

The Daffodilly Newsletter



Midlothian Garden Club
Member of the National Garden Clubs
October 5, 2021



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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

Program: “*Designing a Moon Garden*”

Connie Sorrell, Master Gardener, will speak to us regarding elements to enjoy after dark, including flowers and foliage that reflect light, flowers that open at night and plants that give a night fragrance. Selected plants will be awarded to the member, at the end of the presentation whose birthday falls on the closest to Halloween.

Lunch Hostesses: Elfriede Gould*, Linda Greer, Kathy Norman, and Cristi Stanfield

Board Meeting: October 26, 10:00am at Dotsie Williams. Please let her know if you are coming 247-2951.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

There is a chill in the air. Fall is just around the corner. It is indeed time to think about getting our houseplants to come inside for the cold winter months. "Jack Frost" will be coming soon.

Our September meeting was somewhat a learning curve for all of us. We were all out of our normal routine, from one and half years ago. The COVID19 has affected our usual routine.

The Midlothian Sign Committee has been very busy. Karen Patterson, Dale Harris and Vickie Botkin have planted colorful mums in front of the sign. Take a look as you ride by, it looks great. Thank you, ladies, for your ongoing work.

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Landscape Design School, Course 1., October 11-12, will be held at the Richmond Airport Four Seasons Sheraton, Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

Midlothian Day - October 16, 2021, make sure you sign up to help! See Jennifer Wester.

Piedmont District Meeting, October 18, 2021

Fine Arts and Flowers - VMFA, October 20-24, 2021

Delighted to announce we have a new member, Kathy Barksdale. Phone - Home 288- 0239 and Cell - 804-334-8178 k_lbarksdale@verizon.net

Welcome to the Midlothian Garden Club, Kathy.

Please remember to wear your mask today during our meeting and keep your distance.

*Joyfully plant and grow,
Barbara Hollister, president*

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 the 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.

Midlothian Garden Club Electronic Library - October 2021

A review of NGC Standard Flower shows.

1.) Photos of designs from winners of the 2020 Virtual Flower Show

<https://gardenclub.org/flower-show-school>

2.) Principles of an NGC Standard Flower Show

<https://bartramgardenclub.org/new-page>

3.) Basic Flower Show Designs in the National Garden Club (NGC) way

<https://davesgarden.com/guides/articles/view/4538>

Dates to Remember:

October 13, Garden Therapy at Ginter Hall, 10:00 am. Let Elfriede Gould know if you can come and help, (804-405-5744).

October 16, Midlothian Day Festival, MGC is planning to raffle a gift basket of fall-themed items as a fund raiser for our Club. Bring your donations (anything that reminds you of fall – paper products, decorating items, non-perishable food items, Halloween or Thanksgiving items, etc.) to the October meeting, and plan to sign up to tend our booth. The festival is set up in front of Midlothian Middle School in Midlothian Village and is a fun way to meet and greet potential Club members.

Sign up, donate and contact Jennifer Wester if you have questions.

October 26, MGC board meeting at Dotsie Williams house. 247-2951

November 1, Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Meeting, Church of Epiphany, 8000 Hermitage Rd, 10:00am

<https://www.rvagardenslubs.com>

Events, Classes and Workshops:

- **October 11-12**, VFGC Landscape Design School. Richmond Airport Four Seasons Sheraton
- **October 20-24**, Fine Arts and Flowers, VMFA
- **November 10**, Violet Bank Garden Club, Design Show and Luncheon



Susan Austin and Lucy Lombardi planted perennials in the planters at LLI three weeks ago because they are in total shade. This will give color year around.