



The Colonial Master Gardener

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CATHY HILL



You're Not Done Yet

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 7

Program:
Lavendula

Speaker:
Rexford Talbert

You've put your garden to bed for the winter. Are you finished with garden work? What about your tools? I am sure most of us are diligent on keeping those (sometimes expensive) tools clean. But here are some helpful hints for storing them away for the winter.

CLEAN- Before putting tools away for the winter, use a wire or stiff bristle brush to knock off the majority of dirt. Scrub the remaining dirt with warm water. Rinse and air dry or wipe with a towel.

SAND- First sand the wood handles. Moisture raises the grain of the wood making the handles feel rough. Start with eighty-grit sandpaper and finish with 120-150 grit to smooth the handle surface.

If there is rust on the metal parts, sand with eighty-grit sandpaper or a wire brush. A small electric sander will speed up the process.

SHARPEN- All of your tools, including include hoes, shears, scissors, loppers, pruners, and shovels will benefit from sharpening. A flat file will handle most needs. For safety, wear eye protection and heavy gloves. This prevents small metal slivers from cutting hands and eyes as well as protecting hands from sharpened tools.

Secure tools in a vise clamped to a table. Each tool has a beveled cutting edge. Sharpen in the same direction as the edge bevel. Do not file with a back-and- forth movement. If filed at too sharp an angle the tool will be very sharp and the edge may be too thin. Thin leading edges may be damaged by the smallest of stones.

OIL- The most important thing is not to use petroleum-based oil. This can be transferred to the soil. Boiled linseed oil is an alternative. It is a natural product made from flax seed.

Apply liberally to all metal parts. Let sit for fifteen minutes. Then remove excess oil. You may also want to oil the wood handles. Oil provides a barrier between metal and oxygen/water. This helps prevent rust.

NOW you can pour a glass of wine or have a cup of hot chocolate, gather your gardening catalogs, put you feet up, and plan for next year.



JCCWMG ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019, 9:00AM WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY BY CATHY HILL

2019
MGA Board

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1. Call to order — Cathy Hill
2. Program Introduction—Mary Liz
3. Break
4. Approval of October minutes—Jen Campbell
5. Treasurer's Report—Liz Favre
6. Election
7. Officer Reports
8. Update—Janet Spencer (tentative)
9. Announcements
10. Adjourn

Next board meeting: November 21, 9:30am, Room B, Williamsburg Regional Library
Next association meeting: December 5, 9:00am, Williamsburg Regional Library

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2020 ASSOCIATION BOARD BY DEE ARBEGAST, VP FOR ADMINISTRATION

Election day for our association is November 7 at the association meeting. The slate of officers:

President:	Patsy McGrady
President-Elect:	Marty Oakes
VP Projects:	Rick Brown
VP Administration:	Dee Arbegast
VP Internal Education:	Hazel Braxton
Treasurer:	Kathy Skube
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Hope Yelich
hopeyelich@gmail.com

The MGA board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30am at the Williamsburg Regional Library, Room B, on Scotland Street, Williamsburg.

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

A big THANK YOU goes out to the nominating committee (Janet Smith, Liz Favre, Judith Alberts, Su Carlile, and myself) for their success in finding candidates for these board offices. It is also that time of year when we start collecting the [recertification \(aka re-enrollment\) form](#) and the [standards of behavior form](#). We will have the forms at the October, November, December, and January meetings. You can also access the form on [our website](#) and at the end of this newsletter. Hopefully this extra time gives us the flexibility to get all of our ducks in a row.

- **Roster Changes:** If there are changes to any of your personal information, please [let me know](#) (deearbegast@gmail.com)
- **Volunteer Hours:** The end of the year is approaching fast. Please enter your hours regularly. I just ran some reports and see many that are blank for several months. We have many hard-working individuals, and we need the administrative part of our job documented for VCE purposes.

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION

Rexford Howard Talbert worked thirty-five years for the Department of Defense, where he was a senior information research scientist. Rex retired as a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He received his undergraduate degree in engineering from Virginia Tech.

