



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

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President's Corner

My sincere thanks to all of the club members that attended the September meeting at The Church of the Epiphany at 8000 Hermitage Road. We certainly enjoyed our new home and received positive feedback on the Church, the location and the parking. So, if you were not able to attend the September meeting, then we hope you can plan to come to the October meeting.

I would like to thank the Salisbury Garden Club for serving as hostess last month. They did a great job!

Yes, fall is upon us. It is time to clean beds, prune plants, plant bulbs and plants and the list goes on and on. For details on gardening tips please see the *September Gardening Tips* in this newsletter. Thanks to Mary Lou Bean, Horticulture Chairmen, for the providing us with gardening tips every month

Last month our speaker could not make it to the meeting because of the hurricane. Well our solution was to put together a panel to discuss the topic of horticulture. Thanks to Mary Lou Bean and Randi Heise both from the Thomas Jefferson Garden Club and Jane VanDenburgh from the Old Ivy Garden Club. They did a grand job of discussing various aspects of horticulture and allowed plenty of time for questions and answers from the audience. We received a lot of compliments for this impromptu program.

At the upcoming Council meeting, the program will be on "*Garden Bloopers*". This will be a lot of fun. The program will be delivered by a Master Gardener from the Henrico Extension Office.

We look to seeing you at The Church of the Epiphany on **October 4th, 2019.**

Sincerely,

Linda Hardwicke
President

October Meeting



Friday, October 4, 2019

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

**Refreshments provided by
Ginter Park Garden Club**

Business Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

**"Garden Bloopers"
Master Gardener, Henrico
Extension Office**

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

The Church of Epiphany Episcopal has a Diaper Mission in which we, (RCGC, Inc.), have been asked to participate. Please bring as often as you can a dozen or more diapers to our monthly meeting. The church has a designated room for the diapers. They ask for **sizes infant to child size 6**. Please **NO ADULT DIAPERS**. The church has one day a month they are open to offer diapers to the families that are indigent. To date they have 60 families in the area using this service.

Just a note to those of you who have not bought diapers in a while. The cost of the diapers is truly "breath taking." Be prepared when you get ready to make your purchase, diapers are pricey. Please join me in helping to make this an outstanding project for the Church of Epiphany. Thank you ~ Barbara Hollister

October Gardening Tips

"The secret of improved plant breeding, apart from scientific knowledge, is love. " Luther Burbank, the developer of the Russet Burbank potato, the most widely cultivated potato in the United States.

PLANT

- Trees and shrubs, allow time for the roots to establish. This is the best month to plant or transplant boxwood.
- Spring blooming bulbs late in the month; daffodils, crocus, hyacinths, alliums. Arrange bulbs in odd numbers for a natural look and plant mixing heights, bloom time and color.
- Sow winter rye as cover crop for cleaned out vegetable garden.
- Plant tree peonies.

DIVIDE & TRANSPLANT

- Divide and transplant perennials; daylilies, hostas, iris, coneflower, etc. Divide every 3-4 years to promote growth. Pot extra plants to share with neighbors, friends, and garden club.
- Move deciduous trees & shrubs when they have lost leaves, evergreen trees or shrubs earlier, before they go dormant.

CUT BACK

- Perennial foliage. For a wildlife-friendly garden, leave stems and seed heads of healthy plants that will provide food and shelter for birds.
- Peony stalks to ground level.
- Discard annual roots to compost pile.

PRUNE

- Fall flowering shrubs after bloom, and summer bloomers.
- Damaged tree/shrub limbs and discard.

DIG UP

- Tender bulbs for storage at end of month; dahlias, gladiolas, calla lilies. Allow to dry, then store in peat moss in a cool, sheltered place till next year.

MAINTENANCE

- Water, weed, mulch, dethatch lawns, compost/mulch leaves and add to soil.
 - Discard any unhealthy plant material, limbs, etc.
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Tab Tops

The clubs of Ginter Park, Hanover Towne, Hilliard Park, New Found River, Old Ivy, Oxford, Salisbury, Sleepy Hollow and Windsordale were very busy this summer. They collected an amazing 43lbs. of tab tops. What a great start to the year. - Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus



Yearbook corrections:

- Salisbury Garden Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.
 - Mary Lee Gay is the president of Westham Garden Club. Her email is marylee3334@yahoo.com.
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Habitat for Humanity

Thanks to Ginter Park Garden Club for their contribution to Habitat last fiscal year and to Highland Springs Garden Club for their contribution this fiscal year. Clubs, please keep the contributions coming and also consider taking charge of the landscaping for one of the new houses to be built in Ashland in the next couple of years. Contact Jean Fender ([804-730-2256](tel:804-730-2256)) for more information. ..- Jean Fender, Chairman

Salisbury Garden Club

Members provided refreshments for the Richmond Council of Garden Club's first fall meeting.



From left to right: Meg Winn, Lorna Boucher, Donna Ludwig, President Janice Beatty, Nancy Scherer, Camille Archer and Shirley Gates.

Clay Spring Garden Club

The Clay Spring Garden Club's program on Tuesday, October 8 is going to be on "Ice Flowers". The program will be presented by James Carter, PhD Emeritus Professor, Geography-Geology, Illinois State University. The time of the meeting is 1:00 pm, and is held at the First Baptist Church off of Route 54 in Ashland, VA. For additional information contact Barbara Boor (bboor@comcast.net)

October 4, 2019 – RCGC meeting, Garden Bloopers, Master Gardener, Henrico Extension Office
October 14, 2019 – Piedmont District of VFGC Fall Meeting, Four Points Sheraton, 9901 Midlothian Tnpk.,
Richmond, VA 23235
October 17, 2019 – Wyndham GC, annual luncheon & Fashion Show – see details in this newsletter
November 1, 2019 - RCGC meeting, Edible Landscaping, Michael McConkey
November 22, 2019 – Old Ivy GC 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
December 7, 2019 – Midlothian GC, Holiday House Tour & Standard Flower Show - see details in this
Newsletter.
December 9, 2019 – Crown Grant GC – Holiday Design Workshop – see details in this Newsletter.
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
April 3, 2020 - RCGC meeting, Learning About the Mechanics Used for Arranging Designs, Marlene MacDonald,
AIFD, cfd, Wholesale Flower Market

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