



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

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October 2022

President's Corner

The first meeting of the Richmond Council for 2022-2024 was held at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church on a beautiful Friday, September 9.

It was wonderful to see everyone and enjoy a lovely social time with delicious refreshments served by Canterbury Garden Club.

After a brief business meeting, Designer Annette Ernst presented an outstanding program on Ikebana design. The flowers used in the program were raffled off to lucky members who had been given tickets prior to the drawing.

We look forward to our October program by Master Gardeners on "Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces." Many of us have downsized our gardens because we cannot or do not want to care for a large garden but would still like fresh vegetables to eat. This program will be helpful to all of us. AND there will be door prizes!

The passing of Queen Elizabeth II has made Prince Charles now King Charles III. He is a passionate gardener and a huge environmentalist. It will be interesting to listen out for his ideas for our planet. We will be listening for his suggestions.

Remember to share any memories or memorabilia about Council at our 90th birthday party in December. Let us know what you would like to share.

For members who have collected acorns and labeled them, please bring to the October meeting. Our Horticulture chair, Jackie McDonough will get them to the proper people at Virginia Tech for planting.

Remember to bring Tab tops!

Looking forward to seeing many more of you at our October meeting. Please come and enjoy our social time and learn from our informative and educational programs.

Judy Erdman
President

October 7th 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.

Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces
Henrico Master Gardeners

Refreshments provided by
Hanover Towne Garden Club

Open to All Members of
Our member Garden Clubs

Program for 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.

Tab Tops

After our September meeting 24 lbs. of tab tops was delivered to Ronald McDonald House. We're off to a great start thanks to the clubs of Canterbury, Clay Springs, Ginter Park, Hanover Towne, Highland Springs, Hilliard Park, Pamunkey, and Thomas Jefferson. ~ Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus

Schools and Community Outreach

We are happy to announce that our Woodsy Owl/Smokey Bear poster contest is well underway. All three Powhatan Elementary Schools are participating with great enthusiasm! We have been in contact with the curriculum leaders for the district as well as principals and they are very excited to be working with the community and specifically our club (Powhatan); therefore, we are also brainstorming for a spring project as well. ~ Laura Divinski, President, Powhatan Garden Club

Lifetime Membership News

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. I know the campers as well as the camp administrators would welcome the extra support. ~ Kay Rafner

Habitat For Humanity

We are still in need of clubs to landscape 2 houses in Ashland. We have funds to reimburse up to \$300 for each house which usually covers all the expense. If your club is holding back because of the digging and putting down mulch which are the physical part of the landscaping, would you be willing to plan the landscaping and purchase and deliver the plant material and mulch and instruct the homeowner where and how to plant if the homeowner can supply a few men or strong people to do the planting? Please let me know if this is something your club can do. I will be glad to furnish information on how everything has been handled in the past and the type homeowners journal we like to provide to the new homeowner. Contact Jean Fender at jean.fender@comcast.net or call 804-730-2256 or talk to me at the next RCGC meeting. ~Jean Fender

Horticulture

October is a perfect time to start planning for your garden next year. If you want a challenging learning experience enrolling in the Virginia Master Gardener or Master Naturalist programs. You can join a dedicated team of more than 5,000 volunteers who work in communities throughout Virginia to promote research-based horticulture. Extension Master Gardeners (EMGs) provide vital public education related to creating and managing home landscapes, vegetable gardening, turf management, and more!

<https://ext.vt.edu/lawn-garden/master-gardener/Become-a-Master-Gardener.html>

Applications are at this link: <https://henrico.ext.vt.edu/programs/anr/master-gardener.html>

People who are curious about nature, enjoy the outdoors, and want to be a part of natural resource management and conservation in Virginia are perfect candidates to become Virginia Master Naturalists. The basic training course covers the background knowledge and skills that every naturalist needs to have. Each chapter tailors the course to fit its local environment and community, so no two courses are exactly the same. All the courses will meet the following objectives and guidelines. Monthly webinars and chapter programs support continuing education opportunities following completion of your basic training course.

