SHENANDOAH SHARINGS



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Club News



March/April 2024

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

What wonderful articles and pictures. I always like to see all the news.

And, boy did a couple of clubs gain a lot of new members: Congratulations.

Some of the design pictures, Christmas arrangements for seniors, what a joy to see. Some talented people!

We need to be having a flower show or two, make this fun...have a small standard, a specialty show with all horticulture...

I saw a picture of a club with a huge bag of plastics. Wow! Don't' forget to collect the plastics, even if your club is not participating in the Trex program, save and give to a club who is participating.

Have great meetings this spring.

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SD Judges Council Meeting: March 4 Harrisonburg

Shenandoah Board Meeting: March 14 Madison

SAR Convention: March 18,19 South Carolina

Shenandoah District Meeting: April 11

VFGC Convention: May 21-22 Charlottesville

NGC Convention: June 2-5: Denver

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



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Oh What a Beautiful Day

Shenandoah District Spring Meeting April 11, 2024

Massanetta Springs Conference Center Stewart Bldg. - 712 Massanetta Springs Rd., Harrisonburg, VA

District Meeting Information

Registration Begins at 9:15 a.m. Club Presidents Meeting at 9:45 a.m. Meeting Begins at 10:15 a.m.

Registration Cost: \$29.00 Deadline - March 29, 2024

Post marked after this date add \$10.00 to registration Please send a form for each person attending

Programs

Morning Program - District Awards Presentation Afternoon Program - Why native plants??? by Keala Timko/ Volunteer Coordinator of Central Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association

Pam Lamborne, Chaplin, will conduct a Memorial Service for deceased club members. Please email Pam with the names at pamlamborne@yahoo.com

Board Members & Clubs: If you are interested in having a vendor table please contact Valerie Vaughan: vrvcolours@hotmail.com or 540-377-2239.

Registration Form

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SHENANDOAH DISTRICT CLUB NEWS

The Rapid Ann Garden Club was invited to participate in the Orange County Rotary Club Christmas

Parade to take place on December 2, 2023. Of course we accepted the invite! This year's theme: Winter Wonderland! Kerrie Poore was selected as head of our Christmas Float planning committee and along with additional members Anne Meade Faulconer, Susan Prock, Joanne Chouinard, Ellen Sawaya and Monica Xia we got to the business of planning! Our vision was to create a natural, winter woodland scene on a flatbed hay trailer using artificial snow, live trees and evergreen garlands, boxwood wreaths, handmade ornaments, snowflakes and deer while proudly displaying our Rapid Ann Garden Club banners on either side. We also wanted to incorporate a part of our garden club heart into our float and that was to represent our past members, each with their own hand made, origami cardinal perched among our birch tree branches. It takes a club and a village to pull together something amazing and together we did just that! Not only did our club members dedicate and volunteer their time, materials and expertise but we had

many community members and businesses do the same. So, on December 2nd the Rapid Ann Garden Club joyfully and proudly paraded through the center of Orange with our RAGC Winter Wonderland float, handing out over 250 seed packets to spectators along the way! In a parade with approximately 80 beautiful entries, The Rapid Ann Garden Club was awarded 3rd Place in the wheeled category by the Orange Rotary Club! How fortunate we are to be able to enjoy the fellowship of our members while spreading the love



of gardening AND receive accolades from our peers for a Job Well Done! What a gift! By Marian Quigley





CALFEE GARDEN CLUB

Greetings from Calfee Garden Club in Culpeper!

Calfee Garden Club celebrated Christmas with our annual Christmas Luncheon. A lovely catered affair with twinkling lights, beautiful decorations, fellowship and delicious food. Members crafted "Christmas in a Mug" arrangements which were donated to Culpeper Rehabilitation Center. All the arrangements were different and festive, ready to bring some holiday cheer to those in need.









The club does not meet in January. We welcome this time to refresh and renew, looking forward to the promise of Spring. Planning gardens and projects, including our ongoing community project, Yowell Meadow Park Memorial Garden, located in the heart of Culpeper.

