

The Daffodilly *Newsletter*



Midlothian Garden Club
Member of the National Garden Clubs



November 1, 2022

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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

Program: Bridgette Swepston, a flower show judge, member of The Powhatan Garden Club, and renowned area speaker on floral designs, will creatively show us how to design floral arrangements intermingled with flowing lines of metal sculptures which she creates and constructs. Her sculptures have been displayed at Fine Arts and Flowers at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Lunch Hostesses: Susan Austin*, Debbie Duval, Pat Hoy, Kathy Barksdale, Vickie Dale

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The weather this time of year is really made for gardeners. The mornings are brisk, leaves are falling, “Ole Man Jack Frost” has made his presence known, warmer in the afternoon, and we know when the sun starts to go down the temperature starts to drop. Gardeners start to clean off their flower and vegetables beds, making them ready for the winter months ahead. I trust you all have your flowers brought in the house by now. A chore but what fun, too. Enjoy these beautiful days!

The new Blue Star Memorial Marker order has been given to the Stanley-Martin Construction supervisor. I have been informed the delivery will be after January of 2023. At least, we hope, we will be getting a replacement.

A By-laws Committee has been appointed by your president. If you have any issues or concerns with our by-laws, please let us know at this time.

Plans are being made for a Standard Flower Show, May 20, 2022 at Terre Haute, Huguenot Springs Road, Midlothian, VA. Jennifer Wester, will be the chairman of the Flower Show and Debbie Duval, will be chairman of the venue. Mark your calendars, you will be hearing from these ladies.

We are looking forward to our field trip to Strange's Florist in December, and going to the West Coast Provisions Seafood Restaurant for lunch. Dotsie Williams has a special program planned for us. Mark your calendars!

Wishing each of you a very Happy, Joyful, Bountiful and Blessed Thanksgiving.

*Joyfully planting and growing,
Barbara Hollister, President*

November Gardening Tips:

- Leaves can be added to your compost pile or used as mulch
- Feed established bulbs with a balance slow-release fertilizer
- At 50 degrees, all house plants outside should be debugged and brought inside
- Plant an Amaryllis inside for their Christmas beauty
- Plant dormant trees and shrubs
- Feed acid loving plants (dogwood, azaleas, hollies) with Holly-tone

Midlothian Garden Club Electronic Library - November 2022

Below are 3 excellent web sites for old and new members about our Federation of Garden Clubs across the United States, and of course our clubs in Virginia.

It is "strongly" suggested that you use these sites, and especially the 3rd entry below which is the printed Handbook for Flower Showing. These are the proper procedures, proper techniques, and the correct way in designing and displaying designs, and also in displaying your horticulture.

**** When we have a Standard Flower Show, this Handbook is the Bible. It will answer all of your questions. You may purchase your Handbook through National Garden Clubs in Missouri and is furnished on the web site.*

**** Secondly, it is "always" encouraged for each member to purchase your own copy of this Handbook. You may in addition use this on-line source that has been beautifully made available online. There are so many misconceptions about designs and displays and as we evolve and learn about designs and horticulture, it is best to know and learn the correct way....instead of having to relearn.*

1. **Our State of Virginia resource is:** <https://VirginiaGardenClubs.org>
2. **Our governing rules from our National Garden Clubs Inc in Missouri.**

<https://gardenclub.org/>

3. **The National Garden Club Flower Show Handbook:**

<https://www.gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/ngc-handbook-forflower-shows-july-2022-revision.pdf>

Dates to Remember:

November 4, Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Meeting, Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, 3601 Seminary Ave, Coffee at 10:00 am and Meeting at 10:30am

November 9 – Garden Therapy at Ginter Hall, 10:00 am. Let Elfriede Gould know if you can come and help (804-405-5744).

November 29 – Board Meeting at Jennifer Wester’s house, 10:00 am. Please let her know if you’re planning on attending. (804-276-7543, jswester@aol.com)



Garden Therapy at Ginter Hall



Midlothian Day Festival helpers