

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Membership Meeting

March 22, 2023

In attendance: Kelly Armstrong, Kathy Watson, Betty Jenkins, Missy Ryan, April Greenwood, Caroline Marvel, Helen Pinckney, Valerie Coleman, Megan Matthews, Chandler Klevana, Audra Boardman, Melinda Smith, Lisa Burlee, Lisa Brennan, Anastasia Seevers, Linda Hanson, Jennifer Wilkins, Lizzie Cox, Barry Edlich, Lynn Jacob, Cynthia Ferrell, Caroline Williams, Jenny Evans, Renee Gardner, Tricia Sauer, Sue Thompson, Ruth Cunningham, Lauren Neal, Jennifer Sisk, Penny Peebles, Kay Pangraze, Bonnie Cricchi, Julia Borden Rose, Abbie Wharton, Lena Scott, Carey Viego, Meredith Lauter, Molly Revere, Anne Kempe, Cara Rogers, RoseMarie Bundy, Suzanne Duncan, Margaret Ivey, Anne Poarch, Lisa Burlee, Charlotte Clarkson, Shelly Wiltshire, Peyton Wells, Ruth Hill, Rita Ryan, Christina McCoy, Martha Moore, Preston Lee, Maria Reed, Patricia Hunter, Susan Ewing

The March Membership Meeting was held in the Garden Hall at Maymont Park with refreshments at 9:30 AM followed by meeting at 10:00 AM

Welcome- Kelly

Reflection- Kelly for Ellen- read Ellen's email about her "Rachel Carson moment" at NAL, referencing Douglas Brinkley's book, Silent Spring Revolution

President's Announcements-Kelly

- Thank you to today's hostesses: Renee Gardner, Anne Kempe, Molly Revere
- Thank you to Membership Committee, Ruth Cunningham, and Barrie Edlich for yesterday's floral design workshop on the "ABC's of Entering an Exhibit" at Maria Reed's
- Introduced Sean Proietti, Maymont's Director of Horticulture and Grounds-brief overview of current projects, including:
 - Focusing on reclaiming Maymont's "wild areas," tending not only the gardens but also Maymont's open spaces
 - Elm alley-GCV worked to restore it 2007-2008; currently working with Bartlett Tree; *Jefferson* is the favored elm variety- *Princeton* variety splits; using cabling to help trees move in wind

The February Membership Meeting minutes were approved

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership- Jennifer

- Reviewed the proposed changes to By-Laws and Procedures to be voted on at May Membership Meeting (see handout)

Treasurer's Report- Kathy

- Reviewed the '23-24 proposed Budget (see handout) which includes \$40 hostess fee for Active members for Hospitality expenses
- Sustainer and Affiliate dues- \$10 increase but no hostess fee
- Cocktail party budgeted for Spring 2024
- Hospitality chairmen working on new simplified reimbursement form for hostesses
- Thank you to Preston Lee for work on proposed community gifts for 2023
- Direct any budget questions to Kathy

Introduction of Layton Powell, Director of Scenic Virginia -Kelly

- Thank you for TGC's support and contributions in honor and memory of Hylah Boyd
- *Vibrant Virginia* book recently published; features chapter on "Preserving Virginia's Scenic Beauty" with contributions by Layton and others
- Scenic Virginia does local presentation- possible idea for future TGC meeting program

HGW- Bonnie and Meredith

- Many thanks to everyone for their help on HGW
- 4/12 local morning news spot on HGW in Richmond
- Tour Headquarters at U of R and All Saints; lunch available at U of R
- Kathy Watson creating Hort display at HQ displaying plant material used in arrangements on the tour
- En plein air artists at HQ and on site, ceramic artist (containers) at HQ
- Reminder to Hostesses: be on time and welcoming!

Spring Sale– Cynthia

- 6 suppliers
- Pre-order deadline for herbs 3/24
- Annuals available day of sale, no pre-order
- Liz Carden hosting sale at her home
- Reminder- take plastic pots at end of meeting for your divided plants for the sale

Introduction of Today’s Speaker- Patricia Hunter

- “Native Plants: Reasons for all Seasons”- Bill Shanabruch, Reedy Creek Environmental LLC
 - Reedy Creek Environmental- created in 2016
 - Management of invasive plants and ecosystem restoration
 - Identifies native, non-native, and invasive plants; works to eradicate invasives and non-natives
 - Native plants occur naturally in a particular region without direct or indirect human action
 - Doug Tallamy’s book, Bringing Nature Home- great resource
 - Too many non-natives affect ecosystem (food for insects), decrease biodiversity
 - Invasives are sub-set of non-natives- examples: English ivy, wisteria, Japanese honeysuckle, Chinese privet, bittersweet, kudzu
 - Places in Richmond area where Reedy Creek has been working:
 - Crooked Branch Ravine Park-removing English ivy
 - James River Park’s Buttermilk Trail- removing invasives and non-natives
 - Takes time, work, patience
- Invasive Plant Resources:
 - VA Dept of Conservation and Recreation
 - National Park Service
 - Blue Ridge PRISM
 - NY Botanical Garden
 - Friends of Forest Hill Park
 - Reedy Creek Coalition
 - Richmond Tree Stewards
 - James River Park System Invasive Plant Task Force
 - “Native Plants for Virginia-Digital Atlas for Virginia natives/invasives

Exhibit Results Announced

Artistic: April Greenwood

Class I- *Natives Only*

Blue: Maria Reed

Class II- *What is in your Garden?*

Blue: RoseMarie Bundy

Red: Patricia Hunter

Yellow: Jennifer Sisk

Class III- *Workshop Exhibits*

Blue: Megan Matthews

Red: Shelly Wiltshire

Yellow: Charlotte Clarkson

Yellow: Anastasia Seevers

White: Margaret Ivey

White: Kay Pangraze

Horticulture: Abbie Wharton

Class I-

Narcissus Collection:

Blue- April Greenwood

Red- Maria Reed

Yellow- Patricia Sauer

Yellow- Martha Moore

Narcissus Specimen:

Blue- Christina Mc Coy

Red- Shelly Wiltshire

Red: Anastasia Seevers

Red- Lizzie Cox

Red- April Greenwood

Yellow- Anne Poarch

Yellow- Megan Matthews

Yellow- Anastasia Seevers*

*(only one entry per class so this one does not count)

White: Missy Ryan

Specimen Other:

Blue- April Greenwood- Leucojum

Red- Martha Moore- Leucojum

Red- Anne Poarch- Muscari

Class II- Native Perennials

Blue- Abbie Wharton Mertensia virginica

Yellow- Lisa Brennan-Mertensia virginica

Class III-Flowering Branches

Blue- Christina McCoy- Camellia japonica

Red- Anne Poarch- Viburnum carlesii

Red- Abbie Wharton- Viburnum carlesii

White- Martha Moore- Pieris japonica

White- Anne Poarch- Pieris japonica*

*(only one entry allowed per class so this does not count)

Photography: Jennifer Sisk

Class I

Blue- Tricia Sauer

Red- Ellen Buoyer

Class II

Blue- Tricia Sauer

Class III

Blue- Anastasia Seevers

Red- Lena Scott

Yellow- no name

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Peebles

Recording Secretary