



Mum's the Word

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A Message from SGC President, Janice Beatty . . .

Hello, Garden Club Friends,

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

William Wordsworth, 1815

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils:
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle of the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced: but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company.
I gazed-and gazed-but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought.

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flush upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.-



This is such a perfect poem for March. Thinking about all the daffodils that have been planted by our club, this past fall, and in previous years, and how they bring joy to so many. We touch more lives with our good deeds and projects than we could even imagine.

Our Civic Beautification and Education Committees continue to be busy with projects to make the world a little brighter. Please see *Mum's the Word* for details and volunteer opportunities you can participate in.

I am looking forward to the "The Food from the Heart" luncheon this month. It's been a long time since the last one. Many thanks to Martie, Connie, Nancy and Shirley for pulling it all together at the last minute when our speaker canceled. And to Kathy for stepping in to offer a program.

We will elect a new state of officers at the March meeting that will be installed at the luncheon in May. There will be a tour of Low Line & Great Shiplock Park in April. SGC Garden Tour will be held May 4, 2022. Once again SGC will be involved in helping Chesterfield County celebrate the graduation of its high school seniors by creating flower designs for Siegel Center in Richmond.

There are so many opportunities for members to participate in March, April, May, and even June. Please see *Mum's the Word* for details. As always, please check your e-mail for updates. Linda does a fantastic job of keeping our members informed of all things SGC.

Please continue to be safe and take care of yourself, and those you love.

Bright Beams, Janice



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TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 1-28, 2022

Prepared by Helen Davison, Treasurer

Not available for website

UPCOMING VFGC EVENTS



SYMPOSIUM – April 4-6, 2022

Symposium is not only for Flower Show Judges, but for all garden club members and those that are interested in learning more about flower design and horticulture. You can attend one or both of the days and do not have to take the exam(s).

VFGC CONVENTION – May 1-3, 2022

The Convention will include a Flower Show, workshops, lunch and dinner programs, shopping, connecting with old friends and making new ones. SGC members Mary Arakelian and Lili Aram-Bost will be presenting a program, “Mother/Daughter Dynamic Designs” and Kathy Ward will be giving a workshop titled “Thinking Inside the Box...Big Box Store”.

FOR MORE INFORMATION is available on the VFGC website, viriniagardenclubs.org, in the Winter Edition of the *Old Dominion Gardener* quarterly newsletter, and in the monthly newsletter, *Rooted*. Both events will be held at the Short Pump Hilton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS – Sue Lindsay

Don't forget about National Garden Clubs' two new awards: **Container Gardens** and **Edible Gardening**. For more information, see our **February Mum's the Word, page 4**. Please let me know if you have any interest in either of these opportunities. You can email me at woofslair@gmail.com. Thanks!

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION – Meg Winn

The daffodils are popping up everywhere now! Such a cheering introduction to spring! Though as I write this, they may be a bit bedraggled by this March snowstorm.



We have a good number of volunteers signed up to help on our work days coming up next week and into April. Please bring your

gloves and clippers and we'll tidy the gardens and uncover returning perennials. **If you'd like to join us at any of our workdays, just complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet.**

Several of our members have inquired about the **Wishing Well Park** plans to refurbish the landscape there. I have had productive conversations with Becca Hollis, chair of Project Swing. A new fence is ordered and will be installed this spring. We will try to move or save lots of the plants situated along the old fence. SGC will coordinate with volunteers from Wishing Well Park to improve the garden and maybe expand it with a rain garden. This is an excellent opportunity to work together with other groups to further gardening and civic beauty!

EDUCATION – Camille Archie

We have a lot of Education Projects for the next several months. March 21st and 22nd we are helping the children plant milk jug gardens for **Gardening Enrichment** – see article on page....



On April 8th, volunteers to make small arrangements for the **Hospice House**. These will be delivered to Catherine Barnes by 3 PM on the 8th. Her address is 2830 Park Ridge Road, Midlothian.

April 12th we will be planting flowers in outdoor planters with the residents at **Spring Arbor Memory Care**. On April 20th, we are at **Bickford** making arrangements with the residents. If possible, please bring greenery from your garden to enhance the arrangements.

In May (date and time TBD), we are working with the children at **Redeemer Preschool**. **Please volunteer to help** with these fun projects – just fill out the coupon(s) on the sign-up sheet.

GARDEN TOUR – Nancy Clark

Save the date! We will be having our **Garden Tour on May 4!** At this point, we have eight gardens for our members to tour. Details will follow soon....

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Martie Parch

We will present the slate of executive officers for 2022-2023: **President** – Connie Sorrell; **1st VP, Programs** – Katie Conschaffer and Becky Sido; **2nd VP, Membership** – Helen Davison; **Treasurer** – Linda Nau; **Recording Secretary** – Delora Stites; **Corresponding Secretary** – Peggy Young. Before voting, we will ask for nominations from the floor. The new officers will be installed at the May luncheon.

