

Children's Discovery Garden

Ayr Hill Garden Club



The Ayr Hill Garden Club has maintained the *Children's Discovery Garden* as a place of sensory discovery for children and adults since 2004. It is located near the historic red Caboose opposite the Freeman Store and Museum on Church Street just steps from the Washington & Old Dominion Trail in central Vienna.

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The **Ayr Hill Garden Club**, founded in 1929, is the oldest garden club in the national capital area.

In addition to the *Children's Discovery Garden* at the red Caboose off Church Street, we maintain four other gardens in Vienna: the *W&OD Trail Garden* (located on the trail at Maple Avenue), the *Little Library Garden Collections* (located at the Little Library on the grounds of the Freeman Store), the *Pollinator Garden* (located on the grounds of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Chain Bridge Road), and the *Salsbury Spring Native Habitat* (located at Lawyers Road and Windover Avenue).



Candytuft blossoms welcome Spring

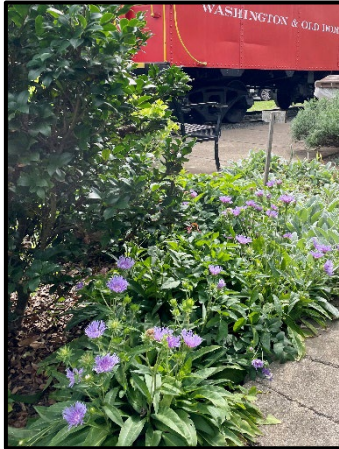
The *Children's Discovery Garden* brings the sensory delights of a garden to children of all ages. It is a child-high garden designed to stimulate interest in the poetic and fun names, color, form, textures, and scents of plants that are visited by birds, butterflies and bees, in addition to folks large and small. Our garden tickles your fancy with plants that engage the senses by their name, appearance, color, touch or smell.

Visit the Yuletide Camellia with its red and gold flowers blooming for the winter holidays, in spring, find the Candytuft that looks like a fluff of sugary fair candy, touch Lamb's Ear that feels like the soft, fuzzy gentle farm animal, and then smell Lavender that shows how soap gets that sweet clean fragrance.





We hope that the ever-changing and sensory nature of the Children's Discovery Garden especially catches the attention and imagination of our young visitors.



Rotating features, like bunnies, scarecrows and mushrooms, invite all, especially children, to stop and play and discover.



In the fall of 2015 and with the help of the Town of Vienna, the much-visited *Children's Discovery Garden* was moved from its original location north of the Caboose and in front of the Town mural to the current location alongside the Caboose. New larger beds than those already at the Caboose site were created and enclosed in an attractive gray stone wall and walkway.

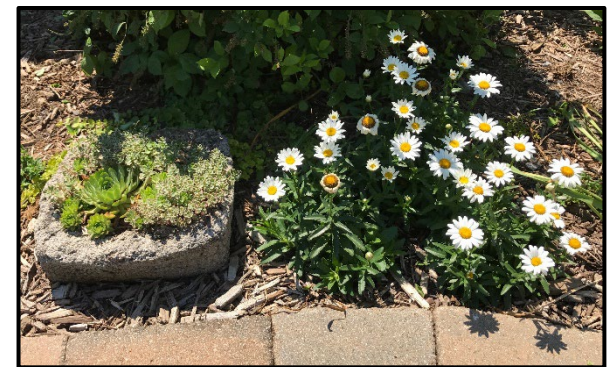
Visitors of all ages enjoy the Children's Discovery Garden. The garden also serves as a welcome respite for those travelling the W&OD Trail. In addition, our garden is a popular gathering place during Vienna's many holiday and community events. Please visit the CDG webpage on the Ayr Hill Garden Club website for more details, current photos and plant lists.

The Children's Discovery Garden is dedicated to Dorothy S. McDiarmid, Vienna resident, Ayr Hill Garden Club member, long serving Virginia legislator, and champion of adding kindergartens to the State's school systems.

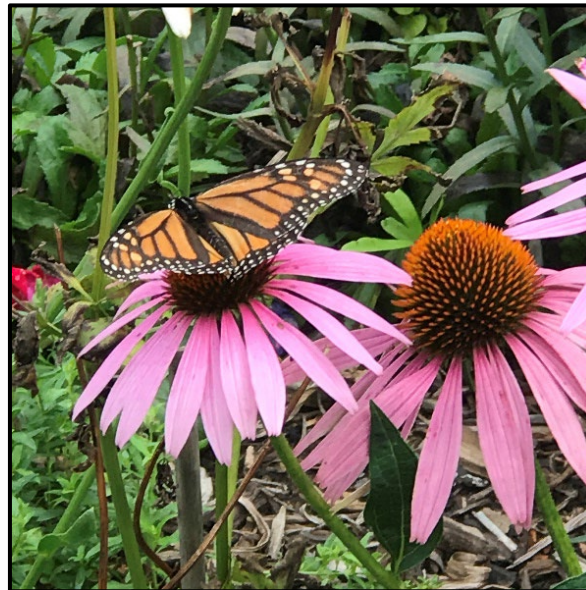


Joe Pye Weed and Black-eyed Susan in the Children's Discovery Garden

The Ayr Hill Garden Club was organized May 21, 1929 and is a charter member of The National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month, September through June at 12:45; Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd, 22181. Our programs feature speakers on garden design, horticulture, ornithology, conservation, and floral design and are generally open to the public.



'Hens and Chicks' in Hypertufa and Marguerite Daisies in the Children's Discovery Garden



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