

Summer 2019

District II Newsletter



DISTRICT II, MEMBER OF NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC., CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION AND NATIONAL CAPITAL CLUBS AREA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Garden Clubs Grow Friends

District II Happenings

To All District II Garden Clubs



Alice Ess here, and I'm excited to be your new District II Director . I've been helping District II for many years as former membership chair, secretary and hospitality chair. I will do my best as Director to make you all proud.

**Our President's Meeting will be held on
Friday, June 14 (Flag Day)
at River Farm
7931 E. Boulevard Drive
Alexandria VA 22308
10 a.m.**

The Brunch Social begins at 10 a.m. Our host clubs are Oak Hill, Red Hill and Quantico. Please make sure your clubs are represented and come meet the presidents.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the program afterwards will be quick, easy and informative. Each club will be asked to tell everyone about their favorite program which is a great way to get ideas for your own clubs. I look forward to seeing everyone at River Farm, and remember to wear red, white and blue!

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District II Calendar

2019– 2021

June 14, 2019: Presidents Meeting- ballroom & dining room

August 9, 2019: Board Meeting - front parlor

September 13, 2019: General Meeting - ballroom & dining room

February 14, 2020: Board Meeting - front parlor

March 13, 2020: General Meeting (Awards) - ballroom & dining room

May 8, 2020: Board Meeting - front parlor

June 12, 2020: General Meeting - ballroom & dining room

August 14, 2020: Board Meeting - parlor

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District II 2019 Flower Show Awards

Horticulture Division

Horticultural Excellence – Babs McClendon

District II Marc Cathey Award

Section A (class 26) – Babs McClendon

Award of Merit

Section B (class 8) – Mary Doyle

Section G (class 44) – Babs McClendon

NCAGC Horticultural Recognition

Section C (class 19a) – Lynn Wilson

Arboreal Award

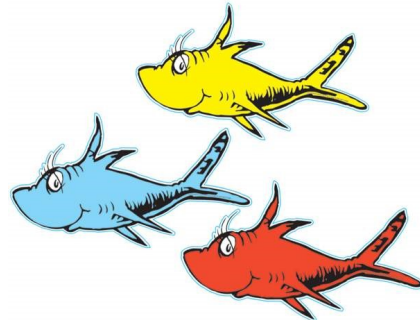
Section E (class 32) – Patsie Uchello

Section F (class 34) – Marjie Morris

Growers Choice

Section H (class 51) – Lynn Wilson

Section I (class 56) – Jo Sellers



Design Division

Class 1

1. Bev Card
 2. Anne Dremluk
 3. Patsie Uchello
- HM. Peggy Butenhoff

Class 2

1. Cathy Hallmark - Designer's Choice, Design Excellence
 2. Alice Ess
 3. Barbara Barnhart
- HM. Wanda Simpson

Class 3

1. Camille Hicks

Class 4

1. Arlene Stewart – Designer's Choice
2. Shirley Moore – Harlin Turner

Class 4 (cont.)

