



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. **Richmond, Virginia**

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President's Corner

Welcome

RCGC is excited about the upcoming program on February 1, 2019, when Eli Green from Full Pocket Farm will show us "How to Make a Corsage" and also talk about "Growing Succulents." This should be a delightful program featuring two important topics.

Yes, once again RCGC is honored to participate in the "Night to Shine" program through the Tim Tebow Foundation. The event will be held February 8th at the Altria Theater. There will be a workshop to make the Corsages on February 7th at the Berea Baptist Church. We hope you can attend. For details, see the "Night to Shine" article in this newsletter.

Thanks to Barbara Hollister and Debbie Peaks who are heading this project. We hope you can support this important program.

Our ever so popular, "Fashions with Flowers" program will be held on March 29th at First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA. This annual event is always exciting. This year's speaker will be Laura Anne Brooks. There will be a luncheon, the fashion show and a silent auction – all for \$30.00. The registration form was distributed via email to member Presidents, Representatives, and Chairman of Special and Standing Committees. Please complete the registration as soon as possible and submit to Johanna Gilbert, Registrar, 8423 Shannon Green Court, Henrico, VA 23228, Phone – 270-6056. Email – omagilbert@aol.com by March 15, 2019 along with a check.

Thank you for your continued support of RCGC. Hope to see you at the February 1st meeting.

Linda Hardwicke
President

February Meeting



Friday, February 1, 2019

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

**Refreshments provided by
Westham Garden Club**

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

**"How to Make a Corsage" and
"Growing Succulents" Eli Green,
Full Pocket Farm**

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

December Gardening Tips

I turned the soil...an act of hope.
I planted the seed...an act of faith.
I carried the water...an act of sustenance.
I pulled the weeds...an act of maintenance.
I reaped the rewards...an act of thankfulness.
I shared the fruits of my labors...an act of love.
I am a gardener...because I believe.

---Sandra E. McBride

Boughs, Birds and Bulbs

Holly with bright red berries, Magnolia leaves, Pine and Spruce branches, and Boxwood cuttings add to the festive Holiday season. Arranging a lovely vase or container, topiaries or wreaths, mixing with flowers, cuttings can last for weeks and add to your Holiday decor.

Remember the birds as winter approaches. Stock your birdfeeders with seed, add gifts of birdhouses or birds baths to your Christmas list. Bird books and/or binoculars are a wonderful gift suggestion.

If you haven't gotten all your bulbs in the ground, it is not too late. Make some time for fresh air, getting outside to plant some bulbs. A great gift idea is to plant bulbs in a lovely pot, top with mulch and add spring planting directions. The pot can remain outside till spring, planted in the yard, and then repotted with annuals.

Lastly, save your plant catalogs. Purchase a sketchpad or graph paper. Begin to make notations for potential plant additions for existing plant beds or design new beds. Catalogs are a wonderful researching tool for plant variety and specifications. Looking for a creative gift idea? Design a garden bed for a friend. Nothing is better than sharing nature and the love of gardening.

The web site below offers suggestions from a list of winners of the Perennial Plant of The Year Award given by the Perennial Plant Association. This plant designation has been given each year since 1990. The 2019 Award winner is stachys Hummelo. www.perennialplant.org/index.php/education/plant-of-the-year



Change to the Yearbook – Martha Blessing is the new president of Lake Anna Garden Club. Her email is mlblessing@arczip.com and phone: 540-894-6383.



Recycled Tab Tops

This December the Ronald McDonald House was pleased to receive the 14.7 lbs. of tab tops from the clubs of Ginter Park, Greenfield, Hanover Towne, Old Ivy, Oxford, Sleepy Hollow, Windsor Dale, and Wyndham. They are very grateful you are supporting their efforts to ensure families have a safe, comfortable and affordable place to stay near their hospitalized children. Happy Holiday Season, Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus

"Night to Shine"

The "Night to Shine" will be February 8, 2019 at the Altria Theater. This fabulous prom night experience, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is for those over 14 years of age who have special needs. The same event will be taking place in over 500 locations, in all 50 states, and 16 countries. Overall, it is expected there will be over 150,000 guests participating. The Richmond Council of Garden Clubs has been invited back this year to assist in making the corsages and boutonnieres for the participants.

Just so you know, locally there will be over 500 guests, the event costs \$46,000, and there will be over 750 volunteers. The event is totally funded by local businesses.

A workshop to make the corsages and boutonnieres will be held at the Berea Baptist Church, 15475 Ashland Road, Rockville, Virginia 23146. Light refreshments will be served to the volunteers. All flowers and supplies will be waiting for you. The date is February 7, 2019, 10 am to 2 pm. Eli and Mary from Full Pocket Farm will be instructing us in making the 500 plus corsages and boutonnieres needed for the special event. Mark your calendars and come join us in this very worthwhile project.

Any questions please call Barbara Hollister, 804-739-3760 or Debbie Peaks, 804-564-9842.

Habitat for Humanity

The RCGC Habitat Fund is very low after helping to pay for the last Habitat House landscaped in October. Please consider making a donation. At this time there is not enough in the account to cover another house. Checks should be made out to RCGC, earmarked for Habitat, and mailed to Jean Fender, 9245 Royal Grant Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. If you have any questions, please email Jean at jean.fender@comcast.net. - Jean Fender, chairman

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

Linda Hardwicke called the December 7th meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 10:30 AM. Thank you for attending today's meeting and thank you in advance for turning off your electronic devices. Chaplain Gladys Bowles will offer the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Membership Chairman, Bonnie Parker will give the credentials report for today's meeting. Thank you, Bonnie. Bonnie reported that there were 102 members present, 31 clubs represented and one guest in attendance.

