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A Message from SGC President, Becky Sido. . .

“Caring for Our World”

Caring for Our World, our new theme for two years, means more than protecting our environment, and using resources wisely.

We as a garden club **care** for each other by bringing food, flowers and visiting those in need, by being caring friends in good times and difficult times. We **share** our time in community gardens, such as the Post Office, our arrangements for Hospice and Meals on Wheels and our resources. We **enrich** the lives of others by teaching children how to arrange flowers, plant flowers, propagate plants, and ways to reuse plastic. We plan and implement programs for the Veterans. We **educate** our members with our programs on gardening and floral design, and by having our horticulture, designs and botanical arts judged. We also have fun at meetings, workshops and tours. I am only touching on a few ways that Salisbury Garden Club cares for our world.



I am honored to be the President of this garden club that brings joy and beauty to so many people. We may never know how many people we touch by our actions, just know that we do.

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VFGC Flower Show School Course III August 26-29, 2024

This course, held in Roanoke, is not only for prospective flower show exhibitors and judges, but also for all garden club members and all persons interested in flower design and horticulture. Many people attend for information only and those people do not have to take the examinations!

Details about this particular course is in the June 2024 edition of the **“Rooted”** newsletter on pages 6-8. Registration deadline is July 26.

VFGC Landscape Design School Course III September 30 – October 1, 2024

As with Flower School Courses, Landscape Design School is open for all garden club members and all persons interested in landscape design. Many attend for information only and do not have to take the exams! And there are excellent instructors: Peggy Singlemann, Gordon W Chappell, Neal Beasley, and Laurie Fox.

Details for this course, to be held at LGBG, are on pages 9-11 of the June edition of “**Rooted**” newsletter. The deadline for registerind is September 20.

VFGC Annual Awards and Convention

Those of us who were able to attend the VFGC Convention at the Boar’s Head Inn in Charlottesville on May 21-22 had a wonderful time. The presenters were exceptional, the venue was beautiful, and socializing with and getting to know other garden club members from around the state was enjoyable.



At the awards presentation

luncheon, we were excited to learn that **Salisbury Garden Club had been awarded 12 VFGC blue ribbons. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to these projects:**



- Bird, Butterfly, Wildlife Survival
- Community Landscape Design
- Plant Together Community Garden Project
- Horticulture Therapy
- Horticulture Therapy Garden Project
- National Garden Week
- Youth Environmental Education
- Youth Horticulture Education
- Membership Brochure
- Club Newsletter
- Club Yearbook
- Website

Our Club Newsletter and Website also won **South Atlantic Region Awards!!**

Treasurer's Annual Report: June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024

