

# The Daffodilly Newsletter



## Midlothian Garden Club Member of the National Garden Clubs October 2, 2018



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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

**Program: *Floral Designs for the Home***

Marguerite Slaughter will create six floral designs to Flower Show specifications. Her designs will be raffled off at the end.

**Lunch Hostesses:** Shirley Smith\*, Marietta Therrell, Carol Bridgforth, Betty Dols, and Karen Patterson

**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:** October 23, 9:30 for refreshments and 10:00 for the meeting. Please let Dale Harris know you are coming. (794-6626, skip4547@verizon.net).

### **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

Although it is October as you read this message, we still have some warmth remaining this fall. We are nevertheless readying our homes and our projects for the cooler weather that hopefully will be here soon. Our Midlothian Day Festival booth on October 20 will feature plants for sale from our gardens as well as our free seed packets. Tell your friends and neighbors to look for us and plan to volunteer yourself. Carol Bridgforth still has some spots available and needs your help.

Plan to join us on October 5 for Richmond Council's October meeting and program. Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden's Rose Fest will be held on October 7, and the Piedmont District Fall Meeting and Flower Show is set for October 8. It's always difficult to decide which events to attend during this active season, so enjoy the variety heading into the holidays.

And always -

Plant what grows. Jennifer

## **TREASURER'S REPORT September 25,, 2018**

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| Balance as of 8/28/18       | \$ 7,380.76 |
| Deposits                    | 300.00      |
| Disbursements               | 938.74      |
| Bank Service Charge (Sept.) | 4.00        |
| Balance Ending 9/25/18      | \$ 6,738.02 |

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

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Below websites of how to prepare, plant, care, and maintain a meadow and/or wildflower garden. Wildflowers can be planted in a field for a meadow...or to replace a flower garden for lower maintenance...or for establishing your garden for a pollinator garden and enrich our plants and trees that require the helping hand of all the types of pollinators, be it birds, butterflies or insects. Preparation of the soil is key to ever-after maintenance. There is one school of thought that the wildflowers should not be watered as it opens up the seed and then becomes broken down before it germinates. The Oklahoma Wildflower Assoc. believes in this method in their widespread planting of wildflower plots. The other videos and those below show watering. The other very important detail is to read carefully any wildflower mixes to see the types of seeds listed and how many different types of varieties are included. A high number like approx. 28 furnishes so many types in which you can observe which types are conducive to your gardening soil and location. So many seed mixtures have a lot of filler (weeds) which you will have naturally. It is a clever trick to sow your seeds with a silver sand (a sandbox or builders sand) which does not have salt in them). It helps distribute the seeds evenly and you can see where the white sand is on the darker soil of where you have sown. These websites have countless other sidebars that you may access if you wish including countless videos.

**1) Renown Lady Bird Johnson's Wildflower Center, Texas. The principles and steps in creating your own meadow.**

**<https://www.wildflower.org/learn/plant-wildflower-meadow>**

2) **The Royal Society of Protecting Birds:** The British have been way ahead of the USA in gardens and their healthy habitats which include birds, insects, small animals. (We are catching up.) <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/startawildflowermeadow/>

3) **Growing a wildflower garden in your yard making it a very low maintenance endeavor and the perfect pollinator garden!** <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/special/spaces/a-wildflower-garden-in-your-backyard.htm>

4) **End of season maintenance of your wildflower garden or meadow:** <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/special/spaces/fall-meadow-maintenance.htm>

**5 tips in growing wildflowers:**

<https://blog.gardeningknowhow.com/top-of-the-crop/top-5-tips-growing-wildflowers/> ;

**6) Videos:**

Part I <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjgVeHxYzD0>

Part II <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7JguQaze68>

**October Gardening Tips:**

- Update your garden journal with how new plants did over the summer, transplants, placement of new bulbs, date of first frost, etc.
- After or near first frost cut back peonies, phlox and other herbaceous perennials to the ground.
- Fresh fallen leaves are your best fall mulch, either composted or mulched with mower.
- Clean up your vegetable gardens of dead debris and plant a cover crop. It will improve the soil, help control the growth of cool weather weeds, and lessen soil compaction. Crimson clover and buckwheat make good cover crops.

**Lewis Ginter Events**



- **Until Oct 15,** Butterflies Live
- **Thursday, October 4, @ 10:45 am - 12:30 pm** Ikebana of Richmond, lecture and demonstration.
- **Saturday, October 6, @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am,** pruning shrubs

- **Sunday, October 7, @ 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**, Rose Fest
  - **Saturday, Oct. 13, @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**, Container Gardening
  - **Saturday, Oct. 27, @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**, Building Good Soil
  - **Saturday, October 27, @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**, OktoberFest
  - **Sunday, October 28, @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**, Goblins and Gourds
- For more information on these events go to, [www.lewisginter.org](http://www.lewisginter.org). and click on calendar

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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

**Oct. 1 -14**, Richmond Symphony Designer Home Tour, “Holly Lawn”. More information at [www.rsol.org](http://www.rsol.org) .

**October 5**, Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Meeting, [www.rvagardenclubs.com](http://www.rvagardenclubs.com)

**October 8**, Piedmont District Fall Meeting, 9:30, Four Points Sheraton, Midlothian, [www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org](http://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org)



**MIDLOTHIAN GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE**

October 20, at the Midlothian Village Day Festival

**Search your yards for any plants you can donate to our plant sale. You can bring them to my house any time before Friday, October 19 or I will come pick them up. Please label with name, perennial or annual, and sun or shade.**

**THANKS CAROL  
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