

# Tuckahoe Garden Club

## Fresh Cuts From Kelly

"We are nature's best hope" is the sounding bell from Doug Tallamy, one of the conservation movement's most respected and important advocates. As a guest speaker at the recent GCA Zone VII meeting, Doug first shocked us with that fact that since 1970, over two-thirds of wildlife has vanished (WWF). Then, he comforted us that over 85% of land east of the Mississippi is in private hands and can be managed to improve this situation. His advocacy of tree planting to improve the food web for wildlife is based on his research on the mighty oak tree. He is this generation's Lorax, "speak for the trees, as the trees have no tongues". Our club is joining Doug in this mission, committing to plant 5 White Oak trees at the Virginia War Memorial. This effort was recognized by Garden Club of Virginia with the Commonwealth Award last week. Many thanks to RoseMarie Bundy for her passion and diligence in pursuing this important urban green space. We will be creating a Centennial plan to plant 100 trees in the RVA region to celebrate our 100 years and to take action today toward a more sustainable wildlife situation. Because as the Lorax also said "UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." ~Kelly



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## HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

### IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

7:00 p.m. Conservation Pop Up  
Home of Ellen Buoyer, 4204 Sulgrave Road  
RSVP [HERE](#)

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

12:15 p.m. Joint Meeting with James River  
"Peonies in the Landscape"  
Virginia War Memorial

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

10 a.m.- 11:30 p.m. Holiday Greens Workshop  
Home of Chandler Klevana, 8 W. Glenbrooke Circle

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

11 a.m. Holiday Party & Sale  
Home of Chandler Klevana, 8 W. Glenbrooke Circle

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## Upcoming Program & Calendar of Events

### **November 15, 2023 (Wednesday) Joint Meeting with the James River Garden Club**

**Program:** "Peonies in the Landscape" - Kathleen Gagan of Peonies Envy

**Location:** Virginia War Memorial, 621 S Belvidere Street

**Time:** 12:15 p.m. Tuckahoe Business Meeting announcing new members, 1 p.m. Joint Meeting

**Hostesses:** April Greenwood\*, Jeanine Hinson, Lauren Neal

#### **Artistic Exhibits:**

**Class I:** "America the Beautiful" - Design a floral piece which expresses gratitude for all of the women and men who defended our country's freedom. In addition to flowers and greenery, other materials may be used to create a patriotic arrangement that honors our veterans.

**Class II:** "A Colonial Holiday" - In the spirit of Colonial Virginia, create a festive arrangement

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berries, nuts or pods. When you choose a container, consider that early Colonists used wooden bowls, pots, glass bottles, and earthenware to display their holiday arrangements.

**Class III:** "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" - Design an arrangement that uses the last offerings of summer's harvest: vines, branches, seed pods, fruits, and/or vegetables to honor the abundance of the growing season. The container should not distract from the assembled bounty.

**Horticulture Exhibits:**

**Class I:** Berried Branch - Specimen

**Class II:** Evergreens - Specimen or Collection

**Class III:** Surprise Us!

**Photography Exhibits:**

**Class I:** Planning for Peonies - Photograph of delightful peonies.

**Class II:** Garden Sculpture - Highlight a piece of garden sculpture of hardscape.

**Class III:** Everlasting Evergreens - Show us evergreens such as conifers, boxwood or magnolia.

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## Hand Picked this Month

Kathleen Gagan, owner of Peony's Envy, will be joining us on November 15, 2023 at the Virginia War Memorial for our monthly meeting. We will also be joined by James River Garden Club. Kathleen will have bareroot Peony tubers available for purchase both before the meeting and after, so bring those checkbooks! Kathleen is a wealth of knowledge about Peony care, planting, propagation, and garden design. We look forward to a fun and informative talk about one of our most favorite beauties of the garden. Please visit her website [www.peonysenvy.com](http://www.peonysenvy.com) for more information and to get excited for her visit.

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## PEONY'S ENVY



Presentation by Kathleen Gagan Owner of Peony's Envy

Kathleen Gagan, owner and founder of Peony's Envy, gives lectures and workshops on peonies: care, planting, cultivation, propagation and garden design across the country. She has presented at the Scott Arboretum Hardy Plant Conference, Longwood Gardens, the Hortus Club of New York, the Martha Stewart Living Show, as well as national flower shows and garden clubs. Kathleen is currently on the GCA National Speaker List.

Kathleen is a linguist and international corporate communications consultant turned lady farmer. After a successful life overseas, where she became fluent in Mandarin Chinese and Spanish, Kathleen returned home to New Jersey to a life as an entrepreneur. She grows peonies because of their resilience, deer-resistance, and beauty.

