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THE TUCKAHOE NEWS



February 2019





A bloom in winter is a surprising treat but a perennial shrub that produces magnificent rose-like flowers every February is a treasure. Camellia japonica 'Nuccio's cameo'.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February Greetings My TGC Valentines!

News, news, news....so much to share! I will dispense with motivations, flourishes and inspiration this month. This has been a busy month on so many fronts and it all needs sharing. Be sure to read it all!

Don't miss our February 19th meeting at First Presbyterian Church. Anna Killius with the James River Association will give us insight as to the progress and remaining challenges of protecting our precious resource, our James River. Believe it or not, we have not had a business meeting since September! We

had a very brief one in October and none basically in November or December. After Ms. Killius' presentation, we will have a business meeting- lots to share, including a by laws proposal, budget and gift proposals, HGW update, a vote on GCA and GCV awards and much more.

Don't forget to send Lena your check for the March meeting at Shagbark. Her address is Six South Wilton Road Richmond 23226; make your \$25 check out to Tuckahoe Garden Club. Did you see that Shagbark earned again the AAA Four Diamond rating? Our lunch meeting will be such a treat for you, our hard working members.

See you Wednesday at First Presbyterian!

Betty

President, The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton



TGC NEWS & INFORMATION

FEBRUARY 20th TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Hostesses: Mary Horton, Lisa Burlee, Lynn Brooke

First Presbyterian Church, 1000 G Street, P.O. Box 100000

Place: First Presbyterian Church, 4602 Gary Street Road (23226)

Time: 12:30 pm Refreshments & Guest Speaker 1:00 pm

Program: Anna Killius: Highlights and Indicators from “The State of the James Report” demonstrating successes and remaining challenges to fully restore the health of our river.

Exhibits:

ARTISTIC

Class I: Branches: Make an arrangement using branches – forced, berried or bare using the container of your choice.

Class II: Create an arrangement using evergreens or mosses that you might see along the James River’s edge.

HORTICULTURE

Class A: Potted House plant:

Herb/Specimen. Succulent/Specimen or collection. Flowering bulb/Specimen or collection.

Class B: The bones of a garden: Exhibit a bare branch that would enhance an arrangement. Does not have to be from your garden but please include the name of the tree or bush and its location.

Class C: Photography: Depicting a warm weather scene to brighten a cold winter day.

Class D: Photography: Depicting a winter scene.

Not judged class: Bring in another horticulture specimen to be shared for its beauty and enjoyment. Note name and growing conditions.

Photography Guidelines

How To Exhibit Photography

1. For the February and May meetings, photographs are a part of and will be judged in both the Horticulture and Artistic exhibits (see individual meeting schedules). For that reason, photography ribbons awarded during these two meetings will be counted towards whichever exhibit the photograph is entered.
2. For these two meetings only, exhibitors may have only one entry in each class, (i.e., an exhibitor may choose to exhibit a horticulture specimen or a photograph, but not both).
3. Each photograph, including any editing, must be the work of the exhibitor.
4. Photographs should be 5x7, with a white mat.
5. Exhibitors must register their own photograph. The photograph must be accompanied by 3x5 index card with the exhibitor’s name on one side and class entered. On the front side an optional title of brief statement of intent (limit 25 words) may be included.
6. Limit: one photo per member, per class.
7. Club Photographer will have a supply of mats and appropriate tape at both meetings for exhibitor’s use.
8. Judging will consider composition, creativity and interpretation.
9. Judging will be done by Artistic/Horticulture judges or Club Photographer if present

... voting will be done by a motion, resolution, judge of order, photographer in presence...

Attendance at Membership Meetings Reminder

In order to record membership attendance quickly and accurately, we will use pre-printed nametags. When you arrive, find your nametag and wear it. All un-claimed tags will tell me who did not attend the meeting. *Remember, our by-laws state active members are allowed three excused absences per year. If you cannot attend a meeting, please contact me via email or text prior to the meeting.* Thank you!

