

## July 2026 EDITION OF THE VFGC, INC. NEWSLETTER



### ROOTED



July 4 **CELEBRATE** our Country's **250<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
August 1 ODG Deadline  
August 24 VFGC Flower Show "Virginia's National Treasures"  
August 24-27 Flower Show School 3  
September 28-29 Landscape Design School, Course 3, Series 30

Dear VFGC members,

I hope you, your family, friends and neighbors enjoyed a very special July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in honor of our country's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Thank you for planting red, white and blue to celebrate!



Please remember to send pictures of areas you planted with red, white and blue, especially Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial markers.

Plans are underway for our annual **VFGC Flower Show** open to all VFGC members. The flower show schedule was sent to all garden Club presidents to share with you. The schedule can also be found on the VFGC website. <https://viriniagardenclubs.org> under the Education tab. Holding an event at a hotel is expensive. So, this year, the VFGC Flower Show, will be held in Richmond at the Trinity Lutheran Church at the intersection of Parham Road and I 64 as Flower Show School begins on August 24, 2026. Entering is easy. Just follow the instructions included in the schedule. If you have questions, the Entry Chairmen and Consultants listed on pages 4-5 of the schedule are happy to help you.

The beautiful VFGC ornaments designed by Beacon Designs have arrived... much faster than we expected! As mentioned in ODG, the famous White House ornaments are also designed by Beacon Designs. The order form is included on page 18 of Rooted and in ODG. The ornaments will be distributed at your District meetings this fall. I have already placed my order. Please place your order. Net proceeds will help fund Scholarships, Awards and other VFGC projects

Thank you for all that you do to support your Club, your District and VFGC!

Very gratefully,

*Sally*

Sally Harrison, VFGC President, 2025-2027

## **CLUB NEWS:**

### **BUCKINGHAM – DILLWYN GARDEN CLUB:**

Buckingham-Dillwyn Garden Club celebrated National Garden Week, June 8th to 13th, by placing floral arrangements, based on children's books, in the Buckingham County Library

B-DGC Club member, Geraldine O'Neill with her Lily and Honey Arrangement and Winnie the Pooh book



**Members of the Buckingham-Dillwyn Garden Club** joined with the residents of Heritage Hall in Dillwyn, Va. for some hands-on gardening, Friday, June 5th. Planted in two large container beds were tomato plants and green zucchini plants, along with basil. They look forward to enjoying these fresh veggies throughout the summer.



### **SLEEPY HOLLOW GARDEN CLUB:**

Sleepy Hollow Garden Club (PD) kicked off National Garden Week on June 7th with the distribution of “bee-friendly” wildflower seed packs. Four members donned their club-branded garden aprons to distribute 100 seed packs between Sunday services at Epiphany Lutheran Church where the club meets. The packs were a popular item - and adults and kids excitedly reported back having planted them during National Garden Week!



## LEARNING IS FUN!

Flower Show School, Landscape Design School and the Judges Symposium are open to any garden club member! Whether or not you are considering becoming an accredited Flower Show Judge or certified Landscape Design Consultant, consider attending Flower show School (FSS), Landscape Design School (LDS) or Symposium.

### *Flower Show School Course III*

*A National Garden Clubs, Inc. School*

*August 23-27, 2026*

*Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens  
1800 Lakeside Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23228  
804-262-9887*

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs



VFGC President – Sally Harrison

#### **For more information contact:**

**Flower Show School Chairman – Frances Thrash  
2109 Cocoa Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-2213**

**[francesthresh@cox.net](mailto:francesthresh@cox.net)**

**757-481-3484 or 757-478-5791**

## Flower Show School – Course III

**Date:** August 24 - 27, 2026

**Location:** Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, 1800 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, VA 23228

**Design:** Judy Binns

Judy will teach creative designs.