A quorum is present and business may proceed.

Hospitality Chairman – Karen Patterson – Wyndham Garden Club was thanked for the delicious refreshments and lovely holiday theme.

Officers Reports: In lieu of time and deference to the program, there were no officer reports, except for the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer – Debbie Peaks, RCGC has a balance of \$19,748.52.

Standing Committee Reports:

Awards – Jeanne Stigall, please notify the RCGC when applying for awards. Please refer to requirements in your handbook when applying for awards,

Conservation – Evelyn Klumb - Reminded us to be mindful of what we dispose of down the drain as waste material ultimately ends up in the James River. She also suggested that we open a conversation to children and discuss how food reaches our table from farm and store.

Habitat for Humanity – Jean Fender

Horticulture – Mary Lou Bean

Life Membership – Kay Rafner- No life memberships have been received.

Members were reminded that the donation support Nature Camp.

Meals on Wheels – Lu Cavallaro – The required reimbursement form “will be” emailed to club Presidents in January and is available online. Clubs are to use the form when requesting reimbursement for Meals on Wheels. Please note that only one reimbursement is awarded to a club per fiscal year. Forms are to be returned to Debbie Peaks, Treasurer. The only participants to date are Crown Grant and Glebe Point. RCGC will follow up with Feed More on timely responses to garden clubs' request related to Meals on Wheels needs.

Nature Camp – Sandra Walker

School Gardening – Gipsie Rodriques

Tab Top – Barbara Covington – Over 80 pounds have been donated to the Ronald McDonald House to date. The following garden clubs donated pop tops at the December meeting:

Lake Anna, Clay Springs, Windsordale, Sleepy Hollow, Oxford, Old Ivy

Website Liaison – Carol Bridgforth

Announcements:

Pat Merson, Chairman for Ways and Means, is absent today. I just want to remind you of the upcoming event “Fashion with Flowers” will be held on March 29, 2019. The speaker will be Laura Anne Brooks who will speak on “Daffodil Delights.” A registration form for the event will be emailed to club presidents in January. We hope you will join us in this very successful event. Registration forms will be sent in February. Please remember to include all attending names on the registration form.

Lee Bedsole is selling Vision of Beauty Calendars as a fund raiser for Piedmont District. Calendars are \$6.00.

New Business:

Linda Hardwicke announcements – Our next meeting will be February 1. Also, the February newsletter will be emailed around the 20th of January. If you would like to include announcements or other news, please send your information to Jeanne Stigall by January 15th.

We wish you a Joyful Holiday Season. Meeting Adjourned at 10:58. Thank you.

Linda Hardwicke, President

Due to Barbara Boor, Second Vice President's absence, Linda Hardwicke introduced Barbara Hollister and Mary Wiblin who demonstrated wreath making for the holiday season. Wreaths were raffled off upon conclusion of the demonstration.

Randi Heise
Recording Secretary RCGC



GINTER PARK GARDEN CLUB

Invites you to join us for our 6th Annual March Into

SPRING MARKET

Shop 30 Juried local artisans & vendors!
Garden Stuff! Bake Sale! Clothing! Jewelry! Unique Goods! Lunch!
Door Prizes!
\$2 Admission includes 1 Door Prize Ticket

Saturday, March 30 from 10-4

At the Ginter Park Woman's Club
3016 Seminary Avenue – Richmond, VA 23227



Sleepy Hollow Garden Club presents

Southern Garden Elegance



**An NGC Standard Flower Show
May 3-4, 2019**

Cross Ridge Pavilion, Staples Mill Rd, Glen Allen

All Richmond Council club members are invited to enter.

To obtain a flower show schedule, contact
Chair Tatter Hartmann at tatterh@hotmail.com or 804-741-0276.

Exhibits will be placed the evening of May 2, with judging occurring the morning of May 3 in time
for judges and members to attend the RCGC luncheon.

Flower show hours will be from 1-4 pm on May 3 and 10 am – 3 pm on May 4.

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Presents

Fashions with Flowers XXI

“Daffodil Delights”

Friday, March 29, 2019

Inclement Weather Date – Friday, April 26, 2019

10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

2709 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.

Fashion Show by Chicos, Floral Designs, Silent Auction, and Lunch

Cost: \$30.00

Floral Design Program by Laura Anne Brooks



The lunch menu will be chicken salad, pasta salad, melon and fresh strawberries, croissant, dutch apple pie, boston cream pie, tea, and coffee. Each club is asked to donate a table floral design and one or more silent auction items. Please send your check made payable to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. to Johanna Gilbert, Registrar, 8423 Shannon Green Ct., Henrico, Va. 23228, Phone – 270-6056, Email - omagilbert@aol.com by March 15, 2019. Please send 1 check from each garden club with the name of the garden club and the names of the attendees. Seating is limited to 192. Please contact Pat Merson – Phone – 796-1132 or Email: prwtm@aol.com with any questions. Please send this form with a list of the club’s attendees.

Name of Club: _____

Number of Reservations: _____

Check Number: _____

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

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

March 1, 2019 - RCGC meeting, program, “Understanding the Importance of Conservation” Nickki Rovener, Associate State Director, Virginia Conservation

March 18 – Piedmont District meeting, visit website (<http://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org/>) for details and registration form. Deadline to register is March 4.

March 29, 2019 – RCGC Special Event, 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 March Newsletter is February 15th. Please e-mail to Jeanne Stigall at richmondcouncilgc@gmail.com

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



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