



Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. Richmond, Virginia

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March 2025

President's Corner

We can say we have experienced winter during the month of February.

Some of us have met the challenges of losing electricity, not once but two or more times this month. It doesn't take long to realize how quickly we are somewhat spoiled. Oh, how I love electricity! Some of us live in the country. Often when the current goes off that means no lights, no heat and no water. No water seems to be the most challenging of all.

We are excited to see what the March Jewelry Sale has in store for us.

Jane VanDenburgh and Erica Gilliam have been working hard. Thank each of you who have contributed to this worthwhile project. Remember the proceeds from this sale goes to support our School Gardening Program.

The Diaper Ministry is an on-going project for the Church of Epiphany.

We have been asked to voluntarily contribute diapers of any size. This project helps families with small children in the neighborhood. All donations are welcomed.

March 7, 2025 Meeting



*The Church of the Epiphany
8000 Hermitage Road
Henrico, VA 23228*

Jewelry Sale: starts 9:00 AM

Registration and Coffee - 10:00 AM

Business Meeting - 10:30 AM

Program - "Ecologically Sound Landscaping"

Presenter - Jason Aldrich of Undoing Ruin

Hospitality- Windsor Farms Garden Club

Don't forget to bring tab tops. Again, this is a volunteer program to help support the Ronald McDonald House.

Jennifer Wester and her committee have been steadily working on the NGC Standard Flower Show. The Flower Show will be held December 5, 2025, at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. More news to come in the days ahead.

We are excited that the **Fashion with Flowers will be held at the First Baptist Church, 2790 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA 23220, April 3, 2025.**

The Floral Designer will be Betty Ann Galway. Note, we will have our regular monthly meeting the next day, Friday, April 4, 2025, at the Church of the Epiphany. The reason for two events being held consecutive days is First Baptist Church only had April 3, 2025 open.

The Finance Committee will be meeting soon. If you are a committee chairman and need to increase/decrease your allotted amount for your committee, please contact Jean Fender, Chairman of the Finance Committee asap.



*Let's Joyfully plant and grow,
Barbara Hollister, President*

March 7, 2025 Meeting

The program **"Ecologically Sound Landscaping"** presented by **Jason Aldrich of Undoing Ruin**, will discuss the importance and methods of making landscaping ecologically sound. He and his team hold degrees in Sustainable Agriculture and Horticulture and are certified as Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professionals. They emphasize that actions taken within the James River watershed impact the bay and the species that reside there.

COME EARLY and SHOP, SHOP, SHOP!!

Friday, March 7th is almost here, and our highly anticipated **JEWELRY SALE** will come to fruition. To give you adequate time to view our many diverse pieces, we will open the sale at **9:00am**. We welcome your cash or check. We are not able to accept credit cards. Please come shop for bargains and **SUPPORT OUR YOUNG GARDENERS.**



Committee Reports

Horticulture Therapy- Cheryl Williams (Canterbury GC), Chairman

Hanover Towne GC made 75 arrangements on December 8, 2024, for Health Care and Assisted Living units in Covenant Woods.

Woodland Pond GC made 55 small flower arrangements on January 16, 2025, and delivered them to Chester Senior Living Apartments.

Horticulture- Jackie McDonnough (Oxford GC), Chairman

Ginger: Easy to Cultivate and Rewarding

1. Purchase ginger root. Try to buy organically grown or wash to remove growth suppressor from non-organic ginger.
2. Cut root into 1-1.5-inch pieces, with 1 or 2 knobby buds on each piece. Allow pieces to cure over a few days before planting.
3. Plant the pieces in a 12-inch clay pot with nutrient-rich potting mix and keep the soil moist but not too wet. Plant one piece per pot.
4. Keep the plants at about 68 degrees in direct sunlight and apply fertilizer once every few weeks. You can transplant to an outside bed or keep in pot.
5. Harvest when it's 8-10 months old, digging up the entire plant, trim off the shoots, and saving some root chunks for replanting.
6. Enjoy in teas, homemade ginger beer or world cuisines.

