

# *The Daffodilly Newsletter*



## **Midlothian Garden Club** **Member of the National Garden Clubs** **January 3, 2023**



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

Meeting – 10:30, Lunch 12:00

**Program:** *“Fruits Protect Their Flowers”*, Patricia Lust, a Master Gardener, will delight us with an introduction to the culinary world with a sweet mix of botany, and yes, they do not always see “eye to eye”. Did you know that a blackberry is not really a berry? Step forward for a fun filled presentation!

**Lunch Hostesses:** Karen Paterson\*, Dale Harris, Linda Greer, Galina Coleman, Shirley Smith, and Marietta Therrell

### **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year to all the Midlothian Garden Club Members. I hope each of you had a very Merry Christmas. What a delight to have family and friends gathering together. I trust each of you enjoyed good health, especially during the holiday season.

Ladies, we have updated guidelines for the use of the sanctuary space at Bethel Baptist Church. Aleta Jenkins, a member of the Bethel Baptist Church, will be the liaison person between Bethel Baptist Church and the Midlothian Garden Club. We will be notified by Aleta Jenkins of any new policy or other changes with Bethel Baptist Church. Please note and READ carefully the guidelines regarding the Bethel Baptist Church Preschool Group. **We MUST be careful and follow these guidelines.** A lot of time, effort, thought, phone calls, emails, physical meetings and prayer have taken place to come to this agreement. Yes, we are all about safety and knowing each of you we will all try our best to abide by

these guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. These guidelines are listed below this article.

We thank Aleta Jenkins for her time and agreeing to be our new Liaison Chairman for Bethel Baptist Church.

Jennifer Wester has been working diligently preparing for our Standard Flower Show. May 20, 2023. Please let's do our very best to help her make this one of our "most spectacular shows ever" . If you are unsure about doing a design or exhibiting horticulture there are many of us ready, willing and able to help you. We want each of you to do at least one horticulture exhibit. You are allowed to do 10 horticulture exhibits. If you think you would like to do a design and you are unsure, just ask, we cannot do your design, but we certainly can guide you and suggest to you what to do.

I wish each of you a very Happy, Healthy New Year!

*Barbara Hollister, president*

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**The following is a must read for each club member. Please contact Aleta Jenkins or Barbara Hollister with any questions.**

**These are the changes discussed that all agreed would be beneficial to both parties:**

- **During a Garden Club meeting day, the preschool teachers will park in the new (south) parking lot to allow more parking slots for Garden Club early arrivals. The group suggests that the church staff and any other visitor also consider parking in the new lot on Garden Club days.**
- **The Preschool will make a portable sign to be placed at the POH drive entrance indicating Preschool entry only and direction of driving between 0915 and 0945 hours. Cones will be placed if needed to emphasize driving direction.**
- **The Preschool will work with the church to arrange a designated path for the children to walk that would not interfere with any Garden Club activities.**

- The Garden Club will not place tables or structures in the carport entrance vestibule. The front (4 door) entrance is available.
- The Garden Club will communicate to attendees to not drive into the POH parking lot or utilize the carport entrance between 0915 and 0945 hours.
- Should a Garden Club attendee need to leave early when the children are being picked up, they will ask a preschool teacher to assist with backing out safely.
- Any person requiring to use the restroom between 9:15 – 9:45 will coordinate with the teachers for safe access to the side entrance restrooms. The restroom to the right of the stage, behind the storage room may also be utilized.
- Aleta Jenkins will be the Garden Club liaison with the church for communication and coordination.
- PLEASE, IF POSSIBLE, LET'S NOT DISCUSS THIS DURING OUR REGULAR MEETING. YOU ARE WELCOME AT OUR BOARD MEETINGS OR GIVE ALETA OR ME A CALL.

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### **Midlothian Garden Club Electronic Library    January 2023**

Interesting article on how to improve the safety of fruits and vegetables from pesticides. It is very difficult to find the expensive organic fruits and/or vegetables. Even so we continue to question how safe they are since pesticides are so freely and widely used everywhere and on everything. Recommend you read the several methods below. Interesting discussion. The comment responses also have some interesting points.

<https://www.healthyandnaturalworld.com/easily-remove-pesticides-fruits-vegetables/>

### **January Gardening Tips:**

- Place houseplants near a south-facing window.
- Order seeds now, so they will be on hand to plant at the correct time.
- Keep heavy snow off shrubs, gently brush off.
- Recycle Christmas trees by chipping or cut off boughs to mulch perennial beds.

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Jan 11 – Garden Therapy** at Ginter Hall, 10:00 am. Let Elfriede Gould know if you can come and help (804-405-5744).

### **Dates cont.**

**Jan 24 – Board Meeting** at Debbie Duval's house, 10:00 am. Please let her know if you're planning on attending. 804-592-8871

**Feb 3 - Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Meeting**, Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, 3601 Seminary Ave, Coffee at 10:00 am and Meeting at 10:30am

**Feb 6 - The Richmond Horticulture Meeting** will be at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens at 1pm. Our very own member, Kathy Barksdale is president.

**May 20 - Enchanted Country Garden Flower Show**, our 2023 NGC Flower Show will be held at Terre Haute Manor in Midlothian. We will need the help of every member of Midlothian Garden Club to make the day special. We are so pleased that some of you have agreed to chair and serve on committees, but there are still some vacancies to be filled. We need a Clerks Chairman, a Photographer, and a Parking Chairman. Contact Jennifer Wester, Flower Show Chairman, to sign up: telephone 804-276-7543, or email [jswester@aol.com](mailto:jswester@aol.com).



Mrs. Claus delivering Xmas cards to Ginter Hall



Floral arrangements made at our Strange's field trip