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A Message from SGC President, Connie Sorrell. . .

Psalm of Praise

Sing for joy in Summer
When the earth is bright and green.
Sing with fun in Winter,
When snow is velveteen.
In the Spring, sing out with gusto
For the life to soon unfold –
And sing in zest for Autumn
For the woodlands colored gold.

~ Joan Stephens

Virginia has the most beautiful change of the season. Just when we are tired on one season, along comes a refreshing change of season, with “the woodlands colored gold.” Fall is my favorite season. Now, in the garden, we are moving plants, making room for new plants, and adding bulbs for Spring blooms. The cool weather is a welcome relief after our hot and dry summer. Also, it is wonderful to see those last blooms of Asters and Mums come into their season and continue to feed our pollinators.

Along with the change of the seasons, we are all “seeds of change,” actively engaged with the different garden activities we are performing in our own gardens and in our community. Members are remarkably busy as the new year of activities have kicked off with a bang! Civic beautification offered eleven workdays in September and October in their seven garden projects for members to “dig in the dirt together!” Also, the Garden Therapy at Bickford project, the Redeemer Nature Project, Homework Helpers, and the new Hospice House

Today's Program:

“H.O.P.E. Helping
Our Planet Endure”

by

Kate Bracken

President of GPMGA



Flowers project are keeping us all busy this month.

This month's program will be an exciting discussion of the things we are currently doing in our gardens to "Help Our Planet Endure" and ideas for additions you might want to include. Kate Bracken, the president of the Goochland-Powhatan Master Gardeners Association, is the enthusiastic leader of this new Master Gardener information program.

An important agenda item this month is to ask for volunteers to serve with Delora on the **Nominating Committee**. We need two non-board members who have been active members at least two years. Please consider volunteering. We will be electing these members to the Committee in November.

We will be having our "**Truck or Treat**" **Gardeners Exchange** on Wednesday, October 26th from 3:30 pm to 5 pm in the back parking lot of Redeemer Church. Bring pots, plants, seeds, floral design supplies, gardening books, magazine, and anything else you are ready to say "adieu" to! Then, you will have room for the new things you have shopped out of someone else's treasure trunk!

Thank you to Meg Winn for hosting the September Board meeting and to Becky Sido for hosting the October board meeting!



Plant a seed for change,
Connie



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TREASURER'S REPORT
JUNE 1, 2022 – OCTOBER 11, 2022

Prepared by Linda Nau, Treasurer

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PIEDMONT DISTRICT MEETING UPDATE



There was a great turn-out of 189 garden club members for the Piedmont District meeting on Monday, October 17. And Salisbury Garden Club was well-represented with 33 members present.

We enjoyed catching up with old friends, meeting new members, and shopping for essentials (flower-related, of course!)



Then we were treated to a dynamic demonstration of three creative designs and three traditional designs. Using matching containers and flowers, Kathy Ward designed the creative category while Frances Thrash designed the traditional arrangements. Diane Burgess served as interpreter and the audience asked questions about techniques and tools.

And six beautiful but distinctly different flower arrangements by these artists emerged in record time.

It was an excellent meeting and even more appreciated after our long hiatus last year.



Meg Winn

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS PENNY PINES PROJECT – SAVING FORESTS \$68 AT A TIME



NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

SGC can participate in this meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing **\$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation** as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation. **To participate**, just drop your loose change or bills in our Penny Pines collection jar – it's as easy as that!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION – Meg Winn

We've had a series of work days since the September meeting and have enjoyed the cool weather and reuniting with garden friends.

On September 22nd Dawn Lerch led Sue Lindsay, Peggy Young, and Meg Winn in planting mums and asters in the **Redeemer courtyard**. The elephant ears are still a glorious sight! Dawn will take them down when colder weather looms in October.

Then September 29th Candy Nasser, DanaDee Carragher and Meg Winn



met at the **Post Office** and pruned and weeded – and enjoyed the still vibrant colors of the zinnias and angelonia.

Barbara Metz single-handedly battled the towering holly hedges at the **old Fire Station** and pruned the crape myrtle on October 6th.

We finished the week with weeding and planting some stalwart perennials at the new garden at the **Redeemer preschool playground**. Nancy Lee brought black-eyed Susans and variegated vinca from home plus a few pansies for instant color.



Monday October 10th we worked at the **Wishing Well Park** pollinator garden. We got lots accomplished weeding and pruning. Kathy Casella, Susan Preston, Kerri Butler, and Meg Winn all participated.

