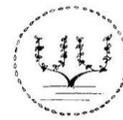


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Thursday May 16, 2019

GENERAL MEETING AND HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY SHOW

Little Falls Presbyterian Church

6025 Little Falls Road

Arlington, VA 22207

- 8:00-10:00 am** Drop off Show entries, Lower Level, Friendship Hall
11:30 am Lunch, second floor
12:00 pm Business Meeting. Induction of New Officers.
12:30-1:45 pm Dean Norton's Presentation on Mount Vernon Horticulture
2:00 – 4:00 Horticulture Show open to the public
4:00 pm Retrieve Show entries after the show closes

Mount Vernon Horticulture

Speaker: J. Dean Norton



Head of Horticulture, Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens

Dean Norton began his employment at the Mount Vernon Estate on June 23, 1969, after receiving his horticulture degree from Clemson University. He began his career as the estate's boxwood gardener. For the past 49 years he has devoted considerable time to researching 18th century gardens and gardening practices. He has received awards for conservation from the DAR and the Garden Club of America, as well as the American Horticulture Societies Professional Award in 2006.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kate Abrahams

Hard to believe the club yearbook has reached the May page already and June is just around the corner! This month traditionally keeps everyone busy with club community projects before we call it a day (or year) in mid-June. An enthusiastic group of Tuckahoe second graders will joyfully make flower arrangements to take home. People taking the Tuckahoe House and Garden Tour will admire beautiful floral arrangements made by club members that decorate the homes. This month's special show will join interested visitors and guests with members to view horticulture, photographs and temporary gardens on display when the Horticulture Specialty Flower Show is open to the public. These fun projects inform the world about what garden clubs are all about. In addition to the show on May 16th, there will be a general meeting upstairs for a change. We'll eat lunch first at 11:30 a.m. and start the meeting at a later time, 12 p.m. noon rather than 10 a.m. Dean Norton will give a terrific presentation on Mt. Vernon's horticulture starting at 12:30 p.m. I hope everyone enjoys this merry month of May and visits Rock Spring Park's green grass, blooming trees, burbling brook and pollinator plants growing taller in the warm sun.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jo Ella Samp

Apr 1-Apr 30, 2019

Beginning Balance \$23,318.33

Total Receipts \$3,686.70

Total Disbursements \$1,814.08

Closing Balance \$25,190.95

BOARD MEETING

Joint meeting of incoming and outgoing officers and committee chairs

Thursday June 6, 2019 10:00 am

Host: Jane Bartlett

Co-host: Jody Goulden

WAYS and MEANS – Spring Plant Sale

Joyce Fall

The Ways and Means table had a steady line of buyers at this year's plant sale. The collection of plants that were brought in by our club members for this year's sale were lovely. With so many expert gardeners on hand, each plant was correctly marked with advice given for best ways to plant. The sale was a great success. Wrapping up the year: Thanks to all for your generous donations of your "treasures" that we received during the year. Our sales kept flowing every month. Joan and I give a big thank you to our committee: Anita Brown, Sherry Foster, Max Jensen, Parvaneh Limbert, Diane Pollack, George Ruppert, Dianne Simmons, Julie Wadsworth and Julie Williams - for their hard work this year. We could not have done it without them.



CONSERVATION

Kate Abrahams

The RSGC plot at Yorktown High School currently has hosta, lily of the valley, hyacinth,

ferns, and azaleas, as seen in the photos below. There is still room for additional shade plants if anyone would like to donate items.



OUTDOOR LAB

Kate Abrahams

Club member Jane Robinson will take over the APS Liaison position from Dorinda Burroughs beginning with this year's group of scholarship recipients. Chris Reid from the APS Science Department will work with Jane so that she may interview the APS-selected campers at their school(s), explain the camp supplies donated by the club, and greet campers at departure and return. Many thanks to Jane for representing RSGC in this important role.

The Outdoor Lab has been fully funded in the next APS budget and RSGC's moving appeals to the School and County Boards had great weight with decision makers to sway in favor of continuing the program without cutbacks. Many thanks to Dorinda for her kind and gracious leadership in establishing and maintaining relationships with Chris Reid and school administrators and giving a warm, interested, and supportive welcome to the club's young scholarship recipients throughout the process.

AWARDS

Carol Cochran

Great news! Rock Spring Garden Club has garnered lots of awards. We already had announced awards from the National Capital Area Garden Clubs and the Piedmont District for Virginia Garden Clubs. Now we have heard from the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, and we won First Place for the Yearbook and First Place for the *Gardenzette*. National Garden Clubs gave us the honor of First Place for the RSGC Website and a Certificate of Merit for the *Gardenzette*. Congratulations to Thea McGinnis, who has created our website and fed

it daily. Congratulations to Julie Wadsworth, the yearbook editor, who has perfected the details and process of assembling the book we all depend on. Congratulations to Pat Getz, who produces a beautiful *Gardenzette* every month. You make us all look good!

