



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Richmond, Virginia

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The President's Corner

Linda Hardwicke

I can hardly believe that summer is nearing its end. What a wonderful growing season we have had with an abundance of rain (at times too much), moderate temperatures and plenty of sunshine. All of those elements no doubt produced an abundance of beautiful flowers and horticulture. Thus, giving you plenty of opportunities to make flower arrangements, for your family and friends.

Here we are beginning another year for the Council and, once more, we will have an opportunity to provide exciting programs that will inspire new floral designs. I want to thank Barbara Boor, Second Vice President, for diligently pursuing a great list of speakers for the upcoming year.

I'm very excited to report that Randi Heise has accepted the position as Recording Secretary. We are so pleased to have her in this role.

I also want to thank Laura Dooley. I'm sure that you remember Laura as the Yearbook and Publicity Chairman 2016-18 who was unable to assume these responsibilities for the upcoming two-year term. I took on this position and I want you to know that Laura's meticulous work and attention to detail has made it possible for me to update the yearbook without much effort.

And thanks to Judy Hodges for making name badges for members of the Board of Directors. Be sure to pick up your name badge at the registration desk at the September meeting.

Lastly, I want to hear about our "Member Clubs". I do hope you have had a great summer! We look forward to seeing you at the council meetings.

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September Meeting



Friday, September 7, 2018

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

Refreshments provided by
Oxford Garden Club

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

"In Love With Flowers"

Presented by

Jane VanDenburgh

Open to All Members of
Our member Garden Clubs

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And we would love to know what you are planning for the next several months. If you would like to submit an announcement or an article for publication in the RCGC newsletter, please contact Jeanne Stigall sjlstigall@aol.com.

We also use our website to publish upcoming events and Carol Bridgforth will serve as the website contact carolbridgforth@verizon.net.

Please mark your calendar for our first meeting on September 7th at the Ginter Park Woman's Club, 3016 Seminary Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227-4810.

Your President,

Linda Hardwicke



Note from Past President I would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as your President from 2016-2018. You are a challenging, inspiring and delightful group of garden clubs members. I deeply regret being unable to attend the Annual Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Luncheon. My sister passed away the day following my return from Florida, and my brother the following month. I appreciate each of your condolences, support, prayers, emails and beautiful cards, which help to sooth the grief and pain. I wish the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs much success and a bright, viable future.

Barbara Hollister, Past President



New this year ~ Name badges have been made for each officer and board member, officer and committee chairman. Be sure to pick up your badge at the registration desk.



Life Memberships in the Richmond Council may be conferred on individuals from either member or non-member clubs. A Life Membership recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education programs and horticulture projects. Life Memberships bestows no special privileges or benefits.

Life Membership Awards 2017 – 2018 - Congratulations to the following individuals who received a Life Membership Award this past year:

Linda Hardwicke, Anna Lazarchic and Betty Rouse were honored by the Crown Grant Garden Club
Sandra Walker was honored by the Woodland Pond Garden Club
Gail Goodrich Harwood was honored by the Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

Connie Zuidema, Chairman
Life Memberships

Nature Camp - Since 1998, funds from Life Memberships in the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs have been designated as contributions to Nature Camp.

The following garden clubs made donations to Nature Camp during 2017-2018

7/14/2017	Hanover Towne	\$ 50.00
7/14/2017	Hilliard Park	25.00
2/02/2018	Hilliard Park	25.00
4/25/2018	Woodland Pond	25.00
4/25/2018	Highland Springs	25.00
4/25/2018	Crown Grant	150.00
4/25/2018	Woodland Pond	50.00
5/16/2018	Hanover Towne	50.00
5/29/2018	Sleepy Hollow	<u>50.00</u>
Total		\$450.00

2017-2018 Attendance. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following 22 garden clubs for having perfect attendance during 2017-2018 year:

Canterbury Garden Club	Pamunkey Garden Club
Chester Garden Club	Powhatan Garden Club
Clay Springs Garden Club	Sleepy Hollow Garden Club
Ginter Park Garden Club	Thomas Jefferson Garden Club
Hanover Garden Club	Town and Country Garden Club
Highland Springs Garden Club	West Hanover Garden Club
Hilliard Park Garden Club	Westham Garden Club
Huntington Garden Club	Windsor Farms Garden Club
Midlothian Garden Club	Windsordale Garden Club
Old Ivy Garden Club	Woodland Pont Garden Club
Oxford Garden Club	Wyndham Garden Club

Midlothian Garden Club Website ~ This past year the Midlothian Garden Club created and launched a club website. Carol Bridgforth acted as Website Liaison. With the help and contributions from many of the club members and Bob Schamerhorn from Infinity Graphics, the site was uploaded to the internet in September 2017. During the following months, information continued to be added to the site.

In November, 2017 the club submitted a National Garden Clubs Awards Application for the website. The results of that application are the club won Blue Ribbons from the Piedmont District of VFGC, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, and the South Atlantic Region of NGC. The Club also received a letter of commendation from the National Garden Clubs.

You can visit the club site at www.midlothiangardenclub.com and access information about the club, read the monthly newsletters, see pictures of our best in show arrangements and horticulture, and see examples of the many types of flower designs, information relating to horticulture displays and wonderful links in the resource library.

