

Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs
April 1, 2017 Newsletter

WACGC website: <https://wacgc.wordpress.com>



President's Corner



Hello and Happy Spring! Have you seen the daffodils dancing and the tulips tiptoeing in our beautiful area! One of my favorite times of year is to walk Duke of Gloucester in the spring and enjoy all the spring flowers and blooming trees! If you haven't taken this walk, you should and be sure to bring your camera or phone to photograph and send to friends and family.

Landscape Design School Course I will be held at the Woodlands Conference Center, April 11th and 12th. We are expecting students from Tennessee and many from Maryland to attend this Course I. Everyone wants to enjoy Colonial Williamsburg in the spring! It is not too late to register! If you are interested and would like a registration form, it is on pages 10-12 in the Spring ODG (received by federated garden clubs). This school is sponsored by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and I serve as the Virginia chairman. Call me if you are interested in attending: (757) 651-0401 and I can send you the registration form. Many local master gardeners have registered to attend!

Arbor Day was memorable from the tree planting in Bicentennial Park through the awards presentations and delicious reception! Mayor Paul Freiling was so pleased for the ceremony to be held in the Community Building. We agreed that it is a fine venue for many community groups to be able to use. We appreciate the City of Williamsburg allowing the WACGC to use it for our Arbor Day celebration. My heartfelt appreciation goes to co-chairmen Ellen Schiavone and Geneva Hunt.

Please read all about the upcoming year-end luncheon (May 25, 2017) and the WACGC sponsored flower show on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter! It is going to be an event that **all our club members** will not want to miss!

Let's get out in the garden! Glenda

Congratulations - Kingspoint Garden Club celebrates 50th Anniversary on March 17, 2017



Pictured above left to right. Liz Fiske, Winnie Bryant, Cornelia Bryant, Mariam Mozingo, Emily McDowell, Mary Grogan, President, and Margaret Lee.



Kingspoint Charter Member,
Olivia Molineux

Arbor Day – March 10, 2017

Congratulations to our Arbor Day committee for a successful day! A beautiful white pine tree was planted at 10am and a full house attended the awards ceremony at 11am at the Williamsburg Community Center. Mayor Paul Freiling greeted everyone. Our appreciation goes to Robert Hunt whose floral designs transformed the Community Center into spring! This year the winners were:

Arbor Day Individual Award – *Will Fidler*, Landscape Superintendent, City of Williamsburg

Arbor Day Garden Club Member Award – *Glenda Knowles*

Certificates of Appreciation for 2107 Beautification winners included:

Blooms That Brighten

Capitol Pancake House

City of Williamsburg – College Delly Corner

College of William & Mary – College Corner,

Sundial Garden, President's House/Garden

Colonial Heritage Community Entrance

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation – Shield's

Tavern Garden, Visitors' Center

Figaro Hair Salon

Founders Village

Historic Powhatan Resort

Hospice House & Support Care of Wmbg.

Norge Dental Center

Patriot's Colony

Second Street Bistro

Thomas Nelson Com. College – Historic

Triangle Campus

Walnut Hills Baptist Church – Memorial Gdn.

Williamsburg Botanical Garden

Windsor Meade

Go to our webpage <https://wacgc.wordpress> to see the photographs taken of the award winners.

Arrangements for Hospice House

Green Spring Garden Club will provide arrangements for the month of April. **Holly Hills Garden Club** will provide arrangements for the month of May. Page 32 of the Council yearbook has table measurements and suggested kinds of arrangements. Call *Dollie Marshall (229-2049)*, WACGC *Hospice House Chairman*, for further information.

WACGC End of Year Luncheon and Fund Raising! – May 25

Toano and Dogwood Garden Clubs are hosting the Council luncheon at Colonial Heritage. We will honor the leadership of outgoing President Glenda Knowles and install the newly elected officers. The Standard Flower Show – “*Simply Southern...favorites*” will be the showcase event of the day. What an opportunity to see beautiful AND spectacular floral designs as well as horticulture specimens and educational exhibits. Show hours are 9:30am – 3:00pm.

This day will provide these opportunities for Council fundraising.