Prepared by Claudia Cosby, Treasurer

| OPERATING FUND | | | |
|---|--|----------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance June 1, 2023 | | | \$3,096.66 |
| Receipts | | | |
| <i>Administrative</i> | | | |
| | Membership Dues 2023-24 | 5,300.00 | |
| <i>Activities</i> | | | |
| | Atlas Glove Orders & Sales | 1,268.00 | |
| | Workshops (Dec. & Apr.) | 1,015.00 | |
| | SGC Notecards | 70.00 | |
| | RCGC Hospitality | 125.00 | |
| | RCGC Luncheon | 385.00 | 2,863.00 |
| <i>Donations</i> | | | |
| | Penny Pines (includes \$41 carried over from 22-23) | 340.00 | 340.00 |
| <i>Meetings</i> | | | |
| | District Meetings Registration (Fall & Spring) | 1,755.00 | |
| | Misc. Program Income (Opportunity tickets) | 559.00 | |
| | Security deposit from SPC returned | 100.00 | 2,414.00 |
| <i>Social Hospitality</i> | | | |
| | Christmas Party | 2,880.00 | |
| | Installation & Awards Luncheon | 2,294.00 | 5,174.00 |
| Total Receipts | | | 16,091.00 |
| Disbursements | | | |
| <i>Administrative</i> | | | |
| | Corresponding Secretary | 57.61 | |
| | Historian | 27.76 | |
| | Liability Insurance | 294.00 | |
| | Membership | 59.97 | |
| | Newsletter | 408.20 | |
| | Piedmont District Dues | 20.00 | |
| | RCGC Dues | 40.00 | |
| | Treasurer-Postage & Misc. Bank Fee | 8.00 | |
| | VFGC Dues 2023-24 | 540.00 | |
| | Website Hosting, Domain (annual) | 278.95 | |
| | Yearbook | 685.47 | 2,419.96 |
| <i>Activities & Gifts, Prizes</i> | | | |
| | Atlas Gloves | 761.86 | |
| | April Workshop (includes \$15 transferred to PD) | 730.00 | |
| | Design & Horticulture Prizes | 148.56 | |
| | Flower Show | 47.41 | |
| | Garden Tour | 158.97 | |
| | President's Gift | 86.65 | |
| | RCGC Hospitality | 146.43 | |
| | RCGC Luncheon | 385.00 | 2,464.88 |
| <i>Donations</i> | | | |
| | Penny Pines Donations (5) | 340.00 | |
| | RCGC Youth Education Donation | 50.00 | |
| | RCGC Centerpiece Donation | 17.99 | |
| | VFGC, Piedmont District Awards Sponsors | 40.00 | 447.99 |
| <i>Meetings</i> | | | |
| | District Meetings Registration | 1,845.00 | |
| | Judges' Gifts | 200.00 | |
| | Meeting Setup | 660.00 | |
| | Monthly Hospitality | 103.65 | |
| | Monthly Programs | 1,020.48 | |
| | * SPC Facility Rental, etc. | 1,000.00 | 4,829.13 |
| <i>Social Hospitality</i> | | | |
| | Christmas Party (includes \$135 refunds) | 2,571.17 | |
| | Food From the Heart | 78.55 | |
| | Awards Luncheon (includes \$37 refund & \$500 deposit) | 2,392.79 | 5,042.51 |
| Total Disbursements | | | 15,204.47 |
| Net Operating Funds Gain to Reserve Fund | | | (886.53) |
| Operating Fund Balance May 31, 2024 | | | \$3,096.66 |

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| COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND | | | | | |
| Beginning Balance June 1, 2023 | | | | | \$2,113.00 |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Graduation Flowers | | | | 1,375.00 | |
| Blooming Bucks Rewards | | | | 54.77 | |
| Total Receipts | | | | | 1,429.77 |
| Disbursements | | | | | |
| <i>Community Outreach</i> | | | | | |
| Art for the Journey/Veterans | | | | 79.35 | |
| Bickford | | | | 94.53 | |
| Meals on Wheels | | | | 64.87 | |
| Southampton Youth Program | | | | 46.71 | 285.46 |
| <i>Civic Beautification</i> | | | | | |
| Anniversary Garden | | | | 27.52 | |
| Daffodil Project | | | | 110.00 | |
| Fire Station | | | | 106.88 | |
| Lifelong Learning Inst. | | | | 80.31 | |
| Manakin Episcopal Church | | | | 77.97 | |
| National Garden Week | | | | 113.80 | |
| Post Office | | | | 77.13 | |
| Wishing Well Park | | | | 99.25 | 692.86 |
| <i>Maymont Foundation Internship</i> | | | | | 250.00 |
| Total Disbursements | | | | | 1,228.32 |
| Community Projects Fund Balance May 31, 2024 | | | | | \$2,314.45 |
| RESERVE FUND | | | | | |
| Reserve Fund Balance June 1, 2023 | | | | | \$2,895.61 |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Piedmont District Awards | | | | 220.00 | |
| VFGC Awards | | | | 220.00 | |
| SAR Awards | | | | 25.00 | |
| Total Receipts | | | | | 465.00 |
| Net Operating Funds Gain to Reserves | | | | | 886.53 |
| Reserve Fund Balance May 31, 2024 | | | | | \$4,247.14 |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| Youth Grant Received | | | | 125.00 | |
| Misc. | | | | 0.68 | |
| Total Receipts | | | | | 125.68 |
| Disbursements | | | | | |
| Southampton School | | | | 27.51 | |
| Plant Together | | | | 55.85 | |
| Gardening Enrichment | | | | 42.32 | |
| Total Disbursements | | | | | 125.68 |
| Total Restricted Funds May 31, 2024 | | | | | 0.00 |
| Items Carried Forward to 2024-25 | | | | | |
| Membership Dues 2024-25 | | | | | \$4,500.00 |
| TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS | | | | | \$14,158.25 |

