

# The Daffodilly Newsletter



**Midlothian Garden Club**  
Member of the National Garden Clubs  
**February 5, 2019**



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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

**Program: “Attracting Birds and Water”**

Bob Schamerhorn’s power point presentation will “WOW” us with his beautiful bird photography. He will discuss how birds prefer habitats that meet their basic survival needs of food, shelter and water and show us how a little water can greatly improve your garden.

**Lunch Hostesses:** Dale Harris\*, Sue Moore, Patsy Rudd, Pat Hoy, and Dotsie Williams.

**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: February 26, Hostiess, Amy Boshier, 9:30 for refreshments and 10:00 for the meeting.** Please let Amy know you are coming, 794-4594, [vaboshera@aol.com](mailto:vaboshera@aol.com) .

**FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

February always seems to me to be a longer month than it actually is, and as I write this message we are having a little more snow, so that’s probably an indication that spring is not ready yet.

While we wait for spring, we have plenty of activities to distract us. Night to Shine volunteers (including some of us) will again participate by making corsages and boutonniers on February 7. Plan to volunteer and give back to our community. The Great Backyard Bird Count is held February 15-18. Do include our feathered neighbors by putting out bird feeders and providing water for them, as our speaker this month, Bob Schamerhorn, advises. The Piedmont District Spring Meeting will be held on March 18.

Don't forget, too, that Richmond Council of Garden Clubs will present Fashion With Flowers on March 29. Plan to join us for a festive and fun event.

So we will be busy this month!

Plant What Grows –

Jennifer

### **TREASURER'S REPORT January 22, 2019**

Balance as of 1/8/2019	\$ 6,581.08
Deposits	73.00
Disbursements	288.01
Bank Service Charge (Sept.)	4.00
Balance Ending 1/22/2019	\$ 6362.07



### **Midlothian Garden Club Electronic Library February;2019**

The new National Garden Clubs Inc. HANDBOOK for FLOWER SHOWS in the revised 2017 edition has a new category of design, namely Botanical Arts, of which Photography is one of the 4 types.

6 Tips for better photographs of plants:

<https://photographylife.com/six-tips-for-better-photographs-of-plants>

How to Grow your Garden Photography Skills:

<https://www.nikonusa.com/en/learn-and-explore/a/tips-and-techniques/how-to-row-your-garden-photography-skills.html>

10 Secrets for better flower Photography:

<https://photography.tutsplus.com/articles/10-secrets-for-better-flower-photography--photo-12646>

### **February Gardening Tips:**

- If soil is dry enough, till garden areas for early spring planting of cool season crops.
- Prune evergreens and summer flowering shrubs **that bloom on new growth**
- Plant new trees and shrubs while dormant.
- Apply slow release or organic fertilizer to shrubs.

- Fertilize iris by feeding with bone meal and top with wood ashes.
- Look for bagworms on evergreen branches, remove by hand, and dispose in trash, not on the surrounding area.
- Continue to add to your compost pile. Use mulched leaves, fresh green matter, kitchen scrapes coffee grounds and tea bags.

## Lewis Ginter Events



**HALF PRICE ADMISSION, now thru Thursday, February 28, 2019, 9 to 5**, all Garden visitors enjoy half-price admission. During this time only, Garden admission is \$6 for adults and seniors and \$4 for children.

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019 - Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 6-8:30 pm, NATURALISTIC DESIGNS WINTER WONDERLAND**, Don't underestimate the possibilities for arranging in the bleak of winter! This elective explores the bounty of materials a cold landscape can offer.

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019 - Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 6-8:30 pm FLORAL DESIGN IN THE ASIAN MANNER**, the textures and colors of the winter landscape lend themselves to the refined line and minimalism of Asian-style floral design. Instructor Laura Anne Brooks shows you how to blend material from the winter garden with florist materials. LUNCHTIME

**Wednesday, February 27, 11:30 to 1:30, LUNCHTIME LECTURE: ARRANGING FROM THE WINTER GARDEN**, David Pippin looks to the winter garden for a surprising selection of color, line, and texture with which to design, highlighted with a thoughtful selection of floral materials. Includes lecture/demonstration and a buffet lunch.

**Saturday, March 2, 2019 @ 9- 11:30 am, ROSES 101**, join the Rose Garden Horticulturist, Laurie McMinn, for this introduction to rose gardening. Learn best practices for pruning, spend time in the Rose Garden for hands-on demonstrations. Laurie also discusses region-specific rose gardening and highlights some new, successful cultivars.

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

## SAVE THOSE BAGS

Barbara Holms is again collecting plastic bags for Robious Middle School. You can bring any bags you have to future meetings and Barbara will take them to her daughter, who works a Robious.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:



**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**, “Night to Shine” workshop to make the corsages and boutonnières will be held at the Berea Baptist Church, 15475 Ashland Road, Rockville, Virginia 23146.

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**, Garden Therapy at Ginter Hall South

**Feb. 15-19**, *Great Backyard Bird Count*

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**, Richmond Council of Garden Clubs meeting. Program will be “Understanding the Importance of Conservation” Nickki Rovener, Associate State Director, Virginia Conservation.

### DILLED GREEN BEANS

**From Ann Shannon**

water, salt

1 lb. green beans small and tender, ends trimmed

2 Tbsp. olive oil

1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar

1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard

pepper

2 tsp. dried or fresh dill weed

6 scallions or green onions sliced

In large saucepan bring 1" water to boil and 2 tsp. salt, cover. Reduce heat and cook 5-8 minutes until tender, but slightly firm. Beat oil, vinegar and mustard, 1/2 tsp salt, pepper and dill. Drain beans- return to pot. Add dill and scallions, toss to mix. Whisk dressing to mix, pour over beans, toss to coat. Good hot or room temperature. Servings 4