Ellen Buoyer
Recording Secretary
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TGC MEETING PREPARATION

We have two awards to vote on at the February meeting: one from GCV and one from GCA. Please take the time to 1) read the descriptions below of the GCV award and nominees and 2) go to <https://www.gcamerica.org/> and sign in to read about the GCA award and nominees prior to the meeting in order to cast your votes!

GCV Bessie Boccock Carter Award: What will you vote for?

Bessie Boccock Carter Conservation Award Nominations for 2019

The finalists are:

Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve

Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve (ACWP) is an extremely rare and unique habitat, providing safe haven for over 300 plant species, 20 state-rare and two found nowhere else in Virginia. This 25-acre preserve is an educational and recreational resource for the City of Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. This urban green space, a calcareous muck fen, is extremely distinctive because of its limestone bedrock, low acidity and high nutrient levels. Encroaching shrubs and trees threaten this treasure, as do residential and commercial development. Preserving this open, grassy and sun-filled habitat now requires people to do what nature once did on its own. Through time, money and energy, Winchester-Clarke Garden Club is partnering with the City of Winchester and Shenandoah University's Environmental

Studies Program to conserve, educate and share this exceptional wetlands. Migrating birds and butterflies and naturalists from age 6 to 86 come along among the blue Marsh Skullcap. Through additional signage, accessible paths, an audio/internet walking tour, and working teams of garden clippers who remove invading species, an effort is being made to protect the marsh's rare native plants from being lost. ACWP is a place for students to learn, visitors to enjoy, and for rare plants to thrive.

Weir Garden at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley (MSV) is implementing a \$9 million project to preserve 90 of its 214 acres. Part of this acreage will become 3.5 miles of biking, hiking, and walking trails known as The Trails at the MSV, and will be Virginia's largest public art park. More than \$8.9 million has been raised and the project is nearing completion. Major contributors include the City of Winchester and VDOT. In partnership with the Little Garden Club of Winchester, which has donated \$20,000 to date, we are applying for the GCV Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award for the creation of the "Weir Garden." This garden will serve as a storm water management tool, a naturally managed wildlife habitat and an educational tool for visitors. Large stone weirs and an ADA accessible trail will be created, including a 1.6-acre wildflower meadow of indigenous plants and grassy trails. The project will conserve natural resources, protect the environment by preserving green space within an urban setting, and utilize fallow farmland. The MSV has over 71,000 visitors annually and the park will be free and open to the public. The Weir Garden would be named for the GCV Bessie Carter Conservation Award.

The winner will be announced at the GCV Annual Meeting in May.

2019 Founders Fund Proposals

by **Betsy Huffman**, Founders Fund Committee Chairman, Garden Club of Alexandria, Zone VII

The Founders Fund was established in 1936 in honor of the GCA's first president, Elizabeth Price Martin. The first award, in 1936, was for \$700. In the 83 years since its inception, it has grown to \$30,000 for the finalist project and \$10,000 for each of the two runners-up. Founders Fund grants recognize projects which support and advance the GCA purpose statement.

The first quarter of the year represents an important time for Founders Fund—and for GCA member clubs. In January our attention turns to the winter issue of the *Bulletin*, where the three impressive finalists for the 2019 Founders Fund grants are announced. And this announcement marks a significant GCA initiative: it not only reveals

the three Founders Fund finalists, but it also signals the launch of the voting process that will determine which clubs will be awarded finalist and runners-up grants.

The Founders Fund Committee, comprised of 12 voting members, embarked on a steep learning curve as we reviewed these projects, which involve a bobcat, a porcupine, a fox, a coalmine, and a calcareous muck fen! While three finalists were chosen, the committee commends each club which submitted proposals and knows that all are winners for their clubs and for the GCA. We thank each club that submitted proposals this year.

