



Richmond Blooms  
(in Miniature)

The Garden Club of Virginia Judges' Workshop

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Kent Valentine House

# A Miniature Tour

1. Agecroft Hall – Reassembled in Richmond – portrays the lifestyle of a well-to-do English family of the 16th century  
An Italian Renaissance Arrangement
2. 1611-Henricus -Follow the footsteps of Pocahontas as she shares the bounty of her domain with the colonists.  
A Colonial American Arrangement
3. Virginia House - Original structure dates to 12th century  
A Dutch Flemish Arrangement
4. Tuckahoe Plantation - Boyhood home of Thomas Jefferson  
A Colonial Williamsburg design (Late)
5. Wilton House- 18th century Georgian mansion built by William Randolph III  
Late Georgian Design
6. The John Marshall House - built in 1788  
A Federal Arrangement
7. The Virginia State Capitol - A French Empire arrangement depicting the famous Houdon statue of George Washington
8. The Canal Walk - First envisioned by George Washington  
A Line Arrangement
9. The Governor’s Mansion – Gillette Garden  
A Mass Arrangement in a basket
10. The White House of the Confederacy - Home to Jefferson Davis  
A Victorian Parlor Arrangement
11. The Kent -Valentine House- A Tussie Mussie for our GCV President's Tea--Accessories permitted
12. The Bolling-Haxall House- An Art Nouveau Arrangement for a lady's dressing table
13. The Maggie L Walker House- First woman in America to found a bank  
A Line Mass Arrangement
14. The Edgar Allan Poe House - A Creative Design expressing the flight of the Raven
15. Maymont - the Japanese Garden  
An Arrangement in the oriental Manner
16. Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens - A Modern Mass Arrangement in glass
17. The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts - An Abstract Arrangement-Peace
18. The Jefferson Hotel- We end our tour with cocktails and dinner.  
A Free Form Arrangement- Spring

## Helpful Hints

1. Research Schedule – Find container – Create “Zinger”
2. Most common fault/SCALE - 5 inch arrangement (container is no more than 2 inches, material no more than 3 inches)
3. Flower Choice Must not be more than 1/2 to 3/4 inch to be appropriate
4. Know your space. background. color. staging- Soft gray- celadon most popular. Use no more than 2/3 space allowed.
5. Conditioning- Most essential to be hardened. Soak material up to heads in warm water for several hours. Arrange, mist. cover with damp facial tissue in covered cooler overnight
6. Bases & Accessories- Carefully chosen- Never use an irreplaceable item. You may need to stabilize with glue, clay, or stick'um.
7. Must employ all rules of artistic design.
8. Transporting- So much easier on the nerves to do at home. Use styrofoam, muffin tin, or egg carton with doughnut shape cotton to keep arrangement from moving. Carry in your cooler with ice.
9. Practice, Practice Practice - Develop “eye to see” tiny flora and possibility of containers and accessories. Use fingernail scissors, tweezers, and toothpick for tools. You can use cut potato, oas, sis, steel wool or grapes.
10. Mechanics- Check before placement Water with medicine dropper and mist. Use sturdy box or cake stand to elevate arrangement as you work.
11. Warning- Miniatures are addictive!
12. Have fun!