



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

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President's Corner

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Welcome to the first meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs for the 2021-2022 year. Our wonderful president, Linda Hardwicke is recovering from a tough bout of pneumonia and has asked me to fill in for her for the first and maybe the second meeting this year until she is feeling strong enough to resume her duties.

I am your first vice-president and very new to the Board, so I will ask for your patience and much help to keep the Council running smoothly. I welcome all suggestions and need all of your expertise.

Thank you,
Judy Erdman



September Meeting



Friday, September 10, 2021

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

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

Business Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

**“Contemporary Centerpieces and
Wearables”**

**Heidi Molano, Boulevard Flower Gardens,
Colonial Heights**

**Refreshments provided by
Canterbury Garden Club**

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

New Officers Elected for 2020-2022

Following is the list of RCGC Officers elected for 2020-2022 term. Congratulations!!

President – Linda C. Hardwicke, Crown Grant Garden Club
1st Vice President – Judy Erdman, Ginter Park Garden Club
2nd Vice President – Jane VanDenburgh, Old Ivy Garden Club and
Barbara Hollister, Powhatan Garden Club
Recording Secretary – Mary Wiblin, Clay Springs Garden Club
Treasurer – Jean Fender, Hilliard Park Garden Club
Corresponding Secretary – Pat Merson, Woodland Pond Garden Club
Historian – Jeanne Stigall, Oxford Garden Club

Hostess Clubs and Refreshments

We have been informed that we may serve a limited buffet of food and drink at the Richmond Council Meetings for 2021-2022. That limited amount includes: bottled beverages (like juices, water, tea) coffee pots may be used, but members of the hostess club should wear gloves and dispense the coffee for those who want it. Food must be purchased prepackaged (ex. muffins, cookies, Danish cakes, crackers, mini donuts). Small yogurts (& spoons) can be included.

The Hostess clubs for 2021-2022 are as follows:

September 10 - Canterbury Garden Club
October 1, it is Hanover Towne Garden Club.
November 5, 2021: Crown Grant Garden Club
December 3, 2021: Canterbury Garden Club
February 4, 2022: Powhatan Garden Club
March 4, 2022: Woodland Pond Garden Club
April 1, 2022: Lake Anna Garden Club

If you have additional questions, please contact Karen Patterson, 804-794-2327 or karenpatterson11@verizon.net

RCGC Annual Dues

RCGC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES are past due from the following clubs:

Bon Air - \$15	Pamunkey River - \$20
Cartersville - \$30	Powhatan - \$30
Chester - \$30	Roslyn Hills - \$30
Glebe Point - \$15	Wyndham - \$40

Please have the treasurer of your club send a check made out to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs to Jean Fender, RCGC Treasurer, 10000 Berry Pond Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23116-2707. - -Jean

Tab Tops

Please remember to bring your tab tops to the September meeting and make sure your club's name is included. Thank you. - Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus

Diaper Mission

Epiphany Church advises they are continuing their diaper ministry/drive and would definitely appreciate any that we could contribute. ~ Judy Erdman

Habitat for Humanity

After many delays in construction due to the pandemic, six new Habitat for Humanity houses were recently completed in Hanover Cove, a new cul-de-sac in Ashland, VA. Hilliard Park Garden Club, Clay Springs Garden Club, West Hanover Garden Club, and Town and Country Garden Club each planned and installed landscaping at separate houses. In addition Hilliard Park and Town and Country worked together to plan and landscape the other 2 houses. Most of the landscaping was done on June 5, 2021 which turned out to be a very hot and humid day in the 90's! Hanover Cove has been transformed as a result of the efforts of the garden clubs. The homeowners are pleased with the outcome, each house having its own unique landscaping shrubs. Landscape cloth was used at most of the houses to prevent weeds and hold moisture and all houses were mulched giving a neat, tidy appearance.

House #1 has knock-out roses, hydrangea, sky pencil, coral twig dogwood, hosta, coral bells and other plants.

House #2 has azaleas, little giant arborvitae, sky pencil, spirea, beautyberry, variegated false hollies, nandina and other plants.

House #3 already had installed small knockout rose trees along the driveway and we provided landscape cloth and mulch to outline them for a nice neat appearance. In addition, we provided soft touch hollies, firepower nandina, sky pencil, upright Japanese plum yew, arborvitae, beautyberry and other plants.

House #4 already had landscape timbers laid around most of the beds with various annuals in some. We provided other plants and shrubs such as soft touch holly, nandina, arborvitae, rose of Sharon, helianthus, hydrangea, butterfly weed and other plants.

House #5 now has 'ogon' spirea, nandina, gold mop, arborvitae, variegated liriopse, and other plants.

House #6 has 'ogon' spirea, mahonia, elderberry, chamaecyparis, oakleaf hydrangea, beautyberry, coral bark dogwood, crepe myrtle and other plants.

Daylilies, iris, rudbeckia, chrysanthemums, and various ground covers and annuals were also planted at the houses. Each club provided journals to the new homeowners listing the various plants installed and their habits and care. Thanks to club members and others for their donations of plants as well as a Big Thank You to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs for reimbursing each club for the cost of shrubs, mulch, etc.

The Town of Ashland gave us four large planters which they were no longer using. We designated one for House #5 and one for House #6 to sit next to their front porches with plants. The other two were placed on each side of the neighborhood mailboxes at the end of the cul-de-sac.

We have ordered fast growing poplar trees for the back yards of each home to be planted later near the decks.

If your club would like to contribute to future Habitat landscaping projects, send your check made out to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, earmarked for *Habitat Fund*. Mail it to Jean Fender, Treasurer, 10000 Berry Pond Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Also, if any person or club would like to volunteer in the future, let Jean know. Jean's email is jean.fender@comcast.net phone: 804-730-2256

FOUR OF THE SIX HANOVER COVE HOUSES

BEFORE LANDSCAPING



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