1. At the luncheon, you will be able to purchase opportunity tickets (3/\$5) for 2 dinner reservations to A Chef's Kitchen.
2. Each member club is asked to donate a themed basket - again opportunity tickets, (3/\$5) will be available.
3. You will be able to shop at the Pots and Planters Flea Market on the Veranda. This fun event will be staged by Flo Tull of Colonial Heritage Garden Club. In addition, Forest Lane Botanicals will be selling a variety of plants, shrubs, ferns, trees, etc. with a percentage of sales to be returned to the Council.

Luncheon tickets are \$20 and a **reservation form is on the last page of this April Council newsletter**. A cash bar with wine and, of course SWEET TEA (“Simply Southern”) will be available in the club's lobby from 10:30am – 1pm. (*Article continued on page 3*)

Cleaning out your garage or garden shed? Consider donating any pots and planters you no longer want. Please clean them and have one member of your club collect them and bring them to the Colonial Clubhouse beginning Monday, May 1.

It's sure to be a great day – May 25, 2017! The Flower Show, Pots and Planter Flea Market, and the Plant Shop are open to **all club** members even those unable to attend the luncheon held in the Ballroom. We hope everyone will make a reservation and join your fellow garden club members for a delightful lunch in the newly decorated Colonial Heritage Ballroom.

The Williamsburg Council of Garden Clubs is a dynamic group of garden clubs whose members share gardening and floral interests. It's because of you that we are able to donate funds to support ongoing educational, cultural, and civic beautification opportunities in our community. Don't miss out! It's truly going to be a smashing "**Simply Southern**" day.

Rose Marie Crocco, Ways and Means Chairman, 757-258-4629 or swamprmc@cox.net

WACGC Flower Show May 25, 2017

"**Simply Southern...favorites**", a standard flower show, will take place in the meeting rooms at the Colonial Heritage Clubhouse. The show will be in memory of Helene Gardner.

Entries for floral designs and horticulture will be: Wednesday, May 24, 9:30 – 11:30am

Judging will take place: Wednesday, May 24, 1:30 to 5:00pm

Show open for viewing: Thursday, May 25, 9:30am – 3:00pm

Luncheon in the Ballroom: Thursday, May 25, registration 10:30am; business meeting 11:00am; luncheon 12 noon. \$20 pre-register for the luncheon. (themed baskets, opportunity tickets for Chef's Kitchen for 2; pots and plants flea market on the Veranda).

Entries removed from flower show rooms: not before 3pm but by 3:30pm

To enter a design in the show, please contact these consultants to fill the classes.

Betsy Edwards, 603-494-8272 - one Novice Class and 3 other Classes (All Tri-color Designs)

Loy Holt, 757-564-0980 – Table Artistry Designs

Geneva Hunt, 757-565-1694 – Petite Designs

Request a copy of the schedule by emailing ggknowles@cox.net.

Questions? Call Glenda Knowles 757-651-0401 or Betsy Edwards 603-494-8272

Williamsburg Garden Day Tour Tuesday, April 25 – see separate flyer attached to this newsletter

VCE Master Gardener Plant Sale Saturday, April 29, 2017 – see separate flyer attached to this newsletter.

Williamsburg Botanical Garden Program

April 15: THE BEST PERENNIALS FOR TIDEWATER. Freedom Park Interpretive Center, 10:00 a.m., open to the public. **Les Parks**, Curator of Herbaceous Plants at the Norfolk Botanical Garden, will share information on growing the best perennials for our area. This event is part of the Learn and Grow Educational Series sponsored by the Williamsburg Botanical Garden. The program is free, although a \$5.00 donation to help the Garden grow is appreciated. For more information, contact Les by email at les.parks@nbgs.org After the program, Master Gardeners will be in the Garden to answer questions and talk about what is in bloom.

April 22: Earth Day – Monarch Butterfly Festival

The biology department of the College of William & Mary will sponsor a Monarch Butterfly Festival on April 22, Earth Day, 11am – 4pm. The festival will include a butterfly tent, conservation focused crafts for kids, tours of the W & M greenhouse, etc. Lincoln Brower, one of the world's experts on the monarch butterfly, will give a special lecture. All free and open to the public! Contact Lauren Pascoe at laurenpasco57@gmail.com for more information and if you are interested in setting up a booth.

