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## **The President's Corner**

*Linda Hardwicke*

Yes, the leaves are falling faster than they can be raked and bagged. But the weather is pleasant and that makes the task much easier. Hope that you enjoy the beautiful colors of fall before Ole Man Winter storms in.

The November 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop that RCGC sponsored was very successful. The feedback that we received from many of the participants was they really enjoyed the opportunity to have a "hands-on" experience with feedback from the instructor, David Pippin. Several individuals indicated that they would like to see more hands-on workshops offered by the Council.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals for the advanced preparation for the workshop. Two important activities took place: preparing the oasis bowls and contributing greenery.

Thank you so much for your dedicated efforts:

Jean Fender, Hilliard Park Garden Club  
Susan Gaskill, Midlothian Garden Club  
Randi Heise, Thomas Jefferson Garden Club  
Judy Hodges, Thomas Jefferson Garden Club  
Jeanne Stigall, Oxford Garden Club  
Debbie Peaks, Wyndham Garden Club  
Karen Patterson, Midlothian Garden Club  
Linda Hardwicke, Crown Grant Garden Club

Also, in preparing for this workshop, I did some comparative shopping while looking for floral foam oasis and oasis bowls. I found the best prices at samsclub.com. So I ordered

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## *December Meeting*



***Friday, December 7, 2018***

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

**Registration and Coffee 10:00 am**

**Refreshments provided by  
Wyndham Garden Club**

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

**"Wreath Making and New Ideas for the  
Holidays"**

**Barbara Hollister and Mary Wiblin**

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

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some products on-line which were promptly delivered. Sam's carries a wide variety of online Oasis and other floral design products as well as an abundance of bulk flowers. So, the next time your club needs products, you may want to visit their website. Ordering does require a Sam's Club membership, so check with your club members to see if there is someone who has a membership who would be willing to order products on behalf of the club.

Mark your calendar for the December 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Hope that you have a Joyful Holiday Season!

Your President,

Linda Hardwicke

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## November Gardening Tips

The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising, and never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before. - Vita Sackville-West

### WEATHER WATCH

The weather for Zone 7 in 2018 continues to be unusual. The Farmer's Almanac predicted the first frost for fall would be around October 30. Keep your eye on the temperature forecast while you continue, to plant, transplant, and clean up around your gardens. Cover tender plants if they are not frost hardy when frost is forecasted. Bring any houseplants indoors for the winter. Plants continue to need about 1" of water each week, so continue to water.

### MAINTENANCE

Move unglazed pots to a dry location to prevent cracking. Chop fallen leaves for natural mulch/fertilizer in your garden beds. Deadhead fall blooming perennials. Discard any diseased plant material and compost any that's healthy. Prune dead, diseased, and rubbing branches. Rake fallen leaves off of grassy areas as soon as possible to keep grass healthy. Scatter bone meal on established daffodils.

### PLANT

Bulbs, bulbs, bulbs; fall is the time for planting. Daffodils, hyacinths, crocus and alliums may continue to be planted. November is ideal for planting tulips and lilies. Continue to divide, transplant, and plant perennials.

### TIPS

Remove gas from lawn mowers, tillers, mulchers etc. before storing for the winter. Rake magnolia leaves around the tree as they provide natural fertilizer. Take pictures of gardens you would like to redesign next spring. Note existing plant material to keep, and plant material you would like to add next year.



### **Recycled Tab Tops**

At the November RCGC meeting around 11 lbs. of tab tops were brought in by the clubs of Lake Anna, Clay Springs, Windsordale, Sleepy Hollow, Oxford, and Old Ivy. Isn't it amazing that so far almost 80 lbs. of tab tops have been donated to Ronald McDonald House. Thanks so very, very much.

Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus

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### **Wyndham Garden Club Received a \$1000 Grant**

The Wyndham Garden Club has received a \$1000 grant from Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs to create a habitat for native plants. These plants attract birds, bees, butterflies, animals and humans, which in turn pollinate trees, shrubs, plants and flowers. Trees and shrubs were planted in November, and perennials will be planted in the spring.

The project is a joint effort by Wyndham Garden Club and The Wyndham Foundation. The Foundation has been extremely generous with advice and installation of the garden, and WGC is very appreciative. The garden is at the left of the entrance to Otter Pond Park on Dominion Club Drive, so be sure to take a look!