**Horticulture:** Sue Kirkman. Sue will teach combination plantings, aucuba, and Flower Show Procedure.

### ***Attendance at all Sessions is Required for Credit***

| <b>Schedule:</b> |                   | Flower Show        |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Monday, Aug 24   | 3:45 – 6 pm       | Procedure          |
| Tuesday, Aug 25  | 8:00 – 9:00 am    | FSP Exam           |
|                  | 9:15 am – 3:30 pm | Horticulture/Lunch |
|                  | 3:45 – 5:45 pm    | Point Scoring Test |
| Wed., Aug 26     | 8:00 – 9:00 am    | Horticulture Exam  |
|                  | 9:15 am – 3:30 pm | Design             |
|                  | 3:45 – 5:45 pm    | Point Scoring Test |
| Thursday, Aug 27 | 9:00 – 10:00 am   | Design             |
|                  |                   | Examination        |

**Hotel Information:** Hotel is on your own.

### **Required Books to have:**

***Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, available on the NGC Website for download.***

**Flower Show Procedure** will cover an explanation of Education Division and judging educational exhibits. It will also cover Youth/Sponsored Groups and requirements to become an accredited judged, along with judging etiquette and ethics and a review of writing a flower show schedule.

**Horticulture** will cover creating a horticulture schedule, a review of general requirements for TEA Horticulture Awards, review of judging procedures, review judging qualities found on the combination plants point score form, along with a discussion of growing and showing one plant type (aucuba) and plants appropriate for combination plantings.

**Design** will include creative designs, creating a design schedule, staging options, general creative design characteristics, elements & principles, dynamic balance, plastic

organization, juxtaposition, and abstractions of creative designs; TEA design Awards, review of judging procedures and qualities found on the design point scoring form.

### REGISTRATION FORM: Flower Show School-Course III

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Credit \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Credit \_\_\_\_\_ Audit Credit \_\_\_\_\_

Full Course with/without exam \$150 \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes tuition, two lunches, and reserved seating on Front rows.)

Flower Show Procedure (Mon.) \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Horticulture & Lunch (Tues.) \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Design & Lunch (Wed.) \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Manual will be e-mailed (free of charge)

Printed Manual available at \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration if preordered.

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*No refunds after July 23, 2026**

Make check payable to **Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.** with **Flower Show Schools** in the memo line and mail to:

Registrar Val Story, 2122 Whithorn Hill, Jeffersonton, VA 22724-1873, 540-272-0975, valstory@aol.com

**Judy Binns  
Design**

Judy is a member and former president of the Salisbury GC, NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, former President of Piedmont District and President of Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs from 2011-2013. She was awarded the National Garden Clubs Member of Honor Award for the South Atlantic Region for All-Around Excellence in 2006 and has served on the National Garden Clubs Board of Directors since 2007. She has exhibited designs in "Fine Arts and Flowers" at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and served as "Fine Arts and Flowers" Co-Chairman in 2007 and 2010. Judy is an NGC Flower Show School Design Instructor and has given floral design programs and workshops in Virginia as well as North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and West Virginia. She is a member of the Piedmont District Judges Council, Virginia Flower Show Judges Council, Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas, and National Flower Arrangers.

Judy is a native Virginian from the Shenandoah Valley. She enjoys spending time in her garden and specializes in floral designs for weddings and other occasions.

**Sue Kirkman  
Horticulture & Flower Show Procedure**

Sue Kirkman is a member of the Garden Club of Frankfort. She is the Horticulture Symposium Chair for NGC, an NGC Flower Show Judge, NGC Flower Show School Instructor teaching Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure and Symposium. Sue is a retired college instructor and gerontologist. She and her husband live in a Civil War farm house in Frankfort, KY

## ***LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL***

### ***Course 3, Series 30***

**Monday and Tuesday  
September 28, 29, 2026**

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden  
Education Classroom  
1800 Lakeside Drive  
Richmond, VA 23228-4700  
Phone (804) 693-9393

Sponsored by

**VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**

*This course is available to all those having an interest in the beauty and care of our environment through landscaping*



