



# Mum's the Word

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## **A Message from SGC President, Connie Sorrell. . .**

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday was filled with family and friends, good food and laughter. It is always tough for us to pack away all the decorations in the house because the rooms almost look naked, especially where the Christmas tree stood!

Our Salisbury **entrance decorations** are so liked by the neighborhood, we are keeping them up until January 19th.

With the theme of "Gardeners are the seeds of change," it is fitting to note that all the seed catalogs are arriving and the time for dreaming about what new things will go into our gardens! Let's share our plans for new plants or other changes in our gardens.

The **Nominating Committee** will be asking members about their interest in serving on the board in one of the elected positions. Currently, the 1st Vice President (could be a co-vp position) for Programs and the recording secretary do not have any candidates. The only requirement is that you must be a member for two years. The program's position is much easier than in the past because we no longer need to haul and set up our sound system for meetings. Being on the Board is a great opportunity to gain more experience, make new friends, and direct the Club's future.

**January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am** will be the opening of the new **Midlothian Library**. With the new library being two thirds larger than the old one, there will be lots of new spaces and a much larger meeting room. Watch for more information about the ceremony. We hope to have a good showing of members there!

**Reminder to hostesses for meetings:** Each person who is assigned a hostess spot only is asked to do this once during the year. If you are unable to provide something, please ask another member to do this.

### **Today's Program:**

**Program and meeting canceled due to weather conditions**



We continue to be great contributors to our community. The next two months have lots of opportunities to participate. Nancy Lee and Kathy Ward did a fabulous job of collaborating with the committees to put together **fifteen** grant/award applications. Thank you for all the efforts it took and thanks to every member who contributed all their talents and hard work to make it possible for the Club to apply for these awards and grants.

**Meetings to note:**

**Piedmont District and VFGC** events are listed on page 4.

**SGC New members Brunch – February 14<sup>th</sup>.** Invitations will be sent. See article on page 7.

**Winter Symposium** put on by the Central Virginia Nursey and Landscape organization February 14-15 at Lewis Ginter. In addition to attending in person, you may register for attending via zoom. See Lewis Ginter website for registration form. [Winter Symposium & CVNLA Short Course at Lewis Ginter](#)

Happy gardening dreaming!  
Connie



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# TREASURER'S REPORT: JUNE 1, 2023 - JANUARY 17, 2024

Prepared by Claudia Cosby, Treasurer

<b>OPERATING FUND</b>					
<b>Beginning Balance June 1, 2023</b>					<b>\$3,096.66</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Administrative</i>					
	Membership Dues 2023-24 (paid 2022-23)	4,050.00			
	Membership Dues 2023-24	1,200.00		5,250.00	
<i>Activities</i>					
	Atlas Glove Orders & Sales	1,178.00			
	December Workshop	220.00			
	Richmond Council GC Hospitality	125.00		1,523.00	
<i>Donations</i>					
	Penny Pines Donations	173.78			
	Misc. Donations	2.00		175.78	
<i>Meetings</i>					
	District Meetings Registration	855.00			
	Opportunity tickets	329.00			
	Security deposit from SPC	100.00		1,284.00	
<i>Social Hospitality</i>					
	Christmas Party	2,880.00		2,880.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>				<b>11,112.78</b>	
<b>Disbursements</b>					
<i>Administrative</i>					
	Bank Fee	8.00			
	Corresponding Secretary	20.60			
	Liability Insurance	294.00			
	Membership	7.73			
	Newsletter	105.82			
	Piedmont District Dues	20.00			
	Richmond Council Dues	40.00			
	VFGC Dues 2023-24	535.00			
	Website Hosting, Domain (annual)	278.95			
	Yearbook	685.47		1,995.57	
<i>Activities</i>					
	Atlas Gloves	761.86			
	Flower Show	47.41			
	Richmond Council GC Hospitality	146.43		955.70	
<i>Donations</i>					
	Penny Pines Donations (2)	136.00			
	RCGC Youth Education Donation	50.00			
	VFGC, Piedmont District Awards Sponsors	40.00		226.00	
<i>Meetings</i>					
	Awards Luncheon 5/24 Deposit	500.00			
	District Meetings Registration	900.00			
	Monthly Programs	587.75			
	Meeting Setup	220.00			
	* SPC Facility Rental, etc.	1,000.00		3,207.75	
<i>Social Hospitality</i>					
	Christmas Party refunds	135.00			
	Christmas Party	2,436.17		2,571.17	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>				<b>8,956.19</b>	
<b>Operating Fund Balance Jan. 17, 2024</b>					<b>\$5,253.25</b>

