

SHENANDOAH SHARINGS



Shenandoah District

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Member,
National Garden Clubs, Inc.



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Club News

August/September
2022

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you again and again for the many articles and pictures the clubs submit. What a wonderful experience I have compiling the delightful articles into the Shenandoah Sharings format.

The District Meeting, this fall is at the Market at Grelen. Many clubs have met at this venue before and have certainly enjoyed the experience. We have had an Organizational Meeting there, a well as a Shenandoah Board Meeting.

We have excellent programs planned. One being designer's (a mother daughter team) from Richmond who are very talented and innovative in their designs. This is a must to see.

Thank you again for all the terrific articles and pictures. You are what make Shenandoah Sharing a success. Please continue sending the news. Happy Fall....and hope all garden clubs are busier.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VFGC Finance Meeting and VFGC Judges Council
August 28: Williamsburg

VFGC Board Meeting: August 29: Williamsburg

Grants due: September 15

SD Board Meeting: September 8: Harrisonburg

Flower Shows: September 15: Culpeper GC
and Glasgow GC

SD Judges Council Meeting: October 3
Harrisonburg

Landscape Design School: October 10,11
Lewis Ginter

District Meeting: October 13 Market at Grelen

Plant America applications due October 15

Rooted Deadline: Oct 15 and Nov 15:

ODG Winter Deadline: November 1

Award Applications Due: December 1

SHENANDOAH SHARINGS

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Shenandoah District Fall Meeting October 13, 2022

Programs, Vendors, Fundraising

**Come visit the Market at Grelen, enjoy the sights and rolling hills.
Members are encouraged to invite guests, friends, bring a club member who has
never attended a district meeting.**

District Meeting Information

Registration will start at 9:15
Club President Meeting at 9:45
Meeting starts : 10:15

**Program: History of the Market
Dynamic Designers: Lili and Mary (a must)
Both have designs in the NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar**

**Board Members & Clubs: Should you be interested in having a vendor
table please contact Val Story: valstory@aol.com**

**Judy Ann Fray, Chaplin, will conduct a Memorial Service for deceased
members. Please email Judy Ann with the names at ja.fray@verizon.net**

Thank you to the Host Clubs

Calfee, Cedar Run and Rappahannock County Garden Clubs

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL DISTRICT MEETING

Deadline: September 30, 2022

Post marked after this date add \$10.00 to registration

Absolute cut off October 4 2022

**Please, send a form for each person attending.
Registration: \$28.00**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Club _____

Name of District if other than Shenandoah _____

Make checks payable to Shenandoah District-VFGC

Mail form and check to:

Dianna Busch

14453 Rillhurst Drive

Culpeper, VA 22701-9711

diannabusch@comcast.net

540-547-2874

Credentials (please circle all that apply)

Club Member Club President SD Board Members Past District President

District President VFGC Board Member Guest Other

Diet Allergies: _____

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SHENANDOAH DISTRICT CLUB NEWS



Culpeper Garden Club members haven't let any moss grow under their feet this season.

The CGC has a new logo which incorporates their club flower the Virginia bluebell. It can be found prominently displayed on their newly redesigned website. The website is chock full of meeting information, photos of member's flowers, plants, gardens, as well as their horticulture and design exhibits. Check it out at: culpepergardenclub.org

Before school let out for the summer, club members met with students in the Culpeper High School horticulture and design classes to offer a class in Ikebana. Linda Taylor, a member of CGC, led the students in a hands-on class which resulted in 20 individual interpretations of Taylor's Ikebana arrangement.

Ms. Taylor is a National Garden Club Master Flower Judge, is certified by the

Ohara School of Japanese Arranging and is a respected landscape design consultant.



Linda Taylor offering advice to a horticulture student

Culpeper GC continued

Culpeper High School horticulture students



The June and July CGC meetings had horticultural experts as their program speakers. Paul Hutchinson of Windmill Heights Nursery in Culpeper presented a lively overview of new annual cultivars as well as tried and true annuals for the summer garden. Ashley Appling, Horticulturist and Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent in the Culpeper County office, shared plant propagation techniques for annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. A most interesting and informative presentation!

Culpeper Garden Club members are busy making preparations to host a National Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show on September 15. The theme of the flower show, *'The Last of the Summer Wine'*, will have a special emphasis on zinnias for their endless blooms. There are sure to be numerous entries of other summer favorites gathered from club members' gardens - sunflowers, chrysanthemums and dahlias to name just a few. Attendees will enjoy seeing fabulous floral arrangements showcasing the artistic talents of club members. The designs will incorporate flowers and plant material found in the everyday garden to the exotic.

