

# Tuckahoe Garden Club

## Fresh Cuts From Ellen

### History Bloomed

At the History Blooms event last weekend at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture, every club entered the floral design exhibit for a non-judged entry. Look at the *revolutionary* creation that [Renee Gardner](#) and [RoseMarie Bundy](#) entered for our participation.



Their entry won second place on the People's Choice vote. We give our heartfelt thanks to these two ladies who made TGC shine.

*Tuckahoe received wonderful coverage in the latest issue of the GCV Journal three times!*

*Don't miss the lovely article about [Cabell West](#) receiving the Massie Medal Award. We are so proud of you Cabell and so well deserved.*

*Rose Marie Bundy and Renee Gardner were pictured in an article highlighting the behind-the-scenes efforts that make Daffodil Day such a success. We are truly grateful for their dedication and all they do for GCV.*

*In addition, Anna Aquino wrote a thoughtful [article](#) about Dr. Bhatnagar's visit to Tuckahoe in November, beautifully summarizing his message on the study of trees and their impact on cardiovascular health.*

*Well done, Tuckahoe!  
Betty Jenkins*

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## Membership Meeting & Workshop

### March Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

Kent Valentine House

9:30 a.m. Refreshments

10:00 a.m. Meeting

phones for photography exhibits

**Please Note: We are also offering an optional workshop** with Claire following the meeting. There is room for up to 20 participants. Please look for a separate evite to respond to attend the workshop.

#### **Floral Design Exhibits:**

Class I: Easter Corsage - Create a corsage incorporating lilies, roses and other spring flowers. Consider other materials like silk, ribbon and tulle.

Class II: Beauty in Branches - Create an arrangement using branches and/or berries from your yard. Container should be opaque.

*Need help with exhibiting?*

**Attend a pop-up workshop for this month's exhibits**

*on Tuesday, March 17*

*at 10:00am*

*Home of Ellen Buoyer, 4202 Sulgrave Road*

*To register, send an email to [Audra Boardman](#).*

*Members bring plant material; exhibits chairs supply the mechanics*

#### **Horticulture Exhibits:**

Class I: Spring Flowering Bulbs - Specimen/Collection

Class II: Blooming Branch - Specimen

Class III: Shade Perennials (Hellebores, Lily of the Valley, Bluebells, Columbine, etc.) - Specimen/Collection

Class IV: Camellia Japonica - Specimen/Collection

#### **Photography Exhibits:**

Class I: Photo of your pet in a natural setting (this was a GCV entry subject).

Class II: Photo of a tree in winter.

Class III: Photo of bare branches or a single branch.

#### **Botanical Arts Exhibit:**

Special Class: Botanical Jewelry: Create a Dragonfly Pendant for a necklace. Register with Peyton Wells by Friday, January 23. Entry to be delivered to Peyton and will be passed on Monday, March 15. Please wear your pendant to the TGC cocktail party to celebrate your creation!

#### **Rescheduled Botanical Arts Workshop**

#### **Botanical Arts Workshop (NEW DATE)**

Thursday, March 26 at 7:00pm

Peyton Wells' home

Registration is open for up to 8 people:

Please fill your name in on this [google doc](#).

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## Lily Show Date Change

New Dates: Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday, June 18

Our original schedule was set to begin on Monday, June 15, and continue through Thursday, June 18. We were notified a few weeks ago that Grace Baptist Church is a polling place, and the June primaries are scheduled for Tuesday, June 16. After much back-and-forth and reviewing dozens of alternative sites, we decided the best option was to shift our dates by a day. "Renewal"!

Many thanks to the intrepid co-chairs, [Fran McDermott](#) and [Shelly Wiltshire](#), for managing this critical change with aplomb.

Please note that the current GCV Journal, which just arrived in your mailbox, went to print before the unforeseen date change. It will be corrected in the next issue.

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## Blooming Bucks from Brent and Becky's

Did you know that The Tuckahoe Garden Club is eligible to receive 25% off every order placed through Brent and Becky's Bulbs?

It's simple!

Order your spring and fall bulbs at Brent and Becky's and support our club.

Instructions:

Simply go to [www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com/bloomin-bucks](http://www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com/bloomin-bucks). You will be directed to a drop down menu. Select Tuckahoe Garden Club from the drop down menu and begin shopping! It is that easy! Anyone can use our code so share with your friends and family too!

Please note: no other discounts/sales can be applied if you use the fundraising tab.

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## Membership Update

### Membership Status Change

March 31 is the deadline to request a status change (like active to sustainer) in writing. Please send requests to Betsy Carney.

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## Centennial Tree Project Update

Thank you TGC Members!

Your support of the Centennial Tree program has been incredible, and we are almost to our goal! For a \$1000 donation to TGC, you can help us reach our goal to plant 100 trees in celebration of our 100 years of members good works in our community. We are working with four community partners in this program including:

- Capital Trees at the Swansboro playground
- The Science Museum - East Green Project
- Maymont's Virginia Wildlife Trail
- Monument Avenues Tree Restoration project



Our visit to Swansboro park on Feb 13th and to Maymont on Feb 17th were perfect ways for members to see future planting sites.

Future tours include:

- Science Museum - March 5th at 8:30am
- Monument Avenue - March 12th at 11am, meet at Branch Museum

The [TGC website provides more information](#) on donating a Centennial Tree.

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## Founders Fund Finalists 2026

*Submitted by RoseMarie Bundy*

As a club, we will submit our vote for one of the three projects below to receive a \$40,000 foundation grant. Summaries are listed below. Please familiarize yourself with the projects and come ready to make an informed vote at our March membership meeting on the 18th.

