



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc

Richmond, Virginia

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May 2025

President's Message

Happy Spring! We have been enjoying some amazing weather. So many of our spring flowers have already bloomed on the early side. Some of us that are having Flower Show are uneasy has so many flowers have already bloomed and way past their peak. Oh well, "the show must go on".

We are looking forward to an exciting Annual Luncheon at the Richmond Country Club, located on 12950 Patterson Avenue, Henrico, Virginia 23238. We have guest joining us from Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Maymont, James River Park and hopefully, Nature Camp. Our program will be presented by David Pippin and Kate Vernon. **Remember registration will be at 9:30 am and the meeting will start at 10:00 am.** Come join us for a fun meeting and an entertaining program.

Enjoy all the spring activities going on and our gorgeous sunny spring days.

Let's continue to plant and grow,
Barbara Hollister, president



May 2nd Annual Luncheon Meeting



*Richmond Country Club
12950 Patterson Avenue
Henrico, VA 23238*

Registration: 9:30 AM

Meeting: 10:00 AM

Menu: Salad Bar Extravaganza to fit everyone's taste's, Brownies and Lemon Bars for Dessert, Iced Tea and Coffee

Program: David Pippin and Kate Vernon

Friday, May 2nd - Annual Luncheon Meeting

The Annual May Luncheon will feature designers David Pippin and Kate Vernon. David and Kate are well known in our area due to their knowledge and creative talents. David of David Pippin, Inc. and Kate of the Arrangers Market will present a program that will surely be fun and informative. Their designs will be awarded to the lucky ticket holders.



Standing Committee Chairmen Reports

Life Memberships – Kay Rafner, Chairman



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 support Nature Camp. I know the campers as well as the administrators would welcome the extra support. For more information, please contact Kay Rafner at krafner@comcast.net. Thank you, Kay Rafner

Nature Camp – Lynne Still, Chairman

Spaces are still available for 4th session girls (currently in 5th or 6th grade). 7/27-8/9

Also spaces available for 2nd session boys (currently in 8th or 9th grade). 6/29-7/12

Scholarships are available

Register at naturecamp.net

Adult session is 8/15-8/19. (Friday - Tuesday).

Theme is "Symmetry in Nature"

Fee is \$400 which includes natural history classes and crafts, locally sourced food and board at the camp. A very fun environmental education experience for grown-ups.

Go to naturecamp.net to register and learn more.

Feel free to reach out to Lynne Still 804-690-6411 or lynnestill23@gmail.com for more information

SALES TABLES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025 – Jane Vandenburg, Chairman

This is the second year Richmond Council has provided Sales Tables for use by our member clubs, and it proved to be a big success. Six clubs took advantage of this opportunity selling a diverse assortment of goods including plants, baked goods, pecans, jams, pickles, containers, gardening items, seeds, books, wreaths, arrangements and so much more. Collectively the clubs made over \$2100.

We also had "Give Away" tables for Nature Camp and Habitat for Humanity with your donations totaling over \$200.

If your club is interested in selling merchandise at one of our monthly meetings, with all of your income going to your club, please contact Jane VanDenburgh, 804-723-4214 or vandenburghjane@gmail.com.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Jane and I cannot thank you enough for supporting RCGS's efforts to encourage future gardeners by supporting our jewelry sale this year. **So far, our efforts have earned a whopping \$3,288.76 to be donated to School Gardening!**

But we are not done yet. **We will be showcasing our jewelry at the Henrico Plant Fair to be held on Saturday, June 7. The location is the Deep Run Recreation Center. The time is 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please tell all your friends and neighbors!**

We would be so grateful for a few good helpers to help us set up at the Plant Fair on Friday afternoon (6/6) at 1:00pm and helpers on Saturday starting at 8:30 am for as much time as you can give us. Please call us if you can help.

Jane (804) 723-4214 Erica (804) 784-5592

We are also looking for bazaars during the next year so that we can increase the number of potential buyers. If you know of indoor sales with a lot of traffic, please share them with us.

