



Elizabeth River Garden Club

Portsmouth, Virginia

Ladies and gentlemen, it's anchors away and full steam ahead as we follow the Portsmouth, Port of Virginia theme with our Horticulture Exhibit at the 2019 GCV Annual Meeting hosted by the Elizabeth River Garden Club on May 7-9 in Old Towne Portsmouth, Virginia.

This horticulture exhibit will feature 1-3 blooms or plants of your choice which best represent a 'Storm Survivor'. What is your favorite plant which thrives in salt tolerant conditions when salty waves crash onshore? Which blooms and seeds will survive being carried away by the deepest fresh water rains and floods, such as those we've had this year? What's going to thrive in your yard if it stays wet?

The container is your choice! Feel free to get creative in representing our annual meeting theme. You will have a space of 24" by 24" for your display with no height restriction. Please include written educational information about your water tolerant plant including:

- botanical and common names of plant
- preferred growing conditions and cultivation tips
- country of origin if introduced or native
- any noteworthy characteristics and garden uses
- include a photo of your plant in bloom if it is not blooming at the time of the meeting (if available-not mandatory)

Please do not include any invasive plants in your display.

Your horticulture exhibits will be displayed at the Renaissance Hotel Portsmouth Waterfront, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704, where the GCV business meetings will take place. Exhibits should be placed between 2:00-5:00pm on Tuesday May 7, 2019. Please have your exhibit in place before the meeting begins on Wednesday afternoon.

So, ahoy garden friends! Get creative, have fun with it and let's see where this ship takes you!

The following websites might be useful in your research about salt tolerant and flood tolerant plants:

Salt tolerant plant list: www.ccrm.vims.edu

Moisture loving plants: www.gardeningknowhow.com

Colorful plants for wet soil: www.hgtv.com