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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DEBORAH GRIESINGER

It is a beautiful and balmy spring day as I write to you via this newsletter. It is the first day in months that I have had a full afternoon to put on my gardening gloves, leave the phones inside, and kneel on the ground as I play in the soil. It felt so wonderful to see plants beginning to grow, to be reminded of the hope that accompanies spring, and to relish the good feelings that a garden can bring.

It reminds me of why we all became Master Gardeners: the pleasure and satisfaction that come from seeing our labors make beautiful changes in the landscape. And in the springtime, Mother Nature seems to multiply overnight the efforts I put forth that day. Gardens bring a smile to my face.

Last week while in England I visited the Botanic Garden at Cambridge University. These gardens were so orderly and peaceful that I could feel my body relax. The very old, no, I must say extremely old, greenhouses were a marvel by themselves. Even their gears and pulleys became a treasured photograph. These gardens only reinforced the value of such a treasure: beauty, orderliness, tranquility, and promise. You have to love that about spring; it brings us new hope.

Today I had the privilege of congratulating the newest class of Extension Master Gardener interns as they transitioned from trainees to interns. And it was a beautiful metamorphosis! They are eager to begin racking up their required hours as they try on our many projects for a good fit. We are pleased that so many of them have already joined our association, and we look forward to seeing them at our monthly meetings. The project fair, held a few days earlier, provided these interns with an opportunity to meet the project chairs and to have their questions answered. Their energy will certainly be helpful to meet the needs of our numerous projects and invigorate our association.

We had a lively board meeting this week. Nine association members attended for numerous reasons: some to ask about the status of their projects; some to observe; others to express their discontent with the board. Everyone was given ample time to ask questions and express concerns.

The board members have taken to heart many comments that were made at the general meeting on March 3. We have considered our presentation and have thought about and processed the presentation by Dave Close and John Freeborn. We have listened to the membership and will get more information and facts before proceeding further with incorporation. We apparently proceeded too rapidly for some of our members fully to grasp our vision. We are interested in being correct and exhausting our sources before taking another step. I have been reminded that many MGs just want to work in their favorite projects, finding this a relaxing and pleasurable pastime and finding the administrative aspects unappealing. I continue to believe that the board only wishes to look after your best interests so that you can work in your projects with peace of mind. Being a board member is a heavy responsibility.

The board made the decision to post the minutes of its meetings on the member's page of the website. We also have decided not to purchase insurance for the plant sale, as John Freeborn and Dave Close were quite adamant that the plant sale is considered a project and thus would be covered by Virginia Tech insurance. I am glad their position has changed since December. Another point that needs to be emphasized: all EMGs who are in compliance and working on a project approved by the extension are covered by Virginia Tech insurance. This point was reiterated and emphasized by our VCE program assistant, Kate Robbins.

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Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 7

Program:

**Virginia Master Garden
Association and Master
Gardener College**

Speaker: Angela Cingale

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Now, I am heading back outside to enjoy the rest of today's daylight and the solitude, calmness, beauty, and rejuvenation of my flower garden. It is my happy place. And just imagine finding a Master Gardener working in her own garden!

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2016!

BY HOPE YELICH



Photo by Hope Yelich

Speaking of a Master Gardener working in her (or his) own garden, please join me in welcoming our latest group of interns, who transitioned from trainee to intern on Wednesday, March 23. Fourteen "newbies" and two transfers made up the class of 2016- a small but close-knit and enthusiastic group.

Front row (left to right):

Carrie Evelyn
Judy McCormack
Roberta Gump
Jennifer Campbell
Sue Carruth

Back row (left to right):

Candy Carpenter
Valerie Brooks
Iris Burke
Susan Carlile
Robin Paladino
Suzy Warren-Alef
Deb Bussert
Linda Slyfield
Judith Shuck
Dave Kleppinger



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(Transfer Lee Fuerst is not pictured.)

2016
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The MG Board meets on the third Friday of each month at 9:30 am at the Williamsburg Regional Library, Room B, on Scotland Street, Williamsburg.

The board meetings are open to all Master Gardeners, and all are encouraged to attend.

INTERNAL EDUCATION

BY KATHY BUSH



Local attendees at Master Gardener College 2014. Photo courtesy of jccwmg.org

On April 7 we will hear from Angela Cingale about the statewide Virginia Master Gardener Association and the Master Gardener College, coming up on June 25-27. Master Gardener College has been a popular event with Virginia Extension Master Gardeners since 1987.

