



GARDEN DIRT



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RGC Kicks off 2017 with a Special Program on Creating Kokedama



2017 started off with a bang with a dynamic program on “KOKEDAMA— or Japanese Moss Balls”.

This program was presented by Jenny Boyenga and assisted by Cathie Elliott. Earlier in the week, Jenny and Cathie put together at least 15 of these little treasures and RGC members were given these as door prizes, a great way to start off the new year and to say thank you to our membership. Some members tried their hand at creating their own kokedama with the supplies that were provided. This program was well received by those in attendance.

Donna Cottingham Will Present Wild Flower Meadow Gardens in April



Donna Cottingham, VFGC State Chairman for Wildflowers is also a professional photographer. Explore nature’s amazing wildflowers and learn

about some unusual plants, plant/pollinator relationships, propagation and some strange characteristics of flowering plants. Find out about plant history and where some of our non-natives came from. Visit her ‘blog’: natureandgardening.blogspot.com

Artistic Design for the April Meeting



Artistic Design committee members, Joan Eremenko and Sara Ford, have developed a very creative artistic design theme for 2017. It’s based on the Rainbow. In April, the theme is “Red” and “Danger”.

Rainbows In Our Environment

April 13th – **Red**

Theme: “**Danger**”

Class 1: Construction Design, HB p. 198-199, Designing **By** Type, (DBT), pgs. 37-40.

Class 2: Small Design, HB p. 208, DBT pgs. 118-119.

Class 3: Designer’s Choice of style, size and components, must interpret class theme.

PlantFest Sale at Lewis Ginter



Lewis Ginter will hold their annual plant sale May 4th (members only) from 4 to 7 pm;

Friday, May 5th from 9 to 5 pm; and Saturday, May 6th from 9 to 3 pm. This is a well attended event.

Put this on your calendar. Grab a friend and take a day trip to Lewis Ginter for this plant sale.

Best in Show for March



Cathie Elliott won Best in Show for her Construction Design.



Debbie Burgess won Best in Show in Horticulture for her Japonica.

Change in Club Year Voted on at March Meeting



Currently, RGC meets March through December of each year. To sync our club with the state and national officers' terms, goals and objectives, a proposed change was discussed and voted on with a majority in favor. Instead of being off in January and February, RGC will be off in July and August. Parliamentarian, Anne Skerrett, has revised the bylaws to reflect the impact of this change. This document has been posted on the website. Please review this new language and bring any questions to Anne's attention at the April meeting.

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 club.

RGC Goes For the Blue at District



Four members attended the Piedmont District Meeting on March 13th in Richmond. RGC won seven blue ribbons for Frightened Frog, Youth Environmental, Butterfly, Newsletter, Club Brochure, Smokey Bear 4th grade and 5th grade. This is an outstanding accomplishment for our club. At the State level, RGC won a Special Achievement Award for the most monarch waystations. RGC received the Blue ribbon for medium size clubs and \$100! RGC also won red ribbons for Frightened Frog, Butterfly, Newsletter, Club Brochure, and Blue Star Memorial. Way to go RGC and congratulations to everyone for all of their hard work and dedication!

Happy Easter

