



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

Spring is here, and the time for weeding and planting is upon us. Just like you, I delight in seeing a plant grow and bear the fruits of my labor. Speaking of bearing fruits of our labor, how about the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs bearing fruits of it's labor? The past two years you, the RCGC, has increased the amount of tab tops brought in for the Ronald McDonald House, the number of Meals on Wheels has far exceeded "our wildest expectations", we have gained a new garden club (sorry to say we also lost a club), we now have our very own active website, we have had two very successful House Tours and Standard Flowers Show, our participation in the "Night to Shine" with the Ted Tebow Foundation was outstanding, we were entertained with the Fashions with Flowers, and our very own Lu Cavallaro represented the RCGC on the Virginia Home Grown TV show hosted by Peggy Singlemann, Maymont's Director of Horticulture, Featuring the gardens maintained by the Hilliard Park Garden (award winners of the previous years' Metropolitan Award from the RCGC) for the Ronald McDonald House. Also, RCGC was invited to assist with the landscaping at the historic St. John's Church in Churchill. We cannot forget our on-going support of Nature Camp and the Habitat for Humanity. Are you tired yet?

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the term of 2016-2018. It has been pleasure and honor to have served as your president. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Luncheon being held at the Dominion Club. Enjoy your summer.

Barbara Hollister, President

***May Meeting
Annual Meeting and
Luncheon***



Friday, May 4, 2018

***Dominion Club
6000 Dominion Club Drive
Glen Allen, Virginia 23059***

Registration and Coffee 9:30 AM

Business Meeting begins at 10:15 AM

Diane Burgess and JoAnn McNabb

"Innovative Floral Designs"

“Fashions With Flowers XX” A Resounding Success

A BIG THANK YOU to the following garden clubs for ALL of their support of Fashion with Flowers XX - "Buds, Blooms, and Blossoms":

Canterbury, Chester, Clay Spring, Crestwood Farms, Crown Grant, Ginter Park, Hanover Towne, Hilliard Park, Huntington, Lake Anna, Midlothian, Newfound River, Northam, Old Ivy, Oxford, Pamunkey River, Powhatan, River Road, Salisbury, Sleepy Hollow, Thomas Jefferson, Town and Country, West Hanover, Westham, Windsor Farms, Windsordale, Woodland Pond, and Wyndham

The wonderful floral designs, flowering plants, models, silent auction items, and all the volunteer helpers helped make Fashion with Flowers XX a very SUCCESSFUL event! I also want to thank Marguerite Slaughter for her beautiful floral designs, First Baptist Church for the delicious lunch, and Elliott Bromley for the wonderful piano music during the fashion show and lunch as well as the Fashion Show Coordinator, Barbara Hollister and Dillards at Short Pump for providing the beautiful fashions, Silent Auction Chairmen, Betty Waltman and Laura Dooley, Opportunity Ticket Chairman, Sandra Walker, Registration, Debbie Peaks and Johanna Gilbert, Entrance Assistant, Judy Durant, and Door Prize Tickets, Bonnie Parker.

Thank you again.

Pat Merson

Fashion with Flowers XX Chairman

Marguerite Slaughter



TAB TOPS

Thanks to everyone – your contributions have set an ALL TIME record of donations. Please continue your contributions to TAB TOPS!!!!

At the April 6th Council meeting, 18.4 pounds of Tab Tops were donated from the following clubs:

Clay Springs	Oxford
Ginter Park	Powhatan
Hilliard Park	Sleepy Hollow
Midlothian	Windsordale
Northam	

What a way to end the year. A total of 18 clubs collected and contributed **123.7 pounds** of Tab Tops. Can you believe it - that is an all-time record. And the level of participation was 50% of the Council's membership.

Congratulations to Highland Springs Garden Club for winning the Tab Top bracelet made by Judy Durant.

Hope you have a great summer!

Barbara Covington, Chairman

MEALS ON WHEELS

We would like to thank the following garden clubs for their donation of 194 flower arrangements to the Meals on Wheels Program.

Chester Garden Club, 15 arrangements made on February 16, 2018
Crown Grant Garden Club, 16 arrangements made on March 23, 2018
Huntington Garden Club, 40 arrangements made on February 7, 2018
Sleepy Hollow Garden Club, 18 arrangements made on February 14, 2018
Westham Garden Club, 105 arrangements made on February 20, 2018

Lu Cavallaro, Chairman

HABITAT WORKDAY

Saturday, April 28th, 8:30 AM
13240 Winston Road, Ashland, VA

We have developed the landscape plan for the latest Habitat House in Hanover located at 13240 Winston Road in Ashland (not far from Patrick Henry High School). The new homeowner is a single mother with 2 daughters, 11 and 13 years old. We will have everything there by 8:30 on Saturday, April 28.

