

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Ellen

This is the time of year that causes my creative juices to jump into overdrive. I can't look at magazines, photos and books without making an enormous wish list of holiday projects.

If you are looking for creative inspiration, join the GCV Cultivating Conversations on **Monday, November 10 from noon to 1:00 for "Floral Arranging for the Holidays"**. As chair of the GCV Artistic Design Committee, TGC's Renee Gardner has designed this virtual production sure to ignite your holiday aspirations.

Click the image below to register and receive a zoom link to attend.



As we enter this season of busyness (creative projects included), remind yourself to squeeze a bit of garden time to reduce your stress or boost your immunity. (Source: thehappygardeninglife.com). There is nothing like pruning your peonies or planting bulbs to recharge yourself. Maybe you will be inspired to try something new after spending time in your garden.

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November Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Science Museum of Virginia

Program: Conservation Committee Take Over! As voted on by TGC membership, our Conservation topic is Trees. Renowned researcher Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar presents ARE TREES THE BEST MEDICINE FOR HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS?

Dr. Bhatnagar leads the Green Heart Louisville health research initiative. After planting over 8,000 trees and shrubs, his team has collected detailed health data from nearly 500 residents since 2018. The 15-million-dollar project includes state, local, and federal agencies, several non-profits, universities, and over 50 researchers. They are looking at how trees affect air pollution, sleep, stress and anxiety, blood pressure, and cardio health. Dr. Bhatnagar, a featured speaker at the 2023 World Forum on Urban Forests, is Professor of Medicine and Distinguished University Scholar at the University of Louisville. Working with collaborators around the world, he spearheaded the development of the new field of Environmental Cardiology, which links the risk of heart disease to natural, social, and personal environments. Dr. Bhatnagar will discuss his research on The Natural Environment and Human Health.

We are honored to host Dr. Bhatnagar. Please mark your calendars to attend.

Exhibits

Try Something New

- **Floral Design Exhibits**
 - Class I: Fall Harvest - Make an arrangement that you would like to use as a Thanksgiving centerpiece. Flowers, berries, pods, grasses, leaves, fruits and vegetables may be used. Container of your choice.
 - Class II: Fall is for Football-Create an arrangement for your weekend tailgate party. Container of your choice.
- **Horticulture Exhibits**
 - Class I: Fall Foliage from Plants - Specimen
 - Class II: Branches from Autumn Leaves (Berry or Fruit)-Specimen
 - Class III: Camellia Sasanqua-Specimen
 - Class IV: Decorative grasses
- **Photography Exhibits**
 - Class I: Photo of a single native tree
 - Class II: Photo of fall foliage
 - Class III: Photo of a tree in an urban/city area. Photo should show urban/city elements.
- **Botanical Arts Exhibit**
 - Special Class: Needlework: Register with Peyton Wells by Friday, September 19. Painted canvas will be given to you upon registration. Entry to be delivered to

Membership Update

New Member nomination forms, FAQ's and voting information can be found on the [TGC website](#)

Timeline:

- Friday, October 24th - candidate proposal forms due
- Friday, November 7th - voting opens
- Friday, November 14th - voting closes
- Wednesday, November 19th - TGC meeting, new members announced

Please note: All voting will be online.

Questions about proposing new members? Email or call Betsy Carney - betscarney@gmail.com/804-405-8858

Holiday Workshop and Sale

SAVE THE DATES!

CHRISTMAS GARLAND WORKSHOP

Wednesday, December 3

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 10:00 am

(Spots are still available. Contact [Kathy Watson](#) to register.)

and

The Tuckahoe Garden Club HOLIDAY PARTY AND SALE

Thursday, December 4

at the home of Anne Kempe

6615 Three Chopt Road

at 11:00 am



Photo credit: Tricia Sauer

We encourage each member to contribute one creative or delicious item to the sale, a Tuckahoe tradition. Shown above are homemade goodies for sale from our 2024 party. Please contribute yours!

We will offer lots of beautiful greens and special creations for the holidays.

