

SHENANDOAH SHARINGS



Shenandoah District

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



Edition 67

General News

March/April
2023

President's Notes

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Several times in the last couple weeks I have heard the comment, "I can't wait until Spring". I want to reply that we haven't even had winter yet! I recall years in the past when February has been the time of major storms in our area. Even Punxsutawney Phill is predicting that we have several weeks to go before winter is no longer a threat. Don't you think the shadow of a groundhog should be enough of verification that cold weather is still to come?

Of course, individuals are not the only ones confused. My plants don't know what they are supposed to be doing. I have daffodils in the front garden that are about 6 inches tall and have buds on them. The cherry trees are showing sides of new life. Every year I worry that a early spell of warmth followed by another freeze will cause stress-induced damage to the tender new growth. While some articles assure me that they will be fine, I still can't help but be concerned. Have you noticed new growth in your garden? Has it prompted you to go out and start preparing for spring on these sunny days or like me, are you convinced that our winter hasn't happened yet.

As we do start looking forward to Spring, we can start marking our calendars for the upcoming events. Virginia is hosting the SAR Convention in Roanoke the first week of March, the VFGC Convention will be in Staunton April 23-24 and this year, the NGC Convention is not far away *at* The Greenbrier in West Virginia. Our district meeting will be March 28 in Steeles Tavern. All of these are opportunities to learn, shop and visit with our garden club friends!

Until then, let's look ahead to "A Time to Plant, A Time to Heal".

Pat

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

SHENANDOAH SHARINGS
Editor.....Val Story



IN MEMORIAM
Our Deceased Members



Lexington GC
Debbie Arnn

Nelson County GC
Mary Frances Armen Trout

Natural Bridge GC
Jacqueline van der Leeden

Monticello GC
Sharon Zobrist



WELCOME NEW COMERS

Lake of the Woods

Renee Hochenberger
Toni Maltagliati
Susan Petty-Bailer
Christy McManus
Marcy Brennan
Azar Bigdeli
Diane Engel
Catherine Hillis
Chelsa Hoehn
Deanne Lawrence
Carl Vacketta

Cedar Run

Donna Lobo
Elaine Chandler

Calfee

Susan McGavran
Phyllis Mulholand

Nelson County

Evelyn Logue

Glenn Burnie

Suzanne Lareau
Tena Markosky
Linda Richardson
Margaret Walsh

Greenvale

Chris Maloy

Monticello

Denise Henderson
Jennifer Heller

Hill and Valley

Jane Mangum

Purcellville

Lisa Harvey
Anne Livoti
Janice Hemphill

Hawthorne

Ceci Albecker
Robin Sweet

Rappahannock County

Michael Rider

Natural Bridge

Virginia Cooke
Santee Greene
Beth Ower Mohle
Lucia Owen

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: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Quantity: _____

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



Shenandoah District Spring Meeting March 28, 2022

Programs, Vendors, Fundraising

The meeting will be held at the lovely Old Providence ARP Church
1005 Spottswood 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 Tyro 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

Or pay on the web

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: _____

**Deadline: March 20, 2023 postmarked after this date add \$10.00 to
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NGC AND SAR NEWS



**NGC President
Mary Warshauer**

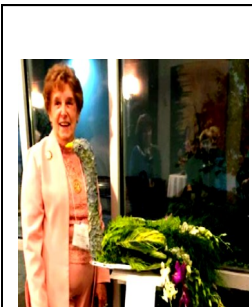


MARY’S MUSINGS

Nature’s splendor provides us with vast and extraordinary beauty – and similar challenges. When we pause to notice insects buzzing, trees swaying in the wind, the rhythms of ocean waves, or the night sky of twinkling stars, Nature’s melodies become a source of strength and renewal – and certainly never more than over the last year. Our imaginations are unleashed into a playground of possibilities as we enjoy the boundless wonders of the outdoors.

However, our treasured natural resources need protection and restoration. NGC is dedicated to preserving our earth’s natural resources through our communities’ civic beautification and our environment’s conservation. We must continue to raise awareness to safeguard what we hold dear. Each time we share our members’ knowledge and talents in a hands-on community project, NGC has the chance to create long-lasting relationships that will support the environment and enhance our communities.

NGC encourages a wide variety of projects that preserve, protect and restore the environment within our communities. It is this dedication and passion that have enabled us to embrace virtual platforms for communication and education. Utilizing virtual platforms has created the opportunity to engage membership and broaden our audience, which has truly allowed our community to blossom. NGC will continue to engage and educate through virtual means to promote its mission, grow its membership and engage new communities. The possibilities are endless.



