

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Membership Meeting

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

May 16, 2024

In attendance: Kelly Armstrong, Alice Tighman, Anne Page, Betsy Mitchell, Beverly Campbell, Carol Fox, Karen Berson, Kate O'Hagan, Kay Pangraze, Lisa Brennan, Lynn Brooke, Mary Mason Foukal, Meredith Lauter, Pattie Williams, Shelly Wiltshire, Susie Benson, Suzanne Duncan, Valerie Coleman, April Greenwood, Kate Christner, Freddie Gray, Barrie Edlich, Ginni Mackenzie, Preston Lee, Caroline Williams, Caroline Packard, Cara Rogers, Stephanie Lansing, Jeanne Ancarrow, Christina McCoy, Dabney McCoy, Susan Ewing, Betsy Carney, RoseMarie Bundy, Carey Viego, Sue Thompson, Linda Hanson, Charlotte Clarkson, Tibby Gardner, Jennifer Wilkins, Frances Coleman, Jeanine Hinson, Lisa Burlee, Jennifer Rector, Anastasia Seevers, Kathy Watson, Lena Scott, Patricia Hunter, Jennifer Sisk, Julia Borden Rose, Peyton Wells, Betty Jenkins, Mary Kathryn Woodward, Bonnie Cricchi, Liz Carden, Molly Revere, Terrell Harrigan, Tricia Sauer, Ruth Hill, Betty McLean, Anne Poarch, Margaret Ivey, Fran McDermott, Chris Shands, Renee Gardner, Cynthia Ferrell, Karen Gilmore, Elisabeth Mullins, Penny Peebles

The May Membership Meeting was held at the home of Anastasia Seevers at 11:00 AM. Members enjoyed a boxed lunch following the meeting.

Welcome- Kelly

- Thanks to today's hostess: Cara Rogers, Freddie Gray, Caroline Packard, Chris Shands

The minutes from the March 2024 membership Meeting were approved

Reflection- Ellen

- An excerpt from the book How to be More Tree

Treasurer's Report and Budget Vote- Kathy

- Budget includes \$2500 for the first installment for oak trees at Virginia War Memorial, And 2 new gifts- one to the Bee City initiative and one to Friends of the James River Park Association

- Motion to approve the proposed 2024 budget was made and seconded, and budget was approved by membership vote

Membership- Jennifer

- Vote on By-Law and Constitution language changes (previously approved by Board)
Membership voted to approve the following proposed changes:
 - members of the Executive Committee (excluding President) may endorse or propose new member
 - Executive Committee slate to be approved by December (not March as currently written)
 - Sustainer Membership criteria will no longer require a minimum of age 65 but will still require 15 years of membership. Special exceptions and situations to be considered by the Board

Spring Sale- Kelly for Cynthia

- Netted \$8100- funds will be used for community gifts next year

Historic Garden Week- Kelly

- Thanks to Head Flower Arrangers and Hostesses and all who volunteered
- Thanks to Melida Smith and Catherine Driscoll and to Anastasia Seevers and Renee Montague

Programs- Kelly for Martha

- TGC trip to the Hamptons June 9-12 2025-more details to come

Richmond Rose Society Show- Kathy

- May 18th at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, open to public after 2 PM

GCV Lily Show- Kelly

- June 18th at St Stephen's Episcopal Church

Exhibit Results

Artistic

Class I

Blue- Margaret Ivey

Class III

Yellow- Ruth Hill

Horticulture

Class I

Blue- Bonnie Cricchi

Red- Dabney McCoy

Class II

Blue- April Greenwood

Class IV

Blue- Liz Carden

Red- Kathy Watson

Betty Jenkins

Ellen Buoyer

April Greenwood

Photography

Class I

Blue- Kelly Armstrong

Red- Stephanie Lansing

April Greenwood

Class II

Blue- Kelly Armstrong

Red- April Greenwood

Yellow- Betty Jenkins

Class III

Blue- Kelly Armstrong

Awards Presentation- Kelly and RoseMarie

Tuckahoe Garden Club Bowls:

Martha Whitehead Michaux Bowl- RoseMarie Bundy

Marion Boatwright Dudley Bowl- April Greenwood

Elizabeth Wingo Knowles Bowl- Sue Thompson

Janet Patton Lewis Bowl- Anastasia Seevers

Preston Purcell Horticulture Bowl- Anastasia Seevers

Charlotte Taylor Massie Membership Award-Cara Rogers

Tuckahoe Garden Club Photography Award-Kelly Armstrong

Ann Arey Mason Bowl- Karen Gilmore

The President's Award- Ellen Buoyer

TGC 2024 Daffodil Circle*- Liz Carden, Dee Ferguson, Lena Scott, Susuan Landin

*Members who have attained 25 years of membership in TGC. TGC makes a \$25 gift to the Endowment for each new Daffodil Circle member

GCA Club Awards

GCA Horticulture Commendation Award-Brie Arthur (non-GCA member)

GCA Club Communication Award-Betsy Carney

GCA Club Floral Design Achievement Award-RoseMarie Bundy

GCA Medal of Merit-Kelly Armstrong

Passing of the Gavel- Kelly and Ellen

TGC President 2024-2026 Ellen Buoyer introduced the 2024-2026 Executive Board:

