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The President's Corner

RCGC welcomes Mr. George Cowart, Horticulture Manager, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, as the speaker for the November meeting. Mr. Cowart's topic will be "Trees for the Urban Garden." This should be a very informative topic. The morning session will be followed by the David Pippin Hands-On Workshop on Design Techniques. We currently have 49 individuals registered to attend and the limit is 50.

The Ginter Park Woman's Club will prepare box lunches for \$12.00. The box lunches must be pre-ordered and paid for by October 24th. The lunch includes: chicken salad on homemade roll, fruit cup, brownie and water. To order, please email Susan Gaskill at itgalaxsea@aol.com. Include your name and the name of your garden club. Send your payment which must be made payable to Ginter Park Woman's Club to: Susan Gaskill, 7634 Rockfalls Drive, Richmond, VA 23225-1444.

There are two exciting events coming up in late October – Maymont's *Japanese Glow Garden* will be open nightly from **Saturday, October 27 to Sunday, November 11 from 6-10 pm, except October 31st**. Fall colors should be at their peak. Also, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts will be holding their biennial *Fine Arts and Flowers* program from October 24-28. This is a great opportunity to view the art-inspired floral designs made by garden club floral designers.

Mark your calendar for RCGC's December 7th program on "*Wreath Making and New Ideas for the Holidays*", by Barbara Hollister and Mary Wiblin. Barbara and Mary are very creative and will deliver an exciting program.

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November Meeting



Friday, November 2, 2018

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

**Refreshments provided by
Chester Garden Club**

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

**"Trees for the Urban Garden"
George Cowart, Horticulture Manager
Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens**

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

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I hope you will take time to enjoy the splendor of fall when Mother Nature displays vibrant Autumnal colors from a wide range of foliage.

Your President,

Linda Hardwicke

October Gardening Tips

“Daffodils are yellow trumpets of spring” – Richard L. Ratliff

Fall is the ideal time to plant spring bulbs, taking your cues from nature. I have planted bulbs late September to early December in my Goochland garden. Deciding what variety of bulbs you may want to add, securing bulbs should be your present focus. Whether ordering or visiting nurseries, place purchased bulbs in a refrigerator until planting time.

Now observe the change of summer to fall; cooler mornings and evenings, leaves turning color and falling to the earth, the ground dries out and the soil cools. Take this opportunity to see where you want to see spring color in February, March and April. Place markers in the ground to note these areas for adding 3 months spring interest with new bulbs.

Planting is much like painting, space, width, height, color, density, neutral space, all things to consider. Then add the blooming time of bulbs and you will have a wave of freshness and color for months by researching the bloom times and characteristics of the bulbs you have selected.

Below find some suggested varieties of Narcissi that will give you a full spring of color and wonder. These bulbs may be found at many locations, including www.vanengelen.com, www.johnscheepers.com and www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com

Earlier Blooming Narcissi

Miniature Trumpet Daffodil Little Gem
Small Cupped Narcissus Barrett Browning
Large Cupped Narcissus Saint Kevene
Large Cupped Narcissus California
Cyclamineus Narcissus Tete-aTete

Mid Blooming Naturalizing Narcissi

Trumpet Daffodil King Alfred
Large Cupped Narcissus Fortissimo
Large Cupped Narcissus Ice Follies
Cyclamineus Narcissus Peeping Tom

Trumpet Daffodil Mt Hood
Large Cupped Narcissus Fortune
Large Cupped Narcissus Professor Einstein
Poeticus Narcissus Actaea

Later Blooming Naturalizing Narcissi

Large Cupped Narcissus Flower Record
Double Narcissus Cheerfulness

Poeticus Narcissus Pheasant's Eye
Triandrus Narcissus Thalia



Recycled Tab Tops

Thanks to the clubs of Newfound River, Canterbury, Ginter Park, Windsor Park, Hilliard Park, Sleepy Hollow, and Hanover Towne 32.67 lbs. of tab tops were delivered to Ronald McDonald House. Great work!!!

Barbara Covington

Congratulations to Pat Merson, Chester Garden Club, who received a **Life Membership Award**.

Connie Zuidema, Chairman

Life Memberships

School Gardening Reminder! A Big **“Thank You!!!”** to the Clubs who continue to give donations to our School Gardening Program. It is so appreciated by the 4-H groups affiliated with Virginia Cooperative Extension in our counties of Hanover, Powhatan, Chesterfield, Henrico and the City of Richmond. They are using our gifts in programs like teaching good nutrition through learning about growing and caring for plants they can eat. These programs are especially helpful to a school in Hanover County where most of the children live in apartments with limited access to growing space; and so I feel our gift makes a huge contribution in this endeavor. Henrico County is using our donation to further their programs to inspire and encourage students in gardening by equipping the teachers in their program of “Train the trainer. Please continue to remember this program as many of you have done so already. You can give your club’s check to Gipsie Rodrigues, RCGC School Gardening Chair, either at our RCGC club meetings or mail to 10317 Collinwood Drive, Henrico, VA 23238. Thanks again for your support!!!
Gipsie Rodrigues



Yearbook Change - On page 35 of the yearbook, please change designation for Nancy Lee Martin to a Master Judge.

