

**Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Report
January 2022**

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/Kelly Armstrong
-Finance Committee will meet Jan 19th at 1pm to draft a budget for 2022-23 - Planning for an update with Davenport soon - Developing a member survey for Club positions for 2022-2024 - Working to update information on web site related to finance data
Second VP/Database /Melinda Smith
Continuing to update the Garden Club of America and Garden Club of Virginia websites.
Corresponding Secretary/Charlotte Clarkson
Have reusable name tags with magnets and lanyard options.
Communications Director/Molly Revere
-Continuing to enter personal data into TGC email account so phone numbers and addresses in there as well -Sent out Caritas opportunity and update

Treasurer/Karen Gilmore

Taxes to be filed this week
Discuss outstanding membership dues
Christmas Sale Profits
Current Cash Flow Statement/Budget

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Communications/Kate Christner and Lisa Burlee

Reminder for everyone to submit dates to Molly to add to our Google calendar that syncs with the website.

Community Projects and Long Range plans/Kate O'Hagan

HOLIDAYS AT CARITAS

On December 2nd and 3rd, 2021, the TGC Community Projects Committee provided holiday decorations for CARITAS, Stockton Road location, focusing on the following areas:

- Administrative Entrance and Foyer
- Administrative Cafe Space
- Healing Place for Women Courtyard
- Healing Place for Women Security Reception
- Emergency Shelter Administrative Desk
- Emergency Shelter Common Room
- Program Participant Common Room

The holiday decor consisted of a mix of fresh greens and floral as well as attractive artificial decor intended to extend throughout the holiday season.

Fresh greens and arrangements:

Large scale arrangements consisting of gorgeous greens and floral material were arranged for the interior of the Administrative/CARITAS entrance as well as the Program Participant/Women's Shelter entrance. Two (three foot) Conifers were lit and ribboned and placed in ceramic pots (to be reused in the spring) at the exterior of the main entrance. A large Poinsettia with decorative spray was planted in a bright blue pot (also to be reused) and placed on the large counter in the administrative break room/cafe. For the courtyard

entrance, large fresh mixed greens wreaths (36 inch and 26 inch diameter) were beautifully adorned and hung on the tall fencing (both sides) of the Healing Place for Women. In the raised beds within the courtyard, existing plant material was cut back, Heuchera was added and all containers were filled with assorted organic material including pine cones and winter berry twigs.

Within the shelter, ten miniature Rosemary topiary trees and ten miniature Lavender trees were wrapped in burlap and ribbon and adorned with miniature decorative items for the long tables in the common room adjacent to the Emergency Shelter.

Artificial compliments and staged decor:

Three snow drift trees (4 ft. tall) with ornaments (AA batteries)
Two snow drift foot trees (3 ft. tall) with ornaments (AA batteries)
Two snow branch table top trees with miniature ornaments (AA batteries)
One three foot artistic Douglas Fir tree with ornaments (plug)
Two (36 inch diameter) pre-lit artificial wreaths (D batteries)
Two (12 feet) winter greens garland with lights and ornaments (lights require AAA batteries)
Eight strands copper wire fairy lights (AAA batteries)

Jennifer volunteered the use of the Sisk family's charming wood star decorated in white lights however the facilities manager at CARITAS was unable to locate a power source for outdoor decorations and extension cord use is not possible per the Fire Department.

Maintenance and follow-up:

During the week of December 6th, the arrangements and wreaths will be watered and monitored for dryness. Due to the warm temperatures, the exterior wreaths might need to be replaced before Christmas with the artificial wreaths that are currently hanging in the program participant gathering space. Flowers in the arrangements will need to be replaced with pine cones and/or other items with "staying power". We are hopeful the beautiful greens will last a long while if watered.

BULB PLANTING AT CARITAS

Abbie Wharton purchased 500 assorted bulbs which we will plant in the garden spaces surrounding CARITAS. Due to weather, the planting day set for January 11th has been postponed. TGC Members will be alerted of the new date once determined and will sign up via email to Kate O'Hagan.

Finance/Karen Gilmore and Kelly Armstrong

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Governance/Lynn Jacob

No Report

Gifts/Sara Cann

We should receive the budget allotment from the Finance Committee later this month. In the meantime, we hope membership will submit new ideas for consideration. A blurb will go in the newsletter as a reminder. We have already received a couple of requests and will start reviewing our list from last year.

Fundraising

The Christmas Workshop and Sale was a great success! Although we don't quite have the final number, it was such a triumph to be together and offer support, have a bit of cheer, remember those we've lost and welcome our newest members. We learned quite a bit from our first single day event - combining the workshop and sale on one day. A few adjustments to be made but I think it worked well. Anxious to hear what the board thinks! Also, is it worth discussing a later date to have greens last until Christmas? Pros and Cons?