Recipe

Ginger Lemonade

3 1/2 cups of water (Divided)

1/2 cup agave syrup (plus more to taste)

2/3 cup chopped fresh ginger, peeling optional (organic when possible)

1 cup lemon juice (5 lemons yield~ 1 cup of juice)

For garnish fresh mint leaves

Instructions

1. In a small saucepan, combine 1/2 cup of water, the agave and the chopped ginger. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Once simmering, cook for 10 minutes to extract the ginger flavor. Remove from heat.
2. Meanwhile, to a glass jar or pitcher add lemon juice and remaining water. Place a strainer over the jar/lemon mixture and pass the ginger syrup through it, removing any small pieces of ginger. Wisk the lemonade well to mix in ginger syrup and serve it over ice. Optionally, garnish with fresh mint leaves.
3. Lemonade will keep in a second container in the refrigerator up to 5 days, or freeze popsicle molds for a sweet, cold treat! Can also be frozen into ice cubes and added to summer beverages.

Club News

CANTERBURY GARDEN CLUB

Four years ago, we started collecting plastic wrap for our TREX initiative of removing plastic from the ecosystem. This has allowed us to provide garden benches to our school garden project (TWICE!!) and to our church where we meet. **So far this year we have collected 682 lbs. toward our goal of 1000 lbs.**

We are excited to reveal we have a recipient for our next bench. **There is an enslaved cemetery in Hanover that has fallen in disrepair since the 1950's. A woman, who is 87, is spearheading volunteers to clean up the grounds and the few remaining headstones and flag graves through depressions in the ground that no longer have headstones.** She has an enslaved ancestor buried there also. It is called Hickory Hill cemetery and sits on 4 1/2 acres of private land. She would love to receive a bench so that relatives and friends could visit the cemetery with a place to sit. This is a link to her video: <https://www.wtvr.com/news/local-news/bringing-new-life-to-cemetery-for-enslaved-in-hanover>

Canterbury Garden Club Christmas Celebration

Submitted by Mary Penzer

On DECEMBER 11, 2024, at the home of Jane S., the Canterbury Garden Club business meeting, followed by luncheon and gift exchange was enjoyed by the ladies of the club. Enjoy our club happenings by becoming members of our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3720289134870195>



Calendar Of Events

- Feb 28 - Mar 2 Virginia Orchid Society Show, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- March 17 Piedmont District Spring Meeting at Virginia Crossing Hotel in Glen Allen
- March 22-23 Virginia Daffodil Society Show, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- March 24 Registration Deadline for Fashion with Flowers XXVI
- April 3 Fashion with Flowers XXVI at First Baptist Church on Monument Avenue, Richmond
- April 4 RCGC Meeting at Church of the Epiphany
- April 21 Registration Deadline for Annual May Luncheon
- April 27-28. VFGC Annual Convention, Westin Hotel, Richmond, VA
- May 2 RCGC Annual May Luncheon at Richmond Country Club



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 ~

Purely for Pleasure
Celebrating Gardens & Gardeners

An NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Presented by

Sleepy Hollow Garden Club



Epiphany Lutheran Church
 1400 Horsepen Richmond, Virginia 23226

June 10, 2025

Free and Open to the Public 1:00 – 4:00 pm
 Entries open to any VFGC member in good standing
 To request a schedule contact Tatter Hartmann, Chairman
maryhartmann279@gmail.com

PLANT SALE! Saturday,
April 12th

Sponsored By:
OXFORD GARDEN CLUB

Please come out and support our club's fundraiser!

Available For Purchase:

- ✓ Herbs & Veggies
- ✓ Spring Blooming Plants
- ✓ Perennials
- ✓ Baked Goods
- ✓ Container Garden Demo

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, April 12th, 2025
Time: 9:00 - 1:30 PM (Rain or Shine)
Location:
 Manwood Temple of Masons
 6787 Forest Hill Ave,
 Richmond, VA 23225

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: OXFORD GARDEN CLUB/PIEDMONT DISTRICT

Plant SALE HOSTED BY THE
Stonehenge
Garden Club

SATURDAY, MAY 3
9:00 AM - 1:00

Stonehenge Golf & CC Pavilion
 1000 Farnham Dr
 Midlothian, VA 23236

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

Garden Clubs - Centerpieces Needed for May Luncheon

Could your garden club provide 10 to 13 centerpieces to grace our tables at our Annual May Luncheon on Friday, May 2, 2025, at the Richmond Country Club?

