

SHENANDOAH SHARINGS

Shenandoah District

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I love this time of year....twice a year, in fact, when the wonderful articles come in from clubs with all their interesting news and pictures. Thank you so much for sending the information.

As you can see the "club" newsletter always has more pages than the "other one". That is because clubs send a lot!

As this term finishes and a new begins, we may see changes and exciting developments. I certainly look forward to change....this keeps one thinking and on one's toes.

You will still hear from me for Shenandoah Sharings and the plea for news and pictures....keep them coming.

Do enjoy the spring which is around the corner....gardening outside will be the focus, but be sure to keep those flower designs in mind too. Flower Shows are a real way to reach the community and each other.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shenandoah District Meeting: March 28:
Old Providence Church: Steeles Tavern

Winchester Council GC: April 22 Flower Show

VFGC Convention: April 23-24: Staunton
VFGC Flower Show: April 23: Staunton

SD Judges Council Meeting: April 3:
Harrisonburg

Rooted Deadline: March 10 and April 15

ODG Summer Deadline: May 1

NGC Convention May 2-4: Greenbrier. WV

National Garden Week: June 4-10

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Shenandoah District News

Payments for the District Meeting may be paid by credit card on the Shenandoah website.

Shenandoahdistrict.com

Or you can continue to pay by check.

Should you pay using the web, make sure someone (the treasurer) knows any food allergy requests.

See next page for the purchase of the new Shenandoah Tote bag.

This also says you can pay by check or on the web with PayPal (or credit card). The tote bags will also be available at the district meeting.

Order your Shenandoah District Tote Bag Today!



\$15 per bag

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

Quantity: _____

You can pay with a check or use the website to pay with PayPal



Shenandoah District Spring Meeting March 28, 202

Programs, Vendors, Fundraising

The meeting will be held at the lovely Old Providence ARP Church
1005 Spotswood Road, Steeles Tavern, VA 24476

Members are encouraged to invite guests, friends, bring a club member who have 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: Florence Morgan: Owner of Pharsalia Events in Ty-ro VA. She is a cut flower grower and designer: she will have potted peony, contorted pussy willow to sell, plus some members will win cut flowers.

Plus the Award Presentation and Officer Installation.

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
Rose Cliff and Noland Heights**

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

Deadline: March 20, 2023

Post marked after this date add \$10.00 to registration

Absolute cut off March 23, 2023

Please, send a form for each person attending.

Registration: \$25.00

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



Recently, the Culpeper Garden Club enjoyed surprising fellow member, Linda Taylor, with a cake and song to celebrate her birthday. In addition, Ms. Taylor was presented with a Penny Pines Certificate in honor of the occasion and in memory of her sister, Margaret Parke, a long-time member of the Culpeper Garden Club.



Linda Taylor (left) being presented with a Penny Pines Certificate by Joy Poole

This spring, members will surely be wearing out their garden gloves with all of the community projects they have planned!

Last year's Ikebana class was such a success at Culpeper High School that the Culpeper Garden Club was asked to return. This spring, club members will be teaching a different aspect of floral design to the horticulture and design students in the agricultural department. The club will provide the students with everything needed to create a stunning floral arrangement to leave with.

Garden club members who especially enjoy digging in the dirt will be renovating a neglected area on the east side of the Culpeper Post Office. The area will be landscaped with flowering shrubs, hardy perennials and lots of mulch. Pedestrians and drivers along East Street should notice the improvements by early summer.

The centerpieces at Culpeper Chamber of Commerce's Appreciation and Valor Awards Dinner will be designed and donated by the Garden Club this year. The table arrangements are the garden club's small token of appreciation for those that protect and serve the Culpeper community. The event recognizes and honors public servants, first responders and law enforcement.

In addition to the spring community service projects, the Culpeper Garden Club hosts interesting, educational programs on landscaping, horticulture and design at their monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Culpeper Methodist Church. Visitors are warmly welcomed. For more information visit

www.culpepergardenclub.org

Submitted by Michelle North

The Monticello Garden Club started getting into the Christmas spirit in November with a collection for Western State Hospital's "Operation Santa". Gifts were purchased to fulfill the wish lists of two patients with money left over for plenty of stocking stuffers.

