

October 2018

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It's finally Fall in Richmond!

Please enjoy this month's 'The Tuckahoe News,' the newsletter of The  
Tuckahoe Garden Club.

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"Pumpkins, squash and gourds are members of the enormously diverse *Cucurbitaceae* family....Names differ throughout the world, but in the United States, any round, orange squash used for pies or jack-o-lanterns is likely to be called a pumpkin. But the term “pumpkin” really has no botanical meaning, as they are actually all squash." *Missouribotanicalgarden.org*

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October has been a busy month! First was the fun and educational Symposium where our club just hit it out of the park! Next was the Zone VII meeting with floral, horticulture and photographs exhibited where again, TGC had another outstanding performance! After these two fabulous events, I attended my first GCV Board of Governor's meeting; and, there have been HGW meetings, Christmas and Spring Sale meetings, work at Chapel Island and the Low Line, budgets balanced, bulb orders placed, arrangements done at the KV House, judging, plans for new members, and last but not least....a website is being created for our club (YAY!) **We are a busy bunch and I hope everyone is having fun** -- I sure have so far—that's what is important!

At the September Board meeting, I shared with the Board my vision for the next two years

and decided recently to share it with the whole club, too. In our world of endless to-do lists, 24-hour news cycles, aging parents, young children, grandchildren, other volunteer obligations, family obligations, **I fear we lose sight of what binds us as a club.** My hunch that we are committed to our club for two main reasons: the love of gardens, conservation and horticulture and the love of the friendships we share. My very best friends are in this club, some of them I met here! Without question, there are responsibilities we share that can seem daunting, but never should they come at the cost of what binds us. So, let's gather each month and keep this important message in mind: enjoy the time we share and be thankful for all of our gifts.

I found this quote shared by Elizabeth Childrey and decided it would be my guide the next two years:

**"Life is like a camera.  
Focus on what's important.  
Capture the good times.  
And if things don't work out, just take another shot."**

-Ziad K. Abdelnour

We will all get done what we can and do our best. That is all we can ask. But do it with the love of the club in mind and for those friendships whom you cherish.

We have a fantastic program planned next week! Talk about FUN...this has FUN written all over it. I look forward to sharing this program with the members who have registered. We thank Peyton for the gift she will be sharing with us. Look at the creative Artistic and Horticulture exhibits schedules. Try your hand at some of these!

See you later this week.

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Betty Jenkins

President, The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton





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# TGC NEWS & INFORMATION

## **OCTOBER 24 TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB MEETING**

**Hostesses:** Jill Mountcastle\*, Martha Moore, Frannie Phillips

**Place:** Grace Baptist Church 4200 Dover Road (23221)

**Time:** 10:00 am (arrive at 9:30 a.m. for food and fellowship)

**Program:** Peyton Wells: Botanical Arts Hands On Workshop, “The Secrets of Feathering Your Nest”

### Exhibits:

Class I: Make an arrangement using some or all dried plant material.

Class II: Make a necklace or any piece of jewelry of wildflowers.

### Horticulture:

Class A: Roses: Specimen or Collection (3-7).

Class B: Bee Sustainable: Flowers or berries that attract the birds and the bees: Specimen.

Class C: Late Blooming Flower: Specimen.

Not judged class: Share transplants from your garden in ready to share condition and planted in a container with growing instructions and a picture.

### **Attendance at Membership Meetings Reminder**

In order to record membership attendance quickly and accurately, we will use pre-printed

nametags. When you arrive, find your nametag and wear it. All un-claimed tags will tell me who did not attend the meeting. Remember, our by-laws state active members are allowed three excused absences per year. If you cannot attend a meeting, please contact me via email or text prior to the meeting. Thank you!

Ellen Buoyer

Recording Secretary

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## Treasurer Update

Once again, it is time to collect our member dues! Thank you to all who have already paid their dues.

A late fee will be assessed for all members who have not paid their dues by December 1st.

Please contact Bonnie Cricchi, Treasurer, with any questions [bonniecricchi@gmail.com](mailto:bonniecricchi@gmail.com).

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## Membership Update

On Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> we will be voting to fill our 6 active spots for membership. There are 5 candidates proposed for 6 slots. Please look for an email on Monday Nov. 5th with a link to our new website and detailed information on how to vote. This process will be very user-friendly and will enable us to tally votes quickly and efficiently. We thank you in advance for using our new online system and for voting before the Nov. 14th. meeting.

