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The President's Corner

Linda Hardwicke

As I write this message, I couldn't help but reflect on the September meeting. I was pleased with the attendance of 100 club members and one guest and I want to say "thank you" for coming. The refreshments were fabulous – thanks to the Oxford Garden Club – and the program by Jane VanDenburgh not only captured your attention but "inspired" all of us. What more could you ask for!

The Council is very excited about the October 5th, 2018, program on "*How to Grow the Best Flowers for Arrangements,*" by Sarah Mallory of Freckled Flower Farming. This should be a fascinating program. It would be great to be able to grow beautiful flowers and use them in your floral designs.

There is always so much going on that at times it is difficult to decide which way to go. But I would like to bring attention to the Thomas Jefferson Garden Club who will be celebrating their 85th anniversary on September 27, 2018. They are sponsoring an NCG Standard Flower Show "*Echoes of the Past*" at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Bruening Hall, 2315 Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23229. The show hours which are free and open to the public will be from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The Richmond Symphony Orchestra League chose "Holly Lawn" as the 2018 Designer House. Tours will be held from September 17 – October 14. Tickets can be purchased at RSOL website. The Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., owned "Holly Lawn" for many years.

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October Meeting



Friday, October 5, 2018

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

**Refreshments provided by
Bon Air, Green Acres and Pamunkey River
Garden Clubs**

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

**"How to Grow the Best Flowers for
Arrangements"
Presented by Sarah Mallory,
Freckled Flower Farming**

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

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We are very excited about the Council's November 2, 2018 Hands-on *Workshop in Horizontal and Vertical Design Techniques* that will be presented by David Pippin. Registration information was distributed to member club presidents and representatives. You may also find the information on the Council's website rvagardenclubs.com. Attendance is limited to the first 50 individuals who submit the registration form along with payment.

On behalf of the Council, we hope to see you at the October 5 meeting.

Your President,

Linda Hardwicke

September Gardening Tips

To Do's for the Fall Landscapes

Renovate the lawn by reseeding and fertilizing. Seeding bare patches is another good option.

Prepare new beds for fall or spring planting.

Order or buy bulbs for spring bloom, noting early, mid and late bloomers.

Place markers with plant identification in planting areas for bulbs and perennials.

Look for desired plant material at local nurseries as fall is the best time for planting.

Plant deciduous trees and shrubs, especially those with spring interest.

Divide and transplant perennials, share with neighbors and friends, or pot for spring planting.

Divide and transplant peonies if necessary late in the month.

Weed gardens, pulling up by roots to discourage future weeds and discarding.

Clean out beds and apply a top dressing of mulch for upcoming winter protection. Inspect trees and shrubs. Prune both, *except* spring bloomers. Spring bloomers are pruned immediately after they have finished blooming.

Inspect evergreens for spider mites. Blast with water weekly to remove mites.

Monitor rainfall to ensure plants continue to receive sufficient moisture up until frost.

Spray outdoor plants prior to moving inside.

Dig and store tender bulbs near the end of month – gladiolus, dahlias, cannas, elephant ears.

Cut herbs such as basil, parsley, mint and freeze or dry them for future use.

Cut and dry perennials for flower arranging.

Lettuce, kale, spinach, beets and radishes may be planted for late fall harvest.



Recycled Tab Tops

Barbara Covington & Patricia Kreynus reported the Ronald McDonald House was super excited to receive 34.9 lbs. of tab tops from the clubs of Clay Springs, Ginter Park, Hanover Towne, Hilliard Park, Old Ivy, Oxford, Pamunkey, Sleepy Hollow and Windsor Dale. What a great start to a new year!

Annual Meeting & Luncheon May 4, 2018

Dominion Country Club, 6000 Dominion Club Drive, Glen Allen VA 23059

Pat Merson, First Vice President, called the May meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs to order at 10:20 A.M.

Gladys Bowles, Chaplain, gave the Invocation and led the reading of Garden Collect.

Pat Merson welcomed our Special Guests:

Protocol – Wilma Bowman

Dr. Philip P. Coulling – Director of Nature Camp

Sean Proietti - Maymont Manager of Horticulture

Past President – Judy Hodges

She thanked Johanna Gilbert and Debbie Peaks for registration; and Bonnie Parker and Betty Waltman for selling opportunity tickets. And the Dominion Club for the preparations for today's meeting.

President Barbara Hollister was not present and could not do the Tribute to Board and Committee Chairman.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Peaks – Balance on hand as of May 4, 2018 is \$22,918.17. (Disbursements \$1,040.00; Income \$4,501.20). CD's \$152,123.00, Investments \$200,000.00). Are there any questions? The report will be filed as presented.

Debbie Peaks presented the 2018-2019 budget. The budget was approved as presented.

Membership Chairman - Bonnie Parker – Reported attendance for today as follows: Present 77, Guests 2, Clubs represented 23. A quorum is present and the business may proceed.

Bonnie Parker presented Attendance Certificates for 100% attendance at all Council meetings for 2017-2018.

