

**Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020**

The February Membership Meeting of the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton was held on Wednesday, February 19 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 1:00 p.m. The president was in the chair; the recording secretary was absent. Preston Lee took the minutes in her stead. The minutes from the November 2019 membership meeting were approved.

Program

Gregory Britt, floral designer from Charlottesville, the "Nice Guy Who Creates Epic Floral Artistry", demonstrated his talent by creating two floral arrangements.

President's Announcements

- Betty thanked the meetings' hostesses: Elizabeth McGill, Mary Kathryn Woodward and Abbie Wharton for the delicious refreshments
- Betty alerted us to the Wall Street Journal article that appeared on February 16 profiling Tuckahoe Plantation and the Thompsons.

Other Announcements

- **Finance**-Bonnie Cricchi (TGC Treasury) and Peyton Wells (Endowment)
 - Treasurer/Finance/Gifts/Endowment
 - 2020-21 Budget Proposal-Bonnie Cricchi, Treasurer, reviewed the proposed budget for 2020-2021 that was prepared by the Finance Committee. Report and budget attached.
 - Gifts proposal-Susan Landin, Chair, Gifts Committee
Susan itemized each gift from our club, totaling \$9343. Gifts are shown in attached budget proposal report. She asked Liza Cabell to briefly explain the \$3333 special gift to Capital Trees. Liza reported that CT asked for \$10k over 3 years in order to expand staff hours to accommodate increase in projects, education, maintenance, volunteer management, and the Green Initiative from Mayor Stoney. The proposal for gifts to our community was voted on and approved by the membership.
 - Endowment-Bonnie reported for Peyton Wells. The endowment's market value is \$71,000 (report attached).
 - Summary. Although the club is financially sound and strong, we do have increased expenses for the coming year. In order to cover those costs, the Finance Committee proposes a roughly 10% increase in dues (\$25 for actives, \$14 for sustainers).

- No questions or concerns of the proposed budget were made from members. This budget will be presented for approval at the May membership meeting.

- **Historic Garden Week – Anne Poarch reports:**
 - Anne thanked the Head Arrangers who met with the homeowners and Head hostesses for the homes we are responsible for flowers and hosting.
 - Volunteer assignments will be sent via email today to membership.
 - Guidebook will be out this week. Sara Cann will put some on her porch by Friday.
 - In 2021 the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Richmond tour schedule returns. No more Friday tours.

- **Project Perennial-Jennifer Sisk.** Stevie McFadden facilitated the first meeting of our club's self-study; 12 members attended. Jennifer said it was very good and productive. Stevie will return on March 5 at 9am at Jennifer's house for all interested members to participate. A forthcoming email will give details.

- **Fundraising.**
 - Spring Sale will take place on April 15 at Jennifer Sisk's home from 9:00 to 4:00. Martha Moore made the following remarks about the sale:
 - Members are requested to invite 3 friends to the sale using the promotional cards provided.
 - Lucite boxes will be available by pre-order.
 - Driftwood will be for sale.
 - Sign-up to work a shift at the sale using the sign-up form circulated. An online form will be circulated for those unavailable to sign the paper form.
 - Boxed lunches will be available by pre-order.
 - A floral design workshop will be provided for interested members to learn about how to assess a house open for garden week.
 - Presale order forms due 3/15; they will be available for download from the TGC website and each member will receive a paper copy.
 - Bring plants to share at the sale
 - Gift Cards and Gift Tags - Tricia Sauer unveiled her note cards and gift tags she produced from her own photographs for the club to sell and use as gifts. The Board enthusiastically approved the designs. Uptown Color printed the cards and provided the promotional easels. Tricia will sell the cards at a table at Spring Sale and tour headquarter sites during HGW..

- **GCA Annual Meeting.** Martha Moore reported that our club is sending several volunteers to Asheville. Also, encouraged us to help Missy Ryan and Rita Ryan to collect horticulture specimens by May 2.

- **Programs.** Kate O'Hagan reminded us of two upcoming programs:

- March Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 18 at Ellwood Thompson. Refreshments begin at 9:30, program at 10. Speaker is Dominic Barrett, Executive Director at Shalom Farms.
- Spring Cocktail Party at Reynolds Gallery on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30.
- **Angels of the Month** – Betty recognized the Programs Committee members, Lena Scott, Kate O’Hagan, Susan Jones and Jennifer Sisk as her Angel this month.
- **Exhibit Results**
 - **TGC Floral Exhibits Results-** RoseMarie Bundy, Frannie Phillips, Lynn Jacob
 - Class I: Go Red for Women’s Heart Month
 - Blue: RoseMarie Bundy
 - Red:
 - Yellow:
 - White: Anne Poarch
 - Class II: Botanical Arts arrangement
 - Blue- Betty Jenkins (Hellebore)
 - Red- Cabell West (Hellebore)
 - Yellow- Jill Mountcastle (Lily Magnolia)
 - **TGC Horticulture Exhibits Results-**Barrie Edlich, Cynthia Ferrell, Julia Borden Rose
 - Class I: Forced branch
 - Blue- Dee Ferguson (Redbud)
 - Red- Rosemary Bundy (Chickasaw Plum)
 - Class II: Non-forced blooms
 - Flowers:
 - Blue- Betty Jenkins (Hellebore)
 - Red- Cabell West (Hellebore)
 - Yellow- Jill Mountcastle (Lily Magnolia)
 - Branches:
 - Blue: Dee Ferguson (Paperbush?)
 - Red: Peyton Wells (Star Magnolia)
 - Yellow: Kelly Armstrong (Daphne)
 - Yellow: Chris Shands (Quince)
 - White: Jennifer Sisk (Daphne)
 - Class III: Evergreens with cones or berries
 - Blue: Dee Ferguson (Cryptomeria)
 - Red: Jill Mountcastle (Carolina Sapphire Cypress)

Class IV: Bare branch or dried plant material

Blue: Lena Scott (Fountain Grass)

Red: Jill Mountcastle (Ornamental onion)

Yellow: Dee Ferguson (Harry Lauder's Walking Stick)

○ **TGC Photography Exhibits Results**-Chandler Klevana

Class I Woodland Fall Scene

Blue: Jennifer Sisk

Red: Jill Mountcastle, RoseMarie Bundy

Class II An image featuring weather

Blue: Jennifer Sisk

Red: Libby Robertson

Yellow: Kelly Armstrong

White: Betty Jenkins

New Business

- Sara Cann presented the finalists for the GCA Founder's Fund Award and the club voted for The Permaculture Sanctuary Promoting Trauma Resilience through Regenerative Gardening proposed by the Twin City Garden Club Zone VII.
- Sara Cann presented the finalists for the GCV Bessie Boccock Carter Conservation Award. The club voted for the Roadside Biodiversity Initiative proposed jointly by The Lynchburg Garden Club and the Hillside Garden Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Buoyer

Recording Secretary

December 3, 2019

Attachments

- 2020-2021 Budget Proposal
- Finance Committee Report to the Board