Online votes will be taken until 6:00 am on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>. In accordance with our by-laws, we will have a few paper ballots at the meeting in case you were not able to vote electronically, but they will need to be handed in by 10:15am that morning in order to be counted as a valid vote. As a reminder, only those members who are active will be able to vote on new membership.

Thank you so much for helping us implement this new system and for casting your vote for our 5 wonderful new nominees. As always feel free to contact us with any questions.

Elizabeth McGill emcgill@aol.com 804-690-1392

Janie Pinney jppinney@gmail.com 804-356-0727

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## September Meeting Follow-Up

Dear Ladies of TGC-

I want you to know what a joy it was for me to be able to 'christen' our new space here at the house last weeck with fellow gardeners and friends in Tuckahoe! Many of you asked me about the landscape design so I thought I would give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Fraser Davis, the tireless, creative, patient visionary behind **all things green** on this project! We were truly partners in crime as we worked our way through the design and details of bringing this space to life and I enjoyed every moment of our time together.



A few highlighted snapshots of the project had to be:

*The day the fabulous magnolia trees arrived from Grelen and were spaded in:*



*The evolution of the water bowl in the back:*

From an image from a garden in England to..Custom Ornamental fabricating the steel oil drum to...

Innomas Aquatics wiring and pumping to... Fraser incorporating all pathway/plant material design into... A living, flowing fountain!



*Watching the 'side yard' come together to meet the 'back' in creating layers of texture, interest and privacy:*



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## The Story of TGC

The 1970s was a busy decade for The Tuckahoe Garden Club. The Projects Committee focused on identifying areas of historic significance needing restoration or neglected areas needing refurbishment. Our club committed to three major projects for the improvement and development of gardens in the Richmond area. These undertakings included the restoration of the garden at the John Marshall House, the creation of a reading garden and miniature park behind the newly built Richmond City Library, and the restoration of Fountain Court at Maymont Park. Fountain Court, designed by Henry E. Baskervill and originally completed in 1910, was a joint project with The James River Garden Club. Maymont Park's website contains beautiful pictures and a video of the Italian Garden today.

Tuckahoe continued its on-going commitment to planting trees and shrubs in our area with the addition of Maple trees along the 5800 block of Patterson Avenue and crepe myrtles in nearby shopping centers. These important projects were completed in addition to Historic Garden Week and the ongoing activities of our club. In Wiley H. Wheat's Historian's report for the decade she noted that our club maintained a "consistent

dedication and commitment to the purposes of the Garden Club of Virginia and the Garden Club of America to their projects in conservation, horticulture, and restoration... the thread which ties the years together.”

Macon Willingham

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*Betty needs humorous stories about our club to submit to GCV for the 2020 Centennial. GCV has asked each club to submit two funny GCV related stories (these will be anonymous) to be shared during the 2020 Centennial Celebration. Not only will these stories be fun to share with GCV but they will be fun to add to our archives! **Please share your short story with Macon Willingham ([macon.willingham@verizon.net](mailto:macon.willingham@verizon.net)) by November 18.***

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## Gift Committee

The Gift Committee of The Tuckahoe Garden Club receives requests from the community and members to fund projects related to gardening. If you know of any worthy causes please present them to the gift committee. We will vote on proposals in February or March. Please contact me if you have any questions and if you have a project you would like us to consider.

Susan Landin

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## Holiday Workshop & Sale

We are so excited about our Christmas Workshop and Sale!  
Betsy Fauntleroy has offered her beautiful home for our **Holiday Green's Wreath Workshop on December 4th** and our **Holiday Sale on December 5th**.

Last year was such a big hit that we have invited Deanna, from Strawberry Fields, to head up our Wreath Workshop. Please keep your eye out for our email with the workshop and sale preorder form and please respond as soon as you can. In addition to the preorder, we have exciting items for purchase as well as our talented members' contributions for the sale. We hope everyone will attend!

Holiday Sale Committee: Shelley, Beth, Macon, Karen, Betsy and Katherine

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## Fall Clean Up Tips



If you want to grow beautiful, healthy plants, you need some help from Mother Nature and your lawn mower and rake. No one wants to rake and bag leaves so why not think of an alternative that benefits your garden? More than half the nutrients absorbed by leaves as

alternative that benefits your garden: more than half the nutrients absorbed by leaves as they grow remain in fallen leaves. Put these nutrients to work as compost. First, ignore your rake and grab your lawn mower. Chop up those fallen leaves into a fine confetti, spread them around in a thin layer and leave them on your lawn all winter where they will decompose, acting as free fertilizer by returning organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

Or, rake the leaves first, then mow down the pile. Use these chopped leaves a winter mulch in your garden beds where, in addition to insulating your plants, they will fertilize them with organic matter and nutrients all winter long. If you purchased bulbs from the Spring Sale committee, this is a great fertilizer for those precious bulbs. Won't your Historic Garden Week bulb blooms be the envy of all?!