Founders Fund respectfully asks that *each member of every club* take a moment to read, learn, and thoroughly review the three

proposals in the pages that follow. Over the next several months, each club will conduct a vote and select one of the projects as its official choice for finalist. Club presidents will record their club's vote on the GCA website before the April 1 deadline, and the winning proposal will be announced at the GCA Annual Meeting in Boston in May. The Founders Fund is the only GCA program that is chosen from votes cast by all GCA clubs and recorded by the presidents.

These projects represent a significant commitment from their proposing clubs, as well as a significant contribution to their communities. They speak directly to the GCA purpose and are a tribute to the energy and dedication of club members determined to make their proposals a reality.

GCA Founders Fund Award: What will you vote for?

This is the second award we will vote on at the February meeting. The GCA Founders Fund is a \$30,000 (\$10,000 for two runner-ups) award recognizing projects that support and advance the GCA purpose statement.

You can find the entire article in your Winter issue of the Bulletin, pages 41-47 or go to www.gcamerica.org

Login to your member account and click the link to the Bulletin to find the article.

Please let me know if you have any questions or problems finding either of these links.

Sara Cann



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ATTENTION! SMILING FACES OF TGC MEMBERS!

Members photographs will be taken at the February meeting and ongoing!

For the website, Tricia Sauer and Chandler Klevana will begin taking headshot photos of all members. Wear your best blouse, don your pearls and your lipstick and line up for a quick photo to be placed on the website. These photos will be in the MEMBERS ONLY section of the site (password protected) next to pertinent greenbook info....address, phone, email, etc. Tricia and Chandler will be taking photos at all remaining meetings this spring with hopes to have a good number on the site this summer. For those we miss this spring, we will continue this in the fall till we get everyone if possible.

Such a great resource for our new members to see our smiling faces to connect with names! Thank you for participating.





Trees are doing the hard work of bud formation all winter and in February, you begin to see the results.

TGC New Members

The Tuckahoe Garden Club welcomed our 5 new members at our TGC orientation on January 15th. We gathered at the Kent Valentine House where several committee heads and members gave committee overviews and discussed responsibilities for our newest members. It was a great opportunity to answer some questions, get acquainted, and let them know how excited we are to have them join our club. **If you haven't had the chance to introduce yourself to Lisa, Renee, Linda, Lynn, and Penny, please do so at our February membership meeting.** They are a wonderful group of talented and enthusiastic women, and we're so fortunate to have them join us.

Elizabeth and Janie





TGC Spring Sale

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*Spring
Sale*

A great little plant sale!
Come shop with us...

- * Beautiful plants you can grow & use for Historic Garden Week
- * Herbs, Annuals, Perennials, Shrubs & Hard to find plants



* Planted pots and garden accessories

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 9:00-3:00
3904 Exeter Road, Richmond, Virginia

Presale forms available www.tuckahoeclub.com

The Spring Sale will be held on Wednesday, April 24th at Liz Garden's home and garden at 3904 Exeter Road from 9:00AM-3:00PM.

We are putting together our PRESALE FORM TO GET TO YOU ALL BY MARCH 1. The forms will be due back by March 29th. Please let us know if there are any specific plants you need for your home garden and we will try to find them for you! Let Tuckahoe Garden Club be the beneficiary of your landscaping needs. **Please try to order most of what you need from the presale.**

We will have herbs from Lavender Fields, some annuals, perennials and shrubs. We will also have some planted pots for you to select as well as some new, fun planting combinations for pots, pre-packed and ready to take home to plant.

We will have a POP-UP SHOP of fun items to get you thinking about Spring at the February 20 Meeting. We will feature some great acrylic containers (back by popular demand) that you can pre-order, some great gifts, and some other flower arranging supplies. Do you need oasis, floral tape, lomey dishes, or Joyce Chen scissors? We will have some to sell at the February meeting to get you ready for Garden Week.