Holiday wreaths were provided to the Gordon Avenue Public Library as well as Hospitality House. Hospitality House welcomes over nine thousand guests from thirty states and 10 countries who stay there while they, their friends or family members undergo treatments at the UVA Medical Center.



In December, club members enjoyed a delicious holiday pot luck brunch wearing seasonal head bands and were treated to gifts from members including pressed flower plaques, hand lotion and lip balm and glass ornaments.



Submitted by
Elizabeth Carling

The Nelson County Garden Club -



Dear Ladies,

We worked hard to get the arrangements made for the December 3, RVCC Winter Market! I thank you for participating and making the sale another successful event!

We should all be proud of the accomplishments that we achieved this year! I hope that we will continue the wonderful traditions of making holiday arrangement, Holiday Luncheon, and the sale of our creations at the RVCC Winter Market for years to come!

December 1st: Let's start making those arrangements at Trinity Episcopal Church!



Esther Larkin & Mary Hopkins



Pat Price & Bernice Thieblot

December 2nd: Time for the Holiday Luncheon at Missy Dickie's beautiful home!

Missy, thank you for your gracious hospitality and generosity hosting the club's Holiday Luncheon again, this year! Your beautifully decorated home was the perfect setting! We enjoyed delicious food, good company, joyful conversations, and the Secret Santa gift exchanges! We all had such a wonderful time!



Stack of gifts waiting to be chosen!

Missy checking on her guests!



Nelson County Continued



Suiling Weed, Ms. Saunders, Esther, Bernice, Rev. Donna Steckline and Anne Newman



Leslie, Susan, and Karen enjoying good food, and company!



Pat Price, Mary Hopkins, and Kay Volmaning. Shouldn't you be holding plates of food?



Gail, Esther, Joan, Ruth Ann, enjoy their meal in a room with a view!



After drawing a number to determine the order of the selections, we began! So, who selected which beautiful package decorated with greenery, pinecones, and ribbons?



Mary Hopkins chose a beautifully decorated box!

Gail Troy is tickled with her gift!



Nelson County GC continued



Ms. Saunders is happy with her,



Kay Volman's beautifully wrapped gift!



*Esther Larkin: carrot seeds!
Who doesn't like carrots?*



*Missy Dickie has a beautiful
garden flag and other goodies!*



*Susan Swink has a stunning
gold tone crystal dove pin!*



*Joan Klaus tries her bugle!
Oh, no! I think it's broken!*



*Becky Wilson loves Santa!
Careful! Don't drop him!*



*Evelyn Logue has a Cardinals
decorated vase! Beautiful!*



*Cheryl: a book on flowers!
How appropriate!*



*Suiling's gift will help reforest
America! Wow!*



*Rev. Donna's Alpaca socks!
No cold feet for her!*

Nelson County GC Continued



Karen Winstedt, Joan Klaus, Esther Larkin



Evelyn Logue, Leslie Benz, Susan Swink



*It was a beautiful day for the luncheon! We had a wonderful time!
Missy, thank you so much for hosting us! We are very grateful!*

December 3rd: Saturday RVCC Winter Market Sale we are here and ready



Pat Price, Kay Volman, Susan Swink, Jeanne Lawson, and Cheryl Brogdon are working together setting up the arrangements!



Beautiful arrangements ready for sale! Leslie, Esther, a shopper, and Elf Evelyn at work!

Nelson County GC Continued



Esther Larkin with 1 of her designs! Customer asking Evelyn questions! Missy Dickie purchased 2 designs!



Cheryl Brogdon with her two designs! Finding the perfect spot! Evelyn gives her sales ability a thumbs up!



A repeat buyer and friend of Jeanne Lawson Kay Volman, Susan Swink, Mary, Pat, Cheryl and former member Emma Hartmann



Mary Hopkins had a spot as a vendor to sell her incredible artwork. Mary and Becky!