The [Culpeper Garden Club Flower Show](#) is a wonderful opportunity for members from the Shenandoah District, and all across Virginia, to mix and mingle with CGC members. They hope you will join them for ***'Last of the Summer Wine'*** at **Culpeper Methodist Church, 1233 Oaklawn Drive, Culpeper, Virginia, Thursday, Sept 15, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.**

Submitted by Michelle North

2022 DLBG SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER



Cheryl is pleased to introduce our \$1,000 *Dorothy Lee Bowling Giles Horticulture and Environmental Studies Scholarship Award* recipient Ms. Bridgett N. Dunivan! Bridgett is a well-rounded and grounded student. Winning the scholarship was important to her and her mother. We hope that it will make a difference in her tuition. This award can be used for tuition as well as her books.

Nelson County Garden Club Memorial Service
Trinity Episcopal Church **May 5, 2022.**
Members who had passed were recognized.



JUNE 3, 2022

Attendees: Cheryl Brogdon, Jackie Britt, Eula Clark, Mary Hopkins, Esther Larkin, Jeanne Lawson, Barbara Marshall, Shirley McGatha, Bea Purdue, Patricia Price, Sharon Cole, Donna Steckline, Susan Swink, Gail Troy, Ruth Ann Warner, Kay Volman and guests Janie Griffith and Simonetta Purdue

Eula Clark opened our meeting with a blessing for the meeting and the lunch we were about to enjoy.

The group enjoyed a delicious lunch and then participated in the vote for the hat contest. Thank you, Jackie Britt, for making this happen.

Winners were:

Whimsical: Esther Larkin,

Classic: Jackie Britt, and **Fun/Festive:** Jackie Britt



Nelson County GC continued

Outrageous; Mary Hopkins,

Rev. Donna Steckline



President Cheryl Brogdon announced that our club had won an award at the state meeting for membership. We received this lovely certificate for increased membership.

Jeanne Lawson recognized the birthdays for the month with cards to be signed. Esther, Suiling, Sue, Yulita, Grace and Donna.

Cheryl reminded everyone that the 2022-2023 budget was posted on-line. The vote was taken on-line, and the budget was approved with 20 'yes' votes out of 29 members.



A new Trex Committee was formed to record the weight of plastic we collect and report to Trex for our opportunity to earn a new bench for the Memorial Garden. Gail Troy will be the chairman for this committee. Please, see Gail if you have any questions or would like to be part of the committee.

There will be a Board Meeting June 23rd at Trinity Church at 10:30AM. Reminder: The July Meeting will be held at the Library, July 1st at 1PM.



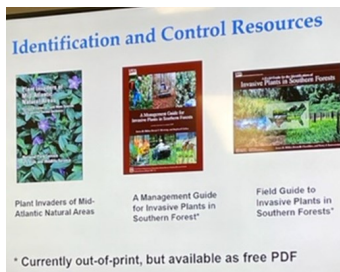
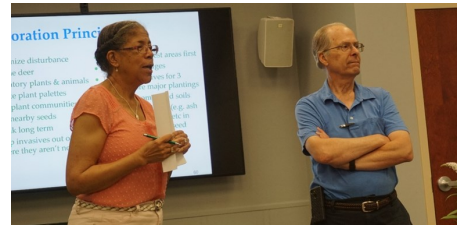
July Meeting: Nelson County Library



Jane Klaus and Joan Griffin have joined the club! Welcome our two newest members!

We gathered in the Memorial Garden at 12 noon for a picnic! Becky brought a variety of drinks and a bag of ice. We enjoyed our lunches and conversations, especially with our guest speaker, Rod Walker. He identified invasive species living happily in the Memorial Garden! Yikes! Once inside our speaker was introduced, and he was ready to begin his informative presentation.

Mr. Walker is a founding partner of Blue Ridge PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management). He gave a very informative presentation which was enjoyed by the attending members. Many questions were asked and answered. Rod also offered several sources for more information: blueridge-prism.org/factsheets was one.



We were all invited to join and participate in the meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members who wished to receive more information via an email. If you missed this meeting and would like to sign up, email: BlueRidge-PRISM.org

Business Meeting: Eula Clark opened the meeting with a lovely poem.