HORTICULTURE SHOW

PLANTS IN CONTAINERS

Joan Hession

Our Schedule has three sections for plants in containers. I need to get the entries registered as quickly as possible!! Plan on entering several plants in the following Sections:

1. Section G - Flowering Container-Grown Plants
Includes begonias, orchid, geranium, African violets and any other
2. Section H - Foliage Container-Grown Plants
Includes cacti, ferns, herbs, succulents other than cacti, and any other
3. Section I - Combination Plantings
Includes dish gardens, planters, terrariums, and any other

Containers have a maximum size: Section G and H have a max diameter of 10 inches and Section I has a max diameter of 12 inches. The pot is measured across the inner rim. If double potted, be sure inner pot rim is hidden by covering with material like dark bark or gravel. Please email your entry information to me at jshession@verizon.net. Include Division, Section, Class and variety.

HORTICULTURE

Christine Wegman

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ENTER HORTICULTURE AT THE FLOWER SHOW



Plan Ahead and Prepare Plants

- Groom your specimen: clean off any dirt, remove pests, clip unsightly spots from leaves or remove leaves and petals as necessary. Make sure it has a pleasing shape.
- For container plants: measure pot size and repot if necessary. Be sure plant is in proportion to container size.
- Fill out the front page of your entry card.
 - Use pencil or indelible ink to prevent water damage to your entry card.
 - Fill out both top and bottom sections.
 - Determine the correct botanical name of your entry and write it in the "Variety or Class Name" sections (top and bottom) of the card. If you are not sure, look it up. If you use a computer, enter the common name of the plant and you will find many sites that give the botanical name. *Remember, you*

will lose 5 points if you don't have the correct botanical name.

- Fill out your name and contact information.
- Use the schedule to determine the Division, Section, and Class No. portion of the card.
- Leave the Entry No. section blank. You will be assigned a number at the show.

- Bring supplies for last minute grooming: nail scissors, tweezers, q-tips, extra bubble wrap, tiny brushes, extra top dressing for container plants.

At the show

- All entries will be received on the morning of the show, between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. *Please, please don't wait until the last minute.* Flower show committee members have a lot to do getting everything ready for judging; we will really appreciate it if you don't wait until the last minute.
- There will be a staffed Help Desk to answer last minute questions or help with plant identification. Remember, it is NOT the responsibility of Help Desk staff to properly identify your plant. They can only offer advice.
- Complete any last-minute grooming if necessary.
- Move to the Entries and Classification sections. *You must stay with your plant throughout these two processes.*
- **Entries Section.** Your first stop is the entries section. Your entry will be recorded and you will be assigned an entry number.
- **Classification Section.** This is your next stop.
 - The clerk will examine your plant to ensure that it is of Show quality,

meets class requirements (name, pot size, etc.), and is free of insects. The clerk may suggest additional grooming to improve your specimen's appearance and chance of winning.

- The clerk will check that your entry card is correctly filled out.
- *Once this process is completed and your entry has been accepted, you may not touch the plant, and **must** leave the show area.* The Placement Committee will take over and put your entry in the correct place on the tables.
- All entries must be removed from the church by 4:00 pm.

Here is what happens after your entry has been accepted.

- Placement Committee members put your entry in the correct place on the tables.
- After all the entries are placed, Classification Committee members look over the entries to see if there are enough of a particular kind of plant to subdivide classes. Each subclass will be judged on its own, so this gives more opportunities to award first, second, third place, and honorable mention ribbons. All the new subsections are divided by ribbons. Entries are then replaced in the proper subsection.
- When the judges enter the room at 11:00 am they will often find more opportunities to subdivide classes, and the process of rearrangement will continue.
- Between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm, the judges will judge all the entries. After the initial round of judging, awarding

first, second, third place, and honorable mention ribbons, the judges will select those entries of special merit to receive additional awards. These awards are listed on page 4 of the flower show schedule.

- As this process of making awards takes place, the clerks record all the information on the entry cards. The cards are then punched (with a hole puncher) accordingly.
- When all the awards have been made, the bottom portion of all the entry cards is removed and the results are recorded.
- Entries receiving special awards are removed to a separate section for display, and the show is opened for viewing.



“Poetry in the Garden”

evolution of the gardens. Representing RSGC at the meeting were Mary Cottrell, outgoing District III Director, and Ann Lunson and Connie Richards, both past presidents of our club.

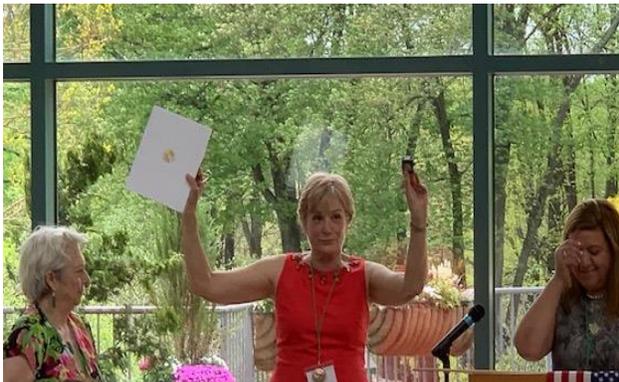
NCAGC INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2019-2021

Ann Lunson

NCAGC held its biennial installation meeting on April 23 at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. National Garden Clubs President Nancy Hargroves conducted the installation ceremony for NCA's 2019-2021 officers and district directors. The installation was preceded by a buffet luncheon and a presentation by Keith Tomlinson, Manager of Meadowlark, who described the founding of Meadowlark and the



The luncheon tables were lovely and included colorful bottles of bubbles symbolizing President Cherie's goal that NCA clubs have fun during the next two years.



