

SHENANDOAH SHARINGS



Shenandoah District

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



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President's Notes

“Here!” “Here!” “Here!”

As students return to the classroom and teachers call the roll, garden club members are also returning to their meeting schedules and trying to create their own new sense of normalcy. Our calendars are starting to fill up again with club meetings, district meetings, Flower Show School, flower shows, ... so many things are going on this fall! Even though times are still uncertain, I look forward to going to as many as I can as we all get back to what used to be “routine”. Following VFGC and NGC guides to recycle, we have spoken to Trex regarding their program to collect plastics. Each club can register and earn a bench made from recycled materials. Our recycling chairman will help to guide you. This is also a way for you to involve youth in your club.

I am encouraged as I talk to clubs about membership and what they are doing to achieve club growth. Several clubs have reported new members and I am hoping that the interest in gardening that has grown over the last year can be expanding to be an interest in garden clubs as well.

At this time, we are still planning our fall district meeting in Harrisonburg on October 14, 2021, and are looking forward to seeing you there. Until then, as the summer blooms end, let us look forward to fall and “A Time to Plant, A Time to Heal”.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

S D Board Meeting: Sept 9 Harrisonburg
VFGC Flower Show: Sept 12-13 Richmond
VFGC Board Meeting: Sept 13 Richmond
Flower Show School: Sept 13-16 Richmond
VFGC Grants Deadline: Sept 15
NGC Fall Board Meeting: Sept 21-25 St Louis
SD Judges Council Meeting: Oct 4 Harrisonburg
Landscape Design School Oct 11-12 Richmond
District Meeting: October 14 Harrisonburg
Fine Arts and Flowers: Oct 21-24 Richmond
Designers Guild Flower Show: Oct 25
ODC Deadline: Nov 1
Awards Deadline Dec 1

SHENANDOAH SHARINGS

Editor.....Val Story

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IN MEMORIAM
Our Deceased Members



Greenvale Garden Club
Carolyn Anne Huffman Wetsel

Rappahannock County Garden Club
Lois Snead

Nelson County Garden Club
Pamela Helburg

Middleburg Garden Club
Ruth Ripley



WELCOME NEW COMERS

Lake of the Woods

Avril Adams
Susan Barnes
Carol Donoho
Betty Eisenmann
Barbara Fattore
Peggy Grella
Alton Mohrbacher
Michelle Pene
Al Rico
Valerie Roop

Cedar Run

Christy Cox
Connie Glasgow
Carolyn Rodway

Nelson County

Mary Hopkins
Rev. Donna Steckline
Melissa Dickie

Rappahannock County

Dee Akre
Beth DeBergh
Darcy Justen
Jen Krebs

Middleburg

Karla Etten

Academy of Gardeners

Sandy Adams
Janet Hamilton
Janice Hepler
Wendy Ledbetter

Colonial

Tena Markosky
Peggy Walk



Shenandoah District Fall Meeting

October 14, 2021

Spotswood Country Club
1980 County Club Road, Harrisonburg
Programs, Vendors, Fundraising

Come visit this venue in Harrisonburg, enjoy the sights, greens and trees.
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 9:10
Club President Meeting at 9:30

Program: Ground Covers by Darcey Justin
Designs by members/judges Blue Ridge District

**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

Apple Valley, Colonial, Glen Burnie and Hawthorne

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL DISTRICT MEETING

Deadline: October 5, 2021 Post marked after this date add \$10.00 to registration

Please, send a form for each person attending.
Registration: \$27.00

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: _____

Deadline: October 5, 2021 postmarked after this date add \$10.00 to registration

Please, send a form for each person attending.

Registration: \$27.00

Registrar Use Only

Check # _____

Amount _____

Date Rec'd _____

NGC AND SAR NEWS



**NGC President
Mary Warshauer**



A Playground of Possibilities

Mary Warshauer, President of National Garden Clubs, Inc., is a lifelong gardening and floral design enthusiast who is dedicated to promoting initiatives focusing on civic and environmental education. Through her volunteerism at NGC, Mary aspires to spread awareness throughout schools, groups, clubs, and communities regarding the need to educate future gardeners and help the next generation with tools to develop creative ways to sustain our world.