He has been affiliated with the Herb Society of America for sixty-one years and is currently a member of the Colonial Triangle Unit and the North Carolina Unit and was co-founder and former chairman of the South Texas Unit. Rex is a former member and chairman of the research grants committee and of the board of directors of the Herb Society of America. He is currently a member of the Herb Society's plant collections committee, having held a number of positions on various committees over the years. He is also a past member of the North American Rock Garden Society and the Botanical Society of Washington.

He is the author of a number of herb-related articles in the *Herbalist*, *The Kitchen Garden*, *The Gilded Herb*, *The Proceedings of the International Herb Association*, *The Rock Garden Quarterly* and others. He has given over four hundred herb and botanical lectures in more than sixty years.

Rex's hobbies include the botany and taxonomy of the Labiatoe family; herbs and spices; cooking; classical music; and sports.

Rexford Talbert will speak on Lavandula.



CERTIFICATES AND PINS

BY CATHY HILL

The following people have awards and pins to pick up:

Kathy Bush
Doug Callery
Judy Casone
Ken Caro
Judy Corrello
Helen Cronk

Mary DiSalvo
Judy Kinshaw-Ellis
Barry Holland
Louann Martin
Jean Muller
Marty Oakes

Avril Purvis
Becky Palmore
Mike Whitfield
Pam Woodson



Some of you have more than one award. They are attached together. These awards will be available at the November association meeting. If you are unable to attend please have a friend pick up the certificate or pin for you. Or if you know someone on this list who is not at the meeting please take it for her/him. What is left I will take to the extension office.

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MASTER GARDENER PROJECT LEADERSHIP ROSTER — OCTOBER 2019

BY JANET SMITH, VP FOR PROJECTS

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Water-Wise Low Maintenance Gardening	Susan Neidlinger sstrausba@yahoo.com	Rotating Project Members

UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION



November 2 (6700 Azalea Garden Rd, Norfolk 23518). 10:00am-4:00pm. **Camellia Society Show & Sale 2019**. Cost included with garden admission.

November 3 (6700 Azalea Garden Rd, Norfolk 23518). 1:00-2:30pm. **Deciduous Conifers Walk & Talk**. Led by curator of herbaceous plants Michelle Baudanza. This casual informative walk will allow plenty of time for questions and photos. Pre-registration not required. Walking required. Weather permitting. Will meet at Baker Hall Visitor Center. Cost included with garden admission.



November 5 (1800 Lakeside Ave, Richmond 23228). 10:00-11:00am. **Seasonal Garden Walk: November**. Enhance your understanding and appreciation of the garden with this specialized garden walk featuring seasonal aspects of the collection. Walks are offered monthly except January, July, and August. Come dressed for the weather and walking in the garden. Walks are held rain or shine. No cost for members, nonmembers is \$17.00. Register [here](#).

November 8 (24326 Thomas Woods Trail, Zuni 23898). 10:00am. **A John Clayton Walk at Blackwater Ecological Preserve**. We have an opportunity for a field trip to Blackwater Ecological Preserve/Antioch Pines Natural Area Preserve, led by the Natural Heritage Southeastern land steward Darren Loomis and Longleaf Pine restoration specialist Rebecca Wilson on November 8. The site is about 1.5 hours from Williamsburg and one hour from Newport News, so carpooling is advised. We will meet at 10:00 am at the main gate for the preserve, located near 24326 Thomas Woods Trail, Zuni, VA. Be advised that field trip attendees should dress in long pants and sturdy shoes and that there are no facilities at the preserve. Packing a snack and water is recommended. Please contact Meegan Wallace for more information: clm003@verizon.net



November 9 (Room 127, Stryker Center, 412 North Boundary Street, Williamsburg 23185). 11:00am-12:00 noon. **In the Garden with WRL: Irresistible Irises**. Iris flowers caught the imagination of a Pharaoh nearly four millennia ago and found their way into our history, myth and folklore. Join Iris enthusiast and Extension Master Gardener Elizabeth McCoy as she unravels the mystery of the many different types of iris, their growing habits, and their specific needs to thrive. Enjoy gorgeous photographs of these show-stopping beauties as she documents the transformation of the iris border at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden. Free.