The sale will feature several new and special vendors including Melissa Carey's The Christmas Cabinet: An Advent Calendar that creates a Nativity scene, Good Girl Millie Cards, Suzy Brockman's handcrafted soaps scents and skincare, Hannah Van Essendelft's pencil drawings and Katie Carline with gorgeous paper flowers.

Kathy, Martha, Patricia, Carey, Beverly, Frances, Terrell, Meredith and Jennifer
Your Holiday Sale crew

Finance: Dues Reminder

Ladies! Your TGC dues are due! If you haven't had a chance to pay them yet, please do so as soon as possible. Penalties will begin to apply starting December 1.

website.

As a reminder, the payment options are as follows:

1. Pay online (for no charge) with the Zelle feature from your bank. Use tuckahoegctreasurer@gmail.com to direct the payment to our account.
2. Log on to [Tuckahogardenclub.com/membership](https://tuckahogardenclub.com/membership) (Password is Daffodil). Click on Membership, then Pay Dues Online. Click on the "Active Dues" category to pay your dues online with a credit card.
3. Make check payable to The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton or TGC, and mail payment to Rita Ryan, Assistant Treasurer, at 8904 Highfield Road, Richmond, VA 23229.

Thank you for your prompt payment!

Bonnie Cricchi

Centennial Tree Project Kicks Off



Kelly Armstrong kicked off the Centennial Tree Project at our October Membership meeting.

The **Community Engagement Committee** was excited to roll out the plans for the opportunity to celebrate 100 years of TGC with Our Centennial Tree Project! Our goal with this historic project is to plant 100 native trees, preferably White Oak (*Quercus alba*) in public spaces across the Richmond region. Donations from our fund-raising efforts and endowment, plus personal contributions to honor or memorialize someone will get these trees in the ground. We have planted 17 trees so far, so now just 83 to go.

Members in attendance at the October Membership Meeting received a packet of information laying out all information for engagement.

For those members who missed the October meeting , we will be continuing to distribute packets so that each TGC member will have all they need to become a **'Tuckahoe Tree Hugger'**! There will be additional information on the TGC website soon!

Our committee is busy at work researching and connecting with our community partners to further identify and highlight opportunities to plant trees. We will keep membership posted as these details unfold, and please let us know if you are aware of tree planting needs in Richmond.

Additionally we will have some very exciting news to share with you at our November meeting. Surprise.... Surprise....!

Lily Bulb Order



Leap into the GCV Lily Show 2026
with TGC!

ORDER YOUR BULBS NOW

Email FBMCDER@gmail.com

Varieties of Asiatic & Oriental lilies

from Brent & Becky's Bulbs

Available in groups of 5 bulbs

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Payable to Tuckahoe Garden Club
Stay tuned for details for
Potting Party plans
@ the home of Fran McDermott



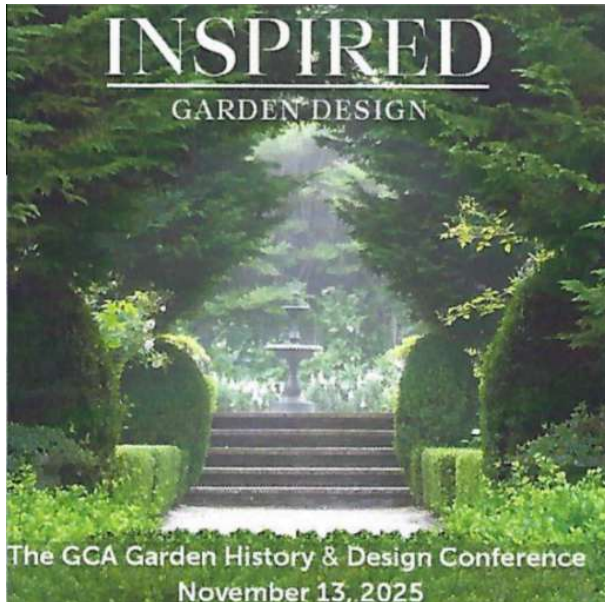
Conference

Want to learn from the experts in Garden History and Design without leaving your house? Join the INSPIRED Garden Design Virtual Conference on Thursday, November 13 from 11 to 2.

