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THE TUCKAHOE NEWS



January 2019





Frigid weather coats Richmond trees in ice. Winter is here.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Many a mickle makes a muckle”

January greetings TGC friends! Do you know what that Scottish proverb means? Well, when I saw that quote over Christmas, I immediately thought of our club and 2019-20.

Starting now until May, we will be busy with the normal operations of garden club life, but we will also start to look ahead to 2019-20. In the next many weeks our programs will return, hostesses will be back to work, plans for Historic Garden Week will gel, workshops will resume and trips will be taken. Plans for the Spring Sale will finalize, plans will continue for the GCA 2020 annual meeting, members will attend the NAL conference in DC, some of those same members will travel to our state capital to lobby on behalf of conservation, and many of us will look forward to our Newport trip, for which hours of planning have already taken place. And I forgot... Partners For Plants, Capital Trees, website creations, and all the other behind-the-scenes business efforts that take place.

Along with all that activity, the Finance Committee will meet soon to come up with our 2019-20 budget and examine the Gifts Committee recommendations. Program committee members will begin plans for our 2019-20 programs.

And I can't forget this biggie...GCV will celebrate its centennial birthday in 2020 and exciting plans are

underway for that celebration. Your Board met this past week to review suggestions from GCV in ways that GCV clubs can celebrate the birthday. I will be taking their recommendations to a meeting at the end of this month with the presidents of the other RVA clubs to see what we can plan to honor this celebration.

All of this leads me to prepare you for a busy year ahead with exciting celebrations, interesting programs and definitely a lot of fun and comradery to look forward to. "Many a mickle makes a muckle"...many a little makes much. This little proverb defines our club. With everyone on board to chip away at our to-do list, we will accomplish much and have a lot of fun along the way. Know I can count on everyone to be on board!

Cheers,
Betty

Betty Jenkins

President, The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton



TGC NEWS & INFORMATION

JANUARY 16th TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB MEETING

January 16, 2019 (Wednesday)

Joint Meeting: With Boxwood, James River, Three Chopt and Tuckahoe Garden Clubs

Hostesses: Director Lee and Liza Cabell. We are sharing hosting with the three other

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Place:

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
1800 Lakeside Avenue (23228)

Time: 9:30 am Refreshments & 10:00 am Guest Speaker

Program: C-Change Conversation: Founded by Kathleen Biggins in 2014 to promote dialogue about climate change outside of the political arena.

No exhibits or horticulture

Attendance at Membership Meetings Reminder

In order to record membership attendance quickly and accurately, we will use pre-printed nametags. When you arrive, find your nametag and wear it. All un-claimed tags will tell me who did not attend the meeting. *Remember, our by-laws state active members are allowed three excused absences per year. If you cannot attend a meeting, please contact me via email or text prior to the meeting.* Thank you!

Ellen Buoyer

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SPECIAL OFFERING FOR TGC MEMBERS!

Our fellow TGC member, Joanie Robins is president of The Women's Club. **She has invited TGC to be her guest at a very interesting program of conservation and historical interest regarding the barrier islands of Virginia.** She reports that many of the GC of the Eastern Shore ladies were instrumental in the creation of the Center described below. It sounds so interesting-full of history and information about a precious stretch of land in the Commonwealth. Head to The Woman's Club after our meeting Wednesday at LBG!

The History of the Barrier Islands on Virginia's Eastern Shore

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 - 10:00

Time: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Woman's Club

211 East Franklin Street

Richmond, VA 23219

Virginia's Eastern Shore is protected by a chain of uninhabited barrier islands, stretching from Assateague Island at the Maryland border to Fisherman's Island at the foot of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. The Barrier Islands Center (BIC) in Machipongo contains immersive exhibits highlighting the fascinating culture, heritage and history of these islands. BIC's Director of Education/Producer Sally Dickinson and Museum Director Monika Bridgforth will describe the museum's educational offerings and present a short documentary film "Our Island Home," in which three former inhabitants of the long-lost settlement of Broadway recall their unique way of life on a remote barrier island off the Eastern Shore.