MG College is a multi-day event held at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg that includes gardening seminars, tours, workshops, and popular speakers from the horticulture and arboriculture fields.

Each year, nearly 250 Extension Master Gardeners attend this event. Master Gardener College is organized and administrated by staff in the office of the state Master Gardener Coordinator and by the Master Gardener College Advisory Team.

Marilyn Riddle will give particulars about the scholarships available to qualified EMGs through the VMGA to attend the MG College. Also our treasurer, Amy Higgins, will be sending a report on the state of our finances. If you have questions you especially want addressed, please send her an email as soon as possible at amy.higgins@ymail.com.

Please check out the calendar in this newsletter to see the outstanding plant sales and educational opportunities available in our area!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS BROWN THING IS ON THE FORSYTHIA BUSH?

If you guessed a praying mantis (*Mantid*) egg case or ootheca, you are correct! They like to put them on forsythia bushes and other twigs and sturdy grasses in the fall. When the eggs hatch in springtime there could be 100-200 miniature mantises that come out of one case. Here is a cool but creepy YouTube video of a hatch. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJoNzO0iNVQ>

Believe it or not, you can purchase egg cases for hatching on Amazon for about \$6.00. So if you find one or more in your yard, protect it. The praying mantis will eat aphids, moths, grasshoppers, crickets, flies, and other garden pests. They do not distinguish between good and bad insects, but generally it is good to have them in your garden.

They are well camouflaged among green leaves and are unique in that they can swivel their heads almost 180 degrees in order to spot prey. For more information, check out <http://ninnescahlife.wichita.edu/node/691>.



Photograph above by Kathy Bush, photograph below courtesy of nationalgeographic.com.

UPCOMING CLASSES, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIUMS, AND PLANT SALES

BY KATHY BUSH



April 2 (White Stone). 23rd Annual Gardening in the Northern Neck Seminar - Nurturing Nature: Sustainable Gardening. 8:15am—3:30pm. There will be guest speakers, vendors, book sales and even book signings! The seminar location is at the Church of the Nazarene, 57 Wisk Drive, White Stone, VA 22578. To register for the few places left, visit <http://www.nnmg.org/nngardeningseminar.asp>. The registration fee is only \$25! Don't miss these specific speakers:

- * Lisa Ziegler (The Gardener's Workshop, Newport News), will present *From the Ground Up*. Program includes how to plant seeds directly in the garden or indoors using the soil block method. Lisa reveals the steps she follows to prepare garden soil organically for abundant growth and low maintenance.
- * Tim McCoy (Research Specialist, Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs), will speak on *Native Pollinators: An Overlooked Stakeholder Group*. Find out what you can do to help the pollinators- Tim's talk even includes MANY specific suggestions!
- * Kevin Goff: (Director of the River Program, St. Margaret's School, Tappahannock), will discuss *Too Much of a Good Thing*. Learn how homeowners in the Chesapeake Bay watershed can work for healthier water quality in our neighboring creeks, rivers, and the Bay.

April 16 (Freeman Center, CNU). 19th Garden Symposium. Focus will be "Creating Environmentally Friendly Gardens" oriented to our specific geographic areas. Jim Orband, Denise Greene, and Eric Bailey will speak in the morning, with a panel discussion including audience participation after lunch. Vendors will be outside, including the Colonial Triangle Chapter of the Herb Society of America with a tent full of herbs. Register at <http://cnu.edu/gardening/>

April 16 (Freedom Park Interpretive Center). Bluebirds in our Gardens. 10:00am. Nancy Barnhart and other Master Naturalists will show how to attract bluebirds to your yard. Suggested donation \$5.00.

April 16-17 and April 23-24. (Virginia Living Museum, Newport News). 9:00am-4:00pm. **Native Plant Sale.** Native plant sale to include common milkweed. Choose from an incredible array of beautiful and unusual native plants for a variety of garden sites and styles, from wet ponds to dry rock gardens. Many of these are excellent plants for attracting butterflies, hummingbirds, and other wildlife to your yard. The Virginia Living Museum's

horticulture staff holds this annual sale as a fund raiser, but the real goal is to introduce the gardening public to the incredible variety of native plants that will do well in the landscape, and to educate gardeners about those which are better left in the wild. Native plants are good choices for area gardeners because such plants tolerate the area's weather and serve as food and shelter for area wildlife, while also providing a good show in the garden.