**South Atlantic Region Director,
2021-2023
Marty Bowers
Theme: Reconnect, Plant, Grow and Bloom**



Marty will be completing her term as SAR Director this coming Spring at the SAR Convention, March 5-7, 2023 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center.

Members of SAR and VFGC thank Marty for her dedication to garden club organizations and her caring approach to all who meet her. Her friendly demeanor and approach is much appreciated.

Marty will continue to be involved in VFGC, SAR and NGC....we all wish her well on her continued endeavors.

VFGC REPORTS

Mary Owen, VFGC PRESIDENT

During uncertain times, we began a journey to Dig Into Action with this VFGC PRIDE administration. Since May 2021, we have reinstated our schools....both Landscape Design and Flower Show and produced a Symposium. We have held numerous flower Shows. Recycled thousands pf pounds of plastic and received TREX® benches. Funded the planting of many Penny Pine Plantations. Added Blue Star Memorials And celebrated our gardens with a yard sign extravaganza. You contributed club news to the ODG and the new ROOTED e-message. We even instigated a VFGC PRIDE decal program. And you know, that's just what VFGC spear-headed, a small part compared to everything each of your clubs accomplished... I thank you!



As we all know two years goes very fast when one is busy and as caring as Mary has been. I certainly have enjoyed working with Mary for her term as VFGC President. Some of the programs she started will continue, i.e. TREX, ROOTED and the continued and improved ODG.

As with any new administration, some things may change a bit or with more emphasis on other programs. One will be VFGC involved in the community to a greater extent and another will be virtual educational programs. The VFGC Web will be revitalized. Emphasis will also be on NGC programs i.e. Plant America, schools , Penny Pines and all the opportunities NGC provides.

Flower shows are a way to bring people together.....plan one or two or three.
Val Story, VFGC President Elect

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

Penny Pines Contributions

2022	127
2021	91
2020	61
2019	110
2018	89
2017	56
2016	28
2015	32

These 467 Penny Pines plantations, at \$68 each, represent a total value of \$31,756 to plant new trees in our USDA



Penny Pines Total for 2022

From Jan. thru Dec. = 127

plantations with a value of \$8,636.00.

Blue Ridge	15
Piedmont	13
Shenandoah	33
South Central	10
Southwest	3
Tidewater	49

District Ways and Means

March 28, 2023



Baked Goods

Easter Confections

Design Containers

**Spring and Summer
Wreaths**



Wire & Floral Tape

**Spring and Summer
Designs**

Oasis

Bird Houses

Lots of Other Treats

Bring those Checkbooks!!!



Hello fellow Garden Club members . . .

The Ways and Means Committee is busy making and securing items for the Spring District Meeting. Baked items and Easter goodies are being planned just for you! This year we are offering personalized Peanut Butter Easter Eggs, if you would like one, let me know by Friday, March 24th so it will be ready for you to pick up. If there are particular things that you would like for us to make (ie. wreaths, arrangements or baked goods) give me a call or email with your personal request.

Thank you,
Valerie Vaughan
540-377-2239 or vrvc colours@hotmail.com

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT NEWS

A NOTE FROM YOUR SHENANDOAH DISTRICT TREASURER



Garden Club Treasurers

Yearly Garden Club Dues are \$1.25 per member and are to be sent to your District Treasurer.

Due no later than May 31st of each year.

Checks are to be payable to:
Shenandoah District, VFGC

Send to:

Dianna Busch
Shenandoah District Treasurer
14453 Rillhurst Drive
Culpeper, VA 22701-9711



**VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF
GARDEN CLUBS
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT**



VFGC Shenandoah District Annual Dues

To be paid by May 31st

\$1.25 per member

Checks should be payable to – **Shenandoah District, VFGC**

Number of members _____

Club Name _____

Club President _____

Club Treasurer _____

Email _____

Mail check to –
Shenandoah District Treasurer
Dianna Busch
14453 Rillhurst Drive
Culpeper, VA 22701-9711

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSEY OWL POSTER CONTEST – 2023



Even though only two clubs were able to participate, the Shenandoah District Smokey Bear poster contest for 2023 was a success. The two clubs reached out to two public schools and one private school.

With the assistance of several teachers, 373 students participated. 373 posters were received by the participating clubs from students in grades one through five. Of those posters, one winning poster from each grade was submitted to the Shenandoah District Poster Chairman. These posters will compete against winning posters from the other five Virginia districts.



I would like to acknowledge and thank the two clubs and their chairmen for all their efforts and hard work to make this a successful year. The participating clubs are: Madison GC – Heidi Sage, and Glasgow GC – Carol Davis.

