

The Ivy Anchor

The Hampton Roads Garden Club Newsletter

October 2023

With the cooler temperatures and less humidity, fall seems to be slowly creeping towards us. I love fall and everything that goes with it. Fun pumpkins, colorful leaves, football games, cozy sweaters, and pansies and cabbages in our gardens are just a few things that bring me joy! Fall is also a very busy time with school starting, clubs and organizations beginning their year, and many community and sports activities. The HRGC is no exception, we are busy as bees! Our October meeting has a full agenda including three New Member Proposals from the Admissions Committee, the Member Placement Survey from the Nominating Committee and the deadline for our Poinsettia Sale orders to be turned in. September has flown by and our October meeting is fast approaching so I hope you will take the time to read the newsletter and then join us for a fun informative meeting! Mary



October Membership Meeting

"I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree..."
Joyce Kilmer

Date: Tuesday October 3, 2023

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

Location: Sister Cities of Newport News, 11820 Merchant Walk, Suite 100, NN, VA 23606

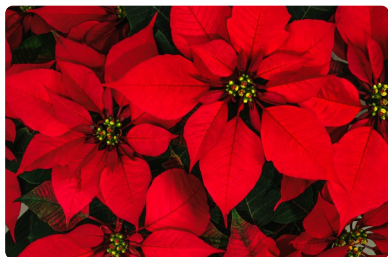
Program: The Things We Do To Our Trees (And Still Expect Them To Live!)
Sherry Kern, VA Beach Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau

Hostesses: Allison Hund & Bobbie Cooke

RSVP: Regrets Only to Recording Secretary Sue Morgan, marnee757@hotmail.com

Voting Meeting: This is a voting meeting as we have three New Member Proposals. If you are unable to attend and would like to submit your Absentee Ballot, please contact Admissions Chair Debbie Tanner to hear the proposal letters. Please send your ballot to Sue Morgan or have a member bring it to Sue at the meeting.

Parking: Sister Cities is located in City Center in the old Joseph Banks Mens Store on the corner of Merchant Walk and Mariners Row across from Taste. Parking is available on the street and in two parking garages in City Center that are free of charge. Please be careful not to park in a spot that is designated with limited time.



Poinsettia Sale

Just a reminder that your Poinsettia Sale Order Form(s) and money is due back to the committee at the meeting on October 3, 2023. If you missed the September meeting and have not gotten your forms please contact Jane Quinn at jduck917@yahoo.com to make arrangements. Please cross out the Purple Christmas

Cactus on the form as that is no longer available. All Active members are required to sell \$50 worth of Poinsettias or make a donation of \$50 to the club. Don't forget to ask your family, friends, and neighbors as well as a business or church that may be interested in ordering. Let's make this the best sale yet!

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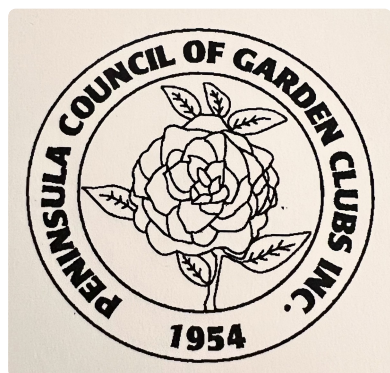


Nominating Committee

Who's ready to volunteer for a new HRGC position? Get your pens ready ladies because now is your chance. At our October meeting, Nominating Chair Donna Herbert will be passing out the 2024-26 Placement Interest Survey. Start thinking about what you would like to do in the club in the future, consider a board or chairman position. By filling out the survey you will greatly help the Nominating Committee fill the Board as well as incoming President Ann Fisher fill our committees. So come prepared, now is your chance to Bloom Where You Are Planted!!

Fundraising Committee

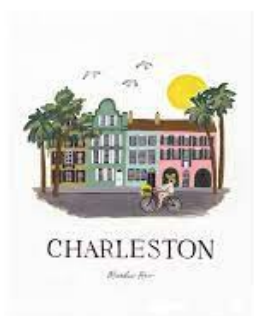
To kick off our Fall Fundraising the committee will have a raffle at the October meeting. Raffle tickets will be sold at the meeting... Bring some money so you might be a raffle winner!! Also, the committee is working on a Fun event for early 2024, details will be announced soon!