Nelson County GC Continued



Pat Price with Mary. You can see some of Mary's beautiful artwork behind Pat.



Becky Wilson with Emma Hartmann Jeanne Lawson with Becky! Thank you, for your and Dave's help in getting the sale underway



Pat Price is all smiles!

Wishing you all a safe and

Joan Klaus is all smiles!



Submitted by Cheryl Brodgen

Calfee Garden Club

November meeting saw several great floral designs and still life designs.



The meeting also had a very impromptu speaker: the club newest member Susan McGavran of Gobbler Hill Farm. She talked about the family and background of the farm as well as all the events planned throughout the year. A couple of Calfee members had participated at Gobbler Hill Farm in September during one of the fall events. Calfee also welcomes Phyllis Mulholand.



Left: Susan and her husband, Jim pictured Right: Pat and Val at Gobbler Hill Farm



December brought a large gathering at the Christmas Party held at the Pepper Grill in Culpeper.

Many floral arrangements were made to be delivered to the Culpeper Nursing Rehab Home.



Submitted by
Val Story

FAUQUIER GARDEN CLUB MERRY AND BRIGHT IN DECEMBER

The Francis Fauquier Garden Club (FFGC) traditionally shines with lots of holiday activities during December and 2022 was no exception.

For many years, Club members have kicked off the month by meeting to jointly create the decorations for the winner of the holiday house drawing. This house is chosen randomly from contributions made to the Club scholarship fund. Club Member Marilyn Christiano's garage/party room provided the perfect venue for members to gather to create the front door wreath, porch basket arrangements, mantel garland, and living room and dining room arrangements for this year's winner. The winner was thrilled with her lovely decorations and Club members enjoyed the festive comradery that heralded the holidays.

FFGC proudly tends the Old Gaol garden and the two flower boxes at the entrance to the Post Office in Warrenton. These spots were freshly trimmed with cheery greens and florals reflecting the holidays.

Later in the month, the Club gathered for a holiday luncheon at Hunter's Head Tavern in Upperville. In keeping with annual Club tradition, members brought mini arrangements to the luncheon to be donated to a designated Senior Living Center. This year's beneficiary of the more than 20 arrangements that were created by Club members was Brookside Rehab and Nursing Center in Warrenton. By all accounts, the beautiful arrangements helped make the season even more jolly and bright for the residents.

And now, the Club plans for spring! Happy New Year!



Submitted by Anna Moser

PURCELLVILLE GARDEN CLUB CREATES FLORAL DESIGNS FOR CLUB FUNDRAISER

Submitted by Julia Kogut and Joan Rankin

In early December members of the Purcellville Garden club met to assemble holiday floral arrangements and evergreen swags with bright bows to sell on December 10 following the annual Purcellville Christmas Parade.

Members collected striking containers and donated vintage vases and sparkling accessories, which resulted in an array of more than 35 exceptional designs.

Thanks to an innovative idea of long-time member Sandy Wehr, the club's presence in the community was enhanced with Sandy's ride in a vintage red truck in the parade with signs promoting our club and our sale.

We are fortunate to have a professional artist, Janice Hemphill, as a member. She creates the signs highlighting our projects and our mission.

The floral display at the community building was an informal flower show favorably received by those who made purchases and by those who enjoyed the view.

Every member of The Purcellville Garden Club contributed/participated in this fundraiser activity and deserves to be recognized:

Minoo Aliabadi, Joan Berardo, Coordinator Lisa Harvey, Janice Hemphill, Alta Jones, Carolyn Kadesch, Julia Kogut, Anne Livoti, Lynn Maurer, Elizabeth Miller, Dixie Miliner, Marilyn Naylor, Lucia Pull, Joan Rankin, June Thompson, and Sandy Wehr.

Because our members continue to wholeheartedly support community involvement, we are undertaking beautification of two historic non-profit properties in our area. We will report on these projects in the spring with daffodils in bloom.



