



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. Richmond, Virginia

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February 2025

President's Corner

February 7, 2025 Meeting

The temperature is a grand 24 degrees F today!

Burr..... We still have some snow and plenty of ice. Well, it is January. Nice the snow has been melting slowly. Please stay wrapped up and be careful when you are going outdoors.

I hope each of you had a great Holiday Season. Our next meeting is just around the corner, February 7, 2025, coffee time starts at 10:00 am and the meeting at 10:30 am. **Jane VanDenburgh and Erica Gilliam have been planning for a special jewelry sale on March 7, 2025.** Plan to come and enjoy shopping the gently used costume jewelry prior to the meeting and for a short period following the meeting. The proceeds will go to the School Gardening Program. If you have any questions regarding this sale please contact Jane VanDenburgh, (804) 723 4214, janevand@yahoo.com or Erica Gilliam, (804) 784 5592, erica.gilliam@comcast.net

We are looking forward to Fashions with Flowers, April 3, 2025, at the First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23220. We will be hearing a lot more from Pat Merson on this very special annual event. **Jennifer Wester is busy working on the Flower Show for December 5, 2025.** The Flower Show will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 8000 Hermitage Road, Henrico, Virginia 23228.

We have important dates coming up. Please mark your calendar. Looking forward to seeing each of you at the February Meeting. Let's learn about "Herb Gardening for Medicinal Needs", from our speaker, Herbalist Shauna Hooker.

Stay warm!
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*The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
8000 Hermitage Road
Henrico, VA 23228*

Registration and Coffee- 10:00 AM

Business Meeting - 10:30 AM

Program- "Herb Gardening for Medicinal Needs"

Presenter - Herbalist Shauna J. Hooker, will present a program on the benefits of herb gardening for medicinal needs.

Refreshments provided by Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

February 7th Meeting

“Herb Gardening for Medicinal Needs”

Herbalist, Shauna J. Hooker, will present a program on the benefits of herb gardening for medicinal needs. Before clinics or hospitals, herbs were extremely important in treating different ailments of the body and mind.

Choosing which herbs to grow, companion plants, and ideas on how to use those herbs will be suggested. Shauna will discuss making herbal preparations for personal use. She will share seeds from her own garden.



LAST CALL FOR JEWELRY!

If you have costume jewelry that you would like to donate to our March 7th sale, please bring it to the February Council meeting. Even though we will not turn down donations in March, it will help the sale committee to have them ahead of time for sorting and preparing for display.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, family, friends and the Hanover and Henrico Master Gardeners we now have well over a thousand pieces, an amazing assortment with something for everyone. The sale will be held in the foyer and hallway toward the sanctuary so visitors may drop in and shop without disturbing our meeting and program. Be sure to let your family and friends know they are invited to shop between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm. Great bargains await! Necklaces and bracelets, \$4; Earrings and rings, \$3; Pins and pendants, \$2. Some special items will be individually priced.

And remember that every dollar we collect goes to our School/Youth Gardening Program. Thank you for your support.

Erica and Jane

Save The Date: Friday, May 2nd, 2025

The Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held at the Richmond Country Club on Friday May 2, 2025. Co-First Vice Presidents Cheryl Williams and Mary Penzer are working to finalize details of the event, which will be shared in the coming months.

RCGC Fashion with Flowers XXVI

Chairman: Pat Merson

DATE: Thursday, April 3, 2025

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: Floral Interpretation of Fashions by Floral Designer, Betty Ann Galway. She will make 5 floral designs to interpret models' outfits. Opportunity tickets will be sold for the designs.

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: Salad plate – Chicken or Tuna Salad, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad with a Croissant, 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 3rd. A RCGC member will be at the entrance to receive the plant.

COST: \$40 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 24, 2025.

Looking forward to seeing all RCGC garden clubs at Fashion with Flowers XXVI on April 3, 2025.