One favorite item we are selling this year is our "Slimmer Trimmer" which is a great size for getting all of your gardening chores done this spring and summer. Check them out at the February meeting! Also make sure to check out Bettie Beardon Pardee's book, Living Newport: Houses, People, Style which will get you excited about the Newport trip! If preordered, the books will be autographed for you by Bettie, an old friend of Ruth Cunningham's from the "Flower Ladies" group, who are all disciples of Sheila McQueen. We are excited to get to see Bettie's garden when we go to Newport in June! Even if you are not going on the trip, you might enjoy the book!

Please tell your friends outside of the club about our Spring Sale and invite them to come. We are hoping they will also go to our TGC website and preorder from the form which will be posted there around March

1st. We'll keep you posted!

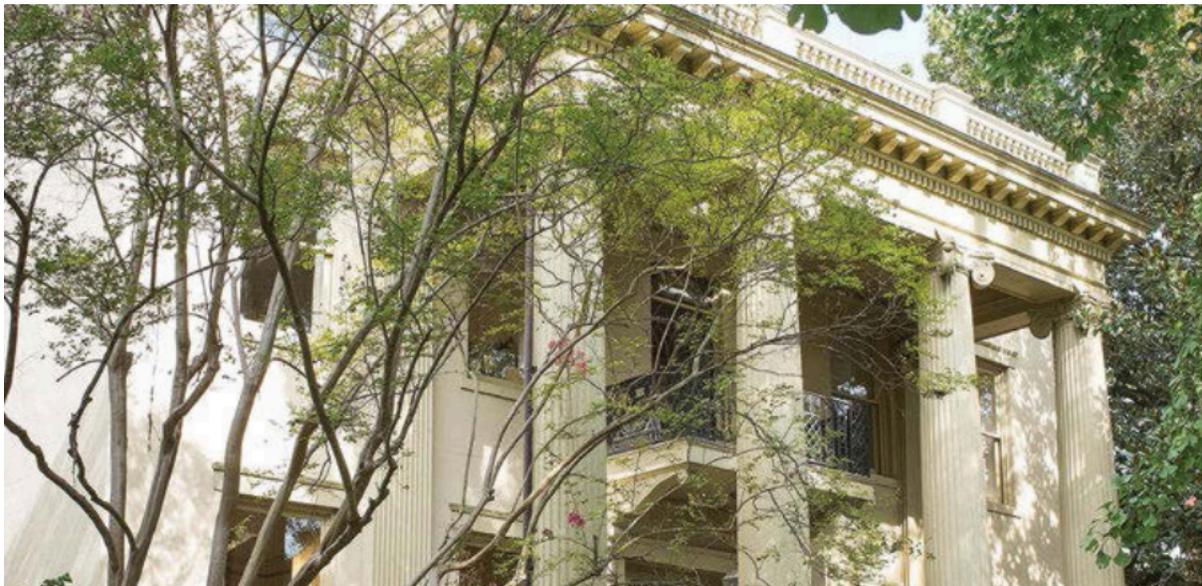
Your Spring Sale team,

Martha, Kathy, Patricia, Charlotte and Molly



Lucite containers in three sizes - available for order at our February meeting!

