

THE IVY ANCHOR

The Hampton Roads Garden Club Newsletter

November 2024

This fall has been remarkably beautiful with so many vivid colors in the landscape. I encourage you to take time to admire the beautiful fall palette around us! Don't miss it, it doesn't last long!



I want to thank all of you who were able to join us in Richmond for our October meeting at the Kent -Valentine House. I think everyone would agree that it was worth the drive! Thanks, again to Allison Clock for making it happen for us.

I had the great pleasure of attending the annual GCV Board of Governors meeting in Norfolk, October 22nd-24th. I will share the highlights with you at our November meeting.

Many thanks to our dedicated and talented Fine Arts and Flowers committee, Stacy Queensbury, Page Kremp and Anne Harrison Harris. I am so proud of your fantastic job! Although I couldn't join our group that travelled to Richmond to see the outstanding collection of floral arrangements, I have seen some pictures and heard lots about it. So much creativity! Thanks to Mary Johnson for organizing it!

Our November meeting program will feature Eva Clark who will offer us "Easy Steps Toward a Healthier Yard". Now is the time to get ready for a beautiful spring yard.

Please remember to bring your Poinsettia Sales orders and money to the meeting and give them to Rita Quinn. Sign up to help with deliveries! Don't miss the opportunity to sign up for the Charleston Bus Trip, March 17-22, 2025. Invite a friend!

We will welcome new member Melanie Wharton who accepted our invitation to join us as an active member. Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her to the fun! Thanks to each of you that keep us rolling together as a productive and lively group of gardening gals! I look forward to seeing you on November 5th!

Ann Fisher, President



November Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Time: 9:30 Social; 10:00 Business Meeting

Place: Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, McKeithan Hall; 414 Hiden Blvd, Newport News, VA. 23606

Parking: A parking lot is available behind the church.

Program: "Easy Steps Towards a Healthier Yard" Presented by Eva Clark of Garden of Good and Eva. Eva is also a Garden Consultant and a Master Gardener.

Hostesses: Maryann Ayer and Martha Sides

RSVP: If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact Recording Secretary Jennifer Dick at jdick@vahs.com or 757-719-7574.



HRGC Poinsettia Sale

All Poinsettia Order Forms and payments are due back at the HRGC November 5th Meeting.

-Tuesday December 3rd is pick-up day for all members at Anderson's Garden Center, 11250 Jefferson Ave., Newport News VA 23601. Pick up times are from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Please mark your calendar and plan to pick up your orders on time.

-Friday December 13th and Friday December 20th are pick up days for larger orders. Volunteers will be needed to help deliver the large orders to area businesses and churches.

-A volunteer sign up sheet for helpers will be passed out at the November meeting.

-If you have any questions, please contact Poinsettia Chair Rita Quinn at rquinn@hrhr-inc.com or at 757-754-8307



HRGC Bus Trip To Charleston

Planning for the 2025 HRGC Bus Trip to Charleston is in full swing but we need help from our members. We have 17 seats left on the bus to fill. As you know this is a fundraiser for our club and we need to have a full bus in order for the trip to be successful. Please join us for four fun filled days of shopping, eating at great restaurants and touring beautiful homes and gardens. Start thinking about friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers who

might be interested in going with us. All members should have received a detailed email with information about the trip but the highlights are included below.

- Mark your calendar for Monday March 17, 2025 through Thursday March 20, 2025
- Prices remain the same as last year: Single Room \$1200; Double Room \$775; Triple Room \$675
- Price includes a room at the Embassy Suites, breakfast and two happy hour drinks each day; ticket to the South Battery Home and Garden Tour; Chick Fil A lunch on the bus on the return trip.
- Shopping discounts and a shopping event at Gretchen Scott one evening.
- Fun stops at Cracker Barrel, Buc-ee's, and DeWaynes Garden Center.
- Don't miss the fun on the bus, wonderful snacks and drinks, and games and prizes!

To secure a spot on the trip a \$100 deposit is required now. Checks should be made payable to Hampton Roads Garden Club. Full payment is due by February 4, 2025. No cancellations after January 15, 2025. Contact Kristin Barnes or Jane Quinn for more information.

