



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Richmond, Virginia

A Newsletter of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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The President's Corner

Barbara Hollister

Happy New Year!

Busy days are on the horizon for RCGC, Inc. We are excited to be participating in the "Night to Shine", through the Tim Tebow Foundation. The event will be at the Altria Theater, February 9, 2018. Contact Debbie Peaks, Wyndham Garden Club, 804-564-9842 or Mary Ann Taylor, Highland Springs Garden Club, 804-737-6500 if you are interested in making a boutonnières and wristlets on February 8, 2018 at the Berea Baptist Church, 15475 Ashland Road, Rockville, Virginia 23146. We will be working with the Full Pocket Farm and the Patrick Henry High School. A training session will be held at the Altria Theater, this Thursday. The sessions are one-hour long and 3 sessions are at 6pm, 7pm, and 8pm. Chose one and come and learn how to make a wristlet or boutonnière at one of the sessions. Please contact Debbie or Mary Ann if you are able to attend.

We are looking forward to Fashions with Flowers, April 13, 2018, sponsored by Dillard's. This event is being held at the First Baptist Church, North Boulevard and Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. This is a traditional event held yearly and always so exciting with the lunch, special designer with flowers, fashions and the silent auction. Mark your calendars, and send your check of \$30.00 per person to Debbie Peaks, 11725 Olde Covington Way, Glen Allen, VA 23059-5742.

The Salisbury Garden Club, Midlothian, Virginia has joined the RCGC. We offer a very warm welcome to the 106 members. Lorna Boucher, president, 3150 East Brigstock Road, Midlothian, Virginia 23113-1863, lorna.boucher@comcast.net. 804-543-6515 and the representative will be appointed at a later date.

February Meeting



Friday, February 2, 2018

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 AM

**Refreshments by: *Greenfield and Windsordale
Garden Clubs***

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

Lance Gardner

"Creative Gardening for Pollinators"

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

The Finance Committee will be meeting soon. If an officers or a committee chairman would like an adjustment to their allotted budget for the coming year, please notify our treasurer or myself soon as possible.

Mark your calendars for our next meeting February 2, 2018. Looking forward to seeing you, and bring a friend.

Your president,

Barbara Hollister

Richmond Council of Garden Club, Inc.
Regular Meeting – December 1, 2017
Ginter Park Woman’s Club
3016 Seminary Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia 23227

Barbara Hollister called the December Meeting for the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs to order at 10:29 A.M.

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

Barbara thanked Northam GC and Huntington GC for the refreshments.

1st Vice President – Pat Merson – Announced that information on Fashions with Flowers will be in the newsletter. Looking for a Chair for the Silent Auction at the Fashion and Flowers. Each club will be asked to do a flower arrangement for the tables.

2nd Vice President - Judy Futch will announce December’s speaker Kathleen Gagan on Peony’s Envy. February’s speaker will be Laura Anne Brooks, Designs from Dunluce, on “Modern Floral Designs”

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

Corresponding Secretary – Linda Hardwicke – Not present.

Treasurer – Debbie Peaks – Reported that the balance brought forward as of November 1, 2017 was \$18,620.83, income was \$210.00, disbursements were \$1,122.45. Balance in checking account as of November 20, 2017 is \$17,708.38. CD’s New Horizon Bank \$150,000 and Portfolio Investments at Davenport & Company is \$100,000 and Wells Fargo Clearing Service is \$100,000. Discussion came up again on the financial standing on Meals on Wheels. There being no corrections to the treasurer’s report will be filed for audit. Debbie handed out a gift to all members at the meeting.

Historian – Bonnie Parker – needs pictures for scrapbooks.

Parliamentarian – Judy Hodges – not present

Advisor – Judy Durant – no report

Bonnie Parker gave the credentials report, 79 members and 27 clubs. A quorum is present, and the business may proceed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Awards – Jeanne Stigall – no report

Conservation – Suzanne Spooner-Munch. Information in seats about the Audubon Society.

Habitat for Humanity – Jean Fender – Two new homes under construction, also a new director. More information in Newsletter.

Horticulture – Mary Lou Bean – passed out information

Life Membership – Connie Zuidema – no report

Meals on Wheels – Lu Cavallaro – Three clubs received a check today, Hilliard Park (14), Town and Country (15) and West Hanover (40) GCs. Information in Newsletter.

Nature Camp – Sandra Walker – We had 5 clubs’ special gifts for 2017. Challenged clubs for 2018.

School Gardening – Gipsie Rodriques – Not present

Tab Tops – Barbara Covington – Reported that 11.39 pounds of tab tops were collected last month. Goal is 80 pounds. Thank you.

Old Business: “Night to Shine” committee – Co-Chairmen, Debbie Peaks, Wyndham GC and Mary Ann Taylor, Highland Springs GC.

St. John’s Church in Church Hill – Chairman, Cindy Rustin, Salisbury GC, Committees – Diane Burgess, West Hanover GC and Dianna Seaman, River Road GC. (All are members of the River Road GC also.)

