



**Midlothian Garden Club**  
Member of the National Garden Clubs  
*The Daffodilly Newsletter*



**February 6, 2018**

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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

**Program: *When, Where and How to Prune***

Sandy Fry, from the Tech Extension Service, will present a program on the correct way to prune shrubs, trees, etc. and will bring samples to provide examples.

**Lunch Hostesses:** Pasty Rudd\*, Carol Bridgforth, Shirley Smith, Marietta Therrell, and Mary Clair Thomas

**Board Meeting: February 27, at Elfriede Gould's:** 9:30 for refreshments and 10:00 for the meeting. Please let Elfriede know you are coming. (405-5744, [elfriedegould2012@gmail.com](mailto:elfriedegould2012@gmail.com) )

**FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

Although we still have more winter to come, I have actually seen a couple of my hellebores beginning to bud in my patio garden. I hope this early sign means that spring will not be too far in our future.

While we wait for spring, we have so much happening to keep us busy, beginning with this month. Night to Shine volunteers (including some of us) will be making boutonnieres and wristlets on February 8. The Great Backyard Bird Count is held February 16-19. The Piedmont District Spring Meeting is held on March 12, and there are many exciting programs at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. We'll also be hearing more about the VFGC Convention (in Richmond!) and Historic Garden Week in April. There is bound to be something for each one of us as Midlothian Garden Club members.

We still need a **New Coordinator** for our Meals on Wheels project! Let's give back to the community and brighten the day of some deserving folks.

**Volunteer!**

Plant What Grows –  
Jennifer



A Huge Thank You to –

Pat Hoy, for planning a wonderful outing at Strange's for us in December, and for organizing a beautiful luncheon celebration for our **65<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Anniversary**. Festive tables with holiday designs and a delicious cake were enjoyed by all who attended. We are fortunate to have such a talent in our Garden Club.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: February 6, 2018**

Balance as of 11/28/17	\$ 7,655.15
Deposits	00.00
Disbursements	148.10
Bank Service Charge (Dec & Jan)	8.00
Balance Ending 1/22/18	\$ 7,499.03



**Midlothian Electronic Library**

**February 2018 ELECTRONIC Library's entry (No. 14)**

**A. National Wildlife Federation: Native Plants**

Explore Butterflies, Native Plants, Certified Habitats (access each with a click)

<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants>

**B. Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation:**

Native Plants. Native Plants vs. Aliens. Where to find Native Plants.

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/nativeplants>

**C. Audubon: Native plants ...to attract birds**

<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>

**D. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower project, Texas**

Guide to Native Plant gardening

<https://www.wildflower.org/learn/guide-native-plant-gardening>

## February Gardening Tips:

- Clean and tune up lawn mower and other power garden equipment. Sharpen mower blades.
- Prune roses, evergreens and summer flowering shrubs that bloom on **NEW** growth. **Don't prune** a shrub/plant that is less than 2 years old.
- Remove suckers and crossing branches from crape myrtles.
- Start vegetable, annual and herb seeds indoors.
- Febreze kills ants on contact and doesn't leave your house smelling like poison.
- Throw a few Silica packets (those square things in shoe boxes) inside your tool/garden box. They will never rust again. Also add them to a box of nails for the same result.



Let's show some Bird Love this Valentine's Weekend! **Great Backyard Bird Count February 16-19, 2018.** Go to [gbbc.birdcount.org](http://gbbc.birdcount.org) to log in for your count. Then feed your birds, make a nice meal for your sweetheart, or tea for yourself and count away! When you've finished e-mail [jwagner080@gmail.com](mailto:jwagner080@gmail.com) to say "Yes, I did!"

Thank you, Jo

My sincere thank you to the club members for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, and calls while I was convalescing from my recent back surgery. It was such a bright moment in my day when the mail arrived and I had mail from all of you. I am happy to report that the surgery was a success and I am free of Sciatica pain since then.

Thank you, Thank you.

With love, Betty Dols



## **"Lewis Ginter Events!"**



All Garden visitors enjoy **half-price admission through Feb. 28.** During this time only, Garden admission is \$6 for adults and seniors and \$4 for children.

**Saturday, February 10, 2018 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am** Planning and Planting a Cutting Garden.

**Saturday, February 10, 2018 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am** Organic Vegetable Gardening

**Saturday, February 17, 2018 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am** Spring pruning for shrubs and small trees.

**Thursday, February 22, 2018 @ 11:30 am - 1:30 pm** Lunchtime Lecture: Tropicals for Winter with David Pippin.

**Saturday, February 24, 2018 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am** Roses 101: Introduction to Rose Gardening.

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm** Garden Indoors: Dish Gardens with Succulents

For more information on these events or to register, go to:  
[www.lewisginter.org](http://www.lewisginter.org).



## “Dates to Remember”

**February 8, “Night to Shine”** volunteers will be making boutonnieres and wristlets. See Barbara Hollister for more information.

<https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/ministries/night-to-shine>

**February 14, Garden Therapy** at Ginter Hall, 10:00. Let Wilma Heafner know if you can come and help. (749-1279)

**February 16-19.**The Great Backyard Bird Count. See more information on page 3.

**February 19,** Deadline to get money (\$30) to Linda Greer for the **Piedmont District Spring** meeting on **March 12**. Design program by Judy Binns.

<http://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org/>

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day