The winning entries for the Shenandoah District are:

Grade 1 – Jett Lamb	Madison Garden Club
Grade 2 – Aaron Farmer	Madison Garden Club
Grade 3 – Autumn Burke	Madison Garden Club
Grade 4 – Isis Hudson	Glasgow Garden Club
Grade 5 – Carter Whitmer	Glasgow Garden Club

Congratulations to all the winners! Certificates for each winning student have been ordered and will be presented to the student by the club chairman.

Toni Shreve, Chairman
Shenandoah District Smokey Bear/Woodsy Poster Contest

Shenandoah District clubs are back in full swing and finding interesting programs is of great interest. If your club has had an interesting speaker or program, please send a brief summary with contact information to jquinley37@gmail.com.

Updates for the Programs section of our Shenandoah District Reference Manual are being made, so, please send your suggestions soon.



Jill Quinley, Shenandoah District Program Chairman.

Birds and Butterflies

This time of year we can only dream about the days when butterflies floated around our gardens and seemed to be moving art. There are birds that winter over in Virginia; if you are lucky enough to have a bird feeder you will have regular visitors.

However, how do we provide a habitat that is friendly to the many insects that serve as pollinators and food for our birds during the winter. Do not clean up your leaves! You do not have to leave the leaves where they are, a heavy leaf cover can kill grass. You can rake or blow them into your garden beds to provide ground cover for insects and keep winter weeds from taking over. Perhaps designate a part of your yard in the back or side of your house and leave as natural as possible.

Luna moths and swallowtail butterflies disguise their cocoons and chrysalises as dried leaves which blend in with the real leaves. Bumble bees burrow into the ground only an inch or two and appreciate a thick nest of leaves to help protect them from the cold. There are many more species that are wintering not far from your feet.

Insects are our greatest pollinators; we need to help them survive. Also, if you have left a natural habitat in your yard wait until the spring before cleaning up. Let us all do our part and to save the planet.

By Betsy Walker

DO NOT FORGET

TREX

START ANYTIME, SO WORTHWHILE TO YOUR COM- MUNITY AND LANDSCAPE!

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

Shenandoah Award

Thanks to all the clubs that sent in applications for awards. We had nine clubs submit twenty-three applications for fifteen awards. There were two clubs that submitted an application and entries for the Youth Poetry Award. The Youth awards were judged in November, 2022, then the First Place winners were sent on to the State. Our Shenandoah District submitted three award applications to be forwarded to the State.

A big thank you to the District Board members who volunteered their time on December 5, 2022 to judge the award applications in Charlottesville. It was a pleasant day and so much less confusing than last year. Everyone took the process very seriously and worked diligently to complete the judging process for each application. We had eleven blue ribbons and eleven red ribbons, and one yellow ribbon. Two clubs submitted posters for the Smoke Bear/ Woodsy Owl contest.

The Scrapbook Award applications must be received by March 1, 2023 and will be judged by mid-March. So please send your Scrapbooks directly to the Awards Chairman, at her home address. Denise Gorsky, 3147 Glasgow Hwy., Buena Vista, Virginia, 24416. Scrapbook will be returned at the Spring District meeting in April

All the Awards will be announced at the Spring District meeting, on March 28, 2023. Hope to see you there.

Denise Gorsky

Community Gardens

Historic Garden Week is April 15-22. Visit www.vagardenweek.org to find a tour near you.

Spring Plant Fest May 5-6 @ Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden www.lewisginter.org

Garden Fair May 13-14 @ State Arboretum of Virginia www.blandy.virginia.edu

Looking for native plants? Visit **Watermark Woods** in Loudon County. In business since 2014, they now sell over 40,000 plants a year. Website: watermarkwoods.com

Hill House Farm & Nursery also offers a huge selection of native plants. Located in Castleton, VA Call for appointment 540-937-1798 www.hillhousenatives.com

Garden Lover's Day June 10 @ Birdsong Pleasure Garden 10-4 pm
1414 Longs Rd. Luray, VA
www.birdsongpleasuregarden.org

Please share a favorite garden or nursery that you or your club has visited!
Submitted by Katie Sokol
hillandvalleygardenclub@gmail.com

Be a Yearbook Sponsor

VFGC YEARBOOK – 2023-2025

Deadline: June 30, 2023

INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR

Please print your NAME as it is to appear in the yearbook.

