

# **Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton**

## **Membership Meeting Minutes**

**March 19, 2025**

**In attendance:** Abbie Wharton, Anastasia Seevers, Anne Kempe, Anne Poarch, Audra Boardman, Barrie Edlich, Betsy Carney, Betsy Mitchell, Betty Jenkins, Beverly Campbell, Bonnie Cricchi, Cara Rogers, Caroline Packard, Catherine Driscoll, Chandler Klevana, Charlotte Clarkson, Chris Shands, Christina McCoy, Cynthia Ferrell, Dabney McCoy, Ellen Buoyer, Fran McDermott, Frances Coleman, Freddie Gray, Ginni Mackenzie, Jennifer Rector, Jennifer Sisk, Jennifer Wilkins, Jenny Evans, Karen Berson, Karen Gilmore, Katherine Salt, Leila Jones, Lena Scott, Libby Robertson, Linda Hanson, Lisa Brennan, Lisa Burlee, Lynn Brooke, Margaret Ivey, Maria Reed, Martha Moore, Mary Kathryn Woodward, Mary Mason Foukal, Megan Matthews, Melinda Smith, Meredith Lauter, Patricia Hunter, Pattie Williams, Penny Peebles, Peyton Wells, Preston Lee, Renee Gardner, Renee Montague, Rita Ryan, RoseMarie Bundy, Ruth Cunningham, Shelly Wiltshire, Sherry Titus, Susan Jones, Tricia Sauer, Valerie Coleman

The meeting was held at Kim Faison Antiques, beginning at 5:30pm.

### **Welcome - Ellen**

**Reflection** - "A Prayer in Spring" by Robert Frost

### **Opening Statements - Ellen**

- Ellen recognized our guest, Kit Sullivan, GCV Director at Large, member of the Boxwood Garden Club
- Minutes from the February membership meeting were approved.

### **Dabney McCoy - Memorial for Mary Meade Davenport**

### **Budget for 2025-2026 - Bonnie**

- Finance Committee met in February and prepared the new budget
- TGC is in "good shape" financially
- Upcoming special projects that require financial support are the Centennial Tree Project, GCV Annual Meeting 2028, GCA Zone Meeting 2030.
- Membership dues will remain unchanged
- New budget similar to 2024-2025 budget, with exception of addition of \$200 for the Conservation committee

- Encouraged members to use Zelle for payments as TGC has to cover extra charge for credit card transactions
- Will vote on 2025-2026 TGC Budget at May membership meeting

### **Gifts - Bonnie (on behalf of Preston Lee)**

- Gifts committee met recently and provided summary of proposed TGC Charitable Gifts for 2025-2026 (all funded by TGC fundraising projects) :
  - \$5200 for recurring gift recipients (see handout)
  - \$2500 to the Virginia War Memorial
  - \$1000 to the French Broad Creek Garden Club
- Honored Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens for a 1 time donation of \$2500 in honor of anniversary
- Giving to Capital Trees decreased from \$1000 to \$500

### **Community Projects - Jennifer**

- Presented *TGC Centennial Tree Program Proposal, in partnership with Capital Trees*
- Membership voted to approve funding to begin planting 12 native trees at project sites in Spring 2025 (see handout). Projected costs are \$450 for tree installation and 3 years establishment care
- *TGC Centennial Tree Program* supports the TGC goal of planting 100 trees by 2030, in honor of 100 years of TGC work.
- Asking for volunteers for upcoming community projects:
  - Caritas Spring Refresh - April 2
  - Anna Julia Cooper School Refresh - April 10
  - Lighthouse Flower Arranging Workshop - May 13
  - Shalom Farms workday - Fall 2025

### **Capital Trees - Anne Poarch**

- Recruiting volunteers to begin tree planting at Hotchkiss Green Dunn Street entrance, Low Line Gardens benches, Low Line Garden Western entrance, and Low Line Gardens and Great Shiplock Park
- Invited TGC members to attend Celebration of Capital Trees 15th Anniversary on March 26

### **Conservation - Betty and Chandler**

- Conservation “gently used” sales table at Spring sale (Contact Chandler with donation items - pots, vases, garden equipment, etc.)
- Brief presentation on “Backyard Pollution”

## **Historic Garden Week**

- Ellen thanked all volunteers
- Richmond tours on April 29, 30, & May 1

## **Spring Sale - Megan**

- Presale forms will be sent out this week.
- Reviewed vendors

## **Closing Reminders - Ellen**

- Daffodil Day, May 26 (see Renee Gardner for more information)
- Petals and Prosecco – April 23

## **Program - Lisa Elliot, Spring Container Gardening**

### **Exhibit Results**

#### **Artistic**

Class I	No entries
Class II	Fran McDermott (Blue)
Class III	No entries

#### **Photography (February results)**

Class I	April Greenwood (Blue)
Class III	April Greenwood (Blue)
	Betty Jenkins (Red)
	Ellen Buoyer (Yellow)

#### **Photography (March results)**

Class III	Betty Jenkins (Blue)
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#### **Horticulture (February results)**

Class III	Shelly Wiltshire (Blue)
	Betty Jenkins (Red)
	Karen Berson (Yellow)
	Bonnie Cricchi (NR)

#### **Horticulture (March results)**

Class II	Anastasia Seevers (Blue)
	Karen Berson (Red)
	Bonnie Cricchi (Yellow)
Class III	Shelly Wiltshire (Blue)
	Anastasia Seevers (Red)
	Patricia Hunter (Yellow)

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm*

Respectfully submitted,  
Fran McDermott  
Recording Secretary