We are still accepting donations of gently used costume jewelry and glass jars with screw-on lids, (no writing on the glass please. For example: pickle jars, marinara jars, jelly jars but please no mason jars). We will have a box available to drop off donations at the registration table at the Annual Meeting.

Along with our members, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Master Gardener's Associations and The Heartstrings for contributing to this project.

Jane and Erica

Horticulture Therapy – Cheryl Williams, Chairman

In December 2024 Pamunkey River Garden Club made 25 arrangements for meals on wheels. On March 27th, 2025, Thomas Jefferson Garden Club made 40 arrangements for the Crossings at Bon Air in memory of their Honorary Member Martha Saunders who passed away on March 11th, 2025, at 96 years old.

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Proposed Budget 2025-2026

See the attached Proposed Budget to be voted on at our May 2nd Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Finance Committee members.

Finance Committee: Jean Fender, Chair, Barbara Hollister, Millie Proffitt, Jeanne Stigall, Pat Merson, Judy Durant.

**RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUB
PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-2026**

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:

Dues	800.00
Interest From CD's	8,000.00
Stockbroker Dividends	6,000.00
Fashion With Flowers Fundraiser	5,000.00
Fundraiser	1,000.00
Annual Meeting	4,500.00
Habitat (from Budget)	<u>1,000.00</u>
– TOTAL ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS	\$26,300.00
Shortage From Money Market/Checking Acc.	9,500.00
TOTAL BUDGETED OUTLAY	\$35,800.00

ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:

AWARDS, GRANTS, PROJECTS:

J. Malcolm Pace Awards	1,200.00
Metropolitan Landscape Project Grants	4,000.00
Horticulture Therapy Projects	2,000.00
Donation to RCGC Habitat for Humanity Fund	1,000.00
Donation to Friends of the James River Park	500.00
Donation To Nature Camp, Inc.	1,000.00
Donation To Maymont Foundation	1,500.00
Donation To School Gardening	1,500.00
Habitat for Humanity Project Expense	1,200.00
Fashion With Flowers Expenses	3,000.00
Annual Meeting Expense	7,500.00
Standard Flower Show	2,000.00
Monthly Programs	3,500.00
Hospitality	1,050.00
Memorials	100.00
Miscellaneous	250.00

OFFICER & CHAIRMAN EXPENSES

President	50.00
Corresponding Sec. & Newsletter	50.00
Historian	50.00
Treasurer	75.00
Conservation Chairman	50.00
Horticulture Chairman	50.00

OPERATING EXPENSES

Bonding Fee & Insurances	800.00
Rent	2,500.00
Tax Preparation	275.00
Yearbooks	300.00
Website	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS	\$35,800.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Millie Proffitt, Barbara Hollister, Pat Merson, Jeanne Stigall, Jean Fender, Chairman

IMPORTANT

RCGC Dues and Yearbook Information for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Active Club Membership shall pay annual Council dues as follows:

- clubs with 51 plus members - \$40.00
- clubs with 26-50 members - \$30.00
- clubs with 11-25 members - \$25.00
- clubs with 10 or less members - \$15.00

Dues are per club and are payable no later than May 31, 2025. If dues are not received by July 1, 2025, the club will be delinquent and shall be notified by the Treasurer. If dues are not received by September 1, 2025, club membership in Council shall be forfeited.

RCGC Yearbook Information for 2025-2026

Club Name _____

Year Organized _____ No. of Members _____

When meetings are held (ex. 3rd Thursday, daytime) _____

President's name, address, telephone number(s), email address:

Representative's name, address, telephone number(s), email address:

Associate Individual Membership shall pay annual dues of \$30.

Name, address, telephone number(s), email address:

Please send this form along with your check for 2025-2026 dues made out to Richmond Council of Garden Clubs by May 31, 2025 to:

Jean Fender, Treasurer, 10000 Berry Pond Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

Treasurer- Jean Fender

Please complete the attached RCGC Dues and Yearbook Information Form for FY 2025-2026 and return to Jean Fender by May 31st with your check for dues.