3. Linda Catir

HM. Sheila Niemela

Class 5

1. Jo Sellers

2. Bobbie Bruce

3. Mariann Kowalski

HM. Jane Dvotch



Class 6

1. Arlene Stewart

2. Bobbie Bruce

HM. Mary Doyle

HM. Linda Catir

Class 7

1. Laura McAuliffe

2. Barbara Barnhart

3. Jo Sellers

HM. Elizabeth Colley

Class 8

1. Patsie Uchello – Petite Award

2. Judith Foreman

3. Elizabeth Colley

HM. Cecilia Carroll

Class 9

1. Ann Dremluk

2. Babs McClendon

3. Wanda Ragland

Education Division

1. Carol Thompson: Native Plants – Education Excellence

2. Springfield Acres Garden Club – Seed Germination

3. Beverley Hills Garden Club – NOVA Master Gardeners Education

4. Environmental Council

District II 2019 Flower Show



Horticulture Division

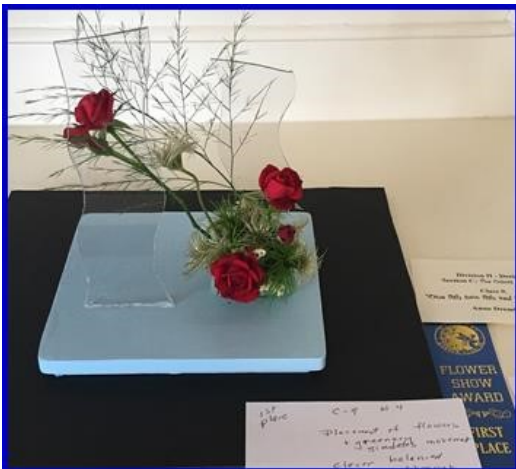
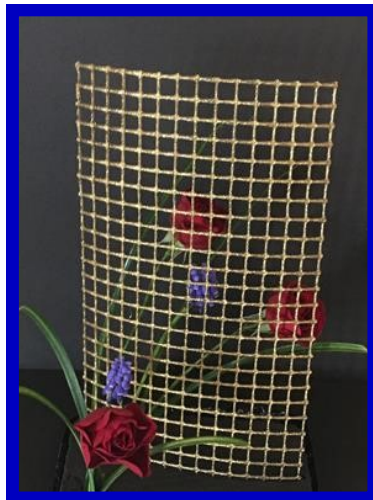


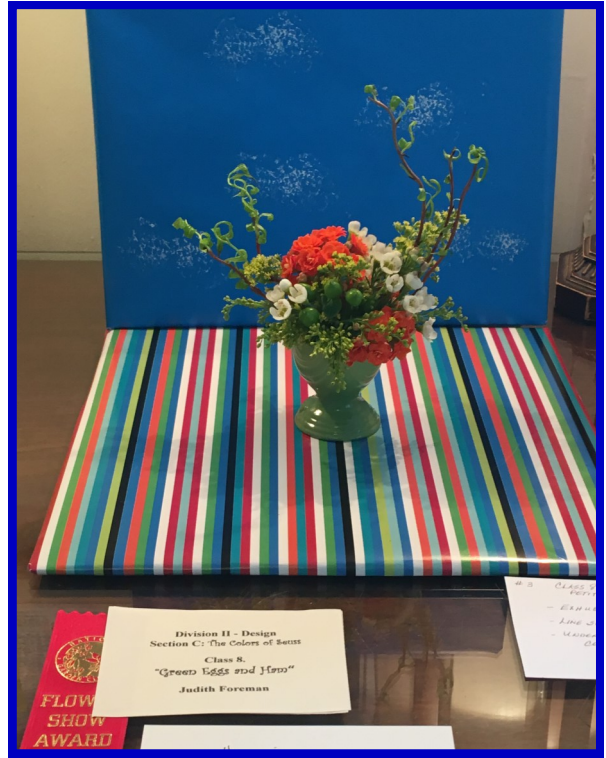
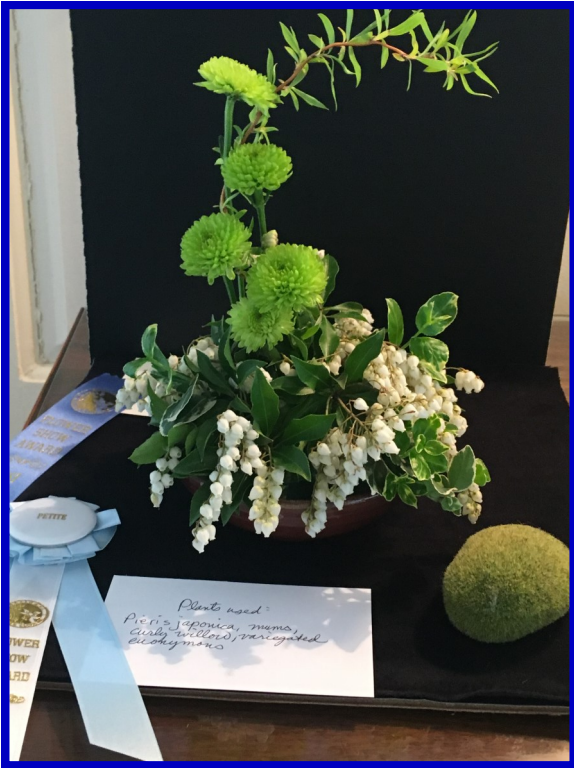
District II 2019 Flower Show
Design Division











Laurel Garden Club

Laurel Garden Club has been concluding its club year with several enjoyable events.



As part of our Youth Gardening activities, Laurel hosted a 'screen porch floral design workshop on May 18 for several young children who each made two designs using mugs or cups & saucers. Some of these creations are shown here

Our May 20 meeting started with the exhibiting of horticulture and floral designs. Members were treated to an interesting program on Ferns presented by Master Gardener Paulette Royt. A small silent auction was then held which included a movie basket and some elegant floral designs created by members.