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. – Regular Meeting
September 7, 2018

President Linda Hardwicke called the September 7th meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 10:28 AM

Call Meeting to order

Chaplain Gladys Bowles was recognized for her 91st birthday. She presented the invocation and opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited by all members present.

President: Linda Hardwicke requested that all past Presidents, in attendance, place stand as she called their name.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Barbara Hollister – could not be present

Judy Durant

Judy Hodges

Jean Cole - absent

Martha Schrenk -absent

Martha Saunders – absent

Officers and Appointees:

The following stood and were recognized:

- 1st Vice President** – Susan Gaskill
- 2nd Vice President** – Barbara Boor
- Recording Secretary** – Randi Heise
- Corresponding Secretary** – Jeanne Stigall
- Treasurer**– Debbie Peaks
- Historian** – Jean Fender
- Chaplain** – Gladys Bowles
- Parliamentarian** – Judy Hodges
- Adviser** – Barbara Hollister

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

- Attendance, Chairman** – Bonnie Parker and Johanna Gilbert
- Awards, Chairman** Jeanne Stigall
- Conservation, Chairman** Evelyn Klumb
- Finance Committee Chair** – Debbie Peaks
- Habitat for Humanity, Chairman** Jean Fender
- Horticulture, Chairman** Mary Lou Bean
- Hospitality Chair** – Karen Patterson and Julie Proctor
- Life Membership, Chairman** Kay Rafner.
- Meals on Wheels, Chairman** Lu Cavallaro was absent.
- Properties & Ginter Park Woman’s Club Representative Protocol** - Wilma Bowman

Chairmen of Special Committees

- Announcements** – Linda Hardwicke
- Nature Camp** - Chairman Sandra Walker
- Newsletter Editor** – Jeanne Stigall
- Recycled Tab Tops** – Barbara Covington
- School Gardening** - Chairman Gipsie Rodriques
- Ways and Means/ Fashions with Flowers** - Pat Merson
- Ways and Means/House Tour and Workshops** - Linda Hardwicke
- Website Liaison** - Carol Bridgforth
- Yearbook and Publicity** - Linda Hardwicke

Membership Chairman Bonnie Parker will give the credentials report. 100 members and 1 guest were present. Members were reminded to keep up the attendance as we move forward during the year. A quorum was declared and business proceeded.

Karen Patterson, Hospitality Chair was absent. On her behalf, Linda Hardwicke acknowledged and thanked the Oxford Garden Club for providing wonderful refreshments for the meeting.

Announcements and Old Business:

Richmond Council will sponsor a hands-on workshop on the afternoon of November 2, 2018. It will be held in this room. David Pippin is the instructor. Attendance is limited to 50. The registration fee of \$35.00 includes: flowers, greenery, container and oasis. The time is 12:30 – 2:30. Information will be posted to our website within couple of days and presidents and representatives will receive an email with the details.

The Ginter Park Woman’s Club will sell box lunches for \$12.00. Additional information will be emailed.

Parliamentarian Judy Hodges explained that Randi Heise, Thomas Jefferson Garden Club has been appointed by the Executive Board to serve as Recording Secretary for the 2018-2020 Term. This was approved by the Executive Board this morning who recommended that you vote on this appointment.

All in favor of Randi Heise, Thomas Jefferson Garden Club, to serve in the position of Recording Secretary for the 2018-2019 term, please say “Aye”, or “Nay”. Ayes have it and Randi was approved by the members in attendance.

Additional yearbooks are available for sale. The price is \$5.00. See Johanna Gilbert.

The following reports were given by Officers and Appointee:

Officers and Appointee:

1st Vice President – Susan Gaskill report: The annual luncheon will be held at Willow Oaks Country Club on May 3, 2019.

2nd Vice President – Barbara Boor report – All programs have been determined for 2018-2019,.

Recording Secretary – Randi Heise Two people will be reviewing the minutes for the October meeting.

Corresponding Secretary – Jeanne Stigall requested that all news articles for the RCGC newsletter be forwarded to her no later than September 15th for inclusion in the October newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report– Debbie Peaks’ report: \$21,495.42 was reported as the current balance in the checking account which includes \$482.95 in donations for Habitat for Humanity. There were no questions regarding the Treasurer’s report.

Historian – Jean Fender – Requested any photographs of the Installation of Officers at the May Luncheon be forwarded to her for inclusion in the RCGC scrapbook.

Chaplain – Gladys Bowles – no report

Parliamentarian – Judy Hodges – no report

Adviser – Barbara Hollister Absent

President Linda Hardwicke thanked the Officers for their reports.

