



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

*A Newsletter of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.*

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## ***President's Corner***

I would like to congratulate Pat Merson for directing the "Fashion with Flowers XXI" luncheon, fashion show, silent auction, plus an excellent floral design program by Laura Ann Brooks. Pat did an amazing job of putting this event together this year. And everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to Barbara Hollister for a splendid fashion show. The models wore the latest fashions from Chico's and did a great job displaying the outfits with flair and pizzazz. Kudos to ALL!!!

Speaking of events, Susan Gaskill is working diligently to deliver an outstanding Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Willow Oaks Country Club on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Floral Designer, Betty Ann Galway will be our guest speaker and the program will be on "Spring Elegance". You still have time to register. All of the information can be found at our website [www.rvagardenclubs.com](http://www.rvagardenclubs.com), and look for the April newsletter. We certainly hope to see there.

It has been an exciting year and it has gone by very quickly. On behalf of the RCGC Board of Directors, I thank you for your participation at the monthly meetings, at the Workshop we sponsored in November with David Pippin and Fashion with Flowers. I also want to say thank you to all of the hostess clubs who have provided wonderful and delicious refreshments at the monthly meetings. Along with beautiful table arrangements.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on May 3, 2019 at the Willow Oaks Country Club. I hope you enjoy your summer.

Linda Hardwicke  
President

## ***May Meeting***



***Friday, May 3, 2019***

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

**Registration and Coffee 10:00 am**

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

**"Spring Elegance"**  
**presented by**  
**Betty Ann Galway**

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

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## April Gardening Tips

Half the interest of a garden is the constant exercise of the imagination. --- Alice Morse Earle

### DAFFODILS

Make notes of early, mid and late bloomers in the landscape. Using markers, place in the ground where you might want to add new varieties, colors in the fall.

### ANNUALS

Begin to research annuals that might enhance flowerbeds and pots. Cosmos, zinnias, impatiens are excellent choices for color and long blooming time.

### ROSES

As new growth emerges on roses, mix a slow release rose fertilizer into soil. Once leaves unfurl, unproductive canes can be removed. Climbing roses are pruned after flowering.

### AZALEAS

Azaleas are plentiful in nurseries. Color, leaf size and growth habit can be determined in spring, an ideal time for planting. Fertilize azaleas after blooming but not later than July 1.

### LILACS

Cut dead wood from lilacs and remove spent blossoms. Feed with dehydrated manure and lime. Cut oldest stems to the ground after flowering.

### MAINTENANCE & TIPS

- ♦ Prune spring bloomers after flowering, summer bloomers now for shape and health of plants.
- ♦ Fertilize daffodils with 5-10-5 after blooms have faded.
- ♦ Add a layer of hardwood mulch, leaf mulch or pine needles to trees and beds.
- ♦ Spray boxwood with strong water to remove pests
- ♦ Check weather forecast for late frosts, usually 4/15 to 4/20.

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## 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 fewer 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)

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I know that it seems a little early to be requesting updates for the 2019-2020 RCGC Yearbook. But there is only one more meeting for the rest of 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 [Ichric@msn.com](mailto:Ichric@msn.com) by late June. Thanks for your attention to my request. - Linda Hardwicke, Yearbook Chairman



## **Meals on Wheels**

Crown Grant, Ginter Park, Hilliard Park and Woodland Pond 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**

Habitat in Hanover will be starting the first of 6 new homes in Hanover Cove in Ashland in the next few months with projected completion in October for the first home. Their goal is to start a new house every 2 months after that and finish a house every 2 months or so. We need more clubs to get involved in the landscaping and take leadership for a house. Please contact Jean Fender at [jean.fender@comcast.net](mailto:jean.fender@comcast.net) if your club is willing to landscape a house. Any house(s) completed in the winter can wait until the next spring to be landscaped. Also, keep the donations coming into Richmond Council for the Habitat Fund to help cover some of the expenses.– Jean Fender, Chairman



## **Recycled Tab Tops**

April's contribution of 8lbs of tab tops from the clubs of Canterbury, Ginter Park, Hanover Towne, Old Ivy, Oxford, Salisbury, West Hanover, Windsordale, & Woodland Pond brought the total this year to an astounding 134 lbs. WAY TO GO!!! A drawing for the lovely tab top necklace, crafted by Terri McCormark, went to the Old Ivy Garden Club. Over the summer keep your eyes out for any tabs and bring them to our September meeting. Thanks for all of your support. – Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus



## **Fashion with Flowers XXI**

I want to thank all the RCGC garden clubs for the donations of the beautiful floral table designs, flowering plants, and wonderful silent auction items. I also want to thank the following: Linda Hardwicke, RCGC President, Johanna Gilbert, registrar, Barbara Hollister, fashion coordinator, Betty Waltman and Susan Landmann, Silent Auction, Judy Durant, Church Entrance, Bonnie Parker, Door Prize Tickets, Gladys Bowles, Chaplain, Debbie Peaks, Treasurer, Jeanne Stigall, Newsletter, Servers, Models and Opportunity Ticket Sellers. A BIG THANK YOU for making Fashion with Flowers XXI a SUCCESSFUL event!

Thank you,  
Pat Merson, Fashion with Flowers XXI Chairman



## Looking for a speaker for your club?

Did you know your local Master Gardeners have a Speakers Bureau and offer informational gardening programs to the community? If you are looking for program speakers for your club, we offer a variety of gardening related topics, from Container Gardening, Pollinators, Vegetable Gardening, just to name a few. If interested, please contact the Extension Office in the county of your club.

Chesterfield	804-751-4401
Hanover	804-752-4310
Henrico	804-501-5160
Powhatan/Goochland	804-598-5640
Richmond	804-786-4150

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**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](http://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** \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.

**Pages from our Past**

*An NGC Standard Flower Show*



**Presented by the Salisbury Garden Club  
for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer  
2341 Winterfield Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113  
(804) 378-7481

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019  
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Member of: National Garden Clubs, Inc., ~ South Atlantic  
Region Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
Piedmont District

Open to the public      No Admission Fee

*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.



*Calendar of Upcoming Events!*

**May 1, 2019 – Salisbury Garden Club – celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year** - Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 2341 Winterfield Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113

**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.



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Visit the website - <http://rvagardenclubs.com/>*



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