Born in Patuxent River, Maryland to a military family, Mary quickly learned to adapt to new communities, cultures, and climates. As a perpetual “new kid in school,” local organizations became a bedrock of support, instilling in Mary a deep understanding of community service-oriented projects and the impacts they can have.

This passion led Mary to join the Garden Club of Fair Haven, NJ in 1987, where she participated in many community projects including earning her flower show judge accreditation. Mary has served garden club at the district, state and regional levels becoming President of the Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc., from 2009 to 2011 and Central Atlantic Regional Director in 2013-2015. Joining the NGC Board of Directors in 2007 as Water Quality & Conservation Chair, Mary has held a variety of positions, including Blue Star Memorial Highway Chair, and culminating in her most recent position as First Vice President.

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



The South Atlantic Region Director's Projects are:

- 1) A gardening project involving youth
- 2) Restoring or reclaiming a public site

1) Youth are our future. Through our work as gardeners, we can instill in youth the rewards and joys of gardening. If they plant it, watch it grow, they will eat it. Imagine the joy on a child's face when the bulb they planted in the fall becomes a bright yellow daffodil in the spring. Creating pollinator gardens, wildflower gardens and any other type of gardening with youth.

\$50 cash award will be presented annually to the garden club for the most outstanding project involving youth. Must include number of garden club people involved and number of youth

2) Plan to restore a public site that has become overgrown, contains dead plants and weeds, or reclaim a public site that has been abandoned.

\$50 cash award will be presented annually to the garden club for the most outstanding project either for restoring or reclaiming. Photos must be presented showing before and after completion of work and must include location, time, cost and number of garden club people involved.

Deadline for submitting applications: Follow District (Dec. 1 deadline to District Awards Chairman) and State guidelines with January 25th as the deadline to be received from the state to the Region Awards Chairman. [Note: There is a new application form to be used for all Awards this year. Check out the VFGC website.]

VFGC REPORTS

Mary Owen, VFGC PRESIDENT

Thank you for honoring me with the VFGC Presidency. I am excited about the many possibilities that lie ahead. Even though we are still navigating some uncertain times with non-traditional approaches, I think the SUN is beginning to shine.

As I see it, we have TWO objectives for the next couple years:

First - **“DIG INTO ACTION”...with VFGC.** Get back doing what we do best. Yes!!!! **“DIG INTO ACTION” with VFGC** is our theme for this administration. It’s time to do it.

Second - Increase the visibility of VFGC....to make sure our works are seen, and our organization is recognized...to take **PRIDE** in who we are AND what we do. That’s **VFGC PRIDE.**

We’re doing even more Digging...right into Flower Show School and Landscape Design School this fall. And to highlight our first in-person event, we will hold a Flower Show this September: “VFGC FALLS INTO PLACE,” open for all to attend. And we will plan to hold a Symposium in 2022.



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Recently VFGC lost a valuable and caring member:

Mary Sue Floyd



She was the past VFGC President. Mary Sue held many positions in VFGC, SAR and her local garden club, a well as her church.

If desired, Clubs or individuals may make donations to the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund. Checks should be written to VFGC Inc. with Scholarship Fund in memo

line and mailed to: Treasurer Claudia Cosby: 3015 Mount Hill Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113-3923

Mary Sue was an avid supporter of the VFGC Scholarship programs.

Shenandoah Clubs awarded Honors by the National Garden Club



Congratulations to our Shenandoah District and to the three Clubs who distinguished themselves by earning top awards honors from the National Garden Clubs. The NGC does not offer Blue, Red or yellow ribbons, rather they offer certificates:

First Place Certificate or Certificate of Merit for Overall Award Winners, regardless of club size

Certificate of Commendation by category size/type for Runners-Up, meaning best in their size group

The Shenandoah District earned the top NGC award, the Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit, for our District Newsletter, “Shenandoah Sharings”, a newsletter with over 24 pages. This newsletter previously achieved this top level for their 2018 publications. Congratulations to editor Val Story and the many clubs who submitted articles.