The Story of TGC

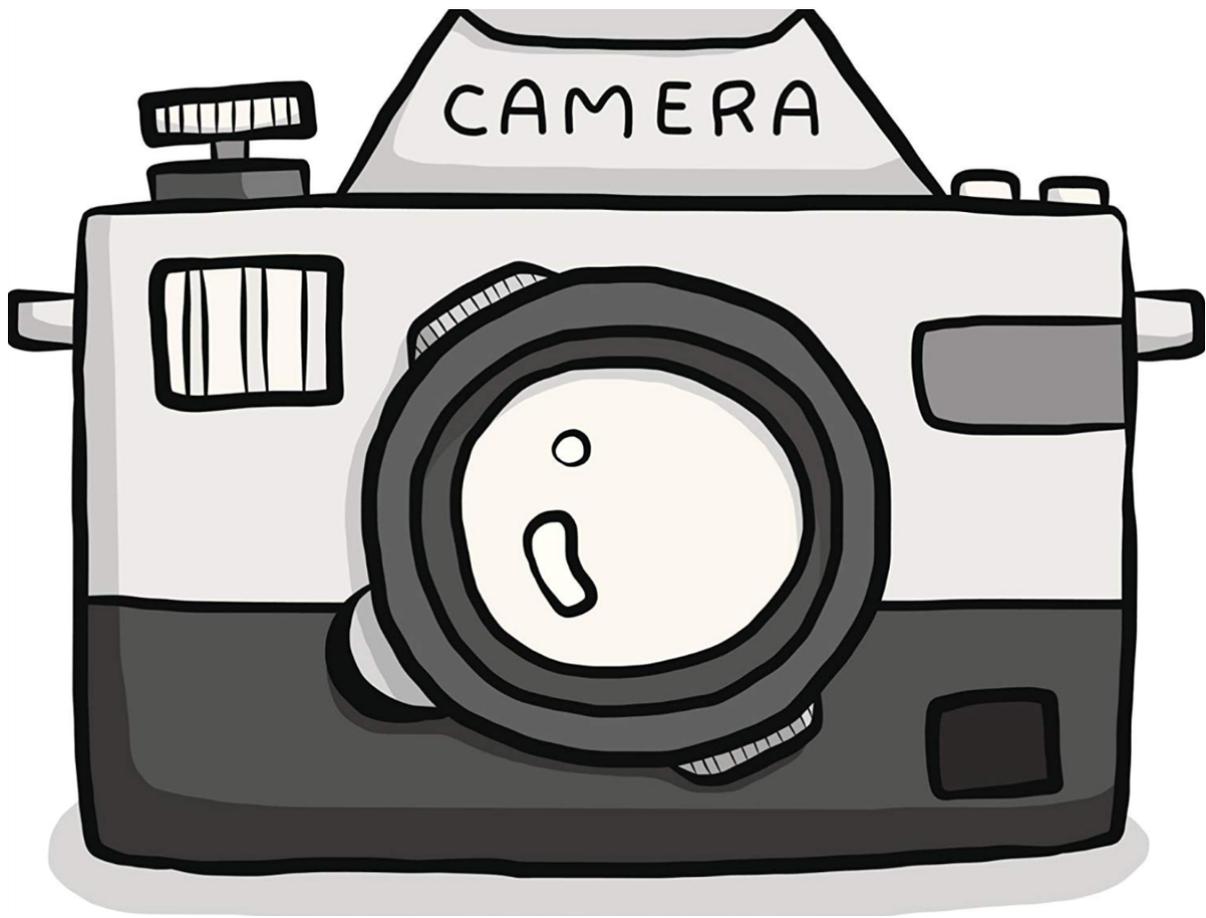




The Kent-Valentine House, statewide headquarters of the Garden Club of Virginia, sits at the corner of 1st and Franklin Streets in the Monroe Ward district of downtown Richmond. The mansion is named for its' original owners, Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Kent who built the house in 1845 and later owners, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Gray Valentine who enlarged the house beginning in the early 1900s. The house was originally designed by a prominent Boston architect, Isaiah Rogers and is now his only remaining residential design. The Valentines purchased the mansion in 1904 and added the tall portico over the front door, reinstalled the original cast iron railings between the exterior columns, and added a two-story wing on the west side of the house. This fine example of Greek Revival architecture was nearly destroyed in 1971 before being placed in a preservation easement and then purchased by the Garden Club of Virginia. This began a project to restore the original architecture while adapting the space to suit the needs of the Garden Club of Virginia. This was the most ambitious project to date for the organization. In 1995, The Garden Club of Virginia completely restored the mansion to its original grandeur and added a tower on the east side including an elevator for handicap accessibility. The Kent-Valentine House is listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

TGC Photography





CHECK OUT THESE PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITIES

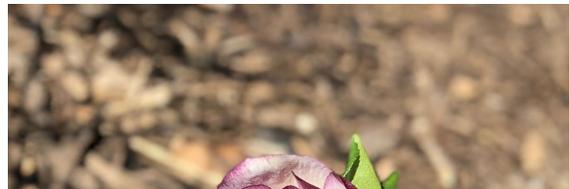
[GCV Daffodil Day Photography Show](#)

Deadline for registering and submitting entries for the photography show is February 28. That is soon! Take a look at the schedule (<https://www.gcvirginia.org/daffodilday/>) and see what might interest you.