"Fire Prevention with Smokey Bear" kicked off the second half of our club year. Special guest Ranger Peter Schoderbek spoke to the club along with some very excited preschoolers on fire prevention and currents projects within the Department of Forestry. Smokey Bear made a special appearance to the de-

light of young and old. We wished Smokey Bear a very happy 80th birthday with the singing of "Happy Birthday to You!". The children received special Bear gift boxes filled with Smokey Bear souvenir items plus a special treat.

Calfee Garden Club is looking forward to our upcoming yard sale fundraiser in early May plus a field trip to Jeanne Bruton's wonderful Garden property in Madison, VA.

Happy Gardening! Submitted by Melanie Browning



The Beverley Garden Club

November. A fun way to brighten up others' lives, Beverley Garden Club participated in our annual activity in making Holiday arrangements for the Hillcrest Nursing Home!



The Club is having a plant sale at the Staunton Farmers Market on 18 May from 8 to noon.

In November a very long term member Peg Belden passed away. Peg Was very active in the club and for years hosted the holiday lunch in her beautiful home.

Submitted by Nancy Pyle

Glenn Burnie Garden Club Kicks Off a New Year!

Glen Burnie Garden Club members started their year with a meeting at historic Abrams Delight Mill. Our presentation, "Oh, those lovely deer -- What's on the menu in Your Yard?" was given by Barbara Nelson, owner of Townside Gardens in Roanoke. Barbara started her presentation with a quiz for us on identifying several plants that she brought along with her. Member Janet Bordwine identified the most -- 8 out of 11 -- and was gifted with a plant of her choice. All displayed plants were deer resistant and any one makes a lovely addition to our landscapes. Experience has taught us what deer love -- hostas and daylilies are particular favorites -- but Barbara introduced us to a host of annuals and perennials that they stay away from. Many herbs, grasses, coral bells, epimediums and ferns are among the many perennials that deer don't prefer, and marigolds, cosmos, nasturtium and vinca are a few of the annuals.

Our next meeting will feature garden club member judges who will share with us what judges are thinking as they are viewing our exhibits, how they work out differences when judging, and tips on what they are looking for in a winning design.

In May we are looking forward to our annual plant swap! This year we will not only share plants, but each member who donates will give us tips on their plants on where they do best in the yard, and what issues good and bad one will encounter.

Members are also gearing up for cleanup of the several garden areas that we care for throughout the year. The main post office garden has already been cleaned up, including a lot of pruning of the beautiful roses. The gardens at Abrams Delight are enjoying their winter rest but will soon be spruced up and tended.

Finally, GBGC Member Robin Rodgers has been nurturing a Meyer Lemon Bush, (*Citrus x meyeri*), and was able to harvest lemons last month. She made a delicious Lemon and Blueberry Pound Cake.

We are all itching to get into our gardens as winter ends and spring begins!

Carolyn Frye Glen Burnie Garden Club





Glenn Burnie continued from page 8

Go Native!

The benefits of using natives in your home gardens are plentiful -- natives are a great foundation for any garden. They offer a wide variety of color, shape and form, and can be used in the smallest of garden spaces. Planting natives contributes to the biodiversity of our area and provides habitat and food for insects and wildlife. We can create a mini nature preserve in our own gardens, attracting wildlife while beautifying our spaces. The pollinators we attract also benefit our vegetable gardens!

Some great natives that provide beauty and attract (and feed) wildlife are Butterfly Weed, Bee Balm, Bleeding Heart, Goldenrod, Aster, and Phlox. Some native trees are Pin Oak, River Birch and Red Maple. The list is extensive. For more information on Natives in the landscape, some great resources can be found at our local VA Coop Extension offices, <u>Virginia Cooperative Extension</u> and from our local Master Gardeners <u>Extension Master Gardener Program</u>.

Photos:

Carolyn F: They are blooming now. 'Intrepid Early Blooming Miniature Crocus'

Janet B: 'Bleeding Heart Lamprocapnos spectabilis'

Janet B Spring: 'Springtime Abundance'

Karen Lynch has three photos. #1 is 'Sweet Mock Orange *Philadelphus coronarius'* #2 is 'Salvia', #3 is 'Castor Bean *Ricinus communis'*









Glasgow Garden Club Gets a Visit from Santa!

