



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

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March 2023

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

Spring greetings to all of our members.

I wonder how warm March will be. We have had the third warmest February in weather years. I hope that March will be gentle since so many beautiful flowers are in bloom.

We are pleased to announce that Joyce Williams has agreed to be our Chaplain. Joyce is a member of the Oxford Garden Club. We are so fortunate that she will be getting us off to a good start at each meeting. Please welcome her on the third.

A great program is planned with the talented Betty Ann Galway designing for us. Some of her designs will be taken home by lucky ticket holders, so please do not miss this fabulous program!

Great News! We have replaced the sound system. We know that many of you had problems with the small system. So, we have new equipment and will hook into the church's powerful speakers to make sure you do not miss a word. The windows in the fellowship hall are quite bright and we will be rearranging the seating to take advantage of the new sound system, which may cause some of the seats to be a little too much in a glare. So that you do not miss any of the program, please bring a visor or sun hat to make your viewing comfortable. Hope this will be a great solution for all.

Presidents, please send this newsletter to your club members. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the 3rd!

Sincerely yours,  
Judy Erdman



## **March 3 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.**

**'It's All about Color'**  
**Designs by Betty Ann Galway,**  
AIFD Certified Floral Evaluator/Judge, NGC Master  
Judge, Member Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

**Refreshments provided by  
West Hanover Garden Club**

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

## Program for March 2023 meeting ~ It's All about Color ~ Betty Ann Galway

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### Coffeemakers Purchased!

RCGC has ordered two new 24-cup coffeemakers that can be used for our meetings ~ one for regular coffee and one for decaf or hot water. Jean Fender will bring them to the meetings if the hostess club would like to use them instead of purchasing Dunkin Donut coffee. The hostess club would need to bring cups, creamer, sugar, stirrers and coffee to put in the coffeemaker. It needs 20-25 minutes to brew. Hosting club will need to let Jean Fender know if you want to use the coffeemaker. Jean's phone: 804-730-2256 or email [jean.fender@comcast.net](mailto:jean.fender@comcast.net)

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### School Gardening Program

Dear Friends,

In the past several years members of RCGC have given generously to the School Gardening Program. To help make a difference in inspiring and educating our youth, we rely on the support of generous individuals and Garden Clubs belonging to RCGC. It would be wonderful if each garden club would consider providing a donation to our School/youth Gardening Program. Your donation 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 to enhance horticulture outreach programs for youth. In the past, these funds have help with financing school gardens, promote sustainable gardening practices to youth and to show gardening and growing your own food is fun and rewarding... among other inspiring youth horticulture programs as well as helping to provide needed supplies. I challenge each club to find funds within their budget to contribute to this very worthwhile program. As your Garden Club prepares its budget for the coming year, I urge you to include funds for School Gardening Program for the year to come. To date we have received donations from two garden clubs, and two individuals. It's a great start, but we can do better. Donations should be sent to RCGC Treasurer Jean Fender, 10000 Berry Pond Lane, Mechanicsville, VA. 23116. Please add School Gardening Program in the note part of the check. Please feel free to contact me at [luv2plyndrt@gmail.com](mailto:luv2plyndrt@gmail.com) with questions. Bright Beams, Janice Beatty, School Gardening/youth Gardening Chair

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### Tab Tops

A big thanks to Judy Durant for picking up the February tab tops from the clubs of Gunter Park, Hanover Towne, Midlothian, Old Ivy, Oxford, Salisbury, Thomas Jefferson, Windsor Farms, Woodland Pond. It's great to have so many clubs donate! ~ Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus

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### Habitat for Humanity

We now have contact with someone in the Richmond Habitat for Humanity that services the city of Richmond, Henrico, and Chesterfield Counties. There will be lots of opportunities for garden clubs in these areas to plan a landscaping project at a habitat house without having to raise funds. We have habitat funds available to help and also the Richmond Habitat has funds to help. The 3 houses that I know of that will be ready for spring landscaping are located at 3210 Richmond Henrico Turnpike; 2404 Fifth Avenue; and 1401 Enfield Avenue. Please let me know if your club is interested. It just takes a little planning and purchasing the plant material and mulch. There are volunteers in the Richmond Habitat that can help with the digging. Contact Jean Fender at 804-730-2256 or email [jean.fender@comcast.net](mailto:jean.fender@comcast.net)

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**RCGC ANNUAL MEETING AND FASHION WITH FLOWERS XXIV**

**May 5, 2023**

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

COST: \$30 PER PERSON

Please send 1 check payable to RCGC with Registration Form to:  
Johanna Gilbert, 8423 Shannon Green Ct., Richmond, Va. 23228.

Phone: (804) 405-6225 Email: omagilbert@aol.com

RCGC Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact Person, Phone, and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENDEES CHOICE: Chicken or Tuna (veg)

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RCGC Annual Meeting and Fashion with Flowers XXIV

Chairman: Pat Merson

DATE: Friday, May 5, 2023

WHERE: First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.

