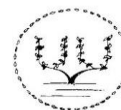


THE GARDENZETTE



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GENERAL MEETING

October 19, 2017 10:00 AM

LITTLE FALLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lower Level Friendship Hall

6025 Little Falls Road

Arlington, VA 22207

Stylish Gardens Can Be Eco Friendly

Speaker: Scott Brinitzer

President and Principal Designer,

Scott Brinitzer Associates, Landscape Design and Installation

Mr. Brinitzer, an award-winning landscape designer with 30 years experience, will discuss the changes in focus from purely an aesthetic outcome of landscape designs to the current issues of managing storm water, protecting trees, and creating a habitat for beneficial insects while continuing to honor the demand for stylish, beautiful, and useful outdoor spaces.



Rock Spring Garden Club Aprons are here!

Thanks to Dorinda Burroughs and AnnMarie Fay, we have RSGC aprons, printed with our club logo, available for sale. These will be sold only to members at the October 19 general meeting. They are made of sturdy canvas material with handy front pockets. Get one before they are all gone! Only \$20 each.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kate Abrahams

Fall always delights me, especially now that I have time to watch the gradual changes of a new season. No more rushing out to buy school supplies and bigger sneakers for the kids. The colorful leaves, gentle warm days, and last blooms remind me to look around at summer one last time. Our next program will be about eco-friendly landscape design. For those interested, the NCAGC offers Course I in Landscape Design this month at Merrifield in Fair Oaks. I'm thinking of taking it myself to learn more about the subject. It's also time for us to get busy with preparations for the Holiday Design Floral Event, by selling tickets, finding sponsors, emailing the flyer to friends and family, as well as volunteering to make a pumpkin arrangement or prepare food. It is an extraordinarily fun event and an easy way to introduce friends to garden club life! Everyone's help is needed to pull off a great party for 225 people, so please volunteer if you haven't already. Best wishes and hope to see

SHOW

Design of the Month: Cascade

Our design this month is a cascade, also referred to as a waterfall. The emphasis here is on downward rhythmic movement. The downward line may be curved, straight, zigzag, or any combination of these. Plant material is supported by a container and radiates from a central core, but layering is very much a feature. A minimum of components may extend upward.

you at this Thursday's (Oct 12) NCAGC "Morning of Design" event, one week before our general meeting on October 19th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jo Ella Samp

Sept 1-Sept 30, 2017

Beginning Balance \$18,956.12

Total Receipts \$728.50

Total Disbursements \$1,800.66

Closing Balance \$17,883.96

BOARD MEETING

November 2, 2017 10:00 AM

Hosted by Jo Ella Samp

co-hosted by Connie Richards



Cascade Design Workshop – will be hosted by Sheila Moore on Wednesday October 18 at her home from 12 noon to 1:30. Look for an email announcement with more details, including materials to bring, a few days before the workshop.

ROCK SPRING GARDEN CLUB
7th Annual Holiday Floral Design Event



Featuring Exquisite Designs by
SUSIE PONEMAN
 of
Heavenly Hydrangeas of McLean, Virginia

DATE: Thursday, November 16, 2017

PLACE: National Rural Electric Cooperative Assoc. Bldg.
 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA (Ballston)

TIME: Doors open 6:30pm – Program begins at 7:00pm

Space is limited. Tickets must be purchased by NOVEMBER 10, 2017

TICKET AND ORDERING INFORMATION: \$30.00 – cash or check payable to RSGC

ORDER BY:

- Call Kate Abrahams – 703-532-1959
- Rockspringgardenclub@gmail.com
- EventBrite [Click here](#)

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Rock Spring Garden Club is a 501(C)(3) organization. Event proceeds benefit our community outreach programs.