Peony's Envy Nursery and Display Garden offers one of the most extensive collections of tree and herbaceous peonies in the Northeast. The gardens are laid out over an 8-acre property with trails that meander throughout the peony collections. They feature over 50,000 peony plants with over 500 distinct cultivars. Four major types of peonies are highlighted in the garden: woodland, tree, herbaceous, and intersectional.

Peony's Envy ships peonies nationwide from September through May; attends flower shows and horticultural events nationwide throughout the year; and opens its nursery and display garden to the public in New Jersey for the spring bloom season and again in the fall for bare root sales.



## Christmas Sale & Party

**Christmas Sale and Party**  
**Wednesday, December 6, 11 a.m.**  
**Home of Chandler Klevana**  
**8 West Glenbrooke Circle**

Fabulous raffle items available including a Basket and Bike gift certificate for a Quirk Street Art and Secret Garden bike ride, a Lynne Brooke mediation gift certificate, one hour interior

Members are asked to bring baked or other homemade goodies to the sale for other members to purchase. Members will also have the opportunity to make a monetary donation for poinsettia for Anna Julia Cooper at checkout. The sale is sure to be a festive time for all!

Please contact Lisa Brennan, [lisabrennan@comcast.net](mailto:lisabrennan@comcast.net) or Chandler Klevana, [chandler4408@gmail.com](mailto:chandler4408@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Sustainer Lunch

We welcomed over 45 Sustainers and new members to a luncheon on Oct 26th, rejoicing in old and new friendships





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## October Highlights



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Another successful Flower Hour was had last month! In our TGC spirit of education, Melinda and Christina did the most beautiful job in teaching this group of young women the basics of flower arranging, conditioning flowers and design essentials. They provided beautiful plant material and the arrangements that each woman created were wonderful! It it fun to be growing a new group of TGC prospects and flower lovers. Thank you to all who had a hand In this evening!

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memorials tab on our website where tributes of deceased members will be kept permanently. This will serve as a fitting way to honor our passed members, while also providing helpful historical reference. We will start with the tributes I have done in the last year. I am seeking to locate tributes of other members done before me. If you have ever memorialized a passed member, could you please send me that file.

Also, we are planning to add a list of the names of deceased members who died while still a member of the club. We currently do not have exact records, but I will do the best I can to come up with this list. If you have knowledge of these members, please let me know. Going forward from this point, the list will be accurate. It is a privilege to pay respect to our members who have contributed in the past to our club. ~Betty Jenkins

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## Common Wealth Award Winners!



Congratulations to Tuckahoe Garden Club, James River Garden Club, Three Chopt Garden Club and Boxwood Garden Club for winning the Garden Club of Virginia's 2023 Common Wealth Award. This award of \$20,000 will be matched by the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, for a total gift of \$40,000 to benefit the Virginia War Memorial green space project in downtown Richmond. Our club has won this award in 2004 to support Bandy Field and in 1998 for Library Park. Congratulations to Tuckahoe GC for this prestigious GCV recognition and gift.

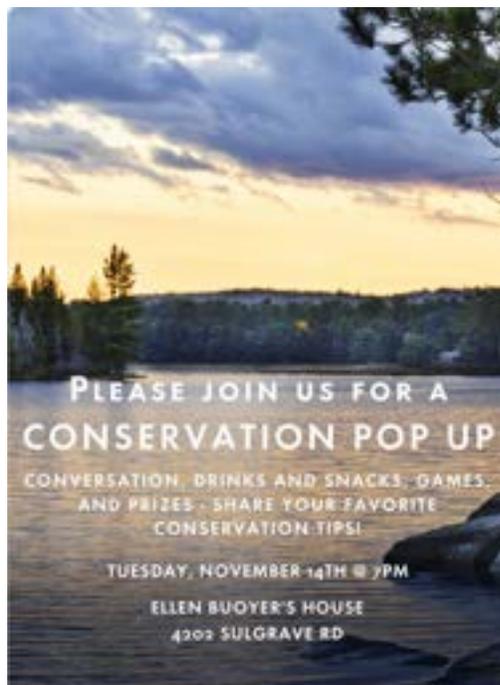
Additionally, in October our Club approved a gift of \$7,500 toward this project over the next

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members of the military who have died during their service to our Country. The Oak Grove will consist of five, 3" caliper, native White Oak (*Quercus Alba*) trees. The trees will initially be 14 to 16 feet in height and will reach a height of 80 to 100 feet with a wide canopy of 40 to 70 feet. . Specimens have been documented to be over 450 years old. The trees will be located together in a very prominent area. The estimated cost per tree is \$1,500.00 for a total gift totaling \$7,500, which we plan to gift over the next three years.

