

## Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports October

**Dear Officers and Standing Committee Members,**  
Please submit your monthly report to the Board in the Google form below. Keep in mind your report should be concise- sharing essential information, dates, links to further information and any action items that should be highlighted- and presented in a bullet-format if possible. If you have no report for the month, please note "NO REPORT". Thank you all!

### OFFICERS

<b>First VP/Kelly Armstrong</b>
On my project list: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Discuss use of surplus of 2021 with Karen Gilmore.</li><li>2. Working with Molly Revere on redefining Communications Chair role and with VP2 Melinda Smith on new Greenbook concept.</li><li>3. Support Conservation Co-Chairs with aim toward developing an active Conservation Committee within the club</li></ol>
<b>Second VP/Database /Melinda Smith</b>
The Greenbook has been printed and the copies were brought to the meeting in September. There are still quite a few that need to be delivered and/or mailed. Distribution will continue throughout the month.
<b>Corresponding Secretary/Charlotte Clarkson</b>
<b>No report</b>
<b>Communications Director/Molly Revere</b>
-sent out dues reminders to all membership categories -sent out info about nominating new members -made updates to email contacts
<b>Treasurer/Karen Gilmore</b>
About half of dues income has been received. Preparing for 2020/2021 tax filing.

## STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communications</b>/Kate Christner and Lisa Burlee</p> <p>Newsletter: no report</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Community Projects and Long Range plans</b>/Kate O'Hagan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conservation</b>/Ellen Buoyer</p> <p>Jill and I will moderate Q&amp;A at the November membership meeting featuring Jay Leutze. His topic will be "The Global Garden". Questions will be generated in advance. Also, thank you again to the Programs committee and September hostesses for embracing our new conservation protocols for meetings.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finance</b>/Karen Gilmore and Kelly Armstrong</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Governance</b>/Lynn Jacob</p> <p>-no report</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gifts</b>/Sara Cann</p> <p><b>Our committee will start looking at last year's gifts and potential new recipients for this year.</b></p>

### Fundraising

Betsy Carney (**Holiday**) - Lauren and I have gotten the ball rolling and are hoping to recreate some of the fun that we missed last year. We think a 9:30-11 workshop followed by our gathering and sale 11-1 would work well and are open to feedback on the timing. Vendors are being contacted for both virtual and in person sales, and CookPicnic and Cakes by Jen are already signed on for food orders. Much more to come!

Patricia Hunter (Spring)

The committee has purchased some fun containers and we will be potting some bulbs to sell at the Christmas sale, if that works with the Christmas committee. More to come on this.

### Membership/ Martha Moore / Libby Robertson/Stephanie Lansing

I- New Members

7 new Membership proposals have been submitted for the Board to approve on October 18th.

Anastasia SeEVERS

Lisa Brennan

Cynthia Ferrell

Rita Ryan

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Shelly Wiltshire

Bonnie Cricchi

Betty Jenkins

Abbie Wharton

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Margaret Ivey

Lynn Jacob

Preston Lee

Sara Cann

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Renee Montague

Linda Hanson

Chandler Klevana

Liz Carden

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Kay Pangreze

Rosemarie Bundy

Kathy Watson

Betsy Mitchell

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Elisabeth Mullins

Caroline Williams

Betsy Carney

Melinda Smith

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Kelly Polk

Lisa Burlee

Barrie Edlich

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Betsy Fauntleroy

Voting starts online for all ACTIVES on Tuckahoe Garden Club website by 10/20/21 and **vote due back by 10/30/20 noon**. In case of a tie, you may be asked to revote electronically again that evening before the 11/03 meeting.

II. Mentors for classes from past two years.

We have written emails to possible mentors to pair with new members from the past two years. Hopefully all will say yes. Here is sample note we sent:

Tuckahoe Garden Club Special Request

The Membership Committee is asking each of you to help us make everyone feel Included and “tended to” this coming year and next year. We are hoping you will say YES to being a mentor for \_\_\_\_\_ since you were one of her proposers. This is very low key, but we are hoping you will try to

- 1- Encourage her to come to the Horticulture Workshop at Sue’s on October 19
- 2- Encourage her to ride with you to the November meeting at the VMFA on November 3
- 3- Make a plan to come to either the bulb workshop ( around November 10 to be confirmed) and or the Holiday greens workshop on December 1
- 4- Try to encourage your mentee to exhibit in the spring both artistic and horticulture and have some fun together before a meeting putting one together.
- 5- Try to find some time to catch up and do some fun gardening activity together

Covid has made some of our newer members feel out of it, and we want to make sure they meet some of the other members this year at meetings, and most importantly have some fun!

All of our mentors from the past two years will have mentors. We are hoping you will say YES and RSVP by October 18 to Stephanie Lansing at \_\_\_\_\_ -

Make it fun. Keep it simple! We appreciate you supporting our newest members!

Many thanks,  
Martha, Libby and Stephanie

III. Flower Hour Options for path to membership  
Flower Hour Action Plan for path to membership  
Original Plan : April 2021  
Updated options presented to Board October 2021

Option A ( our recommended plan)

Continue as is. No big commitment to TGC at this time, just fun and education. Keep them stimulated with new speaker , topics and hands on activities to learn about gardening , conservation and floral design.

