

Complimentary light morning fare including coffee and tea is available prior to the start of our program. Bring your lunch or order one of the delicious boxed lunches on the registration form.



Gayle Hines and her husband Howie moved to Prince George County in the summer of 2019. They run Silver Oak Farm, selling cut flowers, vegetables, and baked goods to the local community at the Prince George Farmers Market. Recently retired, Gayle is excited to share her love of "growing" from flowers to sourdough starter and beyond!

Jennie Lockett's home is a small 5th generation farm just a mile down the road from Silver Oak Farm. Her time is spent with her husband Dale, daughter Emma as well as performing the role of Dealership Assistant for CMA's Colonial Honda. She completed her Master Gardener certification course in 2018 and has served as President of the organization in Prince George County from 2022-2024. Jennie's most recent projects include installing wildflower meadows on the farm and on the Carter Myers Automotive Campus in Chester, VA.

Directions to Richard Bland College Barn Theatre, 11301 Johnson Rd, Petersburg:

From Interstate Route 95 (North or South)-Exit 48B) Onto Wagner Road-West. Upon exiting I-95, travel to the second stoplight and turn right onto Crater Road (US Route 301-North). At the next stoplight, turn left onto Flank Road and travel approximately two miles to the second four-way stop intersection. Turn left onto Johnson Road and travel one mile to the Richard Bland College Campus. The Barn Theatre is on the east (left) side of the campus.

From Interstate Route 85 (North or South - Exit 65) Onto Squirrel Level Road – East Upon exiting I-85, travel to the stoplight at Defense Road. Continue on Squirrel Level Road (approximately one-quarter mile) and turn left onto Wells Road. Travel on Wells Road approximately one-half mile; turn left (bridge over railroad tracks) onto Halifax Road. Continue Halifax Road approximately one mile to Carson Drive. Travel approximately one mile on Carson Drive to Richard Bland College. The Barn Theatre is on the east (straight ahead at stop sign) side of the campus.

From Interstate Route 295 (North or South - Exit 3B) Onto Route 460 – West Upon exiting I-295, travel west to the first stoplight and turn left onto Wagner Road. Travel to the third stoplight and turn right onto Crater Road (US Rt 301-N). See I-95 above for directions from Crater Road to the campus.

If you have questions, you can call the extension office at 804 733 2686



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20th Annual Good Gardening Symposium

**Saturday, March 8, 2025
8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**Richard Bland College
Barn Theatre
11301 Johnson Road
Petersburg, VA 23805**

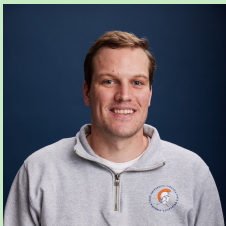


SPEAKERS

**Gail Coltes
Joshua Dusci
Rick Brown
Jennie Lockett
Gayle Hines**



Gail Coltes is a Chesterfield County Extension Master Gardener. She excels in growing a lot of food in small spaces using intensive gardening techniques. Her home garden is 188 square feet and produced just under 1300 pounds of food in 2023. She manages the Giving Garden at the Chesterfield Extension Office, which has grown over 2 tons of food. She volunteers at the Chesterfield Detention Center. For many of these young people, it is their first experience tasting home-grown fruits and vegetables and they learn just how therapeutic gardening can be. She will be speaking about intensive planting techniques and how home growers can make the most of small spaces by interplanting.



Josh Dusci is the Indoor Associate Specialist at Virginia State University. He specializes in soil-less systems (aquaponics, hydroponics, aquaculture) within controlled environments (greenhouses, indoor), working with a variety of stakeholders to provide technical assistance, create community programs, and build out critical infrastructure to support the industry within Virginia. In 2024, Josh was featured on the VPM show Home Grown. In his presentation, he will discuss soil-less systems, how they can provide sustainable food for a growing population, demonstrate the DIY hydroponics unit, and explain various programming he is doing at VSU.



Prior to moving to Williamsburg in 2013, Rick Brown practiced law for 45 years in his native state of West Virginia. Following his retirement, he became involved in various outdoor activities as a Master Gardener, Tree Steward and Master Naturalist. He is an active CW volunteer working in the colonial gardens during the growing seasons, and volunteers for the Basset Trace Nature Trail. Rick is one of the six Tree Steward volunteers who helped the Arborist and Landscaping Department identify, locate and tag trees and woody shrubs to support the application that certified CW as an accredited Level II, National Arboretum in the ArbNet program. The teams' efforts are ongoing as the Arboretum works to move from Level II to III status. He is one of the volunteers who lead the weekly guides Arboretum tours at CW in season. The arboretum and gardens in the Historic Area are a constant source of enjoyment and relaxation for Rick.



Registration opens February 4, 2025 (Please print)
Please detach and return this portion.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(Required for confirmation)

You can bring your own lunch or order one!

BOX LUNCH ORDER FROM BBQ BLISS CATERING & MORE "OWNER" SHERRY DEW

Please circle your selection below. (Beverages included)

- 1) Chicken salad on Croissant, Spring Mix Side Salad, Pasta Salad, Triple chocolate Brownie
- 2) Ham with Cheddar Cheese on Brioche Roll, Spring Mix Side Salad, Potato Salad, Triple Chocolate Brownie
- 3) Mediterranean Salad, Pasta Salad, Triple Chocolate Brownie

Make check payable to: **Good Gardening Symposium**
Mail to: Prince George Master Gardener Assoc. Good Gardening Symposium, PO Box 151, Prince George, VA 23875.

(One registration per form)

Good Gardening Symposium.....\$25.00

Box Lunch Order.....\$18.50

Total enclosed\$ _____

Registration deadline is March 1, 2025. Sorry, no refunds for cancellations received after March 1, 2025.

Are you a Master Gardener?

Yes ____ No ____