



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

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President's Corner

Dear Richmond Council Members,

Welcome to the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs new year! I hope everyone has survived this summer's sizzling temperatures and that everyone is well.

Our program chairs, Jane Vandenburg and Erica Gilliam have planned fabulous programs for the year ending with our Annual Meeting at the Meadowbrook Country Club in May. Lick your lips for a taste of the special Meadowbrook pie!

Our first meeting on September 1 will be Fall Blooming Perennials with Sandy McDougle of Sandy's Plants. Sandy has to leave early so our morning will start with Hospitality from 9:45-10:15, then the program. Sandy will have some plants for sale, cash or check only. Our business meeting will follow the program.

Some of the Executive Board Members voted to give our clubs an opportunity to make some money for their treasuries. So, we will have one or two tables for a club to set up their products. The clubs will have to arrive early to set up their tables, have everything priced and clean up and remove any unsold items. Clubs need to check with me for space availability. There will be no sales at the Annual Meeting due to lack of space,.

Our October program will be the One and Only David Pippin. Members are being asked to bring in any vases they would like to sell (already priced). Cash or check only. David will select one of the vases to do an arrangement in and the lucky owner will win the arrangement!! You will get your vase back, but with a beautiful arrangement.

We will be learning more about the by-laws changes and bring it to a vote.

Please keep Jane VanDenburgh in your prayers as she recovers from knee surgery.

Pat Merson wants everyone to know how much she has appreciated your prayers and cards and good wishes as she is recovering from her illness.

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September 1 Meeting



Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
3601 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227

Registration and Coffee 9:45 a.m.

Program at 10:15

**Business Meeting begins after
the program**

Fall Blooming Perennials
By Sandy McDougle of
Sandy's Plants

Refreshments provided by
Salisbury Garden Club

Open to All Members of
Our member Garden Clubs

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Do come to our Richmond Council of Garden Clubs meetings and enjoy some tasty refreshments and GREAT programs. Your Garden Club has paid dues for you to attend free of charge. Please join us!

Sincerely yours,
Judy Erdman
President of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs



Program for September 1, 2023 meeting ~ Fall Blooming Perennials –

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NEW!!! FUN!!! PROFITABLE!!!!

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs

Invites your club

To sign up for a

Sales Table

At one of our monthly meetings

You get all the proceeds

Here is the scoop: Richmond Council will provide tables for three (3) clubs each month to use to sell whatever you choose with all the proceeds going to your club. Cash or check only. You must sign up ahead of time and have your table ready by 10 am on your selected date. Sales will take place during the hospitality time (10 am to 10:30 am) and after the program if you wish to stay.

What you sell and pricing is your choice. Please let this chairman know your plans so we can include that in the newsletter. Suggestions include white elephants, baked goods, jewelry, purses, and scarves, plants, garden related items, books, crafts.....think about what you would like to buy.

Please let me know as soon as possible:

- **Club name, contact person, phone # and email**
- **Items to be sold**
- **Month (first and second choices) November, December, February, March, April.**

RCGC will provide one six foot table per club. You provide the table cover. All unsold items must be removed by the contributing club.

Jane VanDenburgh (temporary chairman)

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RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS
October 6, 2023 meeting

“CONTAINER EXTRAVAGANZA”
(PROGRAM AND SALE)

DESIGN PROGRAM BY DAVID PIPPIN

Using containers and other design components contributed by our members.

David will choose what he wants to use in his designs prior to the sale.

SALE OF CONTAINERS AND DESIGN COMPONENTS TO BENEFIT RCGC
(10 AM TO 10:30 AM)

Cash or check made out to RCGC only. Unsold items will be disposed of by the committee unless you retrieve your donations at the close of the program.

PLEASE DONATE ITEMS YOU NO LONGER USE OR HAVE ROOM FOR!

- ♦ Design containers must be watertight or have a liner.
- ♦ Other items which will serve as a container. (Toys, lantern, candle holder, metal or wooden box, etc., with liner if needed.)
- ♦ Dried plant material painted or plain. (Curly willow, Harry Lauder, pods, cones, vine, yarrow, small gourds, etc.)
- ♦ Decorative wire. Other non-plant material items you have used in floral designs.