Hilliard Park Garden Club Project

Hilliard Park Garden Club members with help from their spouses successfully completed their landscaping project of the large stone block courtyard at Crump Health and Rehab and held a Dedication Ceremony during National Garden Week. Linda Hardwicke and Judy Durant were among the 30 in attendance. The courtyard had been neglected for several years and was in dire need of help to make it a nice place for the staff and patients and visitors to enjoy. We were fortunate to receive a grant from Piedmont District and the Metropolitan Landscape Design Grant from Richmond Council to cover our budget of over \$1,000.

We had 3 major workdays to get everything cleaned up, debris removed, 18 pots of flowers planted, 27 herbs planted in a raised garden, and install 6 hostas, daylilies, a trellis, 2 new umbrellas and stands, 8 new cushions for the chairs, a new blue birdfeeder and ceramic blue birdbath, a garden flag, and a new water hose and reel. We labeled all the plants so patients will know what is planted. How beautiful and colorful the courtyard looked! The patients and staff loved it!



Calendar of Upcoming Events!

September 27 – Thomas Jefferson Garden Club Celebrating 85 years of Gardening. See flyer on following page(s).

October 5 – **RCGC meeting, program**, “How to Grow the Best Flowers for Arrangements”

Sarah Mallory, Freckled Flower Farming

October 8 – **Piedmont District Meeting**. See flyer on following page(s).

November 2 – **RCGC meeting, program TBA**

November 8 – ‘Home for the Holidays,’ Ginter Park Garden Club. See invitation on following page(s)



Piedmont District Fall Meeting and Flower Show

Monday, October 8, 2018

Four Points Sheraton, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235

8:30 – 9:30 AM - Registration and Shop

9:30 AM – Program,

“From Tradition to the Edge,”

presented by Peyton Wells

11:30 – 12:00 Noon - Recess, Shop and Cash Bar

12:00 – 1:00 PM Luncheon

1:00 – 4:00 PM – District Standard Flower Show ‘Piedmont Presents’

The cost is \$30.00 which includes the meeting, luncheon and the design program

You are invited to attend, and any NGC member is invited to enter

The Registration Form is on the page 6 of this Newsletter.

Visit Piedmont’s website (<http://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org/>) for General Rules, Awards and other information regarding the Flower Show.

**REGISTRATION FORM - PIEDMONT DISTRICT
FALL GENERAL MEETING**

Four Points by Sheraton Richmond, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike. Richmond, VA 23235
Monday, October 8, 2018 (DEADLINE: September 30, 2018) COST: \$30.00

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB PRESIDENT _____

CONTACT PERSON & PHONE # _____

CONTACT EMAIL _____

NAMES OF ATTENDEES	PHONE	VOTING NUMBER	STATUS
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

(Include dietary restrictions or allergies)

Total Number Attending _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Use another sheet of paper for additional names – **please print.**

Rules for Registration

Due to problems we have had with checks being lost in the mail, registration is as follows:

1) Club emails the names of the attendees with the above information (Club Name, Name & Email address of Club Contact person, Attendees indicate dietary restrictions & Voting Status) Voting Delegates indicated as follows:

Club President (CP) 1 vote 2 Voting Delegates (VD) 1 vote each District Officer (DO) 1 vote
District Chairman (DC) 1 vote Former District President (FDP) 1 vote

NOTE: Please indicate any dietary requirements or allergies for the individual.

2) Mail check to registrar and your club will be notified when the registrar receives the check. Seating will be assigned in the order the check is received. You can also still mail in the Check and this Registration form together. Be sure to **include an email address** as registrar will notify you when it is received. IF you do not receive an email confirmation, call Johanna - (804)-270-6056. Her email is omagilbert@aol.com.

Check payable to PIEDMONT DISTRICT. Send CHECK & REGISTRATION FORM to:
Johanna Gilbert, Registrar,
8423 Shannon Green Ct;
Henrico VA 23228-1876

No telephone registrations. We are unable to issue refunds, please find your own substitute.



*Ginter Park Garden Club
Request the Pleasure of Your Company
"Home for the Holidays"
Presented by Al Brockwell & David Pippin
(The Dueling Duo)
Thursday, November 8, 2018*

*9:45 AM Reception & Buffet
10:30 AM Welcome & Program*

*Ginter Park Woman's Club
3016 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227-4810*

*Please send checks (\$25 per person)
Mary Jo Giles
309 N. Wilkinson Road
Richmond, VA 23227*

**Thomas Jefferson Garden Club
Celebrating 85 Years of Gardening and Friendship
Presents**

A NGC Standard Flower Show



"ECHOES OF THE PAST"

**Sponsored by the Thomas Jefferson Garden Club,
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
September 27, 2018**

Show hours: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Free and Open to the Public

Trinity Lutheran Church
Bruening Hall
2315 Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23229
804-270-4626

Anna Meyers, President of Thomas Jefferson Garden Club

Member of:
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
South Atlantic Region
Piedmont District of Garden Clubs
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

The deadline for submitting articles, announcements and/or bulletins for the October Newsletter is September 15th. Please e-mail to Jeanne Stigall at sjlstigall@aol.com.

Learn about the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. ~ their history, goals, calendar, newsletters and more. Visit their website - <http://rvagardenclubs.com/>



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