**SCHEDULE**

| Monday, September 28, 2026 |                                                        |  |                  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Time                       | Activity                                               |  | Instructor       |
| 8:00 – 8:20am – 8:20am     | Registration<br>Welcome                                |  |                  |
| 8:30am – 9:30am            | Herbaceous Materials in the Landscape                  |  | Laurie Fox       |
| 9:40am – 10:40am           | Woody Plants in the Landscape                          |  | David Pippin     |
| 10:50am – 11:50am          | Role of Natives in Landscape Design                    |  | Laurie Fox       |
| 11:50am – 1:10pm           | LUNCH (The Café is convenient)                         |  |                  |
| 1:20pm - 2:20pm            | Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind              |  | Peggy Singlemann |
| 2:30pm – 3:30pm            | Graphics Interpretation                                |  | Shawn Balon      |
| 6:00pm                     | Group Dinner – place to be announced – pay on your own |  |                  |
|                            |                                                        |  |                  |

Currently, area hotels cannot offer us a block of rooms. Suggestion is to call to make your own reservation at the hotel of your choice - they offer discounts if you are a AAA member, as well as other promotional discounts.

| <b>Tuesday, September 29, 2026</b> |                                                                          |  |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| 8:30am - 9:30am                    | Landscape Design Process 2                                               |  | Neal Beasley |
| 9:40am - 10:40am                   | Landscape Design Process 2 Continued                                     |  | Neal Beasley |
| 10:50am - 11:50am                  | Creating Your Own Home Garden Landscaping Plan... Continuing after lunch |  | Neal Beasley |
| 11:50am - 1:00pm                   | <b>LUNCH</b> (The Café is convenient)                                    |  |              |
| 1:00pm - 2:00pm                    | Creating Your Own Home Garden Landscaping Plan....                       |  | Neal Beasley |
| 2:10pm - 3:10pm                    | Creating Your Own Home Landscaping Design                                |  | Neal Beasley |
| 3:15pm                             | <b>Review – consultants not taking the exam may leave.</b>               |  |              |
| 3:30pm                             | <b>Exam</b>                                                              |  |              |

## INSTRUCTORS

**Shawn Balon** is a landscape architect and Studio Director at Timmons Group in Richmond. He holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Clemson University and a Master of Science in Urban Design from the U. of Texas at Austin.

**Neal Beasley**, ASLA, ISA Certified Arborist

**Neal is a Landscape Architect and Certified Arborist with over 25 years of experience in the fields of Horticulture, Arboriculture, Irrigation, Landscape Construction and Public Gardening. Neal studied horticulture at N. C. State University and was formerly the Manager of Horticulture at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. As an Arborist, he assesses trees during the site analysis to best determine protection strategies or removal. Neal is also on the team of the Timmons Group in Richmond. Neal is the co-author of “Recycling Urban Stormwater: 1050K Street, NW Washington, DC” 2007.**

**Laurie Fox, Ph.D.**

Laurie Fox is a faculty member in the Horticulture department at Virginia Tech and is based at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center in Virginia Beach, VA where she has extension and research responsibilities. She received her BS & MS degrees in Horticulture from North Carolina State University, with an emphasis on landscape design, ornamental plant production, and weed science, and her Ph.D. from Wageningen University, The Netherlands. Laurie is an author and the publisher of *Best Plants for Hampton Roads - A Landscape and Garden Companion*.

**Peggy Singlemann**

Peggy Singlemann is nationally known as one of the foremost gardening experts. Her experience in the field is exceeded only by her infectious enthusiasm in sharing knowledge of best practices. She is a familiar figure as the longtime host and co-producer of Virginia's only TV show, *Virginia Home Grown*, on Virginia Public Media/PBS. Peggy is also prominent in this field for her transformative role renewing and overseeing the garden and grounds of the historic estate Maymont in Richmond. She holds professional certifications as an arborist, horticulturist, and landscape designer and has greatly expanded knowledge in the gardening/landscape design fields through her national and regional speaking engagements, contributions to publications, and consulting work via her business, RVA

Gardener LLC. In 2022, the Virginia General Assembly presented a commendation to Peggy for her outstanding guidance, restoration, and preservation of Maymont's gardens, grounds, and arboretum over 38 years of service.