Meet Our New Members



Anne Chisman Abraham

Anne and her husband Warren reside in Suffolk. Anne was born and raised in Hampton where as a child she lived one block away from HRGC members Ann Fisher, Jane Quinn and Sue Martin. Their brother married Anne's oldest sister. She has three children, Chip and Tom Hogge who are identical twins, and Wythe Hogge; and two stepdaughters Courtney Marshall and Ashley Abraham. Ann has 10 grandchildren (7 boys and 3 girls). At the end of 2023 Anne retired as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker specializing in death

and dying, grief and loss. Anne worked at EDMARC, our local pediatric hospice center. She was honored to work with families after their child died and help them through their grief through the support group Peace by Piece. Anne says that this experience changed her life, and other than her children, has been her greatest blessing. Anne volunteers at St. John's Church as a Lay Eucharist Minister, Flower Minister and a past Vestry Member. She is also a Hollins University Alumnae Board Member. In her spare time Anne enjoys traveling, with her favorite vacations spots being Italy and Nags Head. She loves spending time with her family and playing cards and board games. Anne's favorite flower is the Hydrangea and her favorite bird is the Robin!



JoAnne Piazza Trimbur

JoAnne and her husband Jeffery live in Newport News. She has lived the majority of her life on the Peninsula other than 4 years that she lived in Norfolk. JoAnne is retired but initially was a Mechanical Engineer at Newport News Shipbuilding. She later decided to attend medical school and became a Family Physician. JoAnne enjoys walking, playing golf, riding her bicycle, kayaking, reading and traveling. Her favorite place to travel is France, specifically the French countryside. JoAnne's favorite restaurant is Indulge Bakery and Bistro in Newport News. JoAnne says her favorite flower is Gladiolus or

morning glory because they remind her of her grandmother who loved her garden and grew beautiful flowers. She always had red and yellow glads and some morning glories growing in the garden. JoAnne's favorite bird is the Cardinal!



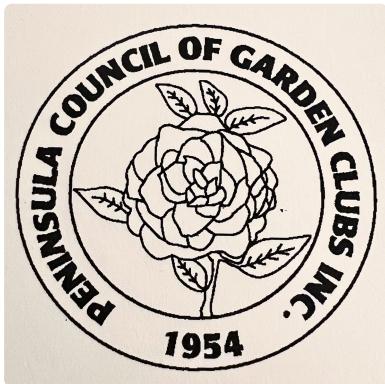
Yearbook Additions

Please add our New Members' contact information in your HRGC yearbook.

Abraham, Anne Chisman (Mrs. Warren B.)
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Email: acabraham@charter.net

Trimbur, JoAnne Piazza (Mrs. Jeffery A.)
316 Woodroof Rd., Newport News, 23606. Cell: 757-535-6069
Email: trimburjp@gmail.com

Please remember to send any changes to your contact information to Sidney Jordan at sidneyj224@gmail.com and Maureen Hutchens at monohutch@icloud.com. You may access the entire membership roster on the HRGC Blog "The Dirt" at <http://thehrgc.wordpress.com>, password is boxwood (all lower case).



Peninsula Council of Garden Clubs

The next meeting of The Peninsula Council of Garden Clubs is Friday November 8th at 10 am at the Woman's Club of Hilton Village, 87 Main Street, Newport News, 23601. The program is "In a Nutshell, Why Squirrels Matter" presented by Gloria Nelson of the Colonial Heritage Garden Club. Lunch will follow the meeting. All PCGC meetings are free and open to all HRGC members to attend. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Martha Sides.



GCV's 66th Annual Conservation Forum

Held this year in beautiful Martinsville, Virginia, GCV's annual Conservation Forum is open to the public, so please share this invitation with any friends and contacts that may be interested in attending.

This year's forum, "Restoring our Ecological Foundation: How to Save Earth's Essential Birds & Insects," will feature speakers sharing critical information to support conservation efforts at home

and in local communities. Attendees are also invited to join us the evening prior at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville for dinner and tours of the museum.

Read more about the forum speakers and other event information below.

Main event details:

Thursday, November 7

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 a.m.)

The New College Institute Baldwin Building

Martinsville

\$45 registration, free for students

Optional dinner:

Wednesday, November 6

5:30 to 8 p.m.

Virginia Museum of Natural History

Martinsville

\$30 per person; cash bar by Hamlet Vineyards

Buffet dinner from Checkered Pig Barbecue, casual attire

Lodging available at the Hampton Inn and Comfort Inn, Martinsville (additional details on the event registration page).

