



# *Mum's the Word*

**Salisbury Garden Club**

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## ***A Message from SGC President, Lorna Boucher. . .***

An excerpt from William Wordsworth's poem:

"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.  
And then my heart with pleasure fills and dances with the daffodils."

Despite the variable weather conditions we have been experiencing, daffodils are blooming where SGC planted them and in gardens all over the place, telling us that spring is really on the way at last. They and hellebores plus forsythia are the stalwart harbingers of spring which hold up against the onslaught of our beautiful but voracious deer herds.

Many thanks to Kathy Ward and her team of helpers who produced the super table centerpieces for the Piedmont District meeting. Special thanks to Anne McCormick and Shirley Gates who made the lovely arrangements for the District Board's Table. Thanks also to the ladies who sold raffle tickets and to Martie Parch and her team who manned the sales table.

Sally Harrison (District Director of Programs) wrote: "Happy 50th Anniversary to Salisbury Garden Club. Please thank the SGC ladies again for the lovely centerpieces and outstanding opportunity ticket sales. Congratulations and please thank everyone again for their help".

We received 12 awards in total: 10 blue for our various endeavors, one 3rd place award for new members joining, and a 1st place award for our Yearbook. Very well done, everybody and Becky Sido in particular, who coordinated and applied for all these awards.

Judy Durant (District President) wrote to us saying: "Thanks, thanks and more thanks for everything Salisbury did to make our District Meeting a success!! I heard many compliments. Your club can be very proud."

I am very proud to be heading up such a talented group of ladies!

Janice Beatty organized a super fun trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Travel was smooth, the hotel was fine, the restaurants for dinner were great

### **TODAY'S PROGRAM:**

"Roos' Three  
Rules of Pruning"  
by  
David Roos



and the show itself was outstanding. A time of camaraderie and fun which 10 of us thoroughly enjoyed and we won't dwell upon the retail therapy!!!

Our Board members and Committee Chair People are doing a sterling job of keeping SGC in the forefront of action to be taken in and around our community and in the Piedmont District.

Lastly, I reiterate my exhortation that you keep checking in with your Yearbook – it contains a wealth of information along with an index to tell you where to find it. We won a first prize for it so that indicates how good it is!

~ Lorna



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2018 – FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

Prepared by: Claudia Cosby, Treasurer

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## National Garden Clubs (NGC)

### Plant America Community Projects Grant Program



NGC and P. Allen Smith have partnered to raise funds for the **Plant America Community Projects Grant Program** through a promotion entitled “**Inspiring Gardens Across America**”. P. Allen Smith has selected three collections of plants for this promotion: Peony Flowering Daylily, *Sunpatiens* ‘Razzle Dazzle’, and Succulents in a Whitewashed Wooden Stand. He will donate a generous percentage of



every sale to the Plant America grant program.

**The promotion will last until June 15.** For more information, see **VFGC’s *Old Dominion Gardener***, Spring 2018 edition, pages 29-30 or go to the **National Garden Clubs website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org).**



## VFGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL COURSE III – April 16 and 17

All classes for Course III of the Landscape Design School will be held at the Woodlands Conference in Williamsburg.

For the registration form and more information about the schedule, instructors and amenities, see the **Spring 2018 Edition of VFGC's "Old Dominion Gardener" pages 12-14** or go to the VFGC website at [www.virginiagardenclubs.org](http://www.virginiagardenclubs.org).

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### AWARDS – Becky Sido

Our club had a great day at the Piedmont District meeting with 35 of our members in attendance and being the recipient of 12 awards! **We received 10 blue ribbons:** Horticulture Therapy, Litter



Recycling/Reclamation, National Garden Week, Plant Together, Special Achievement, Youth Horticulture, Membership Brochure, Newsletter, Website, and Flower Show Schedule. **We received a first-place orange rosette** for our Yearbook; and a **yellow ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup>**

**place)** for membership/new members award. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work that made these awards possible!

#### CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION – Meg Winn

On Friday, March 23, Martie Parch, Marian Kavanagh, and Meg Winn spruced up **Wishing Well Park** before the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. Consequently, we have canceled the March 26 workday.