The Glasgow Garden Club had a holiday surprise at their Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 13th. Santa checked in on the party and gave each member a treat gift bag of old fashioned sweets and fruit. After which the meeting continued with the club's annual awards being presented. The member with the highest number of points for artistic design division for the year was Denise Gorsky and Karen Orrison won the honor of the most horticulture exhibit points for the year. Doris Wright was awarded a perfect attendance gift. To complete the festive day Secret Santa gifts were distributed which created even more fun for the clubs last meeting of 2023. Hope all had a Merry Christmas and to all a Happy Winter. Club meetings will resume in March 2024.



Front Row L to R – Denise Gorsky, Santa, Elaine Massie 2nd Row L to R – Diane Skillicorn, Doris Wright, Garnette Teass, Kim Serocki, Karen Orrison

3rd Row L to R – Judy Repair, Barbara Thomas, Sallie Thielecke, Jane Vaughan, Mary Harvey-Halseth, Nancy Stikes, Judith Perkins, Valerie Vaughan

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Club observes Wreaths Across America Day!

On Saturday, December 16, 2023 Glasgow Garden Club observed Wreaths Across America Day by placing a wreath at their Blue Star Memorial Marker. The marker is at the entrance to the National Guard Armory on Hines Lane in Rockbridge County. Wreaths Across America was established in 2007 by Veterans and trucking companies to distribute wreaths from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery and for placement on graves in other military cemeteries. In 2009 the U.S. Senate designed December 13th as Wreaths Across America Day. Subsequent National Wreath Placement Days are designated as the 2nd or 3rd Saturday in December. The Wreaths are ordered and shipped from Maine from the producer Morrill Worcester. In 2023 more that 2 million wreaths were placed in cemeteries or Veteran Memorial Monuments such as the Blue Star Marker in Rockbridge County.



Picture Caption – Glasgow Garden Club members honor our nations veterans by participating in Wreaths Across America Day. From left to right Diane Skillicorn, Barbara Thomas, Doris Wright, Valerie Vaughan and Jane Vaughan. Inset is veteran Stanley Wright preparing to place the wreath at the sight.

Submitted by Valerie Vaughan

Monticello Garden Club

The Monticello Garden Club traveled to Chadwick & Son Orchids greenhouse in Powhatan, VA for a lovely Feb-

ruary field trip. We all enjoyed learning about the various types of orchids and how to care for them. We watched a demonstration on the proper way to repot orchids in moss or wood bark, if needed, as well as watering instructions.

Chadwicks has a popular service for boarding and caring for literally thousands of out of bloom orchids until they are ready to re-bloom for just \$2 a month.

Following the tour, members had an opportunity to purchase a variety of orchids to take home. We enjoyed lunch at the nearby County Seat restaurant before heading home with smiles on our faces.

Submitted by Marilyn Potter



During the December meeting, the **Natural Bridge Garden Club** took pride in presenting Anne Weede's exquisite painting of the bridge to the Natural Bridge State Park. Anne generously donated this artwork to the garden Club several years prior to her passing. Over the years, the painting had been prominently displayed at festivals to represent our club. Anne, a dedicated member of the club for over 30 years and a lifetime member of the VFGC, left a lasting impact. The presentation was carried out by her husband, Dick Weede, who handed it over to Jim Jones, the park manager. The painting is now housed in the special committee room at the Natural Bridge headquarters.



Garden Club's Latest Cookbook on Sale at Christkindlmarkt Dec. 2nd

Lake of the Woods Garden Club

Did you think the Lake of the Woods Garden Club was just about pretty gardens of flowers and trees? We also like to grow vegetables and herbs. Once you've got produce, what happens next? You cook it and eat it.

In 2015 the club published an award-winning book called "Bee Inspired, Cook With Herbs." It is packed full of tasty recipes contributed by club members, all thoroughly tested by the committee that put it together. It also has information on how to grow herbs with a guide to matching their flavors to foods.

This year, thanks to the growth of our membership, we have added a supplement. Lots of great food plus a section of helpful kitchen hints.

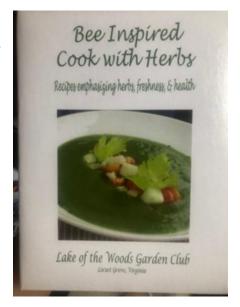
The book is on sale as a fundraiser to support the many projects we manage around the lake. You can get a copy at the upcoming Christkindlmarkt on December 2nd at the Community Center, or you can email Donna Chernowetz at dfreeland9@gmail.com. It makes a great holiday gift. The price is \$30, which includes the original book and the new supplement. If you already have the original book, you may purchase the supplement for \$8, which is designed to fit in the original binder. Cash and checks accepted.

