SHENANDOAH SHARINGS



Shenandoah District

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



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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

How to express how pleased I am with the many articles and pictures that continue to come across my desk. (Computer).

What a wonderful experience I have compiling the delightful articles into the Shenandoah Sharings format.

The District Meeting this spring is at an exciting place, central to most clubs; Cross Keys Vineyard Club in Mt. Crawford (Yes, we have met here before). We have two programs planned. And of course the Shenandoah Awards will be presented.

I, also can't wait to see what the Ways and Means Committee will have for our pleasure.

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

Val

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

S D Board Meeting: March 10 Zoom

Flower Show School: Feb 28-Mar 3 Waynesboro

VFGC Board Meeting: Feb 28 Waynesboro

March 4: Scrapbooks Due

SAR Convention: March 20-22 Berea, Kentucky

SD Judges Council Meeting: March 24

Harrisonburg

Symposium: April 4-6 Hilton in Short Pump

District Meeting: April 12 Cross Keys

ODG Deadline: May 1

VFGC Convention: May 1-3 Hilton in Short Pump

VFGC Flower Show: May 1-2 Hilton in Short

Pump

NGC Convention: May 16-19 Orlando

May 31: Deadline for membership dues

June 5-11: National Garden Week

SHENANDOAH SHARINGS

Editor.....Val Story valstory@aol.com



Shenandoah District Spring Meeting April 12, 2022

Programs, Vendors, Fundraising

Come visit this vineyard in My Crawford, enjoy the sights, grapes 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

REGISTRATION FORM

Phone		_Email				
Name of Club						
Name of District is	f other than Shenand	loah				
Cost \$29.00 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 M	ember	Guest	Other		

Name

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT CLUB NEWS

On September 21st **Greenvale Garden Club** met at the home of club member Lucinda Eye.

There the garden club members prepared 142 dahlia arrangements and delivered them to the residents at Bridgewater Retirement Community the following day. The dahlias were donated from the gardens of Lucinda Eye and Frances Mason, other club members brought greenery to add to the arrangements.

Submitted by Sabrina Alumbaugh



Glen Burnie Garden Club finished out 2021 with a great month of decorating our local historic homes at Belle Grove in Middletown and Abrams Delight in Winchester. We gathered one final time for a wonderful Christmas celebration together hosted by members Joann Grooms and Melanie Henry!

January has us busily planning for our upcoming Marigold Project with our local elementary schools. In February, we will kick off the new year with a presentation by Master Gardener Richard Stromburg on Virginia Natives, to get excited about our upcoming planting season.

Ahead is our April in-house flower show, which is getting us geared up for the Winchester Council of Garden Clubs show in spring of 2023!

We are looking forward to a busy spring season working on our special beautification projects around Winchester and really 'digging in' with the children in our elementary schools. Instilling a love of gardening the next generation is at the top of our list for 2022!

Submitted by Carolyn Frye



The Nelson County Garden Club - Arrington, Virginia Highlights of Fall and Winter 2021 Submitted by Elizabeth Upshur

Our club began a full slate of outings and meetings after our June 2021 inauguration of officers. We added new members and continue to grow. Meetings are now held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Arrington which welcomed us, and, when in the Parish Hall, we are always masked. Weather permitting, we begin our meetings with a picnic under the



we begin our meetings with a picnic under the trees in the Churchyard.

On September 3, the club toured the Quarry Gardens in Schuyler which were created and maintained by club member Bernice Thieblot and her husband Armand. The gardens have an online presence, and a tour is an enjoyable learning experience. That's Bernice on the left

At our August 6, 2021, general meeting, Frances Van Lear spoke to the club on every aspect of drying flowers and putting them into arrangements. Here is a photo of Frances and one of the many dried arrangements she created for the meeting along with Rev. Donna Steckline (also a member) who was magician's assistant left.





October 1 was our annual plant sale and white elephant auction, a fund raising event we were unable to hold during the prior two years. We netted nearly \$500 selling things to each other. Money from our fundraisers goes toward a scholarship for a Nelson County high school student and for a partial scholarship to the Nature Camp in Vesuvius, Va.

Also in October, a group of us drove over to Richmond to see Fine Arts and Flowers. The first thing we always do it to look for club member Grace Morris's creation – always amazing and always beautiful.

