



THE AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB

Established in 1919

October 2017

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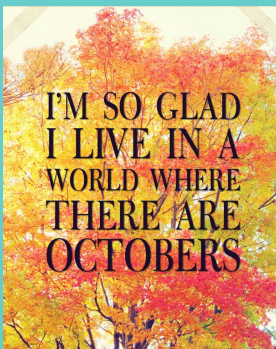
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MEETING SIGN IN & NAME TAGS!

Please remember to sign
the attendance roster
when you pick up your
name tag at each
meeting.

Dear Ladies of the Club,

Happy Fall! What a beautiful and busy time of year- I feel as scattered as the leaves tumbling around in my yard!

The GCV Board of Governors meeting in Lexington this week was lovely! Our friends with the Blue Ridge Garden Club hosted a wonderful meeting. It's always energizing to hear what is going on with our fellow GCV clubs and GCV programs.

I'm off to Winston-Salem on the 23rd for the GCA Zone VII meeting along with several other of our members who hold GCA positions. We will have lots to report and share in November.

Please see the enclosed announcements from several of our committees. We will keep

committee reports to a minimum at our meeting in order to devote time to discussion about Historic Garden Week (HGW). Below is a brief background, and Virginia Gillock, our District II Historic Garden Week Committee Chair, has assembled some detailed information from GCV on how other clubs handle tours. Please review the attached information and come to the meeting prepared to discuss and ask questions. I know we will all gain from sharing our thoughts and hearing those of others; and then be ready to vote at our November meeting. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

I look forward to seeing you
Wednesday!

Deneen

HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2015, the Blue Ridge Garden Club (BRGC) approached the Augusta Garden Club (AGC) with a request to team together to jointly host Historic Garden Week. The BRGC had asked the Garden Club of Virginia if they could host a tour every other year. The GCV declined but suggested that they could team with another club, such as the AGC, for assistance.

The AGC discussed the idea of teaming together at great length, and the Club voted to try a two-year test venture, with the BRGC hosting the tour in 2017 and the AGC hosting the tour in 2018. During their 'off' year, each club agreed to assist with hostesses and publicity. The BRGC arranged a beautiful tour this past April in Lexington where we all served as hostesses; and their members are working with our 2018 tour chair, Kelley Flanders to assist with our upcoming tour.

While the BRGC has agreed that we can host a tour in 2019 for our centennial year, the AGC Board of Directors recommended that the club vote on whether or not to continue our teaming relationship this fall in order for each club to plan for their next tour whether or not we are teaming together. At our October 18th meeting, we will discuss the matter, so that members can ask questions or provide their opinions. We will then vote, by ballot, at our November meeting.

Events & Items of Interest:

- **Oct. 17th**, [Richmond– Biophilic City](#), with Tim Beatley, UVA Dept. of Urban & Environmental Planning; click to read more.
- **Oct. 18th, 10 a.m.** Club Meeting, hosted by Linda Hanna, Club at Ironwood, "Art & Flowers" program
- **Oct. 21st**, Everyone is invited to the **Garrison Family Applebutter Open House**, contact Kathy for details: 540-430-3484
- **Oct. 27**, Garden Club of Virginia, 59th Annual **Conservation Forum**, "[Fracking in Virginia](#)" Charlottesville
- **Nov. 15th, 10 a.m. Club Meeting**, Conservation program, hosted by Susan Laser and Nancy Collins, Covenant Presbyterian Church
- **Nov. 27th**, Club ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, Staunton Kroger– watch for sign-up sheet!
- **Dec. 13th**, 9:30-11:30 Drop-in **Christmas Social** at the home of Clair Bell

Keep up to date by checking out our [website blog and calendar](#):



Conservation Committee: Cigarette Litter Prevention Program

The Augusta Garden Club won a grant from Keep Virginia Beautiful for \$1,000 for their Cigarette Litter Prevention Program on June 1, 2016. The focus of the proposal was to educate the public about the damage this kind of debris, our nation's most littered item, does to the environment.

With these proceeds, the Conservation Committee purchased 8 cigarette litter receptacles and had posters and stickers made to place above and on the receptacles– see photo at right. The City of Staunton's Parks and Recreation department assisted in the designation and placement of the receptacles throughout Gypsy Hill Park and Montgomery Hall Park. Regular collection of the cigarette litter provided the data to support the conclusion that this was a highly successful project.

In order to expand the Cigarette Litter Prevention Project, the Conservation Committee plans an education and outreach program which will target civic organizations, public service organizations, and youth programs. Additionally, students from the National Honor Society will assist with the distribution of materials to the schools and other outlets. Plans for various committee members to speak to different groups are moving forward at this time. We are very excited to enter this new phase of engagement with our community, and look forward to reporting on our continued successes in the future.



Fund Raising:

Instructions for registering your Kroger card so that the AGC can benefit from their Community Rewards Program will be emailed soon.