### David Pippin

David graduated from Virginia Tech in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education. Prior to founding David Pippin, Inc. in 2000, he became known for his knowledge and creative talents in a variety of horticultural and education venues in the Richmond area. In addition to running David Pippin, Inc. he is an adjunct professor in the Hort. Dept, at Reynolds Community College as well as a facilitator and consultant for Virginia Agriculture in the classroom. He is a sought-after designer of inspired floral arrangements, a provider of garden-themed hands-on programs as well as an educator with a wide range of horticultural knowledge and experience.

## COURSE REGISTRATION

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Course 3 Series 30 September 28, 29, 2026

**Registration Deadline: September 1, 2026**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ VA \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ + 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if Refreshing \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Master Gardener? yes / no

Is your garden club a member of VFGC? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

PLEASE CHECK CORRECT BOX

|                          |                                                  |          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EXAM STUDENT                                     | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NON-EXAM STUDENT                                 | 100.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SINGLE DAY STUDENT – Monday ____ or Tuesday ____ | 50.00    |

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Refunds can be given only for medical emergencies.*

*LDS will refund all but \$20 if cancellation (other than medical) is within five days of the first class.*

Make check payable: **VFGC Landscape Design School**

Mail to: LDS Registrar  
Claudia Cosby Phone: 804 794-7798  
3015 Mount Hill Drive  
Midlothian, VA 23113-3923 E-mail: [cosbych1205@gmail.com](mailto:cosbych1205@gmail.com)

LDS Chairman, Glenda Knowles  
Email: [ggknowles6@gmail.com](mailto:ggknowles6@gmail.com) Phone: 757 651-0401

## **SYMPOSIUM**

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GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
November 2-3, 2026  
Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs**

### **SYMPOSIUM CHAIRMAN**

Valerie Story  
2122 Whithorn Hill  
Jeffersonton, VA 22724  
540-272-0975 [valstory@aol.com](mailto:valstory@aol.com)

### **VFGC CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN**

Rebecca Elston  
3332 Mob Neck Road  
Heathsville, VA 22473-2307  
804-580-6713 [elston.marshwood@gmail.com](mailto:elston.marshwood@gmail.com)

### **VFGC SYMPOSIUM REGISTRAR**

Dianna Busch  
14453 Rillhurst Drive,  
Culpeper VA 22701  
540-353-9044 [diannabusch@comcast.net](mailto:diannabusch@comcast.net)

### **Monday, November 2, 2026**

7:30 - 8:15am Registration  
8:15 - 8:30am Welcome and Announcements  
Introduce  
**8:30 - 9:30am Allied Topics**  
**Flower Show Evaluations**  
9:30 - 9:45am Early Morning Break  
**9:45 - 10:45am Botanical Arts Horticulture**

10:45 - 11:00am Mid-Morning Break  
**11:00 - 12:00pm Container grown plants**  
 12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch  
**1:00 - 3:00pm Practice Point Scoring**  
 3:00 - 3:15pm Afternoon Break  
 3:15 - 5:15pm Point Scoring Exam

**Tuesday, November 3, 2026**

7:30 - 8:15am Registration  
 8:15 - 8:30am Welcome and Announcements  
 Introduce  
**8:30 - 9:30am Allied Topics: Design Techniques**  
 9:30 - 9:45am Early Morning Break  
**9:45 - 10:45am Assemblage Design**  
 10:45 - 11:00am Mid-Morning Break  
**11:00 - 12:00pm Low -profile Design**  
 12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch  
**1:00 - 3:00pm Practice Point Scoring**  
 3:00 - 3:15pm Afternoon Break  
 3:15 - 5:15pm Point Scoring Exam  
 Seating will be assigned in order of receipt of pa

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Status: Student ( ) Accredited ( ) Life ( ) Master ( )  
 Circle one:    Testing:    Auditing:    Neither  
 Date of Last Certification/Audit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Taking Point Scoring Exam: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Master Judge Auditing:    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*Full course prices includes Monday and Tuesday Lectures and Lunches.*

**FEES**

( ) Full Course \$185 \_\_\_\_\_

Single Event

( ) Horticulture & Lunch (Mon.) \$ 95 \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Design & Lunch (Tues.) \$ 95 \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Manual emailed free of charge **OR**

( ) Printed Manual \$ 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE PREORDERED**-Available at Registration