Secretary Volman read the Minutes from the June meeting. The Treasurer's report was included in those minutes. Jeanne Lawson distributed cards to be signed for July Birthdays. She also informed us of Anne Newman's illness. *Anne is feeling 100% better! She has had a full recovery. Gail spoke about the recycling of plastic for the Trex bench project. Discussion followed. President Brogdon talked about openings on the Board. Esther Larkin proposed Gail Troy for Vice President. Jeanne Lawson seconded it. Vote was taken and the nomination was approved. Cheryl asked for volunteers for committee chairmanships. Grace Morris volunteered to be Membership Chairman. A reminder will be sent out about the August meeting. Grace Morris's delicious, freshly baked cake was served from the trunk of her car in the parking lot after the meeting.



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AUGUST 5, 2022

Attendees: Cheryl Brogdon, Jeanne Lawson, Esther Larkin, Grace Morris, Gail Troy, Barbara Marshall, Shirley McGatha, Bea Purdue, Becky Wilson, Mary Hopkins, Pat Price, Kay Volman, Anne Newman, Karen Winsted, Suiling Weed and her guest Evelyn Logue Thank you, Jeanne Lawson, for arranging to have our meeting in the hall!



The meeting was called to order by President Brogdon

Chaplin Barbara Marshall offered a prayer



Program: "Botanical Jewelry"- Presented by the very gifted and talented Grace Morris offering demonstrations of her work, followed by a workshop, which was after the business meeting, on the actual making of botanical jewelry. It was a delightful, informative program that demonstrated the artistic talents of Grace Morris, who truly created 'one of a kind' works of art, which were very delicate and stunningly beautiful! These dried leaves and flower petals are hand painted!



Grace explaining how she collects and dries various greenery and flowers to be used in her Botanical Designs.

President Brogdon opened the business meeting with a vote to approve the July Minutes that were sent via email or postal. They were approved. Treasurer Brogdon gave the July Treasurer's report, which I attached at the end of these Minutes.

Committee reports: Jeanne mentioned that we received a lovely note from Sue Carlson. She also distributed a birthday card for us to sign.

Esther explained that Trinity church had completed the repairs to the water lines. We will be able to meet there for the September meeting.

Anne Newman provided the dessert and beverages for this meeting. She circulated a sign-up sheet for Hostesses to volunteer for refreshments starting the new year in September. FYI, the Nelson County Historical Society's Fred Wilbur is authoring a book on the History of the Nelson County Garden Club, and we cannot wait to read it!

Vice President Gail Troy talked about the **Trex Plastic Film Recycling Project**. President Brogdon encouraged her to register the club in the program so that we can start saving and weighing our plastic films and report the weights to her via email: GailTroy7@gmail.com or telephone: 434-263-4817. Let us all act by participating in this program! We have a goal to attain, which is 500-pounds in a 6-month period! Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to join us to reach our goal, remember every little bit helps!

Submitted by Cheryl Brogdon

Calfee Garden Club

Calfee ended the season with a lovely pot luck luncheon. The meeting was held, officers installed and awards given for designs and horticulture entries. As with potlucks, the food is always plentiful and delicious.



Prior to this meeting National Garden Week was celebrated with wonderful designs placed in local businesses.



During July, committees met to select programs for the year, the type of monthly designs and horticulture to be brought to the meeting. The programs are varied and should be very exciting.

Submitted by Val Story

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY IN WAYNESBORO, VA

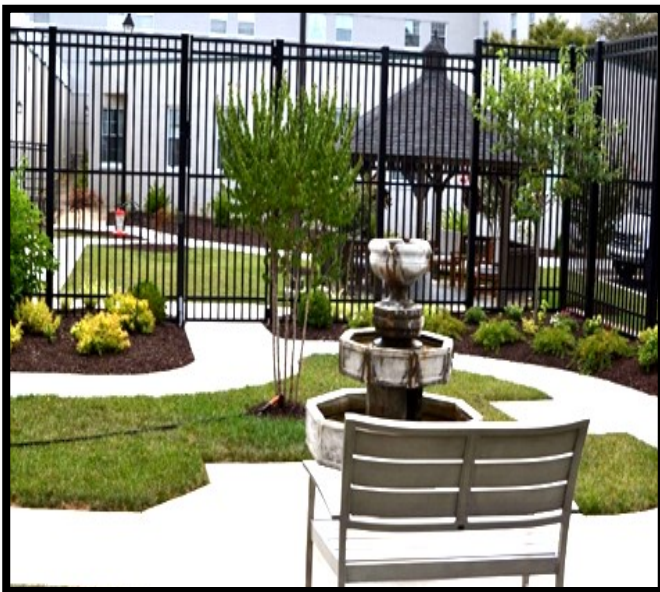
The Academy of Gardeners Garden Club in Waynesboro, VA, recently planted a tree in the newly created Memory Garden at The Cottages of Summit Square Community Living in Waynesboro.