New cones form on Pinus taeda or loblolly pine. The small cones will grow and produce seeds ('pine nuts') that will be eaten by birds and mammals.

TGC Treasurer Update

The Tuckahoe Garden Club Funded Endowment Account

Brief History: In February 1995, during Hylah Boyd's presidency, the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton established a Funded Endowment Account to ensure a steady, future source of funds for its projects [e.g. Capital Trees, Bandy Field, Extreme Stream Make Over, P4P]. On March 22, 1995, Tricia Sauer deposited \$17,528.24, our initial principal, into a Crestar account, a large portion of which was proceeds from the sales of The Tuckahoe Garden Club's Gardening Guide Book. As of 2019, through generous gifts, further proceeds from the Club's Gardening Guide Book and conservative investment strategies, we have tripled the original amount placed in this account, having a total of \$50,471.71; \$46,698.99 of which is principal and \$3,772.72 of which is interest. The interest is what we use to fund our Club projects. This money is now held at Davenport in two separate Investment Funds and a small SunTrust Account.

Being only 24 years old, this Funded Endowment Account is still in its infancy. To mature our endowment account, we should strive to grow its principal to twice the size of our operating budget, which is at present \$27,972.00.

How do we grow our account? Tax-deductible donations may be made to the account at any time throughout the year, by sending a check, cash or credit card information [3% fee will be added, for credit] to our Tuckahoe Garden Club Treasurer, at present Bonnie Cricchi, with a note of your intentions. In addition, bequests are encouraged as well as gifts in memory or in honor of members.

In the past, there have been lovely gifts from members and friends of members, given in memory of a member past or in honor of a member who has touched many with her extraordinary dedication to the Club or perhaps to the Community at large. Please think if there is someone in our Club who has mentored you or for whom you have been exceedingly thankful for this past year. Giving in her/their honor or memory would be a wonderful way to support the future of our Club and to help our Club fulfill its mission in the community at large.

Our Goal for this Annual Year [2019]: To grow the endowment principal to match twice the amount of our Annual Operating Budget; \$55,944.00. The goal we would like to reach to make this a reality is \$9,245.01, depending on market volatility. That would be \$80.00 a member, based on our current membership of 116 members.

Our Ask: Being a member of this extraordinary Garden Club of women, we hope you would consider, in 2019, while in private or with your financial planner, a tax-deductible donation or gift in memory or honor of a member special to you, that fits your appreciation and satisfaction level of being a member of this group. Help us water the seeds of our future today!

With much gratitude and appreciation, your Assistant Treasurer, Peyton Wells.

Reminder: Brent & Becky's Bulbs (<https://www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com/>)

As a reminder, we participate in a great program by Brent & Becky's Bulbs called "Bloomin' Bucks." They make a 25% contribution to non-profit organizations for any orders placed by a member - wow! We recently received a nice check from them and want to thank Freddie Gray, Karen Gilmore, Kelly Armstrong, Martha Moore, Rose Marie Bundy and Susan Landin for mentioning the Tuckahoe Garden Club when they placed their orders! What an easy way for the club to make money!

Bonnie Cricchi, Treasurer

TGC Conservation



PROTECTING PLANTS IN WINTER

In keeping with the Bee Sustainable logo we wanted to offer some tips for protecting your treasured plants through our unpredictable winters. What has been a significant winter issue notably for the past

few years has been the dramatic shifts in temperatures, especially late in the winter or early spring. For a plant like *Hydrangea macrophylla* or Mophead Hydrangea, these winters have been devastating. The high temperatures in late winter and very early spring “trick” the plants into a growth period. Buds mature...and then are killed by hard freezes that come within hours of a warm day. Additionally, super late freezes have been occurring in the 3rd week of April when buds are truly plump. The result, again, is a damaging to the potential flower.