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## Conservation



Reminder: Conservation Pop-up Night, November 14, 7pm at Ellen Buoyer's home. Please join us for conservation conversation, drinks and snacks, games, and prizes. Share your favorite conservation tips! Please RSVP [HERE](#)

At the joint meeting of the GCA Conservation committee and NAL committee, October 17, information was shared about Clean Air. Our own club's gift to plant 5 white oak trees at the Virginia War Memorial in the "Gold Star Oak Grove" supports our Clean Air initiatives!

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## Gifts Committee

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community projects. At our October 16 membership meeting this fall we voted to give a gift of \$7,500 to plant the five white oak trees designated for The Gold Star Oak Grove at the Virginia War Memorial. These will be the first five trees of our 100th anniversary project of "100 trees for 100 years". This donation will be gifted over the next three years. In addition, we will be donating proceeds from our fundraising projects to support other organizations in our community which align with our mission. Please submit your ideas for new recipients to Preston Lee [pleerichmond@gmail.com](mailto:pleerichmond@gmail.com) by December 15. Last year our club was very generous with the following gifts:

- ~ Garden Club of America Scholarship Fund \$1,000
  - ~ Garden Club of America Endowment Fund \$100
  - ~ Garden Club of Virginia Annual Fund \$100
  - ~ Capital Trees \$500
  - ~ Chesapeake Bay Foundation \$150
  - ~ James River Association \$500
  - ~ Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden \$700
  - ~ Maymont Foundation \$250
  - ~ Scenic Virginia \$1,000
  - ~ Virginia Conservation Network \$250
  - ~ Shalom Farms \$250
  - ~ Southside ReLeaf \$250
  - ~ Virginia War Memorial \$250
  - ~ National Association for Olmstead Parks \$200
- TOTAL \$5,500

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## Congratulations

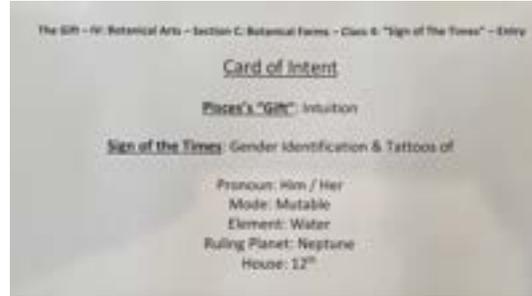


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end stage of bloom.



Congratulation to **Peyton Wells** who won first place with her "Sign of the Times" entry from the GCA show "The Gift," in Laurel, MS.

**Fran McDermott's Granola Yogurt Cup Recipe:**

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16 oz Rainbow Trout  
Kitchen classic granola

1 stick salted butter, melted

1/8 cup honey

Yogurt of your choice

Fresh berries & mint, to  
garnish

**40 MINI  
MUFFINS**  
Yield

**20 MIN**  
Total time

**DIRECTIONS**

Crush granola into small pieces. Add melted butter & honey, and mix thoroughly. Grease a mini muffin pan.

Spoon granola mixture into greased cups & use your finger to create an indentation in each cup. Bake at 350 for 8 minutes. Let cool completely before removing from pan. Store in airtight container.

**IMMEDIATELY BEFORE SERVING**

Fill granola cups with yogurt. Top with fruit of your choice.

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**Missing a meeting?** Please mail Penny Peebles at [penpeebles@aol.com](mailto:penpeebles@aol.com) before the meeting.

**Have a great picture for the newsletter or website?** Send to Caroline Marvel at [carolinemarvel@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemarvel@gmail.com)

**Need to send an email to the Membership?** Send a draft to Betsy Carney at [betscarney@gmail.com](mailto:betscarney@gmail.com) and Kelly Armstrong at [kellyarm@me.com](mailto:kellyarm@me.com)

**Your address, email or phone number changed?** Send changes to Betsy Carney at [betscarney@gmail.com](mailto:betscarney@gmail.com)

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## Committee Reports



As we move club business out of monthly meetings, it is crucial that each member take responsibility for staying informed and up-to-date on vital club news by reading the committee reports contained here.

These reports represent much hard work by your fellow members. Please contact Kelly or the appropriate committee head with any questions or comments.

Please click our club's seal above to read this month's committee reports.

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Members please send any updates to your contact information to Betsy Carney ([betscarney@gmail.com](mailto:betscarney@gmail.com)) as soon as possible.

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