



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



April 2, 2018

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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

Program: Oral Judging of Midlothian Garden Club's "Arts and Flowers"
Judging will be on both horticulture exhibits and our designs, thus providing members a learning opportunity from and expert.

Lunch Hostesses: Amy Boshier*, Kathy Gunther, Susan Austin, Mary Ann Todd, and Dotsie Williams

Board Meeting: April 24, at Karen Patterson: 9:30 for refreshments and 10:00 for the meeting. Please Karen let know you are coming. (794-2327, karenpatterson1979@gmail.com}

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As I write this, spring has finally arrived, much to our great relief and joy. Never has winter seemed so long. I hope you and your families have enjoyed the warmer temperatures and a very blessed Easter Season.

We have wonderful activities to keep us busy this month, too. "Fashions With Flowers" will be held on April 13, a lucky Friday for everyone. The VFGC Convention is held in Richmond April 8-10. The Richmond African Violet Society Show will be held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden on April 13-15, Landscape Design School III is scheduled for April 16-17 in Williamsburg, and, of course, Historic Garden Week fills the entire week of April 21-28.

We will create small floral arrangements to accompany a Meals on Wheels lunch delivery after our May General Meeting, so plan to bring your clippers and greens and plan to stay after the meeting to make arrangements to brighten the days of those who aren't able to be out in the nice weather as we are.

Be sure to welcome our visitors and new members to our Club. You are our best ambassadors, and your enthusiasm is infectious. Bring a friend to our

monthly meetings and let them see first- hand how friendly we are and how much good we can do.

Plant What Grows –

Jennifer

TREASURER’S REPORT: March 27, 2018

Balance as of 2/27/18	\$ 7,035.83
Deposits	\$270.00
Disbursements	\$425.94
Bank Service Charge (Feb)	\$4.00
Balance Ending 3/27/18	\$ 6,875.89

THINK NATIVE PLANTS THIS SPRING AND SUMMER!

We can apply for several awards if you plant with native plants this spring and summer. Take a look at the Awards section on the VFGC website and you will find awards for container gardening with natives and pollinator gardens. Some of you might want to plant a Monarch Waystation Garden. Take a look at those qualifications.

Remember what we learned at the last meeting and plant in larger groups to really attract the bees and butterflies. Don’t let your lawn get too perfect. The bees love that clover, those little wild flowers (weeds) and add a water feature, even if it is just a small amount of water!

Karen
Awards Chair

April Gardening Tips:

- Average date of last killing frost is about April 15-20. Don’t plant annuals and vegetables too early.
- Rotate vegetables in your garden from last year’s layout.
- To save the tips of your garden gloves. Put a cotton ball or strips of duct tape on the inside of each fingertip. It will prevent fingernails from poking through.
- Arthritis or weak hands? Use a ratchet pruner, available from Florian Tools, www.floriantools.com.
- When planting in the spring, add a small amount of triple phosphate to planting holes to encourage blooming.
- Use cedar mulch around planting. The cedar helps to keep undesirable insects away.

Midlothian Garden Club Electronic Library – April 2018

Sharing websites of Botanical Gardens visited in February 2018.

4. Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, Florida (West coast)

They are very proud to have received the youngest botanical garden "Award of Excellence 2017". Fabulous Children's Garden and various tropical and themed gardens appeal to children of every age with life-sized ancient animal sculptures.

On day of visitation there was a beautiful special exhibition of the Naples Ikebana International's designs.

<https://www.naplesgarden.org/>

History of the garden below: Click and scroll through website for a good overview of the garden.

<https://www.naplesgarden.org/gardens/about-the-garden/>

5. McKee Botanical Garden, Vero Beach, Florida (East Florida coast: very pleasant experience)

Home page & 3 minute video of overview of 80 acre garden begun in 1932 by developers McKee & Sexton. Today it is 18 acres. They have an excellent children's discovery self-tour. The cafe is excellent!

<https://www.mckeegarden.org/index.php>

Landscape architect William Lyman Phillips, from the esteemed firm of Frederick Law Olmsted designed it.

<https://www.mckeegarden.org/about.php>

Current exhibit until April 28th, 2018: renown metal sculptures of exotic life-like animals.

<https://www.mckeegarden.org/current-exhibition.php>

6. Coastal Georgia Botanical When Gardens, Savannah, Georgia (south of Savannah on U.S. Rt. 17)

Very interesting garden. It began in the 1850s with the collecting of bamboo plantings which grew into a grove.

There are 2 types of bamboo: 1. Runners 2. Clumping. The property developed into now having over 60 different varieties of bamboo, each used for different uses: fiber, tubing, scaffolding, reeds, furniture, etc. The botanical part of the gardens are new (5 years old). It is interesting to see the beginning or bones of a new garden.

Georgia Extension Service has been doing research for years here on bamboo, orchids (greenhouses), and other plants. At the top of the web page, click on various subjects to explore the site.

<http://www.coastalgeorgiabg.org/gardens.html>

“Lewis Ginter Events!”

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am – Seasonal Garden Walk

Enhance your understanding and appreciation of the Garden.

Friday, April 13-15 2018 - Sunday, April 15, 2018 Richmond African Violet Society Show and Sale.

Free to the public; Interesting and unusual African violet varieties on display and for purchase.

Thursday, April 19, 2018 @ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm – The Beginner’s Perennial Garden. This workshop introduces you to hardy perennials, simple starter plans, and the basics of soil preparation. !

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

www.lewisginter.org.



“Dates to Remember”

April 6 – Richmond Council of Garden Clubs at 10:30a.m. “Going Native Plants in Your Garden”, 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.

Wednesday, April 11, Garden Therapy at Ginter Hall, 10:00. Let Wilma Heafner know if you can come and help. (749-1279)

April 13, Fashions With Flowers XX

First Baptist Church, **April 6 reservation deadline.**

April 21-25, Historic Garden Week. www.vagardenweek.org

May 1 Club’s Project Workshop – Meals on Wheels Arrangements

Members will stay after the club’s meeting to create small spring arrangements to accompany Meals on Wheels.