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# ABOUT RAPPAHANNOCK GARDEN CLUB

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## Club Affiliation Information

- NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.,
  - (www.gardenclub.org)
  - **Sandra H. Robinson, President *Leap in Action***
  - Mission Statement: *National Garden Clubs, Inc. provides education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.*
  
- SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION OF NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS
  - (www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org)
  - **Sarah Ann F. Parler, Director *Inspire Conservation Through Education***
  
- VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
  - (www.viriniagardenclubs.org)
  - **Janice M. Clem, President *Making Connections to Shape the Future***
  
- PIEDMONT DISTRICT OF VFGC (www.viriniagardenclubs.org)
  - **Melissa Damiano, President *Dream Green, Create in Color!***

# ABOUT RAPPAHANNOCK GARDEN CLUB

## Club Creed:

“If you’d have a mind at peace,  
A heart that cannot harden,  
Go find a door that opens wide  
Upon a lovely garden.”

Symbol: Holly

Bird: Bluebird

Tree: Dogwood

Flower: Rose

Colors: Red and Green

## Song:

“If you’d have a mind at peace,  
A heart that cannot harden,  
Go find a door that opens wide  
Upon a lovely garden.”

## A Garden Collection

Help us, O Lord, to grasp the meaning of happy growing things, the mystery of opening bud and floating seed, that we may weave it into the tissue of our faith in life eternal.

Give us wisdom to cultivate our minds as diligently as we nurture tender seedlings, and patience to weed out envy and malice as we uproot troublesome weeds.

Teach us to seek steady root growth, rather than a fleeting culture, and to cultivate those traits which brighten under adversity with perennial loveliness of hardy borders. Thank God for gardens and their message, today and always! *Amen.*

## Past Presidents

### Rappahannock Garden Club

Mrs. Henry Maddox\*  
Mrs. H. D. Rightmire\*  
Mrs. J. P. Robinson\*  
Mrs. J. T. Thurston\*  
Mrs. Stanley Steward\*  
Mrs. H. E. Flowers\*  
Mrs. E. W. Conway\*  
Mrs. H. C. Greene\*  
Mrs. H. J. Haggard\*  
Mrs. R. D. Peckham\*  
Mrs. J. E. Hess\*  
June Edmonds\*  
Mrs. W. E. Gregg, Jr.\*  
June Edmonds\*  
Anita Shawver  
Vivian Johnson  
Marguerite Ritchie\*  
Edna Earle Mizelle  
Catherine Bennett  
JoAnn Smith  
Aleta Hoffman  
Jennifer King  
Loya Wheatley  
Billie Barnes  
Sandra Harris  
Ann Burgess  
**Cathie Elliott**

\*Deceased

## “Golden Trowel”

### Most Valuable Gardener Award *Annual recognition of one club member's outstanding service.*

2006 Jenny Boyenga  
2007 Susan Edmonds  
2008 Sandra Harris  
2009 Ann Hecht  
2010 Sharon Rowe  
2011 Aleta Hoffman  
2012 Deborah Brooks  
2013 Judy Ripley  
2014 Bonnie Schaschek  
**2015 Anne Warner**

## Life Members – Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

Mrs. W.W. Atwood\*  
Catherine Bennett  
Jenny Boyenga  
Ann Burgess  
June Edmonds\*  
Cathie Elliott  
Mrs. George Fugere  
Sandra Harris  
Aleta Hoffman  
Vivian Johnson  
Jennifer King  
Edna Earle Mizelle  
Marguerite Ritchie\*  
Anita Shawver  
JoAnn Smith  
Loya Wheatley  
Maxine Wilson\*

## 2015 CLUB AWARDS

**The Most Valuable Gardener (MVG) Award**, the most prestigious club award, is presented to a member who is in good standing and has gone above and beyond club expectations. The recipient is chosen by membership vote. A new committee is appointed yearly to officiate nominations and voting processes.

**Artistic Design, Horticulture and Food Gardens awards**, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places are awarded to members with the highest cumulative exhibition points. The Artistic Design and the Horticulture Committees each maintain an accounting of exhibition points.