<b>COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND</b>					
<b>Beginning Balance June 1, 2023</b>					<b>\$2,113.00</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Graduation Flowers				1,375.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>					1,375.00
<b>Disbursements</b>					
<i>Community Outreach</i>					
Art for the Journey/Veterans				26.45	
Bickford				50.05	
Southampton Youth Program				13.73	90.23
<i>Civic Beautification</i>					
Daffodil Project				100.00	
Fire Station				106.88	
National Garden Week				113.80	320.68
<b>Total Disbursements</b>					410.91
<b>Community Projects Fund Balance Jan. 17, 2024</b>					<b>\$3,077.09</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>					
<b>Reserve Fund Balance Jan. 17, 2024</b>					<b>\$2,895.61</b>
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
Youth Grant Awarded				125.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>					125.00
<b>Disbursements</b>					
Southampton School				27.51	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>					27.51
<b>Total Restricted Funds Jan. 17, 2024</b>					<b>97.49</b>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>					<b>\$11,323.44</b>
* These funds were for: SPC rental space Flower Show-\$300 (paid in arrears); security deposit-\$100; and Sep & Oct rental and janitorial fee (each \$300)-\$600					

## ***VFGC AND PIEDMONT DISTRICT EVENTS***



**VFGC Landscape Design School Course 2:** March 11-12 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. Registration deadline is February 20. For more information about the school, instructors and registration information, see pages 22-24 of the **Old Dominion Gardener Winter 2023** edition; its available online at [viriniagardenclubs.org](http://viriniagardenclubs.org).

**VFGC Flower Show School Course 2:** March 25-28 in Norfolk, VA. Registration deadline is February 24. Information about this course is also available in the **Old Dominion Gardener Winter 2023** edition, pages 20-21; its available online at [viriniagardenclubs.org](http://viriniagardenclubs.org).



**Piedmont District Spring Meeting:** March 18.  
**Note new location** – Virginia Center Crossings  
Hilton Hotel, Glen Allen, VA. We will send out an  
email soon with details about this meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION – Meg Winn

The holiday **Mini-Bouquet Project for Meals on Wheels** was a great success! Tuesday morning December 12th, our volunteers picked up the containers and flowers on DanaDee Carragher's front porch. The next day they brought a total of **138 exquisite miniature designs** to our general meeting where we all got to admire them before we loaded them into boxes and delivered them to Central Baptist Mission House in the afternoon.

The Meals on Wheels coordinator called to report that she was



greeted by sweet scents and lovely colors when she arrived the next morning and she conveyed her gratitude for our donation. The bouquets were beautiful alone and together and the Meals on Wheels clients were happily surprised to receive this little gift with their food trays on Thursday.

There were 60 clients when we first began making the holiday minis eight years ago. Now the number has grown to 138 this December! It is a testament to the generous spirit of our members that we had no shortage of willing designers and helpers to carry through with the project. Those helping were Camille Archie, Danadee Carragher, Missy Rakes, Mary Arakelian, Lilli Aram-Bost, Susan Preston, Sue Kucera, Laurie

Kalata, Shirley Gates, Kathy Casella, Martie Parch, Candy Nassar, Peggy Young, Becky Sido, Nancy Scherer, and Meg Winn.

**On January 5th** we undecorated at the Fire Station, Post Office, Lifelong Learning Institute, old Fire Station, and Wishing Well Park. Those helping with this were Camille Archie, Marsha Caratelli, and Meg Winn.

We will retrieve the rest of the decorations **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – new date!!**. We also have a few upcoming workdays at Manakin Episcopal Church, Post Office, and the Anniversary Garden. Please complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet if you can help with any of these projects.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Camille Archie & Lorna Boucher**

Thanks to Mary Arakelian, LiliAram-Bost, Janice Beatty, Kerri Butler, Katie Conschafter, Sandy Fry, Shirley Gates, Nancy Lee, Lynn Neviaser, Sandy Zima, Kathy Casella, Delora Stites, Laurie Kalata, Nancy Scherer, Barbara Metz, Fran Judd, Debbie O'Connell and Catherine Barnes 27 arrangements were **delivered to the Community Hospice House on January 4th**. The arrangements were beautifully designed with a variety of fresh flowers and greenery. The nurses and patients greatly enjoyed the colorful arrangements.

