

Virginia is for Gardeners
National Garden Clubs Inc
88th Annual Convention

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Restoring Pollinators: Grow Organic
Thursday, May 18 – 10 am

Learn why every vegetable garden and landscape must include flowers and eliminate chemical use to attract and maintain pollinators and other beneficial insects. **Lisa Zeigler** of The Gardener's Workshop will share her steps to gardening without chemicals and how to bring flowers back to the vegetable garden.

Mechanics of Design
Thursday, May 18 – 4:30 pm

What are the mechanics of a floral design? Is it just floral foam and pin holders? Learn about new products, ways to use sculptures in your design and much more!

A Spring to Fall Cutting Garden
Thursday, May 18 – 4:30 pm

You will go home with the knowledge to have non-stop fresh cut-flowers from spring until frost from your own garden. **Lisa Zeigler** of The Gardener's Workshop will share what to plant and how-to manage a small home cutting garden that will supply a weekly abundance of long-stemmed beautiful cut flowers all season.

What's New in the 2017 Flower Show Handbook
Friday, May 19 – 4:30 pm

Explore the new 2017 Flower Show Handbook and see what's new in Design and Horticulture. **David Robson**, chairman of the Flower Show Handbook Revision Committee, will highlight the exciting changes that will affect your club's upcoming flower shows.

New Ideas for Your Landscape
Friday, May 19 – 4:30 pm

Jef Naunchik, a landscape designer/horticulturist from the Village Garden Center in Fishersville, VA, showcases new plants and cultivars for your garden as well as how to use "old favorites" in new ways. Gardens designed by the Village Garden Center have been featured in *Southern Living* and *The English Gardener*.

Bulbs as Companion Plants
Saturday, May 20 – 3:00 pm

Whether you are planning to plant bulbs in a fresh, newly prepared empty garden, or whether you are adding them to an already existing one, this seminar will have the answers for you. **Brent Heath** of Brent and Becky's Bulbs of Gloucester, VA will introduce you to the best of the best...the right bulbs for the right spots. You'll learn how to combine bulbs, perennials, annuals,

ground covers and flowering shrubs that will create just the feeling you want to generate for four seasons in your garden. After seeing and experiencing this seminar, you'll leave with information and inspiration to produce a garden that you, your neighbors and friends will enjoy all year.

Small Landscapes with BIG Attitudes!

Saturday, May 20 – 3:00 pm

Do you have a small area to garden but want BIG results? **Kerry Ann Mendez**, garden author, consultant, designer, teacher and lecturer, will provide clever design and accessorizing tips for maximizing and extending color in smaller landscapes. Plants boasting 3-seasons of beauty and neat habits are emphasized.