MONDAY, MAY 15
3:00 - 6:00 pm Registration Open

TUESDAY, MAY 16
7:30 am - 6:00 pm Registration and Credentials Open
8:00 am - 5:00 pm Tour A - Colonial Williamsburg
8:30 am - 11:30 am Finance Committee
8:30 am - 11:30 am Flower Show HB Revision Committee
8:30 am - 11:30 am International Affiliates COMAAII Committee
9:30 am - 12:00 pm Tour B - Agecroft and Virginia House
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch - Finance, PH&E, Organization Study Committees
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Tour C - Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
1:45 pm - 3:45 pm Organization Study
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Scholarship Committee
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm International Affiliates Flower Show School Committee
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm PH & E Trustees
Dinner - on your own

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
7:30 am - 6:00 pm Registration and Credentials Open
8:30 am - 4:00 pm Tour D - Monticello
8:30 am - 11:45 am Executive Committee
8:30 am - 4:00 pm Flower Show Schools Committee
8:30 am - 1:00 pm Vendors & Exhibits - Set-up
8:30 am - 10:30 am Educational Schools Committee
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Tour E - Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
9:00 am - 10:00 am Youth Committee
9:00 am - 10:00 am Environmental Concerns/Conservation Committee
9:00 am - 11:00 pm Future Conventions/Credentials/Protocol/Resolutions
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Gardens Committee
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Horticulture Committee
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Gardening Study Schools Committee
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch - Executive & FSS Committee
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Tour F - Virginia State Capitol and Capitol Square
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Vendors & Exhibits - Open
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Awards Committee
Stroll down Broad Street to Capitol Square and visit the Virginia State Capitol, designed by Thomas Jefferson in 1775. See one of the most famous statues of George Washington in the rotunda of the Capitol as well as other historical statuary and paintings.

Tour G – Thurs, May 18, 2017  9 am – 11 am
Historic Richmond Trolley Tour
Ride the trolley and see the landmarks, monuments, riverfront and architecture representing over 400 years of Richmond’s history.

Tour H – Thurs, May 18, 2017  9 am – 11 am
Tour J – Sat, May 20, 2017  2:30 pm – 5 pm
Hollywood Cemetery Tour
Visit one of the most historic and beautiful garden cemeteries in America with a stunning view of the James River. Learn about the cemetery’s history and its famous residents, including U. S. Presidents James Monroe and John Tyler.

TOURS – SPOUSES
Tour K – Thurs, May 18, 2017  1 pm – 5 pm
Canal Cruise and American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar
Cruise the Kanawha Canal along Richmond’s historic canal walk. Visit the American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar Iron Works.
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  Future Fall Boards/Credentials/Protocol/Resolutions
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  Landscape Design Schools Committee
1:45 pm - 3:30 pm  Executive Committee (resumes)
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm  Flower Show Schools Committee (resumes)
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  Environmental Studies Schools Committee
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Communication - Print and Non-Print Committee
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Outreach/Continuing Projects Committee
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Membership Committee
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  NGC President's Special Projects Committee
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Liaison Committee
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Rehearsal for New Life Members
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  Social Hour
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  NGC Life Member Banquet Dinner Theater
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm  A Sense of Wonder  A play based on the life and works of Rachel Carson written and performed by Kaiulani Lee

THURSDAY, MAY 18  OPENING DAY OF CONVENTION
7:30 am - 6:00 pm  Registration
7:30 am - 9:00 am  Breakfast-State Presidents & Regional Directors
9:00 am - 11:00 am  Tour G - Historic Richmond Trolley Tour
9:00 am - 11:00 am  Tour H - Hollywood Cemetery Tour
10:00 am - 11:00 am  Seminar - Restoring Pollinators: Grow Organic
9:00 am - 6:00 pm  Vendors & Exhibits Open
9:30 am - 11:30 am  Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  Opening Luncheon--Peter Hatch, Thomas Jefferson, Gardener
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Spouse Tour - American Civil War Museum & Canal Cruise
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm  Convention Opening - Business Meeting
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  Seminar - Mechanics of Design
5:30 pm  Awards Rehearsal - State Presidents
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  Social Hour
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm  Banquet - Awards & Award of Excellence Winners
FRIDAY, MAY 19  CONVENTION
7:30 am - 6:00 pm  Registration and Credentials Open
9:00 am - 6:00 pm  Vendors & Exhibits - Open
9:00 am - 11:30 am  Business Meeting Resumes
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm  Luncheon - Keynote Speaker - P. Allen Smith
                   Connect: Health, Home and Happiness
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Business Meeting Resumes
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  Seminar - What's New in 2017 Flower Show Handbook
                   Seminar - New Ideas for Your Landscape
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  Meeting - State Presidents 2017-2019
6:00 pm          Vendors Close
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  Social Hour
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Banquet - Design Speaker - Ian Prosser