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION

We need volunteers to water at the Fire Station and at the Post Office this summer – Tuesdays and Fridays are the days needed. Kerri Butler, Ching Stella, Nancy Lee, and Meg Winn have signed up for some days but we still need fill-ins for some July and August days.

If you can lend a hand a few days over the summer, please contact Meg Winn at 804-836-5413 or winn.meg@gmail.com.

Civic Beautification Update:

We continued with work days in May to get the sites looking their best.

May 18th Connie Sorrell, Kathy Casella, and Meg Winn planted and watered **Reta's Garden at LLI**.

May 21st Doris Wier, DanaDee Carragher, Marsha Caratelli, Candy Nasser, and Meg Winn pruned and weeded at the **Anniversary Garden** to ready it for the Garden Tour. DanaDee added more plant markers and some pots of flowers.



May 30th Susan Preston, Susan Oakey, Nancy Lee, Kathy Casella, Candy Nasser, Marsha Caratelli, and Meg Winn met at **Wishing Well Park**. We did some weeding and planted a few cannah lily bulbs and also admired the monarda, susans, and passionflower vine.

We planted summer annuals at the **Post Office, Redeemer Courtyard, and the Fire Station** as part of National Garden Week (see Candy Nasser's report on page for details).

We have no work days scheduled for summer but do need recruits for keeping our annuals at the fire station and post office watered – see previous page for details.

Meg Winn, Chairman

Memorial Garden Project – Midlothian High School

SGC was invited to participate in refurbishing two areas at Midlothian High School that memorializes fallen folks from our community. The first area we are calling the **Snelling Learning Memorial**. It features a “U” shaped planter and a dogwood tree planted in memory of Biology teacher Beth Snelling that passed away from a stroke suffered while teaching at Midlothian. Several workdays were held to clean-up and refurbish and restore this area. The existing plants were removed and evaluated. The soil remaining in

the planter was refortified with detritus from the forest around the planter, some sterilized cow manure and new garden soil. The daylilies that had been there were replanted as well as the newly donated Linton roses and Wandering Jew plants. A plaque with Beth's name, her birth year and the year of her death has been installed at the base of the dogwood tree. In addition to the plaque a frog statue was added inside the "U" portion of the planter behind some very healthy, for now, Hosta. Finally, a parking sign was attached to the planter that read, "FROG parking, all others will be TOAD".



The second, and larger project involved the **memorial garden in the front of the building at MHS**. Dr. Abel, along with Andrew and Mark McAuliffe from Cross Creek Nursery developed a plan for improvement of this area. This garden honors anyone that passed away during their tenure at MHS – student, faculty member or staff. The individual is honored with a brick with their name on it. The bricks are embedded around a centrally planted tree. Over time the pathway leading to the site for has fallen into disrepair and the pathways have deteriorated.



The original idea was that SGC would provide some of the plants that were needed through donations from our gardens and labor to help restore this special area. Cross Creek outdid themselves with their very generous community outreach and did an outstanding job completing the entire site plan over spring break. A Sweet Bay Magnolia was planted to replace a dead tree and a variety of Black-Eyed Susans, Coneflowers, and grasses were installed. All of the shrubbery were pruned. The named bricks were reset and an edge restraint was added. A walkway out to the main concrete sidewalk was added. Stone was added to refresh all the existing pathways and fresh mulch throughout the area was installed.

