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THE TUCKAHOE NEWS



June 2019

"Read, Enjoy, and Stay Informed"





The daylilies welcome the summer heat! Hemerocallis 'Ruby Stella'

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“...cause a little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about.”

(John Mayer, singer and songwriter)

May you all enjoy A LOT of summer!

Love,

Betty

President, The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton



TGC NEWS & INFORMATION

MAY MEETING

Award Winners

A very special thank you to Cynthia Ferrell for sharing her lovely home and garden to the Club for our annual meeting and luncheon. And also to our hostesses for their hospitality and delicious lunch: Martha Moore, Jeanine Hinson, Julia Borden Rose, Kathy Watson and Patricia Hunter.

WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS to our award winners for this year:

GCA Awards

Club Communications Award– Lisa Burlee

Club Garden History and Design – Freddie Gray and Abbie Wharton

Club Appreciation Award – Sue Thompson

Judge Emeritus - Brantley Knowles

TGC Awards

The Martha Whitehead Michaux Bowl – Jill Mountcastle

The Marion Boatwright Dudley Bowl – RoseMarie Bundy

The Elizabeth Wingo Knowles Bowl – Dee Ferguson

The Janet Patton Lewis Bowl – Jill Mountcastle

The Preston Purcell Horticulture Bowl – Jill Mountcastle

The Hylah Boyd Conservation Bowl – not given this year

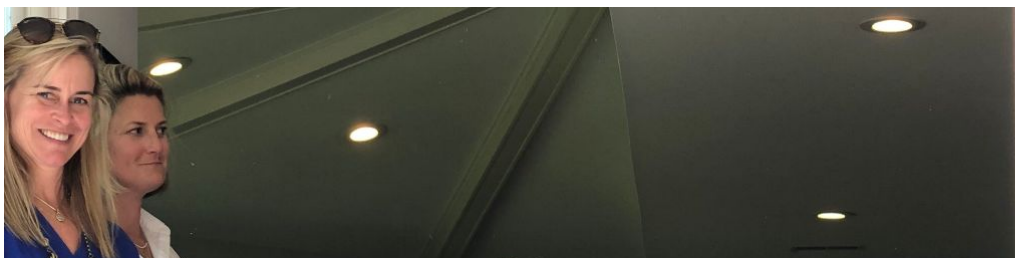
The Ann Arey Mason Bowl – Helen Pinckney

The President's Award – Martha Moore, Kathy Watson, Peyton Wells

The Charlotte Taylor Massie Membership Bowl– Mollie Reinhart

Betty











TGC Kent-Valentine Arrangements

The Kent-Valentine House "TGC TEAM" **provided over 70 floral arrangements total** last October and last month.

Liz Carden, Meredith Lauter, Christina McCoy and new member, Renee Gardner, have worked diligently to provide such beauty to the Kent-Valentine House for two months of the year. Others who have joined us to arrange are RoseMarie Bundy, Scottie Slater and Helen Pinkney. All agree this is great arranging practice. MANY THANKS to our members who have invited us to into their gardens to cut a few flowers and greens !

Want to join us sometime? Please contact me!

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TGC Trip



Glorious Gardens of Newport

And glorious they were! What a fabulous trip the Tuckahoe and James River gals enjoyed with thanks to the masterful planning of Martha Moore, Madeline Mayhood and their aide-de-camp extraordinaire, Kathy Watson. This trip was also made possible by our association with Garden Club of America and their Visiting Garden's program. If one thing could be learned from this trip, it would be the truly great fortune we have as members of GCA. For those on our trip, I hope you will spend a few moments perusing the GCA website and appreciating the opportunities that abound as members of GCA.

The gardens of Newport were simply unrivaled. In one garden, we ambled through dozens of outdoor

“rooms”, utilizing light, color and creative and experimental pruning of maturing plants of all varieties, each room more amazing than the last. We saw the opulent “cottages” and gardens of The Elms, The Breakers and The Marble House all built during the glorious gilded age of Newport. We marveled at the design of the tranquility of **The Blue Garden**, with its color palette devoted entirely to blue flowers. Breathtakingly beautiful and inspiring.