PARKING: Church parking lot on Monument Ave. or Street Parking ONLY

Handicapped Parking in lot beside the church.

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

PROGRAM: IT'S A CHALLENGE! – Four floral designers from member clubs will arrive with only their clippers and using containers, flowers and mechanics provided by our committee, will each create a design appropriate for the Challenge Design Class in a flower show. Design class and floral designers will be announced. Jane VanDenburgh is the program chairman.

FASHION SHOW: Soft Surroundings located in Short Pump Towne Center will provide the fashions for our RCGC models. Barbara Hollister is the fashion coordinator.

LUNCH: Lunch will be provided by the Ladies of First Baptist Church.

Menu: Salad plate – Chicken Salad or Tuna Salad (vegetarian), Pasta Salad, and Fruit Salad on a bed of lettuce, Croissant, Chocolate Cream Pie, Lemon Pie, and Coffee, Tea, and Water.

TABLE CENTERPIECE: Each RCGC garden club is being asked to donate a flowering plant for the table centerpiece.

Thank you in advance for your club's donation. Plants need to be delivered to the church parking lot entrance at 9 a.m. the morning of May 5th. Judy Durant will be at the entrance to receive the plant. OPPORTUNITY TICKETS will be sold for floral designs and table centerpiece plants. COST: \$30 per person

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION: Each RCGC garden club needs to send one check made payable to RCGC, INC. with the registration form with list of attendees to: Johanna Gilbert, registrar, 8423 Shannon Green Ct., Richmond, Va. 23228. Johanna's phone number: (804) 405-6225 and email: [omagilbert@aol.com](mailto:omagilbert@aol.com)

REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK DEADLINE: **Friday, April 21, 2023.**

We are looking forward to seeing all RCGC garden clubs at the Annual Meeting and Fashion with Flowers XXIV on May 5, 2023! ~ Pat Merson, Fashion with Flowers XXIV Chairman

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## Piedmont District Spring Meeting

Piedmont District spring meeting will be held Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Doubletree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Center Blvd, Richmond, VA 23235. The registration deadline is March 10. **The registration form is attached to this newsletter.** ~ Johanna Gilbert

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## RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS MINUTES OF February 3, 2023

The February meeting was held at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church. President Judy Erdman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. President Erdman reminded members that due to the death of beloved chaplain Gladys Bowles, a new chaplain will be needed and she would appreciate any suggestions or names of people who might be interested.

President Erdman gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Julie Proctor thanked Clay Spring GC for the refreshments.

Johanna Gilbert reported attendance: 19 clubs represented and 47 members present.

The minutes were included in the newsletter and there were no corrections.

Jean Fender, treasurer, gave her report: there wasn't a January meeting so the balance in the checking account as of Dec.1, 2022 was \$27,172.77. The income was \$15,988.36 and disbursements totaled \$1,439.68. The balance in the checking account as of Jan.31 was \$40,721.45. A CD of \$100,000 matured during this period and was moved to a CD at M&T Bank with \$11,000 in interest added to the checking account. The total of all investments is \$386,460.38.

Hilliard Park GC received \$30 for the arrangements they created and took to nursing homes.

Richmond Habitat for Humanity contacted Jean with the hope of finding help for houses being built in Richmond city, Chesterfield and Henrico counties. Richmond Habitat has funds and manpower to help clubs in these areas create landscaping for Habitat houses. A list of the houses will be sent to Jean Fender and will be included in the newsletter.

Awards chairman Mary Francis Gravitt reported no application have been received but asked that clubs look and take advantage of the opportunity. The deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Judy Durant thanked members for bringing in their Tab Tops for Ronald McDonald House.

Evelyn Klumb, Conservation chairman, alerted members to the VAConservationNetwork.org which has information about climate, energy, water, etc. and interesting recipes and places to recycle. Evelyn reminded members to feed and water the birds and wildlife.

Youth Gardening: Janice Beatty reported a wonderful \$500 donation from a family to support this program. The VA Extension Service helps educate children about gardens and growing things. The skills learned can help in life as well as lead to job opportunities in the future. This is a worthwhile cause to support financially and as helpers when asked.

Horticulture chairman Jackie McDonnough reminded members who are beginning to plan gardens to get their soil tested before planting. Jackie shared that Lewis Ginter has a Seed Bank and members can get 6 seeds from the bank as well as donating their seeds. Also, the Library at Lewis Ginter has a wonderful selection of books, some of which came as a donation from RCGC's former library. When RCGC sold the house, they gave their Library to a very new Lewis Ginter as they were starting.

Horticulture Therapy-Shirley Berger stated that our connection with Meals on Wheels doesn't seem to be working at the moment but making arrangements for nursing homes and shut in friends are good alternatives for clubs.

Nature Camp-Sandra Walker encouraged members to spread the word and send in applications for Nature Camp.

Fashion & Flowers-Pat Merson reported this event will be Friday May 5 at First Baptist Richmond and more details will be in the newsletter.

#### NEW BUSINESS

President Erdman asked members to think about ways to make meetings more interesting and to encourage members to attend.