Another option for a pile of chopped up leaves is for you vegetable gardeners. Till them into the soil where again, as they decompose, they add organic matter and nutrients into the soil. By spring, they will have decomposed more quickly and your soil will be ready for seed planting.

(For more tips on mulching, see the Bee Sustainable article in the GCA section.)

Spring Sale Committee

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## VMFA FINE ARTS AND FLOWERS

The VMFA Fine Arts and Flower Exhibits begins this Wednesday and lasts until Sunday, October 28. Check out RoseMarie Bundy and Meredith Lauter's floral interpretation of an African mask. Thank you RoseMarie and Meredith! We can't wait to see!





A bumblebee busily inspects this blue *Salvia guaranitica*, a tender, lightly fragrant perennial, for pollen. This salvia blooms happily until the first frost serving as an important pollinator in mid autumn.

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# GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

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## GCV SYMPOSIUM

### **2018 GCV Symposium Results**

What an outstanding showing from TGC for GCV's 2018 Symposium!

Here are the results:

- Four coveted club awards:
  - The Sweepstakes Award (highest points awarded to a club)
  - The Dahl Award (the club with the most entries)
  - The Mary Jean Printz Award (the club for the best inter-club entry of 6 hybrid tea roses)
  - The Linnaeus Award (the club for best horticulture entry in the show)
- Our members won over 50 ribbons or honorable mentions (Susan Landin, Sue Thompson, Martha Moore, Kathy Watson, Leila Jones, Joanie Robins, Liza Cabell, RoseMarie Bundy, Julia Borden Rose, Tricia Sauer and Betty Jenkins)
- Two members won special awards:

- Peyton Wells- The Yancey Donegan Casey Memorial Award
- RoseMarie Bundy- The Capt. and Mrs. Edgar M. Williams Award
- And our artistic entry won a yellow with kudos to Susan Ewing, Mary Horton, Liza Cabell, Ginni Mackenzie, Peyton Wells and Scottie Slater.

Thanks to our volunteers, Sue Thompson, Martha Moore, Hylah Boyd, Leila Jones, Abbie Wharton, Cynthia Ferrell, Karen Gilmore, Patricia Hunter, Jennifer Sisk, Jenny Evans, Kathy Watson.

A GREAT SHOWING AND EFFORT FOR OUR CLUB!! WELL DONE!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLUB!! Here are a few of the many awards we won and the activities our members participated in at the GCV Symposium.

Top left: Peyton Wells with most fragrant award "Yancie Donegan Casey Memorial Award."

Top right: RoseMarie Bundy with award winning entry "The Captain and Mrs. Edgar M. Williams Award."

Top bottom photo: Our club won the "The Linnaeus Award" for best Inter-Club entry of Six Hybrid Teas or Grandiflora roses.

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Below, top photo: Patricia Hunter with finished line design in beginner floral design class.

Below left: Echo design submitted for artistic, awarded a yellow ribbon.

Below right: Liza Cabell, Susan Ewing, Ginni MacKenzie and Peyton Wells (absent Mary Horton and Scottie Slater) floral design think tank team luncheon who created the 'Echo' design.





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## GCV COMMON WEALTH AWARD 2018

### THE COMMON WEALTH AWARD

The GCV Common Wealth Award this year goes to 2 projects:

1. The Elizabeth River Garden Club project: Urban Garden Invites Youth to “Dream a Different Future” (this project received our vote during our September meeting.)
2. Augusta Garden Club’s project: Project Dogwood, A Hundred Year Journey

Sara Cann

# GCV CENTENNIAL

Save the date: May 13 – 14, 2020 - Founders Day Celebrations in Richmond, VA. Stay tuned for an official Centennial Kickoff date to be announced soon.

There will be a whole year of Centennial based GCV events with a grand finale at the Founders Day Celebrations.

‘Green Arrow’ Daffodil Bulbs: This daffodil is a mid-season bulb, offered for the first time and developed by Brent and Becky Heath to celebrate our GCV Centennial. These are still available for ordering with unlimited quantities. Order your bulbs on the GCV website and plant this fall for exhibiting at Daffodil Days in March or for your own enjoyment.