November 9 (6700 Azalea Garden Rd, Norfolk 23518). 9:30-11:30am. **Beyond Pansies: Hardy Plants for the Fall Garden**. Led by director of horticulture Les Parks. There's more to fall flowers than the famous pansy. Learn about the variety of plants available to liven up your garden as temperatures cool down. \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Register [here](#).



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UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES — CONTINUED



November 16 (Freedom Park Interpretive Center, 5537 Centerville Road, Williamsburg 23188). 10:00-11:30am. [Learn and Grow: Irresistible Iris.](#) Collected and cultivated for over 3,500 years, Iris are prized for their elegance and vivid colors. Join VCE Master Gardener Elizabeth McCoy to learn about Iris species and hybrids, including cultivars that re-bloom in the fall, and how to bring their beauty to your garden. Plus get the inside scoop on the year-long renovation process that Elizabeth spearheaded for the WBG's Iris bed. Please register [here](#) to guarantee your spot. Free, but a \$5 donation is gratefully accepted.



November 16-17. (1800 Lakeside Ave, Richmond 23228). 10:00am-5:00pm. [ShopFest Weekend at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.](#) ShopFest Weekend is a chance to get an early start on holiday shopping — with special discounts for members only, all weekend long. With 20 percent off of all purchases for members, this is your biggest discount of the year! Members, please show your membership card at check out for the discount.



November 21 (6700 Azalea Garden Rd, Norfolk 23518). 9:30-11:30am. [Gardens of Japan.](#) Led by director of living landscapes Brian O'Neil. Take a virtual journey through some of Japan's most beautiful gardens in this PowerPoint presentation. Learn how to incorporate Japanese style gardening in your yard. \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Register [here](#).

December 3 (6700 Azalea Garden Rd, Norfolk 23518). 9:30-11:30am. [The Tidewater Garden in Winter.](#) Led by director of horticulture Les Parks. Learn about the most visually striking, yet hardy plants to include in your personal garden for year-round interest. Indoor lecture followed by outdoor walking tour. \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Register [here](#).



The fall edition of [In Season](#) is here. This is the newsletter of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Garden program and comes out five times a year. Includes an interview with new state coordinator Kathleen Reed. For a pdf version, [click here](#).

As always, don't forget to take a look at the latest biweekly update from the state EMG office. Click on

<https://www.mastergardener.ext.vt.edu/>



VIRGINIA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION REPORT 2019 STATE FAIR WORK DAY

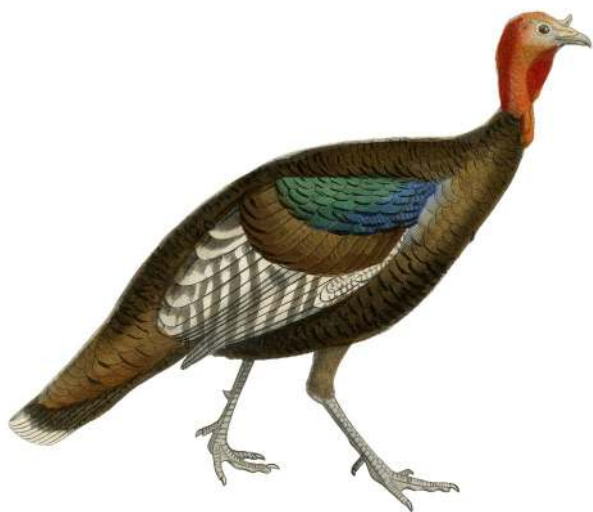
BY MARILYN RIDDLE, VMGA REPRESENTATIVE

The day was sunny and produced record-breaking temperatures for October 2 when we worked at the state fair.

Su Carlile, Gary Streb, and I were met by Christy Brennan at the gates. Christy, a former VMGA president who's been in charge of EMG volunteers at the state fair for the last fifteen years, surprised us by making the decision to work also. I should note that she even took a vacation day from her job at the Virginia Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services to do so. Christy gave us a perfect overview in record time of the work we needed to do to emphasize pollinators to the visitors.

We distributed many items and served ninety-two customers during our five-hour work assignment. If it hadn't been for the high temperature, we would likely have interacted with as many as 150. A tent and the addition of a strategically placed fan made the time pass more quickly.

