



# Mum's the Word

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## **A Message from SGC President, Janice Beatty. . .**

“Don’t think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter.  
It’s quiet, but the roots are down there riotous”.

~ Rumi

Welcome to mid-February. As I write this note, the rain has given us a temporary reprieve, and the winds are blowing. Seems more like March weather, sunny and windy, “in with a lion” sort of a day. But I will take the sunshine even if it’s only for a little while. There was a beautiful rainbow this morning, which always makes my heart happy and puts a smile on my face.

Our new Education Project, “Veterans Art for the Journey”, spearheaded by Camille Archie, was a resounding success. Our members worked with a group of Veterans from McGuire Veterans Hospital to create a sculpture with wire then added an air plant to complete the project. Thanks to Kathy Ward for her instruction and project design. Please see Mums the word for thank you note from the organization.

This month’s program, “Thinking outside the Box” presented by Kathy Ward promises to get our creative juices flowing with unique and fun program. Following the meeting, we will enjoy delectable offerings from our members for the “Food from the Heart Luncheon”.

Above the ground, our flower beds may be resting, but like the roots, our club will be busy with volunteer activities. Please check Mum’s the Word for specific volunteer opportunities, dates and times.

### **Today’s Program:**

“Thinking Outside  
the Box”

by

Kathy Ward,  
NGC Flower Show Judge



Nancy Clark and Meg Winn are working hard on SGC Biennial Garden Tour, set for April 29, 2020. Some new and wonderful gardens will be offered for touring for members and their guests.

Thank you for all you do.  
Bright Beams,  
Janice



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**JANUARY 1, 2020 – JANUARY 31, 2020**  
**Prepared by: Claudia Cosby, Treasurer**

Treasurer's Report not available for website.

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## PIEDMONT DISTRICT SPRING MEETING MARCH 16



The Spring District meeting will be held on **Monday, March 16 at the Four Points Sheraton on Midlothian Pike**. The meeting includes a short business meeting, a great program, lots of vendors for your shopping needs, and lunch.

The featured presenter, **Robert Allen Hunt**, is a distinguished floral designer and event planner. He is known for his design work in Colonial Williamsburg and the Tidewater area and also creates floral designs for special events at Disney World. Opportunity tickets will give you a chance to take



home one of his designs.

The cost is \$30 per person. While the deadline for our SGC group reservation has passed, **you may register as an individual until March 2.**



**Go to <http://www.piedmontdistrictvfgc.org/> for the registration information.**



## UPCOMING VFGC EVENTS

The **Winter Edition 2019** of VFGC's newsletter, *Old Dominion Gardener (ODG)*, has all the details about upcoming Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs (VFGC) events – go to their website at [www.virginiagardenclubs.org](http://www.virginiagardenclubs.org).

VFGC will hold their **86<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention** in Roanoke from March 29-31. See ODG pages 4-8 for convention details.

**Landscape Design School, Course 3**, will be held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden on April 6-7. All are invited to attend for part or all of the school. See pages 15-17 of ODG for more information.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION – Meg Winn

The daffodils are up and they will probably be blooming later this month through March. Over the years we have planted hundreds of King Alfreds, Dutch Masters, Ice Follies, and Carltons as well as Jetfires and other small types. Many are at various sites around Redeemer property, including the Anniversary Garden. They are always such a cheerful welcome to spring!

Please note the upcoming Civic Beautification projects workdays and sign up to help where you can.

### EDUCATION – Camille Archie

Our new Education Project, **Veterans Art for the Journey**, was a great success thanks to Kathy Ward, Nancy Lee, Suzy Miladin, Susan Nienow, Judith Smith, Emily Stewart and Meg Winn. The veterans used colored wire to create a small sculpture and nestled air plants within their unique designs. This project is a wonderful addition for our club to help others. See Executive Director Cindy Paullin's thank you note on page 6.



We will be helping residents at **Spring Arbor Memory Care** paint garden flags on February 25 at 10AM.

Our **Gardening Enrichment** activity will be March 9th and 10th, when we will show students how easy it is to multiply house plants. The students will plant and then take home their own house plant. We will meet at 2:50 PM at Stony Point Church, 2330 Buford Rd and work with the kids from 3:30-4:30 PM.