#### Option B ( original plan)

Fall 2020-Spring 2021

- Cultivation of potential new members through a series of 3
- Casual Flower Hour meetings – covering some conservation, Floral Design and gardening
- Legacies only , including daughter in laws

Fall 2021- Spring 2022

- Repeat of schedule of previous year including visit to a supplier/grower, pruning workshop and more hands on flower arranging
- Garden design talk from one of our members

Invitation in April 2022 to join Provisional Class. Accept up to 12 with application filled out and returned by deadline.

- Provisional Members could be voted in by the Board and asked to be provisionals for up to three years, attending flower Hour events during that time as well as some other club events like Spring Sale, Holiday Sale, Civic Projects.
- Many of the flower Hour group work so could not attend day time meetings at this point. They may be invited to attend certain demonstration meetings where programs would be appealing. ( pick 2 from the year schedule)

April 2025

- Provisional members could be ranked and admitted to the club up to 3 at a time if spaces allowed.
- Preference would be given to those with highest interest and best attendance record during the provisional period.

THIS would require several Dedicated full time members to manage and plan. We recommend not considering the provisional class system because of too much structure and too much commitment . Some of our younger advisors think this would drive them away.

Too much Structure would cause girls to RUN

We fear the girls would not like being asked to do any jobs with their limited time at this point. We are recommending to NOT do this plan

Option C if interested , best attendees could be sponsored for membership after 3 years

Let 3 in per year ( have conversation) offer a sign up list if interested.

Maybe separate process to bypass the big list?

Martha , Libby and Stephanie

Our thought:

Let them come to us when they are ready to join. Most are having babies and working full time and would not have time for the commitment of a club for the next 5 years. Reapproach after children are in school.

**help .**

**We will invite all of our past two years of new members to come help at the bIV.** New members will be announced at the November 3 meeting and invited to our greens workshop and holiday sale on December 1. We are scheduling a new member orientation at CCV on January 10, 2022.

V. We have ordered the bulbs to do for sustainers and can get 15 extra to put of for holiday sale if ok with Betsy. The tentative planting date for amaryllis and a few other bulbs is November 10 at Libby's house. Susie can help deliver and may need help delivering bulbs to the different sustainers and honorary members.

**Programs/RoseMarie Bundy**

I believe that the September Meeting and October Field Trip were very successful and well attended. Many thanks to Christina and Lynn for all of their hard work!

The planning for November's meeting at the VMFA is , for the most part, complete. Freddie, Jennifer, and Kelly are working out the final details on the sequence of the meeting /Q and A with our speaker, Jay Leutze. The hostess committee is working with Jennifer on the budget, etc. for the refreshments.

**Sustainer rep/Susie Benson**

No report now..Still waiting to hear if we are doing the bulbs

**Garden Club of America/Kathy Watson**

(Flower Shows & Test Collection, Horticulture, Visiting Garden & Scholarship, Garden History & Design)

The GCA is hosting a virtual *SAVING SALMON* conservation study conference on November 17. 11 am - 1 pm and 4 pm - 6 pm (eastern time). Register to attend on the GCA website.

The Floral Design Committee is presenting the second virtual design conference, *CELEBRATIONS*, on December 8th. There will be sessions for all levels of designers. Be on the lookout for online registration coming soon. You can read all the details in the fall issue of

*BY DESIGN* which can be found on the GCA website (it also should have hit your inbox this week). It's worth a look if you haven't already!

**Garden Club of Virginia/Meredith Lauter**  
(General News, HGW, Flower Shows, Horticulture)

Upcoming Major Events Not-To-Miss 2022

- *Daffodil Day 2022* - March 29, 2022 - Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- *Paula Pryke Floral Demonstration* - May 12, 2022 - Virginia Museum of History & Culture
- *Lilies in Bloom 2022* - June 14, 2022 - Rappahannock Valley Garden Club
- *Symposium 2022* - Cultivate! - September 20-21, 2022 - Science Museum of Virginia
- 2022 - New GCV Styles & Techniques - 7 Workshops
  - New GCV Styles
    - Contemporary Casual
    - Interpretive
  - “What & How” - Using the Essential Principles & Elements of Design
  - “Step 1” - Flower Arranging for True Novices
  - “You Be The Judge” - Participants will Apply Principles & Elements of Design to exhibits prepared by GCV Judges
  - The New Mechanics - Alternatives to Floral Foam in Flower Arranging
  - “On the Vine” - How to Make Grapevine Spheres and Wreaths - Alternatives to Floral Foam
  - GCV Judging
    - *Revised GCV Judging Program Qualifications*
      - Increased judging opportunities
      - Flexibility to include community activities
      - Active Student Judging Program
      - Judge Emeritus Status added
    - *Judges by District* - comprehensive list available online to assist member clubs securing judges for club flower shows and meeting exhibits
    - *Judges' Annual Record* - online report of yearly activities - January-December
    - *Judges' Workshops*
      - Judging A Virtual Flower Show - 2021
      - Judging Botanical Arts - 2021 - Peyton Wells
        - Judges' Chats 2021 & 2022
      - Judging with Principles & Elements of Design (2022) with VMFA

- *Judges' Exam* - new online exam using Principles & Elements of Design (2022)

Footnote:

\*\*\* GCV Clubs and Members creating Interpretive Designs for Fine Arts & Flowers, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, October 20-24, 2021

GCV Clubs Members Arranging Interpretive Designs:	56
GCV Clubs Represented:	26
Number of VMFA Works Interpreted:	31

**Nominating /** Betty Jenkins

Hopefully by November we will have a slate to propose.