



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

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President's Corner

Ladies,

Finally, nature ushered in much needed rain and comfortable temperatures. Yes, it is time to get the fall clean-up started if you haven't already taken care of this annual chore.

The featured speaker for the upcoming meeting on November 1, 2019, will be Michael McConkey who will speak on *Edible Landscaping*. And what an exciting topic program this will be. It is amazing what you can grow in your yard to eat but it is very important that you understand the importance of selecting plants. If you would like to have a preview of what this topic is really all about then here is a link to the website: <http://ediblelandscaping.com>. The website is well designed and the content is great!

The Church of the Epiphany has a Diaper Mission in which we have been asked to participate. So if you can contribute a package of diapers please bring them to the monthly meeting. That would be greatly appreciated by the church.

Mark your calendar for the Council's December 6th meeting. You don't want to miss this design program by the "*Ashland Christmas Elves*". This competition between two designers making holiday arrangements will be fun and creative.

I hope you will take time to enjoy the splendor of fall when Mother Nature displays vibrant Autumnal colors from a wide range of foliage.

Sincerely,

Linda Hardwicke
President

November Meeting



Friday, November 1, 2019

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

**Refreshments provided by
Highland Springs Garden Club**

Business Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

"Edible Landscaping"
Michael McConkey

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

November Gardening Tips

Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.
Luther Burbank

Fall is the ideal time to plant spring bulbs, taking your cues from nature. I have planted bulbs in late September to early December in my Goochland garden. Deciding what variety of bulbs you may want to add and securing bulbs should be your present focus. Whether ordering or visiting nurseries, place purchased bulbs in a refrigerator until planting time.

With this dry and hot fall, planting time can be as late as December. Place markers in areas to add bulbs or make a garden sketch, noting the cultivar, essential for horticulture exhibits. Every few years divide bulb clumps in the fall, replanting or sharing the bulbs. This will improve flower production and expand your floral landscape.

Planting is much like painting, space, width, height, color, density, neutral space, all things to consider. Then add the blooming time of bulbs and you will have a wave of freshness and color for months by researching the bloom times and characteristics of the bulbs you have selected.

Below find some suggested varieties of Narcissi that will give you a full spring of color and wonder. These bulbs may be found at many locations, including www.vanengelen.com, www.johnscheepers.com, www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com.

Earlier Blooming Narcissi

- Miniature Trumpet Daffodil Little Gem
- Small Cupped Narcissus Barrett Browning
- Large Cupped Narcissus Saint Kevene
- Large Cupped Narcissus California
- Cyclamineus Narcissus Tete-a-Tete

Mid Blooming Naturalizing Narcissi

- Trumpet Daffodil King Alfred
- Trumpet Daffodil Mt. Hood
- Large Cupped Narcissus Fortissimo
- Large Cupped Narcissus Fortune
- Large Cupped Narcissus Ice Follies
- Large Cupped Narcissus Professor Einstein
- Cyclamineus Narcissus Peeping Tom
- Poeticus Narcissus Actaea

Later Blooming Naturalizing Narcissi

- Large Cupped Narcissus Flower Record
- Double Narcissus Cheerfulness
- Poeticus Narcissus Pheasant's Eye
- Triandrus Narcissus Thalia

Tab Tops

Canterbury, Ginter Park, Hanover Town, Huntington, Northham, and Oxford Garden Clubs brought in 22.82 lbs. of tab tops to the delight of the Ronald McDonald volunteers. They say they always look forward to the 1st Friday of the month and are grateful for the Richmond Council's continued support. Way to go!!! ~ Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus

The Church of the 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. Thank you to those members who brought diapers last month for the Church of the Epiphany diaper mission program. ~ Barbara Hollister

Habitat for Humanity

Jean Fender, Chairman ~ As I mentioned at the October meeting, the construction of the first house in the 6-house subdivision in Ashland has been delayed and the decision has been made to construct the first three houses simultaneously which will mean it will be time to landscape them in the spring. We need another garden club or two to take responsibility for a house. Please seriously consider this as a club project and let me know. email: jean.fender@comcast.net or 804-730-2256.



Old Ivy Garden Club

will present its very popular
HOLIDAY MAGIC

Program and Lunch on

Friday, November 22, 2019
10 am – 2 pm

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.

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

Midlothian Garden Club Presents

Joys of the Season

A Holiday House Tour and Standard
Flower Show

Saturday, December 7, 2019
From 10 am to 5 pm

In the Huguenot Springs Road Area

Tickets: \$30 in advance from Barbara Hollister
(call or text 339-0298) and Club members, or \$35
(\$7.00 per home at the door).

The Homes:

Pendergraph Home, 2815 Huguenot Springs Road

Tiera Haute Farm, 2521 Huguenot Springs Road

Stanfield Home, 2101 Huguenot Springs Road

Rich Home, 650 County Line Road

Carr Home, 900 Mount Hermon Road

Horticulture/Special Exhibits

Bethel Baptist Church, 1100 Huguenot Springs
Road, Midlothian, VA 23113

Gather, 920 Mount Hermon Road



Crown Grant Garden Club **Holiday Design Workshop**

Monday, December 9, 2019

6:30-7:00 pm ~Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

7:00-9:00 pm ~Workshop

Ridge Baptist Church

1515 Eastridge Road, Henrico, VA 23229
(across from Kroger)

Tickets? Text / Call Debbie: (804) 337-1983
Contribution \$35.00

Proceeds support CGGC community projects!



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
March 27, 2020 – Fashion with Flowers XXII, First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Ave., Richmond VA (April 17, inclement weather date, if needed)
April 3, 2020 - RCGC meeting, *Learning about the Mechanics Used for Arranging Designs*, Marlene MacDonald, AIFD, cfd, Wholesale Flower Market

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