

# *The Daffodilly* *Newsletter*



**Midlothian Garden Club**  
**Member of the National Garden Clubs**



**October 4, 2022**

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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

**Program:** Emily Hebner, co-owner of “TOVA COTTON”, is a FarmerFlorist, who will dazzle us with her creative floral designs, using fresh seasonal blooms, friendly to our ecosystem. She will enlighten us with an innovative new approach to creating a community building habitat using carnivorous birds and biological alive soil.

**Lunch Hostesses:** Carol Bridgforth\*, Vickie Botkin, Elfriede Gould, and Janet Roe

**FROM YOUR PRESIDENT** Dear  
Members,

Ah, fall is in the air! One can feel the brisk chilly morning air, warmer during the day and at night temperatures seem to drop rapidly. A wonderful time of the year to appreciate the color palate of “Mother Nature”.

The board members had a very busy meeting in September. We discussed the upcoming Midlothian Day, October 15, 2022. Please see Jennifer Wester and sign up to help. Remember “many hands make light work”.

The Fall Piedmont District Meeting is October 17, 2022 at the Double Tree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Center Blvd.

The following week we will be having a yard sale, October 22, 2022. The yard sale will be held in Carol Bridgforth's driveway. Dale Harris and Karen Patterson are in charge of the yard sale. If you have any

questions, please contact Dale (804-840-6515 c or 804-794-6626 h) as they are our Ways and Means Committee. Save your yard sale items!

Are you aware the Midlothian Garden Club is 70 years of age this year? Plans are being made to celebrate our Midlothian Garden Club Anniversary. Susan Gaskill has graciously offered to be the chairman for this big event. Thank you, Susan.

Our club will be having a Standard Flower Show in the spring. Jennifer Wester will be the Flower Show Chairman and Debbie Duval will be the Venue Chairman. Thank you, Jennifer and Debbie.

Make sure you mark your calendars for the busy days ahead. Looking forward to seeing you today!

*Joyfully planting and growing,  
Barbara Hollister, President*

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE NEW PARKING GUIDELINES\*\*\*\*\***

**Members who arrive between 9:15 am and 9:45 am must park in front of the church and use the front entrance. If you arrive after 9:45, you may park in the normal spaces. This change will decrease congestion and provide a safer drop off area for the preschool.**

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### **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 2022**

Alas, we have an exciting new website for our use in aiding with identifying our horticulture! This has been a request from members since the previous wonderful site unfortunately crashed. Have found some that require a fee to download an app. But these sites are free for our use. Enjoy this luxury!

1. **Leaf Snap** is a free app you can download which will identify a flower, a leaf, and also bark.

2. **Digital Atlas of Virginia** is a website identifying "native plants of Virginia" via photos and descriptions: [vaplantatlas.org](http://vaplantatlas.org)

For more detail information, you may access:

[vaplantatlas.org/index.php?do=start](http://vaplantatlas.org/index.php?do=start)

Another excellent site explaining the scope and Virginia's Atlas:

<http://vaplantatlas.org/news/about/about-digital-atlas/>

### **Dates to Remember:**

**October 7, Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Meeting**, Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, 3601 Seminary Ave, Coffee at 10:00 am and Meeting at 10:30am

**October 12 – Garden Therapy** at Ginter Hall, 10:00am. Let Elfriede Gould know if you can come and help (804-405-5744).

**October 15, Midlothian Day Festival**, MGC is again participating in the annual Midlothian Day Festival. We will be giving away seeds from our gardens and raffling a basket of goodies full of fall-themed items. Bring seeds in bags with labels to help with their planting (sun/shade, variety, etc.) and fall themed items (can be gardening, but can also be decorating, Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc.) to our October meeting.

Contact Jennifer Wester at [jswester@aol.com](mailto:jswester@aol.com) or (804) 276-7543 with any questions. Jennifer will also have a sign-up sheet for you to help tend our booth.

**October 17, The Fall Piedmont District Meeting**, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Center Blvd.

**October 22, MGC fall yard sale**, more info will be shared at the meeting.

**Pictures of Pat Hoy's beautiful patio garden at her new home**

