

# The Ivy Anchor

The Hampton Roads Garden Club Newsletter

## November 2022

Welcome Fall! The air is crisp, mums are blooming, leaves are turning, acorns are dropping and pumpkins are everywhere. After a long hot summer it's so nice to have some cooler temperatures as the days grow shorter. I love working in my garden and yard when it is cooler...pulling up weeds, raking the leaves, trimming back bushes and trees, and replacing summer flowers with fall pansies and cabbages. I hope that each of you can find some time in your busy schedule to enjoy the beautiful fall landscape of colors that nature provides us each year.

Mary

“A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer’s wave goodbye.”

—UNKNOWN



## November Meeting Notice

Down, down, yellow and brown, the leaves are falling all over the town!

As we all enjoy the beauty of fall, make plans to join us in November!

**Date:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022

**Time:** 9:30 Social, 10:00 meeting

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

514 South Armistead Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669

The entrance and parking lot are on the left side of the church which is accessible from Victoria Blvd. Please enter through doors under the canopy. The Fellowship Hall is located on the second floor.

**Program:** “The Good, The Bad and The Bugly” presented by Dr. Shawn T. Dash, Associate Professor at Hampton University

Business meeting to follow.

**Hostesses:** Page Kremp and Rita Quinn

**Regrets Only:** If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Sue Morgan, Recording Secretary at (757) 647-9624 or [marnee757@hotmail.com](mailto:marnee757@hotmail.com).

Name tags will be available at the meeting.

Please remember to bring your drink in a sustainable cup.

Hostesses will have water cups available.

## Meet Our New Members



### Sherry Maynard

Sherry lives in Yorktown with her husband Robert and their Jack Russell Terriers, Beau and Bella. The first five years of their marriage they lived in Durham, NC (Go Duke!) They have two grown married children, a daughter and a son, and have two granddaughters. Sherry retired from Riverside Health System, IT Director Project Management. She is now the owner of M&M flowers, a wedding floral design business. Sherry enjoys gardening, hiking, reading, cooking and DIY projects. Her favorite vacation spots are Paris, the VA mountains and the Outer Banks. Her favorite garden tool is her garden snips or cutters. She says she uses them all the time!



### Bobbie Cooke

Bobbie lives in Denbigh Plantation in Newport News with her husband Donne. They have two grown children, a son, and a daughter, 2 granddaughters and a black lab named Clay. She and Donne are Virginia Tech graduates and lived in Chapel Hill while Donne went to dental school at UNC. They moved to Newport News in 1975 when Donne opened his dental practice. Bobbie had her own business, Flying High Flags, and also worked in retail and at her husband's dental practice. She enjoys working in her yard, planting flowers and feeding the variety of birds attracted to her feeders. Her favorite vacation spot is Maine and favorite flower is the Peony.



### Mary Diggs

Born in Washington D.C. and growing up in Southern Maryland, Mary now lives in Poquoson with her husband James and a Lab named Roxy and two cats, Ringo and Little Cat! Her former career was outside sales and marketing of office equipment and she recently retired from Mary Mary, interior redesign, staging and floral design. She loves gardening, hiking, walking her dog and reading. Her favorite vacation spot is any beach, river, or lake. Her favorite restaurant is Le Yacca in Williamsburg and her favorite flower is a toss up between a Peony or an David Austin Rose. Her favorite garden tool is her root slayer shovel, she doesn't know how she ever lived without it.



## Register Now: 2023 Conservation Forum

The 64th Annual GCV Conservation Forum will be held on November 3, 2022 from 9:00 am to Noon as a Zoom Webinar. This year's topic is PFAs, the Forever Chemicals. This is a subject that should be a concern to all of us and the webinar will provide vital information for a better understanding of this issue. Although the forum is free to GCV members you must register your attendance at the link below

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejdfw9jr5c5b4fce&llr=g4quzjcab>



### Poinsettia Pick Up and Delivery Days

Poinsettia Orders will be ready for pick up on Tuesday November 29, 2022 at Anderson's, 11250 Jefferson Ave., Newport News, VA 23601. Pick up is from 9:30 am to 11:30 am so please mark your calendar now so you won't forget! Again this year we will use the drive through method for pick up which is fast and convenient.

Plan to stay to shop and eat lunch as Anderson's is giving the club 15% of all sales by garden club members on pick up day. As you check out, please mention you are a garden club member in order for us to receive the proceeds of your sale.

**Delivery Days:** The Poinsettia Committee is in need of help delivering large Poinsettia orders to businesses and churches. Please bring your calendar to the meeting and consider signing up to help them. Delivery is planned for in the morning on the following days: December 2, 9, 16 and 22. A volunteer sign up sheet will be passed around at the meeting. Thank You!