#### Announcements:

Hanover Towne GC will host a program on "How to Grow a Pollinator's Paradise" at Coventry Woods in Mechanicsville on Saturday Feb. 11 at 10:00a.m.

Old Ivy GC will be having a Plant Sale in May.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

First VP Jane VanDenburgh reminded members that the March meeting will be Betty Ann Galway with "It's all About Color". Today's program is "Terrariums" presented by Janet Minock of Thomas Jefferson GC.

The program adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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#### CORRECTIONS TO RCGC YEARBOOK

##### P. 8 correct name, address, and phone number for AWARDS AND GRANTS CHAIRMAN

Mary Frances Gravitt                      ph. 521-9631  
1900 Lauderdale Drive  
CH 308  
Henrico, VA 23238                      email: [gravittco@comcast.net](mailto:gravittco@comcast.net)

##### P. 24 correct email for OLD IVY GARDEN CLUB PRESIDENT

[carolebhopkins@gmail.com](mailto:carolebhopkins@gmail.com)

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## Open Call for Daffodil Exhibitors!



*Virginia Daffodil Society invites You  
to exhibit at the*  
**2023 ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Daffodil Show**

**March 25-26, 2023**  
**Open to the Public**  
**Free to Exhibit & Free to Attend**

Open to ALL Daffodil Growers. VDS Membership not required.

Bring your Daffodils – complimentary exhibition materials and assistance with entries will be provided.

Entry Submission Times: March 24, Noon-6pm & March 25, 7am-10am.

Show Hours: March 25, 2pm-5pm & March 26, 10am-3:45pm.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden  
1800 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, VA 23228

Questions: Email [vdsdaffshow@gmail.com](mailto:vdsdaffshow@gmail.com)  
Follow our Facebook Page: [Virginia Daffodil Society](#)



**GINTER PARK GARDEN CLUB**  
**SPRING MARKET**

Juried local artisans & vendors  
Garden Stuff - Clothing - Jewelry - Artisanal Goods  
Bake Sale - Food Truck

**Saturday, April 15 from 10-3**

**OUTDOORS! Rain date April 22**

Ginter Park Presbyterian Church  
3601 Seminary Ave - Richmond, VA 23227

## THOMAS JEFFERSON FLOWER SHOWS: PAST AND PRESENT *Celebrating 90 Years!*

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show  
Presented by the  
Thomas Jefferson Garden Club

At Trinity Lutheran Church  
2315 N. Parham Road, Henrico VA 20233  
Thursday, April 27, 2023 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

For more information contact:  
Lynne\_Still - [lynnestill23@gmail.com](mailto:lynnestill23@gmail.com)

Open and Free to the Public



## STONEHENGE GARDEN CLUB

### PLANT SALE

Sat. April 22

9:30am – 2:00pm

Stonehenge Country Club

(first parking lot)

**RAIN or SHINE**

Stonehenge Country Club  
1000 Farnham Drive, Midlothian, VA 23236

# Piedmont District Meeting Registration Shopping, Luncheon, and Design Program Monday March 20, 2023

Doubletree by Hilton 1021 Koger Center Blvd Richmond, VA 23235

**Registration Deadline: March 10**

## Registration Process Steps – please review before registering

- 1) **Via email:** Club Contact sends registration info to the Registrar via email. Include: club name, club contact, number of seats requested (*no registrations by telephone*)
- 2) **Via mail:** Club contact submits the completed registration form and one check covering all registrations. Make check payable to VFGC/ Piedmont District
- 3) **Registrar will confirm** registration(s) via email once the form and check are received
- 4) **Table assignments** will be made in the order in which checks are received
- 5) **Refunds cannot be made.** Club contact is responsible for managing substitutes

## Club Contact Information

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Registrant Information

Name (print neatly please)	√ Voting Status if applicable *	Circle Choice: Chick, Salmon, Vega/GF
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\*Voting Status Codes: CP= Club President VD= Voting Delegate (up to two delegates per club)  
DO= District Officer DC = District Committee Chair FDP = Former District President

**Total # of Registrations @ \$40:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Check Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ (one check)

**Mail form and check payable to VFGC/Piedmont District to Registrar Johanna Gilbert:**  
8423 Shannon Green Court Henrico, VA 23228-1876 email: [omagilbert@aol.com](mailto:omagilbert@aol.com)

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Pamunkey River has let us know of the passing of past president, Liz Martin, on January 18, 2023. She served as president for two terms

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***Calendar of Upcoming Events!***

**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. She is a floral design artist, instructor and speaker -VA.

AIFD Certified Floral Evaluator/Judge, NGC Master Judge, and Member Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

**April 7, 2023 – Capital Trees – Trail** – Speaker Lisa Trapp will present an overview of the work done by Capital Trees: The Low Line, the 14th Street Initiative, the Great Shiplock Park. Capital Trees is a non-profit urban greening organization.

**May 5, 2023 – Fashion with Flowers XXIV and Annual meeting**, First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Ave., Richmond, 23220

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