We invite you to join the club. We hold meetings the 2nd Monday of every month except July, December, and January at 1 pm in the Clubhouse. We always have an interesting speaker and delicious refreshments. And you don't have to be a gardener to enjoy the

company!

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

By Donna Chernowetz, Publicity Committee



SNOWDROPS – BULBS IN A HURRY TO DECLARE IT IS SPRING

For the most part it has been an extremely benign winter here on the west face of Kirtley Mountain in Madison County where I garden at an elevation of 1,500 feet. There have been a few brief spells of truly cold weather and one less than epic snowfall in January, which means that my early spring bulbs are blooming their little hearts out, much to my distress. I fuss and fret about the damage the inevitable freezes to come might do to these foolishly precocious blossoms, but snowdrops, winter aconites and snow crocus continue to tempt fate and are

providing sustenance for the equally early pollinators that

have ventured forth.

Snowdrops (*Galanthus*) are the earliest bulbs to flower, and I have clumps of them planted throughout the garden. Galanthus *nivalis*, the common snowdrop, has two rows of three white petals, the inner petals tipped with green splotches. Tiny and tough, their ability to bounce back after overnights well into the twenties belies their dainty appearance and amazes me anew every spring, or more correctly late winter.

Common snowdrop bulbs are inexpensive and almost always available in the fall at any big box store's garden center, and they are a good place to start if you are new to growing snowdrops. They are not fussy, grow practically



anywhere and reproduce with wild abandon by both division and self-seeding. Even though they are under six inches tall, they quickly bulk up into satisfying clumps that really stand out against the brown of last year's leaf litter. It doesn't take many years until the clumps can be dug up and divided. I find it easiest to move them "in the green", which makes you sound like quite an accomplished gardener, but simply means moving them about when they have foliage. In addition to being early and pretty, snowdrops are as pest resistant as daffodils thanks to their poisonous qualities, so please resist any urge you might have to eat them.

There are named cultivars of Galanthus nivalis, the most readily available and recognizable of which is the double flowered 'Flore Pleno'. It is strikingly different from the straight species, which is not the case for most varieties. I have spent far too much for other named cultivars, some of which may still exist in my garden, but if I am being painfully honest, I'm not at all sure I could identify them. The differences are subtle and I am less than meticulous about plant tags and record keeping.

Most sources say there are about twenty species of snowdrops, which oddly enough are in the Amaryllis family. (Talk about opposite ends of the size spectrum...) A species that is discernably different and relatively easy to procure is Galanthus elwesii, the Greater or Giant Snowdrop. Years ago, my late husband David, who loved flowers but was not a gardener, got very excited when he read an article in the Washington Post that mentioned Giant Snowdrops. He saw the word giant, immediately pictured a snowdrop the size of a King Alfred daffodil and wanted me to run right out and buy some. How disappointed he was when I pointed out that 1) giant is relative, and relative to the extremely diminutive common snowdrop that is not particularly large and 2) we already had them in the garden. Even if not gigantic, G. elwesii are about twelve inches tall with a larger flower and more robust foliage than G. nivalis. They are even more seasonally precocious that their common cousins, frequently producing foliage as early as Christmas. Continues on page 15

Any article about snowdrops would be remiss in not mentioning the fact that Galanthus Fever seems to be a common gardening disorder in Great Britain where rare cultivars with yellow splotches on the petals instead of green sell for more than £1,000 per bulb. Although not as virulent here in the states, we are not immune to Galanthus Fever. David Culp is an American expert on Galanthus, and at a lecture I attended this February he mentioned that at his annual Galanthus festival he has extremely rare snowdrop bulbs selling for up to \$1,400.

Based on my personal growing experience, the fancy snowdrops peter out after the first year if they bother to come up at all. Since they are all tiny and look pretty much alike from overhead, which is how you will view them unless you are an earthworm, I will not be shelling out excessive amounts for really rare ones. Still, I will keep an eye out for interesting mutations in my garden, as they are reputedly promiscuous little things which interbreed and reproduce readily. With this in mind it might be worthwhile for me to seek out some of the eighteen snowdrop species I don't currently grow. Who knows, horticultural hanky-panky might result in a new variety worth \$1,000.