Hill and Valley GC Continued



Adelheid Osmers



Brenda Winter

Our November meeting was held at Massanutten Country Corner in Luray. Members were asked to bring a Petite size (not to exceed 8”x10”) arrangement , “Harvest Bounty” theme.



Julie Edmonds



Sherry Rowe

Hill and Valley GC Continued



Katie Sokol



Lesley Mack



Pictured left to right: Brenda Winter, Julie Edmonds, Adelheid Osmer, Katie Sokol
Lesley Mack took this photo on our way home from the fall District meeting.

Hill and Valley GC Continued

Our club assisted with the Blue Star Memorial dedication ceremony on Veteran's Day. It was a fantastic event.



Member Sherry Rowe made 2 gorgeous table arrangements. Rod and John Graves accepted the memorial marker for Luray Caverns.

Hill and Valley GC Continued



We ended 2022 with a delightful Christmas luncheon at the American Legion.



Submitted by Katie Sokol, Club President

The Hawthorne Garden Club of Winchester spread the joy of the holiday season by decorating two historical sites- Belle Grove Plantation in Middletown, VA and Abram's Delight in Winchester. The theme for Belle Grove was based on the song My Favorite Things. We decorated the parlor using the inspiration from the our assigned 2 lines of lyrics-Doorbells and sleigh bells and schnitzel with noodles. Abrams's Delight was decorated with greens, berries, and festive bows. We have been very active in collecting plastic so we are on our third bench from Trex. Our club has happily expanded with two new members - Ceci Albecker and Robin Sweet. Hawthorne Garden Club align with fellow Winchester Club Council members- Glen Burnie and Colonial Garden Clubs to announce "Alice in Wonderland" (A National Garden Club Standard Flower Show). Please mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. to experience this adventure in Wonderland!



Submitted by Penny Haag President and
Donna Lee Vice President

The Lexington Garden Club has been notified that it has been awarded a \$1,000 Plant America Community Project Grant, sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. and made available to NGC member garden clubs across the country for new or existing club projects in their respective communities. Projects may be a joint venture with another organization. The grants are awarded in honor of April, as Plant America Month. More than 180 grant applications were received for 2023 projects.

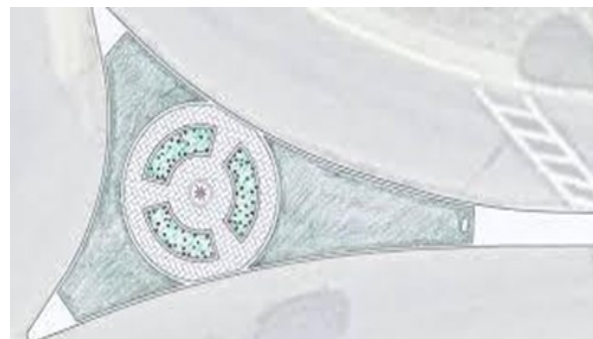
The Lexington Garden Club intends its grant to support the Main Street Gateway Garden triangle, which marks the entrance to historic Lexington, VA. Located at the spot where two streams once converged, sparking the founding of this historic town in 1778, the gateway garden will create a beautiful first glimpse of downtown Lexington and is intended to offer a consistent presence that will be less labor intensive than previous efforts to beautify the spot with seasonal plantings. The new design incorporates a triangular hardscape anchored by three curved raised beds featuring seasonal plantings surrounded by brick pavers. The grant funds will underwrite the cost perennial beds of *Sedum floriferum* “Weihenstephander Gold” groundcover that will soften the three points extending beyond the raised beds.

“This grant offers our club a wonderful opportunity to partner with Main Street Lexington to provide a permanent and attractive introduction to our charming town for residents and visitors alike to enjoy in the coming years,” said LGC president Lynn Leech. Club members plan to volunteer to assist in installing the perennial planting later this spring.



Lexington's Main Street. (Note: the hanging basket of geraniums is one of many the local County Council of Garden Clubs provides each year to enhance the downtown center).

To the right is the architect's rendering of that garden. The shaded areas show where perennial sedum, funded by the grant, will be planted.