Thank you, Jean

Club News

Canterbury Garden Club

On April 9, 2025, at the regular meeting of the Canterbury Garden Club, the ladies of the club enjoyed creating 30 arrangements for horticulture therapy. The floral treasures were shared with the residents at Vitality, a neighborhood senior living center. Enjoy our club happenings by becoming members of our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3720289134870195>



Come Fly with Me

An NGC Standard Flower Show



at the
Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
2341 Winterfield Rd.
Midlothian, VA 23113
(804) 378-7481

May 5, 2025
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Presented by the Salisbury Garden Club
A Member of:
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
South Atlantic Region
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Piedmont District

Open to the public

No Admission Fee



Midlothian Garden Club
proudly announces
An NGC Standard Flower Show,

Springtime in Midlothian

Friday, April 25, 2025

1-4 p m

Bethel Baptist Church
1100 Huguenot Springs Road
Midlothian VA

Free admission; **All** are welcome

Calendar of Events

Apr 25	Midlothian GC Flower Show, 1-4pm, Bethel Baptist Church
Apr 26-May 3	Garden Club of Virginia, Historic Garden Week
Apr 27-28	VFGC Convention and Flower Show, the Westin Hotel, Richmond
May 2	RCGC Annual Luncheon, Richmond Country Club
May 5	Salisbury GC Flower Show, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
May 18-22	NGC Convention
June 1-7	National Garden Week

RCGC REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs on April 4, 2025, was called to order by the President Barbara Hollister at 11:01am.

Chaplain Karla Ogden led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and presented the invocation.

Registrar Johanna Gilbert announced that a quorum is present with 62 members, 1 associate member and 1 guest in attendance.

President Barbara Hollister thanked the Lake Anna Garden Club for the delicious refreshments.

President Hollister announced that former member and past president of RCGC, Martha Saunders recently died at age 96. She was a member of Thomas Jefferson Garden Club.

Yesterday's event, Fashions with Flowers, was considered a big success and President Hollister thanked all who participated and attended for their support.

First vice-president Mary Penzer reminded us of the upcoming May luncheon meeting which will be held at the Richmond Country Club. It will include a buffet luncheon and design program by David Pippin and Kate Vernon. The cost is \$35.

Second vice-president Jeanne Stigall introduced the speaker for today, Jane VanDenburgh.

Today's minutes will be reviewed by Mary Penzer, Jackie McDonnough and Janice Beatty.

Treasurer Jean Fender presented her monthly report, read the proposed budget for 2025-2026 and announced that dues are due by the end of May.

Corresponding Secretary Susan DelSordo read a letter of resignation from Jean Fender. She will relinquish the position of treasurer at the end of this fiscal year due to health issues. The Board of Directors has approved Judy Salvage of the Hilliard Park Garden Club as Jean's successor. Jean received a standing ovation from the membership for her years of dedicated service.

Awards chairman Judy Durant will announce the winner of the Award/Grants at the May annual meeting.

Conservation Chairman Evelyn Klumb reminded us to provide water for the birds, to clean their houses and feeders and suggested boiled potatoes and potato skins as additions to their food.

Horticulture Chairman Jackie McDonnough showed us one of her pots of ginger and reminded us to cover tender plants in case of a late frost.

Nature Camp Chairman Lynne Still reported that a few openings remain for campers in the second and fourth sessions.

Recycle Pop Tabs Chairman Carole Hopkins was not present, so Faye Moran thanked the group for their continued support and reported that Carole took 50 pounds of tops to the Ronald McDonald House last month.

Flower Show Chairman Jennifer Wester reported that she is still working on filling the chairmanships for the December 5th "Home for the Holidays" flower show.

Horticulture Therapy Chairman Cheryl Williams presented reimbursement checks to Pamunkey River for 25 designs for Meals on Wheels and Thomas Jefferson for 40 designs for The Crossings at Bon Air in memory of Martha Saunders.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. A design program "Let's Celebrate" by Jane VanDenburgh followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane VanDenburgh, Recording Secretary.



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