For your creative endeavor, please accept our heartfelt thanks, a check (\$200!!) and the SPECIAL AWARD OF SEATING PREFERENCE at Tables for the Luncheon.

Please contact **Mary Penzer** or **Cheryl Williams** if your club can help.

REGISTRATION
RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB
FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025
Registration 9:30 am, Meeting 10:00 am
DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025
COST: \$35 per person

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

PROGRAM: 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 Arranger's Market will present a program that will surely be fun and informative. Their designs will be awarded to the lucky ticket holders.

Please send 1 check per garden club
payable to RCGC with Registration Form to:
Johanna Gilbert, 8423 Shannon Green Ct., Richmond, Va. 23228
Phone: (804) 405-6225 Email: omagilbert@aol.com

GARDEN CLUB: _____

Check Number: _____ **Check Amount:** _____

Club Contact Person, Phone, and Email:

ATTENDEES:

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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
REGISTRATION FORM**

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

COST: \$40 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 Salad or Tuna Salad

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RICHMOND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC
REGULAR MEETING, February 7, 2025

President Barbara Hollister called the meeting to order at 10:34am.

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

Registrar Bonnie Parker announced a quorum present with 81 members and 2 associates in attendance.

First Vice President Mary Penzer reported that the May luncheon meeting will be held at the Richmond Country Club on Friday, May 2nd. The registration form will be in the newsletter. She asked for a club to volunteer to make the table centerpieces. David Pippin and Kate Vernon will present the program.

President Barbara Hollister thanked Mary Penzer for the gavel she donated to Council to replace the one we lost. She announced that the minutes of this meeting will be approved by Lynne Still, Millie Proffitt and Jeanne Stigall.

Corresponding Secretary, Susan DeSordo announced that February 17th will be the deadline for articles for the next newsletter.

Treasurer, Jean Fender presented the financial report for December 1st through January 31st. The checking account balance is \$14,135.88; money market account is \$8,889.27 and Investments, \$406,800.66. Copy of report is attached.

Advisor, Millie Proffitt congratulated Barbara Hollister on her nomination to be president of Piedmont District, VFGC.

Conservation chairman, Evelyn Klumb reminded members of the importance of carefully choosing plants, leaving our gardens undisturbed for the good insects' habitat and to always conserve water.

Horticulture chairman, Jackie McDonnough spoke about growing ginger. Her report will be included in the next newsletter.

Life Membership chairman, Kay Rafner reminded members of the Life Membership honorarium which is \$50 with the money going to Nature Camp.

Nature Camp chairman, Lynne Still announced that the website is open and a good source of information. Camp director, Phillip Coulling will be a guest at our May luncheon.

Horticulture Therapy chairman, Cheryl Williams presented checks to Ginter Park, Hanover Towne and Woodland Pond Garden Clubs for their December outreach projects.

Jane VanDenburgh, on behalf of Pop Tabs Chairman, Carole Hopkins thanked the clubs for their donations in December and today. As Jewelry Sale chairman, she thanked members for their generous donations of jewelry and announced that over \$800 has been made so far on sales and consignment of some of the very nice pieces received.

Flower Show Chairman, Jennifer Wester announced that the title of our December 2025 flower show will be "Home for the Holidays". Lynne Still and Janet Minock are writing the schedule. The show will replace our normal meeting for that month.

President, Barbara Hollister presented the report of Ways and Means Chairman, Pat Merson. Fashions with Flowers will be held on Thursday, April 3rd at First Baptist Church. The floral designer will be Betty Ann Galway and fashions will be by Dillard's of Stony Point. The cost will be \$40. Our regular April meeting will be held the following day as scheduled.

Marty Monts announced that Chancellor Garden Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Brochures are available for those interested in attending.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am. Jeanne Stigall introduced Herbalist Shauna Hooker with her program "Herb Gardening for Medicinal Needs".

Respectfully submitted,

Jane VanDenburgh, Recording Secretary



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