Register for the Conservation Forum here: https://gcvirginia.org/event/conservation-forum-2/?mc_cid=8e27da9f5a&mc_eid=0d3e6efd54



Leave the Leaves!

Good news: If you're tired of raking and bagging leaves, you'll be happy to know that October is "Leave the Leaves" month. Read on to learn some reasons not to clean up the fallen leaves and some practical tips for keeping your leaf-loving garden looking great. <https://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/landscaping-and-hardscaping/what-does-leave-the-leaves-mean-and-why-you-should-do-it>



Horticulture Highlights

As autumn leaves begin to fall, many gardeners reach for their pruning shears. But wait! Not all shrubs benefit from a fall trim. Horticulture and Artistic Design Chairman Page Kremp submitted the following article entitled "10 Shrubs You May Not Want to Cut Back in the Fall". Click here to explore ten stunning shrubs that prefer to keep their branches intact during the cooler months.



October Meeting Highlights

Our October Membership Meeting was held in Richmond at GCV's Kent-Valentine House. We started the day with a tour of the newly renovated house hosted by Karen Ellsworth, HGW Director.

Highlights included the refurbished gorgeous mirrors, artwork, antique furniture and architectural trim that adorn the rooms at KVH. Upstairs we were able to see the updated board room and a couple of new offices that have been created for staff members.

After the business meeting our program, "Flower Show Arranging

Styles and Floral Demonstration" featured Renee Gardner, GCV Artistic Design Chair, and Rose Marie Bundy, Artistic Design Committee Member. Two arrangements were created in the Contemporary Casual Style. Members received many tips and advice for flower arranging and were entertained by Renee and Rose Marie's humor and stories. Two of our November birthday ladies, Julie LoCicero and Sue Morgan went home with the arrangements. After the program we enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon with table decorations made by Allison Clock.



Renee Gardner with her finished arrangement in Contemporary Casual Style.



Rose Marie Bundy gives members some tips on how this beautiful arrangement was made and things that you should avoid to keep the judges happy.



HRGC members enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch. Fall pumpkins made by Allison Clock adorned the tables.



How to Make Your Own Decoupage Pumpkins

Allison Clock, who provided these lovely decorative pumpkins for the luncheon, has kindly shared directions on how to make a decoupage pumpkin for your fall tablescape.

Ingredients:

White pumpkin

Napkins with white or cream background to match color of pumpkin (I used Caspari)

Mod Podge - Matte or Gloss

Scissors

Fat flat (inexpensive) paint brush

Parchment paper

Lay pumpkin upright on Parchment paper..

Napkins: cut out small groups of leaves, more than you think you might need so you will have more choices when you select your groupings.

The napkins are usually three-ply. After cutting "groups", pull off one or two of the layers, on all groupings to create thinness. You want to do this before gluing begins, you may have glue on your hands.

Paint Mod Podge on an area of the pumpkin that is the approximate size for one group.

Press this group down gently with palm or two or three fingers together, trying not to slide the delicate paper.

TIP: Painting Modge Podge directly onto the napkins can cause the paper to shred.

Once all the paper has been applied, go back over the edges with your finger dipped in ModgePodge to seal or tighten the groups down or carefully use paint brush brushing or pressing as you go.

Cutting groups takes the most time.

Happy Fall, Allison!



Fine Arts and Flowers

On Thursday, October 24, 2024, thirteen members of HRGC traveled to Richmond to attend Fine Arts and Flowers at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. This biennial exhibition pairs artworks from the museum's permanent collection with interpretive floral arrangements created by members of the Garden Club of Virginia, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, and Ikebana of Richmond. Started in 1987, proceeds from the event support selected museum initiatives and exhibitions at VMFA .

Upon our arrival we gathered together with a mission to find our club's arrangement that was put together by club members Stacy Queensberry and Page Kremp, with research and planning help from Anne Harrison Harris. With 76 arrangements throughout the three floors of the museum we felt as if we were on a scavenger hunt! However, with many map readers among us we found our way, and when we turned a corner and saw the arrangement, we were all so proud to tell people that we were from the HRGC and this was our arrangement. It was beautiful and captured the artwork behind it so perfectly.