Generous hosts welcomed us into their homes with open arms and generosity. We were awed by Bettie Bearden Pardee’s lovely classical French parterre garden. We were treated to lunch by the president of Newport Garden Club in her historic 1882 shingle style home. The owners of **Berkeley House**, built in 1885 in the Queen Anne style welcomed us into their expansive entry hall with an elegant stairway and rich raised paneling. The enormous Dutch doors allow fresh ocean breezes to flow. And perhaps the best, definitely the most opulent and amazing, was reserved for our last stop. Here we met Ron Fleming, the charming owner of **Bellevue**. The mansion alone is impressive. But truly what turned this visitor’s head were the glorious gardens and follies discovered during a stroll through the grounds. I don’t think I’ll ever see anything quite like this garden and these follies. Awe is an apt term to describe this experience.....just ask any of us!

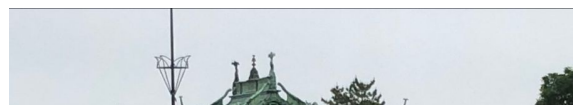
But perhaps the best experience of this trip was the fellowship we enjoyed. The laughs were endless. The experience of enjoying our mutual love of gardens, horticulture and flowers was bonding. It was a pinch me kind of moment that will long be cherished. Aren’t we blessed? Blessed to be members of Tuckahoe Garden Club, blessed to have friends of multiple talents and gifts and blessed to have experiences such as this trip. Thank you, Martha and Madeline, for your vision and hard work. As you know, a very generous and most deserved donation has been made to GCA’s Second Century Campaign in your honor from the ladies fortunate to have enjoyed this wonderful trip.

So.....where next time, ladies??

Your lucky president, Betty

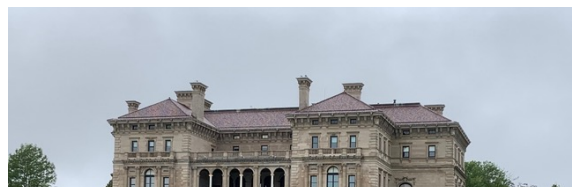
Kathy Watson took these great photos of our fellow club members and the wonderful time they have had in Newport, RI, this past weekend. The pictures show:

- a sunken garden from Elms,
- a schooner trip on the foggy Narragansett Bay,
- a tablescape for dinner at the Marble House, and
- The Tea House at Marble House where they also had lunch.





And here are some more trip pictures below from Betty!





White cosmos and coral zinnias brighten the green asparagus ferns long after the last asparagus has been harvested.

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA NEWS & INFORMATION



GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

GCV HORTICULTURE FIELD DAY

Horticulture Field Day 2019 was a beautiful sunny day in Orange County. Betty, Ellen and I had a fun road trip to visit the sites in this spectacular area of the Shenandoah Valley. Unfortunately we were unable to visit Mt. Sharon due to our own Annual Meeting overlapping the same day but our visit the following day to the Marketplace at Grelen and Montpelier were wonderful. The day started at Grelen with workshops on proper pruning techniques and container garden tips.

Proper Pruning Tips:

- Always spray Lysol on your pruners between cutting different species.
- Japanese maples like airflow. Prune them before the weather is too hot because they are sensitive trees and will burn from the pruning.
- Never ever ever ever buzz cut the tops of your crape myrtles!!!
- River birch needs to be limbed up often. They can take a hard pruning.
- Boxwood should be pruned in the late winter. Never prune more than ¼ of the shrub. They need airflow to promote new growth. You can cut out a lot of the inside growth if looking brown.
- Limelight hydrangeas can be pruned well into the spring. They are his favorite hydrangeas by

far!!!!

Two websites, Dave's Garden (<https://davesgarden.com/#b>) and Missouri Botanical Garden (<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>) have excellent information on care of plants.

Container Garden Tips:

- Monochromatic plants make for a beautiful container. Suggestions: all green with fern and grasses, all red annuals with red fountain grass, all green and white plants, all oranges and yellows, all pinks and lavenders, etc.
- Remember the general rule of the THRILLER, FILLER and SPILLER when selecting types of plants.

