



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

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

Our Christmas holiday is almost here!!

Take a break from wreath making, baking and choir practice and join the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs on December 2 for our holiday meeting and the celebration of our 90th birthday. We will have a delicious coffee hour, a brief history of our organization and end with beautiful Christmas arrangements designed by the very talented Sally Harrison and there will be a raffle of her creations. Don't miss this party and a chance to catch up with old friends.

We meet at the Ginter Park Presbyterian Church and no longer have any storage space. Because of this, the Executive Board has voted to sell some of the Council's silver rather than let it tarnish in a cardboard box in someone's basement or garage. All but two of the pieces are silver plate and will be very reasonably priced. Bring your checkbooks. We will share receipts with our clubs.

Don't miss this celebration! We do not meet in January, so let's enjoy each other's company this month.

A Blessed and Healthy Christmas to each of you and your families.

Judy Erdman  
President



## **December 2nd 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.**

**Holiday Designs**  
**Sally Harrison**  
**River Road Garden Club and**  
**Designers Guild**

**Refreshments provided by**  
**Powhatan Garden Club**

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

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## Program for December 2022 meeting ~ Holiday Designs, Sally Harrison

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### Tab Tops

4.34 pounds of tab tops from the clubs of Canterbury, Ginter Park, Greenfield, Hanover Towne, Hilliard Park, Old Ivy, River Road, and Salisbury was happily received by the Ronald McDonald House after our November meeting. A big THANKS to all the clubs for their continued support of this worthy project. ~ Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus

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### 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. I know the campers as well as the camp administrators would welcome the extra support. ~ For more information, please contact Kay Rafner at [krafner@comcast.net](mailto:krafner@comcast.net)

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### School Gardening/Youth Gardening

Dear Members and Friends,

In the past several years members of RCGC have given generously to the School Gardening program. Your gift is very important as it allows us to support the efforts of the Cooperative Extension in Richmond, and the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Powhatan. The Extension is sponsoring programs such as outlined in our National Garden Club that inspire and educate our youth. The thank you letters received from the Extension Offices shared that the funds were being used for class gardening programs; gardening story books for elementary schools; enhancement of horticulture outreach which includes composting, pollinators, butterfly gardening programs for youth; 4-H clubs hands on horticulture projects to youth at no cost to participants. This is just a taste of where the funds so generously donated by RCGC are being utilized. In the past 5 years the numbers of clubs that have donated to this worthwhile program have fluctuated from 3 to 10. Total dollar amount collected ranges from \$400 -\$1,125. For this coming year, I challenge each club to find funds within their budget to contribute to this very worthwhile program. Please feel free to contact me at [luv2plyndrt@gmail.com](mailto:luv2plyndrt@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

Bright beams,

Janice Beatty

School Gardening/ Youth Gardening Chair

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### Awards and Grants

This picture shows a wonderful way to garden for an older person or someone who cannot bend so well. It could be used for a landscaping project at a nursing home, assisted living facility, shelter, school, etc. and qualify for a J. Malcolm Pace Award or Metropolitan Landscape Design Grant. Our clubs have not been doing many landscaping projects in the past few years with Covid interfering. This would be a great project.

See pages 15-18 in the yearbook for Awards and Grants information.



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## Habitat for Humanity

The house on Old Telegraph Road that Old Ivy was to landscape on November 19 has been postponed by the homeowner until next year. However, Sleepy Hollow GC will be landscaping the Habitat house on Greenwood Church Road on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 additional houses being built in the Ashland/Doswell area that will be ready for landscaping next year so let me know if your garden club is interested in landscaping one of them.

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## Additional Corrections to the Yearbook

p. 8 - AWARDS AND GRANTS chairman is Mary Frances Gravitt

p. 24 - OLD IVY GC correct email for Carole Hopkins is [carolebhopkins@gmail.com](mailto:carolebhopkins@gmail.com)

RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2022 MEETING

The meeting was held at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church. President Judy Erdman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. After sharing that Gladys Bowles was in the hospital, President Erdman led the pledge, the Garden Collect and gave a Thanksgiving Invocation.

The minutes of the October meeting were included in the newsletter. There were no corrections. Jean Fender gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account as of September 1, 2022 was \$27,440.61. There was income totaling \$527.18 and disbursements of \$825 which left a balance as of October 31, 2022 of \$27,142.79. The total for investments was \$396,454.66. There were no corrections.

Julie Proctor thanked Crown Grant Garden Club for their refreshments.

Johanna Gilbert gave the Attendance report: 20 clubs were represented and 45 members attended.

It was noted that Mary Frances Gravitt's name was misspelled in the yearbook. Mary Frances will be assisting Jean Fender in Awards and Grants.

Habitat for Humanity chairman, Jean Fender reported on recent work to landscape a Habitat house done by Hilliard Park Garden Club. Jean shared the plan used with a drawing and pictures before and after completion. Old Ivy Garden club will be working on landscaping a Habitat house on Nov. 19. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jean Fender or Carole Hopkins, President of Old Ivy. RCGC reimburses \$300 for the project. Jean Fender reminded members that clubs can apply for grants like the J. Malcolm Pace Award or Metropolitan Landscape Projects Grant for their spring projects.