- Appalachian Spring- Proposed by the Kanawha Garden Club, Zone VII
- Garden of Hope-Proposed by New Orleans Town Gardeners, Zone IX
- Community Greening-Proposed by The Grass River Garden Club, Zone VIII (Delray Beach, Florida)

\*Full descriptions of these finalists can be found in the GCA Bulletin, Winter Edition or on the GCA website [here](#).

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## Spring Sale Update



SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

And our annual Spring Sale is just around the corner!

Hope you can join us

**Wednesday April 15th**

**10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Home of Jennifer Sisk, 400 Harlan Circle, Richmond VA

This year's sale features many favorites.

Buck's County Horticulturalist, [Kent Russell](#) will be back with a colorful array of unique and hard-to-find plants -- all sourced from nurseries in the Philadelphia area and beyond. Kent will be on hand to offer lots of ideas and inspiration for both container and outdoor gardens.

[August Table](#) is returning with its one-of-a kind table linens, handmade from 100% cotton and all natural dyes.

And our [Conservation Team](#) will be back with its curated collection of gently used books, vases, ceramic pots and containers.

Plus, there will be [Bloomsavers](#)!



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Several new specialty vendors will be joining, including: [Anne Taylor Schaaf 's Paper Garden](#) featuring colorful and vibrant, life-like paper flowers; and local baker, [Jane Dough](#), whose popular pop-up has a cult-like following. Jane will be bringing a bounty of baked goods – both sweet and savory. (@janedough\_rva)

#### **Pre-Sale Catalog and Order Form:**

Be on the lookout for an email with a link to our Pre-Sale Catalog and Order Form. It will be coming to your inbox in a few weeks.

The 2026 Sale Catalog includes an array of annuals, perennials, shrubs and tropical plants as well as a selection of organic and sustainably grown herbs – all available to order in advance of the sale.

*Proceeds from the sale support conservation initiatives, community gardens in urban neighborhoods and the restoration of important public and historic landscapes.*

*A portion of this year's funds will go towards The Centennial Tree Project; our commitment to plant 100 trees on public land in greater Richmond in recognition of our 100 Year Anniversary.*

## GCV Opportunities

### Daffodil Day

Wednesday, March 25

Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach



The schedule for Daffodil Day, featuring the theme "America the Beautiful," is both exciting and challenging (click the link [here](#)). Several club members will be attending the event and can transport your artistic or horticulture entries to the show.

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## TGC Photography

Submitted by Tricia Sauer, Club Photographer

In March, we are very fortunate to have an award-winning photographer and member of The Albemarle Garden Club, [Claire Mellinger](#), as our speaker.

We are sure to learn a lot and be inspired to create beautiful photos just as Spring promises to arrive. Let's show Claire our talent and creativity by entering one or more of our Classes in the Photography Exhibits for this meeting! Consult your Green Book for the March meeting exhibit classes.

Claire recently presented a [Cultivating Conversations online program](#) for all of GCV, which you can access by logging in to the members' area of the [GCV website](#), clicking the Events

[Garden Club of America](#) recently offered an online photography class as well, and I hope many of you watched and learned. If not, you can access the program by signing in to your GCA account and clicking GCA Committee Pages, then Photography. There is so much information there...PLEASE LOOK!!! Also on this page, you can find the Winter Issue of FOCUS, GCA's Digital Photography Magazine. It is outstanding, and all of the past issues are available, too!

As always, if you have any photography questions, I would love to help if I can, just email or call!  
Tricia

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## Spring Cocktail Party

Mark your calendar for our bi-annual cocktail party!

Thursday, April 16  
6311 Three Chopt Road  
Richmond, VA 23226  
6-8:00 p.m.

Many thanks to Caroline Packard for hosting this much-anticipated event at her lovely home.

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## Blooming Girls Workshop



Eleven members enjoyed an evening of creativity and TGC friendship at the [Blooming Girls Workshop](#) on Wednesday, February 26.

Shown above in the front row: Janie Pinney, Lisa Brennan, Berkeley McQuiddy, Peanut Kempe, Maria Reed

And the back row: Lynn Brooke, Kathy Watson, Chris Shands, Karen Berson, Patricia Hunger, Rita Ryan, and Theordora Mlller (studio owner).

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## Daffodil Download

Note from [Freddie Gray](#) about a recent workshop she attended in south Florida:



I did a flower arranging class today with my new boyfriend Lewis Miller! So fun! He does these classes sporadically at his studio and donates all the proceeds to causes he cares about. Today was to Adopt a Family of the Palm Beaches. I miss you all but still leaning in to all the garden offerings I can find down here!!!  
Xoxo Freddie

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## Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, March 17

**Pop-up Workshop for March Meeting Exhibits**

Home of Ellen Buoyer, 4202 Sulgrave Road  
at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 18

**March Membership Meeting**

Kent Valentine House  
12 East Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23219  
9:30 a.m. Refreshments  
10:00 a.m. Program

**Optional Workshop**

Following the March Meeting

Thursday, March 26

**Botanical Arts Hands-On Workshop**

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## Member Support

Missing a meeting? Please email Fran McDermott before the meeting: [fbmcder@aol.com](mailto:fbmcder@aol.com)

Have a great picture for the newsletter or website? Send to:  
[tuckahoegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:tuckahoegardenclub@gmail.com)

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Stephanie Lansing and Ellen Buoyer:  
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Your address, email or phone number changed? Send changes to  
Fran McDermott: [fbmcder@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:tuckahoegardenclub@gmail.com). Please identify the subjects in the photo and event where it was taken.

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