[GCA Annual Meeting Photography Schedule, May 15-20, Boston MA](#)

Photography entries are currently being accepted until March 26. Please check out the schedule and let's have some entries from our club! (www.gcamerica.org. Go to members page and click on *2019 Annual Meeting* and you will find the flower show schedule with the photography details in there.)

[TGC Photograph artists—please participate!](#)





Helleborus orientalis, commonly called Lenten Rose, is a clump-forming, late winter-blooming perennial. Its flowers are a multitude of colors and it spreads itself happily by self-sowing its seeds.

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GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

For all New Members This Year AND the Last Three Years AND any Seasoned Members!

Join Betty at this event:

The Membership Committee of the Garden Club of Virginia will be hosting a Member Orientation on Daffodil Day, March 26, 11 a.m. to noon. This event will be held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden during the scheduled judging of Daffodil Day.



How High is *Your* GCV IQ?

The Garden Club of Virginia
Membership Committee Invites you to
Get to Know the GCV

at Daffodil Day

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

11 a.m.-noon

Guaranteed to raise your GCV IQ, this fun and informative program is designed for new and long-term members.

Attendees will review GCV basics and hear about current activities relating to:

- Historic Garden Week
- Restoration
- Conservation
- Kent-Valentine House
- much more!

Meet GCV President Jean Gilpin and state leaders ... bring your questions about GCV.

Please respond to this message by March 20 or email [Ann Heller](mailto:Ann.Heller@gcvirginia.org) at communications@gcvirginia.org if you would like to join us.



Wanted: Daffodils

The GCV Daffodil Day, "March of the Trumpets," at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, is fast approaching.

Our club has a history exhibiting frequently, and this year should be no exception. We will enter a club arrangement as well as horticulture test collections and encourage individuals to enter specimens, photography, or arrangements. The schedule is vast and includes novice opportunities for those who have never exhibited before. Most of us have lots of daffodils so watch what is in bloom in time for the March 26 event.

Registration is easy; click this link <https://www.gcvirginia.org/daffodilday/> to take you to the GCV website. For those of you not confident about the mechanics of exhibiting, we will be offering a brief workshop to bring you up to speed on Monday, March 4 at 9:30 at Sue Taylor's, 4110 Park Ave., 23221. Please let Sue Taylor know at suetaylor4110@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

If you have purchased GCV test collections in the past, please try to collect any of those blooms, identify, condition them, and get them to Sue by Monday, March 25, so she can assemble the club's entry. By all means plan to attend. It is free and open to the public from 2-5 pm.

Looking forward to the usual good showing of Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton.

Sue Taylor





(February Daffodil bloom Jane Cowles)

A beautiful sign of our coming spring. And with it comes the “March of the Trumpets.” **Mark your calendars for March 26th at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.** There are many opportunities for our members... photography and horticulture entries and arrangements. All the specific information is on the website <https://www.gcvirginia.org/daffodilday/>. Mary and I will be happy to provide any more information you need. We have contacted several of our fabulous members for the Artistic category, but would love to have even more of us involved. It should be a great show for visiting and participation. Spring is coming!

Mary Horton

Susan Ewing

CONSERVATION LEGISLATIVE DAY

Betty, Cabell and I participated in Legislative Day Wednesday, January 30th. As first-timers, Betty and I were eager to learn, a bit nervous, and very grateful to have Cabell there to guide us and show us the ropes.

