



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



March 6, 2018

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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

Program: Restoration and Renewing of Old Landscapes

Presented by Margaret “Fred” Douglas, residential landscape designer. She has taught *Landscape Graphics* for Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden’s educational program and *Intro to Landscape Design* at the University of Richanom.

Lunch Hostesses: Barbara Hollister*, Susan Gaskill, Dolores Hale, Nancy Ciejek, and Cheryl Esposito

Board Meeting: March 27, at Lorrene Kegriz: 9:30 for refreshments and 10:00 for the meeting. Please let Lorrene know you are coming. (683-6099, kegrislorrenec@gmail.com)

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I’m sure your gardens have already begun to flower as I write today. My bulbs are already up and looking very hopeful. It’s soon time to get outside in earnest and begin straightening the beds and feeding the plants that will cheer us next month and into May. Be sure to bring your best specimens to our spring meetings so all of us can enjoy your efforts. Try your hand at some of the floral designs in our schedule. Bring a friend to our monthly meetings.

I picked up a copy of the Historic Garden Week schedule in my nearby library this afternoon, and the homes and gardens that will be on display this year look particularly interesting. Historic Garden Week is April 21-28 this year, featuring homes on Seminary Avenue, so do consider an outing to include this event. Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden will host the Virginia Daffodil Society Show later this month, the 24th and 25th, another great opportunity for our members.

We will be able to participate in Meals on Wheels again this year, thanks to Carol Bridgforth. We will create small floral arrangements to accompany a Meals on Wheels lunch delivery after our May General Meeting, so begin saving cat food cans, and plan to stay after the May meeting to help.

Pat Hoy will also have great news for us very soon about a fun field trip as our summer begins. Let's look forward to these and many more activities in the months ahead.

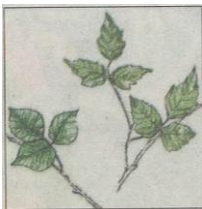
Plant What Grows –
Jennifer

TREASURER'S REPORT: February 27, 2018

Balance as of 1/22/18	\$ 7,499.03
Deposits	360.00
Disbursements	819.20
Bank Service Charge (Feb)	4.00
Balance Ending 1/22/18	\$ 7,035.83

March Gardening Tips:

- The first application of pre-emergent crabgrass control should be applied now.
- Check landscape plants for pests, damage and diseases.
- Maintain mulch at a 1-3" depth. Keep mulch 2-4" from tree trunks. Add a thin layer of compost before mulching.
- Cut monkey grass and ornamental grasses now before new growth emerges.
- Create a Nesting Material bird feeder. Fill a wire box suet feeder with materials that birds will use to create their spring nest, pine tags, dried moss, raffia, small twigs, shredded cotton balls and small pieces of yarn. **See sample on share table.**
- **DO NOT TOUCH THESE PLANTS!**



Poison Ivy



Poison Oak



Poison Sumac

Midlothian Electronic Library
February 2018 ELECTRONIC Library's entry (No. 15)



15A. Silver Springs State Park, Florida: official site:
(North of Orlando)

Silver Springs has 5 to 7 springs that pumps over 6 million gallons of water a day which flows out to the Silver River and out to the Atlantic. As of 5 years ago, it is a Florida State Park; they restored 6 glass bottom boats for tours and have a museum. State Park Rangers are available for park tours. Historically, Silver Springs is the oldest Florida tourist site. In one of the springs, Spanish coins were found; it is called the Spanish Spring.

<http://www.silversprings.com/>
<http://www.silversprings.com/about/>
<http://www.silversprings.com/gallery/>

Capt. Tom of Custom Charters is a naturalist, guide, activist, 30 years plying the waters of the Silver River and Silver Springs.
(Very informative and interesting video!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdHJypzBd-I>

15B. Bok Towers and Gardens, Lake Wales, Florida (South of Orlando and east of Tampa)

Bok Tower is the highest elevation in Florida. Begun in 1928...interesting beginnings and story. Mr. Bok employed Landscape Architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. to lay out the garden. <https://boktowergardens.org/>

15C. Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Ft. Meyers, Florida (West coast)

Thomas Edison's 21 acre winter estate in Ft. Meyers on the Caloosahatchee River has been preserved and features the homes of Edison and Henry Ford, the experimental gardens, Edison's laboratories and an interesting historical museum. Henry Ford idolized the 16 year old Edison, and built a house next to his. Edison patented in 60 straight years well over a 1000 patents. One of his quests in Florida was to find a quicker way in which to grow and harvest rubber in case of a national emergency. He finally found it by hibernated a 20 foot goldenrod plant. A lot to explore!
www.edisonfordwinterestates.org/

“Lewis Ginter Events!”

Saturday, March 31, 2018 - Sunday, April 1, 2018 “VA Daffodil Show”

Regular Garden admission. The daffodil show features hundreds of delightful prize-worthy daffodils and expert growers.

Saturday, March 31, 2018 - Friday, June 1, 2018, “ A Million Blooms”

Included with Garden admission The Garden’s celebration of spring! A parade of blooms unfurls as the weather warms: daffodils, tulips, peonies, roses and many more.

Saturday, March 31, 2018 - Sunday, April 1, 2018, “Peek-A-Bloom with Peter Rabbit” 1p.m. – 4p.m.

Regular Garden admission Peter Rabbit greets visitors and poses for photographs (both days) during Peek-a-Bloom with Peter Rabbit. Concert on Bloemendaal Lawn (Saturday only; 2-3 p.m.) Easter Brunch in the Robins Tea House by reservation (Sunday)

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

www.lewisginter.org.



“Dates to Remember”

Monday, March 12 – Piedmont District meeting

At the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, 10a.m.-3p.m.

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

April 6 – Richmond Council of Garden Clubs at 10:30a.m.

Ginter Park Woman’s Club, 3016 Seminary Avenue, Richmond, VA

April 8-10, 2018. VFGC Convention 2018, Westin Hotel, Richmond, Virginia.

The featured speakers are Tony Todesco and Ellen Ogden. For more information see, VFGC, *Old Dominion Gardener*, Winter 2017, Volume 49, No. 3, pages 2-4.

April 13, Fashions With Flowers XX

First Baptist Church, **March 23 reservation deadline**