Chairmen of Standing Committees Reports:

Attendance, Chairman – Bonnie Parker – already made

Attendance, Chairman – Johanna Gilbert

Awards, Chairman Jeanne Stigall

Conservation, Chairman Evelyn Klumb reported on the State of the James River and announced that the river had improved its rating from a “Low C” to a “B.” Improvement was based on improved water control from storm run-off. She offered additional ways to assist in the clean water efforts by proper disposal of medical waste and being aware of the proper use of fertilizers

Finance Committee Chair – Debbie Peaks already made

Habitat for Humanity, Chairman Jean Fender requested that member garden clubs continue to donate funding in support of the Habitat for Humanity landscape program. Richmond Council strives to maintain a balance of \$200 in the Habitat for Humanity account and it important that member clubs maintain their generous support of this worthy program. The current Habitat house is to be completed in October.

Horticulture, Chairman Mary Lou Bean – September Gardening Tips were distributed by placing a copy in each member’s chair.

Hospitality Chair – Karen Patterson (absent) and Julie Proctor The Oxford Garden Club was recognized for the wonderful refreshments they provided.

Life Membership - Chairman Kay Rafner

Life Memberships and Contributions to Nature Camp, 2017–2018:

Gail Goodrich Harwood was honored by Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

Linda Hardwicke, Anna Lazarchic and Betty Rouse were honored by Crown Grant Garden Club

Sandra Walker was honored by Woodland Pond Garden Club

The following garden clubs made donations to Nature Camp: Crown Grant, Hanover Towne, Highland Springs, Hilliard Park, Sleepy Hollow and Woodland Pond.

Lifetime memberships are available to bestow upon fellow garden club members. The cost is \$50 with the funds going to support Nature Camp.

Meals on Wheels, Chairman Lu Cavallaro Absent

Properties and Ginter Park Woman’s Club Representative – No report

Protocol, Wilma Bowman - No report

Chairmen of Special Committees

Announcements – Linda Hardwicke - There will not be a House Tour held during 2018 – 2019. The Richmond Symphony selected “Holly Lawn” as the Designer House for 2018. Tickets may be purchased at Kroger or Richmond Symphony website.

Nature Camp, Chairman Sandra Walker requested donations for Nature Camp.

Newsletter Editor – Jeanne Stigall requested all garden club information and announcements should be provided by September 15th for inclusion in the October RCGC newsletter.

Recycled Tab Tops – Barbara Covington thanked all the garden clubs providing her with recycled tab tops. She has received tabs from 18 clubs totaling 100 pounds. Members were reminded to collect tab tops from drink cans, soup cans as well as pet food cans.

School Gardening – Chairman, Gipsie Rodriques – No report.

Ways and Means/ Fashions with Flowers, Pat Merson

Ways and Means/House Tour and Workshops - Linda Hardwicke

There will not be a House Tour, however there will be a workshop with David Pippin on November 2, 2018 in the afternoon. The workshop cost will be \$35.00 per person and includes flowers, greenery, a container and oasis. Registration is limited to 50 participants. Information will be posted on the RCGC website and presidents and representatives will receive an email with details.

Website Liaison, Carol Bridgforth

Yearbook and Publicity Linda Hardwicke - Yearbooks are available. Additional Yearbooks are for sale at \$5.00 per book.

President Linda Hardwicke thanked all of the individuals who have taken on roles of responsibility for the term. She also thanked them for their reports.

New Business:

Linda Hardwicke announcements – Carol Bridgforth, Midlothian Garden Club, was appointed as the Chairman of Special Committee position of Website Liaison. The website will include additional tabs and will provide for garden clubs to upload program information.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:12

Upon conclusion of the business meeting, Barbara Boor, Second Vice President introduced the speaker Jane VanDenburgh, Old Ivy Garden Club who presented a program titled, “In Love With Flowers.” Jane designed five lovely and diverse floral designs and they were raffled to members upon the conclusion of her program. In addition to the floral designs, she also provided three bundles of fresh flowers to be raffled.

The program concluded at 12:09 PM

Randi Heise
Recording Secretary RCGC



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Jean Fender, chairman

The landscaping for the Habitat House located at 7138 Harver Court, Mechanicville, has been moved to Saturday, October 27, at 9:00 a.m. We plan to be done by noon. If you have any of the following shrubs/plants you can donate or if you can help on the 27th, please let me know: Aucuba, Dwarf Burford Holly, Firepower Nandina, Hosta, Iris, Variegated Liriope. Email me at jean.fender@comcast.net



**Woodland Pond Garden Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary
September 12, 2018**



Pat Bruker, WPGC Founding Member and first President and BettyWaltman, current President



Pat Merson, Chester Garden Club and Linda Hardwicke, Crown Grant Garden Club

**Thomas Jefferson Garden Club Celebrates 85th Anniversary
And Flower Show – September 27, 2018**



Anna Myers, President
and Mary Sue Floyd



Calendar of Upcoming Events!

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 below

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

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Richmond, VA 23227

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

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