Spring sale planning will gear up soon! We hope to top last year's success and fun. Stay tuned! Patricia Hunter

Membership/ Martha Moore / Libby Robertson/Stephanie Lansing

New Member Orientation rescheduled for February 9, 2022 at 11:00 am at CCV due to Covid..

Next Flower Hour scheduled for February 10, 2022 at 5:30 at Martha's .

Please ask newer members you know to go with you to the Joint Meeting at LGBG on January 26 at 9:00 am.

Amaryllis Bulbs for sustainers were later blooming but well received and appreciated.
attended GCA Membership committee meeting with Jennifer and got ideas for possibly shaping the Flower Hour group into a Junior club, which 3 clubs in our zone do . This would take continued planning and support from the club if we go this route.

Programs/RoseMarie Bundy

Our January meeting at LGBG is the annual four Richmond Club meeting on January 26th at 9 am. We have no responsibility for planning this meeting.

Freddie is in charge of our February 16th meeting at McKinnon & Harris.

I am hoping that the current Covid outbreak does not prevent either of these meetings from taking place.

Sustainer rep/Susie Benson

Garden Club of America/Kathy Watson

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

No report

Garden Club of Virginia/Meredith Lauter

(General News, HGW, Flower Shows, Horticulture)

Flower Shows & Presentations

2022 Daffodil Day

March 29-30 with set up March 28, 2022

“The British Are Coming!”

Lewis-Ginter Botanical Garden or Virtual?

In-person or virtual?

Among other classes, includes a
class specifying the use of an alternative to floral foam,
Judges' Challenge Class,
an InterClub floor design,
a Tablescape,
Casual Contemporary,
an Interpretive Design expressing John Singer Sargent's Lady Sybil
Sassoon Cholmondeley,
a Botanical Arts Embellished purse,
a Botanical Arts Couture Headpiece,
and a display of The Ten Most Not-Wanted Invasives

Paula Pryke Flower Arranging Demonstration

May 12, 2022

Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Lilies in Bloom

June 14, 2022

Rappahannock Valley Garden Club

2022 Symposium

September 19-21, 2022

Virginia Science Museum

Judging

Qualifications & Requirements Revisions - prepared and published on GCV website

GCV Judges' Annual Record Form - prepared and published on GCV website

GCV Judges by District - prepared and published on GCV website

Online Judging Exam - Principles & Elements of Design - offered in February 2022

Student Judging Program expansion - 7 new candidates

Judges' Chat II - via Zoom - January 2022

Workshop for Student Judges - February 2022

Workshops & Resources

HGW Suggested Plant Material List & Flower Arranging Tips - prepared and published on GCV website

Invasives List - prepared and published on GCV website

Floral Styles & Designs

Two new styles added and featured in 2022 flower shows:

Interpretive Style

Casual Contemporary Style

Workshop on Interpretive Style will be ready for publication on GCV website in February 2022

Workshop on Casual Contemporary Style already presented to HGW District

Chairs and will be presented via Zoom in February 2022

"Alternatives to Floral Foam" Demonstration

Workshop for Student Judges - February 2022

Nominating / Betty Jenkins

Now that our wonderful slate has been introduced, we just need to remember to vote at a membership meeting (February/March) to approve the slate.

Conservation/Ellen Buoyer

GCA CONSERVATION NEWS

GCA Advocacy Workshop Zoom

An important part of the February National Affairs & Legislation Conference is **learning how to be the strongest possible advocate for the environment**. This year, GCA will open the training conducted in Washington D.C. by environmental advocacy experts to all interested club members.

You are invited to join the GCA's Virtual Advocacy Workshop on **February 17, at 1:00 PM EST**. A link to register will be emailed to you on January 20.

GCV CONSERVATION NEWS

GCV Legislative Day/Virginia Conservation Network Lobby Day

GCV Legislative Day is February 1.

GCV partners with the **Virginia Conservation Network** or VCN (<http://www.vcnva.org/>) which represents over 125 conservation organizations and focuses attention on the same four areas:

- **Clean Water**
- **Climate Change**
- **Clean Energy**
- **Land Use**

These policy agendas combined are called "Our Common Agenda" and provide practical, state-level policy solutions for common conservation goals.

Every year, VCN's 150+ environmental organizations come together to ensure a strong conservation presence is felt during the legislative session. Volunteer advocates join professional staff to meet with state legislators and encourage them to support strong conservation policy. **This is known as Conservation Lobby Day, or what we sometimes call GCV Legislative Day.**

The Conservation & Beautification Committee in the past session recommended that GCV members attend the VCN educational morning briefings which may be virtual again. Club Conservation Chairmen and GCV members interested in advocating Board-approved GCV Legislative issues are encouraged to

use the afternoon to contact legislators on their own. To register for the VCN morning session (no fee), look for the link that will soon be posted on the GCV website.

Lastly, GCV has “position papers” which are formal, detailed statements showing what, where and why GCV supports a particular conservation issue. Currently, we do not have the 2022 legislative session position papers but will inform the club of them when we do.