SATURDAY, MAY 20  CONVENTION
7:30 am - 5:00 pm  Registration Open
7:30 am - 9:00 am  Regional Breakfasts
9:30 am - 11:30 am  Final Business Session
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  Luncheon - Bryce Lane
                   Waterwise Gardening: A Sustainable Approach
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Tour I - Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
                   Tour J - Hollywood Cemetary
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Seminar - Bulbs as Companion Plants
                   Seminar - Small Landscapes with BIG Attitudes
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  2017-2019 Executive Committee Meeting
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Installation Rehearsal
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  Social Hour
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Installation Banquet
                   Designs by Julia Clevett in honor of NGC Presidents

SUNDAY, MAY 21  POST-CONVENTION
8:00 am - 10:00 am  NGC 2017-2019 Board of Directors Breakfast
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TOURS

Richmond has something for everyone—history, gardens, the arts, whitewater rafting, shopping, and more. Explore over 400 years of American History through tours of Richmond and Central Virginia’s historic sites and gardens. Day tours will visit Williamsburg and Monticello. Half-day tours in the Richmond area are planned for Hollywood Cemetery, the Virginia State Capitol, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, and a Historic Richmond Highlights Tour.

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Colonial Williamsburg
Discover Colonial Williamsburg and see what life was like in this 18th century Revolutionary City.

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Agecroft and Virginia House
Explore the gardens overlooking the James River at Agecroft and Virginia House, designed by the noted landscape architect Charles Gillette. Tour Agecroft Hall, built in England about 500 years ago and then crated, shipped and reassembled in Richmond in the 1920’s, to see how life was in England’s Tudor and early Stuart period.

Tour C – Tues, May 16, 2017 1 pm – 5 pm
Tour I – Sat, May 20, 2017 2:30 – 5 pm
Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
Voted the fourth “Best Botanical Garden” in the nation by USA Today, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden features more than 50 acres of spectacular gardens including a Children’s Garden, Rose Garden, Asian Valley and a classical domed Conservatory.

Tour D – Wed, May 17, 2017 8:30 am – 4 pm
Monticello and Gardens
Visit Monticello, the mountaintop home that Thomas Jefferson designed and built for his family, as well as its historic flower, vegetable and fruit gardens.

Tour E – Wed, May 17, 2017 9:30 am – 12 noon
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Tour the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, recognized as one of the nation’s top 10 comprehensive art museums with a permanent collection of over 35,000 works of art. Five new galleries showcase VMFA’s collection of Fabergé, the largest public collection outside of Russia.

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Virginia State Capitol and Capitol Square (Walking Tour)
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Restoring Pollinators: Grow Organic  
**Thursday, May 18 – 10 am**  
Learn why every vegetable garden and landscape must include flowers and eliminate chemical use to attract and maintain pollinators and other beneficial insects. **Lisa Zeigler** of The Gardener’s Workshop will share her steps to gardening without chemicals and how to bring flowers back to the vegetable garden.

Mechanics of Design  
**Thursday, May 18 – 4:30 pm**  
What are the mechanics of a floral design? Is it just floral foam and pin holders? Learn about new products, ways to use sculptures in your design and much more!

A Spring to Fall Cutting Garden  
**Thursday, May 18 – 4:30 pm**  
You will go home with the knowledge to have non-stop fresh cut-flowers from spring until frost from your own garden. **Lisa Zeigler** of The Gardener’s Workshop will share what to plant and how-to manage a small home cutting garden that will supply a weekly abundance of long-stemmed beautiful cut flowers all season.

What’s New in the 2017 Flower Show Handbook  
**Friday, May 19 – 4:30 pm**  
Explore the new 2017 Flower Show Handbook and see what’s new in Design and Horticulture. **David Robson**, chairman of the Flower Show Handbook Revision Committee, will highlight the exciting changes that will affect your club’s upcoming flower shows.

New Ideas for Your Landscape  
**Friday, May 19 – 4:30 pm**  
**Jef Naunchik**, a landscape designer/horticulturist from the Village Garden Center in Fishersville, VA, showcases new plants and cultivars for your garden as well as how to use “old favorites” in new ways. Gardens designed by the Village Garden Center have been featured in *Southern Living* and *The English Gardener*.

Bulbs as Companion Plants  
**Saturday, May 20 – 3:00 pm**  
Whether you are planning to plant bulbs in a fresh, newly prepared empty garden, or whether you are adding them to an already existing one, this seminar will have the answers for you. **Brent Heath** of Brent and Becky’s Bulbs of Gloucester, VA will introduce you to the best of the best...the right bulbs for the right spots. You'll learn how to combine bulbs, perennials, annuals,
ground covers and flowering shrubs that will create just the feeling you want to generate for four seasons in your garden. After seeing and experiencing this seminar, you'll leave with information and inspiration to produce a garden that you, your neighbors and friends will enjoy all year.

Small Landscapes with BIG Attitudes!

Saturday, May 20 – 3:00 pm

Do you have a small area to garden but want BIG results? Kerry Ann Mendez, garden author, consultant, designer, teacher and lecturer, will provide clever design and accessorizing tips for maximizing and extending color in smaller landscapes. Plants boasting 3-seasons of beauty and neat habits are emphasized.