How, then, can we attempt to protect these and other treasured plants from the slings and arrows of outrageous temperature shifts? While no protection is foolproof, a lightweight fabric known as freeze cloth may help. It allows sunlight and air circulation around a plant when it is placed over the plant, but it does, to a limited extent, protect new growth and buds from freezing. This fabric needs to be secured with weights or ground staples in order to keep the lightweight cloth from blowing off. Some online companies advertise freeze cloth “bags” that come in various sizes and have drawstrings at their base. These can be slipped over plants pulling the drawstring when the bag is in place. On deciduous plants, this lightweight freeze cloth could be left over the plant during the very late winter. On evergreens, because of their continued activity, the cloth should be removed during the days and nights when temperatures are not extremely cold.

Bed sheets, drop cloths, blankets and, if carefully used, plastic sheets, also make suitable covers for vulnerable plants. You do, though, need to use stakes to keep material, especially plastic, from touching foliage. Remove these heavier coverings when temperatures rise the next day. For a short cold period, low plantings can be covered with mulch, such as straw or leaf mold.

What about watering during the cooler months? We all are faced with the absolute need to water plants during hotter months, but water is absolutely critical to plants at the onset of freezing temperatures. Water acts as an insulator. Plant cells that are plump with water will be stronger against cold damage. Hydrated root systems are much more effective. Likewise, moist soil will tend to stay warmer than dry soil, so a regular watering schedule in dry, cold weather can help protect plants from freezing temperatures. Normally winter winds can desiccate foliage more rapidly than the roots can carry moisture to the plant. So be sure to hydrate plants in the late fall.

While it is probably impossible to protect all of your plants, do try to choose your favorites for pampering.... and let Mother Nature do the rest.

2019 New Years Resolution : “Bee” Clean Recycling

Clean Recycling is one of three initiatives introduced by the GCV Conservation and Beautification Committee. We challenge each of you to step up and be sure you are doing all you can to recycle appropriately. According to Central Waste Management, almost 1/3rd of material collected is unfit for the recycling process. As a refresher see below for general guidelines as well as do's and don'ts for recycling. Click here for more information: <http://cvwma.com/programs/curbside-recycling/what-to-recycle/>

General Rules:

- Aluminum cans have a very high value. Aluminum is taken to foundries where it is re-melted and poured into ingots for manufacturing.
- Tin cans have low economic value and are often contaminated with food residue. However, they are easy to separate at a facility because they are magnetic.
- Weight makes transportation costly. Unless there is a glass foundry nearby, glass is often put in landfills. It can be re-melted and is best when sorted by color. Glass containers are heavy and sadly low in value.
- Plastics have to be carefully sorted because each resin has its own physical properties. Plastic composite lumber companies can use a variety of plastics, but transportation can be impractical. Reducing the volume of plastic waste is a growing worldwide concern.
- Paper is graded by cleanliness, lack of oil contamination, color and length of fiber. High-grade office paper is of highest value. Dirty and mixed paper is of lower value.

DO recycle:

Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard boxes- please flatten

Mixed Paper

Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, computer paper, junk mail, cereal and other paperboard boxes and paper bags. No shredded paper. Donate to local animal shelter or use in composting.

Aluminum and Steel Can

Aluminum beverage cans.

Metal cans, including food and beverage cans. Lids can be recycled too. Empty and rinse. Place the lid back in the can.

Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Plastic Bottles and Containers

Plastic bottles and containers such as milk and juice jugs, soda & water bottles, shampoo bottles; detergent bottles, butter tubs, yogurt or sour cream containers, clear clamshells, berry baskets, prescription bottles, etc. Empty, rinse, and replace cap before placing in your recycling container. Remember, Styrofoam containers/packaging are still not accepted. We do not accept motor oil plastic bottles either.

Bottles and Jars

Clear, blue, brown & green food & beverage glass containers. Empty and rinse. Remove and throw away

Clear, blue, brown & green food & beverage glass containers. Empty and rinse. Remove and throw away metal caps/lids from accepted bottles or jars before putting them in the recycling container. Metal lids are not accepted.