Our **Bickford Garden Therapy** project will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM when we will help residents create teacup designs.

To participate in any of our Education projects, just complete the appropriate coupon on the sign-up sheet.

On March 19, we will be taking some floral designs and horticulture from our March meeting to the **Community Hospice House** for a **Small Flower Show**. Please consider donating your design and horticulture for this event. I will return all design containers and horticulture bottles after the show.

### **EXHIBITS – Nell Masee & Suzanne Miladin**

Congratulations to our January exhibit winners: Design - **Camille Archie**; Botanical Arts Design – **Meg Winn**; Horticulture – **Joanne Wallace**; Botanical Arts Horticulture – **Janice Betty**.



### **GARDEN TOUR – Nancy Clark**

We need lots of volunteers to serve as hosts at our Garden Tour houses on April 29. We're asking each volunteer to work 1½ hours between 12:00-5:00 PM, which still leaves each hostess 3½ hours to tour the other houses. If you are willing to lend a hand, please complete the coupon on the sign-up sheet and we will be in touch later to set the volunteer times and places. Thank you!!

### **YEARBOOK – Linda Nau**

There are inserts for your Yearbook which list all of our new members and their contact information. Pick up your copy today.

# ART FOR THE JOURNEY



*Thank you note from Cindy Paullin,  
Executive Director of Art for the Journey:*

Art for the Journey is grateful to the Salisbury Garden Club for visiting the Art for the Journey studio and bringing a wonderful event to the veterans with whom we work from the McGuire VA Hospital. The ladies and gentleman that attended all truly enjoyed the activity where both art making through a sculpture activity and adding an air plant with a lovely discussion about how that is done, is such a fantastic and compassionate effort by the SGC Outreach group! Camille Archie and team of kind and giving members made the event one that these folks truly felt support and kindness from the community.



The mission of Art for the Journey is to overcome barriers and transform lives through creating art. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to share our mission with Salisbury Garden Club.

We are looking forward to March and working with the group once more with a new group of veterans. Until then, we would love to share our gratitude! Thank you for both the previous opportunity you provided to us by allowing us to share a bit of our mission with your members at the recent meeting. It was a joy to meet everyone. See the link below to our recent newsletter for your members who would like to know more about the way we bring art and community engagement to adults and children around RVA with a special focus on the oftentimes forgotten or isolated individuals.

Thank you, Camille, Thank you friends from Salisbury Garden Club! We will look forward to partnering again!

**<https://mailchi.mp/bba5b455b668/new-year-2020-newsletter>**

**Here we grow again. . .please welcome our newest member:**



Details not available for website.

## DESIGN WORKSHOP – MARCH 17, 2020 “Designing for Tomorrow”

SGC member Kathy Ward is the instructor for this workshop. It will be held in the Parish Hall on March 17 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The cost per registrant is \$10.



In this workshop members will be given the opportunity to create designs for display at the general meeting the next day. Kathy will cover **Petite Design**, an easier design, and **Spatial Thrust Design**, for more of a challenge.

To learn more about this workshop and Kathy, refer to pages 104-105 in your Yearbook.

**There is no coupon on the signup sheet because there are only a couple of spots open – if you are interested in coming to this workshop, see Claudia Cosby, Treasurer.**

Martie Parch & Connie Sorrell, Chairmen



The Board wishes to thank Meg Winn for hosting the February board meeting!



### FEBRUARY 14-17

Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, **The Great Backyard Bird Count** was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real-time.

Since then, as many as 224,000 people of all ages and walks of life have joined the four-day count each February to create an annual snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds.

Each year there are participants in more than 100 countries counting almost 6,000 species and more than 18,500,000 individual birds!



You are invited to participate.

Simply tally the kinds and numbers of birds you see for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count, **February 14-17**. You can count from any location, anywhere in the world! For more information, go to **[www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)** and join the fun.