After lunch, we visited Montpelier's Annie DuPont Gardens. Montpelier's entire property includes 2600 acres with 9 miles of hiking trails. The original gardens were started during President James Madison's administration around 1809. The DuPonts bought this historic landmark in the early 1900's and transformed the 4 acres into a formal 20th Century garden with the help of landscaper Charles Gillette. They added brick walls, iron gates and statuary from their world travels. The gardens are full of beautiful boxwood, many perennials, shrub roses and herbs. The Garden Club of Virginia helped fund part of the ongoing restoration in 1990.

I encourage you all to take advantage of Horticulture Field Day next year! Block off a day during your busy spring to soak in all the beauty our state offers in public and private gardens.

Sara Cann





GCV LILIES IN BLOOM



June 18, 2019

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 12291 River Road, Richmond

Congratulations to RoseMarie (aka "LilyMarie") for winning the Virginia Ewers Queistzsch Memorial Bowl for 3 stems on the same cultivar and for her blue ribbon for her single stem. Check out her amazing 'Satisfaction' lily. We are so proud of you RoseMarie!!



GCV RESTORATION SITES

A Little Competition Starting NOW!

In honor of the Centennial, GCV will be giving each club president a gift to give to a member who visits the most number of GCV Restoration Sites. Counting starts June 1, 2019 thru middle of May, 2020. Let me know when you visit a Restoration Site and I'll keep the tally.

Here is the list....a great history trip for school age kids who want to know what mom or granny does the third week of April each year and your name will be entered for the gift. And there are at least 5 or 6 right here in Richmond! Go visit what your efforts help to create! What you do for HGW is important and we often lose track of that.

Betty

HISTORIC GARDEN RESTORATIONS

Historic Landmarks

Bacon's Castle
Belle Grove
Belmont
Bruton Parish Church
Burwell-Morgan Mill
Centre Hill Mansion
Christ Church - Lancaster County
Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History
Executive Mansion Capitol Square
Fincastle Presbyterian Church
Grace Arents Garden
Green Spring
Historic Henry County Courthouse
Historic Portsmouth Courthouse
Hollins University
John Handley High School
Kenmore
Kent-Valentine House
Ker Place
Lee Hall
Mary Washington House
Mary Washington Monument
Maymont
Monticello
Montpelier
Moses Myers House
Mount Vernon
Oatlands
Poe Museum
Point-of-Honor
Poplar Forest
Smith's Fort Plantation
St. John's Mews
Stratford Hall
Sweet Briar College

University of Virginia

Washington and Lee University

Wilton

Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library





Fatsia japonica is native to Japan and is an evergreen shrub or small tree that typically grows to 16' tall in its native habitat! It can grow in Richmond as it is winter hardy in Zones 8-10, but it requires protection from wind and sun scorching. Typically, it grows to 3-5' tall here, and slowly. Its thick, glossy, huge leaves are terrific in arrangements.



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

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Partners for Plants



A gentle reminder: we committed as a club to hands-on work at Chapel Island through Partners for Plants (P4P). Please plan to join us July 22nd (meet at the Great Shiplock Park parking lot) and have the most fun you have ever had pulling weeds with your TGC pals.

NEXT P4P workdate:

Monday, July 22nd, 1-3pm

For more volunteer opportunities at Chapel Island, please visit www.jamesriverpark.org/invasives. This is also a great opportunity to involve family, friends, and groups with community service requirements. If interested, please contact Meg Turner at mturnerlandscapes@gmail.com.





A good TGC turnout for P4P workday on the last day of May on Chapel Island. Next time, we need twice this many-try it! We had fun!! Thank you Sara,Helen, Freddie, Peyton, Sue and Betty



Sue Thompson wins the big drawing for P4P participants! So deserving -- yay Sue!

one more thing....



As you know, this newsletter was completely revamped last summer. We would like to get some feedback from you, dear readers, about this new format. The link below takes you to a VERY short, anonymous, four-question survey. If you have three minutes and want to let us know what you think about "The Tuckahoe News," we want to hear from you!

Link to survey: <https://forms.gle/mfonizdMBNG58uyA9>



Tell us what you think about this newsletter format and content! Email Jill Mountcastle jbmountcastle@mac.com with any comments, questions or concerns.

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