

## New GCV Honorary Members

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The Garden Club of Virginia is pleased to welcome two new Honorary Members, who were announced at the 2013 GCV Annual Meeting in Charlottesville.

### Frank Robinson

As President and CEO of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Frank Robinson currently leads development activities, long-term planning, partnerships and visioning for the institution. During Frank's tenure as Executive Director of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden (1992-2011), the garden expanded dramatically, developing more than 50 acres of themed gardens and major public facilities, including a visitors center, education complex and classical conservatory. The garden has grown to become one of the major horticultural and botanical facilities in the U.S.



Frank has degrees in horticulture, Japanese language and psychology. He attended Earlham College in Indiana and Haywood Technical Institute in North Carolina, as well as Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan. Prior to his current post, he was Executive Director of the American Horticultural Society in Alexandria; estate manager of an expansive estate in Charlottesville; and manager of grounds and horticulture at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York.

Frank has been a friend and consultant to the Garden Club of Virginia over the years in his role at Lewis Ginter. An outstanding resource for GCV clubs, he has supported speakers and helped facilitate flower shows and educational programs for our members.

### Nancy Ross Hugo

Nancy Ross Hugo is a garden writer, lecturer, and landscape consultant who has been gardening in Virginia for more than 30 years. A graduate of the University of Alabama with a Master of Science degree at VCU, Nancy has written several books, including *Remarkable Trees of Virginia*, which began as a statewide program with Virginia Tech, and *Seeing Trees*, as well as being a significant contributor to the recently published *The Flora of Virginia*.



In addition to her former "Earth Works" weekly column in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and her former monthly "Habitat" column in *Virginia Wildlife Magazine*, Nancy's articles on gardening and the outdoors have appeared in *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening*, *American Forests*, and *Country Journal*, and she has been recognized for excellence in magazine and newspaper feature writing by the Garden Writers Association of America and by the Urban Forests Council. She was cited for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Horticulture by the Garden Club of Virginia in 1988 and received the Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award for Conservation in October 2001.

Nancy has shared her knowledge and talents in horticulture and flower design with members of the GCV for decades. A former member of the Ashland Garden Club from 1982 to 1993, Nancy still opens her garden to cut flowers and lends her hand to arrangements for Historic Garden Week. For years she conducted Flower Camp at her Howardsville residence. ❁