Order now: <https://www.gcvirginia.org/members/centennial-mementos>



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# GCV CONSERVATION FORUM

**You will not want to miss this—the 60th Conservation Forum in Charlottesville**

**"The Real Dirt on Pesticides....Pollinators, Food and Our Health"**

**If you want to carpool, let Betty know.**

**October 25, 2018**

**8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**The Paramount Theater**

**215 East Main Street**

**Charlottesville, VA 22902**

**Open to the Public**

**\$30 per person (includes continental breakfast)**

GCV website (<https://www.gcvirginia.org/>) for registration information

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The next workday on the Low Line is November 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

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Low Line/Capital Trail west of Great Shiplock Park, along Dock Street at 22nd Street.

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*Anemone hybrida 'Honorine Jobert'*, is a tall Japanese anemone that likes medium water and full sun to part shade. It blooms here in September to early November and contrasts beautifully with the changing fall leaf colors.

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## THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

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### GCA ZONE VII FLOWER SHOW

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY OUR AMAZING CLUB!!!!!! CHECK OUT

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY OUR AMAZING CLUB!!!!!! CHECK OUT THIS NEWS FROM THE GCA ZONE VII FLOWER SHOW IN THE "STAR CITY"!

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### BEST IN SHOW:

- Peyton Wells, Botanical Arts Needlework "A Rhythmic Garden of Delights!"

ANN LYON CRAMMOND AWARD for outstanding educational exhibit that educates the public about gardens in a GCA Flower Show.

- Frazier Davis

GCA NOVICE AWARD IN PHOTOGRAPHY for an outstanding exhibit by an individual novice exhibitor in a GCA Flower Show

- Ellen Buoyer

ALL OF THESE WERE ANNOUNCED AT THE GCA AWARDS DINNER WITH MUCH APPRECIATION OF YOUR ART.

SPECIAL THANKS TO The RYAN TEAM-Missy and Rita- who jumped in, never having done a GCA flower show and figured out all the many rules and nuances of a show. They collected and groomed all the horticulture specimens, culminating in 15 gorgeous entries on Monday. Thank you Missy for staying overnight on Monday to help me with the floral design entry. Rita is a BRAND NEW member who remained undaunted by the challenge and always remained cheerful and determined about this new experience for her. And thank you members, who clipped and donated your specimens!

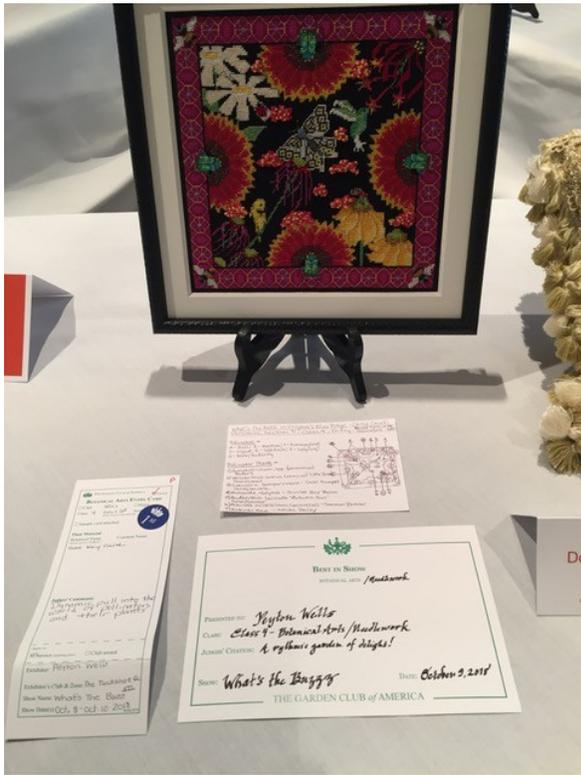
THANK YOU Jenny and RoseMarie for your splendid interpretation of 'A Picnic on the Blue Ridge'. You all jumped in at the 11th hour and delivered with enthusiasm and creativity. Jenny, your homemade apple pie got rave comments and its aroma invited folks into our entry to imagine the joys of a picnic on the Blue Ridge with champagne and your apple pie. Be sure to note in the picture below the adorable ant who joined the picnic.

CHRISTINA MCCOY, loved having you as my delegate! Thank you for joining me!

OUR AMAZING JUDGES....Sue, Martha, Peyton and Ruth. You are great ambassadors for our club.

