

Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton
Membership Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025

In attendance: Anastasia Seevers, Ann Ramsey, Anne Poarch, April Greenwood, Audra Boardman, Barrie Edlich, Beth Norfleet, Betsy Carney, Betty Jenkins, Beverly Campbell, Bonnie Cricchi, Cara Rogers, Caroline Marvel, Charlotte Clarkson, Ellen Buoyer, Fran McDermott, Frances Coleman, Ginni Mackenzie, Helen Pinckney, Janie Pinney, Jeanine Hinson, Jennifer Wilkins, Jenny Evans, Karen Berson, Karen Gilmore, Kathy Watson, Kelly Armstrong, Lauren Neal, Lena Scott, Linda Hanson, Lynn Jacob, Margaret Ivey, Martha Moore, Mary Horton, Megan Matthews, Molly Revere, Patricia Hunter, Pattie Williams, Penny Peebles, Peyton Wells, Preston Lee, Renee Gardner, Renee Montague, Rita Ryan, RoseMarie Bundy, Ruth Hill, Sara Cann, Scottie Slater, Shelly Wiltshire, Susan Jones, Terrell Harrigan, Tricia Sauer, Valerie Coleman

The meeting was held at the Science Museum of Virginia, beginning at 10:00 am.

Welcome & Opening Remarks - Ellen

- Ellen welcomed all members and thanked the meeting hostesses.

Reflection - Shelly Wiltshire - “The Heart of the Tree” by Henry Cuyler Bunner

Centennial Tree Project - Kelly Armstrong

- Kelly reviewed materials re: TGC Centennial Tree Campaign (see attached)
- Kelly discussed the Richmond Tree Project (brochures distributed)
- The Richmond 300 Project in 2037 will celebrate the city’s founding and will have a focus on the local environment. Please stay tuned!
- TGC members have been encouraged to support the campaign by sponsoring a tree for \$1000
- To date, TGC has planted 17 native trees, with the goal of planting 100 trees in locations that have the largest community impact. Kelly specifically mentioned upcoming tree and greening projects - Montross Heights Playground, Swansborough Playground, Maymont Park, & Monument Avenue restoration
- Kelly showed us a decorative tree tag that will accompany sponsored trees.

Introduction of Guest Speaker - Betty Jenkins

Program - “Urban Greening & the Impact on Human Health”

Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar, Professor of Medicine & Distinguished University Scholar at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Exhibit Results

● Horticulture

- Class I: Fall Foliage from Plants-Specimen
First: Megan Matthews
Second: Penny Pebbles
Third: Jeanine Hinson
Participation: Jeanine Hinson
- Class II: Branches from Autumn Leaves (Berry or Fruit)-Specimen
First: RoseMarie Bundy
- Class III: Camellia Sasanqua-Specimen or Collection
First: Shelly Wiltshire
Second: Karen Berson
Third: RoseMarie Bundy
Honorable Mentions: Jeanine Hinson; Anastasia Seevers; Jennifer Wilkins
- Class IV: Decorative Grasses (No entries)

Photography

- Class I: Photo of a Single Native Tree
 - Blue: Karen Berson
 - Red: April Greenwood
 - Gold: Tricia Sauer
- Class II: Photo of Fall Foliage
 - Blue: Ellen Buoyer
 - Red: Tricia Sauer
 - Gold: Betty Jenkins
 - White: Karen Berson, April Greenwood, Betsy Mitchell, Anastasia Seevers, Rita Ryan
- Class III: Photo of Tree in Urban/City Area
 - Blue: Tricia Sauer
 - Red: Karen Berson

● Botanical Arts

- Class I: Needlework
 - Blue: Meredith Lauter
 - Red: Karen Berson
 - Gold: Chris Shands
 - White: Jennifer Wilkins
 - Participants: Valerice Colman, Frances Coleman, Lauren Neal

● Floral Design

- Class I: Fall Harvest Thanksgiving Centerpiece
 - Blue: Patricia Hunter

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran McDermott