

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Ellen

Greetings! Please take a few minutes to catch up with TGC as you begin to wind down summer and prepare for the coming garden club year.

A break from the usual programming of life allows us to travel, enjoy friends and family, read for pleasure and explore nature; we always learn from those experiences. Below is a takeaway from my bike trip in June.

Roses as companion plants to grapevines?



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roses planted alongside the vineyards. The roses serve as companion plants to the grapes, alerting the farmers to blights and disease. The roses usually contract the ailments *before* striking the vines, allowing the growers to respond and take precautions to save the crop. How's that for a companion? Then I mused, what a lovely pairing: roses, wine and companions. Sounds like Tuckahoe Garden Club to me! ~Ellen

Thank You

Believe it or not, the work of TGC does not end at the closing gavel in May and resume in September. In fact, many members have worked diligently over the summer to prepare for the upcoming year. Many thanks to these gals who devoted the summer hours to making this upcoming year engaging and organized.

- Kudos to Karen Berson, our Green Book guru. Karen's attention to detail and command of Google Docs enabled a relatively swift compilation of the Green Book this summer.
- Many thanks to the Programs Committee (Charlotte Clarkson, Renee Gardner, Lynn Jacob and Anastasia Seevers) and Cara Rogers, Hospitality Chair, for working over the hectic spring and summer to solidify our meeting topics, locations, hostesses and write-ups for the Green Book.
- Membership Committee, led by 2nd VP Betsy Carney created a line-up of Flower Hour workshops to educate and inspire our legacies.
- The Long-term Planning and Community Engagement Committee, led by Kelly Armstrong, met to put shape to our future commitments and community involvement.
- The Conservation Committee, Betty Jenkins, Lauren Neal, Chandler Klevana and Renee Montague, formulated a robust approach to define our Conservation Conscience.
- Stephanie Lansing, Communications VP and Jennifer Wilkins, Newsletter Editor, worked to define a new communication process. More on that process at our September meeting.
- Martha Moore and Kathy Watson are in the midst of planning our fabulous trip to the Hamptons in June.
- Our Exhibit Chairs defined a creative schedule of exhibits for our meetings. Thanks go to Barrie Edlich and Audra Boardman, Floral Design, April Greenwood and Margaret Ivey, Horticulture, and Linda Hanson and Caroline Marvel, Photography.
- Our Fundraising teams, led by Martha Moore and Kathy Watson for Holiday Sale, and Spring Sale led by Megan Matthews and Suzanne Duncan, have met and defined our fun and engaging fundraising activities.
- Many thanks to our GVC Lily Show participants: Julia Borden Rose, April Greenwood, RoseMarie Bundy and Renee Gardner, for working and representing Tuckahoe on June 18.
- And finally to RoseMarie Bundy, for working behind the scenes writing the GCA Founders Fund application for our Centennial Tree Project, and for embracing her

New This Year In Floral Design

Floral Design Mentors aka "Flower Friends"

We have many accomplished floral designers in our club, many of whom are willing to share their expertise with those who are just starting to learn. In keeping with the spirit of getting to know each other, these mentors are available to be paired to assist in creating a floral design entry (or entries) into any of our exhibit schedules.

If you are interested in this fun learning experience, please send RoseMarie Bundy an email (rosemarieabundy@gmail.com). RoseMarie will then pair you up with your mentor and be back in touch with more information to help you get started! Read to the bottom of the newsletter for a preview of our exhibit schedule.

Calling All Creatives



Tablescape above created by RoseMarie Bundy and Renee Gardner for Zone VII meeting 2023

It's not too late to participate in the *Dining by Design* tablescape exhibit at our membership meeting on Wednesday, September 18. Work with other club members or just yourself, and create a tablescape of your choosing, complete with a floral design which will be entered into the Floral Design Exhibit Class I at the meeting. Have fun with this one! Please reply to Anastasia SeEVERS at ahseevers@gmail.com with any questions or to participate.

Hamptons June 2025 Trip

Behind the Hedges of the Hamptons



Join your fellow Tuckahoe Garden Club members for a memorable tour of some special private and one or two public gardens in The Hamptons, New York. This trip is being planned by Martha Moore and Kathy Watson along with Linda Fraser, Beverly Kazickas and Cindy Willis, long-time friends and acquaintances of Martha's through the Garden Club of America. Linda and Cindy are very active GCA Members and in the Southampton Garden Club.

The trip will include a visit to Wolffer Estate Vineyard in Sagaponack, New York. We will have dinner at the Vineyard one night, and the other two evenings we will dine at the Shinecock Club (home of the US Open) and the Meadow Club in Southampton.

Our accommodations will be at The Southampton Inn, and we will have options for room sharing with two queen beds or single room with king bed.

Our group will fly up midday on Monday June 9, half going on Delta through JFK and half going through LaGuardia. Buses will take us directly to the Hamptons.

