



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

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President's Corner

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our garden clubs that are holding monthly meetings and/or conducting workshops for their club members. Certainly, this past year has been challenging to say the least. I think what we are witnessing is an interim period of time during which we will hold meetings in a new way and we can stay connected with all of members. My hat is off to each of you who are holding meetings under such dire circumstances. This takes a lot of effort and creativity.

You know that we can always count on March weather to challenge anything and everything that you planned to do outdoors. Certainly, one of the chores that we should do is clean up the yard and prune our shrubs and trees. Speaking of pruning, last month the Council uploaded a new video called "Plant Pruning and Care," by Anna and Jason Anderson. On the website under the Video Tab you will learn about Anna and Jason and their business, Waters Edge – Specialty Pruning & Plant Health Care, LLC. Jason is a Certified Master Arborist and Anna is a Certified Horticulturist. They are very well qualified.

I hope you enjoy this video. Here is the link to the video:
<http://rvagardenclubs.com/videos/Video1-WatersEdgePruning.html>
Please share this link with your club members.

The Council is extremely pleased with the Video Speaker Series that we started last year. We have received positive feedback and are pleased with the number of individuals who are viewing the videos. We will continue this program until such time as we are able to meet again.

We are uploading another video, 'Year Round Lawn Care for the Richmond, VA Area' This is a great video so please watch it. You may find that you want to take notes.

Applications for the J. Malcolm Pace Award and the Metropolitan Landscape Grant need to be received by Jeanne Stigall by April 1, 2021. 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 paperwork completed.

Good luck with your yard/garden clean-up, pruning and plant care.

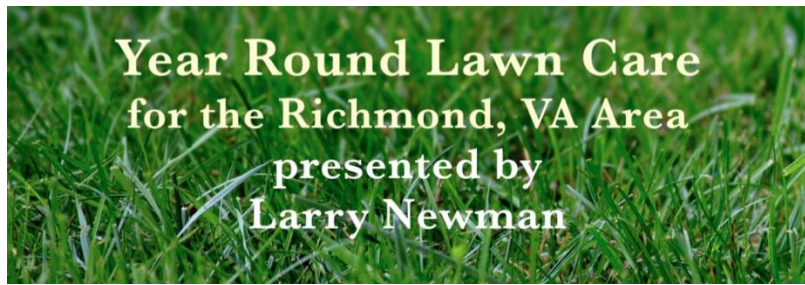
Sincerely,
Linda

March



**The March 2021 meeting
is cancelled**

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



A new video “Year Round Lawn Care for the Richmond VA Area” is available at the RCGC site under the Videos Tab. Larry Newman who is an Extension Master Gardener delivers an outstanding program on lawn care. And the timing is perfect.

Here’s the link to the video and we hope you enjoy it! - <http://rvagardenclubs.com/VideoHub.html>

Thanks to Barbara Hollister and Jane VanDenburgh for their hard work and dedication to delivering outstanding programs during a pandemic.



March Gardening Tips

March tips are simple, do a little tidying up, pruning (as needed and weather permitting) and be sure to apply mulch. Enjoy Daffodils and then tulips. And we have included information on the Perennial Plant of the Year for 2021 and the Landscape Shrub of the Year 2021. Hope you enjoy!

Landscape Shrub of the Year 2021 by Proven Winners



Kodiak® Orange Diervilla, is an eco-friendly, native alternative to burning **bush**. It’s a very durable shrub and easy care. It has beautiful orange foliage in the spring and fall and tiny yellow flowers in the summer. This attractive shrub attracts pollinators and is drought tolerant and deer resistant.

The Perennial Plant Association – Perennial Plant of the Year 2021



The Calamintha Nepeta has tiny white flowers that appear from early summer to fall on this beautiful plant. Calamintha Nepeta is a perennial herb of the mint family. It's a very showy shrub with upright leafy flowering stems that are 12' to 18' tall.



RCGC Annual Dues

It's time to pay the annual membership dues for the upcoming year (2021-2022). 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 - \$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 Jean Fender, 10000 Berry Pond Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. The dues should be paid by June 1, 2021.

We appreciate your continued support of the Council and your participation in our programs.



Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is **Not** Accepting Flower Arrangements

The following information was shared with President Hardwicke by her garden club. The club received an email from Monica Cochran which stated that due to COVID, Feedmore is not doing anything extra for our clients at this time. We will let you know when we will start accepting flower arrangements for our clients.

Thanks for your patience.



Habitat for Humanity

The last house (number. 6) in Hanover Cove is under construction and number 5 is almost complete. I am excited to report that Tish Iorio with Town and Country Garden Club (former member of RCGC) has been emailing me, and her club along with several others she knows are very interested in helping with the houses. She has lots of good ideas to share. We still need 2 more clubs to take on a house along with Hilliard Park, West Hanover, Clay Springs, and Town and Country. It will be May or June before we can actually do the landscaping since Habitat would like for us to do all the houses at the same time. The Habitat Fund has \$200 that can be donated toward the landscaping cost of each house. Please discuss with your club (email members if you are not meeting) and let me know if you are interested. Habitat will help supply volunteers to help with the actual installation (digging, planting, mulching, etc.). Jean Fender, jean.fender@comcast.net.



Plant Virginia Natives

2021 Spring and Fall *Landscaping with Virginia Natives* Webinar Series

Register today!

Have you heard that using native plants in your yard helps improve the environment for you, your community and Virginia's wildlife, but you are not sure where to start?

The Plant RVA Natives campaign, of which Maymont is a partner, is pleased to be collaborating with other regional campaigns across the state to offer this series of 12 webinars - 6 this spring and 6 this fall for gardeners just learning that Virginia natives are the best choice!

The webinars will guide you through the why and how to turn your home garden into a beautiful retreat for your family and a native habitat for birds and other wildlife.

The series kicks-off on Friday, March 5 at 6:30 pm with an engaging presentation by Dr. Douglas Tallamy, renowned author of *Nature's Best Hope*. Dr. Tallamy's photography and message of hope is not to be missed!

Sign-up for all 12 webinars for just \$10! For more details and to register, go to: <https://www.plantvirginiannatives.org/webinars-landscaping-with-virginia-natives>

The Plant Virginia Natives Landscaping with Natives webinar series is being coordinated and funded, in part, by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program through grants from the NOAA Office for Coastal Management to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The webinar is also being sponsored and hosted on Zoom by Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and Blue Ridge PRISM.

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Host, *Virginia Home Grown*, VPM-PBS

<https://www.pbs.org/show/virginia-home-grown/>

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Richmond, VA
ONLINE VIDEO REQUEST FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT TO RCGC TREASURER:

Name _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Name and address of requesting organization:

Person submitting request:

Name: _____ Email _____ Phone # _____

Check Video(s) Requested:

	Rental Fee	Check
“Four Favorite Floral Designs,” David Pippin	\$200.00	_____
“Year Round Lawn Care for the Richmond, Va Area,” Larry Newman, Master Gardener	\$100.00	_____
“Plant Pruning and Care” by Jason and Anna Anderson	\$100.00	_____
“Front Door Designs for the Holidays”	\$100.00.	_____
RCGC Annual Meeting Speaker Video (Available May 15, 2021)	\$400.00	_____
Fashions With Flowers Speaker Video	\$ TBD	_____

Rental Period for Specific Video: Begin Date _____ End Date _____
 (10-14 days)

Payment: Make check payable to *Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Inc.* Amount enclosed _____. (Payment must be received before videos will be made available.)

Send the completed form and payment:

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