Please notify Jean Fender if you can come and help – jean.fender@comcast.net or 804-730-2256. In case of rain, we will do the installation the following Saturday, May 5, same time.

Don't forget, your monetary donations made out to RCGC are also needed and appreciated.

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Invites You To

Celebrate Springtime - Luncheon and Annual Meeting

Friday, May 4, 2018

The Dominion Club

6000 Dominion Club Drive, Glen Allen, Virginia 23059



Floral Design Program – Diane Burgess and JoAnn McNabb

Registration and Coffee begins at 9:30 a.m.; meeting begins at 10:15 a.m.

Luncheon Menu:

<i>Market Salad</i>	<i>Chesapeake Crab Bisque</i>
<i>Fried Chicken</i>	<i>Southern Green Beans</i>
<i>Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes</i>	<i>Sherbert/Cookie</i>
	<i>Coffee and Tea</i>

Luncheon cost is \$30. Please send 1 check from each garden club payable to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. with the name of the garden club and the names of the attendees to Debbie Peaks, RCGC Treasurer, 11725 Olde Covington Way, Glen Allen, Virginia 23059 by April 25, 2018. The check must be received by April 27, 2018. You may pay online at <http://www.rvagardenclubs.com/>. Go to the News Tab then to the annual meeting announcement, the online payment is at the bottom.

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Luncheon – May 4, 2018

Garden Club _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Print Names of Attendees:

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. - Regular Meeting

Ginter Park Woman's Club

3016 Seminary Avenue

Richmond, Virginia 23227

April 6, 2018

The April Meeting for the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs was called to order at 10:29 A.M. by President Barbara Hollister.

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 Fashions with Flowers – April 13, 2018, will be held at the First Baptist Church, North Boulevard and Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. The event fashion show will be sponsored by Dillard's, Short Pump.

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held at the Dominion Club on May 4, 2018. Cost is \$30.00 per person. The program will be presented by JoAnn McNabb and Diane Burgess.

A letter of resignation was received from Grace Ann Miller, President of the Kilmarnock Garden Club, it was accepted. Motion was made by Judy Futch. The resignation was approved.

2nd Vice President - Judy Futch - The program today will be presented by Diana Crook, Shipp and Wilson Landscaping, on "Maximizing Your Home's Curb Appeal".

Recording Secretary – Johanna Gilbert -

President Hollister asked, if there were any corrections to the March minutes published in the April Newsletter. There being no corrections, the minutes stand approved as published. Thank you, Johanna.

Corresponding Secretary – Linda Hardwicke reported she is working on the website along with Carol Bridgforth. The pay button will be reactivated on the website. The deadline for submitting information to be included in the Newsletter is April 15, 2018. Thank you, Linda.

Treasurer – Debbie Peaks – Income \$2,480; Disbursements \$700; balance on hand as of March 31, 2018 is \$19,406.97. CD \$150,000; Portfolio Investments are \$200,000 total. President asked for questions, not hearing any the report will be filed for audit.

Debbie presented the 2018-2019 Budget that will be published in the newsletter and voted on at the May Banquet.

Historian – Bonnie Parker requested that members save pictures.

Parliamentarian – Judy Hodges reminded members of the Parliamentary Rules noted in the April Newsletter.

Advisor – Judy Durant – no report

Bonnie Parker gave the credentials report. There were 28 clubs and 101 members present which included one guest. A quorum is present, and the business may proceed.

Hostess Chairman, Karen Patterson, thanked the Newfound River Garden Club and the Glebe Point Garden Clubs for providing refreshments today.

Standing Committee Reports:

The Awards – Chairman Jeanne Stigall, Oxford Garden Club, reminded clubs about **J. Malcom Pace Awards - \$300.00**

Metropolitan Landscape Grants are: 1st place - \$125.00, 2nd place - \$100.00, 3rd place - \$75.00

(Note the amounts are correct on page 18 of your yearbook, but incorrect on page 15)

Conservation – Chairman Suzanne Spooner-Munch noted that flyers were placed in the seats.

Habitat for Humanity – Chairman Jean Fender indicated that information will be in the newsletter.

Horticulture – Chairman Mary Lou Bean - no report

Life Membership – Chairman Connie Zuidema reported that she has received requests for 5 life memberships. The awards will be presented to the members at their club meeting.

Meals on Wheels – Chairman Lu Cavallaro – not present. Johanna Gilbert read the recommendation from the board regarding Meals on Wheels.

The following guidelines were recommended for the Meals on Wheels program:

- a) Clubs will be given 50 cents per arrangement, totally up to \$20.00 per club.
- b) Written documentation must be given to the treasurer prior to the check being written to the club.
- c) RCGC will only make one payment, per fiscal year to a club participating in the Meals on Wheels project. Clubs are encouraged to participate in the Meals on Wheels project independently.