The renovation of the Triangle Garden, for which Laurel won a Plant America grant, is nearing completion with the addition of several more plants as well as a plaque to allow passersby to know who is maintaining the garden.

Our final event, our installation luncheon was held on June 8 at the home of Janet Hazelbaker. We were treated to a program: *Cooking Thyme With Stacie*. This featured a cooking demonstration by Stacie Husman using several of her delicious recipes that we enjoyed along with an abundance of salad and desserts provided by our members. Our event concluded with the installation of our new officers followed by a silent auction with many wonderful items.



Our members look forward to a summer break before we resume our activities in September and the start of Laurel's 50th Anniversary year.

Oak Hill Garden Club

In April, Arlene Stewart did a presentation of various different arrangements, including a small basket.

At the May 3rd Oak Hill Garden Club meeting eight of us had fun quickly putting together unique arrangements based on Arlene Stewart's presentation.

Peggy Quammen and Elaine Wade gathered up Dollar Store vases and wire, and brought in flowers for us to be very creative in a short period of time. We each brought greens from our own yards. Elaine Wade hand wove baskets and with purchased flowers and with greens from our yards we each created our own May baskets. A liner held the oasis block in each basket. So much fun!



Hidden Oaks Nature Center offers a yearly tour to Thompson Wildlife Preserve in Linden. On the Trillium Trek we spotted this yellow Lady-slipper orchid.

[Yacht Haven Garden Club](#)

The Mount Vernon Yacht Club was akin to a floral shop at the February meeting of Yacht Haven Garden Club as 27 members created floral designs. NGC Judge **Arlene Stewart** led the members in the Challenge Design.

In a Challenge design, all participants are given identical components—a container, mechanics for anchoring the material, flowers, and greenery—and the instructor provides general guidelines. During the excellent program, Arlene shared tips on conditioning and preparing the flowers for arranging, how to use floral wire as the stabilizer for the flowers, and hints on arranging. Following the instructions, members were given 30 minutes to create a design of their choosing, after which the designs were critiqued and judged.

The variegated green vases, found at Crate and Barrel outlets, were dramatic with the arrangements of ‘Starfighter’ lilies, ‘Skyline’ mini carnations, ‘Himalaya’ Alstroemeria, Aspidistra leaves, and bear grass, all designed by our members. All of the designs were beautiful and showed the creativity of the designers.

We were very pleased to have 27 members participate, of whom 17 were novice designers. This was a teaching program and also a lot of fun. It met one of the objectives of the National Garden Clubs—to educate our membership.



[Save the Date !](#)

YACHT Haven Garden Club’s Annual Fashion Show:

“Fashion in Bloom”

Thursday, October 10, 2019 Mount Vernon Country Club

Beverley Hills Garden Club

On April 22nd Beverley Hills Garden Club celebrated Earth Day by installing plants in their Alexandria Hospital garden. Located at the highly visible and busy visitor's entrance, the site is challenging. Earlier plantings were stressed and did not flourish. To help the effort the hospital installed an irrigation system and the landscape crew provided mulch.

Thanks to a Community Project Grant from the NCAGC Landscape Design Council, the garden was re-vamped utilizing native plants. BHGC Community Outreach Chair Libby Good carefully chose plants better suited to the northern exposure and challenging conditions. Plants included *Ilex glabra*, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*, *Heuchera*, *Aronia melancarpa*, *Asarum canadense*, *Fothergilla*, *Polygonatum* and *Viburnum*, among others.



A crew of nine willing garden club members and our loyal photographer, Helga Abramson, descended on the site and blitzed the project. Executives from the hospital came out to applaud our efforts and provide bottled water.



On May 24th, five volunteers returned to the hospital to assist Libby in replacing the existing *Nandina* with native plants and filling in with more native plants.

As well as being beautiful, the garden will showcase native plants that are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions where they naturally occur. These important plant species provide nectar, pollen and seeds that serve as food for native butterflies, insects, birds and other animals.

Beverley Hills Garden Club is committed to the long-term maintenance of our garden by planting, fertilizing, pruning and amending the soil. Finances for garden maintenance are provided in our annual budget and work parties are regularly scheduled.