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Nelson County GC continued

THREE DAYS IN DECEMBER



This is our big event and principal fund raiser. On December 2, we met at Trinity Churchyard to create holiday arrangements. On December 3, we had our holiday luncheon at the home of new member, Missy Dickie. Decorated boxes were our floral arrangements which judged by Grace Morris. December 4, our greenery and decorative arrangements sale was held at the community center located north of Nellysford.



Workshop, Rev. Donna Steckline and Pat Price







Figure 2. Blue Ribbon Decorated box Eula Clark and daughter, Jackie Britt – Grace Morris Photo

Cedar Run Garden Club

Cedar Run had a busy fall with interesting speakers, a trips to a florist and a great Christmas Party.

September started with a terrific speaker on bees. She is a certified bee keeper and brought local honey to sell. Members certainly enjoyed this speaker.



Pumpkins and flowers always mix well for a fall floral design. October meeting was a great success, members made their own design using real pumpkins or plastic or glass. Club member, Mary Ann May gave a demonstration prior to members making their own fall design.

November meeting was a treat! For those who ventured to

Manassas and the Flower Gallery, they had a wonderful day. Doug, owner and designer, has and still keeps people entertained. Laughing is a must when listening to Doug. And shopping in the sore is a must too. I think most bought something that was a must to have.



What is December without good company, good food and a great day? Cedar Run had just such a day at President Kay Campbell's home with a pot luck meal, chatter and a "gift exchange".





Submitted by Val Story

Luray Garden Club



We were delighted to have 18 people in attendance at our Garden Club meeting this week to enjoy the delicious desserts and treats prepared by Roberta and Karen. Members brought in a very impressive collection of cut arboreal specimens, herbs and cut foliage as well as several container grown plants in bloom. We continue to be inspired by the level of participation of our newest members!

In addition to all the horticulture, our judging team was busy judging the 4 petite and 3 standard size *Let it*Snow designs:







Thank you Susan King for engaging a wonderful floral designer as our presenter. Grace Morris gave an inspiring program on design, creating an Art Deco arrangement right before our eyes, along with an elegant creative design of tulips and fasciated willow. She also shared with us a very imaginative petite design.

Karen's Report Owls and their different cries and silent flight was so interesting! And Rich's Horticulture Report on laying out a plan for the garden in the winter months was reminding us that gardening is a year-round

We were so grateful to have Cathy Mauk donate aloe cuttings and Roberta donate "mother of millions" sedum cuttings to the Country Store so we could take some home to plant AND raise money for the Club. We were also so grateful to have Cathy Mauk donate aloe cuttings and Roberta donate "mother of millions" sedum cuttings to the Country Store so we could take some home to plant AND raise money for the Club.

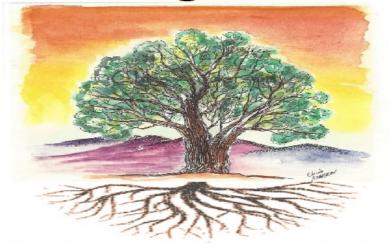
As the Luray Garden Club is preparing for our May 21 Flower show, titled *Treasuring our Roots*, in celebration of our 90th anniversary year, we are featuring three different designers as presenters at our January, February, and March me.etings. Below is a summary of our January meeting with Grace as presenter. We are so pleased with the very active level of participation in design and horticulture exhibits from our 6 newest members.

Luray continues next page

LURAY GARDEN CLUB



Treasuring our Roots



National Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show

Saturday May 21, 2022 1-4 P.M.

@ VFW Comer Jones Post 621 218 Veterans Lane Luray, Virginia 22835

Admission Free and Open to the Public

Luray Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Club Inc. South Atlantic Region, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Shenandoah District.

The cover art, Chinquapin Oak, is a color pen and ink watercolor of the ~ 265 -year-old remarkable tree of Virginia located across the street from the historic Page County Courthouse. (The artist allowed us to insert the roots at the bottom of her drawing.

The artist, Chris Anderson, was named the 2021 Conservationist of the Year by the Shenandoah Valley Water Soil and Conservation District. In addition to her art and photography, Chris has an impressive career in conservation.

Submitted by Rose Ann Smyth

Purcellville Garden Club

Our club has received a \$1000 grant to apply to helping Oatlands (in Leesburg) restore one of their formal gardens. The club has also donated a bench to Oatlands. A layout oft he garden was also submitted. Oatlands has not yet decided on which entry design will be



Purcellville is down to 10 members now, so we are concentrating on that situation the most. We held a new membership floral design workshop at a nearby winery last October and our president, Julia Kogut, demonstrated how to do a floral design, which we left with the owner of the winery. She was very enthusiastic and offered many suggestions for us to return. We advertised the event on facebook and in the online events page in the local papers. We may have gained 3 new members (one for sure). As one knows, with the lockdown in many places and people are cautious.