We hope you've all had a chance to see the lovely daffodil display at **Suburban Mobile Village!**



#### EDUCATION – Camille Archie

**New Project:** The program director at **Spring Arbor Memory Care Unit**, Ashleigh Hutcheson, has asked if our club would develop and implement gardening activities for the residents. Spring Arbor is

## EDUCATION – Continued

a new facility in our Salisbury community and can house a total of 48 residents, with about 12 residents participating in our projects. Civic Beautification and Education volunteers will work together with a variety of activities such as teacup designs and planting herbs.

Our first **Spring Arbor** project on **April 19<sup>th</sup>** at 10 AM will be helping the residents make a teacup design. Greenery needed!

**Redeemer Preschool Project** is on **May 1** at 9:45 AM.

**Garden Therapy at Bickford**, a teacup design with the residents will take place on **May 2** at 9:30 AM. We'll need greenery!

**Hospice House Project** – we'll meet at Anne McCormick's house on **May 11** at 9:30 AM to create floral designs; please bring flowers and greenery from your garden.

**Southampton AND Swansboro Elementary Schools:** We will be helping students from both schools to create Mother's Day arrangements in **May**. Once chairman, Donna Cottingham, has confirmed the dates and times, she will contact everyone interested in participating – whether by helping the students or providing conditioned greens or both!

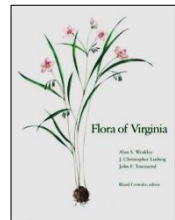
**As you can see, May is a very busy month for Education!**

Please take the time to read and complete the coupons on the sign-up sheet – with so many projects in such a limited time, we'll need many helping hands!

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Meg Winn

As one of the events honoring our club's 50th Anniversary, we are donating **Flora of Virginia** to the Midlothian Library. SGC President Lorna Boucher will make the presentation on **April 3rd at 10:30 a.m.** We will also have a table display available through mid-April featuring SGC, native flora, and the book.

All our members are encouraged to visit the library and enjoy this excellent addition to their Virginia plant reference collection.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Gay Kistler

Today we will vote on the 2018-2019 SGC Slate of Officers: **President – Lorna Boucher; 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs – Janice Beatty; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership – Gay Kistler; Recording Secretary – Deirdre Knight; Corresponding Secretary – Martie Parch; and Treasurer – Claudia Cosby.** Nominations may be taken from the floor provided consent of the nominee has been secured.

# Tour of Cosby Azalea Garden - April 18

Our club is cordially invited to tour (self-guided) the **Cosby Azalea Gardens** at 18168 Dogwood Trail Road in Rockville, Virginia on **Wednesday, April 18th**.

The gardens are open from **1:00 - 5:00 PM** and include 11



acres of azaleas, rhododendrons, trees, perennials and paths nestled in the rolling countryside.

There is ample parking, but because it is a 35 mile distance and a one-mile long

narrow driveway, carpooling is suggested. Directions will be available day of tour.

For more information about the gardens, please see Bill Lohman's newspaper article – just Google: "Hanover siblings donating 79 acres".

Box lunches from **Panera** will be available for those who wish to place an order. They will be available at the church at the end of our April 18 meeting. The cost is **\$12.50 per lunch**, which includes a bottle of water and a cookie. **The deadline for lunch orders is April 11<sup>th</sup>**. The choices are:

- **Roasted turkey & avocado BLT sandwich** on sourdough Bread; served with pickle and chips.
- **Half sandwich & half salad** – Sierra smoked turkey sandwich on Asiago cheese focaccia bread; ancient grain and arugula salad with chicken, grape & apple slaw, and pumpkin seeds; served with baguette.
- **Modern Greek & quinoa salad** with Kalamata olives, feta and toasted almonds; served with baguette.
- **Caesar salad with chicken**; served with baguette.

Peggy Young and Meg Winn, Chairmen



*The Board wishes to thank Martie Parch for volunteering to host our Board Meeting for the second time this year!*



## **SGC Awards and Installation Luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Our Awards and Installation Luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held on **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at Salisbury Country Club (13620 West Salisbury Road)**. We hope you plan to join us! The **reservation deadline is Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup>**.