**Gardening Enrichment** was a wonderful success thanks to Becky Sido, Peggy Young, Nancy Scherer, Candy Nasser, Karen Rice, Marsha Caratelli and Nancy Lee. On Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> we were able to provide our **Winter Seed Sowing** activity to 23 K-



5 students. It was interesting to see the differences in the students- some loved getting their hands dirty, others really disliked getting soil on their hands; some took lots of seeds and others- only a few. Coneflower seeds were their favorite seed.

**Home Depot** kindly donated three huge bags of potting soil; the kids will sign a "Thank You" poster for Home Depot next week. Thanks to all the members who helped in many ways!

Although the kids were not excited about **Smokey Bear Posters** this year, we were able to send one completed poster for each grade 1-5 to Piedmont.

Our projects for March are: **Veteran's Art for the Journey** on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 when we will help veterans create floral plaques. **Gardening Enrichment Project** will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> when the children will be making flower arrangements in Bai water bottles.

The projects are listed on the sign-up sheet. **Please join us!**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Martie Parch**

Normally, if members have suggestions for elected officer positions, they would fill out a form with their suggestions. **Because our meeting today is canceled, please contact Martie directly at 804-240-5446 or [fred@msn.com](mailto:fred@msn.com).**

The positions are: **President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.** Please get the person's permission before submitting his/her name.

### **SOCIAL HOSPITALITY – Martie Parch & Nancy Scherer**

We hope you will join us for our February 21 Food from the Heart Luncheon, which immediately follows our February program. See page 8 of Mum's for details.



The Board members wish to thank Candy Nasser for hosting the January board meeting!

## **NEW MEMBER BRUNCH – FEBRUARY 14**

If you joined Salisbury Garden Club in 2023-24, you are invited by the members of the Board for a wonderful



brunch. This is a great opportunity to meet board members and other new or prospective members – and to learn more about Salisbury Garden Club.

**The brunch begins at 11 a.m. at the home of Helen Davison, 14510 Kenmont Drive, Midlothian.** Please

bring a friend who might also be interested in SGC. Invitations will go out soon! There is a coupon on the signup sheet as well if you'd like to attend.

Helen Davison, Membership Chair  
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## Here we grow again – please welcome:

Linda Strauss

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Linda is a former botany teacher and is referred by Candy Nasser. Her interests are in helping with community outreach programs.



## FOOD FROM THE HEART LUNCHEON Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

For those of you who are new to the Club, this is our annual February Luncheon. It will be held immediately following the morning program. See your Yearbook page 97 for more information.

Members are asked to bring a favorite dish to share. **Your choices are salad, main dish or dessert.** **Note:** If you are a hostess for February, you do not need to bring a second food item for lunch. See the last page of this newsletter for a list of February hostesses.

We are also asking for help with the set-up and clean-up. Please complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet – **or email us directly** -- to participate. If you have any questions, you may contact: **Martie Parch (tredwr@msn.com) or Nancy Scherer (nancysch@aol.com)**

## FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> PROGRAM

Sue Becker, previously a member of the Salisbury Garden Club, is coming from Smith Mountain Lake to give her Power-Point presentation ‘**Butterfly, Flutterby**’ in February.

She will share an overview on a variety of butterflies that can be found in our garden landscapes, how to attract them,





and suggestions for both host and nectar plants to keep them fluttering back year after year.

For more information about Sue and her program, see your Yearbook page 98.

## TREX CHALLENGE!



So far 166 pounds collected – in 10 weeks. Members will continue to weigh their own plastic and drop it off at any store they shop that has a bin for plastic. Weights and pictures can be texted or emailed to Becky or Janet Mallon. Along with pictures supporting plastic turned in, Trex prefers the plastic be put in clear or translucent bags, so stores know it isn't garbage.

So, if you remember, take a photo of the plastic you're recycling, and send it with the amount of plastic! Remember, no pet or bird food bags! Thanks!