## **An Interview with Anne Ravn**

(Joined Salisbury Garden Club in 1989)

### **At Home in Denmark:**

Anne Ravn's native home is Denmark near the town of Aarhus where she grew up. She spends five months there every year in her beautiful home in Ebeltoft near the bay. In season, colorful hollyhocks grow all over her seaside town. Her garden there is full of tulips, crocus, teardrops, red and black currants, English roses and huge bushes of lavender. Photos show a grandson with large baskets of currants that Anne makes into jam. USDA Hardiness Zone of Ebeltoft is 8a, an average minimum temperature of 10-15 degrees Fahrenheit. Cool season vegetables like salad greens, collards and spinach need to be sown in early spring or even late winter. There is little or no need to water, and the neighbor cuts their lawn.

### **Anne's Garden Here:**

Anne's home in Salisbury backs up to a forest and a small creek runs through her property, so along with being a bucolic setting, wildlife free-range through her property. She has planted camelias, azaleas, rhododendrons and the deer munch them, so she prefers pots of pansies and mums that she can safeguard near the house.

For Anne, gardening is a form of meditation and she enjoys the pretty results, especially when the Spring bulbs start to flower.

### **A Life of Travel:**

Ann grew up in the city and had no opportunity to garden, although she recalls that some Danish schools (not hers) had



community gardens where children learned to grow vegetables and flowers. She met her husband in Venezuela and when the Ravens moved to Midlothian in 1987, Anne was a veteran traveler, accompanying her husband who worked for Philip Morris. She had learned English as an *au pair* in England as a young woman, and lived 5 years in Santiago, the Dominican Republic, Caracas, Venezuela, Miami, and then to headquarters in

Virginia. She knew that two things made a successful traveler: learning the language and learning to enjoy the things that the country offers. Her new friend invited her to join the Salisbury Garden Club and she wanted to meet people, and the rest is history.

### **Club's Accomplishments:**

During the time Anne joined, the focus was on flower arranging, but the club soon expanded to a variety of events. It hosted the first annual "Food from the Heart", decorated the Salisbury entrances at Christmas, and festooned Magnolia Grange with Christmas décor. Anne joined club members planting daffodils at Church of the Redeemer. The annual Christmas party was still held in members' homes and was always a highlight.

### **Gardening on Two Continents:**

Gardening in different countries has challenges, and Anne remembers the easiest place to grow anything was in the Dominican Republic. Just stick it in the ground and it was guaranteed to grow! For example, hibiscus branches, crisscrossed and overlapping, would soon be a beautiful hibiscus fence!

As a veteran member of the SCG, Anne continues to go to all the meetings she can, to see her friends, check out the newest flower arrangements and listen to the expert speakers.

Interview by DanaDee Carragher, Contributing Writer

## **Three-Minute Tip by J. J. Jordan**

While this is not the time to prune Azaleas, Rhododendron, or any of those first Spring bloomers, it is a good time to start pruning Hollies, fall blooming Camellias, and even roses. Despite my

being careful while pruning, I still manage to get pricks and even tears on my arms from thorns, leaf spikes, and those branches that are inevitably in the way. Once I even contacted an unseen Poison Ivy tendril with uncomfortable results. Recently while reading the February issue of "Fine Gardening" I came across a recycling solution in the "Readers Tips" section. We all have socks laying around that are either a single without its match or have holes in the toes or heels and need to be thrown away. Instead of pitching them, cut the foot part off and wear them on your arms while gardening to protect your arms from those inevitable scratches. I would even think that they would protect your arms from sun exposure and even pesky insects. Happy gardening!



## **Botanical Garden Slated for Charlottesville**

By Donna Cottingham, Master Naturalist

A new botanical garden is planned for 8.5 acres in **Charlottesville's McIntire Park**. When completed, the garden will be free and open to the public. Its unique design just won a major national award. And although construction hasn't yet begun, the organization is already busy hosting tree walks, seasonal butterfly walks and other events at the site.

Once completed, **McIntire Botanical Garden** will focus on education, offering classes, workshops and events for both adults and children. But if that sounds too serious, a spirit of playfulness will prevail in many of the garden's elements and structures, including a tree canopy walk for a real bird's eye view, with a slide to return to ground level.