The tree, a white flowering Crepe Myrtle, “Natchez” (*Lagerstroemia Indica*) is a donation from the Club and was in the planning stages for about two years. Due to COVID restrictions, the project had to wait until a safer time, after which the project could be completed.

The “Natchez” is placed near a bench, where the residents can rest and enjoy the shade which the tree will provide, once mature. The tree was planted earlier this spring at the proper planting time.

On Monday, July 25, 2022 a small ceremony took place during which the tree was dedicated and an inscribed plaque was placed under the tree. President, Imkelina Sturm, led the ceremony which was attended by administrators, staff and several residents, as well as club members.

Submitted by: Imkelina Sturm




SHENANDOAH DESIGNERS' GUILD

Shenandoah Designers Guild meets every fourth Monday in Elkton VA from March to October. The club is made up of Shenandoah District Judges. Recently welcomed were two new judges: Pam Lamborne and Michael Rider.

The Designers Guild members makes a specific designs every month based on the program of the previous month. The designs are then critiqued by the membership. For the most part very kindly!!! Recently the designs made were the cascade design as pictured below



 Michael Rider is at Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair, Inc. Just now · Fredericksburg, Virginia · 🌱

Learned today at pick-up, my Cascade posted recently received July 29th BEST IN SHOW out of 20 designs & spanning five Nat'l Garden Club styles. Chancellor Garden Club NGC Flower Show.



Michael's first cascade design pictured above. His second cascade design got "Best in the Show" Pictured left.

Congratulations!



Cedar Run Garden Club

Cedar Run Garden is an active and growing club with membership at 28. The club is involved in community projects and offers a scholarship to a warranted high school student.

One of the primary community projects is the Fauquier County Library in Warrenton. This has been a club project for “eons”! The garden has evolved through the years. Pictures below show the workers and beauty of the garden.



Another project is to work with youth at the local boys and girls club. Events with the students are scheduled twice a year. Cedar Run has applied for the VFGC Youth Grant for many years and fortunately still receive funds for this worth while program. The club also participates/sponsors the youth poetry contest with a local school. These students, through the years have won Shenandoah, VFGC and SAR awards.



A biannual fund raiser is a yard sale. Sales from this event go to the scholarship fund.



The schedule for the coming year offers members a variety of interesting topics and trips. There is also a scheduled day for members to make flower arrangements to take to a local assisted care center.

Submitted by Val Story

Hill & Valley Garden Club

“Serving the Luray community since 1956”

It has been an eventful five months for our club with more to come this fall. We’ve had two fieldtrips, two luncheons, a plant sale and some very good meetings. Here’s what has been happening....

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

We awarded (2) \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in May. Mercedes Guzy (Luray HS) and Emily McCoy (Page County HS) were the recipients. They both will be pursuing agriculture and horticulture studies. Scholarship Committee chair, Inez Myers, coordinates this program with the school guidance offices.

MEMBER NEWS

We are pleased to welcome new members Marti Carl and Brenda Winter, and returning member Sherry Rowe to our club.

April District Meeting

It was our turn along with Luray and Culpeper Garden Clubs to help host the district meeting held at Cross Keys Vineyard. With members donating baskets and flowers, we and the Luray GC made 9 table centerpieces full of a wide variety of flowers. It was a fun time working and socializing with LGC while making the arrangements.



Making arrangements at Susan Zorn’s (LGC home)



A finished basket



Standing left to right: Katie Sokol, Julie Edmonds, Lesley Mack, Marcia Kaetzel
Seated: Will Daniels, Inez Myers, Linda Cox



First place for our first ever Digital Scrapbook! Thanks to Adelheid Osmers for her hard work.

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Our May meeting was held at Massanutten Country Corner in Luray. Shenandoah Design Guild speaker, Grace Morris, showed her talent while demonstrating how to make a “Cascade Design”.