The cost will be **\$30.00 per person**. **Checks should be made to Salisbury Garden Club**. There are three luncheon choices:

### **Asian BBQ Salmon**

Marinated, Char-Grilled Salmon  
Basted with Asian BBQ Sauce  
Served atop Wok-Flashed Julienne Vegetables  
With Wasabi Aioli  
Vegetable Fried Rice  
Fresh French Rolls

### **Polynesian Chicken Salad**

Pineapple Boat Filled with Chicken Salad  
Fresh Seasonal Fruit  
Lemon-Berry Sweet Bread  
Chef's choice Accompaniment

### **Summer Berry Salad**

Spinach, Fresh Strawberries,  
Feta cheese and Candied Pecans  
Balsamic Vinaigrette  
Fresh French Rolls

***Optional additions:*** Grilled Chicken or Seared Shrimp

Each entrée will be served with coffee, iced tea, and/or water as well as dessert. A cash bar will be provided. Please complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet and designate your luncheon choice.

**Additional details about the luncheon and anniversary celebration will follow soon!** If you have any questions, please contact Anne McCormick or Lorna Boucher.

## CENTERPIECES NEEDED

### for Awards & Installation Luncheon

**Would you like to earn design points for next year?** Members may sign up to bring a floral design to the luncheon, have it judged as a design exhibit, and the points earned will go toward next year's total design points. The designs will be used as centerpieces for the tables and for decoration around the room (and then go home with the designers).

The theme is **"A Celebration Luncheon"** (Rule 1- all fresh plant material) **with the color scheme of pink, white and green.** The centerpieces should be low enough so they don't obstruct one's view when sitting at a table.

If you'd like to participate, just complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet.

Please contact Shirley Gates or Anne McCormick with any questions.



## "SPRING IN THE GARDEN"

### April 21, 2018 – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Goochland-Powhatan Master Gardener Association (GPMGA), in cooperation with Reynolds Community College's



Goochland campus (JSRCC) welcomes you to **"Spring in the Garden"** on **Saturday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at JSRCC, 1851 Dickinson Road, Goochland.**

In addition to plants for sale, garden tool sharpening, and "ask the experts", two talks will be given by **Jeff Gillman**, a nationally recognized horticulturalist and author. For more information, visit the Goochland-Powhatan Master Gardener's website at [www.gpmga.org](http://www.gpmga.org).



**Here we grow again. . .please welcome our newest member:**

Louise Miller

Details not available for website

## ***Looking Back at SGC. . . an interview with Judy Binns***

Judy remembers fragrant cut roses in her grandmother's house, and the colorful rose and vegetable garden her grandparents kept. When she moved here from the Shenandoah Valley in 1989, her husband's new boss's wife, yes – that is how it goes- introduced her to the Salisbury Garden Club. The Club met at the Presbyterian Church and there were 48 members. Judy wanted to meet new people and didn't know much about gardening, other than those wonderful memories of her family home, plus a planting or two she had done herself. Joining the club, she wanted to expand her friendships and learn new skills.



### **A President's Philosophy:**

Judy was elected president of the Salisbury Garden Club in 1993-1995 and her theme was "Learning about Our World through Gardening". The Club focused on floral design, but those members who loved horticulture were underserved at the time. She wanted to find something all members would love doing, so with the help of her Board, instituted an annual Garden Tour highlighting gardens, primarily ones belonging to

club members. Publicity focused the community on just how many activities the Club sponsored. Younger mothers saw activities they could join, and the membership has jumped to over 100.

### **Club's Biggest Accomplishments:**

The same years, the club hosted the first annual "Food from the Heart", accomplished the design and landscaping of the Midlothian Post Office, completed the Betty Weaver courtyards, and started the highly successful fundraiser of designing flowers for graduation at the Siegel Center. The club was responsible for Magnolia Grange for Christmas décor, Salisbury entrances and maintained and designed landscape for the Church of the Redeemer.

### **A Pyramid of Friends:**

Judy says, "I joined the Salisbury Garden Club to meet my neighbors, and have expanded my friendships to district, state and national levels." Judy was elected to the Piedmont District and served sixty district clubs (ours is one of sixty) as President from 2001-2003. The Virginia Federal District is made up of six districts, and she was President from 2011 -2013. Currently she is serving on the Financial Committee of the National Garden Club and is a National Design Instructor, travelling nationwide to give day-long courses to train Flower judges. When she jumped into a cab in Little Rock, Arkansas, the taxi driver asked why she was in town, she responded she trained judges for flower shows. He thought a minute and asked, "Is there much call for that?"

