



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.
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The President's Corner

Barbara Hollister

Spring is almost here. The daffodils are up, the grass is getting greener and the robins are busy. Remember this is a great time to trim some of your shrubs and trees.

The "Night to Shine" was a wonderful success. Thank each of you for your participation in making the boutonnieres and wristlets. About 45 members from RCTC come to the workshop held at the Berea Baptist Church. The Tim Tebow Foundation had several members to come including some members from the University of Richmond Girls Basketball Team. The camaraderie and fellowship of meeting with new faces, learning a new skill for some and best of all knowing our end product would be greatly appreciated by the participants for the "Night to Shine". A very special thank you to co-chairmen, Debbie Peaks and Mary Ann Taylor and all the RCGC members for giving their time and sharing their wonderful talents in helping to make the "Night to Shine" project a tremendous success.

Some of our RCGC members volunteered to help at the "Night to Shine". We can report to you that there were many smiling faces, excitement in the air, and all enjoying the benefits of a well-organized spectacular event. We learned that Tim Tebow visited the Altair Theater early in the morning of the event. He later, in the day, went to Peru. How exciting to help put smiles on many faces.

Just a reminder to make sure you have Fashions with Flowers on your calendar for April 13, 2018. This is event is sponsored by Dillard's, and will be held at the First Baptist Church, North Boulevard and Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. Send your check of \$30.00 per person to Debbie Peaks, 11725 Olde Covington Way, Glen Allen, VA 23059-5742.

March Meeting



Friday, March 2, 2018

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 AM

Refreshments by: *Old Ivy Garden Club*

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

***Diana Crook
Shipp and Wilson Landscaping***

"Maximizing Your Home's Curb Appeal"

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

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

A gentle reminder to all club presidents and RCGC representatives, please forward the RCGC Newsletter to all your club members **ASAP**.

Mark your calendars for our next meeting March 2, 2018.

Your President,

Barbara Hollister

Update to RCGC, 2017-2018 Yearbook

Please change the telephone number for Lorna Boucher, President of Salisbury Garden Club to: 804 378-1863. Thanks.

RCGC Wholesale Account

The Council has a new wholesale account at the Roy Houff Co., at 2414 Anniston Street, Richmond, VA 23223. This account is like the account at Floramax, 1106 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220. The account at Roy Houff Co. is under the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., but you do not charge anything to RCGC. You may use your own credit card, pay by check or cash.

TAB TOPS

At February's meeting 5-1/2 pounds of Tab Tops were received from the clubs of: *Ginter Park, Hanover Towne, Town and Country, Windsordale and an anonymous club.*

This means that we have exceeded our goal of 80 pounds. Keep up the good work and no telling where we will be at the end of the year!!!

Barbara Covington, Chairman

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. - Regular Meeting
Ginter Park Woman's Club
3016 Seminary Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia 23227
February 2, 2018 @ 10:30 am

President Barbara Hollister, called the February Meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs to order at 10:32 a.m.

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

1st Vice President – Pat Merson reported that the upcoming “Fashions with Flowers” will be held on April 13, 2018. (inclement weather date April 20, 2018) to be held at the First Baptist Church, located at Boulevard and Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23220. Dillard's department store will be sponsoring the fashion show. There will be a Silent Auction, and we will ask all clubs to donate 2 items, like gardening tools or plants only. Betty Waltman, Woodland Pond GC will chair the auction. Also, we will ask each club to bring a flower arrangement or plant for table decorations. Seating is for 192 people with 8 to a table. More information will be in the newsletter.

A Membership Application to join the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs was received from the Salisbury Garden Club. The dues have been paid. A warm welcome was given to the Salisbury Garden Club. The Salisbury members were asked to stand and be recognized.

The hostesses of Greenfield and Windsordale Garden Clubs were thanked you for the wonderful refreshments.

2nd Vice President - Judy Futch announced that today's program will be presented by Lance Gardner on “Creative Gardening for Pollinators”. She also announced that the March 2, 2018 program will be on “Maximizing Your Home's Curb Appeal.” This will be delivered by Diana Crook of Shipp and Wilson Landscaping.

