



GARDEN DIRT



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Marilyn Sprouse Presents “Life In Color” to RGC Members



Marilyn Sprouse, artist and art teacher at Lancaster Middle School, presented a very informative program in September about “Life in Color”. Marilyn shared her knowledge of how the eye perceives color. Aided by a

slide presentation, she demonstrated various methods for using color in design and landscapes. Members received a color wheel which aided with the understanding of monochromatic, analogous and complementary color schemes.

Witches, Turkeys and Reindeer Program Coming to RGC in October



Nancy Hargroves, National Garden Clubs, Inc. President-Elect for 2017, will present the October 13th program. Touted as “over the top”, Nancy will share creative container gardening ideas for the fall and

winter seasons. It is an honor to have Nancy as our speaker. This program will serve as a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Tickets for visitors and guests are \$10. As announced in the Rappahannock Record, the public has been invited at 12:45. RGC member’s guests can be invited to lunch at 12:00.

September Hostesses Serve Up a Tasty Luncheon



August hostesses prepared a delicious luncheon for RGC members. Pictured from left are Bonnie Schaschek, Jane

Austin, Marty Wilson, Jean Ehlman, and Cheryl Brown Davis.

Plus One Membership Campaign

Don’t Forget the Plus One Membership Campaign! RGC Can Make a Difference!

*Garden Clubs and members are challenged to promote and increase our membership. It’s up to each one of us to invite prospects to join our organization to add more talent, ideas, and **helping hands**.*

Every meeting is a great meeting in which to invite a guest. But, the October meeting is an especially good meeting. Nancy Hargroves who is our incoming NGC, Inc. 2017 President will present the program on “Fall Container Gardening.” This is a fundraising event and the cost for guests is \$10; no fee for club members.

September Best in Show Results



Check out this near flawless Mexican Sunflower which was exhibited by Sharon Rowe. Saddled with a cast on her left hand, this wasn't going to keep Sharon from exhibiting her beautiful specimens. Judge Boyenga asked the clerks to gather all of the 95+ pieces of horticulture together to make a side-by-side comparison. Look at all the exquisite exhibits the judges had from which to pick one Best in Show.



Carol Clark won Best in Show for her beautiful Class I design. The theme for September was Heaven and Earth; the gem was sapphire. The 3x5 card that is to accompany all designs was read to the membership. Carol writes: *"The design reminds me of earth surrounded by water*

(represented by the blue bowl) and embraced by green fields and soil. Heaven is represented by white calla lilies. They not only surround the earth but reach for the heavens to offer God's protective hands to Earth and Man."

Several More RGC Members Have Monarch Waystations



Garden centers are beginning to stock plants for the fall planting season. Fall is a great time to plant milkweed plants and other perennial nectar plants in preparation for your spring butterfly garden. Just recently, Jo Manson, Mary Ann McKay and Carol Clark applied for

their official Monarch Waystation signage. Thanks ladies for helping with the plight of the magnificent monarch butterfly! Several RGC members who completed the member survey indicated that they have all of the components for a monarch waystation (which is just a fancy way of saying a butterfly garden). To register your monarch waystation, go to monarchwatch.org.



Fieldtrip Planned for October

The Virginia Fine Arts Museum exhibit "Fine Arts & Flowers" will be held at the museum in

Richmond from October 20-23 (Thursday to Sunday). The exhibition will feature 88 floral arrangements created by members of about 50 garden clubs, designed to complement art in the museum. The Garden Club of Virginia and the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs are participating and Strange's Florist is again providing flowers and other materials as it has since the first show in 1987. The arrangements will be on display throughout the museum. The show, like the museum, is free and open to the public. A road trip is being planned for Thursday the 20th. It will be open to members, former members and guests. Jo Manson will be the coordinator for this trip. Watch for more information pertaining to this event.

Mary Ann McKay, RGC Youth Chair, is Honored



Mary Ann McKay, RGC's Youth Chair, was honored at the September Meeting.

President Bonnie Schaschek read and presented an NGC Certificate of Acknowledgement from NGC's President, Sandra Robinson. In addition, Donna Anderson, pictured right with Bonnie, who is President of the Board at the Boys and Girls Club spoke on behalf of the BGCNN and how much they appreciated the tremendous effort that our club put forth for these young people. To top off the celebration, Mary Ann was presented with a special



"frog cake" and icecream. The cake was a special creation prepared by Bernadette Fox of Bernadette's Bakery in Burgess which is open Thursday through Saturday, 10:00



am to 3:00 pm. From Kilmarnock, travel down Rt. 200 until you get to Rt. 360. Make a right onto 360, travel approximately a mile and her shop is on the right.

RGC Members Attend Flower Show School Course IV



Debbie Burgess and Cathie Elliott travelled to Lynchburg, VA for Flower Show School course IV, August 29th through September 1st. Pictured left is Janice Clem, VFGC

President, Julia Clevett, Cathie Elliott, Debbie Burgess, and Nancy Hargroves. Dottie Howatt presented Horticulture with an emphasis on

collections and displays. Julia Clevett presented Flower Show Procedure and Design with an emphasis on Exhibition Type 1 and Type 2 tables. Both Debbie and Cathie learned a lot by attending all four courses. Pictured below are photos taken at FSS 4.



Excellent examples above of a collection (left) and a display (right) which has an emphasis on design.



Exhibition Table Type I above left; Functional Table for One above right.



These are examples of Exhibition Type II tables.

Mouth Watering Goodies Being Prepared for the October 13th Program -- Bring your checkbooks and your \$\$\$\$'s

“Holiday Happenings” is coming to the Root Cellar Market and you won't want to miss out. Ways and Means Committee Members have been very busy preparing and preserving various food items in time for the October 13th program. Listed below are the items being offered.

Baked Items

- Almond Ooey Goey Bars
- Baking Powder Biscuits
- BBQ – 2 lb. bags
- Cream Cheese Pound Cakes
- Buttermilk Pound Cakes
- Lemon Dream Bars
- Mocha Whoopie Pies
- Pecan Pies
- Pimiento Cheese
- Salmon Mousse
- Spiced Pecans
- Sweet Potato Biscuits with Country Ham

Canned Goods

- Apple Butter
- Elderberry Jelly
- Green Tomato Pickles
- Peach Preserves
- Spicy Marinara Sauce

Garden Items

- Flowers in Vases
- Garlic Knobs
- Potted Plants
- Sunflowers
- Hydrangea Wreath -- silent auction item