



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

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

Greetings to you all as I write to you from the beautiful OBX.

Thank you so very much for the warm welcome I received at the induction ceremony in May. I especially appreciated your gift for my services as your outgoing vice-president.

I am very excited for this new year with the Richmond Council. We have an amazing mission to serve our local garden clubs as we move into our 91st year.

Our second vice-presidents, and program chairs, Jane Van-Denburgh and Erica Gilliam have prepared some fabulous programs for us and will be including door prizes and treats... but you will have to come to the meetings to participate!

I want to welcome our committee chairs! Evelyn Klumb will continue to keep us updated on Conservation. Jean Fender will again chair Habitat for Humanity and stay on the Finance Committee and will also co-chair Awards and Grants with the very able help from Mary Frances Gravitt. Bonnie Parker and Johanna Gilbert will keep our attendance records straight. Horticulture will be chaired by Jackie McDonnough and Horticulture Therapy and Meals on Wheels will have Shirley Berger as chair. Hospitality Chair is Karen Patterson assisted by Julie Proctor. Kay Rafner will keep us informed about Life Memberships and Sandra Walker will let us know about Nature Camp. Barbara Covington will keep us up to date on our Recycled tab-top contributions and Janice Beatty will take over the School Gardening Program. Pat Merson will be our Ways and Means Chair with plans for another fun Fashion and Flowers program and Jeanne Stigall will continue as Newsletter chair.

We are ending our 90th year in December and want to celebrate with a festive and fun coffee/tea with lots of delicious edibles. If anyone has any pictures or programs from years past, please let us know. We will have refreshments and a brief business meeting and end our 90th year with a Holiday program featuring Sally Harrison's designs.

I look forward to seeing everyone on September 9. You have all been so helpful, I want to thank you in person.

Judy Erdman  
President

## **September 9th Meeting**



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

**Registration and Coffee 10:00 a.m.**

**Business Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.**

**Annette Ernst, instructor and member  
of Ikebana of Richmond**

**Refreshments provided by  
Canterbury Garden Club**

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

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## **Program for September 9 RCGC meeting ~Ikebana**

Annette Ernst, instructor and member of Ikebana of Richmond, will create designs in four schools of Japanese flower arranging plus one free-style design.

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## **Conservation**

We have seen what our past actions have done to the environment. Our careless use of fossil fuel has resulted in destroying natural resources like waterways, mountains, and our air. Animal species on our entire planet are now endangered, from the smallest bees, to turtles, whales and more. Our air and water supplies are poisoned and we are losing the battle with climate change. The evidence is all around us.

The smallest actions on our part can be a solution. Use those products that make our lives easier wisely. Dispose of toxic products properly. Buy local so that fuel and other resources are spared. Pick up trash when you see it. This avoids garbage from continuing into our water ways and not be something that our wildlife will ingest. Where do you think our garbage goes? Out of sight out of mind does not make things disappear. We are the solution by becoming more mindful of our actions. Every little thing we do matters. ~ Evelyn Klumb

## **Habitat for Humanity**

There are two new Habitat houses ready for landscaping in the Ashland area and another on its way. Sleepy Hollow has volunteered to landscape one. If your club has never helped with Habitat landscape planning and installation, you have missed a great opportunity to help a special family and community and feel a real sense of accomplishment and pride for your club. RCGC has funds to reimburse up to \$300 for each house. Please call or email me for more details. Jean Fender, 804-730-2256, or [jean.fender@comcast.net](mailto:jean.fender@comcast.net).



The Sleepy Hollow Garden Club would like to invite the members of the Richmond Council Garden Clubs to our September meeting. Peggy Singlemann, the retired director of the Park Operations for Maymont, will be our speaker. She will give a talk on "Reviving an Old Historic Garden." The program begins at 11:00 am at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1400 Horsepen Rd. Please enter from the back parking lot through the double doors. The date is Sept. 16, 2022. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Central Virginia Iris Society**  
*is excited to offer our annual*

**2022 IRIS RHIZOME SALE**

**Visit our Vendor Tent at**  
**LEWIS GINTER FALL PLANTFEST**  
**Sept. 16 & 17, 2022**  
**9am – 3pm**

**Most Rhizome Fans - \$5 Each**  
**Iris Growing Advice is FREE!**

**We'll post varieties available on our Facebook**  
**Page during early September**

*Calendar of Upcoming Events!*

- September 9, 2022 - - RCGC meeting**, program, Annette Ernst, instructor and member, Ikebana of Richmond
- October 7, 2022 - RCGC meeting**, program, Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces, Henrico Master Gardeners will demonstrate the latest techniques in growing a kitchen garden with limited space. Speaker to be determined.
- November 4, 2022 - RCGC meeting**, program, Enhance Your Holiday Dining with Fresh Herbs, Sheila Weisensale will demonstrate techniques for using fresh herbs in delicious dishes for the Holidays. Her recipes will be shared, and samples provided during the program.
- December 2, 2022 – RCGC meeting**, Holiday Designs, Sally Harrison of River Road Garden Club and Richmond Designers Guild will delight us with floral designs for the Holidays.

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