Food and Beverage Cartons

Food and beverage cartons such as milk, juice, soup, creamers. Empty, rinse, and replace plastic caps before placing in your recycling container.

Plastic Lids or Caps

Plastic lids and caps are accepted. The cap needs to be placed back on the bottle or carton after rinsing to be recycled. Remove lids from accepted bottles or jars and rinse and replace cap before putting them in the recycling container. No loose bags of caps are accepted. The cap needs to be placed back on the bottle or carton to be recycled.

NO Foam Products and Carryout Packaging

Including cups, carryout packaging, and packaging materials (like peanuts).

NO PLASTIC BAGS. No plastic bagged recyclables.

Do not bag recyclables in plastic bags. They will not be opened and recycled at the MRF. Plastic bags can cause [equipment damage](#) at the processing facility (MRF) when they get wrapped around moving parts. Return plastic bags and film to retail stores. [Recycle at local retail stores .](#)

NO Food-contaminated items

Such as pizza boxes or aluminum foil. Any food left on your containers may attract pests to your recycling bin. Food residue also contaminates the materials and make them unrecyclable.

NO Hazardous Waste Containers

No flammables, motor oil, paint, or batteries are accepted.

NO Tanglers

No hoses, wires, chains or electronics are accepted. We do not accept holiday tree lights.

Metal Caps

Remove and throw away metal caps/lids from accepted bottles or jars before putting them in the recycling container.

Shredded Paper

No shredded paper. Donate to local animal shelter or use in composting.

TGC Spring Sale



Come shop with us...

- * Beautiful plants you can grow & use for Historic Garden Week
- * Herbs, Annuals, Perennials, Shrubs & Hard to find plants
- * Planted pots and garden accessories

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 9:00-3:00
3904 Exeter Road, Richmond, Virginia

Presale forms available www.tuckahoegardenclub.com

We hope everyone will save the date! **Please let Martha know of any shrubs or annuals you need for your home landscaping now** and we will try to get them on the presale order form and get them pre-ordered. We hope for this to be a great plant sale which offers some new plants and wonderful old favorites for your garden to bloom for Garden Week for years to come!

We are excited about our suppliers and will keep you posted! Please let Martha or Kathy know if you can work a shift to help out. We will have shifts on:

Tuesday, April 23 8am-10am, 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm and 2pm-4pm;

Wednesday, April 24 8am-10am, 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm and 2pm-4pm.

Please email Molly Revere (molly.revere@gmail.com) if you can work a shift or two! It will be fun! **Please know that the presale form will be available in early March and will be on our TGC website then.**

Thanks to Liz and Herb Carden for hosting us again this year. With Liz's pretty garden, we know it will be a beautiful sale!

Your Spring Sale Team,

Martha, Kathy, Patricia, Molly, and Charlotte

The Story of TGC



LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

The logo for the Library of Virginia, featuring a stylized stack of four books in yellow, red, purple, and blue, arranged in a slightly overlapping, fanned-out manner.

Have you ever wondered how and where we store the history of the Tuckahoe Garden Club?

While it's often nice to have large quantities of archival material on hand for quick reference, ranging from hard copies of minutes from past meetings, budgets, club directories, reports of projects, and newspaper articles as well as pictures of TGC and GCV events, it's nearly impossible for individuals to protect our records over time. Over twelve years ago, the Tuckahoe Garden Club entered into an agreement with the Library of Virginia to turnover our records for preservation and permanent safekeeping.

As the Historian for our club and a frequent user of the Library of Virginia facilities and website, I recently searched the index to review the records available for our club. There is a complete guide available online with detailed information of the records stored in their archives. This includes the minutes from our Board and Membership Meetings from 1928 to 2006, information on significant club projects, awards, newspaper archives recognizing significant projects, and the list is endless. The guide is available at www.lva.virginia.gov by searching the "Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton" from the catalog. The actual records are available for viewing in the Archives Room at the Library of Virginia during regular hours, six days a week.

