

Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports SEPTEMBER

Dear Officers and Standing Committee Members,
Please submit your monthly report to the Board in the Google form below. Keep in mind your report should be concise- sharing essential information, dates, links to further information and any action items that should be highlighted- and presented in a bullet-format if possible. If you have no report for the month, please note "NO REPORT". Thank you all!

OFFICERS

First VP/Ellen Buoyer

Attending meeting with Gifts Committee.

Hold meeting with Conservation Committee.

I will present the GCV Common Wealth Award finalists at the September Membership Meeting. The GCV Common Wealth Award provides an annual grant to promote projects in the interest of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation and education. The two word name Common Wealth was chosen to describe the "wealth" that is "common" to all Virginians. Finalists are:

*Garden Club of the Eastern Shore: Beautification and Conservation of Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence Campus

*Gabriella Garden Club: HOME Pocket Park

*Garden Club of Norfolk: GC Norfolk's Tribute to Frederick Law Olmsted Greenways along Norfolk's Elizabeth River Trail

*Three Chopt Garden Club- Horticulture Therapy for Pediatric Patients at Virginia Treatment Center for Children (VTCC)

Full descriptions of projects available [here](#).

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Second VP/Database / Rita Ryan

Updating the green book - draft shared with Kelly, Jennifer and Martha for review/corrections. Final copy will be sent to the printer on or around Sept 1st in preparation for our first meeting.

Recording Secretary/ Penny Peebles

No report

Communications Director/ Betsy Carney

Treasurer/ Kathy Watson

Our year end balances are as follows:

BOA checking 11,970.24

BOA savings 51,574.82

All gifts for 2021/2022 have been paid as well as our 5 year commitment to GCA Partner for Plants and our 3 year commitment to Capital Trees.

We ended the fiscal year with an operating deficit of \$2789.63 which was less than the amount that had been budgeted from reserves to cover any operating deficit. That amount has been transferred from savings to checking.

Dues bills will be going out in early September by email. Those who do not use email will have their bill sent by mail. Dues were reduced last year to compensate for the lack of programming due to Covid in the prior year. Dues have gone back to precovid amounts with a \$20 increase to cover the increase in GCV dues.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Communications: Newsletter & Website/ Stephanie Lansing & Lisa Burlee

Reminder to committee heads whose documents are posted on the website to submit to Lisa and to notify Betsy with calendar dates and date changes.

Community Projects and Long Range plans/ Freddie Gray, Betsy Fauntleroy, Christina McCoy and Jessica King

Betsy and Freddie met with Kelly Aug 23rd to go over overall goals for the next few years

Jessica and Freddie meeting with Kelly, Barrie and Kate Sept 1 to discuss Caritas

Kelly, Freddie, Jennifer and Rosemarie hoping to meet to discuss the War Memorial Garden

Conservation/ Linda Hanson and Fran McDermott

Will discuss Board members definition of "Conservation" and how to go forward with those ideas of conservation.

Finance/Kathy Watson and Ellen Buoyer

No report

Governance/ Katherine Salt and Lynn Jacobs

No report-Katherine Salt 8/29/22.

Gifts/ Preston Lee, Missy Ryan and Kate O'Hagan

No report.

Fundraising/ Chandler Klevana, Lisa Brennan & Cynthia Ferrell

No report.

Membership/ Jennifer Sisk

New Member Nominations

We have 6 spots open for new members this year! Please begin thinking of those women you know who would love to be a part of the work in which our TGC is involved. Alignment with interest and work around gardening, floral design, and conservation should be the top priority for any nomination.