Best to all in these strange times, Joan Rankin. 1st VP

SHENANDOAH DESIGNERS' GUILD

"A Splendid Season", an NGC Small Standard Flower Show, was presented by the Shenandoah Designers Guild on Monday, October 25, 2021, at the VFW Post 621 in Luray, VA. The show was open to the public from 1:00-4:00 pm. Nearly all members created a design and several brough horticulture....this was special because the Designers Guild is primarily a design group.

The Designers Guild had a wonderful "turnout" with many visitors during the open house. The VFW in Luray were very gracious and wonderful to work with.

Susan Creasy of Winchester won the top "Designer's Choice" award for her very creative design below. Also pictured are samples of the horticulture.



Submitted by Grace Morris





Calfee Garden Club

Calfee GC took on a big project having a Design Specialty Flower Show "The Ghost of Christmas Past" in December. Forty designs were needed, plus two educational exhibits. The club came through with flying colors. Dianna Busch graciously open her home to host the show.

See below some of the designs:











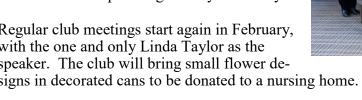


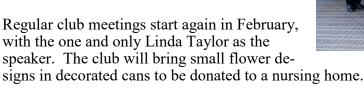
Another project Calfee is partaking in is the Trex program supported by VFGC and Shenandoah District. Pat Carswell, District President, is promoting this. Collecting bag of plastics has been a mammoth undertaking. So far Calfee has collected 343 pounds recycled plastic thus far, with 157 pounds to go to reach the 500 pound goal. Calfee will meet this goal!! Way to go.

Also in December, Calfee members met for their Christmas luncheon at the Inn at Willow Grove. Not all members could make the luncheon, but those that did were in for a special treat with the dessert made by our very own Peggy Place. A wonderful Bread Pudding.



Calfee will be celebrating their 60 years anniversary on April 20, 2022 with planning already underway.





Submitted by Melanie Browning and Val Story



Hill & Valley Garden Club

"Serving the Luray community since 1956"

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our Garden Lover's Day On September 25 and had an excellent turnout. We had a bountiful selection of container plants for sale. This year the event will be held September 17 at the same location, Birdsong Pleasure Garden in Luray.





We offered a wide variety of perennials, trees, and shrubs, with many native species.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Our scholarship fund has been replenished due to our excellent fall fundraiser and this year we have increased the amount to \$500 each for Luray and Page County high schools. Any graduating student pursuing a college degree in an environmental field is eligible. Scholarship Committee chair, Inez Myers, coordinates this program with the school guidance offices.

MEMBER NEWS

We are pleased to welcome Isabel Graves as a new member to our club. She grows and maintains a beautiful garden at Luray Caverns next to the Heritage Museum.

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OLD COUNTY CEMETERY

In October a group of us gathered to do a fall cleanup at the cemetery. We have been maintaining the cemetery since 1976 with the help of local resident Tom Emerson who we pay to



mow and trim. The Page County Heritage Association gives us a yearly donation to help offset the costs.

The October meeting was hosted by Julie Edwards at her beautiful home. We reviewed horticulture and arrangement entry requirements.



In November our monthly meeting was held at Massanutten Country Corner in Luray. We asked members to make a fall themed Parallel Design arrangement. Our members really showed their creativity:



Ruby Eldridge Continues page 14



Marcia Kaetzel



Will Daniels



Adelheid Osmers



Inez Myers



Julie Edmonds



Katie Sokol



Lesley Mack



Linda Cox

We ended 2021 with our annual Christmas potluck luncheon. Adelheid Osmers and her husband Mike were our gracious hosts. We had a fun time with our Naughty Santa gift exchange and socializing afterwards.



Adelheid was happy with her gardening apron Isabel liked her book.





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.

\$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 <u>birdsongpleasuregarden@gmail.com</u> or phone 540-743-9389 for info and tickets Garden website at, <u>www.birdsongpleasuregarden.info</u> 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.

