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A Message from SGC President, Janice Beatty. . .

Hello Fellow Garden Club Members,

Yes, the changing colors of the leaves have been specular this year. I hope you all have taken some time to enjoy this change of seasons. Reds, orange, and yellows with the sun streaming thru has been awe inspiring. But the wind today has loosened their grasp on the trees and so they fall.

What to do? Consider leaving them where they fall or raking to a area with trees (which provide free mulch). Leaving them provides mini habitats for luna moths, fritillarie butterfly and other caterpillars. In addition to salamanders, chipmunks, wood frogs, box turtles and toads. Many of our insects and small critters rely on them to get thru winter.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who continue to help plant, weed and design the many gardens we are involved with. The number is impressive. We can always use more volunteers, in a variety of ways from showing up, to opening bags of bulbs, donating plants and being supportive. Homework helpers is still looking for volunteers to help with their projects. Please refer to Mums the Word for times and dates.

Just a reminder, that even though Episcopal Church of the Redeemer has loosened their mask mandate, it is important for us to continue that practice. We have many members who attend meetings because they feel safe in this environment. I would hate to think that we lose in-person attendance to meetings because our members no longer are comfortable in this setting. We must think not only of ourselves, but the real concern of others. Thank you for your consideration.



Today's Program:

"Honey Bees – More than
Just Honey"

by

Jody Conway

Uptown Girls Honey

I am looking forward to today's program on Bees. They are so vital to our way of life and our very being.

Sadly, our Holiday Celebration has been canceled for this year. Salisbury Country Club is undergoing renovation and they will not be ready on the date we had chosen.

Please refer to Mums the Word for upcoming dates and activities. There is still lots going on that SGC is involved in. It's the season of giving. If you feel comfortable, please consider volunteering your time, energies, talents and support for all we do.

We are thankful for all we do and all we have.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Bright beams, Janice



TREASURER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

Prepared by Helen Davison, Treasurer

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Bloomin' Bucks Fundraising program by **Brent and Becky's Bulbs** is a great way for us, as a 501(c)(3) organization, to raise money almost year 'round!

It's simple...just go to www.bloominbucks.com and from the pull-down menu select **Salisbury Garden Club**. With one click, you are then sent to the Brent and Becky's website. You can order whatever you want, in whatever quantity you want...books, bulbs, tools, supplements, gift certificates...**ANYTHING...and 25% of all of the orders goes to Salisbury Garden Club!**

If you're planning to do some shopping with Brent and Becky's now or in the future, we hope you take the easy extra step to choose Salisbury Garden Club as the recipient of Bloomin' Bucks!



The Board wishes to thank Becky Sido for hosting the November board meeting and for all the yummy food!

COMMITTEE REPORTS



CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION – Meg Winn

Our upcoming workdays are decorating the **Salisbury Entrances**, December 1-3 and remove and store decorations on January 3-4; **Post Office** decorating on December 7; decorating at the **Fire Station** on December 10; all workdays will start at 10 AM.

Christmas Mini-Bouquets workday to be determined. We hope you can lend a hand – just complete the coupon on the signup sheet.

On page 5, see the article about all we've accomplished since our last meeting!



EDUCATION – Camille Archie

The children as well as the volunteers had great fun at our **Redeemer Preschool Project**. Vickie McGonegal, DanaDee Carragher, Meg Winn, Laurie Kalata and Susan Oakey helped the children as they planted bulbs

for their families. Thank you, ladies for sharing your time.

The patients at the **Community Hospice House** deeply appreciate the beautiful arrangements made by Catherine Barnes, Peggy Young, Laurie Kalata, Barbara Metz, Katie Conschafer, Kathy Casella, Meg Winn, Nancy Lee, Kerri Butler, Lorna Boucher and Donna Ludwig. Thank you so much for sharing beauty with others.



On January 13, we will again be creating small arrangements for the **Community Hospice House** – just complete the coupon if you'd like to participate.

Our **Bickford Project** that was scheduled for November 17th has been rescheduled for February 9th at 1:30 pm.

Our **Gardening Enrichment** project is scheduled for November 22-23 and 29-30 so please volunteer to help with this after-school project. See page 7 for more details. You need to complete the appropriate coupon on the signup sheet if you can volunteer.