Please price your items (even dollar amounts) and bring them to the October meeting by 9:30 am or get them to Jean Fender prior to October 6th. (804-730-2256 or 804-218-9006)

Youth/ School Gardening Program

Hello Friends,

As gardeners, we are not only stewards of the earth; we are responsible for educating our youth in the merits of gardening. Through our local Extension Offices and schools, we help extend their resources to promote a passion for horticulture, learning and success. I encourage each club to help with this worthwhile project. If each club gives a little, then the youth are the winners. The children are our future. Please feel free to contact me at luv2plyndrt@gmail.com with questions. Bright beams, Janice Beatty, School/Youth Gardening chair.

Horticulture Therapy Reimbursement

RCGC will give financial assistance to member garden clubs who make flower arrangements for Meals on Wheels, nursing homes, or similar recipients. Please see the request for reimbursement form at the end of this newsletter.

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 ~ Thank you, Kay Rafner

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GLADYS BOWLES

A Memorial Service for our beloved Gladys Bowles and Dedication of the Memorial Garden landscaped by Hilliard Park Garden Club will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Laurel Presbyterian Church, 9675 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen, VA. Gladys had served faithfully for many years at Laurel Presbyterian Church as music director and organist.

The Memorial Garden was made possible through the \$500 Metropolitan Landscape Grant and the additional \$91 in cash donated at the May Fashions with Flowers/Annual meeting, along with contributions from the family and church.



RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

Minutes of May 5, 2023
FASHION with FLOWERS XXIV
Annual Meeting

The May meeting was held in Richmond at First Baptist Church. President Judy Erdman called the meeting to order. Chaplain Joyce Williams gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Treasurer Jean Fender gave her report: the balance in the checking account was \$39,800.71 in checking and \$385,532.15 in investments. Jean reported the Finance committee had met and prepared a proposed budget. This budget was shared with members.

Jean Fender presented the J. Malcolm Pace award and two Metro Landscape grants. Hilliard Park GC will use their Metro Landscape Award to help create a Gladys Bowles Memorial garden at Laurel Methodist church.

COMMITTEES

Youth Gardening-Janice Beatty reported that the Youth Gardening program through the extension service was going well.

Life Membership-Kay Rafner reminded members that Life memberships honor members and support Nature Camp.

Nature Camp-Sandra Walker reported that \$1,000 was contributed to Nature Camp.

President Erdman gave her report on the activities for 2022-23 in Richmond Council of Garden Clubs.

The bylaws review and vote were tabled for a future date.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

2ndVP Jane VanDenburgh introduced floral designers Susan Gaskill, Midlothian GC, Evelyn Klumb, Oxford GC, Janet Minock, Thomas Jefferson GC, and Marty Thornhill, River Road GC for the floral challenge.

The fashion show was next with Soft Surroundings providing clothing. Following the fashion show, Joyce Williams said the blessing and lunch was served.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. – Respectfully submitted, Karen Fritter, RCGC Recording Secretary

**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 \$2.00 per arrangement, not to exceed \$50.00 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](mailto:jcb61@verizon.net)



*Ginter Park Garden Club
Presents
Holiday Designs starring
David Pippin*

*Thursday, November 9, 2023
Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
3601 Seminary Avenue, Richmond
9:30 am - Hors d'oeuvres
10:30am - Program
\$15.00 - by Reservation Only
Limited Seating*

Daffodil Bulbs will be available for Purchase

Contact:

Millie Proffitt 804-840-8539

Lee Lythgoe 804-690-3041

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

September 1, 2023: Fall Blooming Perennials – Sandy McDougle founder of Sandy's Plants, Inc., purveyor of rare and unusual perennials, will share a wealth of knowledge focused on growing plants that bloom in the Fall. *****PLANTS WILL BE FOR SALE***** Cash or check (made out to Sandy's Plants) only.

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November 3, 2023: Creating Outdoor Containers with Winter Interest Cross Creek Nursery will inspire us to decorate outside our homes using containers with hardy plants that will survive our cold winters. Speaker TBD. *****Plants will be for sale***** Cash or check (made out to Cross Creek Nursery) only. A gift certificate to Cross Creek Nursery will be given as a door prize!

December 1, 2023: Holiday Designs with NGC Frances Thrash of Virginia Beach, NGC flower show school instructor, will create beautiful holiday designs which conform to the NCG flower show requirements. Her designs will go home with the holders of the lucky door prize tickets.

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