We registered for the day with the Virginia Conservation Network, a group that includes 100+ environmental organizations across the commonwealth. According to Carrie Dorsey, Chair of GCV's Conservation and Beautification Committee, “VCN is a huge resource for educating members on current policy issues as well as the various corresponding bills introduced by legislators.” VCN is committed to building a powerful, diverse, and highly-coordinated conservation movement focused on protecting our Commonwealth's natural resources. (<http://www.vcnva.org/>)

The Conservation and Beautification Committee creates its own Legislative Issues and Positions of

Concern which are, then, approved by the GCV Executive Board at their meeting. These issues are commensurate with GCV's mission. Leading up to Legislative Day, the Conservation and Beautification Committee's legislative group develops a list of bills to follow and take positions. This process begins in December and involves reviewing conservation issues from the previous year and evaluating current issues that affect our natural resources. They work with several organizations throughout the state.

The VCN did a fabulous job of coordinating, educating and scheduling appointments with legislators and offered a webinar prior to Legislative Day to educate and provide tips for our meetings. Thus, our job was easy! We need to read and educate ourselves about current issues and bills, meet with our legislators (or their Aides if they are in session), have a voice and particularly say "thank you" (Cabell's advice). Carrie advised that it is best to pick 2 or 3 issues of most importance to you and if you cannot make it to Legislative Day, writing your legislators is effective as well. Cabell met with Dawn Adams and Glen Sturtevant's Aides. If you would like to follow up on the bills, you may visit the General Assembly of Virginia LIS website.

It was an empowering day and I encourage each one of you to be involved!

Respectfully submitted,

Abbie



Economic Impact

For eight days each spring Virginia welcomes visitors to nearly 250 of its picturesque gardens and private homes showcased during Historic Garden Week. This annual event funds historic restorations and educational fellowships, boosts Virginia tourism, and supports community economics. A 2014 economic impact study commissioned by the Garden Club of Virginia confirmed the enormous value of

“America’s largest open house” to the Commonwealth’s economy.



Visitors, by the numbers: **30,000** attendees enjoy tours in **31** Virginia communities. Of these visitors, **51%** tour for more than one day. Participants travel from **30** states and foreign countries. As a group, they spend **\$2 million** each spring.



Planning, by the numbers: Garden Club of Virginia, member clubs and homeowners spend more than **\$4 million** – and **65,000** hours – preparing for and conducting Historic Garden Week.



Tax revenues from 2014 sales, individual income and corporate income taxes total more than **\$175,000**.

Historic Garden Week creates a combined \$11-million annual economic impact on Virginia communities.



GCV Facts

- Eight founding clubs created the Garden Club of Virginia (GCV) in 1920.
- Today's GCV comprises 47 clubs and 3,300 members.
- GCV is Virginia's first and oldest environmental conservation organization.
- Early restorations included landscaping at Kemore, Stratford Hall and saving trees planted by Jefferson at Monticello.
- Among current GCV restoration projects are Monticello's kitchen road, Poplar Forest, Edgar Allan Poe Museum and Historic Henry County Courthouse.

The Garden Club of Virginia

exists to celebrate the beauty of the land, to conserve the gifts of nature and to challenge future generations to build on this heritage. The organization restores historic gardens and



landscapes, conserves Virginia's natural resources, inspires a love of gardening and provides education for its members and the general public.



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Galanthus nivalis, or commonly called snowdrop, is a bulbous perennial that is native to Europe and southwestern Asia. It has escaped gardens and naturalized in parts of eastern North America. It is a true harbinger of spring that typically blooms from late February to [mid] March in [our area], often poking its head up through snow cover if present. The common name refers to the supposed resemblance of the flowers to drops of snow (Missouri Botanical Garden website).





THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

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GCA PARTNERS FOR PLANTS





OK, ladies, this is our **big push** to get you out on Chapel Island on Thursday, March 21st, from 1-3pm!

Grab you clippers and garden gloves and work off that Shagbark lunch from our meeting the day before, while bonding with Tuckahoe and James River garden club members. Many hands really do make light work, so let's go pull some invasive plants TOGETHER!