By Jeanne Bruton, Madison Garden Club







In memory of Marta Kastner, President, Natural Bridge Garden Club ~ 2003-2005 She was a survivor of WWII escaping from Czechoslovakia as a child with her mother. In 2011 the history of the Natural Bridge Garden Club was written and published by Marta Kastner.

"Some hundred and eighty women and a few men, were at one point or another, members of the Natural Bridge Garden Club between its birth in 1932, and in 2011, eighty years later, their stories are worth writing down and remembering."

This conclusion was written thirteen years ago by our beloved member, Marta Kastner. We are saddened to say that Marta passed away last fall. She will not only be missed by our garden club members, but the community in which she worked tirelessly to serve with her many talents.

On behalf of our members who remember Marta fondly, and our newer members, who weren't fortunate enough to have met her, but have learned of her remarkable talent and dedication to our club, we pay tribute to her and know there is a brighter star in heaven looking down on us.

Diane Weaver, President



Hill and Valley Club members reached the 500 pound Trex Recycling Challenge goal in less than 6 months! Chairperson, Brenda Winter, did a fantastic job along with member Sherry Rowe who helped acquire a large amount of plastic from local contractors. We signed up for the new 1000 pound challenge in February.

We welcomed two new members at our February meeting: Lisa Filipy and Christine Freeland. We had a very good turnout and eight arrangements were submitted. The design challenge was a Framed Spatial Design with the theme "Virginia Winters". Members were very creative with their frames, plant material, and accessories.



Julie Edmonds,lft

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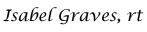


Brenda Winter, lft Inez Myers, rt





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Lesley Mack, lft Will Daniels, rt



Hill and Valley GC continues

Garden Lover's Day

As a powerful tool for community building, sharing optimism, and teaching stewardship, the Hill and Valley Garden Club is hosting "Garden Lover's Day" on **May 18th**, **2024**, at

Birdsong Pleasure Garden, 1414 Longs Rd. Luray, Virginia.

Since 2018, Garden Lover's Day iterations have been an opportunity to encourage people to connect with nature, to cultivate the joys and benefits of gardening, and to support the

club's efforts to raise funds for Environmental Scholarships for area students.

The Club's event will offer native plant sales, environmental education, landscape design, artisan made goods, music, food and drink; as well as opportunities to win gift certificates to area businesses.

Garden Club members will be on hand offering Garden Tours through Birdsong Pleasure Garden, answer gardening questions, and help plant shoppers with their purchases.

Local Artisans will offer their talents during the day. Painters, sculptors, printers, jewelry, and clothing artists are among the Artisans that will be available during the day.

Twenty top quality gift certificates for dinners, native plant orders, garden tours, museums, and theater tickets from area businesses will be available during the Environmental Scholarship fundraiser raffle

Several door prizes will be awarded during the day, as well.

The Hill & Valley Garden Club invites you to... Garden Lover's Day May 18th, 10-4 pm, 2024 At Birdsong Pleasure Garden, Luray, Virginia Proceeds benefit Environmental Scholarships and Land Preservation Plant Sale ~ Trees, Shrubs, Natives, House Plants Raffle Ticket Sales ~ win Gift Certificates from our Generous Donors Bluestone Perennials, The Coffee Shop, Cross Creek Nursery, Hummingbird Hills Natives, Ivy Nursery, Lewis Ginter, Main St. Bakery, Merrifield, Monticello, Plant More Natives, Seven Bends Nursery, Shenandoah Music Theatre, Spelunker's, Village Garden Center, Woodthrush Natives, more to come! Enjoy...Garden Tours, Unique Garden Plantings, Soothing Water Features all woven together over three acres of gentle terrain. \$15.00 per person includes one raffle ticket Refreshments ~ Local Artisans ~ Rain or Shine Free Parking - 1414 Longs Road, Luray, Virginia Contact: 540-743-9389 www.birdsongpleasuregarden birdsongpleasuregarden@gmail.com

Contact information: Lesley Mack at <u>birdsongpleasuregarden@gmail.com</u> 540-743-9389 or on the club's website – <u>hillandvalleygc.com</u>

Submitted by Katie Sokol

Culpeper Garden Club

Culpeper Garden Club member Linda Taylor shared her expertise in Ikebana O'Hara School Floral Design and Garden Club Floral Design rules. The classes were held during January and February in Culpeper and in Little Washington. The classes were open to all interested in learning more about Floral Design principles. Linda has extensive experience as a Judge and teacher which she has generously shared with the members of our Garden Clubs, community and even

Culpeper High School Students.



