



**GARDEN CLUB**  
**O F V I R G I N I A**

Horticulture Field Day  
Pharsalia  
May 21, 2014  
Schedule of Events

**9:00-9:50 Check In on the Front Lawn**

**9:50-10:05 Introductions and Instructions under the Tent**

**10:30-11:00**

**Flowers for the Cutting Garden**, Lisa Zeigler Location: Tent  
**Layered Gardens**, Susan Viemeister, Location: Flower Garden  
**Herbs**, Don Haynie, Location: Herb Garden  
**New Perennials**, Paul Westervelt, Location: Weaving House  
**Rooting Cuttings**, Eileen Stevens, Location: Booth at Pool

**11:15-11:45**

**Native Plants**, Fran Boninti, Location: Tent  
**New Perennials**, Paul Westervelt, Location: Weaving House  
**Making Spring Rolls**, Claudia Gibson, Location: Booth by Smoke House  
**Mechanics of Flower Arranging**, Cathy Coyle, Location: Booth by Pool

**11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Buffet Lunch at your leisure**

**Noon-12:30**

**Herbs**, Don Haynie, Location: Tent  
**Edible Landscapes**, Michael McConkey, Location: Booth near parking  
**Growing Organically**, Keith Dix, Location: Booth in Herb Garden  
**Miniatures**, Kerry Giles, Location: Booth near Mulberry Tree  
**Flowers for Cutting**, Lisa Zeigler, Location: Booth behind Slave Quarters

**12:45-1:15**

**Mechanics of Arranging**, Cathy Coyle, Location: Tent  
**Flowers for Cutting**, Lisa Zeigler, Location: Booth by Slave Quarters  
**Chickens**, Pat Foreman, Location: Weaving House  
**Rooting Cuttings**, Eileen Stevens, Location: Booth by Pool  
**Roses**, Joyce Moorman, Location: Rose Garden

**1:30-2:00**

**Edible Landscapes**, Michael McConkey, Location: Tent

**Bats, Be Afraid**, Bonnie Miles, Location: Weaving House

**Peonies**, Foxie Morgan, Locations: Peony Garden

**Growing Organically**, Keith Dix, Location: Booth in Herb Garden

**Making Spring Rolls**, Claudia Gibson, Location: Booth by Smoke House

**2:15-2:45**

**Roses**, Joyce Moorman, Location: Tent

**Layered Gardens**, Susan Viemeister, Location: Flower Garden

**Miniatures**, Kerry Giles, Location: Booth near Mulberry Tree

**Flowers for Cutting**, Lisa Zeigler, Location: Booth behind Slave Quarters

**Chickens**, Pat Foreman, Location: Weaving House

**Gardening Tools**, Fran Boninti, Location; Booth outside Weaving House

**3:00-3:30**

**Peonies**, Foxie Morgan, Location: Tent

**Edible Landscapes**, Michael McConkey, Location: Booth by White Barn

**Bats: Be Afraid**, Bonnie Miles, Location: Weaving House

**Growing Organically**, Keith Dix, Location: TBD

**Layered Gardens**, Susan Viemeister, Location: Flower Garden

**PAY DIRT!!**

**Don't leave early or you'll miss your chance to win a fun door prize!**



## GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

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Speaker Bios

### **Fran Boninti**

Born on the eastern end of the north fork of Long Island, a fishing and farming community, Fran grew up on a potato/brussel sprout farm. She was immersed in gardening because both sets of grandparents as well as her parents were rabid gardeners. She first learned the names of many weeds and plants in Croatian from her grandmother, Frances. She has lived in Charlottesville for forty years and has always had a garden. She has lived in the same house for thirty four years in the only house her daughters have ever known. She has three acres, two of which are surrounded by deer fencing, while the other acre is the wilder garden with trees and ferns that deer don't eat. She and her husband have done all their gardens, including design, planting and maintenance, themselves, except for the front lawn, which was removed two years ago. They have planted every tree, shrub and herbaceous plant themselves. They recently hired people to mulch the trails and they use an arborist. They have always had a special place for native plants. Fran is a charter member of the Jefferson Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. She is also a member of the Monticello Bird Club and the Rivanna Garden Club. She is the Garden Club of Virginia state Horticulture Committee Chairman Emeritus, having served on the committee for eight years. She has been a master gardener since 1991 and has the most volunteer hours in the state. She was a garden guide for Monticello for seventeen years and did special tours every year including bird, wildflower, fern and natural history walks. She is an active member in many different horticulture organizations. She hosts tours through her property every spring. She has been married to Andrew (the saint!) for forty years, and they have two grown daughters whom they consider to be the greatest achievement of their lives and the most precious flowers in their garden.

### **Cathy Coyle**

Cathy is owner of Willow Branch Flowers and Garden Design and teaches mechanics. Cathy has over 30 years experience in floral design, with a fine arts degree from the Corcoran School of Art as well as studies in horticulture and design for landscapes and gardens.

### **Keith Dix, Ph.D.**

Keith owns and operates a certified organic farm in Ashland County on which he grows vegetables and grazes registered Jersey replacement heifers. He is a retired Associate Professor for the West Virginia University Extension, Center for Sustainable Agriculture. He will lecture on organic gardening.

### **Pat Foreman**

Pat is the author of the popular paradigm-shifting book: *City Chicks: Employing Chickens as Garden Helpers, Compost Creators, Bio-recyclers and Local Food Suppliers*. She is the co-author of: *Chicken Tractor, Backyard Market Gardening and Day Range Poultry*. Pat has been widely published in major national magazines including *Mother Earth News, Backyard Poultry, BackHome Magazine*, and others. She is a very popular guest on local and national radio and TV talk shows, including NPR and CBS. She was the Co-host of the *Chicken Whisperer Talk Show*. She is a popular workshop presenter and the creator of the *Chickens and YOU* training series leading to the Master Backyard Chicken Keeper Certification. She is the Founding President of the Gossamer Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to global sustainability and local foods. As Pat says: "We can't have one without the other".

