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Lisa Robinson Presents “Planting for Winter Interest”



In August, Lisa Robinson presented an extremely informative program on adding elements to the landscape that

provide form, texture and even color during the winter months. RGC members thoroughly enjoyed her presentation. Pictured above is new member Paula Brinser, Lisa Robinson, Loya Wheatley (former RGC President), Jenny Boyenga and Jenny's young guest, Chrissy Ketner.

“Life In Color” is September’s Program



Life is filled with color... and color gives us joy! Join Marilyn Sprouse, artist and art teacher at Lancaster Middle School, as she shares her knowledge of color as it relates to her life as an artist, designer, teacher and

creative woman. Whether working with canvas, paper, or fabric, everything begins as a blank slate waiting for the creative woman to work her magic of mixing, combining, organizing and placing colors to create a “wow” moment for observers. From color dominance to color harmonies, from the color wheel to values of lights and darks, from exaggerations to places for the eyes to rest, Marilyn will discuss planning for and enjoying a “life in full glorious color”!

RGC Members Heartily Welcome New Member, Paula Brinser



Paula Brinser was officially recognized as a new RGC member at the August garden club meeting. Paula is pictured left with President Schaschek receiving her official

nametag and her Horti-Helper. Paula served as an August hostess, attended the fieldtrip to Lisa Ziegler's farm and is excited about using her talents and skills from her business life to help out RGC. WELCOME Paula!! We're excited to have you come aboard.

August Hostesses Serve Up Delicious All-You-Can-Eat Salad Bar



August hostesses took advantage of fresh garden produce and put together a delicious salad bar, homemade gazpacho soup, and Italian bread served with olive oil and spices

in which to dunk their bread. Delicious brownies and seasonal fruit finished off the meal. Pictured from left are Tami McCauley, Cathie Elliott, Jo Manson, Jan Litsinger, Paula Brinser, Debbie Burgess, and Pat Willet (not pictured).

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**.*

Sidebar: 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 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.

August Best in Show Results



Check out this beautiful zinnia! Margie Redlin entered this flawless beauty. This is August for pete's sake!! Judge Jenny Boyenga commented on what an extraordinary specimen this was especially for August.



Cathie Elliott won Best in Show for her Class II, Designer's Choice interpretation.

Way to go Margie and Cathie!!

Homemade Fruits and Vegetables Needed for October Root Cellar Market



Ways and Means Chair, Jo Manson, is asking for donations of homemade canned fruits and vegetables in preparation for the

October Root Cellar Market. "When you are preserving the wonderful bounty from your garden, please consider 'donating' a few for the Root Cellar Market in October. We plan to have a larger than usual offering of homemade items in preparation for the anticipated larger crowd as a result of the program being presented by Nancy Hargroves who is our incoming NGC President." Regarding the October Meeting, please plan to invite someone to this special program presented by Nancy. It is described as "over the top." Think of a neighbor or friend to invite to the program on October 13th. Admission is \$10 for guests; free to RGC members.

Several RGC Members Have Monarch Waystations



Recently, a member survey was distributed to RGC Members. We have at least 11 members that either have a certified monarch waystation or are in the process of getting their certification. Way to go RGC members for helping our monarch butterfly population.



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 through 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.

RGC Receives Thank You Note



Jo Manson received the following thank you note from Dylan Rose, one of two \$1,000 RGC scholarship recipients:

Dear Rappahannock Garden Club,

I am writing to give thanks for having the honor of being the first recipient of the Garden Club Scholarship. I am deeply grateful, and appreciate being given this award.

I am planning on attending Virginia Tech in order to major in Biology, and to focus on working with animals and the environment. The assistance that this scholarship provides to help me pay for my college expenses is very valuable to me, allowing me to focus less on the financial costs and more on my studies.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I will make full use of the opportunities granted to me by this scholarship, by focusing on giving back to the world.

Sincerely,

Dylan Rose

RGC Members Conclude The Frightened Frog Program at the Boys and Girls Club



Since Monday, June 27th, RGC Members have been volunteering to teach lessons to 1st through 2nd graders at the Boys and Girls Club based on

The Frightened Frog, an NGC's President Project. Each week, the children were read to and taught about different aspects of an amphibian's life. August 15th marked the conclusion of this award-winning program. Special thanks to Mary Ann McKay who prepared the lesson plan for each week, determined the craft project that would be done and coordinated all of the basic craft supplies and facilitated the program each week. Freda, the frightened frog (as portrayed by Jenny Boyenga) dressed in costume each week and assisted Mary Ann by reinforcing the storyline each week. A total of 15 RGC club members volunteered over the course of the seven week program. According to Mary Ann, "I want to thank all of those who helped each week to bring this program to these young children. This would not have been a success without the devotion that everyone put forth." Donna Anderson who is the Board President at the BGCNN was interviewed at the conclusion of this program. According to Donna, "This was the best program I've seen presented to the young children at the club. The children really responded to the multi-day, multi-media, multi-person workshop that engaged them in learning, playing and reinforcing the importance of what we do in our environment." When President Schaschek was asked about the program, she responded "My special thanks to Mary Ann and her team for the wonderful job on the Frightened Frog Program. It was a delight to see the children's eyes light up when 'Freda the Frightened Frog' made her entrance and their enthusiasm with the stories, songs and craft projects. This program was a new project for the Rappahannock Garden

Club and I am extremely pleased it was so successful. I look forward to next year's program.”

In the final week of the seven week program, the children were given homemade frog cookies, juice and a goody bag filled with school supplies. They were presented with a frog sticker and green frog glasses and were commissioned to go out and to be good stewards of our environment, especially to our frightened frogs!