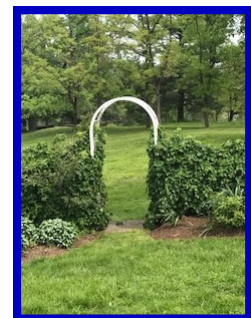
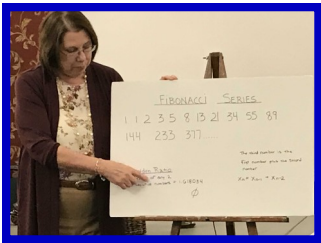
The Garden Club of Lake Ridge

In March, The Garden Club of Lake Ridge hosted Thomas Bolles who gave a presentation to our group on B.E.S.T. Lawns (Building Environmentally Sustainable Turf). This is a Prince William County Virginia Cooperative Extension program which makes the best use of valuable resources and protects neighborhood streams, lakes, ponds and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. It was a wonderful program which helped all of us learn so much about having a great lawn without ruining the environment.

Margaretta Danshaw brought a very interesting topic - Math in the Garden - to our April meeting. She introduced us to the Fibonacci Sequence, a numerical pattern named after the famous Italian mathematician. Margaretta demonstrated that lots of things in nature follow this pattern such as petals on a flower, the spiral of sunflower seeds or even the spiral of a snail shell. Also in April, some of our members enjoyed attending the Virginia Garden Week tours in Warrenton and Leesburg as well as seeing the Blue Bell Trail at Bull Run Regional Park.

In May, local bee keeper John Klapperrich brought his bees to our meeting and spent the evening explaining the art of raising bees and how our gardens and bees work together. Also in May, our Garden Club was treated to a wonderful tour of the Teaching Gardens at the Benedictine Monastery in Bristow, VA by member Wendy MacDonald who is also a Master Gardener.

Our June meeting was a Potted Plant Party where we enjoyed good food, wine and music while planting garden pots of beautiful plants to take home. This was our last meeting until September. It was a great way to end our year.



Garden Club of Montclair

On March 27th the Garden Club of Montclair held our Installation Luncheon at the Olive Garden. Carol Scarton and Cecelia Carroll will be Co-Presidents for 2019, Joan Flaherty and Lu Selfridge continue as Co-Vice Presidents, Winnie Tierney will be the new Secretary, and Susan Kruyne our new Treasurer. We celebrated their installation and offered thanks to our 2018 officers.

May was a busy month for the Garden Club of Montclair! On May 1st eighteen club members participated in the Virginia Historic House and Garden Tour in Warrenton. We were intrigued by Merry Oak Farm which combines an open plan design with a variety of more private rooms and overlooks a 20-acre mountaintop lake. Then we paused for lunch at the Black Bear Bistro in Warrenton. In the afternoon we visited Folly Hill Farm, an elegant farmhouse with a stable uniquely combined with an entertainment area.

May 11th was the date for our 25th annual Perennial Plant Sale. In preparation members potted over 700 quality plants. Betty Gitlin and Barbara Ball served as our plant sale co-chairs and coordinated our team of dedicated workers to achieve a sale which was successful beyond expectation.

Twenty-two garden club members gathered on May 21st at Tudor Place, a historic house and garden museum in Georgetown. We arrived in time to wander through the gardens before meeting in the house for an elaborate tea. Afterward we were given a guided tour of the house built in 1816 which was one of America's first National Historic Landmarks.

We look forward to our summer meetings which will include the Annual Senior Picnic, a tour of Woodlawn Plantation and Arcadia Farm, a speaker on Container Gardening and potluck lunch, and a tour of Glenstone in Potomac, Maryland.



Wilton Woods Garden Club

Last year, we decided to take a field trip for our May meeting and enjoyed it so much, we decided to make it a yearly event. This May we went to Hillwood Estate and Gardens in D. C., the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post. We signed up for a docent tour of both the house and the gardens which is a good idea for those who are making their first visit. Our docents told us all the facts and interesting stories about the estate. The gardens were beautiful and abundant with roses. The orchids and other tropical plants in the conservatory were incredible. The mansion and its contents, like the Faberge eggs, were breathtaking. After our tours we had a lovely lunch in the café. What a wonderful way to spend the day!



WANTED

VIMs

(Very Important Members)

Presidents-

Do you have a member in your club who is indispensable?

Maybe this member has never held an office, but is always volunteering.

Would you like to honor this member?

Nominate this member to me, and bring him or her to our District II Meeting.

We value our VIMs!

Alice Ess

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A form for you to print and use to tell other members about your club's favorite program or programs (if you had more than one) from your garden club year.

Outstanding Program

Club: _____

Contact: _____

Phone # _____

Program Title: _____

Description: _____

Why the Club

Enjoyed: _____

Cost: _____

Presenters Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

[NCAGC Website](#)

Danielle Brabazon, NCAGC Webmaster, is giving all of the garden clubs the opportunity to have their information available on the NCAGC website. <http://www.ncagardenclubs.org/>

If your club has a website, send her the address and she can create a link to it. If you don't have a website you can still provide information in the form of a pdf file.