Following is the timeline for the process:

Timeline

- September 14 – Membership meeting and nomination procedures announced for 6 new members. Proposal forms will be posted on TGC site for access
- October 14 – all proposals due to Jennifer Sisk
- October 21 – Board approves nominations
- October 28-November 7 – online voting for 6 new members
- November 16 – Announce 6 new members at membership meeting
- December 7 – newest members invited to Holiday party for introduction
- January date TBD 9:00 – new member orientation at Anastasia's home

Members not eligible to propose this year:

- Lisa Brennan
- Bonnie Cricchi
- Betsy Carney
- Lisa Burlee
- Linda Hanson

Note: All members of the Executive Committee may not propose or endorse

Flower Hour

We will kick off Flower Hour this year with 2 dates on the calendar. Members will be invited at our September meeting to submit names of young women who are of some relation (daughters, granddaughters, daughter-in-law, etc) to join us for this educational club initiative.

There will be a one-time \$30 fee to be paid by the 'sponsoring member' to cover the costs of their Flower Hour participant. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at our September meeting or you may email Libby directly at libbyrobertson1@gmail.com to submit your name and arrange payment. Note that the focus of these two workshops center around the MOST BASIC information/skills around beginning floral design and starting a garden - concepts that each of us as members have been learning over the years and will continue to learn in our 3 programmed membership workshops this year!

Timeline

November 17 – workshop at Lynn Brooke's home

April 13 – potting workshop after Spring Plant Sale at Libby Robertson's home

Sustainer Bulb Holiday Project

We will continue this new and much-appreciated tradition for our 48 sustaining members in which our newest members gather for a bulb workshop, planting amaryllis that we deliver to our sustaining members for the holidays.

Timeline

- November - Workshop date TBD

* **Programs/** Martha Moore, Patricia Hunter, Cara Rogers, Susan Ewing
September 14, 2022 11:00 am : "Documenting a Garden: Garden History and Design Overview of The Fautleroy's Beautiful Gardens"

October 5, 2022 8:30 am Glorious Gardens of Gordonsville
Rocklands, Home of Dolley Madison member Gail Babnew, which features roses and beautiful hydrangeas. Springfields is the second garden we will see which was open last year for the Boys and Girls Club garden tour. It is a very special property, and we are being invited also through the first floor of the home. AFTER the two morning tours, we will have a wonderful box lunch at Susan Landin's beautiful home in Keswick, followed by a trip to closeby Merrie Mill Farm and Vineyard. At the vineyard we will have a lesson in viticulture, and also have a little wine tasting! We will return to CCV Caddy Hill parking lot by 4:45. Cost

will be approximately \$65 per person, covering the bus , entrance fees and box lunch. Sign ups will begin September 12 in an email. Cara Rogers will also have a signup sheet at the September Meeting. Sign ups are a firm commitment for the \$65 fee.

Sign up will be via email the week of September 12th. To confirm your spot on the trip. Please bring a check for \$65 made out to TGC to Kathy Watson at the September 14th. Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please get a check to Kathy by the 14th. Mini Buses depart from Caddy hill lot at CCV at 8:30 am. Spots are limited, so get your check in! Bring your check and reserve your spot!

First Stop, Springfields , the home of GCA Member Gail Babnew and Joel Silverman

Second stop Rocklands, Home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gupton

Third Stop- Lunch with Susan Landin in her new home in Keswick- FUN!!!!

Fourth Stop Merrie Mill Farm and Vineyard- be ready to learn a bit about viticulture and taste a little wine!

November 16, 2022 1:00 pm First Pres Program with renowned floral designer Jane Godshalk from Longwood Gardens who will do a lecture/ demonstration

“Working Beyond the Rules- Designs Inspired by Nature” This will be followed by a fun/ November 17, 2022 9:30-11:30 workshop with Jane Godshalk “Fresh designs Using Modern Techniques” . This workshop will be limited to 30 attendees.

Sign ups begin October 10 from an email . Fee will be \$65 for workshop attendees, which will help pay for a container , all materials, and mechanics that can be reused in later arrangements.

Sustainer rep/ Tricia Sauer

Tricia is meeting with a group of sustainers to discuss what sustainers want from their membership in TGC. The meeting will be held in September.