The Lake of the Woods Garden Club led by VFGC Penny Pines Chairman Joy Poole was the Overall Winner, earning the Hazel Johnson Award for “Environmental Concerns and Conservation”. Joy’s efforts in promoting the NGC Penny Pines program have had impressive results. Each donation of \$68 plants tree seedlings in an area devastated by natural disasters. The Shenandoah district, clubs and individuals sponsored 20 sites in 2020 alone.

The Madison Garden Club tied with the Westchester Garden Club of the Blue Ridge District for the Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for their newsletter, “MGC Garden Scoop”. This is the Overall NGC Winner, regardless of club size. Madison has been recognized at District, State, and Regional levels every year going back to 2014. This is their third time earning the top NGC award.

The Glen Burnie Garden Club of Winchester earned the Certificate of Merit for their yearbook in the category of clubs with 20 – 29 members. Considering the point score sheet for yearbooks is two pages of detailed requirements, this is quite an achievement!

And thank you to all the clubs in our district who participated in the awards program and distinguished themselves. The State and Regional awards were listed in the summer issue of the Old Dominion Gardener and can also be found on the VFGC web site under awards. The complete listing of National awards is posted on the NGC web site under awards.

Heidi Sage
VFGC Awards Chairman

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

Penny Pines Contributions



2021 (thru July)	37
2020	61
2019	110
2018	89
2017	56
2016	28
2015	32



Each of these 408 Penny Pines plantations given represents \$68 for a total value of \$27,744 to plant new trees in our United States National Forests.

Last December, I applied for an award to recognize the efforts our VFGC members put forth for the Penny Pines project. I am proud to share with you, and to thank you, as all of us played a part, in our winning the 2020 National Garden Club Hazel Johnson Conservation Education award.

So far, Shenandoah district has given 14 Penny Pines plantations in 2021! Since 2015, VFGC has given 408 plantations! With a value of \$127,744.

Please keep passing the collection jars so we can plant more trees!

Joy Poole Shenandoah and VFGC Penny Pines Chairman

TREX Film Recycling Challenge

What an opportunity for your club to improve our environment and, at the same time, potentially receive a TREX garden bench for your efforts. The Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. was welcomed to the **TREX Film Recycling Challenge**. This is a goal of Shenandoah District President, too.

However, the program is structured so that each individual club will need to register with **TREX**. This is so that a club can manage and establish their own recycling program that will make them eligible for a **TREX** bench.

You will receive your own username and password so you can access the TrexPro portal. It is a Challenge/Collection time for a six-month period. During this time, you must collect the plastics, deliver to recycling locations and register your collections.

Recycling locations

Posters showing acceptable plastics

Recycling Bins

Go to www.trex.com

Scroll to bottom of the page (black area) click **Recycling**

Click on **community & University Challenge Program**

Fill out **enrollment form** (under Program select University/Community)

SMOKEY BEAR AND WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST – 2022



I am happy to announce that I am now the Virginia State (VFGC) Poster Contest Chairman. Barbara Ohmsen is retiring. What a pleasure working with her these past years. I have big shoes to fill and can only hope that I can do a super job as she had done. Keeping my fingers crossed!



I am still the Shenandoah District Poster Contest Chairman. In August I will be sending my annual poster contest email to all the club Presidents requesting the name of their Poster Chairman as it becomes available. From there I will be working with the club chairmen on the rules of the contest.

Now that schools will be returning to in person classes in the fall, I hope that more schools and groups can be reached. I look forward to a very successful contest in 2022!

Best regards,
Toni Shreve
Shenandoah District Poster Contest Chairman
Virginia State Poster Contest Chairman



Nancy Iron, Glasgow GC. Grown f
from seeds.



Picture from Toni Shreve
Bee and butterfly

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT NEWS

Bylaws change

Bylaws Update to Be Voted in October

Lessons from 2020 include the need to be prepared for the unexpected, such as the need to conduct meetings electronically. Therefore, Shenandoah District bylaws need to include that provision. At the Fall District meeting, we will vote to add the following to our bylaws, bringing them into compliance with similar changes being made to VFGC, SAR and NGC bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

SECTION 4 – Electronic Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors, all Committees and the Shenandoah District membership may be conducted by telephone and/or through use of internet meeting services designated by the president or the chairman calling the meeting.

