

# The Daffodilly Newsletter



## Midlothian Garden Club Member of the National Garden Clubs September 11, 2018



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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

### **Program: *Fall into Autumn***

Ruth Tierney a certified horticulturist with Southern States will present a program on curb appeal. She will also explain how to “put down” your flowers and shrubs for the winter months.

**Lunch Hostesses:** Sandy Howells\*, Margaret Gregg, Wilma Heafner, Aleta Jenkins, and Laura Meade

**Associate members staying for lunch and members bringing a guest, notify the head hostess. Lunch cost is \$4. There is no cost for first time walk in visitors.**

**Board Meeting: September 25**, 9:30 for refreshments and 10:00 for the meeting. Please let Jennifer Wester know you are coming. (276-7543, [jswester@aol.com](mailto:jswester@aol.com)).

### **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

It's September again, although as I write this, it still feels very much like summer is still with us. As the Grumpy Gardener of Southern Living calls it, it's “Saugust.” However, we can get ready for the cooler weather that will be coming, dividing plants, refurbishing our lawns, and planting bulbs in anticipation of next spring. In fact, The Great Big Greenhouse is stocking fall plants now, so be sure to look for your favorites soon.

We have so many activities waiting for us this fall in addition to our monthly meetings. Midlothian Day Festival is coming on October 20. We are planning to enhance our presence there by adding a plant sale along with the seeds that we give away to the public, and we will need your help to make it a success. Sign up to donate a few hours of your time to bag seeds, divide plants, decide on prices, and work at the Festival to spread the word about gardening.

Piedmont District is featuring a District Flower Show, "Piedmont Presents," which you can read about in the fall *Footprints* newsletter. I hope some of you will submit entries to the show. The fall District Meeting is October 8, with a deadline of September 30 for registration, and I hope that many of you will attend. Peyton Wells is the featured speaker in the morning.

Remember that all of you are the best advertising that the Club has. Ask your friends to join us for a meeting to see what we can accomplish. Be sure to welcome all visitors and help our new members learn more. Let's make this year one of our best.

Plant what grows-

Jennifer

### **TREASURER'S REPORT August 28, 2018**

Balance as of 5/22/18	\$ 7,814.57
Deposits	1,149.62
Disbursements	1,571.43
Bank Service Charge (June, July, August)	12.00
Balance Ending 8/28/18	\$ 7,380.76

### **Midlothian Garden Club Electronic Library, September 2018**

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Nowadays the tick population in our various environments may be carrying very dangerous allergens that attack our bodies. The best defense is taking precautions when outside like clothing, safe bug spray, etc. We hear about it but do not give it the due respect we should for some of the diseases can be very dire to our quality of life if infected.

Below are excellent websites that address tick bites, how to identify them, precautions, and sources for additional information.

Pictures, etc. will help you identify your tick in question. Below is listed as I think you should view them starting with no# 1.

### **TICK INFORMATION**

#### **1. Don't Panic If You Get Bit By A Tick. Here Are 5 Tips To Minimize Lyme...**

[www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/03/06/518065660/if-you-get-bit-by-a-lyme-infested-tick-here-are-5-tips](http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/03/06/518065660/if-you-get-bit-by-a-lyme-infested-tick-here-are-5-tips)

Mar 6, 2017 ... The culprit: Lyme disease is caused by the bite of a blacklegged tick. ... Next you want to figure out if you picked up the tick in an area where ...

**2. you tube video** for steps:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E\\_EJaHLGXZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_EJaHLGXZE)

**3. Virginia Tech site:** click on chart on the extreme right of photos of ticks. After accessing the page, click on the very bottom symbol to make the page bigger. You can click as many times as you like to make the page as large as you like. You can decrease it too.

[https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/2906/2906-1396/ENTO-250.pdf](https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/2906/2906-1396/ENTO-250.pdf)

**4. Exactly what to do after a tick bite** (Women's Health) Step-by-step guide of what to do next.

[www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/03/06/518065660/if-you-get-bit-by-a-lyme-infested-tick-here-](http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/03/06/518065660/if-you-get-bit-by-a-lyme-infested-tick-here-)

**5. Tick testing lab:** There is also a Virginia 800 number at the top of the page you can call to speak with them. **866 713-TICK**

[https://www.tickcheck.com/landing/lyme-disease\\_;](https://www.tickcheck.com/landing/lyme-disease_)

### **September Gardening Tips:**

- Avoid fall pruning of shrubs to allow them to harden off before winter.
- Avoid fall fertilization of shrubs & trees to prevent new growth that would be damaged by frost.
- Always research specific plants for planting and transplanting timing.
- Add shredded paper to your compost pile. It will decompose in 2 weeks' time.
- This is a good time of year to plant bulbs. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the hole. It helps get bulbs started and keeps the squirrels and moles from digging them up.

### **Lewis Ginter Events**



- **Until Oct 15**, Butterflies Live
- **September 13-15** Fall Plant Fest
- **Until September 30**, ORIGAMI IN THE GARDEN
- **September – October**, Drop in and Dig for families with children.

- **September 22**, Rhythm and Bloom, 6PM-10:30PM

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

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**September 12, Garden Therapy** at Ginter Hall, 10:00. Let Wilma Heafner know if you can come and help.

**September 17-October 14**, Richmond Symphony Designer Home Tour, "Holly Lawn". More information at [www.rsol.org](http://www.rsol.org) .

**September 27**, Thomas Jefferson Garden Club and VFGC will have a NGC Standard Flower Show, "Echoes of the Past", at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 2315 Parham Road, Richmond. More information on the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs September newsletter, <http://rvagardenclubs.com>

**October 5**, Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Meeting

**October 8**, Piedmont District Fall Meeting, 9:30, Four Points Sheraton, Midlothian



### **BIRD LOVERS**

Fall cleanup time for your garden is upon us, but don't forget about your birds! Keep your hummingbird feeders filled until November (1 part sugar to 4 parts water), and leave the seed heads from your black-eyed susans and coneflowers for the finches. If you have to cut them, hang them in an area so you can watch the birds flock to them. Plant a berried bush (beauty berry, nandina, blueberry) for some of the others, or put out some roosting pockets for wrens and sparrows to spend the night. Fall can be full of color and movement if we take a few actions! Thanks, Jo