REMINDER: we committed as a club to hands-on work at Chapel Island through Partners for Plants. As a special bonus, those who attend will be eligible for a drawing and prize at the end of our satisfying 2 hours of gardening fun along the James. Please meet at the Great Shiplock Park parking lot. Hear what one of our members said from the last workday: “Who knew pulling weeds could be SO MUCH FUN!”

The next joint membership volunteer work days are:

Thursday, March 21st, 1-3pm

Friday, May 31st, 9-11am

Monday, July 22nd, 1-3pm

For more volunteer opportunities at Chapel Island, please visit www.jamesriverpark.org/invasives. This is also a great opportunity to involve family, friends, and groups with community service requirements. If interested, please contact Meg Turner at mturnerlandscapes@gmail.com.

GCA FREEMAN MEDAL

The GCA Plant of the Year: Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal

The Freeman Medal was established to highlight underutilized, but highly worthy North American native plants: trees, shrubs, ground covers, vines and perennials. The goal is to encourage their use in the landscape and make them familiar to gardeners and more available in nurseries.





The Freeman Medal is awarded each year to a plant or shrub of exceptional merit. This year's winner was just announced and it is on the GCA website along with the runner up plants. Take a look! We are going to try to find some for the Spring Sale!

The 2019 Freeman Medal winner is an intriguing native vine that can be used to create a lush living wall, a sheltering green roof, a thick ground cover, or an attractive privacy fence. *Aristolochia macrophylla* (Dutchman's Pipe) is a deciduous vine that has been used in American gardens since the eighteenth century, especially to shade porches and windows from the hot summer sun. Large, heart-shaped, densely overlapping leaves 6 to 12 inches long can quickly cover an arbor or trellis with attractive, glossy, deep green foliage and create a canopy impenetrable to the rays of the sun or moderate rain.

Aristolochia macrophylla (Dutchman's Pipe) is named for its exotic pale yellow flowers that resemble a "Dutchman's pipe." The flowers bloom in May and June among a swathe of large, fuzzy, heart-shaped, dark green leaves. A unique and underused vine, *Aristolochia macrophylla* is especially important as the host plant for the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly. Pipevine Swallowtails lay their eggs in small clusters on young leaves or stems. When the eggs hatch, the leaves become an important food source for the growing caterpillars. The unusual shape of the pipe blossom serves as a type of 'fly-trap,' attracting small insects that are temporarily held and released to carry pollen to the next flower. Observers of all ages will be fascinated watching nature in action.

Aristolochia macrophylla, also known as *Isotrema macrophylla*, is a versatile and valuable vine that thrives in USDA zones 4 to 8, in sun to part shade, and in average to moist soil. It is deer resistant and pollution tolerant, and it has no serious insect or disease problems. It is a workhorse vine with an exotic look that would highlight a small or large native garden in the twenty-first century.

Proposed by Abby Coffin, Chestnut Hill Garden Club, Zone I





- Are you interested in getting your hands dirty?
- Do you want to help make a special place along the Canal in downtown more beautiful?
- Do you enjoy the lovely garden along the Capital Trail between Great Shiplock Park and the flood wall?

Join Capital Trees and a host of volunteers on Saturday, March 9 for a bit of garden clean up. No experience required! Just come learn more about the plants and trees that make this place so beautiful and pull a few weeds or prune a few bushes. Make new friends and help us care for this community landscape!

We'll have experienced folks on hand to help you learn more about the garden and about Capital Trees! If you have your own clippers and a pair of work gloves bring them! If not, we'll have some for you to use.

Saturday, March 9, 10 am to noon

Meet at Great Shiplock Park for sign in, tool assignments and clean up instructions! We will be working along the Low Line/Capital Trail west of Great Shiplock Park, along Dock Street at 22nd Street.

For more information: 804-788-6450 or info@capitaltrees.org or [Facebook.com/capitaltrees](https://www.facebook.com/capitaltrees).



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