The Memorial Site was refurbished in time to hold a memorial ceremony on May 6 honoring Wyatt Fowler, a student that passed away in December 2023 in a car accident. His passing was what initially pushed all of us to clean this area up. Thank you to all that donated materials, plants, time, suggestions, and support to help complete these two projects.

Nancy Lee, Coordinator

Reta's Garden Dedication – Lifelong Learning Institute



On May 14th, we gathered under misty skies to dedicate a new flower garden at the LifeLong Learning Institute to honor the memory of **our dearly-loved long-time member, Reta Good.**

Connie Sorrell, SGC President; Rachel Ramirez, Executive Director many LLI; Fran Judd, Reta's colleague; and Meg Winn, Civic Beautification Chairman, all spoke of Reta's enthusiasm and commitment to both SGC and LLI.

At the end of the short ceremony, Bill Good and their daughter, Carol, were presented with a framed card with the poem "What You Plant" (see page 41 in your SGC Yearbook).

SGC will maintain the garden at LLI as a testament to Reta's creativity and friendship with all gardeners.

SGC AWARDS AND INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Our Awards and Installation Luncheon at the Boathouse at Sunday Park on May 15th was enjoyed by 60 members of our club. As always, the food was delicious and the service was outstanding. Thank you to all who made centerpieces for the tables. The room looked even more beautiful with all the flowers!

Congratulations to our newly elected officers:

Becky Sido, President; Lynn Neviasser and Fran Stanwix, 1st Vice Presidents; Peggy Young, 2nd Vice President; Katie Conschafter, Recording Secretary; Delora Stites, Corresponding Secretary; and Claudia Cosby, Treasurer.



SGC Annual Awards presented at the Luncheon:

Horticulture

Perennial Member: 1st place – Joanne Wallace
2nd place – Becky Sido
New Member: 1st place – Laura Petrella
2nd place – Susan McClelland

Design

Perennial Member: 1st place – Nancy Lee
2nd place – Laurie Kalata
New Member: 1st place – Laura Petrella
2nd place – Susan McClelland

Botanical Arts

Perennial Member: 1st place – Laurie Kalata
2nd place – Joanne Wallace
No New Members participated

Extra Involvement

Perennial Member: Nancy Lee (New club record –
150 points) Congratulations, Nancy!
New Member: Susan McClelland

Special Congratulations to Anne Ravn

who was awarded a commemorative pin for 35 years as an SGC member!

Thank you to Nancy Scherer for her many years on the Social Hospitality Committee. Her leadership and experience has been has been indispensable.



Janice and I look forward to serving the club in the coming year and are already planning our Holiday dinner party.

We wish each of you a happy and safe summer.

Martie Parch and Janice Beatty
Incoming Social Hospitality Co-Chairmen

GRADUATION FLOWERS

We were delighted to be asked once again to provide the floral display for Chesterfield Schools' Graduation ceremonies. Sadly, Kathy Ward, our intrepid leader, was unable to be with us this year so we had give it our best shot without her as we certainly did not want to let her down!



A fine team of our members set about the business with grim determination and the

end result was absolutely superb. Faculty Staff and Graduands were very complimentary about it which was a huge relief!



We had two small teams – Fran Judd, Kerri Butler and Nancy Scherer settled themselves down to make 125 boutonnieres which was a monumental effort and which turned out perfectly.

Team number two – Nancy Lee, Linda Nau, Connie Sorrell, Camille Archie and I looked at the large urn, looked at the flowers (already carefully conditioned), looked at one another and went on the attack! I believe we could claim a victory!

Salisbury Garden Club ladies could be justly proud and we hope that we will be asked to do the same next year.

Lorna Boucher, Co-Chairman



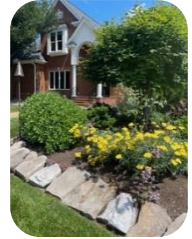
The Board wishes to thank Becky Sido for hosting the May board meeting and luncheon!

