



GARDEN DIRT



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RGC Members had the opportunity to hear from Carolyn Quinn from “Dug In Farms” in January. Carolyn shared the history of how she started Dug In Farms, her trials and tribulations, and her passion for farming in the Northern Neck. Carolyn is known for her engaging personality, her commitment to treating friends like family, selling produce that is sustainably grown and staying ‘local’.

RGC Member Judy Burlbaugh Wins Best In Show in Both Categories



Judy Burlbaugh won Best In Show for her beautiful creative line design. Not only did she win for artistic design, but she also won Best

In Show for her gorgeous spruce specimen. Congratulations Judy for a job very well done! Here’s Judy pictured with two other extraordinary



gardeners, Deborah Brooks and Debbie Burgess. (Judy pictured on left).

January Hostesses Deliver!



January hostesses included Cathie Elliott (chair), Sara Ford, Robin Perks, Carol Clark and Marty

Wilson. These ladies served up hot, delicious lasagna and bread and a delicious salad and desserts...just what we needed on a cold winter day. Thank you ladies.

Dr. Adam Wood to Speak in February



Clean, Contaminated, or Condemned? Dr. Adam Wood from the Virginia Department of Health, Richmond office, will share his knowledge of the

cleanliness of our waterways. Many of us not fortunate to be born here were drawn to the Northern Neck to experience ‘Rivah Life’. As one who lives here among us, Adam will share not only his professional knowledge of our waterways but local knowledge as one who lives among us.

February Assignments

- Hostesses: Pam Lazorchek (chair), Anne O’Bryant, Catherine Brincefield, Mary Ann McKay
- Judges: Cathie Elliott (accredited), Marty Wilson, Mary Jacobs
- Clerks: Susan Edmonds, Robin Perks
- Guides: Carol Clark, Jo Manson

Artistic Design Theme : Love

Class I

Traditional Line or Traditional Line Mass
Flower Show Handbook page 71.

Class II

DESIGNERS CHOICE OF STYLE, SIZE,
COMPONENTS AND MUST INTERPRET
CLASS THEME.
Flower Show Handbook –page 42.
Designing by Types

“Perfect” by Ed Shereen



I found a love for me
Darling just dive right in

And follow my lead

Well I found a girl beautiful and sweet

I never knew you were the someone waiting for
me...

February Horticulture Schedules

Learn to be an observer in all seasons. Every single day, your garden has something new and wonderful to show you. ~*Author Unknown*

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| Class II | Flowering Broadleaf Evergreens |
| Class III | Foliage Broadleaf Evergreens |
| Class IV | Camellias (shown with 1” stem in shallow 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 |
| Class XXXX | Displays |

February Gardening Chores



February may well be the toughest gardening month. Thank goodness, it's short.

- February is for planning
- Prune trees and shrubs, both ornamentals and fruit
- Finish your seed and plant catalog shopping and get your orders in
- What your houseplants for pests
- Replace mulch as needed
- Rejuvenate holly bushes with a hard pruning
- Start seeds of cool season vegetables and flowers
- Check flower beds for plants that may have heaved



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.

Important Dates Coming Up



Club Dues are now due. Active members pay \$50; Associate members \$60. Please send your check as soon as possible to our Treasurer, Robin Perks, payable to Rappahannock Garden Club.

Piedmont District Meeting on March 18th

Don't miss out on attending the Piedmont District Spring Meeting on March 18th at the Four Points Sheraton, Midlothian. Send your check for \$30 payable to Rappahannock Garden Club to Robin Perks, Treasurer, no later than February 14th. The program is a must see. Piedmont District Programs Director, Sally Harrison, reported: **Traditional Design at its Best on March 18, 2019** -- Have you ever been to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC or watched a service televised from the Cathedral? Then you know how very talented members of the National Cathedral Flower Guild are. We are in for a wonderful treat when members of the Cathedral Flower Guild come to Richmond for the Piedmont District meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019 to share design ideas with us. The secret starts with the mechanics and beautiful flowers!

Gardening In The Northern Neck Seminar

Sign up for the Northern Neck Master Gardener's annual seminar "Gardening In The Northern Neck" on March 23rd. Registration opens on February 1st. Sign up before this event sells out. Visit nmg.org for more details.

2019 VFGC Convention

The Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs (VFGC) 85th Annual Convention is scheduled for March 31 through April 2, 2019. It is being held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Williamsburg. Honored guest and NGC President, Nancy Hargroves, will be attending. Featured speakers include Jim Gray and Laura Viancour. Check your VFGC Old Dominion Gardener Winter 2018 edition for more information on this great event. You can also check out the RGC website for more details. The speakers and programs are always fantastic and the shopping experience superb! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

RAL Art Center to Hold Art and Flower Exhibit

The RAL Art Center is having an Art and Flowers Exhibit at the Gallery on April 5th and 6th, 2019. This is similar to the event hosted by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond in which designers interpret from the museum's beautiful works of art albeit on a much smaller scale. You are invited to choose any work of art inside the Gallery (not the Exhibit Room) which ranges from artwork on the walls to jewelry, pottery, sculpture and more. You may come to the gallery starting as early as March 1 to select the artwork that you would like to interpret. You will be given a card to fill out and place by the artwork so that no one else selects the same piece of art. A designer may choose more than one piece of artwork to interpret, however, no more than one piece of art can be selected for any one artist. Designers should arrange to bring their own pedestal or table. Setup will occur starting Thursday, April 4th in the afternoon from 2 to 4 pm. All designs must be in place by Friday morning. Designs must be picked up by Saturday, the 6th at 4 pm unless other arrangements are made.

This is always a fun event for everyone that participates. There are no rules and no judging will take place. You do not have to be a member of a garden club to participate. As a designer, it is fun to interpret artwork but it is also fun to view the designers' interpretations. Invite your friends and neighbors to come to the first Friday event, April 5th, from 5 to 7 pm or view the arrangements anytime on April 5th and 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Cathie Elliott at 703.304.3960 or email cjelliott411@yahoo.com.



Samples of Past Floral Interpretations