Boxwood Kissing Balls for more than 8 years. The classic holiday decoration can be hung in a window, from a light fixture, outside or even placed in a beautiful bowl. The Boxwood lasts for weeks and can be dried to allow its beauty to be enjoyed throughout winter. The Kissing Balls are 7-8 inches in diameter and come with a red, gold or silver ribbon. The cost is \$25.00. Orders are being taken through November 28th.

To place an order please email orders to vickygarrison1@aol.com with the following information:
Name, address, phone number, ribbon color, number of Kissing Balls ordered.

The Club will make all Kissing Balls on December 7th and orders either will be delivered or picked up on that day. Payment of \$25.00 is due upon receipt.



Upcoming Events:

February 2, 2018. Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. Ginter Park Women’s Club, 3016 W. Seminary Avenue, Richmond VA. The program on “Modern Floral Design” will be presented by Laura Anne Brooks, Designs and Duluce. The business meeting will begin at 10:30 AM and will be followed by the program at 11. The meeting is open to all members of member clubs.

February 26-March 1, 2018. Flower Show School Course II in Virginia, Four Points by Sheraton , 4700 S. Laburum Avenue, Henrico, Virginia 23231. Advance registration is required. For detailed information on the program and registration, see VFGC, *Old Dominion Gardener*, Fall 2017, pages 21-22.

March 2, 2018. Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., Ginter Park Women’s Club, 3016 W. Seminary Avenue, Richmond VA. The program on “Maximizing your home’s Curb Appeal” will be presented by Diane VCrook, Shipp & Wilson Landscaping. The business meeting begins at 10:30 AM and will be followed by the program at 11. The meeting is open to all members of member clubs.

March 7-9, 2018. Oxford Garden Club is sponsoring the Second Annual Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show. For details see *FOOTPRINTS*, Volume 30, Number 1, Fall, 2017, page 9.

April 8-10, 2018. VFGC Convention 2018, Westin Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. The featured speakers are Tony Todesco and Ellen Ogden. For more information see, VFGC, *Old Dominion Gardener*”, Fall 2017, page 37. Information and registration will be included in the winter issue of ODG.

April 13, 2018. Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. will hold its annual “Fashions with Flowers” at the First Baptist Church, Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA. Mark your calendar. Additional information will be available soon.

Calendar

- December 1, 2017* *RCGC Meeting at the Ginter Park Women's Club*
"All About Peonies", Kathleen Gagan, Peony's Envy
- January 15, 2018* *Articles due for RCGC February Newsletter*
- February 2, 2018* *RCGC Meeting at Ginter Park Women's Club.*
"Modern Floral Designs" by Laura Anne Brooks, Designs from Dunluce

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