

Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports October 2024

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

First VP/RoseMarie Bundy

We had many exhibits at our September meeting for Floral, Horticulture, and Photography. The tablescape were a big hit. Applause all around!

GCV/RoseMarie Bundy

No report.

Daffodil Day, History Blooms, and HGW are all gearing up.

GCA/RoseMarie Bundy

Our Club had a "great showing" at the Zone VII meeting in Charleston, WV !

The results are:

Peyton won the Botanical Arts Achievement Award for Zone VII, a huge honor!

Botanical Arts- Peyton and Renee Gardner won First Place for the Most Creative Award and Best in Show

Photography- Tricia Sauer won second place and the Novice Award.

Horticulture- Kathy Watson won 3, First place, 2 Second Place, and 2 Third Place ribbons

Sue Thompson won 1, First place, 2 Second Place, 1 Third Place and 1 Honorable Mention ribbons

RoseMarie Bundy won 1 First place ribbon

Floral (Artistic) - Meredith Lauter and Jennifer Rector won the second place ribbon

Long Island Cheese Pumpkin Challenge- Betty Jenkins won third place

Second VP & Membership/Betsy Carney

The Flower Hour leaders and hostess are gearing up for the first event. Members who would like to sponsor a guest are being reminded with an email to sign them up and pay

the fee. We have 11 already! An invitation will be sent to the young ladies who have been sponsored.

Steward Glsuky (Glenview GC) is hosting the first Zone VII Membership Chair zoom Thursday, October 3rd.

Recording Secretary/Fran McDermott

Suggest a uniform approach to reporting/submitted exhibit results.

Reminder re: takeaway board at membership meetings

Communications Director/Stephanie Lansing

No report

Treasurer/Bonnie Cricchi

We have received dues from about 75 members and will put a reminder in the Oct. newsletter for ALL to pay! Really want to encourage use of Zelle to make these dues payments, and for me to reimburse members! It's free, quick and safe. Paying a few other bills that have come along but all going smoothly.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Website/Lisa Burlee

Community Projects and Long Range plans/Kelly Armstrong & Jennifer Sisk

- Community Service Plans
 - Caritas - Fall spruce up of courtyard planned tentatively for 10/8
 - Shalom Farms - Spring planting event
 - LightHouseRVA - Floral arranging session
 - Fall Community Events:
 - **Lewis Ginter: October 11, 2024, 3 – 4 p.m.**
Join us for a presentation by two nationally renowned landscape

designers featured in the Garden's [THRIVE](#) expansion, which began this April. Wambui Ippolito of [Wambui Design](#) and Thomas Rainer of [Phyto Studio](#) will share the inspiration, vision and goals for their designs.

- **Capital Region Land Conservancy:** Join CRLC at Maymont on Sunday, October 13 for our annual fall fundraiser. Get your tickets, become an event sponsor or donate to our silent auction and support the region's only land conservancy. Learn more about this year's [Fields, Forests + Streams Celebration](#)
- **Capital Trees** broke ground on the new Hotchkiss Green on Monday, August 26, 5:30 pm at the Hotchkiss Field Community Center. The project will transform two acres of treeless turf at the Hotchkiss Field Community Center in Richmond's northside into the Hotchkiss Green – an inviting urban landscape that includes walking trails, seating areas, shade trees, a pollinator garden, and native shrubs and perennials. Donations to this project can be made at [Capitaltrees.org](#).

- Long Range Plans

- Club Leadership Plans - Presented Ellen with grid of leadership needs for TCG for next six years
- HGW - Ellen planning to connect with leaders at GCV to discuss Annual Meeting/HGW plans for 2027
- HGW - Have a corrected grid to use now for leadership needs.
- GCV Annual Meeting 2027- Leadership will need to be determined shortly
- GCA Zone Meeting 2030 - Leadership will need to be determined shortly
- Centennial - Tree plan meeting to take place in mid to late October. Meeting with the Science Museum on 10/15 to determine potential tree needs. Open to other proposals from Club members.
- Suggest a meeting with Nominating chair to begin process

Conservation/Betty Jenkins & Renee Montague

Conservation Report-

- Plastic bag Project from Chandler Klavana (bringing clear bags Chandler dropped off)
- Great response from first presentation at the September meeting. Members seem engaged
- At the November meeting I will report on clothing waste and pollution
- Instagram will be a resource for us to share highlights of our focuses and a way to share more seasonal suggestions

- This is new and we are looking at it as trial and error and will alter how we use this added communication as needed
- conservation forum registration is open, November 7th in Martinsville, How to save Earths Essential Birds and Insects
- Also GCA Conservation Study Conference, virtual November 6, Subject is Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

Governance/Katherine Salt

No report

Gifts/Preston Lee

The Gifts Committee will be meeting later in the fall to begin gifts considerations. Lewis Ginter has asked to be considered for a gift and I will be asking them to make a short presentation regarding their 40th Anniversary at the November membership meeting. Any ideas for new gifts recipients would be gratefully accepted.

Fundraising Holiday/Martha Moore & Kathy Watson

-The Christmas pre-sale form went out Wednesday morning with a link to purchase which is also posted on the TGC website. There is also a printable form which can be filled out and brought or mailed to Kathy. A little goof on our proofreading..that form has no place for NAME, so if you choose to order that way, please be sure to write your name on the form!

-We have some great raffle items and a Conservation basket has been added since the form was finalized.

-A HUGE thanks to Caroline Marvel who graciously created the forms for us and isn't even on our committee. We could not have done it without her!

-There are still up to 4 spots available for the Hamptons Trip as we are able to go over by 1 or 2 attendees. The hotel contract needs to be signed on Monday, so if you are thinking about going on the trip, please let Kathy or Martha know ASAP. It is going to be wonderful!!

Fundraising Spring/Suzanne Duncan & Megan Matthews

Spring Sale 2025

When:

- Wednesday, April 23.
- Current plans call for a 12:30 start time with a 4:30 pm wrap up.
- There will be a garden tour – “Petals and Prosecco “ — on Kingcrest Parkway following the sale. It begins at 5 pm and features the gardens of several members.

Where:

- The sale will take place at the home of Jennifer Sisk – 400 Harlan Circle, 23226

Overview:

There are several aspects to the sale. Each generates income.

- Pre-sale orders – Orders placed in advance of the sale are typically the biggest source of funds. We hope to distribute the online order form 4 weeks ahead of the sale.
- Day-of-sale offerings – We will be offering plants to purchase on the day of the sale. There will be a limited number of plants, and we hope to offer popular plants that are unique. We want to generate lots of interest and excitement around our day of sale offerings so that we are not left with unsold plant inventory.
- Raffle (s) – Tickets will be sold in advance and on the sale day.
- Third-party vendors – We are looking to secure three or four vendors who will sell their own goods and give TGC a percentage of their profits. August Table, one of last year’s vendors, was extremely popular and shared 50% of its profits.

Minutes from our 9/20 committee meeting:

- Chris Shands will be designing a motif for all of our marketing materials
- Kent Russell, Garden Guru, has agreed to come to our sale to sell day-of items.
- Setting a meeting with Kate Christner to learn on-line form

Programs/Ellen Buoyer

Reminder of field trip to Freckled Flower Farm on Wednesday, October 9. Please respond to the evite if you are able to attend the tour AND workshop. Respond to the second evite sent on September 30.

