



GARDEN DIRT



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RGC Members Hear Informative Program



RGC members were fortunate to hear from our own President, Bonnie Schaschek, in January. Bonnie brings considerable knowledge and expertise to our club. We are

very fortunate to have someone of her caliber. Bonnie's program focused on Seed Blocking, a propagation method that has been touted by Cut Flower Farmer, Lisa Ziegler. Bonnie had an extensive slide presentation along with a notable amount of "show and tell" to view. Bonnie encouraged and inspired members to start their own seed propagation in March. Note: Bonnie's presentation will be posted on the website.

Sheila Weisensale will Present "The Art of Pressing Flowers, Foliage and Herbs" in February



This unique program teaches the participant/s the art of pressing plant material. Sheila starts her program by discussing the mechanics of pressing flowers - specifically how to harvest, press and store plant material. She

then demonstrates how to make a framed design using actual pressed flower material. After the demo, she holds several fun door prize drawings. To conclude her program, participants are given the opportunity to shop for unique, one of a kind pressed flower items. Handout of the program will be provided. You won't want to miss this special program. Ladies also will have the opportunity to make their own pressed flower piece. A \$10 fee will cover your expenses. Bring cash or your checkbook.

February Assignments

Hostesses: Cathie Elliott (chair), Mary Ann McKay, Catherine Brincefield, Bonnie Schaschek
Clerk: Susan Edmonds
Guide: Carol Clark
Judges: Sharon Lempke (Accredited), Joan Eremenko, Mary Jacobs

Artistic Design Class Theme: Song is "*Mardi Gras In New Orleans*" by *Fats Domino*
Beads, beads, and more (Must use the color **purple** and beads)

Class I

Creative Abstract Design
Flower Show Handbook pages 72 – 73.
Designing by Types pages 24 – 26.



See also February Vision of Beauty Calendar image on left.

Class II

Designer's choice of style, size, components. Must interpret class theme. Entry card must specify design type.
Flower Show Handbook –pages 69 – 83. Also Designing by Types.

Fats Domino - Mardi Gras In New Orleans



*Well I'm going to New Orleans, I'm gonna see the Mardi Gras
Well I'm going to New Orleans, I'm gonna see the Mardi Gras
When I get to New Orleans I want to know what's carnival for*

*I've got my ticket in my hand, I'm gonna go to New Orleans
I've got my ticket in my hand, I'm gonna go to New Orleans
When I get to New Orleans, I want to see the Zulu King*

*When I see the Zulu King, down on Rampart and Dumaine
When I see the Zulu King, down on Rampart and Dumaine
I'm gonna stay right there until I see the Zulu Queen*

February 2018 Horticulture and Food Garden Schedule

Class II	Flowering Broadleaf Evergreens
Class III	Foliage Broadleaf Evergreens
Class IV	Camelias (shown with 1" stem on plastic container)
Class VII	Flowering Bulbs
Class XI	Perennials
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

Thank You to our January Hostesses



January hostesses provided a scrumptious loaded salad bar to members. Any salad topping you could think of was provided! Hostesses included Joan Eremenko, Deborah Brooks, Robin Perks and Karen Rosenfeld.

As a special treat, Karen Rosenfeld solicited her neighbor to create a one-of-a-kind special theme cake celebrating our 2018 club theme "Plant America The Beautiful".



Members Receive Informative Critique on Floral Designs



Several members took part in the critique of floral designs by NGC, Inc. Accredited Master Emeritus Judge, Jenny Boyenga. Members were

captivated by her thoughtful critique of floral designs. She explained the Principles of Design (Balance, Contrast, Dominance, Rhythm, Proportion and Scale) as it relates to the Elements of Design.

Gardening Seminar Slated for March 24th



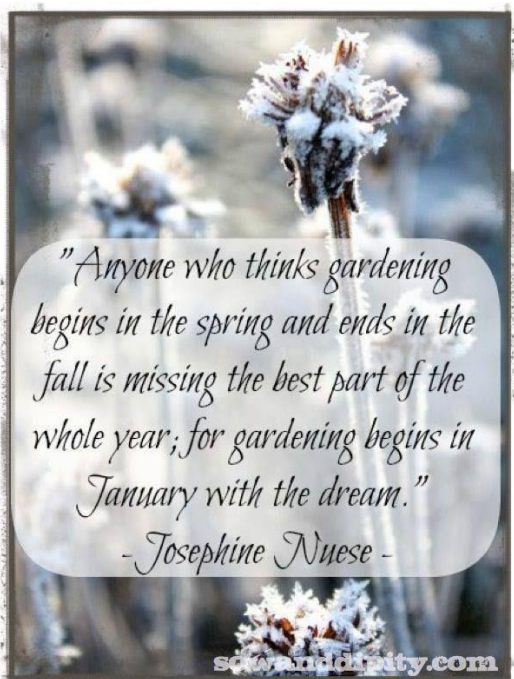
The Gardening in the Northern Neck Seminar, sponsored by Northern Neck Master Gardeners and Virginia Cooperative Extension will be held March 24th at the White

Stone Church of the Nazarene. Registration is \$30. Forms will be available beginning Thursday, February 1st, at nmg.org or through the Northumberland County Extension Office 580-5694.

Also Coming Up...

- March 3 – 11, 2018 -- The Philadelphia Flower Show "Wonders of Water"
- April 14 - 16, 2018 -- 72nd annual Colonial Williamsburg Symposium "Ordinary to Extraordinary: Creating Landscape Design that Reflects Beauty and Awe"
- April 28, 2018 "Herbs Galore & More" sale at Maymont

A Thought to Ponder for February



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**.*