To watch, register on the GCA website here:

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members:calendar/ereventdetails/id/596>.

If you'd like to attend a Watch Party for the event, see below:



It's a Watch Party!

Thursday, November 13

11am to 2pm

4202 Sulgrave Road

Bring a salad topping
for a salad bar lunch

Rsvp to
5buoyers@gmail.com

Hosted by Ellen and Tricia

October Field Trip to Chadwick Orchids

Thursday, October 9 proved to be a glorious autumn day to visit Chadwick and Son orchid greenhouse location in Powhatan. Art Chadwick and our own Fran McDermott regaled us with tales from their experience at the Chelsea Flower Show in May. We learned about the types of orchids and their care. The day wrapped up with a lovely al fresco lunch. Several of us went home with new orchids and determination to keep them thriving with our new orchid knowledge.



Get ready for the Holidays
and support Historic Garden Week!
Thursday, November 13th

Fraiche
5805 Grove Ave.
from 11am-5pm
15% of the proceeds will
support Historic Garden Week

and

J McLaughlin
407 Libbie Ave.
from 1pm-5pm
10% of the proceeds will
support Historic Garden Week



Daffodil Download

In a recent Board Meeting, several of us were catching up from our summer break. It felt good to learn a little more about each other through sharing recent events in our lives, whether it was a recent adventure, a celebration, or a loss. We wanted to invite all our members to our chat, so we decided to launch a new section of the newsletter, which we are calling "Daffodil Download." In a way, we are merging last year's theme, 'Getting to Know You,' with this year's theme, 'Try Something New.' We want to continue to get to know each other, but that will only work if you share:)

- Mary Kathryn Woodward got engaged to Walter Bundy a couple of weeks ago!
- Jennifer Sisk (aka Gogo) celebrated the arrival of baby Mary Douglass Darby Sisk on October 18th! Mary Douglass is the new daughter of Peter Sisk and Leland Darby and sister to Darby Sisk
- Molly Revere writes that she is cherishing time with her family before her youngest heads to college in the fall. A highlight was their fly-fishing trip to Montana - just the two of them!
- Charlotte Clarkson reports that the dahlias she bought at the spring sale were amazing this fall! And that when she's not visiting her oldest daughter in Charleston, she can be found holding on tight to her youngest who is a high school senior this year.

If you have news you would like to share with our members, submit it to [Jennifer Wilkins](#), newsletter editor. Please do not submit news on behalf of others, and no advertisements. Our purpose is to cheer for each other during joyous times and support each other in times of sorrow.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, November 13
GCA Garden History and Design Virtual Conference
See email on 11/3 for Watch Party information.

Wednesday, November 19
Membership Meeting featuring guest speaker Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar from the Green Heart
Louisville Project,
Science Museum of Virginia
9:30 a.m. coffee, 10:00 a.m. program

Wednesday, December 3
Christmas Greens Garland Workshop featuring Agnes Stillfried
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 4
Holiday Party and Sale
Anne Kempe's home
6615 Three Chopt Road
11:00 a.m.

Member Support

Missing a meeting? Please email Fran McDermott before the meeting: fbmcder@aol.com

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stephanielansing@gmail.com

5buoyers@gmail.com

Your address, email or phone number changed? Send changes to

Fran McDermott: fbmcder@aol.com

Want to share photos?

If you like to take photos at our club events, please share them. We will use them in our newsletter, Instagram account and in various reports we send to GCV and GCA. Here's the simple process:

Email photos to tuckahoegardenclub@gmail.com. Please identify the subjects in the photo and event where it was taken.

Tell us what you think about this newsletter format and content!

Email Jennifer Wilkins jennyrw99@gmail.com with any comments, questions or concerns.

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