Peninsula Council of Garden Clubs

At the next PCGC meeting, November 10, 2023, our club is one of three clubs assigned to provide refreshments. Martha Sides will have a form at our October meeting for members to sign up to provide a dish. Martha is also asking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Also, you may want to make plans to attend the meeting as our own Allison Clock is the program speaker that day. Allison will be demonstrating "Arrangements for Fall". The meeting is at 10:00 am at 87 Main Street, Newport News, VA

23601.



Charleston Bus Trip

Our Bus Trip Committee is making plans for our annual spring bus trip to Charleston, SC; March 18-21, 2024. HRGC members have been given the opportunity to make reservations early. A \$100 deposit is due at the October meeting in order to secure your seat on the bus. After the October meeting, reservations will be open to non-HRGC members who went on the trip last year. You don't want to miss out on the fun, make your reservation soon! If you have any questions, contact Becky Tench at bctench@gmail.com



Historic Garden Week

EXCITING NEWS!! We have been asked by the City of Poquoson to participate in the 2023 Poquoson Seafood Festival as an opportunity to promote Historic Garden Week! If you have not been to the Festival before you are in for a real treat - The Festival is in its 41st year and is a tribute to the working watermen of Hampton Roads. This year will be the Festival's 41st year and they are expecting about 40,000 people to visit during this three day event.

There is live music, 160 arts and crafts vendors, and of course SEAFOOD! ...and now flowers!...

This year the dates are October 20-22. Festival Hours are Friday 5-10pm Saturday 10-9pm, and Sunday 12-6:30. The Committee really needs your help - We want to have an amazing booth and are looking for volunteers to come and help spread the word of what will be a record breaking HGW! Currently we are asking for volunteers to both man the booth and provide a few creative floral arrangements. A couple of notes:

- This is a sit down position - no standing, and you can order some GREAT seafood to munch on.
- Feel free to take turns and walk around and enjoy the artist and craft vendors
- Feel free to bring a friend or family member if they would like to help as well! More the merrier!
- You can work in teams to make one arrangement or individuals - we have asked for 2 people/arrangements - one for Fri. one for Sat.

Once we get closer we will provide more information on parking, booth location, etc. We know this is an extra "ask" but we promise it will be a fun event and will help spread the word on HGW! Sign up for a shift at the link below. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Bishop at samantha.bishop@cgexchange.org Thank you for your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CA5A72FA0FA7-hgw2024>



Join Us For Our First Bloom & Grow Event

HRGC and HGC have joined forces and are hosting a new speaker and event series for members of both clubs. Our first Bloom and Grow event will feature Katie Thomas of Katiedid Florals in Danville. Katie is the current President of the Gabriella Garden

Club. In her first job at a public relations firm in Alexandria, VA she experienced the joy and satisfaction of planning successful large scale events in and around the DC area. Since then, Katie has taken her event experience, a love of growing and designing flowers, and turned it into KatieDid Florals, a premier event floral design company located in Southside Virginia that serves the surrounding areas of Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Richmond and Roanoke. Katie has received floral education from some of the nation's leading florists and has become an expert at creating unique floral design for weddings, parties and events.

We will be taking reservations for Bloom & Grow at the October Meeting.

