



President's Message *"Every Day is Earth Day"*

Our start to fall has been warm, but gardens everywhere in Franklin and Bedford Counties have been experiencing a longer blooming period. We give thanks for our blessings. We all are taking private action to assist in the recovery efforts following natural and unnatural disasters in California, Nevada, Florida and Puerto Rico.

It has been a busy couple of months. I regret not being available to the MGC meetings at the conclusion of last year and the beginning of our new calendar year, but my 90-year-old mother must be uppermost in my priorities. I know all of you have such priorities and we will always honor them.

I volunteered to be the point person in the Festival of Trees at the Bedford Welcome Center. I have greatly enjoyed making pink and chartreuse poinsettias for the tree, wrapping packages and spray-painting elves to accommodate our color theme.

I have also enjoyed working on the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl project and will be delivering a presentation on this at the Blue Ridge District Meeting on 19 October. I hope many of you will attend this.

I am planning to have Board Meeting the first Monday of every month at 1:00 at the Moneta Library. Board Meetings are open to all members.

If you plan to present a new subject for discussion, going forward, would you please submit the topic and the time you need to present this. Of course, there will still be an open mic at all meetings, but if you know in advance there is an issue to be discussed, let us know.

The deadline for the National Garden Club (NGC) President's Project Grant is 1 November 2017! This is a new NGC grant program for clubs entitled PLANT AMERICA. The purpose of the grant program is to provide financial support for new or existing club projects in their respective communities all across the United States. This fund will be a permanent fund with grants being given for each two-year administration. Individual garden clubs that are members of NGC may apply for funds up to \$1,000 for the direct expenses of projects. Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by 31 January 2018. Projects must be completed by June 2019. Final reports are due within two months after the completion of the project or by 1 July 2019.

October Birthdays



Shirley Ayers
Sandy Houck
Sue Patterson
Jan Hagen

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Separately Liz Lester, Virginia Federation of Garden Club (VFGC) received information from Pat Wilson, chairman of the NGC Grant Committee, regarding the Espoma Products Grant. The total grant is \$5,000 worth of products. Espoma will decide based on the application a club sends in what the amount of products is needed for the project. So, the bottom line is more than 20 clubs may receive products for their project from Espoma! While there is not a deadline for the application "the early bird gets the products"! www.espoma.com/garden-clubs.

Diane Killip

**Monday, October 16, 2017
12:00 noon ` Gathering
12:30 Meeting**

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

*Infusions:
Fruits, Herbs and Spirits*



**Phyllis Turner
Bedford Master Gardener**



Horticulture: Fall Blooms, Vegetables, fruits, etc.

Design: "The Essence of Autumn"

Designer's Choice: Dried and/or fresh plant material. Accessories permitted

**Hostesses: Diane Pollock (lead), Donna Broomall, Hilda Lindell,
Sue Patterson, Sue Erickson**

November Program

Hilda Lindell, a Master NGC Flower Show Judge and long time garden club member, will lead us in a workshop to prepare for the upcoming Christmas House we will decorate for the Christmas Tour of Homes in Bedford.

From the Yearbook Committee

Our apologies to the Moneta Garden Club Members. We are still missing some material that needs to be included in the yearbook. Completed yearbook should be available at the next meeting.

Plastic pollution and what to do about it

Pollution comes in many forms but I want to focus on the pollution that is caused by plastic products.

When we go to the grocery store almost everything we buy is wrapped in plastic or is sold in plastic containers or plastic bottles. We check out and carry our groceries home in huge amounts of one way plastic bags. If we are lucky we might be able to recycle some of the plastic bottles and plastic bags, if not we just dump everything in the garbage can and forget about what happens next.

Here are a few statistics:

- 33 million tons of plastic shopping bags are produced each year of which 8 million tons end up in the oceans.
- By 2050 the combined weight of plastic in the oceans will exceed the weight of all the fish in the oceans.
- There is an island of plastic in the Pacific Ocean (“The Great Pacific Garbage Patch”) that is the size of Texas and another one is forming in the Atlantic Ocean.
- 100% of plastic has been produced since 1970, completely during our lifetime.

