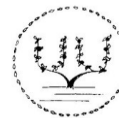


# THE GARDENZETTE



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## General Meeting

May 15, 2025 – 10:00 am

Little Falls Presbyterian Church

Lower Level Friendship Hall

6025 Little Falls Road

Arlington, VA 22207

## Hardscaping Design Ideas From The King's Masons

Richard Baker brings his portfolio of masonry design and building ideas that will expand your vision of your home's landscape's potential. Richard founded The King's Masons, a masonry design/build business providing services in the DMV region.



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## President's Message

By Maryam Zolecki

For spring break, my family and I took a little trip to Arizona. We had a fabulous time, and the scenery and backdrop were stunning. What stood out the most was the varied flora and fauna of the three different spots we visited, all of which were within a relatively short driving distance of each other. Driving a few hours in either direction on the east most likely will result in a fairly similar botanical landscape, so seeing how quickly we transitioned from the cacti to the ponderosa forest was fascinating. Within the week, we went from a 100 degree day visiting the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix to fishing trout in Oak Creek among the red rocks and trees in a canyon outside Sedona to the spectacular vistas at the Grand Canyon that included a lot more green than I expected. I love traveling, but appreciating and noticing the botanical wonders of the localities was not usually on my mind. This has definitely been a shift for me in trips taken in recent years, and I am so grateful to now be incorporating this into the activities of our travels. This wonderful garden club and its informative and interesting monthly programs and generous and accomplished members has been the reason for the shift.

This month's program on hardscaping will continue to add to our knowledge base, and we will be able to celebrate each other and the club at the June luncheon. Please remember to RSVP if you have not done so already and I am hoping to solicit eight volunteers to create centerpieces for the tables. The theme for the luncheon will be **Bright and Beautiful** (think bright floral arrangements using a few vibrant color combinations, such as yellows, oranges, reds, and bright pinks), and if you are willing to create an arrangement, please let me know. A couple of notes that your arrangement needs to be in a container that will not be returned to you, and you will earn a design credit. It should be a lovely time!



(See more trip photos in the Photo Gallery)



## Ways and Means

### By Margi Melnick

This is our last table until next Fall, so let's make it the best! Bring in plants that you've been separating, pretty vases, books and magazines for members to peruse. Of course, Tools of the Trade will offer implements that you might need to help you garden.

#### April 2025 Budget Report

Beginning Balance: \$20,263.94

Revenue: \$2,302.00

Expenses: (\$1,220.57)

Net: \$1,081.43

Ending Balance: \$21,345.37

#### Next Board Meeting

Thursday June 5, 2025 at 4:30 pm

Attendance options are in-person at  
Maryam Zolecki's home

Or via Zoom

**The Ball Sellers House** – Wisteria in bloom  
at this historic site which RSGC helps to  
support and maintain.



## Design of the Month

By Kate Abrahams

Thank you, daffodil designers, for the lovely creations at April's meeting. The variety of designs featuring daffodils really enhanced Connie's wonderful talk about daffodil divisions. At last, we arrive at May's floral design assignment, a "Designer's Choice" creative design using a "found object" as a container. You may choose fresh and/or dried plant material and manmade components. However, you must include two types of leaf manipulation such as braiding, weaving, trimming, rolling, shredding and/or curling. The **NGC Handbook of Flower Shows** Design Chapter pages 81-83 lists types of leaf manipulations among other design techniques. A "found" object is something not typically used as a floral design container, such as a handbag, rubber boot, shoebox, coffee can, etc. The **Handbook** page 77 states, "Found" objects are non-art objects, not made or manufactured for decorative purposes." Emphasis is on the integration of components into a harmonious design. Good luck and have fun! For those who are missing a floral design credit or feel inspired, we could use 8 floral designs to decorate our lunch tables at the Metro 29 Diner on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me at [cnabythesea@gmail.com](mailto:cnabythesea@gmail.com) if you are interested in making one to celebrate our club's active year!

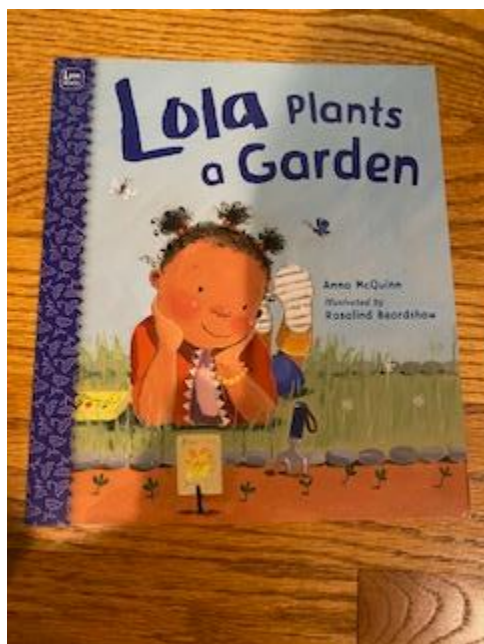




## GARDEN THERAPY

**By Susan Scotti**

The April program for the pre-K class at Glebe Elementary School was an introduction to flower seeds and planting. We began with Pat Getz reading the book, "Lola Plants a Garden". Lola is inspired by a poem to plant a garden, so she and her mother check out library books to learn and plan, then plant and care for it.



Susan passed around packets of seeds along with a sample of each to show how they were different for each flower. We sang "I plant a little seed in the dark, dark ground; out comes the yellow sun big and round. Down comes the rain soft and slow. Up comes the little seed, grow, grow, grow!" We sang it twice, using hand motions to emphasize the words.

The children moved to their tables after the projects had been explained. First they were given a variety of stickers to use in making a springtime scene. Then they were given two containers to decorate with more stickers. One was an empty pot for 3 blooming marigold plants they each received. The other was filled with dirt in which they planted marigold seeds. Care instructions were included in their take-home bags. Hopefully they will see some sprouts develop in a few days.

Kate Abrahams, Pat Getz, and Mary Garnet used their seasoned experience to assist the children and help to complete this busy program.

The next and last program for the school year is May 8 when they will make flower arrangements to take home for a Mother's Day surprise.



## PHOTO GALLERY

From Maryam's Arizona Trip  
Desert Botanical Garden







**From Connie Richards**  
**Daffodils in Rock Spring Park**



**From the April General Meeting**  
**Daffodil Designs**







## HORTICULTURE