I was pleasantly surprised to find Jeremy Johnson, former 4-H agent for James City county/ Williamsburg, on duty with state youth. We talked awhile, and he promised to go by and talk to Gary



and Su. Being the totally dedicated person that he is, Jeremy had already made his visit by the time I returned to the tent. Representatives from Virginia State University were there with their aquaculture exhibit again, but people from Virginia Tech, as a land grant school, were not.

For next year, please consider doing some good public -relations work on behalf of our unit and outside our immediate area. In the meantime, perhaps someone will design and construct a sign we can use at such venues for those of us who want to tell our story in that manner.

THIS AND THAT

2020 Dues

I will be collecting dues at our November 7 and December 5 meetings. Please make your checks payable to JCC/W Master Gardeners in the amount of \$15.00. I will also accept cash and give you a receipt.

You may also mail your dues to my home:

Liz Favre, Treasurer
4419 Chickasaw Court
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Thank You!



December's Association Program

This, like all monthly meetings, will take place at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre on Scotland Street. Date is December 5 at 9:00am.

December 5: Helen Hamilton

—Hazel Braxton, VP for Internal Ed.

Class Managers

Would you like to be a class manager for the 2020 Master Gardener training classes? The 2020 Master Gardener training classes will begin on Tuesday, January 7, and run through Thursday, March 26. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to noon at the rec center.

If you are interested and have not been a class manager in the past, please add your name and email address to the sign up list on the Master Gardener registration table in the lobby during the November monthly meeting. The list of class manager responsibilities is available next to the sign up list.

Past class managers have already been contacted so they do not need to sign up again. Questions? Please contact Cheryl Roettger (vintagewd@gmail.com).

—Cheryl Roettger, member of the 2020 training team

Tree Tours and Training

- CW Arboretum Tree Tours of the trees on the Griffin Campus continue through November 22. They are from 2:00 -3:00pm every Friday. Tours leave from the Tennis Club shop, located in front of the Green Wing of the Griffin Hotel (formerly the Providence Hall Guesthouse) next to the tennis courts off of Francis Street. Several of our Tree Steward volunteers lead these weekly tours.
- Bassett Trace Nature Trail guided walks continue every Saturday through November 29. These start at 9:30am every Saturday. The walks meet at the trailhead located in the parking lot of the Gold Wing of the Griffin Hotel near the west pasture of Bassett Hall off Francis Street.
- The application period for the 2020 Tree Steward training closes on November 15. Applications are attached to the September and November newsletters, or can be obtained by contacting [Rick Brown](#). Cost of the course, which begins January 8, is \$130. We currently have ten applicants from this unit and can accept more.
- There will be a meeting of the JCC/W Tree Stewards on Monday November 18th at 2:00 pm in room 127 of the Stryker Center, across from the James City County Regional Library on Scotland Street. The meeting will introduce the applicants for the 2020 training course and discuss the various volunteer projects available to Tree Stewards in our unit.

—Rick Brown, for the Tree Stewards

TREE STEWARD TRAINING FOR 2020 — LAST CHANCE!

BY RICK BROWN

Below is the information you'll need if you're thinking of becoming a Tree Steward. Classes, which are offered by the Peninsula Tree Stewards, will run January 8-March 25 and take place at various locations throughout the area. The application process opens on September 15 and closes on November 15. The Peninsula Tree Stewards is a consortium of Tree Stewards from five Master Gardener units located on the Peninsula. Training is done as a group using a manual prepared by that group.



Course Description: Expert presentations with seminar style interaction on the following:

- Tree Botany, Taxonomy, and Identification (three sessions)
- Soils and Fertilizers
- Siting, Selecting and Planting
- Hormones and Pruning
- Biotic and Abiotic Problems of Trees
- Arborist Acquaintance and Tree Calls
- Trees in Ecological Context
- Developing Educational Programs and Projects

Responsibilities while attending class and after:

1. Attend classes and read assignments. Makeup materials are available for missed classes.
2. Develop and implement (in group or alone) a TS project in furtherance of VCE program goals.
3. Put in at least twenty hours work on your project by end 2020.