Betty

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Top left: Peyton Wells, Botanical Arts Needlework “A Rhythmic Garden of Delights” Best in Show!

Top right: Ellen Buoyer, GCA Novice Award in Photography for an outstanding exhibit by an individual novice exhibitor in a GCA Flower Show!

Below left: Frazier Davis, Ann Lyon Crammond Award for outstanding educational exhibit that educates the public about gardens in a GCA Flower Show!

Below right: Tricia Sauer, blue ribbon in photography!

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## GCA ON FACEBOOK

GCA is now on Facebook (The Garden Club of America)!

“Like” it now and follow all the news.



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## GCA CONSERVATION



**Bee Sustainable... "TO MULCH OR NOT TO MULCH... THAT IS NOT THE QUESTION"**

### **MULCH**

Virginia is a state abounding with growth during the spring and summer. A great deal of

that growth, for gardeners, is unwanted.

Virginia is also a state abounding with extreme weather changes literally throughout the year.

A layer of mulch in the winter, while not preventing the soil from freezing, does deter heaving of plants out of the ground during numerous freeze-thaw events.

For these two reasons above, as well as for others we can all add, mulch is a primary part of our gardening practices.

Mulching can as equally be an enhancement to the landscape as it can an abomination. We want to review some of the positive and negative practices of mulching.

## **TYPES OF MULCH**

Mulch is any product you use on top of the soil to protect the roots of your plants. The English word mulch is probably derived from the German word molsch, meaning soft and beginning to decay. It can be chopped dead leaves, dried grass clippings or organic compost.

In many commercial sites, such as Burger King, cypress mulch is often a dominant element. Unfortunately, this mulch is a result of the destruction of cypress forests in the southern states. These forests are key elements in wetlands and give storm protection. Cypress forests are critical to the ecosystems of southern states such as Florida and Louisiana.

In our home landscapes, the more common mulches in ornamental beds are shredded hardwood mulch or pine bark mulch. While shredded hardwood mulch is an effective weed preventer, it can, if spread too heavily, form an impervious mat that does not allow rain to permeate the soil. Because hardwood mulch tends to gray out after a few months, numerous landscape companies use dyed mulches. While some of these are now dyed with natural plant dyes, other dyed mulches use chemicals to achieve color. Another approach to the graying of mulch is to add another layer of mulch to “freshen” the look. Alternatively, if you mulch and have a landscaper spread your mulch, there is often enough left over from the year before. This “old” layer can be freshened by using a rake or pitch-fork to loosen and break up the mulch...which also, by exposing, the under layer, creates a darker and fresher look. SO, don't automatically order a new layer of mulch to be spread each year.

Hardwood mulch is, however, effective in areas that have a steeper slope as it tends to bind to itself and not run off as readily as others.

Pine nuggets are slow to break down and therefore can be an affective mulch in beds that

are not tended on a regular basis. They would not, even though organic, add much in the way of nutrition to the soil.

Fine pines, or heavily ground pine bark, tend to be a more enriching soil conditioner when used as mulch. The color remains darker longer, it doesn't act as a water barrier, and the look is more similar to dark "soil". Fine pines, though, will run on a slope, and they are not as effective as a weed depressant as shredded hardwood mulch.

Pine needles are a lovely, natural mulch. Used in shrub borders or around trees, they provide the advantages of mulch with a more natural feeling. They need to be refreshed every 6 or so months to be effective. Using them, though, in perennial or "complicated" beds is not recommended as it is difficult to weed without pulling up the pine needles.

Shredded and aged leaves are an amazing mulch that also significantly enhance soil conditions, just as the Spring Sale Committee wrote in an article in this newsletter. These composted leaves are inexpensive because the mulch can be made at home in your compost pile or collected at various sites in the county or city. If they are not well-composted, the "mulch" can appear coarse; however, the trade-off may well be worth it!

Inorganic mulches, such as gravel, work well in rock gardens where it is important to keep moisture around the crowns of plants to a minimum.

Vegetable gardeners often spread newspaper with straw on top to effectively repel weeds and keep moisture in the soil

In a Cornell study comparing various mulch materials with bare soil, soil moisture percentages in mulched plots were approximately twice as high, summer soil temperatures were reduced by 8 to 13 degrees, and the average amount of time required to remove weeds was reduced by two-thirds.