### **Garden Tip:**

Judy uses a lot of cut foliage for her floral designs, and she has planted *Italian Ruscus* in her garden. It grows great here and its elongated, narrow, and pointy leaves make it a great choice of greenery when designers want their flowers to take center stage.

### **Interview by DanaDee Carragher**

# What's new in the NGC *Handbook for Flower Shows?*

## Petite Designs

One of the changes in the *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 edition, involves "Petite Designs". Previously, petite designs were to be less than 5" square and small designs were to be no larger than 8" in height or width. In the new edition of the Handbook, a petite design is any design that is 12" or smaller. The schedule will set the size requirement within this range.



A wonderful reference book for those who enjoy petite designs is the *Guide to the New Petite: Floral Designs 12" and Under* by Anna G. Burns. It contains photos of over 50 petite designs of 5" and under, 8" and under and 12" and under. These designs cover multiple design types in both creative and traditional styles.

For each design, there is a photograph of the design along with the design title and dimensions. All the plant material used is listed by botanical and common name. The non-plant material is also listed. The "Commentary" discusses what inspired the design and how it was all put together. Lastly, there is a "Behind-the-Design Tip". This includes information on color, lighting,



mechanics, techniques, creating movement, increasing design depth and other topics of interest to floral designers.



In the last section of the book, there is a list of over 80 leaves, blossoms and fruits that work well in a smaller scale design. The botanical and common name are given for each material. There is also a photo included for easy identification.

Even if you don't enjoy creating petite designs, this book will give you a new appreciation for them. This book is a must for anyone who wishes to delve into the world of petite designs!

Kathy Ward  
NGC Accredited Judge



**Next Month's Meeting - April 18, 2018**  
 Episcopal Church of the Redeemer - Coffee 9:30/Meeting 10 AM  
 (See page 108 of your Yearbook for more information)

**Program: "Floral Design using Metal Sculptures"**  
 by David Pippin, Owner of *David Pippin, Inc.*  
 and Bridgette Swebston, Metal Sculptor

**Greeter:** Peggy Young

**Hostesses:** Anne Faszewski, Marcia Harrigan, Pat  
 Hart, Linda Nau, Susan Nienow, Pat Wilson,  
 Meg Winn and Peggy Young



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL EVENTS

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|--------------|--|------|
| <b>3</b>     | <b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Library Presentation</b><br>Midlothian Library at 10:30 AM  |      |
| <b>5</b>     | <b>Redeemer Church Workday - 9:00 AM</b>   | CP15 |
| <b>8</b>     | <b>VFGC Finance Committee Meeting</b>  | CP1  |
| <b>8-10</b>  | <b>VFGC Convention - Richmond</b>  | CP1  |
| <b>11</b>    | <b>SGC Board Meeting - 9:30 AM</b><br>Hostess: Camille Archie  |      |
| <b>13-15</b> | <b>African Violet Show and Sale - LGBG</b>   |      |
| <b>14-15</b> | <b>Mid-Atlantic Home &amp; Outdoor Living Show</b><br>Virginia Beach Convention Center<br><a href="http://www.midatlantichomeshow.com">www.midatlantichomeshow.com</a> |      |
| <b>16-17</b> | <b>Landscape Design School - Course III</b>  | CP11 |
| <b>17</b>    | <b>Midlothian Post Office Workday - 9:00 AM</b>  | CP7  |
| <b>18</b>    | <b>SGC General Meeting - 9:30 AM</b><br>(See information at top of this page)  | CP4  |
| <b>21-28</b> | <b>Historic Garden Week in Virginia</b><br><a href="http://vagardenweek.org">vagardenweek.org</a>  |      |
| <b>25</b>    | <b>Midlothian Fire Station Workday - 9:00 AM</b>   | CP16 |
| <b>28</b>    | <b>Herbs Galore &amp; More - Maymont, <a href="http://maymont.org">maymont.org</a></b>   |      |



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