### Newport News is a Bee City!

On Tuesday October 18th, the city of Newport News and the Newport News Green Foundation announced that Newport News is now a Bee City USA affiliate. The announcement event took place at the Green Foundation's Chatham Trail property in Newport News where the city's first Bee City USA sign was installed and unveiled. Speakers at the dedication included Newport News

Mayor McKinley Price, Huntington Garden Club member Rebecca Fass and Newport News Green Foundation President Ruth Deibler. HRGC's own Dale Banning along with Rebecca Fass spearheaded this initiative on behalf of the Hampton Roads and Huntington Garden Clubs. After two years of hard work and coordination with the city of Newport News it is now official that Newport News is a member of Bee City USA! The two will now be serving as co-chairs of the Newport News Bee City Committee, which will focus on habitat development, education, and information. The Newport News Green Foundation, whose mission is to preserve, transform and promote green spaces throughout the city, designated the perfect pollinator spot at Chatham Trail as the site of the first of many Bee City USA signs that will be posted throughout the city.



## We can't Bee-lieve it's here

Bee City Program

### It was a Bee-autiful Day!

Mary Johnson HRGC President,  
Dale Banning HRGC, Newport  
News Mayor McKinley Price,  
HGC Rebecca Fass, HGC  
President Becky Fitchett

### V.I. Bee Guests

Ruth Deibler-Newport News  
Green Foundation, Cynthia  
Rohlf-Newport News City  
Manager, Saundra Cherry-NN  
Vice Mayor, McKinley Price-NN  
Mayor, Rebecca Fass-HGC,  
Dale Banning-HRGC, David  
Jenkins-NN Councilman



FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Financial Matters

Treasurer Jennifer Dick has updated the HRBC Reimbursement Form and the Check Request Form. These forms will also be emailed to you. Saving these forms to your computer will give you quick easy access to them when you need them. You can also find the forms on the HRGC Blog under the Forms tab. Please use these forms and attach receipts and any pertaining documents before submitting them to Jennifer. It is important that each of us use these forms so that our accountant has proper

documentation when filing our tax return. Thank you for your help in keeping our financial records accurate.



### Charcuterie Board Class

The Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce that they are now able to open the Charcuterie Board Class to Friends and Family! Spots are still available for you and your family members. Perhaps you have family or friends in town for Thanksgiving and

you are looking for something to do? Come on out to the Charcuterie Board Class! Make it a fun afternoon!

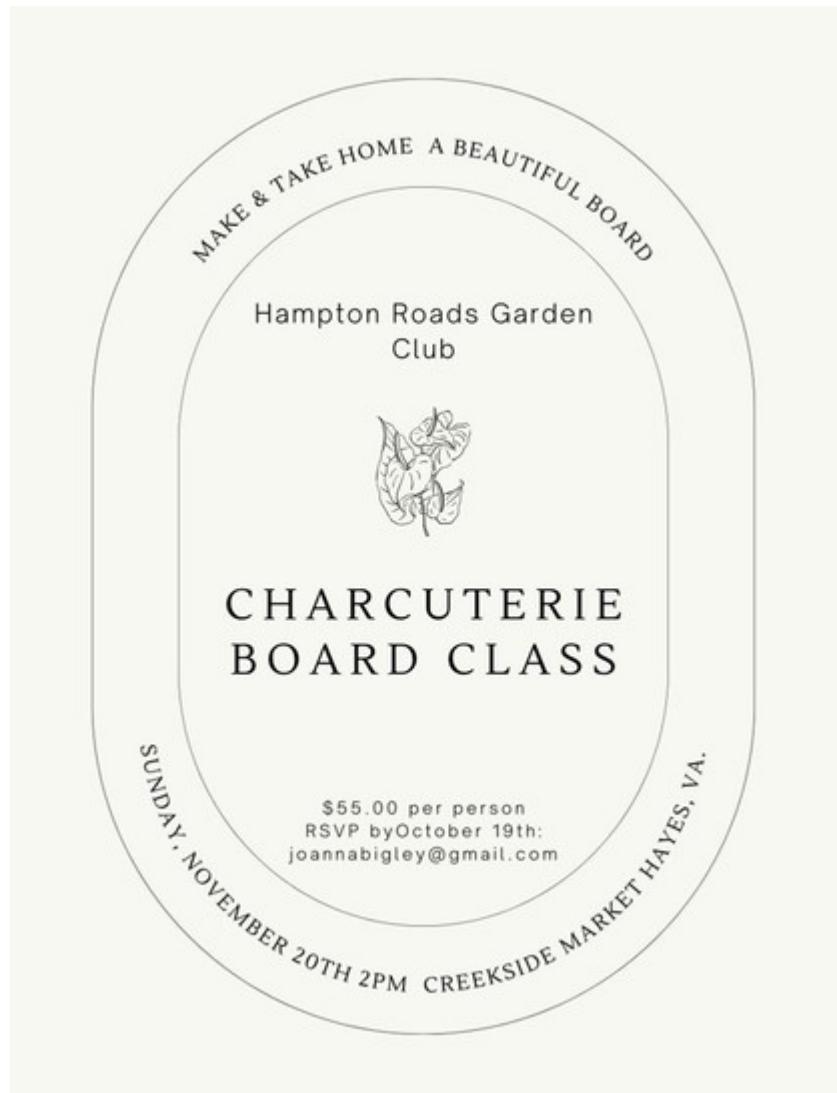
The class is limited to 45 total, so get your reservation in early. Interested members enroll via email and payment will be due at the November 1st membership meeting. Payments can be made by cash/check to HRGC or venmo @Hampton-garden. Please email reservation to [joannabigley@gmail.com](mailto:joannabigley@gmail.com).