**RCGC FASHION WITH FLOWERS XXVI
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Phone: (804) 405-6225 Email: omagilbert@aol.com

RCGC Garden Club: _____

Check Number: _____

Check Amount: _____

Club Contact Person, Phone, and Email: _____

ATTENDEES

CHOICE: Chicken Salad or Tuna Salad

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CLUB NEWS

Crown Grant Hosts Holiday Workshop on December 9, 2024



Carter Rosser & Anna Marie Mizell setting up tables



Sherri Sale (L) and Patty Crook beside her.



Anna Lazachic (M) with her daughters

Ginter Park GC finished their second Horticultural Therapy session with the residents of The Hermitage and had designer David Pippin do an arranging presentation for the residents making 20 arrangements. **Their total for 2024 was 37 arrangements!**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

10th SPRING MARKET

**Saturday, April 12, 2025
10 - 3**

**A Curated Outdoor Market
featuring
Local Artisans & Vendors**

**Garden Stuff - Clothing - Jewelry
Unique Artisanal Goods
Bake Sale - White Elephant
Gelati Celesti Ice Cream**

Come shop all things Spring!

**Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
3601 Seminary Ave. Richmond VA 23227**

~ Rain Date April 19 ~

Dear Richmond Council of Garden Clubs,
I am writing to extend my deepest thanks for your contribution towards my horticulture internship at Maymont this summer. Your support has enabled me to gain invaluable hands on experience and knowledge that I could not be more grateful for. This opportunity has taught me so much about the countless possibilities in this field. Your generosity inspires me to keep working towards success and doing what I love. I deeply appreciate your investment in my future and am excited for whatever comes next.
Best regards,
Aupree Koob



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

**THE RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC. REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2024**

The December regular meeting of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. was called to order by the president, Barbara Hollister, at 10:36 am at which time she welcomed members and guests.

Chaplain Karla Ogden led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented the invocation.

President Barbara Hollister recognized Woodland Pond Garden Club and thanked them for the delicious refreshments provided today. She announced that Hospitality Chairman Karen Patterson's husband died earlier this week.

Attendance Chairman Bonnie Parker reported that a quorum is present with 86 members from 25 clubs and 2 guests in attendance.

President Barbara Hollister reported that progress is being made on the plans for a December 2025 Flower Show. She reminded members that there is no meeting in January. Our next meeting will be February 7, 2025.

Co-First Vice President, Cheryl Williams announced that Sleepy Hollow Garden Club made 37 flower arrangements for a senior facility and will receive a check for reimbursement from Council.

Co-Second Vice President, Janice Beatty reported that our February program will be Herbalist Shauna Hooker with Herb Gardening for Medicinal Needs.

Corresponding Secretary Susan DelSordo announced that our next newsletter will be published in late January and the deadline for articles is January 20, 2025.

Treasurer Jean Fender reported our current checking account balance is \$9,731.50; money market account, \$18,578.07 and investments, \$395,456.64. Her full report is attached.

Advisor Millie Proffitt commended our president on a job well done since taking office in September.

Conservation Chairman Evelyn Klumb reminded members to compost leaves and provide water for the birds and other wildlife.

Finance Committee Chairman Jean Fender reported that the committee will meet in February to work on next year's budget. Please let the committee know if you want changes made.

Life Membership Chairman Kay Rafner reminded members that a Life Membership is a nice way to honor a club member with the \$50 donation going to Nature Camp.

Recycle Pop Tabs Chairman Carole Hopkins reported 51 pounds taken to the Ronald McDonald House last month and thanked the clubs that donated the tabs.

School/Youth Gardening Chairman Martie Parch asked clubs to donate to this project and thanked Hanover Towne Garden Club for their donation.

President Barbara Hollister announced that Fashions with Flowers will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2025. She would like members to volunteer to be a model. She will choose only one model from a club. Dillard's will be providing the fashions.

Jewelry Sale co-chairman Jane VanDenburgh thanked members for their donations. We have over 1000 pieces that will be for sale at our March meeting. She asked for assistance with props for staging and that Save the Date cards be given to friends or family members who may attend the sale as guests.

Susan Gaskell announced that she has plastic bags to donate to any club collecting for a Trex bench.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am. Evelyn Klumb then entertained and informed us with her Asian Style Floral Designs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane VanDenburgh, Recording Secretary



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