Linda Stansell, President

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### **Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. – Regular Meeting October 5, 2018**

Linda Hardwicke, “Linda” called the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 10:00 AM . Linda thanked the members for attending today’s meeting and thanks you in advance for turning off your electronic devices.

Chaplain Gladys Bowles offered the invocation, “The Gift of Friendship” and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Linda thanked Gladys for the invocation and also thanked the Following garden clubs for the refreshments: Bon Air Garden Club, Green Acres Garden Club and Pamunkey Garden Club.

Ist Vice President – Susan Gaskill; No report

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Barbara Boor; No Report

Recording Secretary – Randi Heise: September minutes have been approved as corrected and will be included in the newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary – Jeanne Stigall; Request for newsletter items to be sent to Jeanne Stigall no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer – Debbie Peaks: Presented the current finance report for the month of September and it was accepted without questions. The Treasury Report is attached as Attachment 1.

Historian – Jean Fender

Parliamentarian – Judy Hodges - Absent

Advisor – Barbara Hollister - Absent

Membership Chairman, Bonnie Parker reported that there were 84 members and one guest present. Bonnie also thanked the Hostess for the refreshments that were provided. Linda thanked Bonnie for her report.

A quorum is present and business may proceed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Awards – Jeanne Stigall; Metro Landscape grant will be posted in the Yearbook. The deadline for award submittals is April 1.

Conservation – Evelyn Klumb; No report

Habitat for Humanity – Jean Fender; Reported that the Hanover Habitat House will be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Landscape day will be November 23 and members who wish to participate should plan to be at the site by 8:00 AM. She requested that clubs making donations make the checks out to RCGC.

Horticulture – Mary Lou Bean; Absent

Life Membership – Kay Rafner; Pat Merson was awarded Life Membership by the Woodland Pond Garden Club.

Meals on Wheels – Lu Cavallaro - Absent

Nature Camp – Sandra Walker; Thanked the garden clubs providing their generous donations.

School Gardening – Gipsie Rodrigues; Hanover Towne Garden Club was thanked for their superior after school gardening program and the positive actions they have taken to involve the third – fifth grades in the Nutrition Gardening Program.

Tab Tops – Barbara Covington; Thirty-nine pounds of tabs turned in to Barbara. These tabs go a long way toward supporting the Ronald McDonald house

Announcements:

Linda reminded members that Richmond Council is sponsoring a hands-on workshop on the afternoon of November 2, 2018. It will be held in this room. Registration for the workshop is very good and there are still open spaces. Registration will end on October 24.

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. Registration is at 12:15 PM.

The Ginter Park Woman’s Club will sell box lunches for \$12.00. The details were in the October Newsletter. Orders must be received by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

RCGC has an account with the Roy Houff Company. We have been advised that they have consolidated all of their offices. The remaining location is located in Norfolk. This consolidation was effective October 2, 2018.

“Holly Lawn” was selected by the Richmond Symphony and Orchestra as the “Designer’s House of the Year”. Members are encouraged to tour this lovely home while it is open to the public.

New Business:

Linda Hardwicke announcements - None

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 AM by Linda Hardwicke, President.

Barbara Boor, Second Vice President introduced \_Sarah Mallory of the Freckled Flower Farm in Montpelier presented a program on hand-tied bouquet.

Randi Heise  
Recording Secretary RCGC

Attachment 1

RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS		October 5, 2018	
TREASURES REPORT Sept.1 – Sept 30, 2018			
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD Sept. 1, 2018 (Includes \$482.49 Habitat For Humanity)			\$ 21,245.42
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Salisbury G C Dues	\$ 40.00		
Workshop Nov 2	\$ 35.00		
Davenport & Co. Interest Paid	\$ 500.00	\$	575.00
SUBTOTAL		\$	21,820.42
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
Judy Hodges Name Tag Reimbursement	(\$ 76.96)		
Oxford G C Sept. Hospitality	(\$ 100.00)		
J. Vanenburg Sept. Program	(\$ 200.00)		
Ray Smith Tax Preparation	(\$ 250.00)		
Rent, Sept. 2018 – May, 2019 ( 7 mo. @ \$250. Ea)	(\$1,750.00)	(\$	2,376.96)
BALANCE ON HAND: Sept. 30, 2018 (Includes \$482.49 Habitat For Humanity)		\$	19,443.46
<b>CD Information:</b>			
New Horizon Bank	@ 1.70% yield, 36 mo.	Matures 07/12/19	\$ 50,000.00
New Horizon Bank	@ 1.70% yield, 36 mo.	Matures 01/10/20	\$ 102,576.00
( CD opened 01/10/2017.... Interest is added quarterly to amount of CD)			
<b>Portfolio Investments</b>			
Davenport & Company	Opened 08/04/17		\$100,000.00
Wells Fargo Clearing Service	Opened 08/29/17		\$100,000.00
Debbie Peaks, Treasurer			