Should the Executive Committee deem a mailed ballot to be necessary, the ballot will be emailed to board members and club delegates prior to the scheduled electronic meeting. Board members and club delegates must print and send the ballot to the Shenandoah Director Secretary using postal mail, by the date specified. Club delegates must be determined prior to the required vote. Each Club will be allowed three votes.

These electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Board or by Shenandoah District, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for members' participation. Any such rules adopted by the Board shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority but may not otherwise conflict with or alter any rule or decision of the Shenandoah District. An anonymous vote conducted through the designated internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot.

Rationale: To authorize that meetings of the Executive Board, Board of Directors, all Committees, and Shenandoah District members may be conducted by telephone alone, by telephone in conjunction with internet services, or by internet services alone. (Note: this does not authorize members who are not physically present at an "in person" meeting to participate by telephone.)

Bylaw Committee Members included: Mary Haight, Jill Quinley, Val Story and President Pat Carswell

A NOTE FROM YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER

Your Shenandoah District Treasurer has changed for 2021 – 2023

Dianna Busch

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540-547-2874

14453 Rillhurst Drive

Culpeper, VA 22707-9711



Some dates to remember:

District Garden Club Dues are \$1.25 per person. **Due before May 31st** of each year. Include number of members on check memo line. A list of member names is not required for the District Dues.

Make all checks payable to **Shenandoah District, VFGC** and send to the District Treasurer - Dianna Busch at the address above.

This includes Dues, registration forms, luncheon checks, donations and any other remittances to the District.

“Shenandoah Sharings” is the **District Newsletter** sent to your Garden Club President and should be forwarded by your “President to all of your Garden Club Members”. It is important for all members to be informed of District events. Registration Forms for District Board Meetings, Fall District Meetings, Spring District Meetings and Call Letters of meetings and events will be included in Shenandoah Sharings.

Registration forms and checks for meetings must be sent to the Treasurer **before the “due” Date**. Do not wait until the Due Date to mail. Number “Counts” of people attending these meetings need to be sent to the District President by the Treasurer by the Due Date in order to provide an accurate headcount for lunches.

Please complete your Registration Forms and always include form with your check. Please note meeting name or meeting date on check memo line.

The Scholarship Fund and the Blue Star Memorial Fund are all funded by your generous Garden Club donations. Donations are accepted anytime for these funds through the Shenandoah District Treasurer.

Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

As Chair of Arboretum and Botanical Gardens I encourage club presidents to view the web sites listed below for programs and tours offered although some may be virtually. There is excellent information available for your garden club and also opportunities for club members to volunteer. It is always exciting to find new information and be able to implement these different techniques of gardening and enjoy the time to really work the garden.

Jmu.edu/arboretum/events/adultprograms.shtml

540-568-3194

blandy.virginia.edu

540-837-1758

Another opportunity for garden club members would be to reach out to the group **Sustainability Matters**. There are numerous ways to help with this group. Email sustainabilitymattersva@gmail.com.. These ladies provide an excellent program for your club meetings. A good contact source for all the right reasons and they are always looking for volunteers. Contact names Sari Carp and Paula Brownlee.

Submitted by Susan Zorn



Shenandoah District Scholarships

Shenandoah District offers a \$1000 scholarship to a rising 2nd year student at a local Virginia Community College. The Shenandoah District Scholarship is for Community Colleges with rising second year applicants studying a horticulture or environmental related subject. It is funded by donations from individuals and clubs.

As your District Scholarship Chairman, my committee includes Val Story and Mary Haught. This year our district has not had in person meetings, so never had the opportunity to meet our most recent winner, Felicity Zimmerman from 2020.