On October 12th, Doris Wier, Anita King, and DanaDee Carragher worked in the **Anniversary Garden**. They cut back the peonies, dug up the ailing Steed's Hollies, and planted a fall aster.

Thank you to all who have come out to help. We have **more work days scheduled** to plant for winter color so come out and enjoy autumn while gardening with friends.

UPCOMING CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS:

Fall weather is here and we've done the weeding and pruning chores. Now it's time to plant bulbs for spring color! We have trumpets for the **Daffodil Project (November 1)**, assorted miniatures for the Redeemer sites, and tulips and pansies for the Post Office. So please don a jacket, grab your favorite trowel, and join us in our beautifying efforts.

We will enter into the Christmas season by **decorating the Salisbury Entrances**. On Thursday, December 1, we will do the



prep work in Anne McCormick's garage at 10 AM (13901 Dunkeld Terrace, Midlothian). On Friday, December 2 at 10 AM, we will put up the decorations. Just complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet if you'd like to participate.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Lorna Boucher & Camille Archie

Bickford Retirement Facility: Organized by Linda O'Mara and ably assisted by Camille Archie, Catherine Barnes, Janice Beatty, Katie Conschafer, Debbie Johnson, Peggy Young and Lorna Boucher, a group of Bickford residents made some most attractive wreaths to hang on their doors. A large amount of dried flowers, seed heads and grasses were provided by our members. All participants were eager and enthusiastic, especially one lady who put her wreath on her head and declared it to be a crown so she was the queen! She left the room wearing it and we presume it made it to her door eventually!

Gardening Enrichment in Conjunction with Homework

Helpers: For the benefit of our new members, Homework Helpers is an after school activity which pairs a high school student with an elementary student from a disadvantaged area in Chesterfield, with support from adult volunteers. The youngsters are full of energy and enthusiasm while the older students keep watchful eyes on their actions. This current group of high-schoolers are particularly good with their young charges. They show interest in what the young ones are doing and encourage them to complete their tasks. This should be a learning curve for them too in the art of people management skills.

The first project was to make flower arrangements in plastic BAI bottles. Becky Sido and her team of helpers made bows for the

bottles and provided all the other necessary greens and flowers etc. End result - a bunch of happy young people. Becky's team of



SGC. volunteers over two days were: Anita King, Katie Conschaffer, Nancy Scherer, Karen Rice, Nancy Lee, Barbara Metz, Marsha Caratelli, and Lorna Boucher.

Spring Arbor Memory Care:

Under the gentle guidance of JJ Jordan, a group of residents decorated small wreaths on which bows, made by Camille, were already attached. These residents are very frail in memory skills

and needed a lot of help to insert the dried flowers, leaves and grasses into their wreaths. The end results were charming. This is a rewarding but heart- wrenching project and our volunteers are just super at helping to bring a little ray of sunshine into the lives of those now stricken with mental illness. The staff of Spring Arbor were immensely helpful in organizing the residents with gentle persuasion and compassion.

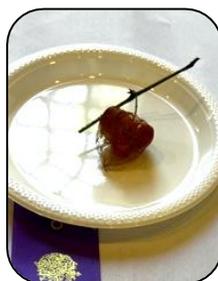


JJ's team of volunteers: Camille Archie, Sue Barrie, DanaDee Carragher, Anita King, Nancy Lee, Barbara Metz, Candy Nasser, Nancy Scherer, Lorna Boucher.

See pages 8-9 for our upcoming projects! We hope you join us – just complete the coupon(s) on the signup sheet.

EXHIBITS – Kathy Ward & Joanne Wallace

Congratulations to our September exhibit winners: **Meg Winn** – Design; **Joanne Wallace** – Horticulture; and **Janice Beatty** – Botanical Arts (Chinese Lantern seed pod)!



SOCIAL HOSPITALITY – Martie Parch & Nancy Scherer

Hi Ladies,

It will be so nice to once again get together and celebrate the holiday season at our annual Christmas Party, “Holiday Reflections”, on December 14th. Details of the party are included on page 12 of Mum's the Word.

You may choose to pay by cash or check to Linda Nau (see the coupon on the signup sheet). If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Scherer at 804 594-5694.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! Coupons on signup sheet...