Hawthorne Garden Club had a busy wrap-up to 2021. In October we joined the Winchester Joint Council of Garden Clubs annual luncheon with the Design Guild demonstrating some of the newest flower show design categories.

In November we gathered at Belle Grove plantation along with Colonial GC for a wreath making workshop. Many of the wreathes we created were donated to Belle Grove for sale at their

Kris Kringle Holiday Market along with a generous collection of greens.

December was our Holiday Party & Auction at the lovely home of our VP, Donna Lee. We raised several hundred dollars for our community projects for 2022 and a great time was had by all. As part of our community outreach, our club created and donated flower arrangements for a fundraising event benefiting the Saint Jude children's charity and hosted by the Loft Department store in Creekside. Thank you to our President, Penny Haag, along with Jean King and Shirley McInturff for making that possible!

The Winchester based TREX company has introduced a community challenge to recycle plastic "film" (aka plastic grocery bags and such). For every 500 pounds collected TREX will give us an outdoor bench valued at over \$300! Thanks to the great efforts of several of our members, we have just about reached our goal for our first bench! Plans are being discussed to keep this project going.

Despite the upheaval of Covid-19 (and, we have put great effort into following the CDC guidelines at each gathering) our meeting programing has remained engaging and educational for our members. As Hawthorne celebrates our 6th decade, we are thrilled to have welcomed several new members during this challenging time. We are excited to turn the page to 2022 and look forward to those first glimpses of Spring! Happy gardening to you all!

Tracy Anderson









Lexington Garden Club Updates

Despite the ongoing challenges of gathering during pandemic times, the Lexington Garden Club had a busy second half of 2021. The first half of the year, our meetings were mostly conducted via Zoom calls. After a brief summer hiatus, we finally met again in person, at the home of member Carolyn Elliott. Carolyn's husband Russell treated us to a guided tour of their lush gardens and we also learned some valuable tips for creating amazing container plantings.



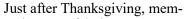


In October, Marilyn Pearson hosted members and guests, with a special program by Rebecca Logan and Jeff Hughes of Main Street Lexington on current and future downtown beautification projects. The bounty of our fall gardens was also on full display with numerous specimens and designs, shown at right.





Our November meeting, hosted by JoAnne Willis, also generated several lovely fall harvesttheme arrangements, shown at left



bers installed Christmas decor at Lexington's fabulous House Mountain Inn, including the festive plaid bowtie for the bear (at right), and hung evergreen garlands at the Rockbridge Historical Society's Campbell House museum.





Our biggest annual fundraising activity – preparing custom holiday arrangements with fresh local greenery -- brought us together again in early December at Becky England's home. At left is a picture of a small group of the baskets, centerpieces, and runners we produced.

And just for fun, we completed the year by with a joyfilled luncheon at TAPS restaurant in downtown Lexington

Submitted by Leslie Giles, Lexington Garden Club

Colonial Garden Club

The Colonial Garden Club had a busy fall schedule. In October, we attended the Winchester area Joint Meeting and Luncheon. We were treated to a program featuring flower arrangements and lunch prepared by members of the different participating garden clubs. We used this opportunity to raise funds for our club with a sale table of items donated for this purpose. We also held a short club meeting at the end of

this event.

For our November meeting, we invited the Hawthorne Garden Club to join us in the Barn at Belle Grove for a

wreath making workshop. Club members donated the fresh greens and brought wreath forms, ribbons, pinecones, Christmas ornaments, and other embellishments. Some members also brought wreaths they had made with artificial greens and other ornamentation. Our objective was to contribute the wreaths to be sold during Belle Grove's Kris Kringle outdoor

bazaar. This was a fund raiser for both

In late November, Club members decorated the dining room at Belle Grove with decorations that reflected the theme assigned to the room. The theme this year was Auld Lang Syne. We interpreted this with dried materials that had been spray painted in gold and silver and arranged in gold containers. We set the table with beautiful Christmas tableware and linen and placed a large silver punch bowl on a nearby buffet. A group of carol singer figurines sat on a table decorated with artificial greens.

The fireplace was crowned by a large wreath fashioned from rolled up pieces of sheet music. A photo of one of our gold and silver dried flower arrangements appeared in The Northern Virginia Daily.





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Colonial Garden continues

The club also decorated the garden fence and outside of the cabin at Abram's Delight.











We celebrated the end of the year with a Holiday Luncheon at the beautifully decorated home of one of our members. Each member con-

tributed a wrapped gift for our Thieves' present exchange. Prizes were awarded for the most originally wrapped gifts.