Garden Club of America/ Liz Carden

1-Sandra Thomas, a recent GCA Zone VII Director who has visited our club in the past few years passed away this week in Charleston West Virginia after a recurrence of cancer. Sandy served on the GCA Executive Committee for several years recently and the Finance Committee. She was a Cochairman of the GCA Annual Meeting 2020 that was cancelled. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

2-All Board members should check GCA website for their corresponding committee landing page and see what things are there for you to use.

3-There are many opportunities for our club members to attend virtual conferences this year for free, as part of our dues. These are great learning opportunities.

November 9, 2023 Conservation Study Conference

January 26, 2023 Photography Conference

February 23, 2023 Advocacy Workshop

February 28, 2023 Floral Design Conference

4-In Person conferences:

Shirley Meneice- Karen Gilmore attending for TGC, Martha Moore

Zone VII Meeting- October 10-13- Warrenton- Virtual Flower Show- Kelly, Meredith attending

NAL February 2023

Also for those who missed Bunny Mellon's garden last year with TGC:

June 14 / June 15, 2023 GCA On The Road Oak Spring Garden Foundation

5-GCA Position Papers

Jointly produced by the GCA's National Affairs & Legislation and Conservation Committees, GCA Position Papers summarize those issues that are of top priority to The Garden Club of America. These are a "MUST READ" TO KNOW WHERE GCA STANDS AND IMPORTANT ISSUES.

6- GCA Publications Free offerings are offered in the form of virtual offerings from GCA

You can sign up to get these sent right to your inbox!!! FREE

GO TO Read Watch Shop, click on Publications, Click on Manage my publication notification .

ENews Monthly newsletter from GCA with many highlights. (comes monthly)

The Real Dirt - Gardening tips (Horticulture)- 3 issues per year

By Design- Floral Design

Focus- Photography

Con Watch- Conservation

Call To Action- Important conservation legislation

, **Garden Club of Virginia/Meredith Lauter**

Historic Garden Week - Bonnie Cricchi and Meredith Lauter

Board Report for 8/31/22

We completed our Procurement in June. We have 4 homes for each tour day in the Westhampton area between UR and CCV.

This summer we worked to settle on our Headquarters/parking locations. UR Jepson Center will be HQ on Tuesday. We will be selling box lunches there. On Thursday, All Saints Church will be the HQ. Both locations will require the use of shuttle buses as well as still be a walking tour on hilly, narrow streets.

We have written the first draft of our home descriptions and had most of the homes photographed by the very talented Bill Draper. These will be used for the guidebook and website.

Meredith and the Advertising committee have contacted all prior advertisers and sponsors to solicit their participation in this year's event. Additional sponsors and/or event sponsors are needed, and any ideas are much appreciated!!

We are meeting with many of our committees currently to kick off their work for the tour. Our first Steering Committee meeting for the entire group is on September 13.

Many deadlines loom this fall and we look forward to getting the next steps taken care of. We will make a presentation at our TGC membership meeting to explain to our Club the structure, philanthropic aspect, other details of HGW etc. since TGC is the lead club this year.

We are VERY excited for what is to come April 18 and 20 2023!!

Symposium - September 20-21, 2022, Science Museum of Virginia

Francoise Weeks "Wearable Botanical Art Workshop" Sunday, September 18, 12 noon - 4:00 pm at Maria Reese's barn with foraging at Maria's and Kelly's woodlands. Set up Peyton Wells and Meredith Lauter, Jeanette McKittrige for Francoise Weeks.

Other speakers: Thomas Woltz, Robert Llewellyn, Shaun Spencer Hester (Anne Spencer Garden, Lynchburg, VA), Emilie Carter, Sherryl Belinsky (Photography), Bryan Peterson, Matthew Borden.

"Mix It Up" Cocktail Party

Information: www.gcvirginia.org - Tickets: <https://symposium.gcvirginia.org/>

Nominating/ Betty Jenkins: On August 30, the Board approved six members to the Nominating Committee for the selection of 2024-26 TGC officers: Betty Jenkins, chair; Jennifer Sisk, Stephanie Lansing, Patricia Hunter, Lisa Burlee, and Charlotte Clarkson.