Grace begins her design



Finished design



Julie Edmonds assisting Grace



Julie is pleased with her work.

Other Cascade designs brought in by members:



Katie Sokol



Lesley Mack



Julie Edmonds

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In June we took a fieldtrip to Heartflame Garden in Elkton. We enjoyed a tour by the owner and then found places to sit and eat our lunch. The garden is open to the public on selected weekends. Visit www.heartflamegarden.com for dates.



Inanna, the owner



Ruby and Adelheid



Group photo in front of the magnificent 200 year old oak.

On June 11 we had a plant sale at the Luray Caverns Heritage Museum. Earlier in April under the guidance of member Isabel Graves we divided and potted about 150 perennials from the gardens around the museum. Members also brought transplants from their own gardens. Many visitors were asking for pollinator and native plants which we had and were happy to hear of the interest. We did quite well and raised \$500 to go towards the 2023 Scholarship program.



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On June 25 the Shenandoah Master Gardeners held their annual garden tour which this year was in Luray. Two of our member's homes were on the tour. Sherry Rowe's inviting downtown Luray home features a backyard bluestone patio with a massive fireplace perfect for entertaining.



Lesley Mack, owner of Birdsong Pleasure Garden, located further out of town was also on the tour. Many of you know and love Lesley's 3 acre garden but if you missed out come to our September 17 event or call her for a private tour.

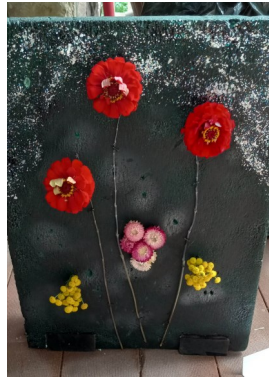


Our July meeting was hosted by Linda Cox at her home. We enjoyed a potluck luncheon of delectable salads and desserts followed by a meeting. The arrangement theme was 'Fireworks'.

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Sherry Rowe



Will Daniels

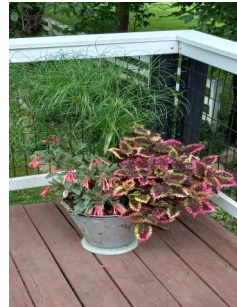


Katie Sokol



Daylily basket- Marcia Kaetzel

Planter- Linda Cox



August was a fun fieldtrip to Hill House Farm, a native plant nursery in Castleton followed by lunch in Sperryville and a tour of the vegetable garden at The Inn @ Little Washington.

By the pond at Hill House with native hibiscus blooming in foreground.



The vegetable garden is 1/5 of an acre and fully enclosed. Joneve Murphy (far left) is the “Farmer-in-Residence” at The Inn. She has been growing for chefs and selling produce since 2003. From 2014-16 she traveled to 18 countries working on over 200 farms, growing, volunteering, and consulting. Everything is grown organically at The Inn. Over 6000 pounds of produce were harvested last year.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Garden Lover’s Day on September 17!

Submitted by Katie Sokol, Club President

Garden Lover's Day

Presented to You by The
Hill & Valley Garden Club of Luray, Virginia

September 17th, 2022 10 -4 pm



at Birdsong Pleasure Garden

“Garden Wonderland” - Virginia Living
~ Enjoy Guided Garden Tours or Wander on Your Own ~

Landscaped Areas, Unique Garden Plantings and Soothing Water Features,
are all woven together over the three acre gentle terrain.

Proceeds benefit Environmental Scholarships for Area High School Students

A Plant Sale area will offer perennials, trees, shrubs, seeds and various house plants.

Raffle ticket purchases for \$25-\$100 Gift Certificates from our generous donors.
Ivy Nursery, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Bluestone Perennials, Am. Horticultural Soc., Monticello,
Plant More Natives., Sandy's Plants, Hill House Natives, Forrest Green Farm, Earth Sangha, and more!

\$10 for VFGC members, \$12 for non-members

Reserve tickets by September 10, 2022. Pay at the door; cash or check only. Rain or Shine.

Please contact Lesley Mack at
birdsongpleasuregarden@gmail.com or phone 540-743-9389 for info and tickets
Garden website at, www.birdsongpleasuregarden.info and on facebook.

