



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. Richmond, Virginia

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April 2023

President's Corner

We are welcoming a lovely spring filled with some gorgeous flowers, but March has a biting chill to the air and I hope we will have a warm and pleasant Easter in April.

Many thanks to Joyce Williams for taking over as Chaplain and I am very sorry to have missed her start.

Jane VanDenburgh wanted the By-Laws to be updated and Jean Fender was appointed to chair a committee to look into making any necessary changes. The committee has worked hard and will bring the new By-Laws to be read at our April meeting. They will be voted on at our May meeting for inclusion in the 2023-2024 yearbook. Please come to offer any suggestions.

Please also come to hear our program presented by Capitol Trees. They do fabulous work on helping to beautify our area. You will enjoy the program.

I probably will have to miss you all again in April. My surgery will be Wednesday the 22nd and it may be a long recovery, however, if I can be there, I will. I have missed you all!

Please do not miss our Annual meeting and Fashion with Flowers in May. Pat Merson is working hard to bring us another super fashion show and Jane VanDenburgh and Erica Gilliam are working on a wonderful flower program.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!
Judy Erdman



April 7 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.

**Capital Trees – Trail
Speaker Lisa Trapp**

**Refreshments provided by
Northam Garden Club**

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

Program for March 2023 meeting ~ Capital Trees – Trail – Speaker Lisa Trapp

Tab Tops

WOW! Twelve clubs brought in tab tops at the March meeting. The big thanks to Canterbury, Clay Springs, Ginter Park, Greenfield, Hanover Towne, Highland Springs, Old Ivy, River Road, Salisbury, Sleepy Hollow, Thomas Jefferson, and Windsor Dale. These tops, combined with February's, weighed in at 19 lbs. Way to Go! ~ Barbara Covington and Tricia Kreynus

RCGC Annual Meeting and Fashion with Flowers XXIV Chairman: Pat Merson

DATE: Friday, May 5, 2023

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

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.

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

REGISTRATION FORM IS ATTACHED. CHECK DEADLINE IS 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

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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RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

Minutes of March 3, 2023

The March meeting was held at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church. Treasurer Jean Fender called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Jean explained that President Judy Erdman has been ill and had to ask for help with this meeting. Jean introduced the new chaplain, Joyce Williams, from Oxford GC. Joyce spoke about how inspirational Gladys Bowles was as a chaplain and gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

Julie Proctor thanked West Hanover GC for their refreshments and stated that April refreshments will be provided by Northam GC.

Attendance was reported by Bonnie Parker: 71 members from 23 clubs and 3 guests.

The minutes of the February meeting were in the newsletter. There were no corrections.

Treasurer Jean Fender reported the balance in the checking account as of Feb. 1 was \$40,721.45. The total income was \$60.00 and disbursements were \$863.32 with a balance on Feb. 28 of \$39,918.13. The total in the investments account was \$380,924.85.

Jean gave the Habitat for Humanity report. Sleepy Hallow GC finished landscaping their Habitat house and received a check for \$253. River Road GC has volunteered to work on a house. There are several houses that will need volunteers this spring-one in Ashland, one in Doswell and Richmond has one on Richmond-Henrico Turnpike.

Awards chairmen Mary Francis Gravitt and Jean Fender reported that there were no applications for the J. Malcolm Pace Award for a completed civic landscape improvement project or for the Metro Landscape Design Grant for a proposed project. The deadline to apply is April 1st.

Youth Gardening chairman, Janice Beatty, reported that the program was off to a good start thanks to several clubs and individuals but would love to see donations from more clubs.

Barbara Covington thanked clubs for bringing in tab tops in support of Ronald McDonald House.

Pat Merson, chairman of Fashion With Flowers, reminded members that this event will be held May 5, 2023 at First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue Richmond, and beginning at 10 o'clock. The luncheon will be provided by the church kitchen. The fashions will be provided by Soft Surroundings from short Pump Mall and the flower program will be garden club members from four clubs who will be doing a Challenge Design with equipment and flowers supplied. Pat asked if clubs could donate centerpiece plants for this event. The price will be \$30 and Johanna Gilbert is the Registrar. Each club should send one check to Johanna.

Donna Hohman from Hanover Town GC talked about the garden at Memorial Regional Medical Center. Her garden club took on 12 raised beds and the rest of the garden has been left to the grounds crew. Donna asked clubs to consider adopting small areas and putting some new life into this healing garden. There are plants growing but they need tending. There will be a work day on March 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Erica Gilliam introduced the presenter, Betty Ann Galway, who presented a program "It's All about Color". The presentation ended at 12:30 p.m.



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

Pictures from Betty Ann Galway's program at March RCGC meeting.



**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:
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Open and Free to the Public



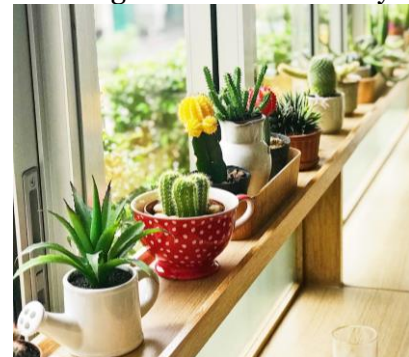
Old Ivy Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, May 13 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Chamberlayne Heights United Methodist
Church
6100 Chamberlayne Road
Fellowship Hall

On our tables you will find a variety of plants,
flower containers, garden art, baked goods
and more.

Come ready to shop, shop, shop!
Great gifts for Mother's Day



**Clay Spring
Garden Club
Plant Sale!**

SATURDAY, MAY 13

**ON THE SIDEWALK OF
Burke's**

**ASHLAND HANOVER
SHOPPING CENTER**

9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

It's time to start your spring planting.
Come and get your perennials!

Perennials make perfect
Mother's Day gifts!

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

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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