



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

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

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer weather and, as always, we want the heat to go away but we are not ready to give it up! Indeed, we have had a bountiful growing season!

I'm so excited to kick off the 87<sup>th</sup> year of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. And, yes, we have very important news to share with our member clubs about the upcoming year.

The Council was notified this summer by the Ginter Park Woman's Club that they would be selling the house and auditorium at 3016 Seminary Avenue. The house went on the market and was sold within a few weeks. Given that we no longer had a facility to hold our monthly meetings, Barbara Hollister and I went to work to find a new "home" for us. Several locations were contacted and we considered different options. However, the number one priority was the needs of our members. We needed a large meeting space with an adjacent kitchen and adequate parking, as well as easy access to the facility. Our new location surely meets all of our needs.

Beginning with the September meeting, the Council's new home will be **The Church of the Epiphany** which is located at 8000 Hermitage Road, Henrico, VA. It is a lovely church in a picturesque setting and has ample parking for a group of our size. Our meetings will be held in the Parish Hall and there is a large kitchen adjacent to it.

**PLEASE SHARE THE NEW LOCATION WITH ALL OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS.** Thank you in advance for sharing this important change.

We also want to thank the Ginter Park Woman's Club for allowing us to use their facility for so many years. It was a privilege to have such a great relationship with them. We are indeed grateful.

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## ***September Meeting***



***Friday, September 6, 2019***

***Church of the Epiphany  
Episcopal Diocese  
8000 Hermitage Road  
Richmond, Virginia 23228***

**Registration and Coffee 10:00 am**

**Refreshments provided by  
Salisbury Garden Club**

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

**Program TBA**

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

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We look forward to seeing you at The Church of the Epiphany, 8000 Hermitage Road, Henrico, VA on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Sincerely,

Linda Hardwicke  
President

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### **One Dragonfly can eat 100s of mosquitos per day**



### **These 10 Plants Will Attract Dragonflies for Mosquito Control**

#### **Five Plants for a Dry Landscape**

1. Meadow Sage (*Salvia marcus*)
2. Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
3. Joe-Pye Weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*)
4. Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
5. White Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)

#### **Five Plants for a Wet Environment**

6. Arrowhead (*Sagittaria latifolia*)
7. Wild Celery (*Vallisneria americana*)
8. Cattail (*Typha latifolia*)
9. Water Horsetail (*Equisetum fluviatile*)
10. Water Lily

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## September Gardening Tips

*A flower is an educated weed. Luther Burbank*

### To Do's for the Fall Landscapes

Renovate the lawn by reseeding and fertilizing. Seeding bare patches is another good option.

Prepare new beds for fall or spring planting.

Order/buy bulbs for spring bloom, noting early mid and late bloomers.

Place markers with plant identification in planting areas for bulbs and perennials.

Look for desired plant material at local nurseries as fall is the best time for planting.

Plant deciduous trees and shrubs, especially those with spring interest.

Divide and transplant perennials, sharing with neighbors and friends, or pot for spring planting.

Divide and transplant peonies if necessary late in month.

Weed gardens, pulling up by roots to discourage future weeds, and discarding.

Clean out beds and apply a top dressing of mulch for upcoming winter protection.

Inspect trees and shrubs. Prune both, **except** if they are spring bloomers.

Inspect evergreens for spider mites. Blast with water weekly to remove mites.

Monitor rainfall to ensure plants continue to receive sufficient moisture up till frost.

Spray outdoor plants prior to moving inside.

Dig and store tender bulbs near end of month - gladiolus, dahlias, cannas, and elephant ears.

Cut herbs - basil, parsley, mint and freeze or dry for future use.

Cut and dry perennials for flower arranging.

Lettuce kale, spinach, beets and radishes may be planted for late fall harvest.

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## Meals on Wheels

At the annual meeting in May, Woodland Pond Garden Club received a check for the arrangements they made for Meals on Wheels. Oxford Garden Club made 50 arrangements in April. 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.



