

## Featured Gardener



### Liz Fogel Senior Horticulturist Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Corrected

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden's Liz Fogel really is the whole picture! As well as being the curator of the Grace Arents Garden (a restoration property of GCV) at Lewis Ginter, Liz is also the horticulturist for the Children's Garden, the Conifer Collection, the Edible Garden, and most of the Cherry Tree Walk. Additionally, she coordinates all signage for education and way finding at the Garden. Liz's knowledge and ability to envision the best horticultural practices and sustainable landscape initiatives are laudable. She has been instrumental in designing and implementing an area along Lake Sydnor at Lewis Ginter which is a working model of water-wise landscaping. These practices contribute significantly to the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Liz is a graduate of UNC with a degree in biology and also has a master's degree in horticulture from Virginia Tech. She is a Certified Virginia Horticulturist, a member of the Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association, on the board of the Central Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association, a Level 1 Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional, a member of the American Public Gardens Association and the Ecological Landscape Alliance.

Among her many honors, Liz was the first recipient of the prestigious Frank L. Robinson Endowed Chair in Horticulture at Lewis Ginter. She has received numerous grants from other organizations and is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, an Honors Agriculture Society.

Liz's background is as diverse as it was enriching. She served in the Peace Corps in Senegal from 1997-1999 working as an agroforestry extension agent, was an agricultural science research technician at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington from 1990-2001 and was a graduate assistant at Virginia Tech's Department of Horticulture from 2001-2003. Additionally, Liz served as a Senior Residential Program Counselor for three years in Knoxville, Tennessee. There she managed daily treatment for teenaged girls in a residential behavioral health center.

Liz's vision of beauty is notable. On a recent visit to the Grace Arents Garden, Lewis Ginter's historical centerpiece, I was struck by Liz's graceful selection of color and plants used to reflect the historic importance of this area of the garden. The Garden Club of Virginia's restoration efforts in the Grace Arents Garden have been outstanding and are continually enhanced by Liz's horticultural direction. We are all beneficiaries of Liz's dedicated work ethic, her understanding of plants and her amazing ability to create loveliness. We on the Restoration Committee as well as all members of the Garden Club of Virginia thank Liz for her ongoing commitment.

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