



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

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

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

What beautiful weather we are having. There are many gardening chores that need to be completed in April and May. From weeding to planting to floral design and all aspects of Horticulture, there are limitless opportunities that we will enjoy in the coming months.

There are many merits to gardening – ones that are beneficial to all of us. I came across the following quote by Luther Burbank which I found to be inspirational.

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

**Luther Burbank**

I do hope that you have taken the time to watch the Speaker Series of Video Presentations that the Council has posted on its website. These videos are chocked full of great information and I encourage you to take time to watch them. I have listed below the name of each video and number of times it has been viewed:

- ~Year Round Lawn Care for the Richmond VA Area”  
by Larry Newman – viewed 82
- ~Plant Pruning and Care”  
by Jason & Anna Anderson – viewed 118
- ~Four Favorite Floral Designs”  
by David Pippin – viewed 253
- ~“Front Door Designs for the Holidays”  
by four designers – viewed 118

All of the videos are posted on the website below:

<http://rvagardenclubs.com/VideoHub.html>

As we continue to weather our way through the pandemic, I hope that each of you and your families are well. Just adhere to the guidelines - there will be an end to this.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,  
Linda

## ***April/May***



Photo from Sukie McCormick's garden (Oxford Garden Club)

**The April 2021 meeting  
is cancelled**

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



## **RCGC Annual Membership Dues**

Just a reminder that annual membership dues for the upcoming year (2021-2022) are due by June 1, 2021. I will be holding the checks to deposit after June 1 since these dues are for the next fiscal year. 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 Jean Fender, Treasurer, 10000 Berry Pond Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.



## **RCGC Proposed Budget for 2021-2022**

The proposed budget for 2021-2022 is attached. It will be voted on at our annual meeting. The totals for receipts and disbursements remain the same with changes shown in **red**. We anticipate receiving enough dividends so that we will not be dipping into our checking account as in the past. The Donation to RCGC Habitat for Humanity Fund is replacing the Landscaping Grants for completed houses. This donation will become part of the Habitat Fund that we have been receiving donations for to help pay for some of the cost of landscaping the habitat houses. The Bonding Fee & Insurance cost has increased to \$680 and the \$60 increase was taken from the PO Box fee which we have cancelled.



## **Habitat for Humanity**

The 5<sup>th</sup> of 6 houses in Hanover Cove has been completed and the family has moved in. We are waiting for the last house to be completed before scheduling any landscaping. I still encourage other clubs to volunteer to help with a house. I will be in touch with each of the clubs the first part of May to let you know which house you will be assigned. I will also be scheduling a planning meeting with all of the club Habitat planners so that we can share information and provide any help you might need in drawing up a landscape plan. Jean Fender,  
[jean.fender@comcast.net](mailto:jean.fender@comcast.net)



**PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2022**  
**RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS**

**ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:**

Dues 35 Clubs	\$ 810.00
Interest from CD's	\$ 1,500.00
Stock Broker Dividends	<b>\$ 8,005.00</b>
Fashion with Flowers Fundraiser	\$ 6,000.00
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 16,315.00</b>

**ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:**

**AWARDS, GRANTS, PROJECTS:**

J. Malcolm Pace Awards	\$ 600.00
Metropolitan Landscape Project Grants	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Donation to RCGC Habitat for Humanity Fund</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
Project: Meals On Wheels	\$ 700.00
Donation to Nature Camp, Inc.	\$ 500.00
Donation to Maymont Foundation	\$ 500.00
Donation to School Gardening	\$ 700.00
Honor for President (Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)	\$ 300.00
Fashion with Flowers Expenses	\$ 2,500.00
Annual Meeting & Program	\$ 2,000.00
Monthly Programs	\$ 3,000.00
Hospitality	\$ 700.00
Memorials	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 30.00

**OFFICER & CHAIRMAN EXPENSES**

President	\$ 50.00
Corresponding Sec. & Newsletter	\$ 170.00
Historian	\$ 100.00
Treasurer	\$ 20.00
Conservation Chairman	\$ 70.00
Horticulture Chairman	\$ 120.00

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Bonding Fee & Insurances	\$ <b>680.00</b>
Rent	\$ 875.00
Tax Preparation	\$ 250.00
Yearbooks	\$ 250.00
Website	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 16,315.00</b>

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Barbara Hollister, Pat Merson, Linda Hardwicke, Judy Hodges, Jeanne Stigall, Jean Fender, Chairman

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