*If postmarked after **October 26, 2026** \_\_\_\_\_  
 add \$30 late fee*

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**  
**Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Write Symposium in memo line and mail to:**

**Dianna Busch, Registrar**  
**14453 Rillhurst Drive**  
**Culpeper VA 22701**  
 540-353-9044 diannabusch@comcast.net

**\*\*DEADLINE: October 26, 2026\*\***

**No refunds after this date.**

## **Instructors**

**Design Instructor: Lynn Fronk** is a NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Flower Show Schools Design and Flower Show Procedure Instructor. She has taught in 42 states, Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia, Ecuador, Uruguay and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She has judged major flower shows in the United States such as the Philadelphia Flower Show, Newport Flower Show and the Rhode Island State Flower show. She has presented for CFAA, several State Conventions, NGC Convention and the Deep South Convention. She is the winner of the Mildred-Heter Buckingham Award for outstanding service for the Garden Club of Ohio and has several designs featured in *Designing by Types*. Lynn is a Past President of Garden Club of Ohio. She is a member of the FSS Committee serving as Symposium Design Chairman for 2025-2027 for NGC, the Symposium Chairman for the Garden Club of Georgia and has recently relocated from Ohio to Flowery Branch, Georgia. She is a member of Stonehedge Garden Clubs, Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas, The Designer's Club of Georgia and the National Flower Arranger Guild. Lynn is a retired nurse from Columbus Children's Hospital and is active in many community activities such as Buford-Lanier Women's club. She is the author of "Merry Christmas from My House to Yours" A small booklet on Using Natural Materials for Holiday Designs

### **Horticulture Instructor: Jan Griffin**

After moving from the Seattle area to Florida all the plants I knew about would not thrive in Florida's climate. I joined a Garden Club and started my quest for learning about other varied and interesting plants. I became Flower Show Judge. Now I teach Floral Design classes as well as horticulture for Flower Show Schools and Symposiums and have developed several horticulture and design programs for clubs, judges, and civic groups. Being actively involved in The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and Florida Flower Show Judges keeps me busy. It has been my honor to serve as horticulture chairman for six state flower shows and several District shows. She also enjoys golf!! My interests other than Garden Club are my family, golf, and working in my friend's florist shop. My comment to all my wonderful design friends is that you need great horticulture to create great designs

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Any interested person is welcome and invited to attend this Symposium, however all attendees must register in advance. You need not be a Judge or a Member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) to attend. Only members of NGC may take this Symposium examination for NGC Credit.

### **APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL CREDIT**

To obtain refresher credit, Judges must attend **ALL** lectures in their entirety, including oral point scoring sessions and get your card punched to show attendance. **You must also bring your Handbook for Flower Shows Rev. 2017 -2nd Edition with all updates.**

**Virginia Judges** expecting credit for this Symposium must send completed appropriate form,

along with required credentials, to the VFGC, Credentials Chairman, Rebecca Elston, at least four(4) weeks before the Symposium (by Oct 5, 2026). The following forms are available online from the NGC, Inc. website:

Form 13 for use by Accredited Judges

Form 15L for use by Life Judges

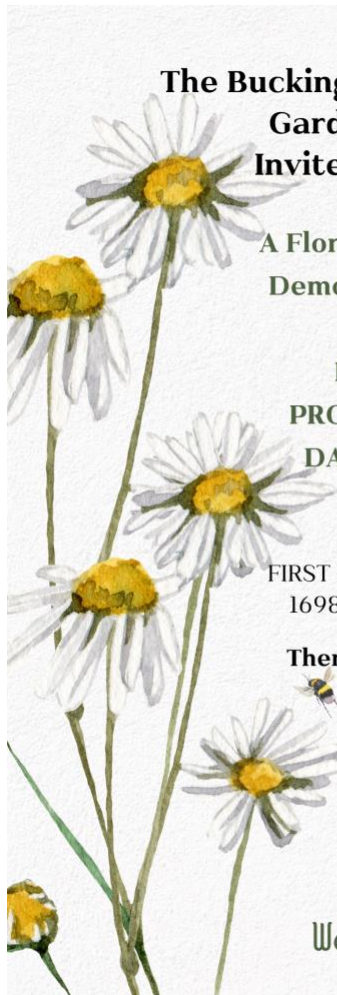
Form 15M for use by Master Judges

**Out of State Judges** expecting credit for this Symposium must send the completed appropriate form, as listed above, to the Credentials Chairman in their own state, before registering for this Symposium. Their Credentials Chairman sends **Form 18** to the Virginia Credentials Chairman

