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Master Naturalist, David Roos, Knocks it Out of the Park



At our last garden club meeting of the year this past June, Master Naturalist, David M. Roos gave a rivoting presentation about what has been occurring in

the last 50 years in terms of the explosion of “advancements”, pesticides, GMO, global economy, growth regulators, and on and on...things were done in the 60’s but not this bad.’ He went full circle with what we can do to help. Change your aesthetic. Stop gardening for the look, garden for the senses. See the dandelion seed heads in the light of the full moon. Hear the birds. Listen to the buzz of bees on the clover. Be in awe of awareness. Garden club members really enjoyed his presentation.

Elliott Named Most Valuable Gardener



At the June garden club meeting, Jenny Boyenga presented the Most Valuable Gardener Award to Cathie Elliott. This award recognizes one member whose club efforts have gone above and beyond expectations. In addition, awards were also presented to club members for Artistic

Design. Cathie won 1st place, Deborah Brooks won 2nd place and Margie Redline won 3rd place. In Horticulture, Debbie Burgess won 1st place, Deborah Brooks won 2nd place and Sharon Rowe won 3rd place. In Food Gardens, Debbie Burgess won 1st place, Bonnie Schaschek won 2nd place and Deborah Brooks won 3rd place. Congratulation to all of these ladies for a job well done!

Cathie Elliott to Present Program in September



“Let’s Fall Together” -- RGC Member and NGC Accredited Judge, Cathie Elliott, will demonstrate how to design the new Cascade design type, one of several new designs in the 2017 Flower Show Handbook.

Thank You to our June Hostesses



June hostesses provided a wonderful luncheon spread. Hostesses included Cathie Elliott, Margie Redlin and special guest, Emily Lamming, Margie’s

granddaughter. Thank you ladies for a delicious luncheon. Cathie made the table arrangement in which she interpreted the June artistic design theme which was Octopus Garden.

September Assignments

Hostesses: Susan Edmonds (chair), Cheryl Brown Davis, Sharon Rowe, Joan Eremenko, Deborah Brooks

Judges: Darleen Nelson (NGC Accredited Judge), Margie Redlin, Katherine Pickle

Clerks: Mary Huyta, Ginni Baron

Guides: Mary Ann McKay, Cathie Ward

Artistic Design Theme: Made for Walking
Must use a boot or shoe for design

Class I

Artistic Craft (in new Botanical Arts Division)
Flower Show Handbook page 94 and 95.

Class II

Designer's choice of style, size, components and must interpret class theme.
Flower Show Handbook – page 42.
Designing by Types

Nancy Sinatra - These Boots Are Made for Walking



You keep saying you got
something for me
Something you call love but confess
You've been a'messin' where you shouldn't
've been a'messin'
And now someone else is getting all your
best
These boots are made for walking
And that's just what they'll do
One of these days these boots are gonna
walk all over you

Horticulture Classes for September 2018

Class XI	Tall Perennials
Class XII	Short Perennials (stem height not to exceed 12")
Class XIII	Tall Annuals
Class XIV	Short Annuals (stem height not to exceed 12")
Class XXIII	Dahlias
Class XXIV	Chrysanthemums – All sections
Class XXV	Ornamental Grasses
Class XXXII	Unclassified
Class XXXIII	Collections
Class XXXVII	Food Gardens – All sections
Class XXXVIII	Ivy and Vines

**Piedmont District Flower Show –
Plan to Participate and/or to Attend**



You are invited to attend the Oct. 8th flower show. Any NGC member is invited to enter!

The show will be big and exciting including new design types and old favorites, plenty of horticulture classes and educational exhibits. It will also include the new Botanical Arts Division. Many Top Awards offered! If you are interested in entering, registration is as follows:

Design --please register with Sally Harrison (sally.c.harrison@gmail.com), 804-784-2851

Horticulture --no registration necessary but exhibitors are limited to 3 entries

Educational exhibit -- please register with Lorraine Van Wickler (dragonfly14@va.metrocast.net) 804-453-6126

Botanical arts design -- (crafts and freedom of style) – please register with Diane Burgess (burgessdiane@gmail.com), 804-784-6716

Invite a Friend or Neighbor

The September meeting is an excellent opportunity to invite a friend, a neighbor, or someone you have met through your other clubs and organizations. There is no admission fee for guests.



***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**.*