

# CVNLA NEWS

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## CVNLA Holiday Party

Make your plans now to attend our annual Holiday Party that will be held this year on Tuesday, December 9 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the new Charles Luck Stone Center in Goochland. It will be a good opportunity for those of you who have not already viewed this beautiful facility to check it out. The reservation form will be mailed out in a few weeks. Last year we had well over 100 attend our winter party.

## November 11th Meeting

Our speaker this month will be Rick Baker, Northeast Marketing Representative, Sales & Market Development of the Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. He will be discussing the VNLA Beautiful Gardens program. He will present a brief history, discuss who's involved, how it works, introduce Plants of Merit for 2009 & 2010, report on retail participants, industry involvement, talk about suggestions for plants of merit and new introductions, and talk about future new plant introductions. We are meeting in our normal location – the café.

## Member News

Welcome to two new members: John Roberts of the Department of Correctional Education-Horticulture out of Goochland and Doris Salem a representative of Bennett's Creek Nursery. The CVNLA is glad to have you two as part of our organization and we hope to see you at many functions.

## CVNLA Certified Horticulturist Review Course

This course starts on Monday, January 26 and will continue on Mondays until March 16 (with March 9 reserved for a snow makeup day). Each night begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m. except the exam night on March 16 which starts at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. The classes and exam will be held at the Henrico County Extension facilities again this year. The deadline for registration is Monday, January 12. The application will be mailed out to you along with the Holiday Party Invitation – mid-November. It will also be sent via email and available on our website at [www.cvnla.org](http://www.cvnla.org).

The board voted to keep our course prices where they are (\$25.00 members and \$75.00 non-members) to help promote the program. Our classes are much less expensive than classes held in other localities.



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## Thank you Virginia Flower Growers Association!

VFGA has signed up to help sponsor our refreshment costs at our 2009 Short Course as a "gold sponsor." We will begin to use them in any advertising done for the Short Course. We have several more potential sponsors in the works. If your company is interested or if you deal with a vendor you think might be interested contact Terry Koci or one of our board members (see contact info on first page). We would be glad to solicit any potential vendors that you think could be interested. If you would like another sponsor information form let Terry know.

Once again – thanks VFGA!



## Seats Available for Landscape Professionals in 2009 Master Gardener Training

Interested in brushing up on a subject or two this winter? The Chesterfield Cooperative Extension is offering two seats for landscape professionals in their upcoming Master Gardener program training. In lieu of volunteer service, professionals may sign up for individual classes at a cost of \$25 per class or for the entire training (72 hours of instruction) at a rate of \$500. Professionals who complete the entire course will receive a ProHort Certificate. Classes meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon in February and March. For a schedule of classes and more information contact Susan Edwards at 751-4401 or [edwardssu@chesterfield.gov](mailto:edwardssu@chesterfield.gov).

## Calendar of Events

### Turfgrass Short Course

Sponsored by Virginia Turfgrass Council  
December 8 – 10, Blacksburg  
Contact: [vaturf@thevtc.org](mailto:vaturf@thevtc.org) or 757-464-1004

### MAC-ISA Arborist Certification Course

December 16-18, Charlottesville  
Contact: 703-753-0499 or [www.mac-isa.org](http://www.mac-isa.org)

### 2009 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course

January 25-30  
The Founders Inn and Spa, Virginia Beach  
Contact: 757-523-4734 or [www.mahsc.org](http://www.mahsc.org)

### 2009 Symposium/Short Course

Wednesday, February 4 (LGBG Day)  
Thursday, February 5 (CVNLA Day)  
Friday, February 6 (Pesticide Recertification)  
at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

### 2009 Virginia Turfgrass Council Conference & Trade Show

January 12-15  
Contact: (757) 464-1004 or [www.vaturf.org](http://www.vaturf.org)

### Maymont Flower & Garden Show

February 19-22

### Dinner Meetings

<i>December 9 (Holiday Party)</i>	<i>April 14</i>
<i>January 13</i>	<i>May 12</i>
<i>No February Meeting</i>	<i>June 9 (Picnic)</i>
<i>March 10</i>	

***Don't forget*** – CVNLA needs sponsorship for refreshments for our Short Course this year held at LGBG. If your company needs another sponsor form or if you have a company that you deal with that could be a possible sponsor contact Terry Koci at [info@cvnla.org](mailto:info@cvnla.org) for a sponsor form. There will be a lot of publicity involved with this event that will provide good marketing potential.



NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
NOVEMBER 11, 2008  
6:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR – 7:15 PM DINNER  
CASH BAR  
\$19.00 PER PERSON

LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDENS  
ROBINS VISITOR CENTER  
GARDEN CAFÉ

GUEST SPEAKER:  
RICK BAKER  
VDACS

***MENU***

*SPINACH SALAD*

*ROAST TURKEY WITH GRAVY*

*BAKED SALMON*

*GOURMET POTATO CASSEROLE  
STEAMED GREEN BEANS*

*ASSORTED ROLLS*

*APPLE & PECAN PIE*

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