Submitted by Kay Caldwell

Glasgow Garden Club concluded a busy, productive 2021 with several holiday activities and projects, beginning with our annual holiday fresh greens wreath making and sales project. Members and their husbands climbed a local hillside to clip enough evergreens to complete orders for 25 fresh greens wreaths, including a pair of 26" ones for a local historic hotel.

Nancy Irons displays two beautiful evergreen wreaths.



Our club also joined in the Carolfest fundraiser for a local church program, held at Glasgow's Centennial Park, enjoying hot chocolate and cookies and a visit from Mr. Mrs. Claus. Because the



Park's dedication earlier in the year represented the completion of a two-year GGC club project in renewing the space as a community gathering spot, the occasion was especially heartwarming for our members.

GGC club members join in at Carolfest, accompanied by Valerie Vaughan.

On December 18th, National Wreaths Across America Day, members Carol Davis and Nancy Irons and their husbands, both veterans, paid tribute to past and present members of America's Armed Forces, laying wreaths at Lexington's Blue Star Memorial. Lexington's Blue Star Memorial was established and continues to be maintained by our club.

Bob Irons and Paul Wilkop laying wreath at Lexington's Blue Star Memorial on National Wreaths Across America Day honoring past and present Armed Services Members.



Our annual Christmas Luncheon was held at the Natural Bridge Hotel. A "Secret Santa" gift exchange resulted in beautifully decorated baskets containing gifts from members' kitchens and craft rooms. Our luncheon, besides being a cherished tradition celebrating our members' friendships and fellowship in the joys of the season, was this year highlighted by several very special recognitions and presentations. Members Judith Perkins, Diana Irvine and Amy Bryant were each honored with the Shenandoah District of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Lifetime Membership Award recognizing our esteem of the honorees' long-standing club membership and service.

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Glasgow GC continues from page 21

And the Glasgow Centennial Park planning team of Jane and Valerie Vaughan, who spearheaded the park's refurbishment as a community gathering space, was presented with original artwork commemorating the park. The artwork, created by Denise Gorsky's husband Ken, consists of a framed pair of digitally remastered park photographs.

Jane and Valerie Vaughan were presented with original art in appreciation for their work with Glasgow's Centennial Park.





Rounding out our holiday activities, our club had several more ways to support our community. Members gathered to decorate a Christmas Tree at this year's Natural Bridge State Park's Festival of Trees, competing to solicit the most donated items benefiting the Glasgow Food Bank and Buena Vista's Feed the Need foundation. Our "Birds in Their Natural Environment" themed tree garnered 4th place in some very stiff competition! Members also gathered to make our very popular annual baked treats baskets thanking our Lexington and Glasgow Public Works departments for their help maintaining our Rock Garden at the Lexington Route 11 Bypass and Centennial Park in Glasgow. And in a bid to share our holiday joy, our club adopted a family at a local school, giving toys, clothing, and baby supplies.

GGC's "Birds in Their Natural Habitat" entry for Festival of Trees

Submitted by Kim Sercoki



Pictures form Birdsong Pleasure Garden in Luray. Pictures by Leslie Mack



Natural Bridge Garden Club

The Natural Bridge State Park awarded third place to this year's Natural Bridge Garden Club entry in the annual Festival of Trees. This beautiful tree was the hard work of club members Diane Weaver, Irene Condi, Linda Barron, and Diane Harrell. Awards are based on the number of items donated beneath the tree and our club had a total of 366 items: 95 books, 247 food items, and 24 toys for Rockbridge FeedtheNeed and the Glasgow Food Bank.

This tree was bittersweet as it was dedicated to Anne DeYoung Weede, a Natural Bridge Garden Club member for over 30 years and well known Virginia artist who passed away in November. The painting of the Natural Bridge that graces the cover of our yearbook was created by Anne and was displayed with the tree,

Our club lost another beloved member after the holidays. Mary Sterrett Lipscomb, Natural Bridge Garden Club member for over 60 years and twice President of our club passed away in January.

In happier news, we welcomed new member Carla Zorn in November and welcomed back former member Lucy Gritzmacher.

We recently gathered as a group in person and learned about proper techniques for tree and shrub planting. We are all looking forward to the warmer days of spring when we can put some of our new knowledge into action.

Submitted by Jennifer Young











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LOW Clubhouse
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