For more information visit our website www.rockspringgardenclub.com

Judges' Council

NCAGC District III's

"Seasonal Delights"

Morning of Design

Thursday, October 12, 2017

9:30 –10:15 am—Light Refreshments

10:30 am—Morning of Design demonstrations

Refreshments provided by District III

\$6.00 donations enthusiastically accepted

Little Falls Presbyterian Church

6025 Little Falls Road

Arlington, Virginia 22207



Rock Spring Park "Garden Party" – Thursday October 12 1:30-3:00 pm

The Conservation Committee, chaired by Jo Ella Samp, invites club members to visit Rock Spring Park to view the garden being maintained by the committee, and if you'd like to, pitch in that day with weeding, pruning or other maintenance to prepare the garden for fall. No RSVP, just stop by for whatever length of time you can.

Hot New Roses – Arlington Rose Foundation seminar on new and interesting roses for next year's garden. Find out about new rose introductions and how to find them from great

growers. Sunday October 15th 2-4 pm, Merrifield Garden Center Fair Oaks. Free. Light Refreshments. Contact 703.371.9351 or arfinformation@aol.com



MEMBERSHIP

Kate Abrahams

Our membership drive continues and successfully brought 8 new potential members (visitors and guests) to the September meeting. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to our meetings and events this club year.

Member update: Florence Otstot, a club member since 1965, has moved to Richmond to be closer to her children. Her new address is: 12401 Gayton Road, Apartment 243, Richmond, VA 23238. I'm sure she will continue to read the Gardenzette with great interest and will welcome notes from her Garden Club friends.

At right, President Kate Abrahams welcomes new member Max Jensen at the September meeting.



HORTICULTURE

Linda Martin

Dahlias are still blooming this time of year and I like them because they come in so many colors and shapes. They can be as small as 2 to 3 inches or as big as 12 inches. Colors range in just about every shade but unfortunately there are no blue or black as yet. They range from a foot in height to between 3 ½ and 4 feet high and like 6-8 hours of sun. Dahlias bloom a lot and to encourage branching, a good pinch of the stem where there are five sets of leaves is recommended. The only problems that I have read about are aphids and Japanese beetles, but I have had neither problem with mine. After a hard frost the foliage will die and turn black. This is the time to dig them up and cut off above the ground foliage and cut the tubers into small pieces. Let them dry and label them with a permanent marker. Put them in layers of wood shavings, dry vermiculite or peat moss. Store them in a cool area until Spring. (Information courtesy of Country Gardens.)

WAYS and MEANS

Joan Hession

Our theme for the October Ways and Means table will be the holidays. We will not be having another W&M table until January so you should think of all holidays from October through December. Donate any items before the meeting by contacting Joan Hession. If you want to drop your items on my front porch that would also work. We love homemade foods which you can bring to the meeting. Please package your donation in saleable portions. One of our past presidents and long-term member, Florence Otstot has moved to Richmond to be near her family. Her daughter Peggy Shardon, donated many of her garden items for the W&M table. We will be having her items available over the next few sales. Looking forward to seeing you on October 19. Shop, shop, shop!

PUMPKIN WORKSHOP

Sharon Siems

Anyone new or unsure of how to prepare a pumpkin to donate to the HDE fundraiser is welcome to meet at Sharon Siems house the day before between 2 and 4 pm. That's Wednesday November 15. Just bring your clean

pumpkin, any flowers, greens, and oasis you plan to use, and clippers. We usually swap and share materials and have fun critiquing and sharing ideas. Sign up if you can today or just show up. Come, make a pumpkin, and deliver it to the event on Thursday. Hope to see you on November 15!

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

Photos below are from Andrew Simmon's completed Eagle Scout Project in Rock Spring Park, partly sponsored by Rock Spring Garden Club. See the September 2017 Gardenzette for more information on the project.



Youth Activities

Carolyn Barone

September 17 was a beautiful sunny and welcoming day for the twelve eager second grade students at Tuckahoe Elementary School.



The six boys and six girls were thrilled to hear that they would be planting pansies in the outdoor Friendship Garden. They eagerly donned their gloves and grabbed their trowels and proceeded to the Friendship Garden which is at the entrance to the school. Once finished they were given either a silver or gold terra

cotta pot and planted an individual pansy to take home and enjoy from a windowsill or special garden spot.



