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Garden Club of Virginia Horticulture Field Day 2017 Gloucester, VA

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Wednesday, May 31, 2-4:30 p.m.



Five Gables

Owners: Bart & Emily Barbee

Five Gables, situated on a peninsula along the Ware River, enjoys expansive views overlooking Mobjack Bay. Its park-like setting features 90-year-old magnolias, boxwood, and crepe myrtles, as well as the more unusual pond cypress and atlas blue cedar. A 100-foot avenue of flowerbeds leads from the house to the river, and in May and June these beds are overflowing with stunning lilies, iris, larkspur, peonies, salvias, double snapdragons, and carefree, colorful double knockout roses. A formal rose garden also overlooks a tidal pond that features over 100 varieties of roses to include David Austin favorites. The focal point of the rose garden is a life-size marble statue sculpted in the 1850s by Mr. Barbee's grandfather.