**No Credentials will be accepted at the door.**

## **FLOWER SHOWS, TOURS and EVENTS ARE PLANNED:**

For future editions of **ROOTED**, please email your club's announcements to [rootedvfgc@gmail.com](mailto:rootedvfgc@gmail.com). There are three announcements in this edition!



**The Buckingham-Dillwyn  
Garden Club  
Invites You To**

**A Floral Arrangement  
Demonstration by well known**

**FLORAL  
PROFESSIONAL,  
DAVID PIPPIN**



July 13, 2026 10:00AM-11:00AM  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DILLWYN  
16980 OAK ST, DILLWYN, VA 23936

**There will be a \$5 per person fee  
Refreshments following the  
presentation.**

For more information contact  
Elsie Towler 1434-390-6521  
Marie Baker 757-817-8122  
Pam Murray 757-618-7448:

*We look forward to seeing you!*

# A Halloween Spooktacular

*An NGC Standard Flower Show*



**Presented by Tidewater District, VFGC**

Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center  
1444 Diamond Springs Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
757-363-3900

**October 10, 2026  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Affiliated With:  
National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
South Atlantic Region  
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

**Open to the Public**

**Free Admission**



## **“Seeds of Inspiration”**

**VFGC 93<sup>rd</sup> Convention**

**April 26-27, 2027**

**Marriott Short Pump, Richmond**

**See you there!**

### **From the VFGC Corresponding Secretary –**

Please let me know if you have an address, phone number and/or email address change.

Also, if you are not the current Garden Club President, please ask your replacement to provide his or her contact and email information and Club name to me with a copy to Claudia Cosby Email:cosbych1205@gmail.com for the VFGC Yearbook 2025 - 2027

Thank you,

Dianna Busch  
VFGC Corresponding Secretary  
Email: [diannabusch@comcast.net](mailto:diannabusch@comcast.net)

## **THE IDEA EXCHANGE:**

While the Old Dominion Gardener (ODG) is published quarterly, **ROOTED** can be sent **monthly when ODG is not**. So please submit articles or information you want to share in **ROOTED** by the **1st of each month** to [rootedvfgc@gmail.com](mailto:rootedvfgc@gmail.com). **Every club has some news they can share at least once in 2026!**

ODG deadlines are: August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1. Refer to the back page of ODG for submission instructions.

For either publication, please submit photos as a pdf or in jpeg format. Please submit text in Word format.

**Have a WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

**Email:** [rootedvfgc@gmail.com](mailto:rootedvfgc@gmail.com)



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The VFGC Dogwood ornament order form follows on Page 18.

Introducing...

the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs  
Custom-Designed Ornament

**B E A C O N**  
DESIGN

- Quality Brass Ornament by the designers of the White House ornaments
- Specially designed for VFGC with a beautiful rendering of white dogwood, the Virginia state flower and VFGC symbol
- A lovely any-occasion boxed gift for family, friends, and club members
- Manufactured entirely in the USA
- Ornament sale proceeds will be used to support VFGC scholarships, grants, and schools.



Dimensions: L to R, 2.65"; Top to Bottom, 3.05"  
Depth approximately .5"

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**ORDER YOURS TODAY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Ornaments Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25 each Total \_\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make personal check payable to VFGC, indicating "ornaments" in the memo line.

Send order form and check to VFGC Treasurer:

Linda Nau  
1810 Ethelred Court  
Midlothian, VA 23113

Orders will be delivered to Districts at the September VFGC Board Meeting – and subsequently distributed at Fall District Meetings or by other arrangement with your District president.

Questions, contact Linda at [naule@aol.com](mailto:naule@aol.com) or 804-514-0095.

**PLEASE ADD YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER ON THE FORM!**