

The Ivy Anchor

The Hampton Roads Garden Club Newsletter

December 2022

The holidays are here which means a busy time for all of us preparing for celebrations with family and friends. It means a change in temperatures to cooler weather with our gardens going dormant until spring. It means shorter days and cozy nights by the fire. It means the end of one year and time to reflect on all that we have accomplished. As HRGC members we have a lot to reflect on as we have come back from two years of limited activity due to the pandemic to diving in full force to our many garden club activities. I want to thank all of you for your commitment to our club and the community that we serve. Each of you are an important part in accomplishing our goals each year but I think that the friendships that we make through working together is a gift that we all cherish. I hope during this busy time of year, that each of you can take a moment to take a deep breath, relax, and enjoy the beauty of this season with those you love. Happy Holidays! Mary



December Meeting & Holiday Luncheon

Date: Tuesday December 13, 2022

Time: 10:30 Meeting; 12:00 Luncheon

Place: The Home of Gay Huffman, 660 Deep Creek Road, NN, VA 23606

Parking Instructions: Parking is limited so please carpool. Once you arrive you will be directed to available parking.

Voting Meeting: This is a voting meeting as we have a New Member Proposal. If you cannot attend the meeting please contact Milly Wassum about the member proposal and then submit your absentee ballot to Sue Morgan.

Hostesses: Dale Banning, Allison Clock, Rose Field, Teresa Robinson, Becky Tench

RSVP: So that our hostesses have an accurate headcount for food, we are asking all members to **RSVP to Becky Tench by Tuesday December 6th.** Becky can be reached by email at bctench@gmail.com or by phone at 757-303-7948 (cell).

** As an added treat, we have been invited to tour Gay's home and garden workroom after the meeting.



Poinsettia Sale

Thank you to all of our members for your support of our annual Poinsettia Sale. Our Poinsettia Committee members Jane Quinn, Rita Quinn, Kristin Barnes and Trish Lively worked hard to make the sale a success. To those of you who shopped at Anderson's and ate lunch to help us receive an extra percentage of sales we so appreciate your help to increase our profit! To the volunteers who helped on Pick Up Day we had a fun day and couldn't have done it without you! And an additional thank you to those members who are still volunteering with our special deliveries throughout the month! More details to come after the holidays!



The Poinsettia Committee, Jane Quinn, Kristin Barnes and Rita Quinn are assisted by volunteers Mindy Beasley and Mary Johnson.



Volunteer Becky Tench helps Anne Sweetman load her beautiful Poinsettias into her car!



Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee, chaired by Joanna Bigley, has had a busy couple of months. They held a Charcuterie Board Class and planted and sold Amaryllis bulbs at the City Center Tree Lighting German Marketplace. Thank you to everyone who supported these

fun events!



Charcuterie Board Class

Page Kremp, Allison Clock, and Stacy Queensberry get ready to create their boards



A yummy board!



Proud of her board!

Sam Bishop proudly displays her delicious charcuterie board.



Amaryllis Bulb Planting

Teresa Robinson and Joanna Bigley begin planting over 60 bulbs!



Planting Fun

Mary Johnson, Ann Moir, and Birgit Kingsbury enjoying planting bulbs and getting their hands in the dirt.



City Center German Market

Ann Moir, Joanna Bigley and Mary Diggs sell the beautifully potted bulbs at the marketplace.



Community Projects

On Monday December 5th members from HRGC and HGC spent the morning with residents of Newport Harbour Apartments in a wreath making workshop. Wreaths, greenery, ribbon and all the trimmings were provided for the residents to choose from in order to make their wreaths. Instructions on how to make a bow were given and a fun day was had by all. Extra wreaths were made by our members for use around the community center during the holidays. Thanks to Birgit Kingsbury, HRGC Community Projects

Chair, Amanda Graham, Mindy Beasley, Sherry Maynard and HGC members Pam Henifin and Martha Elton for helping to spread some holiday cheer to the apartment residents.



Wreath Workshop

Martha Elton and Pam Henifin from HGC and HRGC member Mindy Beasley help residents get started with their wreaths



Adding Greenery

A resident begins to add magnolia leaves to her wreath.



Bows, Bows, Bows

Sherry Maynard instructs members on how to make a bow and add it to their wreath.



Beautiful



Completed Wreaths



A Showstopper

A resident proudly shows off her completed wreath.

A table holds many of the wreaths completed by the apartment residents.

A resident shows off her lovely wreath!



Residents and Committee Members display their beautiful holiday wreaths!



Danielle Rollins and Laura Dowling Events

In November many HRGC members attended two special events in our area. First, a group headed to Suffolk for a luncheon featuring Danielle Rollins, interior designer, event planner and floral arranger. Later in the month, members traveled to the Williamsburg Library for a presentation by Laura Dowling, former White House florist in the Obama administration. Both presentations were very interesting and our members have a fun day at each event.



Danielle Rollins

Danielle made many different floral arrangements.



HRGC Members ready for lunch!



HRGC and HGC members enjoying the event.

Linda Smith, Sue Morgan, Val Bowen, Mary Johnson and Ann Fisher stand behind Amanda Graham, Sherry Maynard, and Julie LoCicero

Donna Herbert, Mary Diggs, Courtnay Gilmore, Teresa Robinson, and HGC members Carla Rice and Martha Elton



Large Pedestal Arrangement



Beautiful Bowl Arrangement



Danielle signs copies of her new book.



Laura Dowling

Laura Dowling demonstrates her floral design techniques.



Laura Dowling and Anne Sweetman

Anne is pictured with Laura at the workshop she attended with Allison Clock after the demonstration. They received personal instructions from Laura on how to make a fall arrangement.



Beautiful Workshop Arrangement



Tips for the December Gardener

**Virginia Grown
December 2022**

In the South, where December brings welcome relief from the heat to plants and gardeners alike.

Take advantage by growing plants that you can't grow for most of the year and by undertaking tasks requiring vigorous physical activity.

Here are regional gardening tasks to perform to get the winter off on the right foot.

- You are at the end of another gardening year. This is a great time to take stock of your garden to determine which aspects of it you love most and which aspects you do not care for so much. You may wish to make changes for the next gardening year that give you more of the former and less of the latter. Hopefully, you have been taking photos of your garden and

recording your thoughts about it in a journal all year long, so that the process of evaluation does not rely solely on memory.

- If you have been [storing bulbs, corms, or tubers](#), check them to make sure that they are neither rotting nor totally drying out.
- Order seeds to plant in spring,
- Shelter tender plants with row covers when temperatures take a dip.
- Add [compost](#) to the garden.

Plant trees and shrubs.

- Prune [wisteria](#), starting with the longest vines. ***
- Finish planting spring flowering

• bulbs

(Submitted by HRGC member Teresa Robinson)



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to our December and January birthday ladies!

December:

13-Jennifer Dick

14-Ann Fisher

30-Anne Sweetman

January:

4-Anne Harrison Harris

13-Kathy Hutcheson

18-Sarah Huddleston

19-Gay Huffman

23-Trish Lively

Just For Laughs



"Face it, Fred—you're lost."

Hear me out....

**A party bus, but it
stops at plant shops
and garden centers**