The committee members reached out to the local community colleges and at the very last moment, an applicant emailed in a fine application:

Alexander Burton of Palmyra is a rising second year student at Dabney Lancaster Community College in Clifton Forge. He is majoring in Forest Management Technology with a GPA of 4.0 and planning to graduate in June of 2022. He graduated from UNC in 2015 with a BS in New Media, worked for a while in Los Angeles in UCLA's Emergency room only to return home and chose an entirely new direction – Forestry. His goal is to work for the National Park Service in Public Education.

The District Boards has approved Alexander Burton to receive the Shenandoah District Community College Scholarship of \$1,000. After the check is sent to the college this summer, we will have \$261.50 in the scholarship fund. Thank everyone for their generous contributions.

By Heidi Sage, Chairman

Birds and Butterflies

As garden club members, we need to foster our love for plants to those we meet. Whether you are fortunate to have expansive gardens or just have a pot of flowers on your deck or patio, we can all be good stewards of the earth. An important part of gardening is to attract pollinators. Butterflies add to the overall appeal of a garden landscape. They are like moving artwork.

I have a variety of flowers in my gardens that attract butterflies, but two perennials that have performed well this year are hyssop and garden phlox. Hyssop is an ancient plant that is mentioned in the bible; this herb was used to treat leprosy and chest ailments. There are many different varieties of hyssop but I particularly like anise hyssop. The leaves give off a pungent liquorish scent. I planted one in my herb garden this year and it has reached a height of over four feet. It has lovely purple spires and the bees and butterflies flock to it. In the fall it will turn brown, cut it back to about 6 inches. It requires almost no care and little water. It will return in the spring only to become a beautiful specimen again.



The second perennial I would recommend is old-fashioned garden phlox. This plant grows to about 4 feet and has luscious pink blooms. There also a white variety. The deer love it, so it does best in a protected spot. I planted mine on the outside of my fenced in vegetable garden several years ago and it got eaten every summer. However, the phlox crept under the fence and now is a beautiful back drop to my tomato plants. This year I have seen swallowtail butterflies, hummingbird moths and many varieties of bees hovering over the blooms. These plants require little care and bloom all summer. They can also be cut and brought inside for arrangements. They die down in the winter; it is best to cut back the brown stalks for a sightlier garden.



Whatever your situation, you can provide much a needed sanctuary for our pollinator friends.

Submitted by Betsy Walker

Shenandoah scholarship recipient, Alexander Burton, attending Dabney S. Lancaster Community College in Clifton Forge.

I wanted to update you on my degree progress, now that I have officially completed my first year of the program. I finished up with my final exams and lab practicals this week in Urban Forestry, Forest Mapping and Forest Mensuration. I think I did quite well and am eager to see the results. As for the summer, I have secured an arboriculture internship with Bartlett Tree Experts, where I'll be able to apply what I've learned at DSLCC and gain further knowledge in the world of tree maintenance and plant healthcare. I'm very excited about that opportunity. I also plan to do some volunteer work with Bremono Tree Nursery in Bremono Bluff to gain as much variety of valuable work experience as I can out of the summer. I have also decided on the arboriculture/horticulture concentration in the Forest Management Technology program. That side of forestry has piqued my interest a bit more than the traditional forestry pathway and as a plus, will allow me to more directly affect VFGC's particular interests in community forestry and gardening.

I hope you and all the members of the Shenandoah District of Garden Clubs are doing well and I very much look forward to meeting you all!

Thanks for all you do,
Alexander Burton
Forest Management Technology Student, DSLCC

Community Gardens

Greetings fellow garden club members! I am the new chair of this committee and the 2021-23 President of the Hill and Valley Garden Club, Luray. Any gardens, private or public, that you would like to share, please contact me and I will disperse to the Shenandoah District club presidents or in upcoming newsletters.

Places to Visit:

My club recently visited **Glen Burnie Gardens** at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester. Many of you have probably been there but for me it was only the second time, and the first was rained out! I was quite impressed by the design and diversity of plantings throughout this 7 acre garden. The formality of the front gardens (Rose, Parterre, Perennial, Vegetable/Herb) transition into the contemporary and less formal Kathie's Spring Garden/Sculpture Walk, Asian Garden, and Bamboo Grove. It is easily walked and there are plenty of benches along the way. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the picnic area just past the entry gate.