PROGRAMS – Martie Parch and Connie Sorrell

When one door closes, another door opens! Unfortunately, our program speaker, Laura Ann Brooks, had to cancel this week. Thank goodness Nancy Scherer and Shirley Gates stepped in with our luncheon today. What a treat to finally have our **Food from the Heart Luncheon** after cancellations for the past three years! Table setup was different due to the changes this month, so a big thank you to Connie Sorrell for organizing that task!

We have 30 people signed up for **Kathy Ward's workshop** on Tuesday. At the luncheon on Wednesday, we'll be surrounded with beautiful Botanical Arts cakes!



Next month's program will be presented by **Shelly Parsons from Capital Trees** on their community beautification project at the **Low Line and Great Shiplock Park**. The following week on April 28, we will meet for a tour of the Low Line. If you've not visited this area, you are in for a treat! See Mum's page 7 or page 115 of your Yearbook for more information about the tour.

Gardening Enrichment Project (Homework Helpers)

Our Winter Seed Sowing is scheduled for **Monday and Tuesday, March 21st and 22**. We will set up at 3:00. This is an easy project; the kids will drill holes in the tops and bottoms of their jug and then put moist soil in. Add their choice of seed and then tape it close. Lastly, label jug, and sign thank you card for Home Depot for their generous donation of soil, seeds and masking tape. **We don't need a lot of help, but complete the coupon on the signup sheet if you can join us, because more is merrier!!**



I know that the 21st of March is the Piedmont District Spring Meeting, so I understand that some might not want to come that day. I will be coming straight to HH after the district meeting myself.

If anyone would like to come help me cut the jugs the weekend before, just give me a call, text or email.

Thanks again,
Becky Sido, Chairman
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TOUR – LOW LINE & SHIPLOCK PARK APRIL 28 at 10 AM

This is a free tour; we will be guided by Shelly Parsons, Executive Director of Capital Trees and the program presenter at our April meeting. (The gathering place and time for carpooling is TBD.)

In 2015, Capital Trees embarked on its most ambitious project to date – a collaboration to rehabilitate 5.5 acres along the James River and Kanawha Canal. Today, visitors along this route see the Low Line Gardens



and experience an urban oasis enjoyed by cyclists and pedestrians, canal boat tourists, area workers and local residents. Website: <https://capitaltrees.org/projects/low-line/>

As noted, the tour is free, **but we do need to know if you plan to attend**; please complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet.



Time to pay SGC Annual Dues!

Our SGC annual dues for 2022-2023 are \$50; the payment deadline is May 31.

You can pay today by completing the coupon on the sign-up sheet and attaching your check; you can mail your check to Treasurer, Helen Davison (14510 Kenmont Drive, Midlothian 23113); or pay online. **This QR code will take you directly to the dues payment section of our website.** If you choose this option, please add the \$1.52 processing fee. (If you prefer, you may go to our website **Members Only** section, enter SGC50 password and click on dues button. You may use PayPal or credit card.)



**SGC Awards and Installation Luncheon
Wednesday, May 18th
The Boathouse at Sunday Park**

Please join us as we enjoy each other's company, install our new Executive Board and recognize our members' accomplishments of this past year.

**The cost will be \$32.00 per person
Reservation deadline is Tuesday, May 3rd**



For **cash or checks**, complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet. For **Paypal**, go to: salisburygardenclub.com. Click on "Members Only" section (the password is SGC50); scroll down to the "Donate Luncheon" button and check the box to cover the service fee. Please be sure to include your luncheon choice.

Fresh fruit, ham biscuits and coffee will be served upon your arrival in the morning.

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Each lunch entree will include warm rolls and butter and dessert.

BABY SPINACH & GRILLED SALMON SALAD – strawberries, Gorgonzola cheese, candied pecans tossed in Balsamic Vinaigrette.

CRISPY "HOT" CHICKEN SANDWICH – spicy buttermilk fried chicken breast, country slaw, Gorgonzola cheese, house made pickles on buttered Brioche bun with Old Bay chips.

VEGETARIAN WRAP - Boursin cheese spread, lettuce, roasted peppers, tomatoes on a whole wheat wrap.

Beverages served will include coffee, hot tea, iced tea, soft drinks and water. A cash bar will be available with red and white wine, Bloody Mary's and Mimosas.

If you have any questions, contact
Nancy Scherer (804-304-5211) or
Shirley Gates (804-378-9099)

Centerpieces Needed



for the May 18th SGC Luncheon

Once again, we are giving our members an opportunity to earn a design exhibit credit for next year. Members may sign up to bring a floral design to our **SGC Luncheon on Wednesday, May 18th** and have it judged as a design exhibit. This would fulfill your design requirement for the Member in Good Standing achievement.

