



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

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February 2024

President's Corner

Dear Richmond Council Garden Club Members,

I want to thank you for letting me be your president.

I have enjoyed meeting so many lovely and talented members. Unfortunately, I will not be able to complete my full term as active president, but I want to wish the organization a successful future and a continued growth of our generous giving to local horticultural needs.

I am thankful to Millie for filling my shoes until the next election and wish the upcoming new officers all the best.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Sincerely yours,
Judy Erdman

[Note: Judy sent her 'president's message' to me to put in this newsletter just days before she passed.
~ Jeanne Stigall, newsletter editor]

February 2 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.

Plant It and Forget It
By Donna Cottingham,
Virginia Master Naturalist

Refreshments provided by
Oxford Garden Club

Open to All Members of
Our member Garden Clubs

Rejoice, For a Strong Woman's Life

Let us gather, hearts entwined,
To celebrate a life, a love divine,
A strong woman, who led the way,
With courage and grace, in every day.
We'll share the stories, the laughter and tears,
A life well - lived, through joy and fears,
Her spirit lingers, in each of us,
A celebration of life, a love so just.
With voices raised, we'll sing her praise,
A strong woman's life, a love ablaze,
In memories sweet, our hearts will dance,
A celebration of life, in love's expanse.

Author Unknown



Judy was a strong woman full of kindness and grace. Loving and caring for all she met. Forever a friend. Determined and giving of herself. She was devoted to the goals she set forth. We will miss our dear friend, Judy, tremendously, and vow to continue the work she started, to the finish, in her memory.

In Faith and Love,
Millie Proffitt, President RCGC

Program for February 2 meeting ~Plant It and Forget It

Donna Cottingham, Virginia Master Naturalist, will teach us several approaches to gardening that can save us time, money and water.

RCGC JEWELRY BOUTIQUE



Dear Members of Richmond Council of Garden Clubs,

We are still accepting donations for the jewelry boutique on February 2! Jane and I have been busy organizing and gearing up for the Council meeting in February. This jewelry sale is bound to be a repeat fundraiser. We have received some amazing donations to date, and we thank you!

Please continue to collect gently used costume jewelry from your contacts, and if possible deliver them to Jane VanDenburgh on or before January 19. Please call her first at (804-723-4214) or Erica Gilliam after the 19th at (804-784-5592).

We will happily accept donations up to the meeting, but it will help us to organize this display if we receive your collections before the actual day of the sale.

Thanking you in advance for your help in securing so many treasures! ~ Erica Gilliam



We are Growing!!

We would like to welcome the Chancellor Garden Club as a new member club applicant to be voted into the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. at our February 2, 2024 meeting. ~ Millie Proffitt, President, 1st VP

Habitat for Humanity

Please consider landscaping one of the five new homes to be built in Ashland in the next year or so. It is a rewarding experience to know you have helped a new homeowner make his/her new house look good with shrubs, perennials, and other plant material. Having their own home is a new experience for them and they really appreciate our help. Your club can be reimbursed up to \$300 for the landscaping. We have been successful in getting other Habitat volunteers to do the digging for us.

We also appreciate any contributions your club or members can make to the RCGC Habitat Fund. Checks should be given or mailed to Jean Fender, Treasurer and Habitat Chairman, 10000 Berry Pond Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Please call or email me for more details. Jean Fender, 804-730-2256, or jean.fender@comcast.net.

Horticulture Therapy

Canterbury Garden Club made 80 arrangements in January for every resident of the Vitality Senior Living Facility. I have received no other reimbursement forms or official paperwork from other clubs. The reimbursement form is on the RCGC website: <http://rvagardenclubs.com/> under "**Service Projects**" ~Cheryl Williams, chairman.



Members of **Hanover Towne GC** assembled for their annual floral workshop and potluck dinner celebration on Sunday, December 3. Using seasonal coffee mugs, chicken wire as an alternative to oasis, fresh flowers and evergreens from member's yards, the jolly group created 75 beautiful arrangements which were given to residents at Covenant Woods assisted living and healthcare units. It is always a joyful gathering which provides an opportunity to share our love of plants and floral design to brighten someone's day.

~ Donna Hohman, President

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"

Welcome to the following new Associate Members of Richmond Council:

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sandypence@hotmail.com
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baydan@verizon.net
804-801-8157

Susan Stephenson
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Tappahannock, VA 22560
tappytown@hotmail.com
804-443-5012

Sheila Weisensale
3911 Brook Road
Richmond, VA 23227
bloomage@verizon.net
804-553-1596

RCGC Fashion with Flowers XXV
25th Anniversary Celebration
Chairman: Pat Merson

DATE: Friday, April 5, 2024

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

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

ONLY Handicapped Parking is allowed in the lot beside the church.