Charcuterie Board Class

Sunday, November 20th 2pm

Creekside Market Hayes, Va.

Make and Take a Beautiful Board



## GCV Board of Governors' Meeting

The 2023 Board of Governors' Meeting was held last week and was hosted by the Roanoke Valley Garden Club in the Star City. President Mary Johnson represented the HRGC along with Presidents from around the state, the GCV Board and Committee Chairs, and Past GCV Presidents. There were a total of 83 attendees. While the weather was very chilly, the two day event

was full of warmth and hospitality from our hosts, the members of the Roanoke Valley Club. The Horticulture Exhibit featured the theme, "The Star in your Garden" and was full of branches, blooms, and pods from around the state. The best part of these meetings is the exchange of ideas, planning for the future and the friendships that are made during the two day event. Enjoy the photos below of the meeting.

## Pictures from the BOG Meeting



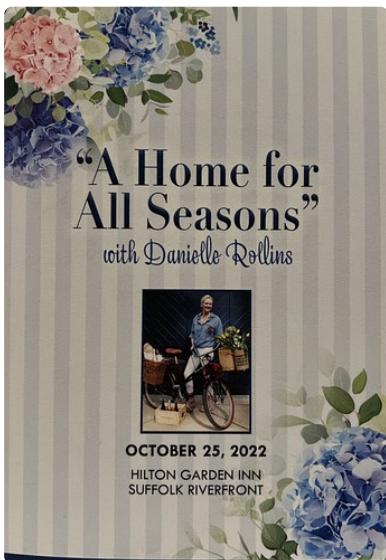
Rooftop view of downtown Roanoke



District 3 Presidents



Dinner table decorations!



## Danielle Rollins Event

On Tuesday, October 25th, 13 members from HRGC and two members of HGC made their way to Suffolk to attend the luncheon presentation by Danielle Rollins. Presented by the Nansemond River Garden Club the morning started with shopping at the vendor show. Needless to say we all found something to spend our money on! Then it was on to watch Danielle put her talents to good use creating beautiful flower arrangements while giving us tips and inspiration for our own arrangements. She has a new book "A Home for All Seasons" which she happily signed for all who had purchased a book. Shopping, Lunch and Flower Arranging made for a lovely day for our garden club members!



## Laura Dowling In Williamsburg

The Williamsburg Garden Club is hosting former White House Chief Floral Laura Dowling on Tuesday November 15 at the Williamsburg Library. This event is free. So far the following members are planning on going: Mary Johnson, Sidney Jordan, Amanda Graham, Sherry Maynard, Julie LoCicero, & Marsha Amory. If you would be interested in going and would like to join the group for lunch afterwards, please let Mary Johnson know so she can make a restaurant reservation.

**Save the Date!**

THE WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS

**LAURA DOWLING**

FORMER CHIEF FLORAL DESIGNER AT THE  
WHITE HOUSE



10:30 a.m. | Tuesday | November 15, 2022  
Williamsburg Regional Library Theater  
515 Scotland Street  
Williamsburg

Free of Charge | Limited Seating  
Questions? Contact [melindabellmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:melindabellmorgan@gmail.com) or (703) 380-9875



### Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to our October, November, & December Birthday Ladies!

#### October

26-Linda Smith

#### November

2-Sidney Jordan

6-Debbie Tanner

#### December

13-Jennifer Dick

14-Ann Fisher

30-Anne Sweetman

## Laugh For the Day

Mary Johnson, Ann Fisher, and Birgit Kingsbury arrived for a meeting all dressed in leopard! Now that's funny!