April 16 (6120 Knotts Neck Rd., Suffolk, VA). Plant Sale at Knotts Creek Nursery. - Knotts Creek Nursery is a wholesale nursery. It is not a garden center; it is a farm. The prices will be wholesale plus 10% to cover overhead costs. Bring a wagon with you, if possible. They have a small supply and they are in demand. Bring your Extension Master Gardener badge to verify that you are an active Extension Master Gardener.

April 24-26 (Colonial Williamsburg). 70th Annual Garden Symposium. Topics include planting for architectural interest, planting with style, perennials, foliage plants and foodscaping. One day or deluxe three day tickets available. For advanced ticketing call 1-800-603-0948.

April 30 (Maymont, Richmond). Maymont Herbs Galore and More. 8:00am-4:00pm. Dozens of vendors from the mid-Atlantic fill Maymont's Carriage House Lawn with every imaginable herb, as well as annuals, perennials, trees, vegetables, herbal products, and crafts for this one-of-a-kind event. \$5 admission or members free.

May 6-7 (Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond). Lewis Ginter Spring PlantFest. 9:00am-5:00pm Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm Saturday. The garden's plant sales are among the largest in the region with more than forty vendors selling plants ranging from well-known favorites to rare exotics. Presented by garden volunteers, all proceeds benefit the garden's educational mission. No admission fee, but the regular garden admission is required to visit the garden.

June 18 (20 Miller Rd., Newport News) Once a year Lisa Ziegler, owner of the **Gardener's Workshop** (<http://www.thegardenersworkshop.com/>), opens her flower farm to the public. This year it's Saturday, June 18, 10:00am-2:00pm. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for this special event.

2016 PLANT SALE BY MARGENE HARTSOUGH

PLANTS HUZAH!

We are only one month away from the annual plant sale, which will take place on Saturday, April 30, at Jamestown Beach Park beginning at 9:00am. We will begin set up on Friday morning at 7:30 am, and the intake of your beautiful plants will last from 8:00am to 2:00pm. All of you do not need to show up at 8:00, but you do need to get there by 2:00 with your plant material.

As always, there will be a presale for all Extension Master Gardeners on Friday afternoon beginning at 3:00. This is the association's way of saying thank you for supporting the sale and for all the hard work you have put into growing plant material and working the event. The Native Plant Society and Williamsburg Botanical Garden will open their sale to you on Friday as well.

A big thank you goes to Pat Rathke and her team for providing the pots with great soil for us to use in nurturing our plants. We're looking forward to seeing some beautiful plants this year all potted appropriately and with great growth.

We still need volunteers on both Friday and Saturday. You will have an opportunity to sign up at the upcoming general meeting, but if you know where you would like to volunteer, feel free to email me at margene234@aol.com with your choice.

What we need most are people with a truck, van, or SUV to move items needed for the sale. Also, if you have a creative side we are looking for someone to create some small signs to place in the container gardens.—little signs that say “take me home,” “would look great on your porch,” “let me decorate your deck,” or other similar quotes to let customers know the container gardens are for sale and not just for display.

Looking forward to a great sale.



A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER BY AMY HIGGINS

I'd like to thank everyone for their support while I have been transitioning into this wonderful role as your association treasurer. I have some pretty big shoes to fill, and I thank Bob for all his hard work during the years he served you!

Some may know that I have made a few changes to the reimbursement form, and I hope to have it in full use after this newsletter hits your inbox. This form will be online for your convenience, but please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd rather be sent a copy directly instead.

As always, if there are any questions, please feel free to ask at any time. I can be reached at 757-510-5433 or amy.higgins@gmail.com

A little joke to start off our new season:

It's spring! I am so excited I wet my plants.



All from The Graphics Fairy



PENINSULA TREE STEWARDS BY PATSY MCGRADY AND SUE LIDDELL

A committee of Peninsula Trees Stewards has been meeting to put together a TS manual to be used across the state. The first step is to evaluate resources. A resource research committee has been formed to amass the source material available to us. This effort will start with the material which we have used in the 2015 class and spread out to include extension or other professional sources not just in Virginia.