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## Habitat for Humanity

Thanks to the following clubs for contributions to the Habitat Fund during the past fiscal year: Huntington GC, Canterbury GC, Windsordale GC, and Old Ivy GC. Congratulations to Hilliard Park Garden Club for completing another Habitat House landscaping last year and receiving the \$100 Habitat Grant..- Jean Fender, Chairman

There has been a delay in starting the 6-home subdivision in Hanover Cove near Henry Clay Elementary School. Construction on the first house should start in September and be completed in December/January. Please continue to send donations to RCGC in care of Jean Fender, Habitat Chairman, 9245 Royal Grant Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. All donations are appreciated and needed.

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## Nature Camp

We were pleased to have Dr. Philip Coulling attend the Club's Annual Meeting to accept the check for Nature Camp. The Camp is a private, residential, coeducational summer camp specializing in outdoor education in natural history and environmental studies for youth located in Lexington, VA. In addition to the funds budgeted for this project, certificates were awarded to several clubs for their donations: Hilliard Park, Huntington, Pamunky River, Woodland Pond, Thomas Jefferson and Midlothian. A special certificate was given to President Linda Hardwicke and the membership for their response to a "matching challenge" gift. - Sandra Walker, Chairman



## Hilliard Park Garden Club

Hilliard Park Garden Club is moving to a daytime meeting in September after 67 years of meeting at night. We are a small club that stays busy with Habitat for Humanity and other projects. If you are interested in visiting our meeting, we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at noon at Christ Lutheran Church, 7809 Woodman Road, Henrico, VA (across from Moody Middle School). Contact Jean Fender at [jean.fender@comcast.net](mailto:jean.fender@comcast.net) for more information.

## Powhatan Garden Club

Powhatan Garden Club will be having David Pippin do a presentation on interpreting art through flowers on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 2480 Batterson Road, Powhatan, 23139. The Church is 10 min from Rt 288 and Rt 60. All garden club members are invited. There is a \$10 Fee to attend. Tickets can be purchased on our web site [PowhatanGardenClub.com](http://PowhatanGardenClub.com) using PayPal or calling me, Kathy Rivera at 804-240-1507. I am a professional artist represented at Crossroads Art Gallery and David will be interpreting three of my paintings including the one below. David's creations will be raffled off. All three *original* paintings will be there. We are very excited to have this creative man share his talent with us. - Kathy Rivera, 1st Vice President PGC



## Old Ivy Garden Club

Old Ivy Garden Club will present its very popular HOLIDAY MAGIC program and lunch on Friday, November 22, 2019 at Chamberlayne Heights United Methodist Church, 6100 Chamberlayne 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. The hours are 10 am to 2 pm. Reservations will be taken beginning September 9, 2019. Send your check for \$30, payable to Old Ivy Garden Club, to Faye Moran, 11082 Linderwood Dr. Mechanicsville, VA 23116. This program usually sells out quickly. If you have questions, contact Faye Moran, 804-363-8223.



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*Calendar of Upcoming Events!*

**September 6, 2019 - RCGC meeting To Be Announced**

**October 4, 2019 – RCGC meeting** Edible Landscaping, Michael McConkey

**October 14, 2019 – Piedmont District of VFGC Fall Meeting**, Four Points Sheraton, 9901 Midlothian Tnpk.,  
Richmond, VA 23235

**November 1, 2019 - RCGC meeting To Be Announced**

**November 22, 2019** – Old Ivy Garden Club will present ‘*HOLIDAY MAGIC*’ at Chamberlayne Heights United  
Methodist Church (for more details, see announcement in this newsletter)

**December 6, 2019 - RCGC meeting** Ashland Christmas Elves – Competition on making Holiday arrangements

**February 7, 2020 - RCGC meeting** Lewis Ginter’s partnership with Feed More in their Kroger Community  
Kitchen Garden, Presented by Laurel Matthew, Senior Horticulturist, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

**March 6, 2020 - RCGC meeting** Your Backyard Habitat and Why It Is Important – Sheryl Smith



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