Linda Hardwicke so moved and Judy Durant seconded the motion. “Aye’s” have it. Motion was passed.

Nature Camp – Chairman Sandra Walker – no report

School Gardening – Chairman Gipsie Rodriques – Don’t forget to make donations.

Tab Tops – Chairman Barbara Covington reported that donations to Tab Tops has reached more than 100 pounds in March, the list of clubs will be in the newsletter. Highland Springs won the Tab Top bracelet that Judy Durant donated.

Announcements and Old Business:

Nominating Committee

The following served on 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

Thank you and your committee for the time and effort you put into selecting potential officers for 2018-2019.

Report - The President Barbara Hollister called for the nominations of officers beginning with the Historian.

Historian- Jean Fender, Hilliard Park Garden Club, has been nominated for the position of Historian. Are there any other nominations for the office of Historian? Not hearing any other nominations for Historian are closed. If any nominations, do you have the permission of candidate to serve? Do I hear a second? All in favor say aye. All opposed say no. The nominations are closed. (Nominations closed by Gladys Bowles from Old Ivy Garden Club).

Treasurer – Debbie Peaks, Wyndham Garden Club, has been nominated for the position of Treasurer. Are there any other nominations for the office of Treasurer? (Nominations closed by Lorraine Hooper from the West Hanover Garden Club). The nominations for the Treasurer are closed.

Corresponding Secretary – Jeanne Stigall, Oxford Garden Club, has been nominated for the position of Corresponding Secretary. Are there any other nominations for the office of Corresponding Secretary? (Nomination for Corresponding Secretary closed by Wilma Bowman from Windsordale Garden Club). The nominations for the Corresponding Secretary are closed.

Recording Secretary – No candidate.

Second Vice President – Barbara Boor, Clay Springs Garden Club, has been nominated for the position of Second Vice President. Are there any other nominations for the office of Second Vice President? (Nominations for Second

Vice President closed by Jennifer Wester, Midlothian Garden Club). The nominations for the Second Vice President are closed.

First Vice President – Susan Gaskill, Midlothian Garden Club, has been nominated for the position of First Vice President. Are there any other nominations for the office of First Vice President? (Nominations for First Vice President closed by Elizabeth Hiles, Westham Garden Club). The nominations for the First Vice President are closed.

President – Linda Hardwicke, Crown Grant Garden Club, has been nominated for the position of President. Are there any other nominations for the office of President? (Nominations for President closed by Betty Waltman, Woodland Pond Garden Club). The nominations for President are closed.

The ballots have been distributed and Tellers (2), Judy Durant and Pat Merson, were introduced. Club presidents, representatives, chairman of committees and elected officers are eligible to vote. Please stand and receive your ballot. The tellers will receive your ballot. Tellers report 44 votes for each candidate, no opposing votes.

Thanked the Nominating Committee. New officers will be installed at the May banquet.

New Business:

Barbara Hollister announced the new slate of officers for RCGC 2018-2019.

She reminded everyone about the upcoming Fashion with Flowers event on April 13, 2018 and the RCGC Annual Luncheon on May 4, 2018 to be held at the Dominion Club.

Bonnie Parker from Sleepy Hollow announced that David Pippin would be guest speaker at the Meeting April 20 at 10:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:18.

Johanna Gilbert

Judy Futch, Second Vice President introduced the speaker Diana Crook, “Maximizing Your Home’s Curb Appeal” from Shipp and Wilson Landscaping.

JUNE 23 - Summer Rose Care Clinic

Northam Garden Club member Carol Fox will open her garden on June 23 at 9:00 a.m. for an instructor-led, hands-on, garden side program. The facilitator will be Pam Powers, president of the Arlington Rose Foundation. Pam is an avid award winning rose grower and is dedicated to helping people grow the roses of their dreams! The clinic will focus on typical hot weather problems.

Carol’s home is located at 11066 Mount Hope Church, Doswell, VA. This is about 6 miles north of Ashland, .7 miles off Rt. 1.

Bring your garden gloves. Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend. The event is sponsored by the Richmond Rose Society.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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May 5, 2018. Canterbury Garden Club’s Annual Plant Sale on, May 5th from 9am to 12 noon at [1405 Giltspur Road](#) in the West End. There will be wide variety of perennials for sun, part-sun, and shade successfully grown in our members' gardens. Selections include: hostas, lilies, irises, ground covers, ornamental grasses, cut flower perennials, small shrubs. Vendor selections from Lavendar Fields and Ashwood Gardens. Great prices! Raffle opportunity. Rain or shine. All proceeds go to our club projects.

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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