*Please stay home if you are ill or think you may have been in contact with someone who was ill.
All unvaccinated visitors must wear a mask. A Restroom will be available.*



Glasgow Garden Club Celebrates National Garden Week

On June 8th the Glasgow Garden Club observed National Garden Week in the recently renovated Centennial Park. The club offered the community the opportunity to tour the park and learn about the plant material in the landscape. Guided tours were given to area Master Gardener groups. In addition they gave free plants from their gardens to all who attended. Club members also provided refreshments. On Saturday all left over plants were taken to the local farmer's market to share with the customers that day. The VFGC Celebrate Gardens signs were placed in 2 other project areas planted and maintained by the club.

Submitted by Valerie Vaughan



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GLASGOW GARDEN CLUB SHOWS PRIDE IN COUNTY'S ROOTS

The Glasgow Garden Club is expressing its pride in local agricultural traditions with a flower show at Rockbridge's only cidery, Halcyon Days. The standard flower show, entitled Cider House Blooms, will take place on Thursday, September 15 and will be free to the public from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at Halcyon Days Cider Company, 4135 S. Lee Hwy., Natural Bridge, VA.

The exhibits will focus on horticulture including perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs, produce, and houseplants as well as flower designs reflecting the visual delights of the season.

Please join us in celebrating the joys of the season.

The pictures depict the artistic efforts undertaken to create the designs for the show.



Submitted by Garnette S. Teass

SEASON OF GRATITUDE AT GARDEN CLUB!

By Donna Chernowetz
LOW Garden Club, Publicity Committee

This has been a year of hard work in all our gardens, with big rewards for all of us in LOW with beautifully renovated garden spaces.



The Wilderness Library garden is the most recently completed. It has been replanted primarily with native plants to support our local butterflies, bees and birds. Please stop by to admire the blooms and learn about plants you might like in your own garden. Natives typically are easier to care for and thrive in their local environment. All the plants are labeled; the natives have an " N" added to the common name.

Also take time to admire the beautiful sculpture donated by Nicole Pappas in memory of her mother. We're grateful to her and everyone who've donated time, money and material to this lovely space.

We're also grateful to our donors to Penny Pines, an initiative we've long supported. This project reforests places destroyed by fire and storms.

Periodically we award a "plantation" of trees to an individual who has been especially supportive of your Garden Club. Recently our president, Debbie Hein, presented one to Ryan Richardson, Clubhouse manager, with gratitude for his support of our activities.

The LOW Garden Club is a member of the Shenandoah District of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, as well as the National Garden Clubs. It is through the National organization that we participate in Penny Pines. At each meeting, we collect pennies for the purchase of acres to be planted in our national forests, to replace trees lost due to fire, drought, or other natural disasters. Our club's donations are earmarked for Virginia, but individuals may donate a plantation for any state they choose.



Winchester's Hawthorne Garden Club kicked off a busy summer beginning with a May trip to Marjorie Merriweather Post's Hillwood Estate and Gardens in Washington DC. Complete with a docent tour of the mansion and a delicious lunch, we all had ample free time to discover hidden gems in the gardens. We wandered from the elaborate Japanese water gardens to elegant greenhouses overflowing with blooming orchids and other exotic tropical plants. Our visit was educational, delicious and fun!

Jean King at Hillwood



A beautiful June evening was the backdrop for our annual summer picnic. Hosted by Suzanne Conrad, our treasurer, we once again enjoyed her lovely garden and exceptional hospitality. A good time was had by all!

Botanical art was the focus of our July meeting with a jewelry workshop taught by Grace Morris. With her patient direction and generous supply of materials, we practiced the delicate intricacies of working with beautiful yet fragile dried flowers and other botanicals to create unique wearable designs.



Left: Shirley McInturff-
Botanical Jewelry

Right: Grace Morris
teaches Botanical Arts



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In other notes, our club has nearly collected another 500 pounds of plastic film for our partnership with TREX for a second outdoor bench award. The first bench will be placed in the Winchester Arboretum in September along side a tree planting to honor our long-standing member, Liz Minor, who served as Mayor of Winchester for 12 years.

Submitted by Tracy Anderson



Liz Minor

Greenvale Garden Club

The club took several field trips this summer.

In June they toured Birdsong Pleasure Garden in Luray. The tour was led by Lesley Mack owner of the garden. It started at the entrance of the garden with posted photos of the property when it was purchased. The photos then showed the progression of their home and garden. The tour included a water garden, vegetable garden, fruit trees, and fruit bushes where her husband Tom Mack spends most of his time. We were then led into a shaded grove where bonsai trees were set up on pedestals, amazing views were observed from the picnic and orchard area. Different varieties of trees were identified and discussed, along with perennial plantings. Lastly we toured the herb garden near the entrance of the gardens. Afterwards the club traveled to The Gathering Place in Luray for lunch.

