

The Buck Mountain Garden Club

"Sunflyer"

September 2022

Next Meeting – Monday, September 12th at 12:30 p.m.
Buck Mountain Episcopal Church, Deese Fellowship Hall
Business Meeting, Followed by Nature Walk for Plant/Flower/Tree Identification
Hosted by members Cathy Mancuso and Nancy Butters
Program Presenters Nancy Butters and Kathy Nepote

*“All the flowers
of all the tomorrows
are in the seeds....
of today.”*

- Chinese Proverb -

President's Message ~ Fran Dickerson, 'President Pro Tempore', has this message for current and prospective members:

CROSSROADS - Buck Mountain Garden Club was formed in 1981 by a few women in the Earlysville area to connect with likeminded gardeners to share ideas and learn more about all things gardening. The fellowship for these past 41 years has been a wonderful byproduct for the members and many new lasting friends have been made.

Today BMGC is at a CROSSROADS as member participation has decreased and the Club is now seeking additional officers to stay operating. The Board is asking *you*, the members, to **step forward** at the September 12 meeting and fill the remaining vacancies: PRESIDENT, and PROGRAM CHAIRMAN or CO-Chair.

The filled officers are: VP, Janet Parker; SUNFLYER EDITOR, Dee Walsh; SECRETARY, Dee Walsh; TREASURER, Cathy Mancuso.

This September's BRAINSTORMING MEETING will decide the future of Buck Mountain Garden Club. Thank you for your participation and support.

In addition to the regular meeting, we will have our PROGRAM: "A Garden Walkabout" led by BMGC members, Kathy Nepote, Tree Steward and Nancy Butters, Master Gardener, of Buck Mountain Church grounds to identify and learn about the local trees, shrubs and flowers.

Treasurer's Report ~ Cathy Mancuso shares that the BMGC helps support the following organizations: Wildlife Center of VA, Blue Ridge Juvenile Center (for their garden project), Piedmont Botanical Garden, Ivy Creek Foundation, Nature Conservancy, & the Nature Camp.

These are not always annual donations, as needs and resources vary.

As of 8/15/22, our current balance, after expenses for rent, council dues, party supplies and a gift for the outgoing president, is \$866.00. Full report is attached for your reference.

Dues for Sept 2022 – June 2023 are \$30.00. Checks are preferred, and can be made out to the Buck Mountain Garden Club, or simply "BMGC". If paying in cash, please place it in an envelope with your name and current contact information. Payments can be made in person at the 9/12/22 meeting, or mailed to Buck Mountain Garden Club, P.O. Box 683, Earlysville, VA 22936.

Other Notes

~ If you need a copy of the Members List and/or the 'Club Guidelines' (in lieu of formal ByLaws), please contact VP Janet Parker (jvpquilts@yahoo.com) or Secretary Dee Walsh (deewalsh@embarqmail.com).

~ "[Invasive Jumping Worms](#)" Yes, that's a real thing, evidently -- Click on the link for more info!

~ The Garden Club of Virginia is Hosting a Gardening Symposium on Sept 20-21, 2022 at the Science Museum of Richmond! More info at <https://symposium.gcvirginia.org/>

~ A web page for the club is in the development stages. You can check out a prototype by clicking here. Comments and suggestions would be much appreciated, and can be directed to the Secretary.

~The [Ivy Creek Foundation](#) has numerous [fun & educational events](#) each month that may be of interest!

~ Prospective new members are always welcome; please bring any interested (and interesting!) gardening friends along to the Sept 12th meeting!

~ Minutes from the June 2022 meeting are attached for your reference.

~ And last but not least, coming full circle to our opening quote, all members are reminded to plant the seeds of leadership for the club *today*, so that we can all share in the joy of our gardening and garden-club successes in the coming months! Things may be a bit ... 'messy' at the moment, but with your help, the club can re-organize and thrive!