2024 BIENNIAL GARDEN TOUR

A warm and sunny May 22nd, greeted over sixty attendees to five special home gardens and the SGC 50th Anniversary Garden. The biennial 2024



Salisbury Garden Tour on this beautiful day was deemed a success by the entire Garden Tour committee: Janice Beatty, Lorna Boucher, Anita King, Nancy Lee, Barbara Metz, Susan Nienow, Susan Oakey, Susan Preston, Dotsie Williams, and Co-chairs John and Fran Stanwix.



The home gardens of Janice and Don Beatty, Truda and Terry Lee, Ed and Judy Malloy, Elizabeth and Chris Vance, and Laura Boland provided a wide variety of flora and hardscapes to delight their viewers. Assisting guests at the gardens were the homeowners, many of



the committee members and these gracious volunteers: Sue Kucera, Louise Miller, Anne Stiles, Joy Mingis, Peggy Young, Shirley Gates, Debbie Pinkston, Marcia Harrigan, Becky Sido, Nancy Scherer, and Fran Judd.

All homeowners were gifted with floral designs coordinated exclusively to display in each of the five unique home gardens. These amazing pieces were created by Meg Winn, DanaDee Carragher, Jeanne Miles, and Camille Archie. Another homeowner gift, a slate-like stone inscribed with “2024 Salisbury Garden Club Tour”, was skillfully prepared by Jean Jordan for each garden. To remember this momentous day, photos of all gardens were taken by Donna Cottingham, and will be available on the club’s website soon (salisburygardenclub.com).



To those who volunteered their gardens, all tour attendees, the volunteers, all who helped in their distinctive capacities, and all committee members: well done all!

John and Fran Stanwix, Co-Chairmen

National Garden Week – June 2024



National Garden Week was a huge success due to the many volunteers that we had. Some members came every day to help with our projects. **We put educational displays in four libraries.** Thank you, Kathy Casella, Becky Sido, Peggy Young, and Kathy Ward.

On Monday, nine of us went to the **Post Office** and planted Zinnias and Angelonia, as well as doing a lot of pruning and weeding. We got the standard question many times from passersby: "When can you come to my yard?" Thank you, Delora Stites, Kerri Butler, Gay Kistler, Nancy Lee, Ching Stella, Cheryl Reynolds, Marsha Caratelli, and Meg Winn.



On Tuesday, eight members went to the **Courtyard at Redeemer Church** and planted Begonias, Lantana, and Clustered Bellflower, as well as pruning, weeding and some transplanting. Thank you, Marsha Caratelli, Delora Stites, Karen Rice, Kerri Butler, Nancy Lee, Peggy Young, and Meg Winn.



Wednesday was our big day. We needed to make 165 mini bouquets to go on the trays for **Meals on Wheels**. We had 25 members come to the Shed, and we were successful. The minis were beautiful and were well appreciated by Feed More who do the trays. Members brought greenery and flowers to add to



what we bought. Thank you, Delora Stites, Karen Rice, Camille Archie, Lorna Boucher, Janice Beatty, Katie Conschafter, Anne Faszewski, Shirley Gates, Martie Parch, Jean Hillsman, Gay Kistler, Nancy Lee, Phyllis Miles, Becky Sido, Sue Barrie, Meg Winn, Sandy Fry, Dominique Spinosa, Mary Arakelian, Peggy Young, Nancy Scherer, Kathy Casella, Dana Dee Carragher, and Marsha Caratelli. Also, a big thank you goes to Keith Winn who painted all 165 containers.



On Thursday, seven members went to the **Fire Station**. We transplanted some of the daffodil bulbs and planted Zinnias, Lantana, and Angelonia and watered them in well. Thank you, Delora Stites, Kerri Butler, Nancy Lee,

Meg Winn, Marsha Caratelli, and Janice Beatty.