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## TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW MARCH 4-6, 2024



**PHS**

The 195<sup>th</sup> Philly Flower Show, presented by the Philadelphia Horticulture Society, will be held March 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. **Several members are planning to go on Monday, March 4 and return on March 6.** If you are interested in joining the group, please fill out the coupon on the sign-up sheet so that Connie Sorrell, who is coordinating the trip, will know you are going. Or you may contact her directly at [csorrell@comcast.net](mailto:csorrell@comcast.net), since there is no meeting today.

Each person is responsible for purchasing his/her own train and flower show tickets and making hotel reservations.

The hotel is the **Hilton Garden Inn Philadelphia Center City**, (1100 Arch Street) right across the street from the Flower Show. The price for a queen room is about \$150+ a night.

We will take the Amtrack train (Staples Mills Road station) on Monday morning at 8:23 am and return from Philadelphia on Wednesday on 1:01 pm train. A round trip cost is about \$106.00.

Tickets to the Flower Show can be purchased online at <https://phsonline.org/the-flower-show> at \$39.00 a day if you buy them ahead of time.

The Flower Show theme this year is *United by Flowers*, a celebration of the community that blooms each Spring at the annual PHS Philadelphia Flower Show – a moment when hundreds of thousands from the region, East Coast, and the world share in a week-long magnification of the transformative power of gardening.

For questions or more information about the trip, contact Connie at [csorrell@comcast.net](mailto:csorrell@comcast.net).

## Gardening Resolutions for 2024

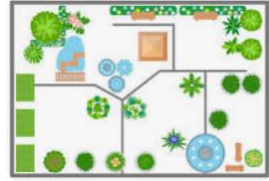
When you're thinking about your resolutions, remember to consider your garden. What will you resolve to do in this new year? Anything different? I know I'll make some changes! Here are some suggestions:

- If you haven't had your soil tested in 3 years, winter is a great time to do that so you can amend before planting in the spring.
- Add compost to your soil to enhance the nutrients and keep weeds at bay. I promise to turn my compost pile more often (maybe twice a month?)



- Check out the USDA website to find your plant hardiness zone <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>. There is a lot of interesting information!

- Of course, take time to plan your garden for next year. Take some measurements and sketch a design of how you'd like it to look. Consider the topography, the exposure, and the structures.



- Look around your garden and see what worked and what didn't. Make plans to transplant or remove, if necessary. Right plant, right place.

- Add more natives.

- Clean out your garden shed (oh, the mess!)

- Look at the seed catalogs and try something new.



- Keep a calendar about your gardening activities with notes and photos about seed sowing, planting, pruning, feeding, mulching, weeding, deadheading.



- Resolve to take time to appreciate your garden. We all should “stop and smell the roses” more often. Share the joy by inviting your friends over to delight in the sights and sounds of your garden!

Martie Parch  
Master Gardener



*Next Month's Meeting - February 21, 2024*

*Manakin Episcopal Church - 985 Huguenot Trail*

*Refreshments 9:30 AM - Meeting 10 AM*

*Program: "Butterfly, Flutterby"  
by Sue Becker, Master Gardener*

*Greeter: John Stanwix*

*Hostesses: Kerri Butler, Fran Judd, Louise Miller,  
Martie Parch, Connie Sorrell, John Stanwix,  
Delora Stites, and Peggy Young*



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JANUARY EVENTS**

- 19 Remove Salisbury Decorations – 12 Noon CP20
- 19 Monthly Flowers for the Hospice House CP34
- 20-21 Mid-Atlantic Home & Outdoor Living Show  
Virginia Beach Convention Center

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

- 2 RCGC (Richmond Council of Garden Clubs)  
10 AM at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
- 14 SGC Board Meeting – 9:15 AM  
Hostess: Helen Davison
- 14 New Member Brunch – 11 AM CP8  
Hostess: Helen Davison
- 15 Deadline: Piedmont District Grants
- 16 Monthly Flowers for the Hospice House CP34
- 16-19 The Great Backyard Bird Count  
[www.gbbc.birdcount.org](http://www.gbbc.birdcount.org)
- 21 SGC General Meeting – 9:30 AM CP4
- 21 Food from the Heart Luncheon
- 22-24 CFAA Seminar (Creative Floral Arrangers  
of the Americas) – [creativefloral.org](http://creativefloral.org)



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