I will encourage the club to continue to add to our rich collection. This not only ensures the preservation and proper indexing of our history but will guarantee that future generations of members will have access to our records. One of the main focuses of the Library of Virginia is preserving Virginia and American history – our club's significant projects are an important part of the history of Richmond and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Macon Willingham

FUNNY STORIES FOR GCV CENTENNIAL

GCV has extended the deadline for funny stories from clubs. GCV is asking for funny stories from club members to be assembled for hilarious viewing during the Centennial. We CERTAINLY have our share of them! Search the recesses of your memory for a funny, hysterical, embarrassing story (no names) associated with a GCV event and send them in. If nothing else we need these for our own archives so they won't be lost. Ultimately, I'd love to put these on our website for a good

laugh.

Send them to Macon Willingham. Deadline June 1. (Macon will email our stories to the GCV Historian, Judy Perry, gcvhistorian1920@gmail.com, no later than June 1.)

Betty

Here is the format GCV prefers:

- Stories should be light-hearted humor that happened to GCV members during GCV events or in planning or preparation for the events; they may be stories passed down throughout the history of your club.
- Narrative format/past tense – stories or quips.
- Do not use names of people or clubs within the narrative but do identify the person submitting, as well as her club.
- 350 words or less (less is best). Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt.
- Each person may enter no more than two narratives and these may or may not be selected for the compilation; selected stories will be edited.
- Each Club Historian is responsible for collecting the stories from her club members.
- The stories will be compiled and bound with a copy placed in the library of the Kent-Valentine House. Plans are being made to make them available to the membership.





Winterberry (Ilex verticillata) provides a cheery pop of red into the winter landscape. Plus, birds love to eat the berries.

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GARDEN CLUB

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GCV NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

GCV will be hosting a one-hour orientation for new members! New members since 2016 are encouraged to attend, but anyone may attend if interested. You'll learn all you need to know about GCV in just one short hour-maybe we all need to attend! Mark your calendars for March 26, 11:00 am-12 noon at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. This is the same day as Daffodil Day- you can take in the show and do the orientation as well. More details and registration will be shared soon.

2016

Ellen Buoyer

Charlotte Clarkson

Bonnie Cricchi

Meredith Lauter

2017

Rose Marie Bundy

Betsy Carney

Lauren Neal

Rita Ryan

Carey Viejo

2018

Lisa Elliott

Renee Gardner

Linda Hanson

Lynn Jacob

Penny Peebles

CONSERVATION LEGISLATIVE DAY

Want a peak at the legislative process? Join Betty and Abbie at this year's Conservation Legislature Day on January 30. This event, organized by Virginia Conservation Network is aimed to ensuring a strong conservation voice is heard early in the legislative session. Garden Club representatives are invited to join professional staff to meet with state legislators to encourage support of environmental proposals.

For more information and registration (small fee) go to the GCV website OR click on this GCV link to the event (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/conservation-lobby-day-tickets-53196414909>). This fills up quickly so register soon if you are interested.

GCV WORKSHOPS

In February at the Kent-Valentine House, GCV will offer two wonderful workshops on photography and artistic judging.

Thursday, February 21, Claire Mellinger will cover the principles and elements of design for smartphone photography. This workshop is from 9:30 am - 3pm and you will learn how to utilize your smartphone camera to maximum benefit. Betty has signed up...will you join her? Click here: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efzf3p2z0fc8b47a&llr=g4quzjcab>.

Friday, February 22, this workshop includes a hands-on workshop featuring parallel design as well as a lecture of instruction on the principles and elements of design in floral arranging. Current and prospective judges are encouraged to attend. For more detail and to sign up, click here <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efzf0mmh2ee21374&llr=g4quzjcab>.