### **Claudia Gibson**

Claudia currently has a catering business in Nelson County and works out of a commercial kitchen in the Rockfish Community Center, which she has rented for the past 9 years. She has been selling her baked goods and savory foods at the Nelson County Farmers Market for 12 years and offers lunches at the kitchen on Thursdays and Fridays as well as selling to local vendors and businesses. Her menus have been inspired by earlier years living abroad in the Middle East, Europe and Mexico. She loves incorporating all the wonderful local produce, meat and poultry we have growing in Nelson County. She is a self taught Chef and has been cooking professionally for over 20 years. Her education was in Art & Sculpture, which she studied at Pratt Institute, Boston Museum School and Academia Di Bella Arti in Florence Italy. Somehow it is all related. Art & Food!

### **Kerry Giles**

Kerry is currently the General Manager of the Farm Basket in Lynchburg and is the former owner of The Patch & Co. located in Amherst. She has an extensive background in gardening and arranging flowers. She will share her knowledge of miniature plant material.

### **Don Haynie**

A native of the Northern Neck of Virginia, Don had a successful floral business for 25 years in Warsaw, Virginia and also taught floral arts at Rappahannock Community College. A mid-age interest in herbs developed into the creation of Buffalo Springs Herb Farm in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia in 1991. The herb farm closed in 2007. Don is now doing garden consulting and still lecturing on herb related topics, and a volunteer at Colonial Williamsburg.

## **Michael McConkey**

Years ago Michael spent about 10 years in Adelphi MD, growing everything that was edible. He lived in a yurt and attended University of Maryland and worked part time at a natural foods store. Since then he has help popularized some amazing edibles with his nursery Edible Landscaping in the Blue Ridge Mountains West of Charlottesville VA. Michael brings a wealth of knowledge about some very unique edible plants. With the popularity of local grown the choices for growers and gardeners to add to their harvest and bottom line has increased Edible Landscaping varieties invite you to a wide range of new and useful foods to the American table.

## **Bonnie Miles**

Bonnie is a Virginia Master Naturalist and bat expert, who will talk about the importance of bats.

## **Joyce Moorman**

Joyce has been a member of the Garden Club of Virginia for 30 years. She is an honorary member of the Brunswick Garden Club and an active member of the Lynchburg Garden Club. She received the Horticulture Award of Merit after being nominated by the Brunswick Garden Club for her work in restoration of Cemetery Gardens in Brunswick County as well as local volunteer activities. She has been growing roses practically all her life following in the footsteps of her father. She has won major awards in the GCV Rose Shows both in horticulture as well as in the artistic division. Joyce is currently an apprentice American Rose Society Judge as well as a GCV Artistic Judge. She grows a variety of types of roses; old garden, hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs, and a few miniatures. Her presentation will be aimed at those who would like to grow and show roses, conditioning for arranging, feeding program, and Spring pruning.

## **Foxie Morgan**

Foxie has always loved gardening! Her mother started her out growing radishes - fast growing and very rewarding! As a young mother, Foxie was invited to join the Lynchburg Garden Club. It was a 70-mile drive for her and the meetings were at night. She's made many good friends through the love of gardening. Foxie is also a member of the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers. Peonies are her passion along with any flowers that will last for cutting. She provides buckets of flowers and bouquets for weddings, parties, and the Nelson Farmers Market. Pharsalia has been a fabulous venue to grow to her hearts content!

## **Joanie Saunders**

Nelson County natives, Sam and Joanie Saunders are the owners/managers of Saunders Landscapes, a landscape design/installation firm and wholesale nursery. Sam grew up in the nursery business and has experience in both the wholesale trade as an annual and perennial grower and the landscape trade as a designer. He has professionally worked in the nursery industry since graduating from Virginia Tech in 1991. Experience, creativity and his ability to find sensible solutions that work will be the reasons that you will enjoy working with him. Joanie grew up in Roseland, VA and graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Joanie handles all greenhouse sales as well as landscape customer service. Her meticulous attention to detail ensures that our clients receive some of the highest quality annuals and perennials in the marketplace.

**Eileen Stevens**

After retiring from the University of Virginia as a professional chemist in 1997, Eileen developed a business, Green and Gold LLC. From fields and greenhouse at her home in Earlysville, Eileen supplied high quality cut flowers to her customers at the Charlottesville City Market, to University Florist, Hedge Fine Blooms and to individual customers. For ten years Green and Gold also grew 110 varieties of starter plants to order for individual customers each spring. This part of the business was eventually passed on to growers at Innisfree Village. Eileen has now re-retired and is enjoying more time with bird-watching, wild flower appreciation and savoring multiple flavors of heirloom tomatoes from her veggie patch.

**Susan Viemeister**

Susan is a landscape designer, certified horticulturalist and artist, who will talk about how to layer gardens for year round interest.

**Paul Westervelt**

Paul is the Annual and Perennial Production Manager for Saunders Brothers Nursery. He will talk about new perennials coming onto the scene.

**Lisa Zeigler**

Lisa is a home gardener turned commercial cut-flower farmer. Her farm yields over 10,000 stems of flowers each week. Her flowers are sold to florists and upscale supermarkets. Lisa's motivational gardening talks offer a practical approach, which makes gardening fun and successful.