Group picture next page



During the month of July the Greenvale Garden Club took a trip to Monticello in Charlottesville. The members arrived several hours before their guided tour and explored the gardens and historic displays. A favorite area was the vegetable garden as seen below.



The guided tour started in the back of the house. Our guide was an amazing storyteller who made history come to life, while imparting important facts about the property. She had extensive knowledge about Thomas Jefferson's journals and his vision for the property, even plans that were never completed. He kept detailed records of his plantings, and the care they received. He was always willing to experiment with plants that grew outside of his zone, regardless of previous outcomes. The tour ended at the vegetable garden, where we had an opportunity to view some unique plantings consistent with what would be planted during Thomas Jefferson's time. Afterwards the garden club traveled back down the mountain to visit the gift shop and to leave for lunch. The club enjoyed lunch at CAVA on Emmet Street in Charlottesville, where they serve Mediterranean cuisine. Before leaving Charlottesville they stopped at Ivy Nursery to shop, and enjoy their displays.

Submitted by Sabrina Michela Alumbaugh 🌿

Glen Burnie Garden Club members were treated to two special meetings this spring! First, in May we heard from Sari Carp of Sustainability Matters. Sari shared with us all the great sustainable programs the organization offers our communities in the Valley, including their current project *Making Trash Bloom* in Shenandoah County. Sustainability Matters is also hoping to work with the city of Winchester on a pollinator garden in Jim Barnett Park. Club members were inspired by the message and look forward to teaming up with Sustainability Matters in the future.

In June we held our meeting at Blandy Experimental Farm in Boyce. Cari Whitacre gave us a tour of the pollinator garden and a great presentation on pollinators and how to work them into our home gardens. We're looking forward to another visit next year to explore a different area of Blandy. What a great resource in our backyard!



Submitted by
Carolyn Frye

First TREX Bench for Madison

Less than a year ago, we Madison Garden Club members thought that there was “no way for our small community to collect 500 pounds of plastic film for recycling and to receive a Trex Lumber Bench in six months time.” However, we were encouraged by neighboring Calfee Garden Club and others within VFGC. We registered with TREX in April and by July had exceeded the 500 pounds for our first bench! We did that with the assistance of The Woman’s Club of Madison and several other businesses and churches. We will keep the plastic film collection going with another registration in September.

This first Trex Bench will be placed under a Willow Oak that we planted on Arbor Day, 2021 at Waverly Yowell Elementary School, Madison. The Principal and office staff are so excited about the bench and extremely interested in how it came to be. They may register for the community project themselves! This was an excellent educational opportunity.



Madison Garden Club Adopts Brick Planter in Town of Madison

In early Fall, 2021, The Madison Garden Club was able to “adopt” a brick planter that was built beside the historic Arcade Building in Madison Town possibly 15 years ago. The group that received a beautification grant and built the planter at the edge of the Town Parking lot had ‘vanished’, leaving shrubbery to die, unmaintained.

With permission to adopt the planter, we engaged county grounds staff to remove the dead junipers so that we could add soil, divide daylilies, bulbs and Liriope that lived unnoticed within the planter. Red tulips and Grape Hyacinths filled the space for spring beauty. This summer, a red, white and blue garden graces this formerly forgotten planter. We are proud of this now beautiful addition to the Town of Madison!

Adding this garden planter to three other gardens that The Madison Garden Club built and maintain keeps us involved in community beautification and rewarded for the results that it brings.

Submitted by Judy Ann Fray

APPLICATION FOR VFGC LIFE MEMBERSHIP/BOOK OF HONOR

Check One: _____ Life Membership
 _____ Book of Honor

Name of Honoree

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Honoree's Garden Club

Honored by

District

Date of Presentation

Surprise? _____ Yes _____ No
Club Meeting _____ District Meeting _____

Send life membership pin and card or Book of Honor Card to:

Name

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____
E-mail _____

CHECK payable: VFGC, Inc.
MAIL to Shenandoah Life Membership
Chairman: Denise Henderson
540-547-3328
5114 States Mill Road
Boston, VA 22713-4419
chadenva@aol.com

Contributions to

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