<http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/become-a-master-naturalist.html>

Applications: <https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/2e7f2ced-2f13-4845-bb5e-81d96aa3ecc0/1> ~ Jackie McDonnough, Horticulture Chair

Horticulture Therapy

Our new budget replaces Meals on Wheels (MOW) with HORTICULTURE THERAPY funds available to clubs who make flower arrangements not only for Meals on Wheels but for nursing homes or similar recipients. The amount is \$1.00 per arrangement, not to exceed \$30 per club for the fiscal year. Use the form (page 4 of this newsletter) to send to Shirley Berger, Chairman, to claim your funds. Since only one payment per club will be made during the fiscal year, wait and send the form when you have made all of the arrangements you intend to make for the year or when you reach 30. ~Jean Fender

**Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Horticulture Therapy Reimbursement Form**

RCGC will give financial assistance to member garden clubs who make flower arrangements for Meals on Wheels, nursing homes, or similar recipients. The following guidelines apply:

- 1) Clubs will be given \$1.00 per arrangement, not to exceed \$30.00 per club per fiscal year.
- 2) Requests for reimbursement are to be made to Horticulture Therapy Chairman after arrangements are completed. Use the application shown below.
- 3) The Chairman will notify Treasurer of the amount of reimbursement to be made and mail or hand out the check at the RCGC meeting.
- 4) RCGC will only make one payment, per fiscal year to a club participating in the Horticulture Therapy project.
- 5) Chairman will keep records of clubs and reimbursement made.

Club Presidents should contact Horticulture Therapy Chairman, Shirley Berger, email: jcb61@verizon.net or 804-262-8109 for additional information.

Application for Reimbursement for Horticulture Therapy

For participating clubs that would like to be reimbursed for expenses related to this program, please complete the information below:

Name of Club _____

Number of Arrangements Made _____ Date _____

Arrangements delivered to: _____

Person submitting request for reimbursement _____
(include name, phone # and email) _____

Check to be mailed to/or presented at RCGC meeting:

Mail or email the completed form to: Shirley Berger
8215 Brookfield Road
Richmond, VA 23227-1501
Jcb61@verizon.net



RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING
September 9, 2022

The September meeting of Richmond Council of Garden Clubs was held at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church in Richmond. President Judy Erdman called the meeting to order and asked Carole Hopkins to lead the group in the Garden collect and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Jean Fender gave her report for June 1-August 31, 2022. The balance in the checking account as of August 31, 2022 was \$28,649.86.

Jean Fender shared thank you notes from the school gardening program, from Henrico and Hanover Extension services, Nature Camp and Maymont. Jean also passed out RCGC yearbooks to all that needed them.

President Erdman thanked Jane VanDenBurgh and Erica Gilliam for their work on programs for RCGC meetings.

Bonnie Parker gave the Attendance report: 14 clubs and 39 people present.
President Erdman thanked Canterbury Garden Club for refreshments.

Committee Chairs were introduced.

Attendance—Bonnie Parker and Johanna Gilbert
Awards and Grants—Jean Fender and Mary Francis Gravitt
Conservation—Evelyn Klumb
Finance—Jean Fender
Habitat for Humanity—Jean Fender
Horticulture—Jackie McDonnough
Life Membership—Kay Rafner
Horticulture Therapy and Meals on Wheels—Shirley Berger
Nature Camp—Sandra Walker
Newsletter—Jeanne Stigall
Recycled Tab Tops—Barbara Covington
School Gardening—Janice Beatty
Fashion & Flowers—Pat Merson

Jean Fender reported that Sleepy Hallow Garden Club will be landscaping a Habitat for Humanity house in Hanover County and there are opportunities for other clubs to landscape.

President Erdman reminded members that RCGC has a 90th birthday that will be celebrated in December. If members have news clippings or pictures from RCGC's history, please let someone know so they can be shared.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Jane VanDenBurgh introduced Annette Ernst, speaker for the day. Annette is a member of Ikebana of Richmond and spoke and presented different forms.



Calendar of Upcoming Events!

- 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**, RCGC 90th birthday party and 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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