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NEWS BULLETIN

April 2008

Next Meeting -

VGIC Quarterly Meeting: June 10, 2008 at 1 p.m., Location: State Fair Office, 8407 Erie Rd, Mechanicsville, RSVP info@VirginiaGreen.org. If you can not attend, please forward comments and/or suggestions to info@VirginiaGreen.org. We appreciate your input.

Media Spotlight -

VGIC remains recognized as one of the Greater Richmond Area's top 20 non-profits by www.richmond.com.

News releases



2008 VGIC Officers

- The Virginia Green Industry Council (VGIC) elected its 2008 Officers: President - Lin Diacont of the VA Turfgrass Council, Vice-President - Cary Gouldin of the VA Flower Growers Assoc. and Secretary Gwen Hubbard of the State Fair of VA and implemented its 2008 strategic plan. Membership will be handled by Mary Williams of the VA Nursery and Landscape Association.

2008 Agribusiness Award -



Richmond, VA March 27, 2008 MeadWestvaco Corporation (MWV) has been named the "2008 Agribusiness of the Year" by the Virginia Agribusiness Council. The award was presented to MWV's Chairman and CEO John A. Luke, Jr., at the company's headquarters in Glen Allen, VA.

Photo (Courtesy of MWV) L-R: Mark George, MWV Plant Manager, Covington; Bob Feeser, MWV President, Packaging Group; Ollie Kitchen, MWV Wood Manager, Covington; Tom Botkins, MWV Environmental Manager, Covington; Donna Pugh Johnson, Va. Agribusiness Council President; Charlie Wood, Va. Agribusiness Council Board Chairman; John A. Luke, Jr., MWV Chairman and CEO

Careers Web Site:

Twenty-seven associations from across the country recently united to develop a national green industry careers web site, designed to spark interest in the variety of positions that the green industry offers from landscape design to horticultural production. The web site is expected to be implemented during the summer of 2008. **See attached.**

Consumer and/or Industry releases are available at web site www.VirginiaGreen.org. Click on the media release option and download. You are welcome to reprint both the release and any accompanying pictures.

Industry Tips & Articles

Site Analysis Research Tool: See <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

Green Industry **PR Communications Tips** - monthly column: See web site - <http://www.americanfarm.com/scoop.html> .

From Eco-weak to Eco-Chic, by-weekly column, www.Richmond.com, science option.

GoGreen Column

March: <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/marketing/pdf/080227hellebores.pdf>

Profile of Green Industry Councils: See web site - <http://www.greenprofit.com/archive/articles/2294.asp>

2008 VA Garden Festival

September 20 Saturday 9 4

Science Museum of VA in Richmond VA



Keep VA Green & Growing participate in the VA Garden Festival!

Presently soliciting speakers, demos and vendor exhibits, to participate, contact
Rick.Baker@vdacs.virginia.gov

Announcements -

Virginia **Arbor Day** and National Arbor Day are Friday, April 25, 2008 Tree Planting Ceremony in the Capitol Square, Richmond at 11 a.m.

Agri/Va Regulatory Issues

- Contact Jeff Miller and cc Donna Pugh Johnson, Virginia Agribusiness Council, www.va-agribusiness.org

Historic Garden Week April 19-17, www.VAGardenweek.org

Innsbrook Earth Day Celebration April 22, exhibitors wanted, contact Denise Kranich, 804-217-8800, dkranich@innsbrook.com.

Maymont & VCU Discovery Institute

Thursdays, April 3 May 8, 7 p.m., lecture series Wetlands & Wildflowers, www.maymont.org

Norfolk Botanical Garden - many classes and lectures. A complete listing is at:
<http://www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/calendar/index.shtml>

Wetland Studies workshop, June 5, 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wetland Studies Solutions, Gainesville VA, www.wetlandstudies.com

York Extension Office sponsors and welcomes registration for classes. See website www.yorkcounty.gov/vce for details or contact 890-4940 or email ex199@vt.edu. Lots of classes are full but take a look at the website and register with the material provided.
http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce/progareas/hort/hort_extrav.htm

Membership

VGIC **dues are payable** as of Jan. 2008. See www.virginiagreen.org to review your membership category and forward payment including membership updates to VGIC GoGreen, 383 Coal Hollow Rd, Christiansburg, VA 24073-6721. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support!

Educational Opportunities

Detail list of industry events, see www.virginiagreen.org and click on option event Spanish training info/links is at
http://virginiagreen.org/Links.htm#Regulations_Affecting_the_Green_Industry

Suggestions or News for VGIC Bulletin, contact - syhwright@comcast.net

GoGreen! Keep Virginia Green and Growing!
Unifying the Green Industry in Virginia!

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Jeff greets Virginia Garden Festival 2007 attendees

