



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

A Newsletter of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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President's Corner

Dear Richmond Council Garden Club members,

Hooray! Spring is definitely on the way....daffodils Popping up and mild temperatures make us all want to be in our gardens.

I hope with Covid restrictions lifted somewhat that more Council members will feel comfortable about coming to our March meeting at the Ginter Park Presbyterian Church. Remember to bring sunglasses and/or a hat to cut the glare in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to the 'Eastern Bluebird' program presented by Buz Sawyer and Woodland Pond Garden Club providing our refreshments.

A nominating committee is working hard to bring a slate of officers to be presented and voted on at our April meeting.

We look forward to hearing more news about Fashion and Flowers and our Annual meeting in May. And, I would like feedback from all of you about how we can get our meetings back to pre- Covid attendance numbers!!!

Hope to see you on March 4.

Judy Erdman
First vice-president



March 4th Meeting



Windmill palm, Camellia Japonica and Euphorbia, from the garden of Marlene Scott, Ed.D., Oxford Garden Club

Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
3601 Seminary Avenue,
Richmond, VA 23227

"The Eastern Bluebird"
William "Buz" Sawyer

Refreshments provided by
Woodland Pond Garden Club

Open to All Members of
Our member Garden Clubs

Fashion with Flowers XXIII and Annual Meeting Update:

Fashion with Flowers XXIII and the Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022, at First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va. Please look for more information in future RCGC newsletters! ~ Pat Merson, Chairman

Lifetime Membership

Please consider giving a member of your club a Lifetime Membership. For a donation of \$50, the recipient will receive a pin and a membership card. The donation of \$50 goes to Nature Camp. Summer camp sessions will be starting before we know it, and I know the campers as well as the camp administrators would welcome the extra support. For information contact Kay Rafner, Lifetime Membership Chair, at krafner@comcast.net.

Awards and Grants

The Richmond Council offers monetary awards and grants to a garden club for local beautification projects. For complete information on the Metropolitan Landscape Design Grant and the J. Malcolm Pace Awards, please refer to the RCGC website: <http://rvagardenclubs.com/index.html> >>Home>> How We Support These Goals >> **See Grants OR** reference pages .15-18 in the RCGC Handbook. The deadline for applying is April 1st. Awards will be presented at the May Annual meeting and luncheon.

Please let me know if your club **intends** to apply for an award or grant so that a judging panel can be secured. ~ Jeanne Stigall, Awards and Grants Chair, at sjlstigall@aol.com.

Ginter Park Garden Club

Ginter Park Garden Club reports they have lost a dear member, Mary Melton, who passed away in January, 2022. ~ Millie Proffitt



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Fashion With Flowers XXIII and Annual Meeting Update
Pat Merson, Chairman

Fashion With Flowers XXIII and the Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022, at First Baptist Church, 2700 Monument Ave. Richmond, Va. at 10 a.m. The annual meeting will be followed by Fashion with Flowers XXIII.

Floral Designer, Brenda McManaway will present a floral design program, "Spring Fling". She will make 6 floral designs. She is an outstanding floral designer who presented a program at the Piedmont District Meeting. Opportunity Tickets will be sold for the floral designs.

Fashions for the event will be provided by Chicos. Models will be our own RCGC members.

Lunch will be provided by First Baptist Church. The menu: Chicken Caesar Salad/Dressing, Breadsticks, Choice of Chocolate or Apple Pie, Coffee, Tea, and Water.

There will not be a Silent Auction.

The cost will be \$35.00 per person. Johanna Gilbert is the registrar for the meeting. Please send one check payable to RCGC from each garden club with a list of attendees. The attendee limit is 132. There will be 6 seats at each table. A registration form is attached. The registration form and checks need to be sent to: Johanna Gilbert, 8423 Shannon Green Ct., Henrico, Va.23228. Johanna's phone: (804) 270-6056 and email: omagilbert@aol.com Checks will be cashed after the May 6th event.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE- Friday, April 22, 2022

Each RCGC garden club is being asked to donate a flowering plant for a table centerpiece. Plants need to be brought to the church by 9 a.m. on the morning of the meeting. Opportunity tickets will be sold for the plants. Thank you in advance for the donation.

Covid 19 guidelines will be monitored during March and April.

Let's have a GREAT turnout for RCGC's "Fashion With Flowers XXIII" and Annual Meeting on May 6th as we celebrate SPRING!

**FASHION WITH FLOWERS AND ANNUAL MEETING
REGISTRATION FORM**

GARDEN CLUB NAME- _____

GARDEN CLUB CONTACT PERSON - _____

CONTACT PERSON'S – PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL - _____

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES - _____

CHECK NUMBER - _____

CHECK TOTAL- _____

LIST OF ATTENDEES

PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO

**JOHANNA GILBERT
8423 SHANNON GREEN CT.
HENRICO, VA. 23228**

REGISTRATIO DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

“MOTHER EARTH AWAKENING”

An NGC Small-Standard Flower Show

Presented by the River Road Garden Club

at

River Road Presbyterian Church

Kemp Hall

8960 River Rd, Richmond, VA 23229

804-740-7083

April 8, 2022

1:00pm - 4:30pm

Member of the

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

South Atlantic Region

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Piedmont District, Virginia



Calendar of Upcoming Events!

March 4, 2022 - RCGC meeting, program, “The Eastern Bluebird” ~ William “Buz” Sawyer

April 1, 2022 - RCGC meeting, program, “Conservation topic and speaker TBA

May 6, 2022 – RCGC Annual Meeting and Luncheon and Fashion with Flowers at First Baptist Church,
2709 Monument Avenue ~ Speaker Brenda McManaway

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