Please email Danielle at: webmaster@ncagardenclubs.org

[National Capital Area Garden Clubs Blog](#)

Please take a moment to stop by and check it out at <http://ncagardenclubs.blogspot.com>.

If you would like to share photos, unique club activities or guest blog for our garden blog, please contact Thea McGinnis at: ncagardenclubblogger@gmail.com.

[Umbrella Liability Insurance](#)

Garden Clubs are increasingly asked to provide a CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE before they are allowed to use facilities or engage in civic projects. NCAGC has Liability Insurance that covers members for events on behalf of the NCAGC. Please feel free to request a Certificate of Insurance 1 to 2 weeks in advance of the activity.

As a National Capital Area Garden club, you can obtain a Certificate of Insurance by emailing a request to:

certificates@KSIINC.com

or mail a written request to:

**Keller Stonebraker Insurance, Inc.,
1120 C Professional Court, P. O. Box 609
Hagerstown, MD 21741-00609**

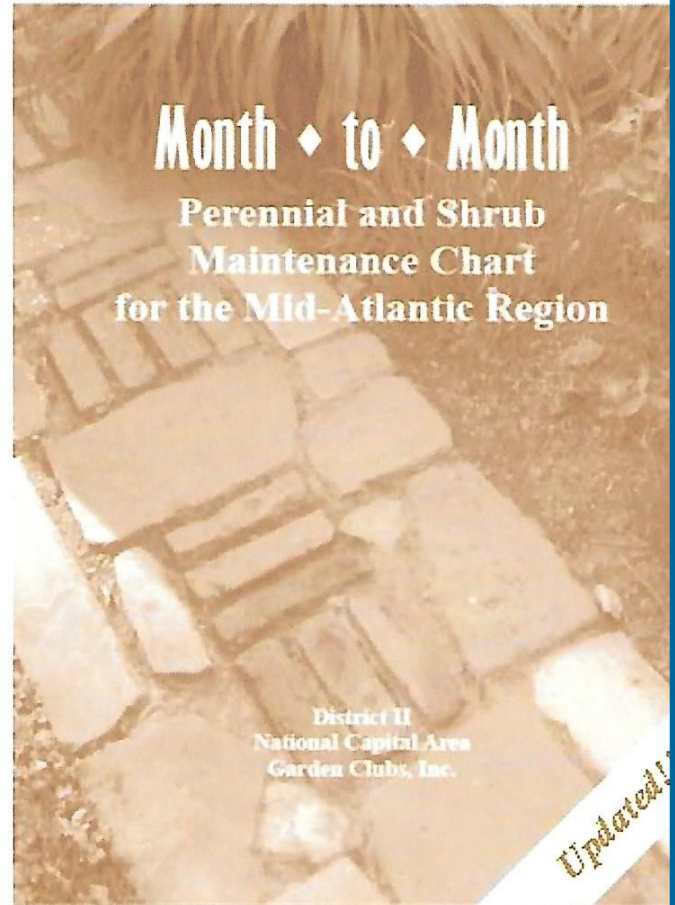
Be sure to state National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.

Please reach out to Danielle Brabazon, NCAGC Finance Chairman, with any questions and/or concerns.

"MONTH-TO-MONTH PERENNIAL AND SHRUB MAINTENANCE CHART FOR THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION" is a distillation of vital gardening information, all in one place! This 44-page reference Chart is written for those of us who are passionate about our gardens and the plants we nurture. The Garden Maintenance Chart organizes, in an easy-to-use format, comprehensive information gardeners want and need in order to grow vigorous, beautiful perennials and shrubs in our Mid-Atlantic zones 6a to 7b.

With the 12 months running across the top of the Chart and the plant names (104 spectacular perennials and 65 shrubs) listed down the left-hand side, this Chart pulls together month-to-month information on when and how the plant should be pruned, information on whether the shrub blooms on new or old wood, when to divide, types and frequency of fertilizer, deadheading advice (and whether it produces secondary flowering).

Also included is designation of native plants--as well as pH preference, flowering time, winter interest, type of soil preference with moisture, light and zone ranges. The Chart contains plant-specific comments, a Key on each page, a cross-index of Latin and common plant names with pronunciation, the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map AND the new AHS Heat Zone Map with explanation.



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