

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Ellen

Club Focus for 2024-2025: *Getting to know fellow club members*



Photo credit: Tricia Sauer

At the May Board meeting the Board voted to freeze all membership movement. Therefore, we did not move any active members to sustainer status, and we will not admit new members for this year.

The general sentiment amongst the membership was that due to a lot of membership movement and the Covid break, many felt we didn't know each other as well as we would like. SO, our focus this year will be on **Getting to Know You** (cue The King and I soundtrack).



All our programming will feature, or be led by, current members (apart from the January meeting with James River Garden Club). It's going to be a fun year with creative meetings, workshops, members' garden tours and YOU.

Meeting Note: We'll be taking photos (head shots) for the TGC, GCA and GCV websites. You will want to arrive CAMERA READY.

Mark Your Calendars

Membership Meetings

(all meetings are on Wednesdays)

September 18

10:30 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. program

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

October 9

Field trip to Freckled Flower Farm

18065 Mountain Rd, Montpelier, VA 23192

Look for separate email to register for the trip

November 20

9:30 a.m. coffee, 10 a.m. program

Grace Baptist Church in Windsor Farms, 4200 Dover Rd, Richmond, VA 23221

Tuesday, December 3 at 10 a.m.

[December 4 at 11 a.m.](#)

Holiday Party and Sale

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

[January 15](#)

9:30 a.m. coffee, 10 a.m. program

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

[February 19](#)

10:30 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. program

at Kent Valentine House, 12 East Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23219

[March 19](#)

6:00 p.m. social time, 6:30 p.m. program

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

[Historic Garden Week in Richmond: April 29, 30 and May 1](#)

[May 14](#)

10:30 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. program

Annual Meeting

Freddie Gray's home on the James River in Charles City County

13901 Weyanoke Rd, Charles City, VA 23030

Special Workshops and Events This Year

[Wednesday, January 22](#)

Botanical Arts Hands-on Workshops: Dogwood Divas with Peyton Wells
(day and evening options will be available)

[Wednesday, April 23](#)

Spring Sale at Jennifer Sisk's home
12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

[Wednesday, April 23](#)

Petals and Prosecco: A Kingcrest Parkway garden walk through the gardens of Abbie Wharton, Chris Shands, Shelly Wiltshire and Jenny Evans
5 to 7:00 p.m.

[June 9-12](#)

Hamptons Trip: Behind the Hedges at the Hamptons

September Meeting Preview

- Photos of members for websites - **Arrive Camera Ready!**
 - Plan to have your photo made for updating our website, plus the GCA and GCV websites. Tricia Sauer, Linda Hanson and Caroline Marvel will be taking photos before and after the meeting.
- Tablescapes from our talented creatives
- State of the Club
- Overview of Conservation Conscience program
- Gold Star Grove at Virginia War Memorial update
- Common Wealth Award vote

Exhibit Schedules for September

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 conservation photography class with your suggestions for others to adopt. The 3x5 accompanying index card must include a statement of intent (limit 25 words) on the front of the card for others to learn from your photograph.

Common Wealth Award Voting

The Common Wealth Award, established in May 1979, provides annual grants to the community projects of the Garden Club of Virginia's member clubs. The two-word name

This year, there are two finalists for the Common Wealth Award. Please review them with your club members. They are both worthy projects, and the decision will not be easy.

[Read the Project Descriptions](#)

We will vote on this award by hand at the meeting.

Holiday Sale Items for Pre-order

Look for Martha and Kathy's display of the pre-sale items for the Holiday Sale.

Hamptons June 2025 Trip



Behind the Hedges of the Hamptons

Private Garden Tour of Estates in Southampton and East Hampton, New York
June 9-12, 2025

For more information about this exciting trip, consult the Summer 2024 newsletter which we have archived on the website [here](#).

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 served basis.

Conservation Conscience

Join us in our conservation challenge, making simple changes
to better the world around us.

The September meeting will begin our fun dive into conservation methods that you will want to learn about and practice in your daily routines. We are striving for engagement as well as education through three different opportunities.

Monthly Meeting Focus

At the four business meetings this year, your four conservation consciences (Chandler, Lauren, Renee and Betty) will present four different conservation topics. From these four, members will vote in May which of the four should be our main focus in 2025-26. Our topics:

September: Trees for All

November: Fashion Industry Waste

February: Pause from Plastics

March: Backyard Pollution

Instagram

Be sure to follow "tuckahoegardenclub" on Instagram. We will be sharing lots of information each month including helpful links, podcasts and exercises for opportunities to be less wasteful.

Photography

With the help of our Photography Chairs, Linda Hansen and Caroline Marvel, a conservation class has been added to photography exhibits. We took some liberties with the schedule to make this exercise an educational engagement for both exhibitor and observer. Photos will be judged for their content and accompanying message with the sole purpose to share conservation ideas that others might adopt. Consider adding a creative touch too. For example: September's class: "Get to Know Conservation Methods", I might choose to share something like this photo with this card:



“Share your Amazon boxes to be reused, not recycled. Instead, take your boxes (address label removed) to the Carytown Pack & Ship near Ellwood Thompson to be immediately reused.”

Points will be counted toward end of the year awards.

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

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:

Mail photos to tuckahoegardenclub@gmail.com. Please identify the subjects in the photo and event where it was taken.

Horticulture - Zone VII Flower Show



It is hard to believe that the [GCA 2024 Zone VII Meeting](#) is just a month away. Each club in our Zone has been asked to enter at least four horticulture specimens from any of the Classes listed below. As you can see, we have a lot of options from which to choose.

[Classes 1-11](#): Annuals Flowering (One stem not to exceed 24")

[Classes 12-30](#): Perennials Flowering (One stem not to exceed 18")

[Classes 31-39](#): Perennials Foliage (One stem not to exceed 24")

[Classes 40-47](#): Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, & Rhizomes (One stem not to exceed 20")

[Classes 48-52](#): Roses (One stem not to exceed 18")

[Classes 53-62](#): Trees, Shrubs, Deciduous, & Evergreen (One stem not to exceed 30" long and 24" wide)

A detailed list of specific flowers and trees that are recommended can be found on the GCA website under Horticulture Guidelines for this upcoming Zone VII Flower Show in Charleston, West Virginia. If you have any specimens that are in "show-worthy condition" when we reach the last week of September, please let April Greenwood know and she will

our gardens. The cooler fall weather, hopefully, will encourage our plants to grow.

Thank you for helping us to put our best plants on display for the Annual Zone Show.

Green Book

The Green Book will be ready for pick-up at the September meeting. Cheers to Karen Berson for compiling and editing this year's essential primer for all things TGC.

VMFA Fine Arts and Flowers



Photo credit: Peyton Wells

The Virginia Museum Fine Arts and Flowers event is coming up, October 23-27. RoseMarie Bundy and Renee Gardner are creating what we know will be a spectacular interpretation of art in the museum. Plan to visit the exhibit, see their floral design, gather fellow members for one of the luncheons. [Click here](#) for the full schedule.

Member Support

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

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Fran McDermott: fbmcd@aol.com

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