So far the outline is as follows:

- Chapter 1: About EMG TS and Course Objectives
- Chapter 2: Project Development
- Chapter 3: Importance of Trees
- Chapter 4: Major Tree Families
- Chapter 5: Trees and Ecology
- Chapter 6: Botany
- Chapter 7: Soils and Nutrients
- Chapter 8: Selecting
- Chapter 9: Pathology
- Chapter 10: Trees Before and After Storms
- Chapter 11: Maintenance
- Chapter 12: Local Resources (will be a blank for local use)



The TS manual committee

In addition to this project we are considering a TS class in 2017. If you are interested in this advanced EMG training please contact Patsy McGrady (patsymcgrady@cox.net) or Sue Liddell (sliddellmg@gmail.com)

SPRING PLANT WALKS BY HELEN HAMILTON

All walks are sponsored by the John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society.

Weeds and Orchids. Saturday, April 16, from 9:30 to noon. Join Donna Ware at Freedom Park to see native and non-native weeds [such as bluets (*Houstonia* spp. and *Veronica* spp.) of early spring in the big fields near the Interpretive Center and to visit a calcareous ravine to see showy orchis (*Galearis spectabilis*) and other species that prefer high nutrient soils. For information and to register contact Donna at (757) 565-0657 or dmware@verizon.net

Wildflowers and Orchids! Saturday, April 23, at 10:am, at Grafton Ponds area. Join environmental consultant Meegan Wallace to look for showy orchis (*Galearis spectabilis*) which should be in bloom as well as many spring wildflowers.

Travel east on Fort Eustis Blvd (Va-105), pass Richneck Road on the right, look for a small parking area on the left, marked with VNPS signs. Contact Meegan at (757) 291-1099 to register and for more information.

Spring Flowers. Sunday, May 1, 2:00 pm. Meet at Newport News Park's Discovery Center, Constitution Way. Use the NNPark entrance at Constitution Way. From Jefferson Ave, turn onto Constitution Way; drive 0.9 mile; the Discovery Center will be on the right (GPS coordinates 37.181682, -76.537173); additional parking nearby along Constitution Way if needed. Peninsula Master Naturalist Susie Yager will lead a walk through this lakeside woodland area to see pink lady's-slipper orchid, partridgeberry, yellow star-grass, putty-root orchid, pickerelweed, and numerous other spring flowers as well as several ferns. The round-trip walk will be about two miles. The Discovery Center has restrooms. Contact Susie Yager to register at soozigus@cox.net.

Moss Walk in Eden Woods. Saturday, May 21 10:00 am. Moss Gardener Norie Burnet will lead our group through her lovely garden of trees, shrubs, and perennials carpeted with thirty species of moss. Norie is well known for the artistic layout of her gardens and for her extensive collection and knowledge about mosses. Meet at the Lightfoot Post Office to carpool to Norie's home in North Chesterfield, 1915 Montaigne Drive, Richmond, Va.

THE 31ST ANNUAL ARBOR DAY AWARDS CEREMONY COMPILED BY BOB AND JEAN WINTERS AND BY HOPE YELICH

On March 11 the Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs, along with host York County, celebrated Arbor Day at The Freight Shed in Yorktown. Individuals, organizations, businesses, and institutions that promote the horticultural environment were celebrated at the event. Anne Nielsen, Sue Liddell, Iris Grant, Genrose Lashing, and Pat Rathke were among those recognized.

Honoring Anne Nielsen, recipient of The Arbor Day Garden Club Member Award, and Sue Liddell, recipient of The Arbor Day Individual Award, both Extension Master Gardeners, was particularly special. Judy Casone accepted the Certificate of Appreciation for Iris Grant and the JCC Human Services Center Master Gardener Water Wise Team. Genrose Lashing accepted the certificate for the wonderful learning gardens at Matthey's Garden at Matthew Whaley Elementary School, while Pat Rathke did the same for the lovely entrance at Settlers Mill.

Remarked Jean Winters: "As recipients of the 2011 Arbor Day Garden Club member and individual awards, we felt honored and humbled. These Arbor Day awards are so special, and the recognition of work within those awards is unique to our community. We are so fortunate to have such a program of recognition here in Williamsburg."

The awards reflect the work that is always behind a "job well done," whether it is an individual or a group effort. May our love and concern for our environment continue always!