On Friday, seven members met at **Spring Arbor Memory Care**. We planted 11 pots with Lantana, Portulacas, New Guinea Impatiens, and Pentas. We also weeded and deadheaded shrub roses and daisies. Some of the residents were outside and appreciated the additions to their beautiful garden. Thank you, Delora Stites, Karen Rice, Kerri Butler, Nancy Lee, Becky Sido, and Connie Sorrell.



It was wonderful having such great participation in celebrating National Garden Week. A big thank you goes to Meg Winn who helped me plan and execute the entire project. We really helped to beautify our community.

Candy Nasser, Chairman

SGC Standard Flower Show – Spring 2025

“Come Fly with Me!”



I'm so excited about our 2025 flower show, "Come Fly with Me". I hope that you are, too. In writing the schedule, I'd like to include some of **YOUR** favorite vacation/travel memories. Some of the titles that have been suggested to me so far are:

- The Stained Glass Windows at Chartres – perhaps a good title for a traditional mass design?
- Diving on the Great Barrier Reef – a creative design, perhaps an Underwater design?
- An Italian Cooking Class – what fun to use veggies in your design!

If you have a travel experience or location that is memorable, please send it to me. I'd like to include as many of these experiences as possible in our schedule.

Kathy Ward (klhward@gmail.com)

Committee Chairmen Needed for “Come Fly with Me” Flower Show

As most of you know from past experience, a flower show can only be produced with EVERYONE involved. There are so many jobs – large and small. At this time, I'm putting the flower show committee together. If you are interest in being a **committee chairman**, please let me know. Those who would like to be committee members will be able to sign up in September.

Some of the possible positions are:

- Botanical Arts Placement
- Clerks
- Educational Exhibits

- Hostesses
- Hospitality
- Publicity
- Photographer
- Youth/Special Groups Exhibits

Please contact me with any questions you may have about the positions or to volunteer to be a committee chairman.

Kathy (klhward@gmail.com)

YOUR PHOTOS ON SGC WEBSITE!!

We may not be meeting as a club for the next few months, but one way to keep in touch is through your photographs. **Rachel Schartz, our blue-ribbon webmaster, will post to the front page of our website photos sent in by you. So be creative!**



Send in a picture of your prized flower which blooms in the heat of summer when exhibiting it isn't possible! Or how about snapping along a path while strolling through Lewis Ginter? Hiking along a trail and spot an unusual

mushroom? Snap it and send it. Be creative! An arbor covered in roses?

One of the Educational exhibits at our state convention in Charlottesville will have tips on photographing and printing garden flowers and floral arrangements. We might even have a section in the club's flower show next year in the Botanical Arts Photography section.

So dust off your camera or pull out your phone and snap away!!

Joanne Wallace, Exhibits Co-Chairman
 Rachel Schartz, Website (rachelepreston@gmail.com)

THIS AND THAT.....

If you are storing any items used in our **previous Flower Show**, please contact **Fran Judd** (spar77@yahoo.com). She is conducting an inventory now so we have accurate information for our Spring 2025 Flower Show.

Our apologies to **Delora Stites** for leaving her off of the Member in Good Standing list last month.

Thanks to **Peggy Young** for organizing the Artisans' Open House on May 18 and 19 in her home. The percentage of sales donated to SGC added \$185 to our account!

Trex Update: As of June 14, we have recycled 629.3 pounds of plastic bags and wrap. Keep up the great work and think of all that plastic being used to make a bench, not taking up room in a land fill. If you have questions, contact Becky Sido (becky.sido@gmail.com).



SGC annual dues for 2024-2025 are \$50. If you haven't paid them and you want to renew, send your check to Treasurer, **Claudia Cosby, 3015 Mount Hill Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113-3923.**



My sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to Mum's the Word this past year, especially the contributing writers: DanaDee Carragher, Donna Cottingham, Sandy Mattes, Susan Nienow, Martie Parch and Kathy Ward.

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