Herb Society Sale

The Colonial Triangle Unit of the Herb Society will sponsor its annual herb sale on Saturday, April 22 from 7:00 AM until 3:30 PM. The sale will be held in the vendor area adjacent to the Freeman Center on the Christopher Newport University campus in conjunction with the annual Garden Symposium. Many varieties of herbs; everything from basil to thyme, from lemon verbena to scented geraniums will be for sale. Herb Society members will be available to answer herb-growing questions. Proceeds will fund scholarships in horticulture which the Herb Society offers! For more information contact Veronica Balzer at 757-463-1753.

Williamsburg Farmer's Market in Merchants Square Open Every Saturday in April

Enjoy the heart of Williamsburg in Merchants Square while shopping in this producer-only market for Spring produce, prepared food, fish, artisan cheeses, meats, pasta, cut flowers, and handmade soaps. The market includes live music and exhibits along with local shops and restaurants. The market now accepts credit cards.

Tracy Herner, Market Manager 757-259- 3768 www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com



art & garden 2017 *Come to a Garden Party!* May 5 and 6, 2017, with Opening Night on May 4, 2017 - Williamsburg Library and surrounding buildings.

Tour 10 private gardens and 4 cottage kitchens in Historic Yorktown; Enter the Tablescape Design Contest for a chance to win prizes from \$500 - \$250; learn from 12 landscape design, gardening and flower design experts including New York Times bestselling author Andrea Wulf who will speak about her new book, *The Invention of Nature*; Ginter Botanical Garden Director of Education, Nancy Hugo who will teach, Windowsill Flower Arranging; and U.T. Horticulture Expert Carol Reese on using plants for artistic impact. Meet sculpture artists and nature-inspired vendors.

Tickets range from \$25 - \$160 and can be purchased at www.TACL-VA.org or e-mail Terry Buntrock at buntrockterry@gmail.com. Proceeds fund regional Public Art projects of the Triangle Arts & Culture League.

Dates To Remember

Tues, Wed. April 11, 12	Landscape Design School, Course I, Woodlands Conf. Center
Sat., April 22, 11am-4pm	Earth Day - Monarch Festival at College of William & Mary
Sat., April 22, 7am – 3:30pm	Herb Society Sale, Christopher Newport University
Tues., April 25	Garden Week in Virginia, Williamsburg Garden Day
Sat., April 29, 9am – 3pm	Master Gardener Plant Sale, Historic Triangle Community Center, 312 Waller Mill Rd., Williamsburg
Mon., May 1, 10 a.m.	40 th Anniversary of the Baldwin Garden in the Baldwin Garden
Thurs., May 25, 9:30am- 3pm	WACGC Standard Flower Show open for viewing
Thurs., May 25, 10:30am, reg.	WACGC Luncheon/Installation of officers, Colonial Heritage Clubhouse: registration 10:30am; business meeting 11:00am; 12noon luncheon; 1:15pm Installation of officers – time to view flower show and shop in the Pots & Plants flea market

Deadline for the May 1, 2017 newsletter is April 27. Send information to mj.fel@cox.net or 2916 Nathaniel's Run, Williamsburg 23185 or call Janie Fellowes at 258-9612

Reservation form for WACGC May 25 Luncheon:

May 25, 2017 WACGC Luncheon Reservation Form

Menu – Tuna, egg, chicken salad plate with fresh fruit, rolls; and dessert, coffee, tea - \$20pp

Reservation deadline – May 12, 2017

Send this form (to be received by May 12, 2017) and check payable to WACGC to:

Ellen Schiavone

3505 Hollingsworth

Williamsburg, VA 23188 (757) 804-815-8423

Name of Club _____

Do you want to reserve a table? Yes ___ No ___ Tables seat 8. One check from each club is preferred. Please list the names of those paid and attending the luncheon:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

For additional members, print off another copy of this form.