October 20 at 9 AM – Redeemer School Nature Program:

We educate the young children by involving them in instructional and fun gardening activities. On October 20, the children will listen to a relevant story about bulbs and then plant a bulb to take home. Vicki McGonegal, Chairman.

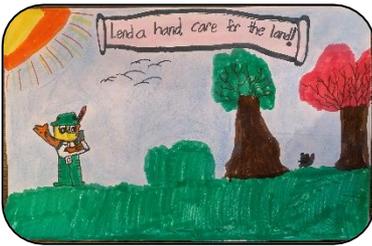


October 24 and 25 at 2:45 PM – Gardening Enrichment:

The Gardening Enrichment Program will focus on Smokey

Bear and Woodsy Owl and their Poster Contest. This will take place on October 24 and 25, as some children like to work on their posters for several weeks.

If you have any questions, contact Becky Sido, Chairman, at becky.sido@gmail.com



November 10 at 3 PM – Community Hospice House Project:

SGC volunteers will make small arrangements for patient rooms to create a sense of beauty and serenity. Volunteers make the arrangements in their homes and then deliver them to Catherine Barnes' (Chairman) house.

November 14 at 2:30 PM – Southampton Elementary School

Project: SCG volunteers provide educational and mentoring opportunities for these city children. Volunteers will help the children make small Thanksgiving arrangements. **Masks will be required if**

Southampton Elementary School – continued:

we are inside the school – the weather will determine that. Participants should bring greens and clippers. Peggy Young, Chairman.

Spring Arbor Retirement Facility – December 6 at 11 AM:

Volunteers will assist residents in decorating Christmas wreaths (provided by Spring Arbor) to hang on their doors. We will need some decorative material such as small pine cones, small Magnolia leaves, holiday type fresh greens such as white pine, Douglas fir, Juniper (NO spruce, hemlock or arborvitae!) or any other suitable Christmas décor. Kathy Casella, Chairman.

**“Trunk or Treat” Gardener’s Exchange
Wednesday, October 26 – 3:30 to 5 PM**

By popular demand, our annual **Gardener’s Exchange** will be held outside on October 26th in the rear parking lot, by Wishing Well Park, at the **Church of the Redeemer**. Fill the back of your car with items you would like to give away: plants, books, magazines, vases, design materials, seeds, just about anything gardening or design related.



Please be in place by 3:30 PM and just open your trunk



to display what you have brought. All members are encouraged to attend whether they have items to share or not. It should be a good time for us to socialize outside and also get some

much-needed gardening and design inspiration.

Joanne Wallace and Kathy Ward, Exhibits Chairmen

New Member Brunch

Please join us for the New Member Brunch at **11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 9, hosted by Helen Davison at 14510 Kenmont Drive, 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 804-305-6903.

Helen Davison, Membership Chairman

Design Workshop – November 15, 2 PM to 4 PM “Building Confidence with Designs”

In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn about both traditional and creative design from SGC's own talented Kathy Ward. Kathy will teach two designs, both which will be



in the May Standard Flower Show. The

first design will be how to make a centerpiece (traditional mass design) for beginning designers. The second will be a transparent design. The design you create may be left at the church for exhibiting at the club meeting the next day. The cost is \$20 per person.



Note: Transparency Design photo from *New Garden Club Journal*

Holiday Designs – December 7th

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 7th**.

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 signup sheet. **Please sign-up before Friday, December 2nd**.

Designs must be in place by 9:30 AM on December 7th.

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 chairman Nancy Lee at nkatpatlee2@gmail.com.



**You and your guest are invited
to the Salisbury Garden Club
Annual Christmas Party**

"Holiday Reflections"

Wednesday, December 14th at Salisbury Country Club
Reservation Deadline November 30th

Gather for cocktails at 6:00 PM
Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM
Cost is \$44 per person

Meals include House Salad, rolls, and dessert

A plated **Sauteed Shrimp and Scallops**
w/ Boursin and Crispy Prosciutto & "Dirty Martini" sauce

A plated **Grilled Pork Ribeye**
w/ Warm Spiced Apple Compote

Chef's Choice Vegetarian
Pasta with Broccoli, Mushroom, Baby Kale,
Ricotta, Pecorino

and
Tea, Coffee and Cash Bar

If you have any questions, please contact
Nancy Scherer at 804-304-5211 or nancysch@aol.com

Here we grow again...please welcome our newest members:



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The board wishes to thank Becky Sido for hosting our October board meeting!

Learning the hard way . . .