The Arbor Day award recipients

Photograph courtesy of the Williamsburg Area of Garden Clubs. Used with permission .

E2 NEWS BY KARI ABBOTT



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April is a busy season for all of us, and I wish everyone success in all that they plant.

We have been working with the school children all winter getting them ready to go to York River State Park. Some classes have played Habitat Probabilities; others have played Match Me Too! These E2 original games are pieces of the peer review article that Virginia Tech professors are working with me to publish.

The field trip sign-up sheets for E2 were at the trainee class project fair on March 21. Anyone who didn't sign up then is always welcome to join us.

All Master Gardeners are invited to come and walk through the forest with E2. I have been stopped at conferences all over the state, surprised by parents from James City County schools who tell me that the York River State Park field trip is the best one of all the field trips they have attended with their children. If you have not been to the park, it's a great place; come discover it with us.

The E2 project group will conduct annual training and a walk through of the park on Wednesday, April 13, from 9:00am—noon. This is for volunteers and for those who would like to join the project. Please email me if you would like to join us. bearsbaskets@cox.net I will make sure all training materials are available.

School children will be in the park on the following dates. You can volunteer any of these days—pick one (or more!)

JB Blayton	Friday, April 29
Matthew Whaley	Wednesday, May 4
DJ Montague	Tuesday, May 10
Clara Byrd Baker	Thursday, May 12
Matoaka	Wednesday, May 17 and 18

Here is hoping the weather cooperates and there are a lot of cool things to see. For two years running, we have seen pink lady slippers in the forest.

Please email bearsbaskets@cox.net if you would like join us in E2 to volunteer in any way.



The Graphics Fairy

TURF LOVE

BY JUDY KINSHAW-ELLIS



Virginia Tech Weed ID Guide Common chickweed

After a mild winter, many county residents are finding weeds such as chickweed thriving in their lawns. Depending on the level of infestation, manual weeding may be a solution, and these weeds are easy to pull. However, based on some of the levels some Lawn Rangers have witnessed, a more radical solution may be in order to restore healthy turf.

According to Shawn Askew, associate professor of plant pathology at Virginia Tech, the best time to control chickweed is in the fall when the weeds are young and small. However, most people do not notice them at that stage. Common and sticky chickweed are annual weeds and fairly easy to control. Mouseear chickweed is a perennial and a bit more resistant to chemical treatments. Dr. Askew says, "Most 'three-way' herbicides will work well. Examples of 'three-way' herbicides would be any product that contains 2,4-D, dicamba, and MCPP including Trimec Classic, 3-Way Selective, Triplet, and others."

Annual chickweed varieties that have not yet bloomed can often be controlled with one treatment. More established plants and the mouseear variety might require multiple treatments in three- to four-week intervals, Dr. Askew explains.

In addition to a healthy, lush lawn to help crowd out weeds, a good soil balance can help discourage weeds. Turf Love includes soil sampling as part of the program, which also provides a certified nutrient management plan, but residents can also take a soil sample and send it in on their own.

Residents can pick up soil sample boxes and forms at the extension office in Toano. You can find a good explanation of soil sampling at *Soil Sampling for the Home Gardener*, Virginia Cooperative Extension publication 452-129, at <http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/452-129/>.

LANDSCAPE LOVE

BY GARY STREB

Spring has definitely arrived with a vengeance! Color is awakening everywhere, a welcomed sight after a long winter's sleep. This awakening has not been lost on the homeowners of James City County and the city of Williamsburg. Already over thirty homeowners want to have a Landscape Love team out to help create and maintain a sustainable landscape. Our preparations are now underway to prepare for another successful season of providing the best possible advice and counsel to our community.

Registration is open until April 15. For the first time we have decided to curtail the number of visits that we are able to complete successfully. We will suspend further applications at seventy because of the smaller number of interns and because a significant number of returning Landscape Love Extension Master Gardeners will either not be available for the spring session or will be away vacationing.

Spring organizational/training/refresher meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, April 14, at 9:00am at the JCC Rec Center, Room C.** The second session will be **Tuesday, April 19, at 9:00am at the JCC Rec Center, Room A.** Please plan to attend one of the sessions.

My initial seasonal email went out last week to all the new interns and to the Extension Master Gardeners who previously participated in the Landscape Love project. If you did not receive the email, and want to participate—even if on a limited number of visits, please let me know. First timers are always welcome! And if you have had to sit out a season or two and want to return, let me know at www.gstreb11@gmail.com.