Due to a lack of volunteers and the continual concern about Covid we have decided to cancel all future projects working with children. I will send out a survey in February to evaluate the amount of interest in reinstating our school projects.

PROGRAMS – Martie Parch and Connie Sorrell



We had a great turn out for last month's program with **Julia Clevett** and raised \$146 selling opportunity tickets for her beautiful designs!

Today's program is presented by **Jody Conway**, "Bees...More than Just Honey". Jody will also bring some items from her shop, Uptown Girls. A great opportunity to purchase some Christmas gifts!

Please remember to come in the side door. The church has dropped their

requirements to wear masks, but I would suggest that, in order for everyone to be more comfortable, we wear our masks to the meeting (except when eating or giving a report).

Next month we will have a Christmas/winter design program by **Al Brockwell** of Flowers Make Scents. We will sell opportunity tickets for Al's designs, so be sure and come join the fun!

Enjoy these beautiful fall days and we hope you all have a very happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

SOCIAL HOSPITALITY – Nancy Scherer and Shirley Gates

Hi, Ladies. We regret to inform you that **our December 1st Christmas Party at the Salisbury Country Club has been canceled.** Many of you already know that they have been renovating the Club for months and unfortunately will not be ready before our Christmas Party.

At this late date it is impossible to find another venue to accommodate a group this large. We want to thank those of you who have already made a reservation and to please contact Helen Davison for a refund.

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

Since our last club meeting, we have continued with our fall gardening workdays:

October 26th was **Daffodil Project** and we diligently planted more than 300 daffodil bulbs at several Redeemer church sites: main sign, preschool sign, kitchen door, and the preschool playground gate. We also planted more Sir Winston Churchills at



the Salisbury Brigstock entrance. Other types of daffodil bulbs were Dutch Master, Ice Folly and Carlton. Our intrepid crew was comprised of Connie Sorrell (manager), Nancy Lee, Sandy Fry, Barbara Metz, Kerri Butler, and Meg Winn.

October 28th at **Redeemer Courtyard**, Dawn Lerch (manager) led us in pulling out the still verdant begonias, coleus and elephant ears and planting some pansies. Peggy Young, Nancy Lee, Meg Winn, and Gary Lerch helped. Several of us harvested some huge elephant ear bulbs to over winter in the garage.

October 29, 30 and Nov 1st were all unofficial workdays at the **preschool playground** and at the **preschool sign garden**. We've been busy planting all the donations provided by generous fellow gardeners. Nancy Lee, Peggy Young, and Meg Winn worked at the sites. A list of donors and the plants will be provided later.

November 4th was the **Post Office** workday. We pulled out the still-pretty zinnias before the frost got them and planted more Tahiti daffodil bulbs and orange tulips. Then we planted a dozen quart-size golden and orange pansies. We had a bumper



crop of volunteers: Barbara Metz (manager), Sandy Fry, Adele Topham, Susan Oakey, Kathy Casella, Candy Nasser, Gay Kistler, Nancy Lee, and Meg Winn. A good time was had by all! (Editor's Note: I've added the photo of Meg pruning a tree during an October workday – too good to leave out.)

This season we've planted dozens of perennials and bulbs at several of our garden sites and most of the hardy plants are donations from our generous fellow gardeners.

Sandy Fry, Kathy Ward, Peggy Young, Dawn Lerch, Joanne Ward, Donna Cottingham, Adele Topham, Janice Beatty, Camille Archie, and Candy Nasser all contributed to our **Plant Together** site and to the **Redeemer preschool sign** area.



A partial list of plants: lamb's ear, liriopse, mountain mint, native roses, chrysanthemums, black-eyed susans, bearded iris, hellebores, native hellebores, boxwood, ajuga, obedient plant, pachysandra, carex, ageratum, holly, and cranesbill geranium. Still to come are a "paint plant" from Carol Romeo and peach-colored chrysanthemums from Dominique Spinosa.

A big thank-you to everyone who has so generously given of their time, energy, and plants to further our gardening mission!