*Please mark your 2019 calendar now for*  
**Richmond Council of Garden Clubs'**  
**Fashion with Flowers XXI**  
**"Daffodil Delights"**



Friday, March 29, 2019  
Inclement Weather Date – Friday, April 26, 2019  
**First Baptist Church**  
2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Va.

**10:00 a.m**

Floral Designer, Laura Anne Brooks will present a floral design program featuring daffodils as well as tips on growing and displaying daffodils. Opportunity tickets will be sold for the floral arrangements.

There will be a spring fashion show, lunch prepared by the ladies of the church, and a silent auction.

The cost is \$30.00 per person. **A registration form will be sent to the garden clubs in January.**

Each garden club is being asked to provide a table floral design or potted plant, and to donate a plant or gardening item(s) for the silent auction.

Thank you in advance for your help!



**CROWN GRANT GARDEN CLUB**

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Design Workshop  
Monday, December 3, 2018

6:30 - 7:00 pm Refreshments ~~~~ 7:00 – 9:00 pm Workshop

Ridge Baptist Church  
1515 Eastridge Road, Henrico, VA 23229 (across from Kroger)

Text or Call Debbie For Tickets~ (804) 337-1983

Contribution \$35.00 proceeds support Crown Grant Community projects





**Chester Garden Club**  
**GREENS SALE and HISTORIC HOLIDAY HOME TOUR**  
**Featuring “The Yellow House”**  
**3001 West Hundred Road - Chester, Virginia**  
**December 1, 2018 10 am – 4 pm**  
**\$10 for tour ticket**

Call or text 804-399-3841 for tickets; email [chestergardenclubva@gmail.com](mailto:chestergardenclubva@gmail.com)

The Chester Garden Club invites you to enjoy a historic holiday home tour and greens sale of the “Yellow House” at 3001 West Hundred Road, Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Tour tickets are \$10.

Think nearly 150 years ago and it is May in the little Village of Chester. A fierce battle is raging outside a yellow house known simply then as the Winfree House. The woman who lives there approaches Colonel William Fowler of the Union troops with a fierce glare in her eyes, walked to the lane fence and, in a tone of voice indicating she was both angry and excited, ordered him to take the guns away and tells him to leave. The sound and blasts from the cannon are breaking the glass panes in the windows of her home. Bullets are flying about. He suggests that she go to her cellar for safety. She persistently refuses and is highly upset. Imagine this spunky woman telling a Union officer to leave and take his cannons with him? Only after the Union officer ran out of ammunition did he leave.

Today, the “Yellow House” is white and very much the same as it was in 1864. The furnishings include beautiful antiques and will feature fresh designs of the Colonial period throughout the house. Greens sold will include swags, wreaths, kissing balls and bows. Parking is conveniently located at the home. We hope you will come!

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*Calendar of Upcoming Events!*

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

**January 2019 –No Meeting**

**February 1, 2019 – RCGC meeting, program, “How to Make a Corsage” and “Growing Succulents”** Eli Green, Fullpocket Farm

**March 29, 2019 – Fashion with Flowers XXI.** The event will be held at First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA and will begin at 10:00 AM. The program, “Daffodil Delights” will be delivered by Laura Ann Brooks. The cost of the tickets is \$30.00 and includes the luncheon, a fashion show and a silent auction.

**April 5, 2019 – RCGC meeting, program, “All About Daffodils”** Erica Gilliam and Judy Durant

**May 3, 2019 – RCGC annual meeting and luncheon,** to be held at Willow Oaks Country Club, 6228 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, VA 23225

*The deadline for submitting articles, announcements and/or bulletins for the February Newsletter is January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail to Jeanne Stigall at [sjlstigall@aol.com](mailto:sjlstigall@aol.com).*

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