Classes will be held January 8 through March 25, 2020, on Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Location will vary from Williamsburg to Hampton but no more than forty-five minutes travel for anyone. Cost of the class is \$130.00, primarily for the required books and class administrative costs (copies, instructor gifts, etc). Check for the fee should be sent with your application (payable to JCC/Williamsburg Master Gardeners). Fee is refundable if you are not included in the class; if you are admitted but withdraw after the books are ordered, you will get the books with the remainder of the fee returned to you. Once class has started, there are no refunds.

Instructions: Please return the application to the Tree Steward contact in your local MG organization. Names are listed below. If you have questions outside your unit level, please call or [email Carol King](mailto:cdkinggardener@hotmail.com), Peninsula Tree Steward Coordinator (757-268-6589 cell or 757-327-0414 home, cdkinggardener@hotmail.com).

Screening/Interview: Advanced MG training requires that the local agent approve each applicant. In advance of that approval, each MG group will handle its own screening and/or interviews to make sure that applicants understand the commitment they are making and that they are ready for this advanced training.

Tree Steward Contact for Applications for JCC/Williamsburg:
Rick Brown (ricklin46@cox.net)

Please see the next page, page 10 for the application form

APPLICATION FOR TREE STEWARD TRAINING 2020

Please send your application along with your check for \$130.00 made out to JCC/Williamsburg Master Gardeners to: Rick Brown, 103 Sixpence, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Note: Applications will be accepted between September 15-November 15 only.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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HOME PHONE.....

CELL PHONE.....

EMAIL.....

MG UNIT.....

YEAR OF MG TRAINING.....

Will you need any accommodation for a disability? If yes, please say what you need.

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IRRESISTIBLE IRISES HEADLINE OUR *IN THE GARDEN* PROGRAM AT WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY

BY KATHY BUSH, CHAIR, SPEAKERS BUREAU

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of the iris border at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden. The program will be at the Stryker Center on November 9 at 11:00am.

This one-hour program will count for Extension Master Gardener education; so if you do not have your eight hours yet for this year, come to this delightful and informative program. We will NOT have a program in December, January, or February at the request of WRL but will resume our Second Saturday In the Garden with WRL in March.

GARDEN ADVICE FROM THE COLONIAL MASTER GARDENER

Excerpt from *Williamsburg's Joseph Prentis: His Monthly Kalendar & Garden Book**

The Monthly Kalendar November 1775

In the beginning of this month lay up the Earth to your artichokes, and fill the Space between with Horse Dung and Litter.

The first Week of this Month, plant out your Colliflowers as follows.

Prepare your Ground as for a Hot Bed, then dig a trench Spade Deep; and two feet and a half Wide. Make holes at convenient distances. Set five Plants in each hole, put your Glasses on, raise them on the South Side, when it is warm; plant out three of these Plants in the first week in March.

During this month cut your asparagus close to the Ground, cover the Beds, with Horse Dung, then throw the Earth, out of the Vallies over the Horse Dung. Fork them up in March, and fill the vallies again from the Beds. _____

Plant every thing of the Tree or Shrub kind. _____ Prune your Trees and Vines. _____
Take up your Colliflowers, if flowered, and House them.

Currants

About the last of October you may prune your Currants, and dig the Earth about them. In these Trees, many young Shoots are produced every Summer some of which should be cut away, but care taken to leave the Strongest to supply the places of the old Branches, some of which should be cut away every Year to make room for the young Bushes.



* Williamsburg, Va.: The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 2011.

FREEDOM PARK TREE STEWARD PROJECT

BY JUDY KINSHAW-ELLIS

If you haven't been over to the Settlement in Freedom Park lately, go take a look. Tree tags have been installed on a couple of dozen trees as part of a grant to enhance the experience of park visitors.

More than fifty trees have been planted in the Settlement woods and grounds, including fruit trees and an elderberry patch. The survival rate of the seedlings appears to be about fifty percent, so we will install more seedlings when they become available in the spring.

One of the most labor-intensive parts of this project has been taking down loblolly seedlings and trees at the edge of the woods. Our goal is to give a more natural appearance to the woods' edge and to open up an area or two where a gathering area might be developed for visitors to sit.