- Artistic Design monthly exhibits are limited to one entry in each class (unless otherwise noted in schedule).
- Horticulture/Food Garden monthly exhibits are limited to a total of ten entries (10 Horticulture or 10 Food Garden or 10 of a combination).

Monthly exhibition points are as follows for all categories:

Blue = 5 points    Yellow = 2 points    Best in Show = 10 points

Red = 3 points    White = 1 point

### **RGC 2015 EXHIBITION AWARD RECIPIENTS**

<b>Artistic Design:</b>	<b>First Place:</b>	<b>Deborah Brooks</b>
	<b>Second Place:</b>	<b>Debbie Burgess</b>
	<b>Third Place:</b>	<b>Ann O'Byrant</b>
<b>Horticulture:</b>	<b>First Place:</b>	<b>Deborah Brooks</b>
	<b>Second Place:</b>	<b>Marty Wilson</b>
	<b>Third Place:</b>	<b>Sharon Rowe</b>
<b>Food Gardens:</b>	<b>First Place:</b>	<b>Bonnie Schaschek</b>
	<b>Second Place:</b>	<b>Carol Clark</b>
	<b>Second Place:</b>	<b>Sharon Rowe</b>
	<b>Third Place:</b>	<b>Ann Hecht</b>

## 2015 DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

RGC's Treasurer reported the following donations made last year to community projects and events. The amounts listed do not reflect the contributions of members' time, materials and additional monetary contributions.

Northern Neck Free Health Clinic for landscaping and maintenance of the Clinic gardens: ..... \$165.18  
Flower Power for flowers purchased for use in arrangements for patients in Rappahannock General Hospital: .....\$134.12  
Special Community Events: YMCA Festival of Trees for Guardian, Reedville Fisherman's Museum, Boys & Girls Club: .....\$175.02  
Sunshine: .....\$131.40  
Blue Star Memorial Project landscaping and maintenance: ...\$78.51

# 2016 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members of Rappahannock Garden Club,

The Theme for 2016 is Environmental Stewardship – participate, educate, implement and restore.

**Environmental Stewardship** - definition refers to responsible *use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices*. Aldo Leopold (1887–1949) championed environmental stewardship based on a land ethic dealing with man's relation to land and to the animals and plants which grow upon it.

Every environmental steward has his or her own definition of what stewardship means to them, often it involves a sense of personal responsibility for ensuring our natural resources are sustainably managed for our own quality of life, and for future generations. Stewardship of the environment can include recycling, conservation, regeneration, and restoration. Simply put, pick up papers you drop outside, limit pesticides and fertilizers on your lawn, recycle products, don't pour coffee, soda or other liquids on the street or parking lots, and, don't wash your car in your driveway because the storm sewers usually go directly into main waterways. Carry your own bags, take along canvas bags on your weekly shopping trip so you don't have to use paper or plastic. Go organic. When you can buy organic foods, fewer chemicals are used when they are grown or produced. Plant to bring wildlife and pollinators to your garden.

- **Educate** - create a youth program at the NN Boys & Girls Club, local Libraries and other opportunities as they present themselves and the presentation of monthly programs to membership and guests.
- **Implement** - establishment of a scholarship program for students majoring in one of the following fields of study:
  - -Agriculture Education                      Habitat or Forest Systems Ecology
  - -Agronomy, Horticulture                      Plant Pathology/Science
  - -Botany, Biology                                  Land Management
  - Rural and Urban Planning                      Landscape Design
  - -Floriculture, Forestry                          Wildlife Science
  - Also Environmental Concerns: Management: Environmental, Horticulture Resource/Environmental Behavior

