GARDEN DIRT

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Holiday Design Workshop Was Held in November

At the November garden club meeting, Emeritus NGC Judge Jenny Boyenga presented a design program featuring holiday designs and so much more. Members were amazed and dazzled by all of the creations that she prepared for display. Most of these beautiful items were raffled off to the delight of many recipients.

At the close of Jenny's program, members participated in a design workshop. New member Judy Burlbaugh created a beautiful design. Way to go Judy!

Members Cathie Elliott, Judy Burlbaugh, Aleta Hoffman and Robin Perks are shown left with a design made by Cathie and a whimsical design made by Jenny under the cloche.

RGC Members Welcome New Member Francie Huggins

President Bonnie Schaschek welcomed new member Francie Huggins at the November meeting. Francie Huggins and her husband Robert moved to the Northern Neck in February 2017, after her husband retired from working for the Marine Corps. Francie and Robert are from Roanoke, Virginia where they met and where later married in Newport News. Over the years they crossed the country together and were delighted with a wonderful son John, who continues to bring joy into their lives.

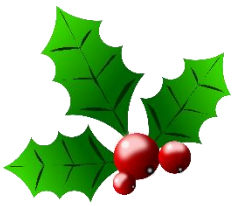
Francie graduated from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia and did Visual Merchandising and Design work for over 25 years for companies like IKEA, The Bombay Company, and MCCS in Northern Virginia. She always used flowers in her event work for cosmetic and fashion promotions and eventually wanted to learn more.

She was impressed with the knowledge, artistry, and skill of the ladies of the Rappahannock Garden Club. But the best thing was the stories that members told her of friendships, full of warmth and care over the years among the members. Francie and her family are looking forward to many happy years here in this wonderful part of the world.
Her interests in gardening and design are enjoying the local gardens and nurseries and their beautiful lush garden to table food and floral designs.

Francie is extremely excited to learn more about artistic design and horticulture. Please welcome Francie!

RGC Members Participate in the Festival of Trees

RGC Members Debbie Burgess and Cathie Elliott participated in the Festival of Trees at the YMCA November 30th through December 2nd. This event is one of RGC's community outreach activities. Proceeds from this event help fund the YMCA's Guardian program. This tree was a coastal, nautical inspired creation that both ladies created with love.



The Christmas Luncheon will be held at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club on Thursday, December 14th. The social hour begins at 11:30.

RGC Members Conduct New Member Orientation

On Wednesday, December 6th, new members Gloria Romaine, Judy Burlbaugh and Catherine Brincefield participated in a new member orientation at the home of Susan Edmonds, Membership Chair. Susan led the discussion with an overview of the club. Jenny Boyenga and Cathie Elliott discussed artistic design. Debbie Burgess and Bonnie Schaschek discussed horticulture and food gardens. All three ladies thoroughly enjoyed the orientation and found it extremely informative.

Root Cellar and Ways and Means Made Big $$ in November

The Root Cellar was open for business at the November club meeting. Margie Redlin coordinated all of the items that were raffled off and sold. BBQ plates were sold, complements of John Boy's BBQ. Jenny Boyenga donated many items from her holiday design program for raffling. Anne Warner prepared custom made notecards (see above left). RGC Members donated additional funds. In total, RGC made over $500 that will go towards our scholarship fund for 2018.

January 2018 Assignments and Program

Members are busy, busy, busy finalizing 2018 programs and assignments. Changes to the website pertaining to 2018 programs and assignments are underway. In the meantime, here are the assignments for January 11th:

Hostesses: Deborah Brooks, Joan Eremenko, Karen Rosenfeld, Robin Perks
Clerks: Sara Ford
Guides: Pam Lazorchak, Susan Edmonds
Judges: Jenny Boyenga (accredited), still need two novice judges

Program: January 11th – Bonnie Schaschek
RGC President, Master Gardener (extraordinaire) will present information pertaining to soil evaluation, seed starting and much much more.

Artistic Design: For 2018, the theme will be "Songs"

January 11, 2018 Theme: SONG by ELTON JOHN
Must use green in the design

Class I
Creative line design
Flower Show School HB page 74, D
Designing By Types – pages 41 - 5O

Class II
Creative line mass design
Flower Show School HB - page 74, E
Designing By Types - pages 42, 48, 49

January by ELTON JOHN

Must have been the right month
Must have been a good time
Must have counted every cloud in the sky that night
Every single glass of wine
Must have learned some home truths
Sitting in that cool grass
Must have counted every blade in that emerald field
Every shooting star that passed
Should have had a talk with god
Sitting in the great unknown
Watching all the lovers in the world get together
Sitting in heaven all alone
And we were love's knot after summer
Tied together in the dead of winter
Wrapped up with spring fever in the air
Bound together in the autumn
Every month means a little something

Horticulture and Food Gardens for January:

Class II	Flowering Broadleaf Evergreens
Class III	Foliage Broadleaf Evergreens
Class IV	Camellias (shown with 1" stem in shallow container)
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

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.***