Culpeper Garden Club will be participating in the 2024 Culpeper Farmers Market. The Market runs from May to October with a wide variety of vendors. Last year the Culpeper Garden Club's participation in the Farmer's Market increased the Club's Scholarship Fund and presence in the community. We encourage others to look at this as an opportunity to benefit the club and community.

The Culpeper Garden Club members provided the flowers and plants. Donors to the Scholar-ship Fund were able to choose a plant or flower arrangement of their choice to take home. Frequently prior donors would stop by to talk and make another donation. In some cases without

taking a plant.

Club members working in the booth would arrive at 6:30am, set up the tent and displays then stay until noon. Our members found it to be a lot of fun talking to the community, answering plant questions and sharing information on the scholarship program.



Submitted by Diana Clopton

Nelson County Garden Club Having Fun and Helping Others

For the September meeting, the club gathered at the home of member Mary Hopkins for floral watercolor painting and an iris swap. Fun was had by all!







October's meeting featured Bennett Saunders of Saunders Brothers and NewGen Boxwood. His outstanding presentation included background about Saunders Brothers and the company's involvement providing boxwood to the White House dating back to President Kennedy's term, as well as being the sole provider of boxwood in the recent renovation of the White House Rose Garden in 2020.







vember's monthly club meeting took place at Saunders Brothers Farm Market, where everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and an amazing presentation by Tom Saunders (husband of club member Lyn Saunders) on wreath making and bulb forcing.







In late November, members gathered to create over 40 arrangements, as well as pinecone and hydrangea swags, for our annual greenery fundraiser held on December 2nd. Club member Frances Van Lear provided demonstrations about design and texture. Evelyn Logue, our club treasurer, took the lead on organizing these two amazing events, which raised a profit of \$1,442 (a new club record) to help support the club's annual \$1,000 horticultural scholarship given to a Nelson County High School graduating senior each May. Author Fred Wilbur also joined the fundraiser to help promote his new book, *The Nelson County Garden Club: The First Fifty Years, 1935-1985*, on sale at the Nelson County Historical Society.

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On December 1st, members gathered at the home of Missy Dickie, club president, for the annual holiday luncheon. A Naughty and Nice gift swap took place after the potluck lunch with all gifts first being judged by member Grace Morris for special floral designs on top. It was noted after the luncheon that an impressive amount had recently been raised by the club through the donation jars passed around at each meeting with disbursements for December being made as follows – Middle School Closet \$206, Nelson Kid Care \$301, and Penny Pines \$68 in honor of former member Sally O'Neil.







On December 13th, the club traveled from Nelson County to the *GardenFest of Lights* at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond. Sharon Cole, club secretary, took the lead organizing this wonderful trip. Everyone enjoyed touring and learning more about the gardens and "Nature in Rhythm" theme of lights and floral displays throughout. Following the tour, members met at the large Christmas tree in the Conservatory for a group photo and enjoyed dinner and shopping afterwards.







Our first meeting of 2024 took place in early February at Quarry Gardens of Schuyler, owned by member Bernice Thieblot and her husband, for a workshop on pruning by Master Gardener Ron Fandetti, He discussed the type of plants to prune, as well as the science of pruning, how the plant would respond, and the art of pruning and considerations to be made. There was also the option to go outdoors for demonstrations and practice where Ron went over equipment, safety measures, and the pruning process. Submitted by Missy Dicky

















Attention Plant Lovers and Bargain Seekers

The Francis Fauquier Garden Club will have a variety of perennial plugs for sale at the Shenandoah District meeting on April 11th. We have a varied selection (mostly native) of plugs to offer just in time for Spring planting.

Please plan on visiting our table to check out our selection. We look forward to seeing you!

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