Newly installed NCA President Cherie Lejeune presenting gifts to outgoing President Robin Hammer.



Cherie Lejeune was looking for a fun way to recycle her son's old skateboard so she incorporated it into a floral design which she presented to Nancy Hargroves.

LIAISON REPORT

Tuckahoe Elementary School Home and Garden Tour - Saturday May 11th, Noon-5 pm -Start at Tuckahoe School, 6550 26th St. North, Arlington 22213. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30, day of the tour. For tickets and more information, visit <https://tuckahoetour.org>. This fundraiser benefits the school's Discovery Schoolyard. Come see the Invitational Committee arrangements!

Organic Vegetable Garden Open House Saturday May 11, 10:00-11:00am, Organic Vegetable Garden, Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Rd, Arlington, 22207. Ask a Gardener questions regarding growing vegetables.

"Early Morning in the Garden" Early admission to Meadowlark Gardens for photographers, birders, and strollers. Open 6 a.m. Saturday, May 18th. Regular admission charged. 9750 Meadowlark Garden Court, Vienna, Virginia. Visit www.novaparks.com

"Spring Garden Day" Fundraiser at Green Spring Gardens, Sat. May 18th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Big plant sale with 40 vendors, bake sale, food trucks. Visit www.friendsofgreenspring.org, or contact info @friendsofgreenspring.org or 703 642-5173.

Floral Design Workshops offered by the NCAGC Judges' Council on May 13, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 S. Cherry St., Vienna, VA \$150 for all three workshops www.ncagardenclubs.org

Gardening School Series X Course II, National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. Tues-Wed. May 21-22, 2019, Merrifield Garden Center Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22020 703-968-9600. Further information: www.ncagardenclubs.org and click on Gardening School or email Joyce Skogland at jeskog612@gamil.com or call 703.591.4017. Day 1: Plant Diseases and Garden Pests, Growing Vegetables, Growing Fruit. Day 2 Irrigation and Waste, Lawn Alternatives and Growing Grass. Fees before May 14th NGC member \$90, non-member \$100. One day only \$50. Breakfast and lunch included. Tuition rebate available from RSGC after attendance (\$25 for 1 day, \$50 for 2 days)

NCAGC District III "Spring Extravaganza" Fundraiser on Wed May 15, 10:00 am- 1:00 pm. \$25 per ticket. Design demo by Betty Ann Galway, tablescape exhibits, refreshments, shopping; opportunity to win a design with ticket purchase. Vienna Community Center, 120 S Cherry St, SE, Vienna, VA. Contact District III Treasurer Jane Razeghi to purchase ticket and for more information at jrazeghi@gmu.com or call 703.266.3327.

NCAGC Chevy Chase Garden Club's Spring Garden Tour, Sat May 18 rain or shine. 10 am- 5 pm. Visit www.gardenclubofchevyCHASE.org for tickets and more information.

District III President's Coffee Friday 10 a.m. June 21. All RSGC members are welcome to attend. Meadowlark Gardens Atrium Building, 9750 Meadowlark Garden Court, Vienna, VA

PHOTO GALLERY

From the April General Meeting

Spatial Thrust Designs





March Framed Spatial Design

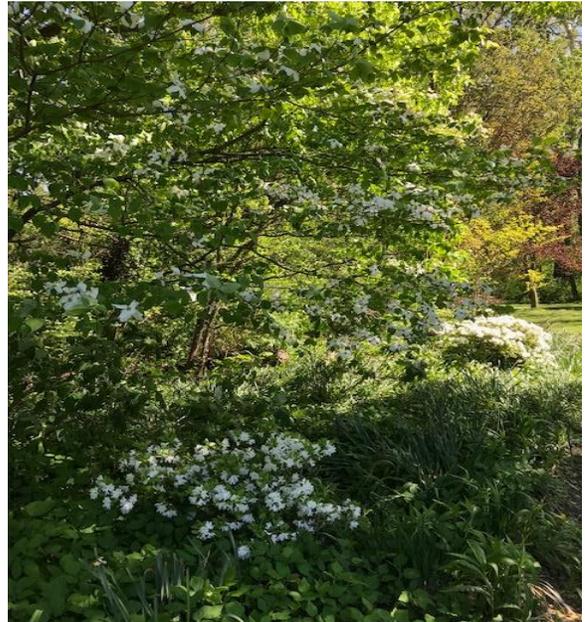
Horticulture Specimens





Spring at Rock Spring Park







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