We could shrug our shoulders and say “so what” or we can raise awareness to this urgent pollution problem.

Here are some tips:

1. Bring your own reusable shopping bags and refuse to have anything put into plastic bags.
2. Buy beverages that are in glass, cardboard, or aluminum containers.
3. Recycle everything you can.
4. Reuse plastic containers at home
5. Buy eggs in cardboard boxes
6. Educate your family and friends
7. Support restaurants that use reusable plates and silverware.
8. Research everything that you can about the problem of pollution in the world to increase your knowledge and have an educated discussion with your family and friends.
9. Use Britta filters and your own reusable water bottles. Avoid buying bottled water at all costs!

Please get on board and start your new good habits today to help save our environment and our planet earth.

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT FALL MEETING



Have you registered for this day filled with fun, information and shopping?

Support our own Moneta Garden Club member

Sharon Jones, President, Blue Ridge District

(Registration form at end of newsletter)

HOSTESS SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018

Please contact Marty Bowers

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540-297-0965

if you need to make any changes

Shirley	Ayers	SEPT	
Karen	DeBord	SEPT	
Sandy	Kelso	SEPT	
Donna	Broomall	OCT	
Susan	Erickson	OCT	
Hilda	Lindell	OCT	
Diane	Pollock	OCT	
Mickey	Stansbury	OCT	
Sue	Patterson	OCT	
Susan	Beatty	NOV	
Linda	Preston	NOV	
Anneliese	Piatt	NOV	Lead
2018			
Kathy	Lietz	JAN	
Evelyn	Taylor	JAN	
Mary	Thurmond	JAN	
Shirley	Tyler	JAN	
Carolyn	Fink	FEB	
Carol	Hendrix	FEB	
Katherine	Lewis	FEB	
Alba	Papa	FEB	
Rae	Campbell	MAR	
J Gay	Carpenter	MAR	
Janis	Hagen	MAR	Lead
Ellie	Clark	MAR	Lead
Jan	McGraw	APR	
Helene	Mullins	APR	
Mary	Hamlin	APR	
Deanna	Hall	APR	
Linda	Bosiger	June	
Marty	Bowers	June	
Rosemary	Drennen	June	
Sandy	Houck	June	
Sharon	Jones	June	
Diane	Killip	June	

FALL DISTRICT MEETING

October 19, 2017

Hunting Hills Country Club
5220 Hunting Hills Drive
Roanoke, VA 24018

Garden club members and guests are welcome to attend the BRD Fall District Meeting. So **"JUST ASK"** a friend or potential member and send in your registration forms.

Special Program:

BRD is pleased to announce that Michael McConkey of Edible Landscapes in Afton, Virginia will be the featured speaker. You won't want to miss this excellent program on "Easy Care Edibles."

Michael will also be bringing some plants for sale. His garden center and plant nursery has all kinds of berryed plants, cacti, herbs, mushroom logs, nuts, shrubs, tree fruits, tropical & citrus as well as vegetables.

Schedule of Events:

9-10am Tea for Club Presidents
9-10am Meeting Registration
(Project Displays and
Vendor Booths open)
10am Business Session and Program
Noon Luncheon
12:45 Business continues,
Shopping, Door Prizes,
Announcements

REGISTER NOW!

Club Sales Tables are limited!

Sign up early! Contact Brenda McManaway at brendamc@shentel.net or 540-334-1603 for information and registration for your Club Sales/Project Table.



BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE: October 11, 2017

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Club _____

Check all that apply:

- Past District President
- BRD Board Member
- VFGC Board Member
- Club President (current)
- VFGC Life Member
- SAR Life Member
- NGC Life Member
- Guest



Medical Diet Required _____

Registration & Lunch: \$27.00

Please make check payable to:
Blue Ridge District, VFGC

Send registration form & check to:
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