

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. The Town helped us move our beloved and featured Harry Lauder Walking Stick tree from its ten-year guard post in the old garden to the new location. Our Harry Lauder tree is the old man of the garden, and he holds court with his uniquely quirky branching that lends itself to the playful holiday and seasonal decorations that delight children, growing and grown.

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.



Harry Lauder Walking Stick 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



For more information, please visit our website:
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Ayr Hill Garden Club



Red Hot Poker flowers warm up the Children's Discovery Garden



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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Monarch Butterfly and Coneflower



Children's Discovery Garden



Candytuft blossoms welcome Spring



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, dinosaurs and fairies, invite all, especially children, to stop and play and discover.

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).



The **Children 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 Red Hot Pokers that look like the real pokers in stories of colonial America, see 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.