Program: Seasonal Arrangements by Katie Thomas

Date: Monday, November 6, 2023

Place: First Presbyterian Church, 514 S. Armistead Ave., Hampton, VA 23669

Time: 11:00 a.m. check-in and lunch pick up; Program 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

Cost: \$20 per person; members may invite a non-member guest

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, October 31, 2023

If you have questions, need additional information, or need to make a reservation after the meeting please contact Mary Johnson at mcjohnson12@cox.net



History Blooms

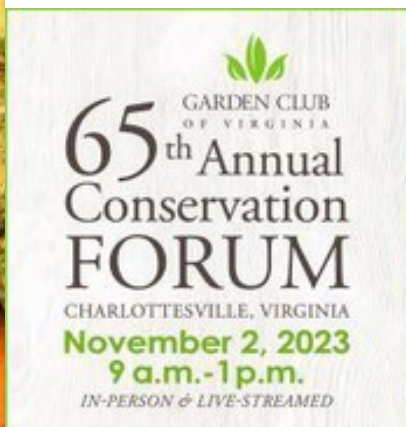
Join the Virginia Museum of History & Culture and the Garden Club of Virginia on Oct. 6-8, 2023, in Richmond, for a special weekend of events. **Use your GCV Member Discount Code: GCVBLOOMS**

Take a special journey through the regions of our commonwealth, Virginia State Parks, and GCV restoration sites as you enjoy inspired floral displays prepared by the Garden Club of Virginia's member clubs from across the state. Our club is participating and will have a flower arrangement on display.

Flowers will be on display Friday, Oct. 6 from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 7 and Sunday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are included with general admission.

For more information on speakers, programs and events at History Blooms, please use the link below.

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Conservation Forum

The Garden Club of Virginia presents the
65th Annual Conservation Forum
Nov. 2, 2023

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The CODE Building and via Live-streaming
240 W. Main Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902
Open to the Public

\$55 In-person (includes continental breakfast)

\$15 Live-stream

Student admission is free.

Recorded live-stream will be available to GCV Members for a limited time.

To Register for the Forum both in-person and the live-stream, please use the link below

[https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?
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From The Mariners' Museum

We have received a thank you letter from Mariners' Museum President and CEO Howard Hoege thanking the HRGC for our annual contribution of mulch. On the letter he wrote a handwritten note for our members. "With great appreciation I thank the Hampton Roads Garden Club for your support of The Mariners' Museum and Park. This investment comes at The Perfect Time, as we recently brought our turf maintenance and landscape management entirely in-house. The "start-up" challenges of hiring a team and purchasing equipment etc., were offset by your continued investment and knowing that the HRGC remains a trusted partner to us!"



Happy Birthday To You!

Happy Birthday to our members who will be celebrating birthdays!

September

-28 Milly Wassum

October

-8 Catherine Kelly

-13 Julie LoCicero

-15 G.G. Buxton (Associate)

-24 Mary Diggs

-24 Sue Morgan

-26 Linda Smith

November

2- Sidney Jordan

6- Debbie Tanner

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Special Event from the Garden Club of Gloucester-Mathews



The Garden Club of Gloucester and Mathews is delighted to announce a fall celebration of all things beautiful. In 2028 we will be turning 100 years old and are hosting this event to raise funds towards our centennial anniversary gift to the community. This fun event is open to all. Please join us for this extravaganza which will include the following:

- Fashion show by Chico's. Fashions will be discounted 10% and can be ordered with a credit card and sent with free shipping to your home
- Raffle for the fabulous fashion-themed table arrangements
- Gourmet lunch provided by Shelly Williams
- Silent auction of spectacular vases, containers and all things gardening and home related
- Fantastic floral decorations
- Cash bar

The Garden Club of Gloucester and Mathews has a long history of honoring Gloucester with meaningful gifts:

- The Colonial brick wall around the Courthouse Circle
- The daffodil sculptures at the two entrances to Main Street
- Decorating Main Street for the holidays
- Planting and maintaining the flower boxes at the intersection of Main Street and Route 14 for more than 40 years
- The donation of two trees and the water fountain in the new pocket park on the Courthouse Circle

Cost is \$100.00 by check made payable to Garden Club of Gloucester and Mathews or GCGM.
Send to Becky Meeker, 5583 White Hall Road, Gloucester, VA 23061
Please include your email address, so your receipt of payment can be confirmed
There are no tickets, just check in at the door
Questions, contact Kathleen O'Neal at 757-218-4338 or captk50@aol.com

Just For Fun!

Fall decorating tip for
people who love pumpkins
more than visitors 🎃





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