Happy gardening!

WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH APRIL 2016

BY HELEN HAMILTON

PAST PRESIDENT, JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Possumhaw viburnum is a gorgeous shrub, with creamy-white spring flowers and dark green, glossy leaves in the summer. The flowers appear in April and May and are pollinated by many small insects, including hoverflies and sweat bees. In the fall the leaves are a rich burgundy and the flowers have developed into multi-colored fruits – bright pink, blue and purple – all prized by birds.

This is a plant for wet areas, swamps, and rain gardens, preferring soils that are acidic. More flowers and fruit are produced when the shrub grows in full sun, in moist soil, but it will tolerate shade and can survive periods of drought. This is a good choice for a shrub border, in areas of part sun and part shade. It can grow to twelve feet tall, but it does not spread aggressively and can be pruned as needed in late fall, after birds have eaten the fruits.



These photos of possumhaw viburnum (*Viburnum nudum*) were taken by Helen Hamilton.



Shrubs are a great way to fill in shady spots and control erosion on slopes. They are not used as often in the home landscape as flowering perennials and annual plants, but native small trees and bushes require little maintenance and most will feed insects in the spring and birds in the fall.

Possumhaw viburnum grows wild in counties of the Coastal Plain and Piedmont. Cultivars are available in the nursery trade, and the straight species can be ordered from online sources.

The deciduous holly *Ilex decidua* is another plant commonly called “possumhaw” but is completely unrelated. Early settlers called any bush with red fruits “haws” because the European hawthorn produces red fruits known as haws.

For more information about native plants visit www.vnps.org.

Important Dates

- 4/2 Turf Love University (JCC rec center)
- 4/2 Nurturing Nature, White Stone
- 4/9 Farmers Market
- 4/12 Scented Geranium Program & Sale, King of Glory Lutheran Church
- 4/16: 19th Gardening Symposium, CNU
- 4/16 Weeds and Orchids, Freedom Park
- 4/16 Bluebirds in Our Gardens, WBG, Freedom Park
- 4/16 Plant Sale, Knotts Creek Nursery
- 4/16-17 Native Plant Sale, Va. Living Museum
- 4/23 Farmers Market
- 4/23 Wildflowers and Orchids!, Grafton Ponds Area
- 4/23-24 Native Plant Sale, Va. Living Museum
- 4/24-26 70th Annual Garden Symposium, CW
- 4/30 Annual Plant Sale, Jamestown Beach Park
- 4/30 Maymont Herbs Galore & More, Richmond
- 5/1 Plant Walk, Newport News Park
- 5/6-7 Lewis Ginter Spring PlantFest, Richmond
- 5/7 Farmers Market
- 5/21 Moss Walk, Richmond
- 5/21 Farmers Market
- 6/4 Farmers Market
- 6/18 Farmers Market
- 6/18 Gardener's Workshop Garden Tour, Newport News
- 6/24-27 EMG College

SUNSHINE NOTES



In the past month we sent a sympathy card to the family of Carol Ten Broeck expressing our condolences for her death.

The organization would like to send cards to members with difficult medical issues or who have experienced a death in the immediate family. Please provide names to the MG secretary, Cathy Johnson, at (757) 208-0065, or cathypj@gmail.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the May newsletter will be Monday, April 18.

Please send any submissions to Hope Yelich, newsletter editor, at hopeyelich@gmail.com

JCC/W Master Gardener Mission Statement

The purpose of the James City County/ Williamsburg Master Gardener is to learn, educate, and communicate environmentally sound horticultural practices to the community. Trained by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener volunteers are committed to offering information to the public through sustainable landscape management educational programs.

ABOUT THE VIRGINIA MASTER GARDENERS AND VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Virginia Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education and training. As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Master Gardeners bring the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the commonwealth.

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Scented Geranium Program and Sale



Tuesday, April 12 1:00 - 2:30

King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4897 Longhill Rd.,
Williamsburg

Speakers :

Caroline Amidon and Joyce Bropst

Two former presidents of The Herb Society of America, published authors, and Herb Society award winners, will present a program on Scented Geraniums/Pelargoniums. They will have scented geraniums for sale.

Presented by the Colonial Triangle Unit of the Herb Society of
America