



# GARDEN

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## Carolyn Quinn from “Dug In Farms” will be speaker in January



**D**ig In with “Dug In Farms”. Owner, Carolyn Quinn will share her passion for farming in the Northern Neck. Her commitment to treating

friends like family, produce that is sustainably grown and staying ‘local’ as well as her engaging personality makes Dug In Farms a “local” favorite.

## RGC members enjoy festive Christmas luncheon



On December 13<sup>th</sup>, RGC members gathered at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club for a festive Christmas luncheon. Ladies enjoyed the celebratory atmosphere and catching up with friends. Here are highlights from the luncheon.



## January Assignments

- Hostesses: Cathie Elliott (chair), Marty Wilson, Carol Clark, Robin Perks, Sara Ford
- Judges: Jenny Boyenga (accredited), Susan Edmonds, Deborah Brooks
- Clerks: Mary Huyta, Karen Rosenfeld
- Guides: Catherine Brincefield

### Artistic Design Theme: Winter

Song is “A Hazy Shade of Winter” by Simon and Garfunkel

**Class I:** Grouped Mass Design – may incorporate dried plant material. FSS Handbook page 78.

**Class II:** Designer’s Choice – designer’s choice of size, style and components but must interpret theme.

### January Horticulture Schedule

Class II	Flowering Broadleaf Evergreens
Class III	Foliage Broadleaf Evergreens
Class IV	Camellias (shown with 1” stem in shallow container)
Class XXVII	Berried Evergreen Shrubs (other than Hollies)
Class XXVIII	Hollies (Ilex)
Class XXIX	Coniferous Shrubs
Class XXX	Coniferous Trees
Class XXXII	Unclassified
Class XXXIII	Collections (excluding Food Gardens)
Class XXXIV	Plant Combinations in Container
Class XXXV	Flowering Potted Plants
Class XXXVI	Foliage Potted Plants
Class XXXVII	Food Gardens



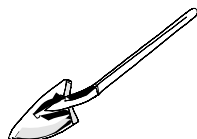
***Don't Forget the  
Plus One  
Membership  
Campaign! RGC  
Can Make a  
Difference!***

*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**.*

## January Gardening Chores

***“Every gardener knows under the cloak of winter lies a miracle... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dreams.” Barbara Winkler***

- **Winter is the best time to examine the bones of your garden.**
- Get a soil test kit or take a soil sample to your County Extension office.
- Start seeds for lettuce, snap peas and other early crops you'll be setting out in March.
- Order seed potatoes to plant at least two weeks before the last frost. Yukon Gold and Norland Reds grow well in Zones 7 and 8.
- Plant container grown or bare root roses this month. Keep mulched and watered.
- Start seeds of summer-blooming annuals indoors for planting out in March and April.
- Plant summer and fall flowering perennial bulbs.
- Now is the time to prune fruit trees
- If you want to prune evergreens (most don't need it), do it now when the pine bark beetles are dormant.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2019!!**