The yearbook corrections were in the newsletter and any further corrections will be in the December newsletter.

Conservation Chairman Evelyn Klumb reminded members that small steps in caring for and protecting nature can make a difference.

Kay Rafner, chairman of Life Membership reminded members to contact her if your club wishes to honor someone with a Life Membership. The money goes to support Nature Camp.

Barbara Covington stated that 11 pounds of tab tops were donated to Ronald Mc Donald House. This donation not only supports Ronald McDonald House but is a way to protect and conserve the environment.

Pat Merson had a flat tire and was unable to be with us but sent a reminder that Fashion with Flowers will be held at First Baptist Church in Richmond on the first Friday in May.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The clubs who are packing up refreshments need to remember this room echoes and try to be as quiet as you can out of respect for the speaker and members trying to hear the program.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

First VP Jane VanDenburgh introduced the speaker, Sheila Weisensale. Sheila shared tips and demonstrated ways to use fresh herbs to "Enhance Your Holiday Dining". At the end of the program, there were samples and recipes shared.

14TH ANNUAL



**CROWN GRANT GARDEN CLUB**  
**HOLIDAY DESIGN WORKSHOP**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**  
 6:30-7:00 pm Heavy Hors d'oeuvres  
 7:00-9:00 pm Workshop

**RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 1515 Eastridge Road, Henrico, VA 23229  
 (across from Kroger)

**TICKETS?**  
 Text / Call Debbie: (804) 337-1983

**CONTRIBUTION**  
 \$45.00 proceeds support CGGC community projects!



## Powhatan Garden Club

Powhatan Garden Club will be entering a float in the Powhatan Christmas parade on Saturday, December 10. The theme is Christmas Poinsettias. Come and see us!

We will also be having our annual Christmas workshop and party on Thursday, December 1st, at 10 am at the Powhatan Rescue Squad building at 3920 Marion Harlan Dr., Powhatan, VA 23139. This year we are doing something different, swags instead of tabletop trees. Sarah from Freckle Farm will be conducting the workshop on building a fresh greenery swag. We would love to have any guests come and join us.

If you would like to participate in our workshop please contact Laura Divinski for more details. 804-372-9572.



## **Green Springs Garden Club**

Is presenting Two House tours  
December 3 and December 10  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Three homes are included on this tour: The Coke Garrett House, home of the President of Colonial Williamsburg, the Designer in Residence House - Nelson Galt. The Guest Designer is Heather Chadduck Hillegas, and she has done an incredible job with the Nelson Galt--it will be featured in Veranda Magazine at a letter date!! The third house is the Timson House, which is the second oldest house in Williamsburg. It is near Merchant Square, so plans could be made for lunch before or after this House.

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**--It showcases the Designer in Residence House, and 2 additional houses--George Davenport and Robert Nicolson. Both of these houses feature furnishings and collections the families have from the 18th century and beyond!!

Tickets are \$40 for one tour, \$70 for two tours and can be purchased online at

[www.greenspringgardenclub.org](http://www.greenspringgardenclub.org).

Colonial Williamsburg is having their Grand Illumination Celebration Both Evenings!!

Green Springs Garden Club's Philanthropic efforts include multiple University and College Scholarships, Historic Beautification, and scholarships to Nature Camp for younger people interested in our environmental sciences, and many more worthwhile recipients



## **Holiday Centerpiece Arranging Workshop**

**With instructors**

**Kate Vernon & David Pippin**

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm**

Hanover Arts & Activities Center  
500 South Center St.  
Ashland, VA 23005

\$100

Container and materials provided

Join us for an evening of holiday fun! Using a wide variety of greens, berries, cones, sticks, and surprise accents, Kate Vernon and David Pippin will demonstrate two arranging styles in a birch bark container. They will also explain various methods of creating attractive bows using wired ribbon. After the demonstration, participants will create their own centerpiece using the multitude of materials provided, including over 50 rolls of ribbon.

**Space is limited ~ Register early at**

<https://www.thearrangersmarket.com/shop/p/berries-bows>



*Calendar of Upcoming Events!*

**December 2, 2022 – RCGC meeting,** RCGC 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

**No January RCGC meeting**

**February 3, 2023 – RCGC meeting, Terrariums,** presented by Janet Minock of Thomas Jefferson Garden Club and Richmond Designers Guild will demonstrate how to make a terrarium which with little care will last for years.

**March 3, 2023 – “It’s All About Color”** Designs by Betty Ann Galway. Betty comes to us from northern Virginia to create some of her amazing flower arrangements.

**April 7, 2023 – Capital Trees – Trail** – Capital Trees is a non-profit urban greening organization. Speaker to be determined.

**May 5, 2023 – Fashion with Flowers XXIV and Annual meeting.**

*Learn about the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. ~ their history, goals, calendar, newsletters and more.*

*Visit the website - <http://rvagardenclubs.com/>*



*RCGC Newsletter*

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