These designs will be used as centerpieces and also for decorating other areas. The theme is "**Sunshine, Flowers and Friends**" (all fresh plant material). The designers may choose their color scheme and flowers, but the arrangements must be low enough not to obstruct one's view when sitting at the table.

If you would like to participate, **please fill out the coupon or contact either Shirley or Nancy.**

Thank you,

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Shirley Gates - Shirleygggates@aol.com



*The Board wishes to thank
Martie Parch for hosting the
March board meeting.*

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS



Spring Gardeners Fair: March 19-20, 10 AM – 2 PM

Hosted by Great Big Greenhouse. Chesterfield Master Gardeners will conduct a plant clinic both days providing professional advice and handouts; tool sharpening; landscaping advice; and free educational seminars. For more information, go to www.GreatBigGreenhouse.com.

16th Annual Spring Garden Fest: April 30, 8 AM – 3 PM



Free event held at Reynolds Community College in Goochland. Includes GPMGA (Goochland/Powhatan Master Gardeners) plant sale; free gardening advice; and gardening vendor booths. Full day of classes and tours available for a one-time registration fee of \$25. For more information, got to www.gpmga.org.

Creativity Unleashed!

Do you enjoy looking at the annual NGC *Visions of Beauty* calendars for floral design inspiration? If so, you should check out CFAA (Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas, sometimes pronounced CeeFa). It is an organization that

studies creative floral design and stresses the sharing of ideas, tips and techniques.



I have just returned from their annual seminar in Florida. It was 4 days jam-packed with workshops, presentations, floral displays and, of course, shopping for anything floral design related. This year the hands-on workshops included working with Midollino in new ways, leaf manipulation, techniques used in the low-

profile design (taught by Penny Decker), petite design (taught by Anna Burns, who wrote the new book on petite designs),

and making creative containers. Remember our Piedmont District meeting where “Auntie Mame” gave a presentation? Well, she is currently the president of CFAA, and she presented



a similar type program on the 20's – The Roaring '20s to the 2020's. Another program showcased some of the upcoming talent in Florida. And yet another was a design-off with three amazing designers - same materials and containers - completely different creative designs. Lastly, there was the shopping!! I brought back a car load of new (used) containers, palm spathes and so many other fun things that are not available here.

There is also an annual exhibit called “Kaleidoscope”. It is where the members of the organization can showcase their talent. Up to about 50 creative designs line the main hallway of the convention center. To see some of these designs, you can go to the CFAA website, www.creativefloral.org, and click on Kaleidoscope. It is just like looking through a *Visions of Beauty* calendar.

After looking through the website, if you think this is something that you might be interested in, please let me know. I hope to be returning to sunny, warm Orlando next February. Anyone up for a road trip?!?!

Note: The photographs are of designs made for the showcase called Kaleidoscope at CFAA this year by **Diane Burgess, JoAnn McNabb and Brenda McManaway**, all Virginians.

Kathy Ward
NGC Flower Show Judge





Next Month's Meeting – April 20, 2022

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer – Coffee 9:30/Meeting 10 AM
(See page 112 of your Yearbook for more information)

Program: “The Power of Public Landscapes”
by Shelly Parsons, Executive Director of Capital Trees

Greeter: Phyllis Hubbard

Hostesses: Camille Archie, Phyllis Hubbard, Linda Jones, Marian Kavanagh, Linda Nau, Susan Nienow, Susan Oakey, and Meg Winn

Clerks: Bonnie McKeever, Nancy Pressendo, Brenda Reed, and Gail Tatum



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH EVENTS

19-20	Spring Gardeners Fair - GBGH	
21	Piedmont District Spring Meeting	CP1
21-22	Gardening Enrichment Program – 3 PM	CP9
22	Anniversary Garden Workday – 9:30 AM	CP26
26	Virginia Daffodil Show and Sale – LGBG	
28	Redeemer Playground – 10 AM	NP1
29	Midlothian Post Office Workday – 10 AM	CP7
30	Wishing Well Park Workday – 10 AM	CP13

APRIL EVENTS

8-10	African Violet Show and Sale	
2-3	36th Annual Daffodil Festival - Gloucester	
1	Richmond Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)	
4-6	Symposium	
8	Community Hospice House Project – 3 PM	CP2
12	Midlothian Fire Station Workday – 10 AM	CP16
12	Spring Arbor Facility Project	CP23
13	SGC Board Meeting – 9:30 AM	
20	SGC General Meeting – 9:30 AM	CP4
20	Bickford Senior Living Project – 1:30 PM	CP14
23-30	Historic Garden Week in Virginia	
28	Tour of Low Line & Shiplock Park	CP4
30	GPMGA Spring Garden Fest	
30	Herbs Galore & More – Maymont (maymont.org)	



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