



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

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President's Corner

Once more we welcome spring for surely it has been a long time getting here. Yes, Forsythia is blooming and the daffodils are lovely, and I have an Azalea in my yard that has pretty purple blossoms. It is time to clean up from winter, prune where needed and welcome spring! Then you can plant new horticulture that you have been dreaming about all winter!

The Council has two big events coming up: Fashions with Flowers XXI will be held on March 29, 2019 at the First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA. The program, "Daffodil Delights," will be delivered by Laura Anne Brooks. We are still accepting registrations and you may find the program and a registration form on the website at rvagardenclubs.org. It has also been distributed to club presidents.

RCGC will hold the Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Willow Oaks Country Club on May 3, 2019. We are so excited to announce that the speaker will be Betty Ann Galway. This will be an exceptional design program and we hope you are able to attend. Registration information is included in this newsletter.

Applications for the J. Malcolm Pace Award and the Metropolitan Landscape Grant need to be to Jeanne Stigall by April 1, 2019. Also, don't forget to honor someone in your club with a Life Membership. Contact Kay Rafner as soon as possible so she can have the proper paper work completed and a pin for the recipient.

The upcoming RCGC monthly meeting on April 5th program will be an exciting and timely program. "All About Daffodils" presenters are Erica Gilliam and Judy Durant. They are both very knowledgeable and talented designers. So don't miss this opportunity to get lots of first-hand information on Daffodils. Hope to see you at the April meeting!

Linda Hardwicke
President

April Meeting



Friday, April 5, 2019

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

**Refreshments provided by
Windsor Farms Garden Club**

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

**"All About Daffodils"
Erica Gilliam and Judy Durant**

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

March Gardening Tips

To share garden is to share a lifetime, past, present and future...Plants that grew and bloomed in my grandma's garden now grow and bloom in my own garden. ---Laura Martin

March tips are simple, do a little tidying up and pruning (weather permitting), enjoy daffodils as they begin to bloom, mulch, and check out the Plant of the Year Awards for 2019 in various categories. A few are listed below:

Fresh Cut Flower of the Year 2019 - The Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers (ASCFG) - Daucus carota 'Dara'

This is a brand new wild carrot, or Queen Anne's Lace, that has large flowers in flat umbels that are great for cutting. The lacy blooms are found in a constellation of hues of blush pink, cranberry, white and blackberry., 2" h x 2" w It is a hardy annual that will self-sew. Bloom time is summer through fall, 12-14 weeks. It requires full sun and rich, well-drained soil.

Perennial Plant of the Year 2019 - The Perennial Plant Association - Stachys monieri 'Hummelo'

Stachys monieri 'Hummelo' is a cousin to the familiar Lamb's Ears, but not at all similar. This is a clump-forming perennial, forming a low mound of crisp green foliage. In early summer the upright spikes of bright-purple flowers appear which attract bees to the nectar. Removing faded flowers will encourage more buds to form for weeks on end. This is an interesting and unusual perennial for near the front of the border or in containers. Plants may be clipped back hard immediately after blooming. They are easily divided in early spring. Prefers a sunny location and is hardy to zone 4.

Landscape Shrub of the Year selected by Proven Winners - Los Scape Mound Aronia

Los Scape Mound Aronia tolerates sun, part shade, wet, dry, hot or cold—it takes it all in stride without skipping a beat. Hundreds of dainty white flowers cover the glossy green, mounded foliage in spring followed by a spectacular fall color show and dark purple fruits to feed the birds, grows 12-24" tall x 18-26" wide, hardy in Zones 3-9.

RCGC Annual Dues

It's time to pay the annual membership dues for the upcoming year (2019-2020). The dues are based on the number of members in your garden club:

- Member clubs with 51 plus members - \$40.00
- Member clubs with 26-50 members - \$30.00
- Member clubs with 11-25 members - \$20.00
- Member clubs with 10 or less members - \$15.00

Please submit a check payable to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., and send to Debbie Peaks, Treasurer, 11725 Olde Covington Way, Glen Allen, VA 23059-5742. The dues should be paid by June 1, 2019.

We appreciate your continued support of the Council and your participation in our programs.
(This information was copied from the March 3, 2017, minutes when the increase was announced)

Update of RCGC 2018-2019 Yearbook

I know that it seems a little early to be requesting updates for the 2019-2020 RCGC Yearbook. But there are only two more meetings for the rest this year, so I'm trying to get a jumpstart on changes that may have occurred in your club during the past several months.

Please take the time to review your club's listing in the current yearbook. Please send updates via email to lchric@msn.com by late June. Thanks for your attention to my request.

Linda Hardwicke, Yearbook Chairman

Meals on Wheels

Ginter Park, Northham, Hilliard Park and Westham Garden Clubs made arrangements for Meals on Wheels and were reimbursed for them. The recipients of the arrangements certainly appreciated them. Clubs are to use the Meals on Wheels form when requesting reimbursement. The form is on the website: <http://rvagardenclubs.com>. Please note that only one reimbursement is awarded to a club per fiscal year. Forms are to be returned to Debbie Peaks, RCGC Treasurer. - Lu Cavallaro, MOW Chairman.

