

The Ivy Anchor

The Hampton Roads Garden Club Newsletter

December 2024

The holiday season has arrived, and we find ourselves in the midst of the busyness that it brings. Don't forget to look for joy in every day!

I want to thank each of you for your love and support of the many and varied endeavors of our club, all to promote the conservation, restoration and beautification of our beautiful state, Virginia. Please consider donating to the GCV Annual Fund. Together we make a difference!



Thanks for including HRGC in your busyness this season.....

- Thank you for selling, buying and delivering poinsettias this year. Thanks to Rita Quinn for leading the charge and everyone that has signed up to help with deliveries!
- Thanks to Sherry Maynard for leading a group of our ladies in a cleanup day in the Hampton History Museum on December 4th.
- Thanks to Kristin Barnes and Jane Quinn for planning our Charleston Bus Trip this year. There are still openings so please call a friend and encourage them to join the fun!

I am looking forward to our December meeting and Holliday Luncheon at Anne Harrison Harris' home on December 10th. Thanks to our team of hostesses, Kristin Barnes, Sidney Jordan, Page Kremp, led by Ann Moir for planning a festive and yummy meal for us. See you there!

Wishing you an extra special holiday season!
Ann Fisher, President

December Meeting & Holiday Luncheon Notice

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024



Time: 10:30 Business Meeting, Holiday Luncheon to follow.

Place: The Home of Anne Harrison Harris, 3 Douglas Drive, NN

Parking: Carpooling is encouraged. Please park along the edge of the circle on Douglas Drive on the park side of the circle. Do not park your car on the residents side of the street. Any member with mobility issues may park in Anne Harrison's driveway.

Hostesses: Ann Moir (Captain), Kristin Barnes, Sidney Jordan, & Page Kremp

Meet Our New Member



Melanie Wharton

Melanie has lived on the Peninsula for almost 30 years. She and her husband Bob live in Newport News and have three grown children, Maggie who is 25 and engaged to Jordan, Bobby who is 23 and Libby who is 21. They also have two dogs, a golden retriever named Banks and a golden doodle named Millie. Melanie has worked for 14 years as a registered nurse in labor and delivery at Riverside Regional Hospital. In her spare time she loves working in her yard, crafting, building things, and DIY projects to enhance her home. Last winter she even built the mantle for her

house from scratch! Her favorite vacation spot is the beach and her favorite flowers are Peonies, Gerber Daisies and Hydrangeas.



Yearbook Addition & Changes

Please add our New Member's contact information to your HRGC yearbook:

Wharton, Melanie Lee (Mrs. James Robert)
35 Amy Brooks Drive, Newport News, VA. 23606
Cell: 757-715-3071; Email: melanie.wharton72@gmail.com

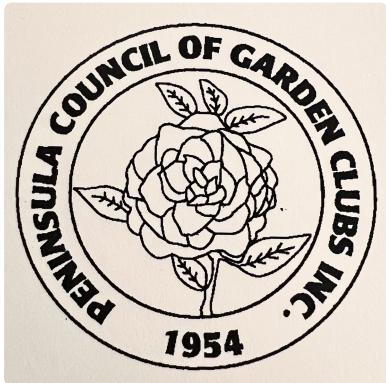
Please make the following changes to your yearbook:

Trant, Molly
P.O. Box 2028, Poquoson, VA. 23662
Cell: 757-746-0714; Delete Home Phone Number

Please move Rose Field from Active Member to Associate Member

Please remember to send any changes of 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

At the January 10, 2025 meeting of the Peninsula Council of Garden Clubs, the HRGC is one of three clubs responsible for providing refreshments. **At our December meeting Martha Sides will be passing out a sign up sheet for all members to sign up to contribute a dish for the PCGC luncheon.** As a club member of the PCGC this is one of our obligations. Since we are the largest club of the three contributing we are responsible for dishes that are not desserts. The smaller clubs will provide desserts.

Here are some suggestions from Martha: Veggie or Fruit Tray with Dip, Cheese & Crackers, Pasta Salad, Deviled Eggs, Mini Sandwiches, Chicken or Pimento Salad, or premade items from COSTCO!!

Please be prepared to sign up to contribute a dish for this event. Martha will have more details at the meeting. Thank you so much for your support!



