

Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton

Membership Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025

In attendance: Abbie Wharton, Anastasia Seevers, Anne Page, Anne Poarch, April Greenwood, Betsy Carney, Betsy Mitchell, Betty McLean, Bonnie Cricchi, Cara Rogers, Caroline Packard, Caroline Williams, Catherine Driscoll, Chandler Klevana, Charlotte Clarkson, Chris Shands, Elizabeth Mullins, Ellen Buoyer, Fran McDermott, Frances Coleman, Ginni Mackenzie, Helen Pinckney, Jeanne Ancarrow, Julia Rose, Karen Berson, Karen Gilmore, Kate Christner, Kate O'Hagan, Kathy Watson, Kay Pangraze, Kelly Armstrong, Lauren Neal, Leila Jones, Lena Scott, Libby Robertson, Linda Hanson, Lisa Brennan, Lisa Burlee, Lisa Elliot, Liza Cabell, Liz Carden, Lizzie Cox, Lynn Brooke, Lynn Jacob, Maria Reed, Megan Matthews, Martha Moore, Mary Mason Williams, Meredith Lauter, Molly Revere, Patricia Hunter, Pattie Williams, Preston Lee, Renee Gardner, Renee Montague, Rita Ryan, RoseMarie Bundy, Shelly Wiltshire, Sue Thompson, Susan Jones, Suzanne Duncan

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Welcome - Ellen

Reflection - Mary Mason Foukal - Excerpt from "Wintering" by Katherine May

Opening Statements - Ellen

- Ellen thanked Kelly Armstrong for sharing her Zoom account for today's meeting
- Minutes from the January membership meeting were approved.

Founders Fund Presentation and Vote - RoseMarie

- RoseMarie discussed all club nominations for the GCA Founders Fund. A unanimous vote confirmed the TGC support for the Virginia War Memorial Project.

Conservation Project Update - Chandler

- NexTrex Recycling Challenge Program - collection goal is 1000 lbs of plastic bags
- Canterbury Garden Club has participated and donated 3 Trex benches to Anna Julia Cooper School.
- Chandler spoke about Microplastics. She showed us how much plastic waste was accumulated during 1 month from contact lens packaging.
- Ellen & Chandler suggested that TGC participate in "Plastic Free July", which is sponsored by Brita (water filter company). Make small, sustainable changes to reduce your plastic use to help make a global impact.

- Next conservation presentation will focus on “Keeping your yards healthy”

Gifts Reminder - Ellen

- Please send any suggestions for gift recipients from TGC to Preston Lee

Hamptons Update - Kathy

- Complete itinerary available soon; planning continues. Will visit gardens of Ina Garten & Charlotte Moss!

Daffodil Day - Renee Gardner

- GCV Daffodil Day is 3/26 in Virginia Beach. Please attend and participate.

Program - Abbie Wharton & Sue Thompson - “Ready, Set, Garden!”

- Presentation Highlights
 1. Mulch properly
 2. Monitor irrigation
 3. Synthetic/artificial fertilizers are not a sustainable solution. Use compost.
- Please see attached handout.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran McDermott
Recording Secretary