Habitat for Humanity

Many thanks to Canterbury Garden Club for their generous donation of \$500 to Habitat. Our funds were getting low and this will allow us to continue with this very worthy landscaping project. Other clubs please consider a donation, big or small, to Habitat. Make check payable to RCGC, noting Habitat Fund in the memo line and send to Jean Fender, Habitat Chairman, 9245 Royal Grant Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. – Jean Fender, Chairman

Recycled Tab Tops

Amazing!! With the 10 lbs. of tab tops donated by the clubs of Ginter Park, Hanover Town, Huntington, Midlothian, Northham, Oxford, Sleepy Hollow, Thomas Jefferson, and Windsordale, we have now collected 126 lbs. of tabs. So~ if you squirreled tab tops away, please bring them to our last meeting in April! Thanks, Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus

School Gardening Donations

Thank you to the clubs who have already made very generous donations to School Gardening! It's such an important program that inspires and educates our youth so they will carry on our legacy and reap the benefits and joys from gardening!!!! Please make your clubs checks out to **RCGC** and include **School Gardening in the memo section**. *The donations should be sent to Gipsie Rodrigues, 10317 Collinwood Drive, Henrico, VA 23238, or given to me at next meeting April 5.* Note **Gipsie Rodrigues** is the correct spelling of my name. If you give your check directly to Debbie Peaks, RCGC Treasurer, please let me know so I can respond to your donation. Thanks so much! Gipsie Rodrigues, School Gardening Chair.



Change for the Yearbook ~ Jane VanDenburgh, President of Old Ivy Garden Club, has a new email address: vandenburghjane@gmail.com

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs
Annual Meeting and Luncheon

You are invited to attend

"Spring Elegance"

presented by Betty Ann Galway

(Flower show judge & arranger, recently winning the Tidewater District's Designers Choice Award)

Friday 3 May 2019

at the

Willow Oaks Country Club
6228 Forest Hill Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23225

[Willow Oaks Country Club is centrally located to all of metropolitan Richmond and easy access to all major roads and interstate highways.]

*You may register by paying via PayPal through the web site, rvagardenclubs.org;
or, through your garden club, mailing 1 check with club name & attendee names
to RCGC Council Registrar Johanna Gilbert, 8423 Shannon Green Ct, Henrico, VA 23228-1876,
or, your club may submit their check at our April 5th RCGC Council meeting with club & attendee names.
Checks payable to RCGC Richmond Council of Garden Clubs.*

(a check, or, a PayPal credit card on the web page.....is your reservation)

Cost is \$30.00 per person. Due April 15th

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**Lunch Menu:**

*Quiche with ham, gruyere cheese, sweet pepper  
Berry salad with almonds, goat cheese, red pepper  
Scones, clotted cream, jam  
Dessert: Carrot cake with cream cheese icing  
Coffee/Tea service station available 9:30-1pm.*

**May 3rd Annual Meeting**

*Coffee/Tea station available 9:30-1pm  
Registration begins 9:30am  
Annual Meeting 10:30pm  
Luncheon 12:00pm  
Design Program 1:00pm*

*[Note: If any dietary restrictions inquire by April 15  
to Susan Gaskill, 804 323-5700, [itgalaxsea@aol.com](mailto:itgalaxsea@aol.com)]*

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Name of Garden Club _____ **Enclosed \$** _____

Printed Names of Attendees _____

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

Landscape Design School

Course I, Series XXVIII

April 8-9, 2019

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Education Building,
1800 Lakeside Drive, Richmond VA

All interested gardeners are invited to attend **Landscape Design School**, whose purpose is to develop an appreciation of the environment, both natural and built.

See the '*Old Dominion Gardener*' for registration form and additional info.

(http://www.viriniagardenclubs.org/VFGC/Landscape_Design_School.html)

The Canterbury Garden Club's

PLANT SALE



Saturday, May 4th

1405 Giltspur Road
9:00AM – 12:00 Noon

Wonderful selection of perennials for sun, part sun, and shade for your garden. Also herbs and annuals, including some gifts for Mother's Day

Great prices! Free parking!
Please Stop By

All proceeds go to our club projects.

Southern Garden Elegance

**A National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Standard Flower Show**

**Horticulture, Floral Designs and
Botanical Arts**

**Presented by
Sleepy Hollow Garden Club**

**Cross Ridge Pavilion Ballroom
3300 Crossridge Glen Way
Glen Allen, VA**

**Friday, May 3, 1-4 PM
Saturday, May 4, 10 AM-3 PM**

**Old Ivy Garden Club
will present its very popular**

HOLIDAY MAGIC



**Friday, November 22, 2019 at
10:00 am~2:00 pm**

**Chamberlavne Heights
United Methodist Church
6100 Chamberlavne Rd. (Rt. 301)
Henrico, VA 23227**

This includes a holiday design program by Jane VanDenburgh, a buffet lunch, silent auction, sales table, door prizes and raffle of the designs.

Additional information will be in future newsletters.

**Thomas Jefferson Garden Club
provided wonderful refreshments at the March RCGC meeting**





Pictures from presentation by Meg Laughon at the Westham Garden Club on March 14, 2019.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

March 30 – Spring Market, Ginter Park Garden Club, 10:00-4:00 pm, 3016 Seminary Avenue

March 30 – 31 - Virginia Daffodil Society Show, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Saturday - 2:00 - 5 pm
Sunday -10:00 am - 3:45 pm

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

April 8 & 9 – Landscape Design School - Course I, Series XXVIII, see Old Dominion Gardner for registration form and additional info. (<http://www.viriniagardenclubs.org/VFGC/>)

April 30, 2019 – Horticulture Horizons - Beyond the Garden Path, presented by the Chesterfield Master Gardeners 8:00-4:00, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Cost is \$55.00. Contact 804-751-4401 for additional information.

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

May 3 & 4 – Sleepy Hollow Garden Club presents ‘Southern Garden Elegance,’ NGC Standard Flower Show

November 22, 2019 – Save the Date – Old Ivy Garden Club will present ‘HOLIDAY MAGIC’ – More information will be in future newsletters.



The deadline for submitting articles, announcements and/or bulletins for the May Newsletter is April 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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