Poinsettia Pick Up Day & Deliveries

Poinsettia Pick Up Day was a success! Thank you to our members who showed up on time with their trunks ready to be filled with beautiful holiday poinsettias in a variety of colors! Thank you to our members who volunteered to make it all run smoothly and helped deliver poinsettias to businesses and churches. As a reminder we have two more delivery days for churches. Here is the schedule and the volunteers. If you have any questions please contact Rita Quinn, Poinsettia Chair.

Friday December 13, 2024: Pick up time is 9:30 at Anderson's

- Hilton Presbyterian NN, Karan Mulkey, 18
- First Presbyterian Church Hampton, Jane Quinn, 21
- First United Methodist Church Hampton, Lori Shuford & Maryann Ayer, 25
- St. Stephens Episcopal Church NN, Carrie Karnes & Julie LoCicero, 30
- Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, Rose Field, 32

Friday December 20, 2024: Pick up time is 9:30 at Anderson's

- St. Andrews Episcopal Church, NN, Debbie Tanner, Martha Sides, Ann Moir, Jane Quinn, Rita Quinn, 85
- Hiddenwood Presbyterian Church, NN, Sandy Parks & Courtney Gilmore, 45

*Note: Courtney to pick up at 9:00



Cars line up ready to be filled with Poinsettia orders!



Beautiful, colorful Poinsettias from Anderson's Garden Center waiting to be delivered.



HRGC members and Martha Sides cute dog get organized for pick up!



Anderson's employees help to load Carrie Karnes car.



This order is packed up and ready for delivery.



Sidney Jordan and Ann Fisher load up a truck for a delivery!



How to Grow and Care for Poinsettias Through the Holidays and Beyond

Now that you have picked up your Poinsettias, how do you keep them alive?? Horticulture Chair Page Kremp has provided an article on Poinsettia care tips that will keep your plants thriving during the holiday season.

<https://www.bhg.com/gardening/houseplants/care/how-do-i-care-for-poinsettias/>



Charleston Bus Trip

We currently have 40 ladies signed up for our bus trip to Charleston in March. We need 52 to fill the bus and make this trip profitable for our club. If you plan to go and have not signed up please plan to do so at the December meeting. Kristin Barnes will have registration forms at the meeting. For members who have already signed up please be prepared to update your contact information, room selection and roommate name at the meeting. Balances for the trip will be due at the February 4, 2025 meeting.

Please invite your friends and family to join us for a fun-filled trip to one of the best cities in the South! If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Barnes or Jane Quinn.

Fundraising Raffle



Conservation & Beautification

A report on the GCV 66th Annual Conservation Forum submitted by Julie LoCicero, HRGC Conservation and Beautification Chairman.

I had the wonderful opportunity to travel with Ann Fisher and Allison Clock to Martinsville, VA for the 2024 Conservation Forum! Our adventure began on Wednesday, November 6th traveling through the beautiful countryside of Virginia, enjoying vistas of crop fields, farm animals and fall leaves. When we arrived in Martinsville, we stopped at a lovely local gift and dress shop, Janice Cain Stationery. That evening, we enjoyed a delicious dinner with other garden club members from cities/counties across Virginia. We even had a delightful tour of the Virginia Museum of Natural History!

On Thursday, we attended the very informative Conservation Forum that featured speakers discussing conservation efforts, interests, and educational development. Rather than trying to recount the voluminous amount of information presented by the speakers, I have included a link to their presentations below. One of the speakers, Heather Holm, presented a fascinating slideshow on her study of wasp behavior that is not in the below link; but I have a separate recording of the presentation that I will send later. Please enjoy the videos!

<https://vimeo.com/1030893263/cf9ba16a89>



CULTIVATING CONVERSATIONS

Bartlett Tree Experts

Jan. 17 | 10 a.m., via Zoom

Join our friends and partners from Bartlett Tree Experts as they share current research and care tips for our most majestic landscape anchors and essential ecological heroes, trees.

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYld-trD0tE9WG-Gb3Nc4jhHhAEUntTj4a?mc_cid=4f555fa193&mc_eid=0d3e6efd54#/registration

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to our December Ladies!

2- Maryann Ayer

8- Diane Koun (Associate)

13- Jennifer Dick

14- Ann Fisher

17- Carol Norfleet (Associate)

24- Marsha Amory (Associate)

24- Lee Kostel (Associate)

30- Anne Sweetman (Non-Resident)



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Mary Johnson

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