As a reminder our artwork was a painting entitled "Otto and Maschka Muller in Atelier" by Ernst Ludwig Kirchner. The bold, vivid and jarring colors and exaggerated forms of this painting were a big drawing point for depiction in floral form. Kirchner wanted to show expression of raw, unfiltered and distorted emotions to convey the anxiety and experiences of modern life. He also aimed to bridge old/primitive and new/contemporary artwork. Many flowers were chosen to represent old and new, loose lines of the bohemian atmosphere and tight buds for modern urban life of form and texture. The lines of the flowers will follow the shape of the skirt and movement of her body while also portraying a bold and rigid backdrop of the shelf and desk.

Flowers included were: Willow, blue thistle, purple statice, purple liatris, purple anemone, purple sweet William, yellow yarrow, yellow alstroemeria, yellow and orange carnations, yellow spray roses, orange hypericum, orange free spirit roses. Container represents old and primitive.

After swooning over out arrangement and taking many pictures, we ventured throughout the museum to view the many beautiful and creative arrangements that reflected all types of art such as paintings, textiles, statues, pottery, and much more. I think we were all in awe of the innovative

ideas that the arrangers came up with to depict the art they represented. After the museum several of us headed out to Short Pump for lunch at The Cheesecake Factory and then then did a little shopping at Tweed and Hobby Lobby. We all agreed that it had been a really fun day and that we were so proud of how Stacy, Page and Anne Harrison represented our club at the VMFA!

Submitted by Mary Johnson



Our beautiful HRGC arrangement by Stacy Queensberry, Page Kremp and Anne Harrison Harris!



HRGC members stand proudly by our exhibit. From left: Jane Quinn, Ann Moir, Donna Herbert, Maryann Ayer, Teresa Robinson, Sam Bishop, Mary Johnson, Maureen Hutchens, Associate Amine Morgan, Allison Hund, Associate Marsha Amory, Trish Lively, and Martha Sides.



Huntington Garden Club by
Carla Rice



Garden Club of Gloucester-
Mathews by Tina McManus &
Nina Watkins



Garden Club of the Northern
Neck by Fran King



Williamsburg Garden Club by
Terry Buntrock and Michele
DeWitt



Old Ivy Garden Club by Jane
Vandenburgh and Shelia
Weisensale



Kilmarnock Garden Club by
Genny Chase



Ikebana of Richmond by Evelyn Klumb and Annette Ernst



It's a family affair! Sam Bishop's husband John Bishop traveled to Richmond to see our arrangement!



Not to be outdone by John, Jennifer Dick's father Bob Pierce also visited the VMFA to view our arrangement!



You've Been Bloomed

Surprise someone with beautifully hand painted flowers! They will "grow" in the yard of the person receiving this special gift for 3 days. The recipient will receive a handwritten notecard in their mailbox, so please include the message you would like on the card and if you have a specific place in the yard you would like them placed, please let us know when placing your order.

Pricing: \$35 (3 Blooms) \$55 (5 Blooms) \$75 (7 Blooms)

Contact Ann Moir for Orders & Payments

Email: annmoir@cox.net



Cultivating Conversations

The next Cultivating Conversations will be held on Friday November 15, 2024. This month's topic will be Working with your Legislators! Registration will be available through the GCV Membership News on November 1, 2024.



Flower Arranging Mechanics Sources

The September 2024 Cultivating Conversations was entitled Flower Arranging Mechanics 201. In this session of Cultivating Conversations, expert arrangers Laura Francis and Jennifer Kelley explored mechanics for more complicated flower arrangements, going beyond kensans and chicken wire while demonstrating underwater and framed spatial designs. It was very informative

and if you missed the session and would like to view it, click [here](#):

<https://gcvirginia.org/event/flower-arranging-mechanics-201/>

Laura and Jennifer were kind enough to provide a list of Flower Arranging Mechanic Sources that may be helpful to all members as we prepare for our HGW arrangements. Access the list here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rPv3qdSVuzaa4wZemE7VB2Z3fJ0X7rEN/view>

From Our Members' Gardens

Martha Sides submitted this photo of a beautiful container in her garden. She wanted to point out that the orange Gerbera Daisy is a "left over" from April's Historic Garden Week! She finds it totally amazing that it has survived this long but says it may not be that surprising to a real gardener! Thanks for sharing with us Martha, that is one hardy Daisy!!



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to our members who are celebrating in November!

2-Sidney Jordan

2-Carrie Karnes

6-Debbie Tanner



Just For Fun!



Mary Johnson

Mary is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