Our twelve future gardeners were assisted by committee members Lynda Martin, Joyce Fall, Helen McMahon, Anne Larsen, Ann Duffey and myself. Our October project will be a pumpkin floral arrangement with a new group of 12 second graders as teachers rotate this Garden Club opportunity through their class lists.

Proposed By Law Changes

The by-law changes presented at the September general meeting will be voted on at the October meeting. A separate email will remind everyone of the proposed changes before we meet.

The following two proposed by law changes will be presented at the October general meeting. They will be voted on at the January 2018 general meeting.

Proposed revised By-Law on RSGC donations (as suggested by Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs review):

"Donations to the Club will be used at the discretion of the Executive Board to fund Club operations, projects and/or programs, unless the donor has specified that the donation be dedicated to a particular project or program, in which case, those donated funds will be restricted to that project or program."

Proposed By-Law on Garden of the Year which was approved by the Executive Board:

"The Garden of the Year committee plans and conducts a tour of outstanding selected gardens."

LIAISON REPORT

NCAGC "Morning of Design", October 12th at Little Falls Presbyterian, 9:30 am to Noon \$6.00 Donation. Four Floral Designers.

Piedmont District VFGC Fall Meeting, Monday October 16th, 9:30am-2:45 pm. Lunch and Speaker from Longwood Gardens \$30.00. Four Points Sheraton, Richmond VA (Kate Abrahams, Connie Richards, Anne Collins, and Joan Asboth will attend.) www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org

NCAGC Courses: Tuition rebate available from RSGC, \$50 or \$25 after course completion. Visit www.ncagardenclubs.org for information/registration. Courses do not need to be taken in order.

Landscape Design School at Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks Mon-Tues., October 23-24, 2017. \$90 for two days; \$45 for one day.

Environmental Studies School Course 3, Nov 9-10. Agricultural History Park, Derwood, MD. \$80 for two days; \$45 for one day. Includes two-hour tour of the park.

Paint Branch Garden Club bus day trip to Chanticleer Garden, Wayne, PA on Wed Oct 25, 7 am-6 pm. \$95 includes lunch, light breakfast, and dessert. Leave and return from College Park MD. Contact marymarshalllevy@gmail.com or 301.469.9551.

Green Springs Gardens Saturday programs Oct 14, 21, 28. Chinese Kitchen Garden Recipes, Planning Spring Plants, Show Fall Natives and Companions. Contact 703.642.5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring

Arlington Nature Center Hikes:

Long Branch Nature Center Tree ID Hike. Sunday Oct 22 11:15 am- 12:30 pm. \$5.00. 703.228.6535

Gulf branch Nature Center Fungi Hike. Friday Nov 17 1:00-3:00pm. 703.228.3403

PHOTO GALLERY

From the September 2017 general meeting:

Photos from Sheila Moore's workshop on gathering and sharing, with "what's in your garden now", shown along with September's horticulture specimens.







**Photos from September meeting of NCAGC
Council of Accredited Flower Show Judges**

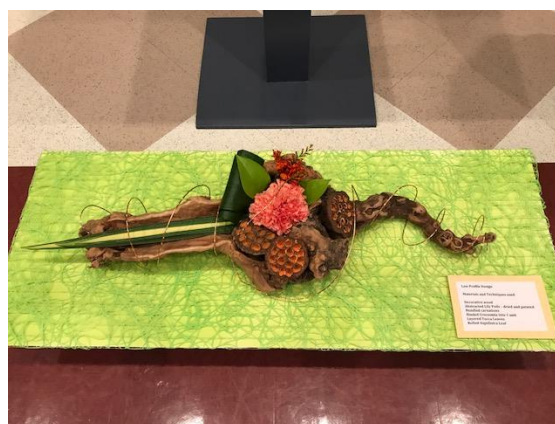
Mary Cottrell and Thea McGinnis



Babs McClendon



Shirley Nicolai



Anita Brown



Photos from the NCA Dahlia Society Flower Show at Brookside Gardens

Miscellaneous contributed photos:

Beatrix Farrand designed garden at Bellefield in Hyde Park, NY



