



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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President's Corner

Dear Richmond Council Garden Club members,

I would like to invite our members to join us on Friday, November 5th at the Mechanicsville Library, 7461 Sherwood Crossing Place, Mechanicsville for our meeting and wonderful program "How to Design a Moon Garden" presented by Connie Sorrell. We will also zoom the program for those who are not ready for group meetings.

We will not have refreshments, but would like to collect any tab/pop tops that you have.

This is starting to be a busy time of year. We will soon celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks for our many blessings and start to enjoy some cooler "sweater" weather and get our gardens ready for winter. I think we are all ready for the change in seasons.

Linda Hardwicke says that she is feeling much better and hopes to be back as our leader soon. We are all wishing her well and looking forward to having her back.

Please come to our meeting and help me to continue Richmond Council's good work!

Judy Erdman,
1st VP



November Meeting



Acer Bloodgood Japanese Maple

Friday, November 5, 2021

**Mechanicsville Library
7461 Sherwood Crossing Place
Mechanicsville, VA
or via Zoom**

Business Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

How to Design a Moon Garden

by Connie Sorrell

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

If you decide to join the RCGC November meeting via zoom, here is the info you need:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83753776579?pwd=TXQ4SjFFNVdhQlZNZTdERURGM3NLUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 5377 6579

Passcode: 042327

Hilliard Park Garden Club

Completes Mediterranean Garden at Christ Lutheran Church

Submitted by Jean Fender, Hilliard Park Garden Club

Hilliard Park Garden Club recently completed landscaping a 2 part courtyard in the back of Christ Lutheran Church in Lakeside using grant money from Piedmont District and from Richmond Council of Garden Clubs' Metropolitan Landscape Grant. The courtyard which had not been tended to for a number of years is now a beautiful Mediterranean Garden with a focal point on the smaller side of 3 different size pots sitting on pea gravel with cone flowers and creeping jenny and the smaller pot lying on its side with sedum flowing from it. Close by is an agave plant which will showcase the garden as it grows. Also in that part of the courtyard we planted 2 large yucca plants, daylilies, cockscomb celosia, and creeping phlox.

The larger side already had a nice size crepe myrtle tree, 3 small shrubs, and a beautiful small blue spruce shrub. We had previously rebuilt 2 wooden benches located near the church building and now placed pots of hens and chickens sitting on pea gravel beside them. We planted rosemary in front of a recently built wooden barrier hiding mops. Other plants installed included 5 blue fescue, 3 autumn joy sedum, Mexican feathergrass, daylilies, a rose of sharon shrub, pittosporum shrub, and creeping phlox along the edge of the sidewalk. Along the rail fence by the handicap ramp, we planted cockscomb celosia, black and blue salvia, 3 purple monarda and daylilies.

Seven of our 12 members and one husband helped with the landscaping along with two men from church.



Fashion with Flowers XXIII

Fashion with Flowers XXIII will be combined with the Annual Meeting in 2022. With unknown factors due to Covid 19, the RCGC board has made the decision to combine the two events. Preparations are being made for this event to be held in May. The confirmed date and more details will be forthcoming in future newsletters! ~ Pat Merson, Chairman

Tab Tops

At the October meeting representatives from Old Ivy, Sleepy Hollow, Windsor Dale and Hanover Towne Garden Clubs brought in their donations of tab tops for the Ronald McDonald House. Please continue to collect them and make sure your club name is included so we can send you out a big THANK YOU

Ps. Hope we haven't missed anyone. ~ 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

Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

Invites you to attend their program ~
Friday, November 19th
11:00 AM



Hummingbirds - Pint- Sized But Powerful
Presented by Bob Schamerhorn

Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Price Hall,
1400 Horsepen Rd., Richmond, Virginia 23226

For more information contact Stephanie Horacek, Phone 804-307-0063

RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

Minutes of October meeting
October 1, 2021

The October meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs was held via zoom and in person October 1, 2021 at the Mechanicsville Library in Mechanicsville. The board meeting that was to be held before the meeting was canceled due to technical problems. There were 10 members present. The following officers were present Judy Erdman, Jane VanDenburgh, Mary Wiblin and Jean Fender.

Due to the absence of the chaplain, Gladys Bowles, the members read the garden collect and Pledged Allegiance to the flag.

Jean Fender, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand as of September 30, 2021 of \$18,168.35. No corrections were made, the report was filed.

Minutes were posted in the newsletter and no one had any corrections.

Cartersville Garden Club is leaving the Council.

A discussion was held about the next meetings. Jean Fender made a motion to continue to have meetings in person and via zoom. The speaker will be in person if possible and there will be a limit of 25-50 people. Bonnie Parker seconded the motion, members voted and the motion passed. There will be no food served. Everyone agreed they would prefer to meet at the church when possible. A discussion was held about the May meeting concerning cost and place but was tabled until further information.

Jean Fender, Habitat Chairperson, reported Habitat had worked hard and was taking a break. However Jean said funds were at a low of \$447.12 and needed donations.

Kay Rafner reported that life membership is being very active and she was delighted.

Judy Erdman needs a volunteer for Horticulture Chairperson.

Judy Erdman will get reports from other chairman and report next month.

Yearbooks were given out by Jean Fender. If there are any corrections please notify Jean.

Jane VanDenburgh introduced Brent Heath. Brent gave a wonderful program on "Bulbs as Companion Plants."

Announcements - Judy Durant said The Daffodil Society Annual meeting is Saturday October 9, 2021 at Covenant Woods from 9:45-12:00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Mary Wiblin
Recording Secretary

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

December 3, 2021 – RCGC meeting, program, “Creative and Traditional Designs for Your Home at Christmas”

February 4, 2022 - RCGC meeting, program, “The Eastern Bluebird” – William (Buz) Sawyer

March 4, 2022 - RCGC meeting, program, “Spring Fling” – Brenda McManaway

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