In addition to display gardens, visitors will find aquatic gardens, a wildflower walk, a stream, boardwalks, and a bird blind for photographers. All of these plans are still in the works, so the garden won't be completed for a few years, with the development and construction stages still ahead.

### **Designing Women**

Jill Trishman-Marks has been named Executive Director of McIntire Botanical Garden. Trishman-Marks has a Masters Degree in

Landscape Architecture and also in Historic Preservation from the University of Virginia. For several years she worked with the late Ian Robertson on several garden designs for Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Many VFGC members remember Robertson as a favorite instructor who taught landscape design classes.



Trishman-Marks credits many groups within the community for helping to launch the garden. “We owe so much appreciation to our founder, Helen Flamini and her colleagues, who years ago identified the need for a botanical garden,” said Trishman-Marks. “We are also grateful to the City of Charlottesville and the Department of Parks and Recreation for working together to create a successful public/private partnership,” she added. Trishman-Marks can be reached at [j.trishman.marks@mcintirebotanicalgarden.org](mailto:j.trishman.marks@mcintirebotanicalgarden.org).

The garden’s conceptual design was created by Mikyong Kim Design, an international landscape design firm of women, located in



Boston, and Waterstreet Studio, a design firm located in Charlottesville. The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) recently honored Mikyong Kim Design and Waterstreet Studio for their analysis and design of the master plan for McIntire Botanical Garden. Each year the ASLA

Professional Awards honor the best in landscape architecture in the general design, analysis and planning, communications, research and residential design categories from the U.S. and around the world.

Mikyong Kim is the 2018 recipient of the ASLA Design Medal, and the Cooper Hewitt Award from the Smithsonian Design Museum. She is known for creating significant designs that reflect the beauty of the collective human experience. **Mikyong Kim will be the guest speaker for McIntire Botanical Garden’s Ian Robertson Legacy: Lectureship which will take place on March 8, 2020, in Charlottesville.** Her talk, “Reclaiming the City: A Focus on Human Centered Design,” will address the power of landscape architecture in building community, and its impact on social interaction. To learn more about McIntire Botanical Garden, visit [mcintirebotanicalgarden.org](http://mcintirebotanicalgarden.org).



## *Next Month's Meeting - March 18, 2020*

*Episcopal Church of the Redeemer - Coffee 9:30/Meeting 10*

*(See page 105 of your Yearbook for details)*

*Program: "Spring Flowers for the Home" by Janet Minock, NGC Master Flower Show Judge*

*Greeter: Liz Brengel*

*Hostesses: Liz Brengel, Kerri Butler, DanaDee Carragher, Claudia Cosby, Fran Judd, Laurie Kalata, Marian Kavanagh, Anne Ravn, and Brenda Reed*

*Clerks: Judy Alessandro, Erica Giles, Emily Stewart and Pat Wilson*

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

14	<b>Community Hospice House Project</b>	CP24
14-17	<b>The Great Backyard Bird Count</b>	
15	<b>DEADLINE for Piedmont District Grants</b>	
24	<b>VFGC Board of Directors Meeting - Henrico</b>	CP1
25	<b>Spring Arbor Project - 10:00 AM</b>	CP23

### **MARCH EVENTS**

1-8	<b>Philadelphia Flower Show - 2/29 - 3/8</b>	
2-4	<b>SGC Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show</b>	
6	<b>Richmond Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)</b>	
9-10	<b>Gardening Enrichment Program</b>	CP9
11	<b>SGC Board Meeting - 9:30 AM</b>	
16	<b>Piedmont District Spring Meeting</b>	CP1
17	<b>Workshop: "Designing for Tomorrow"</b>	
18	<b>SGC General Meeting (Exhibits) 9:30 AM</b>	CP4
19	<b>Midlothian Post Office Workday</b>	CP7
19-20	<b>South Atlantic Region (SAR) Convention</b>	CP1
23	<b>Anniversary Garden Workday</b>	NP1
24	<b>Bickford Garden Therapy - 10 AM</b>	CP14
28	<b>Virginia Daffodil Society Show - LGBG</b>	
29-31	<b>VFGC Convention - Roanoke</b>	CP1



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