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

PROGRAM: Thinking Outside the Box: Using Unexpected Items in Creative Floral Design by
Kathy Ward of Salisbury G.C. and Richmond Designers' Guild.

FASHION SHOW: Dillard's of Stony Point Fashion Park will provide the fashions for our
RCGC models. Barbara Hollister is the fashion coordinator. Models will be RCGC members.

LUNCH: Lunch will be provided by the Ladies of First Baptist Church. Menu: Chicken Caesar Salad or
Tuna Salad with Bread Stick, Chocolate Chess Pie, Apple 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 April 5th. A RCGC member will be at the
entrance to receive the plant.

COST: \$35 per person

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION: Each RCGC garden club needs to **send 1 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 AND CHECK DEADLINE: Monday, March 25, 2024.

**Looking forward to seeing all RCGC garden clubs at Fashion with Flowers XXV on April 5, 2024, as
RCGC celebrates their 25th Anniversary!**

**RCGC FASHION WITH FLOWERS XXV
REGISTRATION FORM
DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024
COST: \$35 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: _____

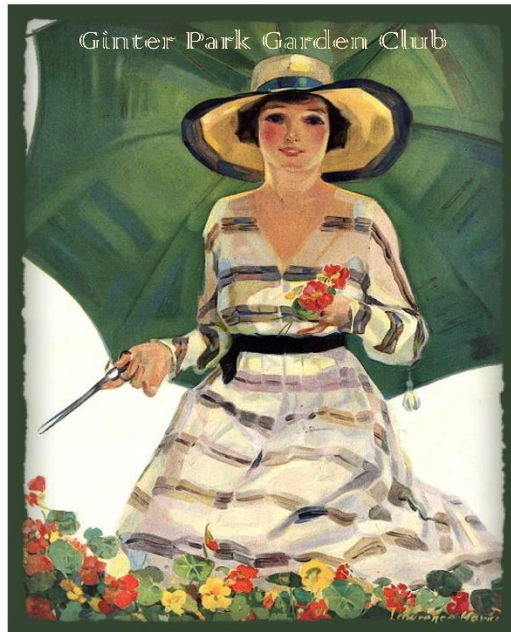
Club Contact Person, Phone, and Email: _____

ATTENDEES

CHOICE: Chicken Caesar Salad or Tuna Salad

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR
Ginter Park Garden Club's
9th SPRING MARKET

Saturday, April 13, 2024
10 - 3

A Curated Outdoor Market
featuring
Local Artisans & Vendors

Come shop all things Spring!

Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
Corner of Walton and Seminary Ave.

~ Rain Date April 20 ~

The **CHESTER GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE**

Saturday, April 27th from 8 AM – 2 PM
at Castlewood, a historic plantation in Chesterfield.
10201 Iron Bridge Rd., Chesterfield, VA. 23832.
~ Melissa Ray, President, Chester Garden Club



OXFORD GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE!

Saturday, May 4

8:30 AM– 4:00 PM – RAIN OR SHINE!

Location: Manwood Temple of Masons, 6787 Forest Hill Avenue Richmond, VA 23225

Herbs & Veggies Spring Blooming Plants Perennials
Pots & Garden Tools Baked Goods

Please come out and support our club's fundraiser!



Announcing

The 2024 VOS/AOS Judged Show

February 23-25, 2024

In the Conservatory at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
With Orchid Vendors in the Auditorium

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden is an Event Sponsor of this Show

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

February 2, 2024 - - RCGC meeting program, ~**Plant It and Forget It**, Donna Cottingham, Virginia Master Naturalist

March 1, 2024 - RCGC meeting program, ~**Friends of the James River Park**, Josh Stutz, Executive Director of FOJRP

March 18, 2024 – Piedmont Spring meeting ~ Virginia Crossings Hotel, 1000 VA Center Pkwy, Glen Allen, VA 23059

April 5, 2024 – RCGC meeting program – Thinking Outside the Box Using unexpected items in Creative Floral Design by Kathy Ward, Salisbury Garden Club. Annual Fashion with Flowers XXV – Regular meeting will be combined with the FWF luncheon to be held at First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond.

May 3, 2024 - RCGC meeting program – Around the Summer House, Kate Vernon (The Arranger's Workshop) and Louisa Rucker (a former member of the National Cathedral flower guild). This will be the **annual luncheon** meeting which will be held at the Meadowbrook Country Club.

*Learn about the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. ~ their history, goals, calendar, newsletters and more.
Visit the website - <http://rvagardenclubs.com/>*



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