Submitted by Lynn Leech

Greenvale Garden Club



Lucinda Eye, member of the Greenvale Garden Club and the Yankee Dahlia Society, received 4 blue ribbons for her dahlia entries in the Novice Division at the 2022 National Show of the American Dahlia Society. The show, entitled A Capital Dahlia Show, was held in Reston, VA at the Sheraton Reston Hotel on September 22-25, 2022.

Lucinda received blue ribbons for 2 'Cherubino' and 2 'Enchantress' dahlia entries.



For the past several years, the Greenvale Garden Club has used Lucinda's dahlias along with flowers from members' gardens and gardens of friends to create approximately 135 to 140 dahlia arrangements each year to share with residents of a local retirement community.

Submitted by Susan Deputy

Glen Burnie Garden Club members join with area garden clubs to decorate Belle Grove and Abrams Delight each December.

This year, Abrams Delight in Winchester needed additional help, so our members stepped up and decorated both the entry hall and the dining room, keeping in mind the historic time period. Primarily focusing on the abundant greens in the area, club members came up with warm and welcoming Christmas décor.

Belle Grove in Middletown, VA, typically has a theme that each club is asked to use when doing their decorating. This year's theme was 'My Favorite Things'. Club members took their clues from the famous song in the Sound of Music and used the 'birds on the wing' as their inspiration for the lovely entry hall décor.



These four pictures are Abrams Delight



These two pictures are from Belle Grove



Submitted by Carolyn Frye

The Natural Bridge Garden Club, founded in 1932, celebrated its 90th Anniversary Luncheon at the Natural Bridge Hotel on October 12, 2022. Members and guests gathered to celebrate and learn about former members, activities and contributions made to the community over the past century...minutes written in 1936 were distributed as favors to everyone in attendance. Past Presidents and long-standing members were recognized and given table arrangements. In addition to these ladies, we were honored to have Pat Carswell, Shenandoah District President, join us!



Pictured Left: Honored guest: Pat Carswell, Shenandoah District President pictured with member, Maureen Becker, Past President 2015-2017 of Natural Bridge Garden Club



Pictured Right: Ann Nay, member since 1976, Guest Barbara Thomas, and President Doris Fredricksen



Group picture of members and guests of the Natural Bridge Garden Club



Table Floral arrangement made by member and Master Gardener Carla Zorn

The Club participated in the annual Festival of the Trees charity event featured at the Natural Bridge Hotel December 2022. Donations are placed under the trees for charities in Rockbridge County each holiday season, and this year the chosen charities were Furever Friends and a local food pantry. The Club was honored to receive 4th place out of 29 trees entered.



Sadly, we lost a long-standing member recently...Mrs. Jacqueline van der Leeden and a contribution was made in her memory to the Rockbridge Area Hospice. New members who have joined us in 2022 and 2023 are: Virginia Cooke, Sandee Greene, Beth Ower Mohle and Lucia Owens.

The Club is looking forward to our annual Spring Plant Sale and many more wonderful speakers and upcoming field trips scheduled for our members to enjoy. Onward to our 91st year together.

Submitted by: Diane Weaver

Cedar Run Garden Club

Cedar Run has an active spring planned with the February meeting making flower arrangements for a local nursing home/assisted care centers. March is a Field Trip to The Flower Gallery with Easter designs by Doug Burrows. April is also, a field trip to Belmont: Gari Melchers home and gardens and May is another field trip to a native plant society Trillium walk.

Recently CRGC made flower arrangements with the students that attend the afternoon session at The Boys' and Girls' club of Warrenton. Each Valentine mug was filled with oasis and our volunteers from Cedar Run Garden Club oversaw the activity. The students had a nice gift for someone special in their family.



The last meeting of 2022 was a Christmas pot luck lunch as Presidents Kay's home. As usual, great food and great company.



Submitted by Val Story

APPLICATION FOR VFGC LIFE MEMBERSHIP/BOOK OF HONOR

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Honoree's Garden Club

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Date of Presentation

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

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