Recording Secretary – Johanna Gilbert reported that the November minutes were published in the Newsletter. The President asked if there were any corrections and there were none, the minutes stand as published.

Corresponding Secretary – Linda Hardwicke, announced that the deadline for submitting information to be included in the upcoming newsletter is February 15, 2018. She also asked that each club president or representative who receives the newsletter to send to all their club members. Also, informed clubs if they want information published in the newsletter to get it to her by the 15th of each month. Newsletter goes out by the 20th of each month. The website has been updated and the registration form for Fashion and Flowers can be found on the website.

Treasurer – Debbie Peaks reported that the balance on hand in checking account as of December 1, 2017 is \$17,708.38, income \$217.95, disbursements \$999.36. Balance as of November 30, 2017 is \$16,926.97. CD's \$150,000. Davenport is \$100,000, dividends earned through December \$1,350.23 and Wells Fargo Services \$100,000 and dividends earned through December \$4,188.71. Are there any questions? The President call for questions and not hearing any the report will be filed for audit.

Historian – Bonnie Parker requested hard copies of pictures.

Parliamentarian – Judy Hodges – no report.

Advisor – Judy Durant – no report

Bonnie Parker – gave her credentials report. A quorum is present, and the business may proceed. We have 27 clubs present and 94 members and 1 guest.

Standing Committee Reports:

Awards – Jeanne Stigall – no report

Conservation – Suzanne Spooner-Munch – passed out Virginia Conservation Assistance Program.

Habitat for humanity – Jean Fender – no report

Horticulture – Mary Lou Bean – no report

Life Membership – Connie Zuidema – no report

Meals on Wheels – Lu Cavallaro was absent . The report was given by Debbie Peaks. The Finance Committee Meeting held a meeting on 1-31-2018. Committee Members advised that the Meals on Wheels Project has spent the allowed \$500.00 for this fiscal year. The Finance Committee recommends that those clubs that have not received reimbursement for the arrangements done will receive reimbursement provided there are unspent funds in the budget at the end of the fiscal year. Clubs are encouraged to continue to participate in this program for the community.

Clubs are encouraged to turn in their number of arrangements for MOWs by the annual luncheon. Requests are to be submitted to Lou Cavallaro, MOWs Chairman, **in writing**.

Debbie Peaks passed out the checks to the following clubs, Hanover Towne, Northam and Glebe Point.

Nature Camp – Sandra Walker – no report

School Gardening – Gipsie Rodrigues – Announced that Hilliard Park sent a check for school gardening.

Tab Tops – Barbara Covington reported that we have over 77 pounds Tab Tops as of today. Barbara thanked the clubs that brought in tabs tops.

“Night to Shine” – Co-Chairman’s, Debbie Peaks, Wyndham Garden Club, and Mary Ann Taylor, Highland Springs Garden Club. I attended the instruction night for volunteers assisting the participants on 2-9-2018 for a “Night to Shine”. The RCGC volunteers workshop will be held 2-8-218, between 1-6 pm at the Berea Baptist Church, 15475 Road, Rockville, VA 23146. Please advise Debbie or Mary Ann if you can attend the workshop to make boutonnieres and wristlets.

St. John’s Church, Churchill – Cindy Rustin, Chair, advised that the project is on hold until she hears from St. John’s Church.

Announcements – **Betty Woodward, who opens the doors at the Ginter Women’s for our meeting is very ill, please send her a card.**

Old Business: - None

New Business:

Judy Hodges read the By-Laws to the members on the terms of the nominating committee. The following have been selected by President Barbara Hollister for the Nominating Committee. Jean Fender and Pat Merson will count the votes for approval of the nominating committee. Linda Hardwicke, Chairman; Crown Grant Garden Club, Debbie Peaks; Wyndham Garden Club; Karen Patterson; Midlothian Garden Club; Mary Wiblin, Clay Springs Garden Club; Judy Erdman, Ginter Park Garden Club. The above will report back at the March RCGC Meeting with a candidate for president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. The “I’s” have it unanimously, the motion is passed.

Thank you for coming today and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Johanna Gilbert

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: _____

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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February 26-March 1, 2018. Flower Show School Course II in Virginia, Four Points by Sheraton , 4700 S. Laburnum 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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