Meg Winn, Chairman

Gardening Enrichment Program

This year, the first **Gardening Enrichment Program** will focus on creating **Woodsy Owl Posters**. Woodsy's motto is "Lend a hand, care for the land!!" After the children learn about basic environmental conservation principles, they will create posters of Woodsy Owl showing an understanding of these topics. Two years ago, we had one child win the **Piedmont District poster contest**. To give the students more time to work on their posters, we have added two more dates. We will now meet to work with the students on Mondays and Tuesdays November 22-23 and 29-30. **We meet at 3:00 at Stony Point Church, 2330 Buford Rd, Room 206.**



Our next activity will be Winter Seed Sowing, where seeds are planted in translucent 1 gallon plastic jugs and left outside. Please start saving your translucent 1-gallon plastic water jugs for this project! We need at least 50 jugs, so each student can take one home for themselves. This is tentatively scheduled for the end of January. If you have any questions, email me at becky.sido@gmail.com

Thanks! Becky

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Claudia Cosby new email: cosbych1205@gmail.com

Jo Garey new address: 1600 Westbrook Avenue, Apt. P-310,
Richmond, VA 23227-3319



Pollinators Rock by Janice: Eating honey makes you smarter! It has an antioxidant that improves brain function.

Holiday Designs

Are you planning to decorate your door for the holidays? How about your mailbox? If so, sign up to participate in our December exhibits.



As in past years, there will be no need to bring your designs to the church. We will judge them on your door or mailbox the morning of **Wednesday, December 8th**. This is a great way to fulfill your design requirement to be a member-in-good-standing. For more information, see page 95 of your Yearbook. To participate, fill out the coupon on the sign-up sheet. **Please sign-up before Friday, December 3rd**.



Designs must be in place by 9:30 AM on December 8th. Remember to include a 3x5" index card with the title of the design facing out and your name on the back of the card (see Yearbook **Appendix page A2** for a sample of an exhibit card).

Both designs are **Botanical Arts**.

The design titles are: **1. 'Tis the Season – Hanging Door Design**, and **2. Glad Tidings We Bring – Mailbox Design**. Both designs are "designer's choice", meaning all types of plant materials are allowed. Designer has complete choice as to what to use. Any fresh plant material may not be treated.

Volunteers are also needed to help the judges. If you would like to drive the judges to see the designs or clerk for them, please fill out the coupon. If you have any questions, please contact me at nkatpatlee2@gmail.com.

Nancy Lee, Chairman

New Member Brunch

Please join us for the New Member Brunch at **11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 12, hosted by Delora Stites.** We will meet at **The Charter House at 1101 Charter Club Way, Midlothian.** All new and prospective members are welcome to attend. If anyone has friends who are interested in the club, please let me know so I can send them an invitation.



We will have a very relaxed, informal brunch where everyone can ask questions and learn more about the club's activities. **Just complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet if you'd like to attend.** If you have any questions, please contact me at 794-6376.

Barbara Metz, Membership Chairman

BOTANICAL ARTS DESIGN WORKSHOP **JANUARY 18, 2022**



Kathy Ward will lead us in this hands-on workshop, **“A Piece of Cake”**, where we will create beautiful floral cakes from floral foam and botanical materials. The cake you fashion will be perfect for a centerpiece or perhaps a birthday present for a friend. “Cakes” may be left at the church for exhibiting at the club meeting the next day.

We will meet from **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Pinder Hall** at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. **The cost is \$10 per person.** For more information about Kathy and the workshop, see pages 98-99 in your Yearbook. Complete the sign-up sheet if you'd like to participate.

Gifts for the Gardener



Six specially selected Salisbury Garden Club members came up with these dynamite gift ideas for your favorite gardener and to send to those who love you with items circled. Here goes:

