

Midlothian Garden Club

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December 5, 2017

Bethel Baptist Church 1100 Huguenot Springs Road, Midlothian, VA 23113

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

Program: "Christmas Decorating with Live Plants"

The club is taking a field trip to Strange's Forest. Program begins at 10:30, with shopping afterwards and then on to lunch at BJ's Restaurant

Board Meeting: No Board Meeting in December

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I can't believe we are not only closer to Christmas, but also to a new year – 2018. So much happens in December that we are continually rushing around from event to event. Let's resolve to try to take things a little easier this year, on ourselves and our families.

Fall has been so warm that we can still plant bulbs and some perennials. Since we have finally been able to have our mower repaired, my husband and I are still dealing with leaves, as many of you are as well. It's still a good time to work in the garden when the days continue to be a bit warmer.

We still need a new coordinator for our Meals on Wheels project! This project creates small floral arrangements to accompany a Meals on Wheels lunch delivery, and we do it only once a year. Volunteer!

A very Happy Holiday season to every one of you. Don't forget our friends who celebrate Hanukkah and Kwanzaa as well. May the New Year be kind to us all.

Plant What Grows – Jennifer

TREASURER'S REPORT: November 28, 2017

Balance as of 10/24/17	\$7,824.71
Deposits	197.00
Disbursements	362.56
Bank Service Charge (Nov.)	4.00
Balance Ending 11/28/17	\$7,655.15

Midlothian Electronic Library December 2017 December, 2017 ELECTRONIC Library's entry (No. 12)

I. A. Our famous <u>Philadelphia Horticultural Society</u> has a wonderful with beautiful colored photos. You can access about the Philadelphia Flower Show, information about their McLean Library, etc. The overall web site is: <u>https://phsonline.org/</u>

B. In addition, you may log into many and varied gardening questions <u>OR</u> submit a question via email! <u>http://pennhort.libanswers.com/index.php</u>

2. A. <u>Kathleen Ganan of Bernardsville, New Jersey</u> is an expert and grower of peonies. Richmond Council of Garden Clubs' program for December 2017 was on the 4 types of peonies, <u>www.peonysenvy.com</u> with complete information, growing, selecting, and caring for peonies.

B. There are 16 chapters for the care and growing of peonies in Kathleen Ganan's site: <u>http://peonysenvy.com/peonycare.html</u> Everything you would ever want to learn!

December Gardening Tips:

- Drain and store hoses by the end of the month so they don't crack
- This is the dormant season. DO NOT FERTILIZE.
- Use eco-friendly de-icing products without salt to preven damage to lawn, trees, shrubs, and the Chesapeake Bay.
- Use leaves for mulch, then dig them into soil in the spring.
- To make your Christmas tree last longer water it with 1 teaspoon fertilizer to 1 quart water.

Lewis Ginter Events!



November 24 – January 8, 5 – 10, Dominion Garden Fest of Lights

December 31st – New Year's Eve Family Frolic. Enjoy fun family activities all afternoon, 2-5 pm. Live music, a parade and more.

January 4th – Leashed dogs can enjoy the holiday lights at Garden Fest for Fidos! 5-10 pm.

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 @ 9:00 am - Sunday, January 14, 2018 @ 5:00 pm , all garden visitors enjoy FREE admission to Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens.

For more information on these events or to register, go to,

www.lewisginter.org.

Dates to Remember"



January 9 - Due to New Year's Day being on January 1st our next meeting will be January 9th instead of the 2nd.

There is no Richmond Council of Garden Clubs meeting in January