Deposit checks of \$500 and signed forms will be due for the trip to Kathy Watson on Monday, September 16th starting at 10:00 am. Trip will be filled at 45 participants on a first come, first serve basis. More information will come out in early September so stay tuned for the final details!!!

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Martha and Kathy

Congratulations Are Due

Renee Gardner has been appointed as the GCV Chair of Artistic Design. She is very deserving of the position and will lead the GCV committee with aplomb.

Martha Moore – Won a Blue Ribbon in the GCV Lily Show on June 18. Her winning entry was this stunning Asiatic Tiger Baby lily.



(Photo by Cabell West)

Conservation Conscience

We (Renee Montague, Lauren Neal, Chandler Klevana and I) will be your CONSERVATION CONSCIENCE for the next 2 years. CONSERVATION CONSCIENCE - two big words and they do not exactly roll right off the tongue easily. But this title packs a huge message - to be

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inspire you with fun and innovative ideas that you will want to build into your conservation habits-some we bet you are not even aware of. Our message will be simple but hopefully captivating and habit forming. The topic is huge, but we will break it down offering tidbits at each monthly business meeting, in newsletters and Instagram. Do not miss a second of this learning experience!

A conservation class will now be offered in photography exhibits. It is designed to challenge and inform, and we hope you will participate with lots of enthusiasm. Be sure to check out each monthly conservation class in the photography schedule.

We can't wait to get started.

Betty Jenkins

New On Website - Recipes!

More than just bylaws and meeting minutes! Our website now has a section for [Member Recipes](#). The three recipes we have so far (from Bonnie Cricchi, Fran McDermott and Anastasia Seevers) are from popular dishes they have brought to meetings. If you would like to contribute a recipe, or want a member's crowd pleaser published, please send the recipe in .pdf format to Stephanie Lansing at stephanielansing@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars

Membership Meetings

(all meetings are on Wednesdays)

September 18 at 11 a.m.

St. Stephen's Church, 6000 Grove Ave, Richmond, VA 23226

October 9

(field trip to Freckled Flower Farm)

November 20 at 10 a.m.

Grace Baptist Church, 4200 Dover Rd, Richmond, VA 23221

Tuesday, December 3 at 10 a.m.

Deck the Halls, Our Holiday Greens Workshop

Stephanie Lansing's home, 330 Flag Station Road, Richmond, VA 23238

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January 15 at 10 a.m.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave, Henrico, VA 23228

February 19 at 11 a.m.

Kent Valentine House, 12 E Franklin St, Richmond, VA 23219

March 19 at 6 p.m.

Kim Faison Antiques, 2111 Lake Ave, Richmond, VA 23230

May 14 at 11 a.m.

Annual Meeting

Freddie Gray's home on the James River in Charles City County, 13901 Weyanoke Road, Charles City, VA 23030

Historic Garden Week in Richmond: April 29, 30 and May 1

September Exhibit Schedule

Floral Design Exhibits:

- **Class I:** "Tablescape Floral Design"- Work with a tablescape designer to provide a floral design. Container of your choice.
- **Class II:** "Go Team"- Create an arrangement for your Saturday afternoon tailgate party. Don't be afraid to show your colors and support your team! Container of your choice.
- **Class III:** "Endless Summer"- Celebrate the end of the summer season sharing the last blooms from your summer garden. Container of your choice.

Horticulture Exhibits:

- **Class I:** Late Summer Perennials
- **Class II:** Dahlias - Specimen/Collection
- **Class III:** Roses - Specimen/Collection
- **Class IV:** Flowers or Greenery to Adorn Your Table-Annuals, Herbs, Vines, Ferns, etc.

Photography Exhibits:

- **Class I:** What's on your table? Take a photo of your tablescape. Can be from a holiday, a wedding, a backyard BBQ or something just for fun.
- **Class II:** Goodbye Summer – Share a photo of your summer garden.
- **Class III:** Get to Know Conservation Methods - Creatively share a photograph of your favorite method to conserve resources inside your home. Celebrate our first

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front of the card for others to learn from your photograph.

Member Support

Missing a meeting? Please email Fran McDermott before the meeting: fbmcder@aol.com

Have a great picture for the newsletter or website? Send to:
tuckahogardenclub@gmail.com

Need to send an email to the Membership? Send a draft to:
Stephanie Lansing and Ellen Buoyer:
stephanielansing@gmail.com
5buoyers@gmail.com

Your address, email or phone number changed? Send changes to
Karen Berson: LMVA74@msn.com

You made it!

Look for a September newsletter prior to our September 18th Membership Meeting.
Thanks for reading The Tuckahoe News!

Tell us what you think about this newsletter format and content!
Email Jennifer Wilkins jennyrw99@gmail.com with any comments, questions or concerns.

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