Both above will be volunteer and advising, not financial supports.

Announcements: We now have wholesale purchases available for RCGC members at Ray Huff Co., 2414 Anniston Street, Richmond, VA. As well as Floramax Wholesale Flowers, 1106 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220.

New Business: - Safety Policy Announcement - Side doors of the Ginter Park Woman’s Club will be locked during the RCGC meeting, 10:30 am to 12 noon. There will be two (2) people in the foyer during the meeting and program. People will be able to leave, and doors will be locked when the individual leaves. In the event of a disturbance, one of the monitors in the foyer will notify the membership and they will exit the building by the side door of the auditorium. The other monitor will call 911.

Thanked everyone that helped put the House Tour together.

Wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no future business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Judy Futch introduced the speaker.

Submitted by,

Johanna Gilbert

Meals on Wheels

We would like to thank the following garden clubs for their donation of flower arrangements to the Meals on Wheels program. The arrangements were well received.

West Hanover Garden Club - 40 turkey arrangements on November 17, 2017
Northam Garden Club - 50 arrangements on December 15, 2017
Woodland Pond Garden Club - 50 arrangements on January 11, 2018
Glebe Point Garden Club - 102 arrangements on January 15, 2018

Lu Cavallaro, Chairman

TAB TOPS

After the December Council meeting, 6.94 pounds of Tab Tops was delivered to the Ronald McDonald House bringing the total of Tab Tops for the year to a whopping 77.03 pounds. With your continued support we can well exceed the 80 pounds last year.

Thanks for a job well done.

Barbara Covington

Update on St . John's Church Landscaping Project

The Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. is pleased to announce that Cindy Rustin, Salisbury/River Road Garden Clubs, has been appointed Chairman of the advisory committee for landscaping of St. John's Church property. Other committee members are, Diana Seaman, River Road Garden Club, and Diane Burgess, West Hanover Garden Club. The committee members will be meeting with church representatives sometime in January.

Update to RCGC, 2017-2018 Yearbook

Please add the following information to your Yearbook. Thank you.

Lorna Boucher, President
Salisbury Garden Club, 106 Members
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Midlothian, VA 23113-1863
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Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Presents

Fashions with Flowers XX

“Buds, Blooms, and Blossoms of Springtime”

Friday, April 13, 2018, 10:00

Inclement Weather Date – Friday, April 20, 2018

First Baptist Church

2709 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.

Cost: \$30.00 – Fashion Show by Dillard's, Floral Designs, Silent Auction, and Lunch

Floral Design Program by Marguerite Slaughter



The lunch menu will be a grilled chicken caesar salad, breadsticks, French silk pie, Dutch apple crumb pie, tea, and coffee. Each club is asked to donate a table floral design or a flowering plant, and one or more garden themed items or a plant(s) for the silent auction. Please send 1 check from each garden club made payable to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. to RCGC's Treasurer, Debbie Peaks, 11725 Olde Covington Way, Glen Allen, Virginia 23059, Phone – 564-9842, Email – realestateexpert@aol.com by Friday, March 23, 2018 with the name of the garden club and the names of the attendees. Seating is limited to 192. Please contact Pat Merson– Phone – 796-1132 or Email – prwtm@aol.com with any questions. Please send this form with the club's reservations.

Name of Club: _____

List of Names: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Check Number: _____

***“Autumn in Ginter Park”
Standard Flower Show
October 5,6,7,2017***



***Correction:
Division III Botanical Arts
Section B. Door Wreath
Exhibit 5. 1412 Palmyra Avenue
West Hanover/Leslie Penn, Honorable Mention***

Calendar of 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 “Creative Gardening for Pollinators” by Lance Gardner. 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 Crook, 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.

March 12, 2018. Piedmont District Spring Meeting, Four Points Sheraton, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235. The cost is \$30.00 which includes the meeting, luncheon and the design program. The presenter will be Judy Binns on “How to Design What’s New”. See *Footprints*, Volume 30, Number 3, Spring 2018 for **new rules on registration**.

March 24, 2018. Ginter Park Garden Club will hold its 5th Annual March Into Spring Market at the Ginter Park Woman’s Club, 3016 Seminary Avenue, Richmond, VA. Admission is \$2 and the hours are 10 AM to 4 PM. There will be 30 talented local artisans and vendors and there will be a Bake Sale.

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*”, Winter 2017, Volume 49, No. 3, pages 2-4.

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. See page 5 for information and registration details.

April 16, 17, 2018. Landscape Design School, Course III, Series XXVII, The Woodlands Hotel & Suites Conference Center, 105 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185. A registration form can be found at the VFGC Website and also in the Winter issue of the *Old Dominion Gardner*.

June 4, 2018. District’s Flower Show Judges’. “Here comes Summer” a standard flower show will be held at the Historic Inn at Montross, 21 Polk Street, Montross, VA 22520. For information contact Flower Show Chairman, Jane Denton, 804 435-6877 or denton@va.metrocast.net.



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