Name _____

District _____

Garden Club _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail _____

CLUB SPONSOR

Garden Club Name _____

District _____

Club Contact (Treasurer) _____

Contact Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Yearbook Insert		\$10.00	
Yearbook Binder with VFGC logo		\$8.00	
Total Order			

Checks payable to **VFGC, Inc.** *Mail check and form to:*
 Darleen Nelson 153 Bushfield Road Montross, VA 22520-3813
 darlydurl@aol.com 804-472-9710

Who can be a Sponsor?

Each club and every club member can be a sponsor

SPONSOR BENEFITS

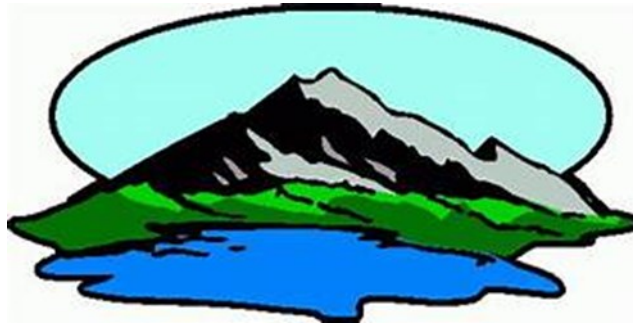
- Listed on the **Sponsors Page**
- Receive a yearbook insert (*\$10 Sponsor*)

Each member club receives **two** gratis yearbook inserts and each VFGC/district officer and chairman receives **one** gratis yearbook insert.

What's in it for me?

- A directory of names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for all VFGC officers and chairmen, district officers and chairmen, all garden club presidents, and SAR and NGC officers.
- Information that Garden Clubs need—on dues, donations, Life Memberships, etc.
- Calendar of Events
- Awards offered by VFGC, SAR and NGC for clubs and individuals
- List of Flower Show Judges and Landscape Design Consultants
- VFGC Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Standing Rules

***Be a VFGC Yearbook Sponsor
and Receive Your Copy of the VFGC Yearbook!***



Virginia – Mountains to the Ocean

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show

Presented by Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs,
Inc.

April 23, 2023 1:00 to 4:00 PM
April 24, 2023 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Hotel 24 South
24 South Market Street
Staunton, Virginia 24401

Open & Free to the public
Affiliated with:
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
South Atlantic Region

Email Pat Carswell to enter a design in the show
mamala@comcast.net

The Winchester Council of Garden Clubs Presents
A National Garden Club Standard Flower Show

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Saturday, April 22, 2023
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

Museum of the
Shenandoah Valley
901 Amherst Street
Winchester, Virginia

Member of National Garden Clubs,
Inc. South Atlantic Region

Virginia Federation of Garden
Clubs, Inc. Shenandoah District



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Garden Lover's Day

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



June 10th, 2023, 10-4 pm



at Birdsong Pleasure Garden

State Review ~ "Virginia's Best Kept Secrets"

Proceeds benefit Environmental Scholarships

Plant Sale ~ Trees, Shrubs, Natives, House Plants

Raffle Tickets ~ for \$25-\$125 Gift Certificates from Our Generous Donors

Garden Tours, Unique Garden Plantings and Soothing Water Features
are all woven together over three acres of gentle terrain.

\$10 ~ VFGC Members, \$12 ~ Non-Members

Pay at the door/cash or check

Food Truck, Wine, Rain or Shine

Parking at 1414 Longs Road, Luray, Virginia

Information at:

birdsongpleasuregarden@gmail.com 540-743-9389 www.birdsongpleasuregarden.info



The Madison Garden Club

invites you to

Designs to Delight!

A program by well-known designer David Pippin

June 8, 2023

1:00 P.M.

Madison Vines Resort
110 Campground Lane
Madison, Virginia

Refreshments, shopping,
and chance to win
one of David's designs!

Cost per person - \$30.00

Send check to: Madison Garden Club
% Jeanne Bruton, Treasurer
P.O. Box 139
Hood, VA 22723

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 540-222-5176
513 Trailside Drive
Charlottesville, VA 22911-8495
chadenva@aol.com

Contributions to

Blue Star Memorial

Make Payable to

Shenandoah District, VFGC

In honor of President or Individual:

Name of Club or Individual making

Donation: _____

Check memo line: Blue Star Memorial
Send Check and form to

Polly Gable

540-347-7708---pollygable@gmail.com
6416 Summerfield Lane
Warrenton, VA 20186

Contribution to

**Shenandoah District
Scholarship Fund**

Make payable to:

Shenandoah District, VFGC

Check Memo Line: Scholarship Fund

Send Check and Form to

Heidi Sage
1057 Jacks Shop Road
Rochelle, VA 22738-3907

Print: _____
Club Name