You can appreciate how the park looked before if you view the edge of the woods in front of the cabins where the largest loblollies remain and then look behind the cabins where they have been removed. Three volunteer groups with the help of Freedom Park and JCC Parks & Recreation staff have donated time to get the trees down, and it appears that another work day or two will complete that portion of the project.

The elderberry patch has been nibbled pretty well by deer, but we will work on protecting them better. We are looking for additional elderberry plants and sassafras plants if people have any that they would be willing to donate.

Please contact Judy Kinshaw-Ellis (kinshawellis@gmail.com) if you have these plants.



Photos by Judy Kinshaw-Ellis

WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2019

BY HELEN HAMILTON
JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



Photo: Blue-stemmed goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*)
taken by Seig Kopinitz

BLUE-STEMMED GOLDENROD *Solidago caesia*

Unlike most goldenrods, this native perennial grows in woodlands and is a good choice for a shade garden. Little clusters of golden flowers are spaced along arching stems that become bluish as they age in late fall, the reason for the common name. The flowers are spaced with oblong leaves that have teeth and are sharply pointed, growing alternate on the stem. The plant never gets too tall, growing one-three feet in height.

Blue-stemmed goldenrod forms clumps and does not spread aggressively. While the plant prefers dappled light and well-drained soils, it will tolerate dry, rocky soil and drought. A shaded

butterfly garden or woodland edge would be a desirable location.

Native wildlife love all goldenrods -- the flowers are always crawling with native bees, wasps, and pollinating flies that collect nectar and pollen from the flowers, and songbirds eat the seeds. Deer and rabbits seem to leave it alone, although there are reports of deer browse on the leaves in woods.

Goldenrods do not cause hay fever. All members of the aster family produce pollen that is heavy and sticky and requires insects for pollination. Allergic reactions are caused by wind-pollinated plants like ragweed, grasses and trees like maple and pine that produce large amounts of light pollen carried on air.

Goldenrods are important in fall gardens, producing food for overwintering wildlife while other plants no longer make flowers and seeds. The golden flowers are stunning with late-blooming white and purple asters, all providing ecosystem services.

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

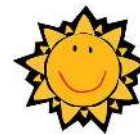
Important Dates

- 11/2 Camellia Show & Sale (Norfolk)
- 11/3 Deciduous Conifers (Norfolk)
- 11/5 Seasonal Garden Walk (Richmond)
- 11/8 Walk at Blackwater Preserve (Zuni)
- 11/9 Irresistible Irises (Stryker Center)
- 11/9 Beyond Pansies (Richmond)
- 11/16 Irresistible iris (Freedom Park)
- 11/16-17 ShopFest (Richmond)
- 11/21 Gardens of Japan (Norfolk)
- 12/3 Tidewater Garden in Winter (Norfolk)



All images in this edition of the newsletter are from [The Graphics Fairy](#).

SUNSHINE NOTES



The organization sends cards to members with difficult medical issues or who have experienced a death in the immediate family. We also acknowledge donations made to the association.

This month we sent cards to

Sally McConnell - Sympathy
Grace Raymond - Sympathy
Patsy McGrady - Speedy Recovery

Last month we sent cards to

Mitzi Balma—Speedy Recovery
Hazel Braxton—Sympathy

Please provide names to the EMG secretary, Jennifer Campbell, at (757) 968-9499, or jenkcampbell@yahoo.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the December 2019 newsletter will be Wednesday, November 27.

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.

Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension work, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia State University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating. Edwin J. Jones, Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg; M. Ray McKinnie, Interim Administrator, 1890 Extension Program, Virginia State University, Petersburg.



Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Re-Enrollment Form

VCE Unit Name: James City County/Williamsburg Re-Enrollment Year: 2020

Unit Address: James City County/Williamsburg - 3127 Forge Road, Toano, VA 23168

Volunteer Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

A. Contact Information (please update if any changes have occurred since your last enrollment)	
Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Work Phone	Email Address
Emergency Contact Name	
Emergency Phone (Day)	Emergency Phone (Evening)

B. Voluntary Disclosure
<p>This information will be kept in a confidential manner and accessible only to authorized personnel. A "yes" answer does not automatically exclude you from volunteering for this unit of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program.</p> <p>Within the past 12 months or since your last enrollment, have you been arrested and / or charged with a crime including moving traffic violations?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If "yes" to the question above, please describe:</p> <p>I understand that criminal background or reference checks may be conducted on me at any time during the application process or during volunteer service of Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE).</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>

C. Media Release Statement

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I understand that I will need to notify Virginia Tech/College of Agriculture and Life Sciences if any changes to my situation occur that will impact this media release permission.

PLEASE INITIAL: Yes No

D. Enrollment Agreement

I am volunteering my time to further the educational purposes of Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE). I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of VCE. I understand that VCE programs and employment are open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status or any other basis protected by the law. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. I hereby certify that all of the entries on this application are true and complete. I understand that any falsification of information herein constitutes cause for dismissal.

Signed

Date

Printed Name

VCE Internal Use Only

Date volunteer re-enrollment received:

Re-enrollment requires further action: Yes No

Comments:

Signature, VCE Representative

Date



Standards of Behavior for Virginia 4-H Volunteers

Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship are the six core ethical values which the CHARACTER COUNTS! program calls the "Six Pillars of Character." These values reflect those of the Virginia 4-H program and each 4-H member, volunteer, and staff member should strive to practice these values. The following standards for 4-H volunteers identify how these values will be reflected in volunteer performance. These standards help to ensure the safety and well-being of all 4-H participants and the integrity of the 4-H program.

- I will teach, enforce, advocate, and model the Six Pillars of Character, which are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.
- I will represent the Virginia 4-H program by conducting myself with courteous manners and language, exhibiting good sportsmanship, serving as a positive role model, and demonstrating reasonable conflict resolution skills.
- I will dress in a manner that is appropriate for a given 4-H program/event in accordance with that program/event's dress code.
- I will support and promote the Virginia 4-H mission, "To develop youth and adults working with those youth to realize their full potential – becoming effective, contributing citizens through participation in research-based, non-formal, hands-on educational experiences."
- I will actively participate in, and complete, Virginia 4-H program orientation and training that prepares me to satisfactorily accomplish the tasks for which I have volunteered.
- I will abide by all applicable laws and Virginia 4-H program policies, guidelines, and procedures. This includes, but is not limited to those regarding, child abuse, risk management, abuse suspicion, substance abuse, and limits of authority.
- I will accept supervision and support from salaried 4-H Extension staff or designated management volunteers and understand that I work under the guidance, supervision, and leadership of the Extension staff in charge.
- I will handle 4-H funds and engage in 4-H fundraising (when applicable) in an ethical manner.
- I will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that programs are accessible to all individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.
- I will not use (or allow others to use) alcohol or illegal drugs at any 4-H program or event. I understand that tobacco products can only be used in approved areas at approved times during approved events if I am of legal age. I understand the Virginia 4-H Search and Seizure policy regarding alcohol, drugs, or weapons.
- I will, when transporting youth, operate motor vehicles and other equipment in a safe and reliable manner and only with a valid operator's license in accordance with Virginia Tech and Virginia 4-H policies. I will comply with all motor vehicle-related state regulations and laws. All transported youth will be secured by properly operating seat belts when applicable.
- I will conduct myself in a manner that is in the best interest of youth and the Virginia 4-H program and will not use the volunteer position for purposes of private or personal gain.
- When applicable to my 4-H responsibilities, I will treat animals in a humane manner and teach program participants to provide appropriate animal care and management.
- I will use technology in an appropriate manner in accordance with 4-H, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and Virginia Tech policies.
- I will complete all necessary paperwork in a timely manner.

I understand that these standards represent a contractual agreement between volunteers and the Virginia 4-H program (of Virginia Cooperative Extension and Virginia Tech). My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by these standards for volunteers. I understand that immediate suspension or termination of my position as a volunteer could result if I do not meet these standards.

VOLUNTEER (Print)

VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE

DATE

EXTENSION SUPERVISOR (Print)

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN (Print)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

(NOTE: This line must be signed for volunteers under 18 years old.)