Self-guided tours are available from April-December. Visit <https://www.themsv.org/visit/the-gardens> for further details.

Pebble Hall Wildflowers and Herbs in Weyer's Cave is another place to visit. \$5 entry fee to explore the property, explore the gnome garden, nature museum, pick a small bouquet of flowers, bring a picnic lunch. Visit www.pebblehallwildflowers.com for further details.

Club News:

A fellow colleague of mine, Yulita Ellis, a Nelson County GC member, recently designed and constructed a pollinator/sensory garden for the newly expanded Nelson Memorial Library in Lovingson.

Excerpts from the Grow Nelson Library Facebook page:

While still in need of some finishing touches, Nelson Memorial Library has mostly completed work on its new pollinator-friendly and sensory garden that incorporates a recently installed memorial walkway, which has been a



large fundraising project for the organization.

Branch specialist Yulita Ellis said the garden will not only have plants that attract local pollinators but will feature different plants that relate to the five senses for children to explore. The space also has a "bee condo" and two cedar

benches built by Gavin Miller, a Nelson resident who is soon to be an Eagle Scout.

With a goal of selling 200 engraved bricks, Ellis said so far the library has managed to sell more than 300 with another order coming with dozens more customized bricks. Ellis finished installing the bricks currently on hand around early May after starting in March.

Ellis said she hopes the new space can be a peaceful place for people to sit and enjoy nature.

Submitted by Katie Sokol



District Ways and Means

October 14, 2021



Baked Goods

Design Containers

Pumpkins & Gourds



Fall & Winter Designs

Wire & Floral Tape



Oasis

Fall & Winter Wreaths

Jams & Jellies



Lots of Other Treats

Don't Forget Your Checkbook!!

Organic Gardening Save the Roses!!

**Caution: This article contains material that may not be suitable for all audiences.
R-rated for violence, profanity and sexual content**

Does the title of this report sound benign or more like a call to arms? Answer – the latter; this summer I declared war on Japanese beetles.

It is early August and I am still engaged in an all-out assault on nature's most tenacious predator. They arrive like a swarm, rising from the ground after a long winter's rest to devour almost everything in sight. In my garden they have zeroed in on my roses, eating leaves, blooms and even buds. Since I will not use pesticides, I am left with only one alternative – hand to hand combat.



Each morning I venture out and hunt them down on my bushes. There they are, copulating in clusters after a hard night of lustful mating. I've found that it is best to hunt in the early morning while they are still asleep and drunk after a night of debauchery. You can grab a handful at a time. Show no mercy – squash them with your fingers or pinch off their little heads if you have good nails. Let their little bodies return to the soil where they will serve as fertilizer instead of laying eggs for next year's invasion.

I thought this tactic to be brutal and probably disgusting to gentle gardeners until I recently read the on-line newsletter from Meadows Farms Nursery. Their resident expert advised exactly the same measure for ridding your garden of these invaders. He touted this approach over organic spraying, drowning or setting out the beetle traps. Amen to the traps. I tried them one year and boy do they work. I attracted every beetle within a mile radius and could not purchase and dispose of the foul smelling bags quicker than they would fill up. Trust me; there is no worse odor than bags full of thousands of dead beetles rotting in the hot summer sun.

Another advantage, the biggest of all, this method has been proven over time to completely rid your garden of beetles. Fewer and fewer impregnated females and eggs go into the ground to hatch next spring. They actually turn into larvae in the ground. We've all seen the little white grubs with tiny orange heads. Squash them at once. One less to emerge and ravage your plants.

And have you noticed how no other creature will eat the damn things? Birds steer clear. I had free range chickens (who eat just about everything) that would not touch them. I hand fed them a couple and, trusting me, they took a bite only to spit them out! I could not fool them a second time.

So take up my call to arms and help me rid the planet (or at least Shenandoah District) of these invaders! Start squashing and beheading!

Maureen Wilcox

Chairman, Organic Gardening and Herbs

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