First Vice- President- RoseMarie Bundy

Second Vice-President- Betsy Carney

Communications Director- Stephanie Lansing

Recording Secretary- Fran McDermott

Treasurer- Bonnie Cricchi

Tribute to Kelly- Ellen

Ellen presented Kelly with a gift certificate on behalf of the club for an art class of her choosing at VMFA

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Peebles

Recording Secretary

Announcements and Thanks- Kelly

- Thanks to the Program Committee for all of the wonderful programs and speakers this year, including today's guest speakers, Sara Ledbetter and Liz Wozencraft
- The arrangements from today's program will be raffled off at the conclusion of the meeting
- Thanks to Meredith Lauter and Peyton Wells for their help with flowers for today's program
- Thanks to Maria Reed for hosting yesterday's workshop on hort and artistic exhibits for new members- and a reminder that all active members are required to enter at least one hort and one artistic exhibit each year

Membership-ByLaw Changes- Katherine (see handout)

- Proposed language changes to the By-Laws pertaining to Membership (approved by the Board and to be voted on by membership at the May meeting) were presented:
 - Executive Committee members (excluding the President) may propose and endorse a candidate for membership
 - Sustaining Membership- remove the age requirement (65 years or older)

Finance- Kathy (see handout)

- Proposed 2024-2025 Budget highlights:
 - Member dues to remain the same
 - No funds allotted for field trip (previously a \$1500 line item)- costs will be covered by those members who attend

- Proposing a \$25 assessment per member to put in reserve for upcoming meetings in 2028 and 2030; assessment will be part of budget vote at May membership meeting; club has done this in the past
- GCV now reimbursing clubs (within reason) for HGW flowers and giving clubs \$100 for the monthly floral arrangements clubs provide at Kent Valentine House

Community Gifts- Preston (see handout)

- Gifts proposal will be voted on at May meeting
- TGC is giving \$2500 to Virginia War Memorial for trees

Historic Garden Week- Melinda and Catherine

- Thanks to all head house hostesses and floral arrangers
- Still need to fill 4 slots, sustainers are welcome to volunteer
- Flower material needed from members

Spring Sale- Cynthia

- Pre-sale forms due by 3/28 with payment at pickup on day of sale
- Will be raffling off planted containers on evening of sale
- Vendors will be at the evening event with Kent Russell

Conservation- Linda and Fran

- April is Native Plant Month
- Send photos of natives to Fran and Linda for Insta/website

Memorials- Betty

- Memorials tab is up now on TGC website-looks great

TGC Cocktail Party- Karen

- Please RSVP soon so hostesses will have headcount for caterer

Other Business- Kelly

- Congratulations to Anne Poarch on her new role as Development Director at Capital Trees
- Zone VII Meeting this fall in Charleston, WV
 - Need 3-5 volunteers to grow “Cheese Pumpkins” from seed for Zone Meeting- see Kelly for seeds

- Daffodil Day at Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach 3/26 and 3/27
 - Any members entering please let TGC Awards Chairman RoseMarie Bundy know so she can track points

Introduction of Guest Speakers and Today's Program- Martha

"Putting the FUN in Flower Arranging" with Sara Ledbetter and Liz Wozencraft, GCA Floral Design Judges and members of the Garden Club of Houston

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Peebles

Recording Secretary

Exhibit Results

Horticulture

Class I Blooming Branches

Blue- Sue Thompson

Red- RoseMarie Bundy

Yellow- Mary Mason Foukal

Ruth Hill

No name- Spirea

White- Ellen Buoyer

Class II Hellebores

Blue- Sue Thompson

Red- Molly Revere

Red- Katherine Salt

Yellow- April Greenwood

Yellow- RoseMarie Bundy

Yellow- Libby Robertson

Yellow- Karen Berson

White- Rita Ryan

White- Cabell West

White- Valerie Coleman

White- Frances Coleman

White- Beverly Campbell

White- Linda Hanson

Class III- Bulbs

Specimen: Other

Blue- Renee Montague

Red-Libby Robertson

Red- RoseMarie Bundy

Collection

Blue- Kelly Armstrong, Tulips

Specimen- Narcissus

Blue- April Greenwood

Red- Ellen Buoyer

White- Catherine Driscoll

White- Lynn Jacob

Collection- Narcissus

Blue- Renee Gardner

Red- Sue Thompson

White- April Greenwood

White- Anastasia Seevers

Class IV

Blue- Karen Gilmore

Red- Sue Thompson

Red- Peyton Wells

Red- Renee Gardner

White- Helen Pinckney

White- Valerie Coleman

Artistic

Class I

Blue- Libby Robertson

Red- Karen Berson

Red-Cabell West

White- Lisa Brennan

White- Anastasia Seevers

Class II

Blue- Penny Peebles

Red- Charlotte Clarkson
White-Beverly Campbell
White- Catherine Driscoll

Class III
Blue- RoseMarie Bundy

Photography

Class I
Blue- Dabney McCoy
Yellow- April Greenwood

Class II
Blue- April Greenwood

Class III
Blue- Betty Jenkins
Red- April Greenwood