GCV DAFFODIL DAY



Mark your calendars for March 26 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens for a sure-to-please array of spring's favorites. Billed as "March of the Trumpets," this 85th annual daffodil show is not to be missed. There is opportunity galore to participate as well as attend and be dazzled by the stunning and varied array of blooms.

Our club will be doing a inter club arrangement as well as arrangements by individuals, exhibiting photographs, and entering horticulture specimens. Be thinking what you can contribute. There is a direct link on the GCV website (<https://www.gcvirginia.org/daffodilday/>) to view particulars and schedules for floral design, photography, and horticulture, as well as registration for all categories. NOTE: Registration for Photography entries will close when all classes are full or on February 28. Just a little over a month to submit your photographs. Watch your gardens as they begin to flower and share your favorites. The show offers free admission and is open to the public 2-5 p.m.





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[Save the date: May 13 – 14, 2020 - Founders Day Celebrations in Richmond, VA. Stay tuned for an official Centennial Kickoff date to be announced soon.](#)

There will be a whole year of Centennial based GCV events with a grand finale at the Founders Day Celebrations.



Sycamore trees (Plantanus occidentalis) are massive, native trees that thrive in low-lying areas such as the banks of the James River. The sycamore's exfoliating bark reveals a creamy white which can be easily seen in winter.



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GCA PARTNERS FOR PLANTS





A stalwart group of Tuckahoe and James River Garden Club members gathered on Chapel Island January 10 for our first joint Partners for Plants habitat restoration meet up. On this crisp, sunny winter afternoon, we were treated to a tour of Chapel Island by botanists Joey Thompson and Chris Senfield, and James River Association's Sophie Stern. We then got to work removing invasive honeysuckle along the canal's tree edge, clearing the way for arborists to take down invasive Tree of Heaven and Mimosa.

The next joint membership volunteer workdays are as follows:

Thursday, March 21, 2019 - 1 - 3 pm

Friday, May 31, 2019 - 9 - 11 am

Monday, July 22, 2019 - 1 - 3 pm

Please plan to join in on the fun!!

For more volunteer opportunities visit www.jamesriverpark.org/invasives



GCA VISITING GARDENS PROGRAM



Tuckahoe GC and James River GC head to Newport , Rhode Island

June 19-22, 2019

Pack your bags and get ready because our Tuckahoe Ladies and James River Ladies are going on a great trip to Newport, Rhode Island this summer to attend The Newport Flower Show as well as tour some beautiful garden. Our list is full with members of both Richmond GCA Clubs, 38 lucky ladies, and we are starting a waiting list. We are getting help from the Newport Garden Clubs who belong to GCA through the GCA Visiting Gardens program. Aren't we lucky?

Please contact Kathy Watson if you would like your name added to the waiting list.

Madeline Mayhood, who is the editor of The Bulletin, and a member of James River Garden Club, and Martha Moore are planning the trip. Buckle up!

The Garden Club of America Annual Meeting 2020



Annual Meeting 2020 is fast approaching and our theme is "Moving Mountains Together."

Zone VII is in charge of the GCA Annual meeting next year from May 3-7, 2020, in Asheville, North Carolina at The Grove Park Inn. Our club is responsible for Registration--with Joanie and Kathy at the helm--as well as Public Relations and Communications. You can see the Annual Meeting 2020 Newsletters by signing into the GCA website and heading to our Zone VII Landing page (<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/natl-org-zone7>). Take a look and see what all eighteen clubs are pulling together for what is sure to be a great meeting! We only put on these annual meetings as a Zone every twelve years and our last one was in Norfolk.

In a few months we will be looking for volunteers to go and help for the days of the Meeting. This will be a lot of fun and you will get to see wonderful ladies from all over the country. It is one of the many benefits of association with GCA, to have the opportunity to think outside of our gardening world and look out over the whole country. So check your calendars and let Kathy or Joanie know if you would like to volunteer. You will see an amazing meeting with lots of fun and educational speakers and events.

Sixteen months and counting.....

Martha Moore



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