## 2016 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE cont.

- **Participate/Restore:** In the *Million Pollinator Garden Challenge* A campaign to register a million public and private gardens and landscapes to support pollinators. Our members will be asked to provide food and a habitat for pollinators in our home gardens or in a container on a deck, window planter, in our public garden project (FHC), and our youth garden projects.
- **Membership:** *Plus, One Membership Program – Bring a Friend to the Club Meeting* We need to continue inviting prospects to our meetings, in order to grow our club.
- **Meetings:** We have very interesting programs scheduled, starting with a kickoff meeting with the President of VFGC, Janice Clem. April is *Butterflies* with Donna Cottingham, May's program is *Patio and Square Foot Vegetable Gardening*, John Lundsford is the speaker. In June Barbara Dillard, NGC Master Accredited Judge will be here to discuss *Container Gardening*. July is *Living Gifts* with Jenny Boyenga, August *Life in Color* with Kathleen Noffsinger and September will be *Plants for Late Winter* with guest Ann Olson, October *Fall Container Gardening* with Nancy Hargroves and November is *Holiday Design Workshop* with demonstrations by RGC members.

I am looking forward to a very progressive and productive two years

Happy Gardening,

Bonnie Schaschek – President



# 2016 OFFICERS

## RAPPAHANNOCK GARDEN CLUB

December 2015–December 2017

### ELECTED OFFICERS

President:	Bonnie Schaschek
First Vice President:	Jenny Boyenga
Second Vice President:	Tami McCauley
Recording Secretary:	Ann O'Bryant
Treasurer:	Robin Perks

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Jacobs
Historian:	Sandra Harris
Chaplain:	Cheryl Brown Davis
Parliamentarian:	Anne Skerrett

### 2016 Members

40 Active

9 Associate

14 Emeritus

1 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Master Accredited Judge

# 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 1	Spring Edition <i>FOOTPRINTS</i>	<i>Deadlines for Submitting Articles</i>
Feb 15	Deadline for Grant Applications – Piedmont District	
Feb29 - Mar 3	Flower Show School, Course 3	Richmond, VA
Mar 10	Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting	
Mar 13-15	SAR Convention	Raleigh, NC
Apr 2	Gardening in the Northern Neck Seminar	White Stone, VA
Apr 4	Piedmont District Meeting	Richmond, VA
Apr 14	Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting	
Apr 25-27	VFGC Convention	Lynchburg, VA
May 1, 2016	Summer Edition <i>FOOTPRINTS</i>	<i>Deadlines for Submitting Articles</i>
May 2-7	NGC Convention	Grand Rapids, MI
May 12	Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting	
May 20 -21	Just Gardens	Lancaster County, VA
June 9	Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting	
July 14	Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting	
Aug 1	Fall Edition <i>FOOTPRINTS</i>	<i>Deadlines for Submitting Articles</i>
Aug 11	Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting	
Aug 29 – Sept 1	Flower Show School, Course 4	Lynchburg, VA
Sept 8	Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting	
Sept 12	PD FSJC Meeting	
Sept 15	<b>DEADLINE:</b> VFGC Grants to Beautify & Restore	
Oct 10	Piedmont District Meeting	Richmond, VA
Oct 13	Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting	
Nov 1	Winter Edition <i>FOOTPRINTS</i>	<i>Deadlines for Submitting Articles</i>
Nov 10	Rappahannock Garden Club Meeting	
Dec 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Awards to Dist Chair	
Dec 8	Rappahannock Garden Club Yearend Luncheon	

# CLUB GOALS FOR 2016 – 2017

**Theme for the next two years: Environmental Stewardship**

NGC's theme is "Leap into Action;" SAR's is "Inspire Conservation Through Education" VFGC's is "Making Connections to Shape the Future;" and the Piedmont District's theme is "Dream Green, Create in Color!" These themes embody the basic principles that we all believe in when it comes to our environment and our beloved planet. In 2016 – 2017 we need to work together as Environmental Stewards to support the themes and projects of NGC, SAR, VFGC and Piedmont District in everything we do.

## **Club Projects:**

- Promote awareness of National Garden Club, VFGC and Piedmont projects through Education and participation.
- Reformat and publish a 2016 Club Brochure to distribute to guests and at local businesses with an emphasis on attracting new members.
- Promote Rappahannock Garden Club through advertising our monthly programs.
- Continue to support the club's standing committees and projects, including the following but not limited to: Northern Neck Boys and Girls Club; Free Health Clinic; Rappahannock Art League's Arts and Flowers; YMCA's Festival of Trees; and, Blue Star Memorial.
- Promote the Youth Program by participating in the programs supported by NGC, SAR and VFGC.