Canterbury Garden Club
Chester Garden Club
Clay Springs Garden Club
Ginter Park Garden Club
Hanover Towne Garden Club
Highland Springs Garden Club
Hilliard Park Garden Club
Huntington Garden Club
Midlothian Garden Club
Old Ivy Garden Club
Oxford Garden Club

Pamunkey River Garden Club
Powhatan Garden Club
Sleepy Hollow Garden Club
Thomas Jefferson Garden Club
Town and Country Garden Club
West Hanover Garden Club
Westham Garden Club
Windsor Farms Garden Club
Windsordale Garden Club
Woodland Pond Garden Club
Wyndham Garden Club

School Gardening, Chairman: Gipsie Rodriques – Report will be in the newsletter.

Tab Tops, Chairman, Barbara Covington – Report will be in the newsletter.

Habitat for Humanity, Chairman Jean Fender – Reported that the last house for Habitat had 14 volunteers. She requested donations for new homes next term. Hilliard Park was given the Habitat for Humanity award.

Meals on Wheels, Chairman: Lu Cavallaro – handed out checks to Westham, Huntington, Chester, River Road, Ginter, Sleep Hollow and Highland Spring Garden Clubs for making arrangements.

Nature Camp, Chairman: Sandra Walker – Presented a check to Nature Camp for \$500 to Dr. Phillip Coulling, Director of Nature Camp.

Gift to Maymont Foundation: First Vice President: Pat Merson – Presented a check for \$500 to Sean Prioetti, Manager of Horticulture for Maymont.

Awards and Grants Chairman: Jeanne Stigall – presented the following awards:

J. Malcolm Pace Award - Hilliard Park Garden Club for the Ronald McDonald House Landscaping Project.

Metropolitan Landscape Award - First place: Hilliard Park Garden Club for the Crump Manor Courtyard Landscaping Project; Second Place: West Hanover Garden Club for their Dunn's Chapel Landscaping project

Installation of New Officers – Was conducted by Carter Rosser, president of Crown Grant Garden Club.

Announcements: None

Chaplain Gladys Bowles gave the Blessing for the Luncheon at 12:00 noon

Pat Merson thanked Thomas Jefferson Garden Club for the wonderful centerpieces.

Pat Merson – Introduced the designers for today – Dianne Burgess and JoAnn McNabb

A few words from our new President – Linda Hardwicke

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Johanna Gilbert

There was a correction to the April Minutes. The Motion to close nominations was Tara Hudson from Woodland Pond



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.



Presents "A Hands-On"

Workshop in Horizontal & Vertical Design Techniques

Friday, November 2, 2018

Presented by David Pippin

Ginter Park Woman's Club
3016 Seminary Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23227

Registration: 12:15 PM Program: 12:30-2:30

Registration fee is \$35.00. Attendance is a maximum of 50! The fee includes: oasis and container, greenery and flowers. **You must bring SNIPS (gloves and aprons are optional).** This Workshop is open to Guests, but they must register. We encourage you to share the information with non-garden club individuals who are interested in learning the "how to's" of making flower arrangements.

Registration: Go to <http://www.rvagardenclubs.com/>, download and print the PDF form.

To pay by check, list the names of the individuals and/or guests attending from your Garden Club: Make check payable to the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. and send to **Johanna Gilbert, RCGC Registrar, 8423 Shannon Green Court, Henrico, VA 23228-1876**, or make a credit card payment using the PayPal button on the website, directly below the PDF form.

Name of Club:

Attendees:

The Ginter Park Woman's Club will sell box lunches on Friday November 2, 2018 before the afternoon workshop with David Pippin. The box lunches must be **pre-ordered** and paid by Wednesday October 24, 2018. The cost of the box lunch will be \$12.00 each. To order, please email Susan Gaskill at itgalaxsea@aol.com. Include your name and the name of your garden club. Make checks payable to: Ginter Park Woman's Club and send to: Susan Gaskill, 7643 Rockfalls Drive, Richmond, Virginia. 23225-1444

Box Lunch includes: chicken salad on homemade roll, fruit cup, brownie, water
(Ginter Park Woman's Club will also have available that day soft drinks for \$0.50 each

Box Lunches can be picked up beginning 12 noon in the Foyer.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

September 27 – Thomas Jefferson Garden Club Celebrating 85 years of Gardening. See flyer below.

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

Sarah Mallory, Freckled Flower Farming

October 8 – *Piedmont District Meeting* - will be held at Four Points Sheraton, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235. The cost is \$30.00. The luncheon program, “From Tradition to the Edge,” will be delivered by Peyton Wells. There will be a District Standard Flower Show from 1:00-4:00 PM. Visit Piedmont’s website to obtain additional information. <http://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org/>

November 2 – **RCGC meeting, program**, “*Trees for the Urban Garden*,” George Cowart, Horticulture Manager, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens

November 2 – **RCGC Fall ‘Hands On’ Workshop**, *Horizontal & Vertical Design Techniques*, David Pippin

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

December 7 - **RCGC meeting, program**, “*Wreath Making and New Ideas for the Holidays*” Barbara Hollister and Mary Wiblin





*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 November Newsletter is October 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 our website - <http://rvagardenclubs.com/>



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