Some years I have pineapple sage, asters, roses, mums and a few annual blooms still straggling along. My sunflowers are long gone despite the marketing world that insists on showing them with bales of straw, pumpkins, gourds and Indian corn. I do love the dried hydrangeas and dried grasses both in the yard and to cut and arrange inside. This is bulb month. I usually wait until later in the month to plant them because if it's still warm, my spring blooming bulbs will start to grow resulting in very sorry-looking foliage in spring.



Houseplants go indoors unless you would like to part company so forgetting them on the deck is OK.

Leaving the poinsettia out in the garden is OK too especially if it hasn't "bloomed" for you the past two years. This is the best time to plant trees and shrubs



so they can get a good start before the stress of next summer's heat and drought. Saved pumpkin and squash seeds should sprout if planted in the spring but not if they're toasted.

Susan Nienow
Master Gardener

What is *The Handbook for Flower Shows* and why do we need it?

The Handbook for Flower Shows is a book that National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) publishes with the all the information you will ever need about NGC Flower Shows. It is an invaluable resource for club members when they are participating in **monthly exhibits or a flower show**. (It is now available at no cost online; see instructions in final paragraph.)

Horticulture is covered in Chapter 6 of the Handbook. It reviews basic botany and information on correct botanical naming of specimens. Exhibiting information includes rules, preparing your exhibit, writing an entry tag and the different horticultural types (cut specimen, container-grown, combination planting, etc.).

Chapter 7 discusses **Design**. It begins with the elements and principals of design, including interesting information on the use of color, types of balance in design and examples of contrast. There is a review of design styles and their

characteristics from European Traditional to Abstract. Most club members will find the description of the various types of creative designs helpful. (These page numbers are referenced in our Salisbury Garden Club Yearbook, when a creative design type is in the monthly exhibits.) Lastly, the chapter covers 34 floral design techniques.



Chapter 10 talks about **Botanical Arts (BA)**. It covers general guidelines for each type of BA entries - Horticulture, Design, Artistic Crafts and Photography. This includes what is allowable, rules and how each type is judged.

It is also a vital tool for performing your duties **if you are working on the flower show**.

Chapter 2 details the responsibility of each flower show chairman. The staging chairman will especially be interested in Chapter 4, Staging.

This wonderful reference is now available free for you to view online or download onto your computer or tablet. To access the file, go to

<https://gardenclub.org/store/handbook-flower-shows-2017-edition>.

On this page you will see a link that is labeled "**January 2022 revision of the digital Handbook for Flower Shows**". Clicking on this link will take you to the file you can review or download. (A print copy is also available for \$25. It can be ordered from the same page.)

Kathy Ward
NGC Accredited Life Judge



Next Month's Meeting – November 16, 2022

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer – Coffee 9:15/Meeting 9:45 AM

Program: “How Virginia Horticulture Influenced the World in the 18th Century”

by Cathy McCarthy, Master Gardener

Greeter: Reta Good

Hostesses: Helen Davison, Gerri Gallagher, Reta Good, Nancy Hargroves, Marian Kavanagh, Candy Nasser, Linda Nau, and Brenda Reed

Clerks: Lili Aram-Bost, Lesley Dobson, Nancy Lee, and Linda O'Mara

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER EVENTS

20	Redeemer School Nature Program	CP8
20	Church of the Redeemer Workday – 9:30 AM	CP15
21	Monthly Flowers for the Hospice House	NP1
24	Wishing Well Park Workday – 9:30 AM	CP13
24-25	Gardening Enrichment Program	CP9
24-26	NGC Symposium – Bowie, MD	
25	Plant Together – 9:30 AM	CP25
26	Midlothian Post Office Workday – 9:30 AM	CP7
26	Trunk or Treat Gardener's Exchange	CP5

NOVEMBER EVENTS

1	Annual Daffodil Project – 10 AM	CP19
4	RCGC – Program: “Enhance Your Holiday Dining with Fresh Herbs” by Sheila Weisensale 10 AM at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church	
9	SGC Board Meeting – 9:15 AM	
9	New Member Brunch – 11 AM	
10	Community Hospice House Project	CP24
14	Southampton Elementary School Project	CP21
15	Design Workshop with Kathy Ward	CP4
16	SGC General Meeting – 9:15 AM	CP4
18	Monthly Flowers for the Hospice House	NP1
21-30	GardenFest of Lights – Lewis Ginter BG	



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