# 2016 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

*RGC will use the themes for NGC, VFGC and SAR for added inspiration related to the club's continuing projects and will generate new projects which will provide educational opportunities for the general public and children, especially, in keeping with the VFGC theme, "Making Connections To Shape The Future".*

*In keeping with RGC's goals (To Participate, To Learn, To Teach, To Improve, To Share, To Grow) and the Club's nonprofit status (which requires focus on charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes), RGC members have chosen to support the following community projects. Project goals are fulfilled by specific committees as listed in the Committee Section.*

## **Northern Neck Free Health Clinic (NNFHC)**

### **Project #1**

RGC is committed to improving our community. For 19 years, we have continued to improve and maintain the NNFHC landscape for the enrichment and enjoyment of patients, volunteers and staff. Many of the plants and shrubs that now thrive in the NNFHC landscape were transplanted from members' home gardens. Members have been responsible for all aspects of the garden from designing, funding, installing and maintaining plantings for all seasons. Committee members tend the garden throughout the year, often with significant assistance from family and friends. All club members are encouraged to participate on scheduled workdays. Donations include free and discounted plants, equipment and mulch from Farm and Home, Brent and Becky's Bulbs and other local businesses.

## **Blue Star Memorial Garden**

### **Project #2**

In support of NGC's ongoing project of placing Blue Star Memorial markers on our nation's highways to honor those who have served or are serving in the US Armed Forces, Rappahannock Garden Club installed and dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker in Lancaster Court House, Virginia, on May 21, 2011. RGC is committed to maintaining the marker and surrounding landscaping in cooperation with Trinity Episcopal Church, Virginia Department of Highways and the village of Lancaster Court House. Enhancements will, once again, be made to the landscaping with additional perennials, shrubs and annuals.

## 2016 COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS

### **YMCA Festival of Trees**

**Project #3**

For over 10 consecutive years, RGC will continue to support the Northern Neck YMCA annual Festival of Trees, a fundraiser benefitting the YMCA Guardian Program. The YMCA Guardian Program is a scholarship fund that offers services to the community regardless of ability to pay. RGC members create a holiday wreath, tree and/or centerpiece to be auctioned at the Northern Neck Family YMCA Festival of Trees. Donations from club members: greenery, flowers, containers, supplies.

### **Reedville Fisherman's Museum**

**Project #4**

RGC continues to create festive holiday table designs/vignettes to support the museum's annual fundraising event.

### **Supporting Monarch Butterflies as Pollinators**

**Project #5**

The Monarch butterfly population is declining worldwide due to loss of habitat. The club will follow the NGC's special project of the plight of the Monarch, and a commitment to creating gardens and habitat that will help to restore their population to health.

# 2016 YOUTH PROGRAMS

## **Flower Power**

## **Project #6**

Rappahannock Garden Club's Flower Power Committee has gone to the youth, Members will meet 3 –4 times a year with the youths at the Boys & Girls Club to teach the creation of floral arrangements in donated vases and mugs. The committee chair has oasis-filled containers ready for the design. Committee bring flowers, greenery from their yards, equipment/supplies, and a smiling face. As necessary, the chair will purchase flowers. Attached to each arrangement is a ribbon tag with our club name.

The youths will make 2 arrangements one which they may take home, the other will go to the patients at Rappahannock General Hospital.

Donations: flowers from members

## **Northern Neck Boys and Girls Club**

## **Project #7**

RGC partners with the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck to encourage youth participation in horticultural activities. Committee members will create hands-on experiences fostering future stewards of our community.

## **Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest**

## **Project #8**

The club will participate with local youth in the National Garden Clubs Inc. and U.S. Forest Service poster contest. The contest will help educate youth in becoming stewards of our environment and foster greater awareness of our planet.

## **The Frightened Frog, An Environmental Tale**

## **Project #9**

The club will follow the NGC's program which encourages the reading and discussing the Frightened Frog within our youth programs. It will take them on a quest to find an egg mass, tadpoles, frogs and other amphibians. We become educators and environmental stewards.