1. **Bulbs** – amaryllis, narcissus, hyacinths – minimum care bulbs that brighten the winter and provide a beautiful scent! (Remember, some people DON'T like the smell of narcissus, so it's a good gift for people you don't like too.) The waxed amaryllis is perfect for family in senior living as they require no care.
2. **Bulb planter for drill** – (\$12-\$30 for the attachment to your drill).
3. **Bee house** for mason bees and other solitary bees to use to lay their eggs. Ideally, a bee house provides a safe space away from predators, weather, and chemicals, all of which can interfere with a successful reproductive cycle (\$9-\$15).
4. **Penny Pines** – doesn't telling your friend that you bought her 1000 little pine trees that will be used to reforest a barren area sound impressive? You can do it for \$10.00 and write her a beautiful card (see #5). Perfect gift for the environmentalist in your bunch. See Helen Davison.
5. **SCG stationery** – our stationery is the prettiest out there and reasonably priced. Put a box with some garden gloves, new clippers and interesting seeds and you have a great gift. See Linda Nau.
6. **Mosquito killer** that doesn't obliterate every living insect. There are nine listed on-line as excellent for 2021, and one example is the DynaTrap Insect Trap (\$60-\$90). This is a simple way to safeguard your living space from mosquitoes by trapping insects without the use of chemicals.
7. **Rain gauge** – collects water falling on it and records the change over time in rainfall depth. Search on-line for "Nine Best Rain Gauge Reviews 2021" for details and prices.
8. **Garden clogs or boots** – why do we love these? They're washable durable, usually brightly colored and keep us out of the mud (\$50.)
9. **Rooting Hormone** (\$6-\$10) We are going to need this for our young plants while they form their own root systems. It's an odd but appreciated gift for discerning gardeners. Pair it with a bag of Epsom salts and some worm castings organic fertilizer and you'll have your friends scratching their heads.
10. **Lewis Ginter membership** (Individual \$85-or Senior \$65). To guarantee deliver of a mailed gift certificate by Christmas, place your order by Friday, December 17.

11. Bag of **Starbucks coffee grounds** – free for pickup at your nearby Starbucks and so good for your clay...er, soil.
12. **Garden books**, magazine subscriptions like *Garden Gate*.
13. **Garden statues**.
14. **New clippers** – it's so easy to lose them and there's always room for another pair! For gardeners, new clippers are like a new box of crayons on the first day of school.
15. **Gift cards** from favorite garden centers.
16. A **session** with a professional garden designer.
17. A **wardrobe of garden gloves**: tough ones for thorny stuff, close-fitting and slim ones for designing arrangements.
18. Kalanchoe, cyclamen, Christmas cactus or other **blooming house plants** to brighten winter.
19. **Pre-planted pot** with evergreen, bulbs, pansies for the terrace or deck.
20. **A yard man for a few hours** to do the heavy work you've been wanting to do.
21. **Bird feeder**.
22. **Set of candles or torch stakes** for the terrace or porch.
23. **A trellis**.
24. **"Garden wine"** (that's the same as "dinner wine" only you drink it in the garden.)
25. **Good tools for old hands!** Two great sources are www.seedsandspades.com and www.hobbr.com.
26. **Cute watering can** for use for potted or indoor plants
27. **Special clippers** for a designing friend, with a roll of raffia, twine, moss, pebbles, and other elements.
28. **A moisture meter** (\$10=\$264.) This handy gadget measures humidity in the soil and helps prevent overwatering or underwatering plants.

DanaDee Carragher, Master Gardener



My husband, daughter, and I wish to express our sincere gratitude for all the kind notes of condolence and sympathy we have received after the loss of my father-in-law.

Sincerely, Meg Winn



Next Month's Meeting - December 15, 2021

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer - Coffee 9:30/Meeting 10 AM
(See page 94 of your Yearbook for more information)

Program: "Christmas with a Flair"
by Al Brockwell, Flowers Make Scents

Greeter: Claudia Cosby

Hostesses: Claudia Cosby, Helen Davison, Reta Good,
Barbara Metz, Phyllis Miles, Lynn Neviaser
Ann Stiles and Delora Stites



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 19-30 **GardenFest of Lights** – Lewis Ginter BG
November 19, 2021 – January 9, 2022
- 29-30 **Gardening Enrichment Program** CP9

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 1 **DEADLINE for District Awards Submissions**
- 1-3 **Decorate Salisbury Entrances** – 10 AM CP10
- 1 **SGC Christmas Dinner Party** – **CANCELED**
- 1-31 **GardenFest of Lights** continues – LGBG
- 7 **Midlothian Post Office Workday** – 10 AM CP7
- 8 **SGC Board Meeting and Luncheon** – 9:30 AM
Hostess: Linda Nau
- 8 **Holiday Door and Mailbox Design Exhibits** CP4
- 9 **Southampton Elementary School Project** CP21
CANCELED
- 10 **Midlothian Fire Station Workday** – 10 AM CP16
- 15 **SGC General Meeting** – 9:30 AM CP4



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