Another Cornell study reports that "In addition, mulches improve soil structure in several ways. As organic mulches decompose, they provide organic matter that prompts soil particles to aggregate. Large aggregates increase aeration and improve moisture conditions in the soil. These conditions, in turn, encourage additional root development and biological activity, further enhancing soil structure."

## **HOW TO MULCH**

First, how not to mulch! Do not mulch too heavily. 4-6" of mulch, which we commonly see in landscapes, is TOO MUCH mulch. It becomes a water barrier as well as an eyesore. If you have a landscape company, encourage them to "fluff up" your existing mulch. Then see if you actually need more mulch.

NEVER mulch in “volcano form” with a high mound of mulch around tree trunks. Mulch against a trunk creates a perfect environment for disease and insect infestation. Whenever you mulch, do not bring the mulch all the way up to woody stems or tree trunks.

Try adding 1” of compost on the ground before you add new mulch. Compost is truly ‘black gold’ and will give your garden great nutrients. Ask your yard person to first spread compost (mushroom compost is a great product), followed by a thinner layer (approximately 1”) of mulch.

When mulching around trees, look up at the canopy as you are deciding how wide to make the mulch circle. Obviously, the circle around the tree is not going to be as wide as that canopy, but you could get a feeling of how wide to make the circle. To imagine how far roots spread out from a tree trunk, think of a dinner-sized paper plate with a small circle in the middle. The circle represents a tree trunk while to outside of the plate represents how far the roots spread out.

Bee in the Know,

Sue Thompson and Abbie Wharton

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## Partners 4 Plants

Botanist Chris Senfield and James River Park System Invasive Species task Force member Meg Turner will speak at the November joint meeting with James River Garden Club about the GCA Partners 4 Plants (P4P) habitat restoration project at Chapel Island.

If you would like to get a head start on the restoration effort, please join Task Force members for one of their regular workdays at Chapel Island October 22,



from 1 p.m. - 3p.m. Click on the link below to sign up:

<https://www.handsonva.org/opportunity/a0CA000000ogdXEMAY>

Questions? Contact Freddie Gray or Kelly Wilbanks

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## CONSERVATION TIP

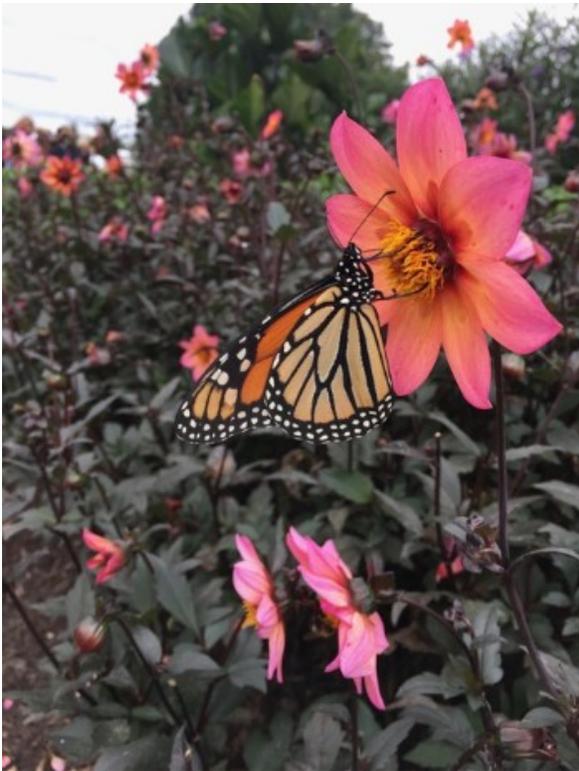


Plogging While Jogging

Do you know what PLOGGING is?? Mill Mountain's Whitney Feldmann has enlightened me! Plogging is a Swedish fitness trend that is gaining popularity in the US, mixing fitness with environmental and conservation awareness. Simply, as joggers or walkers exercise, they pick up stray trash and litter. The name combines the Swedish words for pick up, "plocka upp," with jogging. The icing on the cake is that Plogging burns more calories because you use more energy!

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## SHIRLEY MENEICE HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE



Longwood Gardens and Winterthur

September 13-15, 2018 Highlights of Shirley Meneice Conference:

Thursday, September 25

- Proud to present over 60 packets of seeds collected and organized by Rita Ryan and Missy Ryan and lovingly harvested by Sue Thompson, Julia Borden Rose, Martha Moore, Jenny Evans and Missy Ryan. Thank you all!

MARTHA MOORE, JENNY EVANS AND MISSY HYATT. THANK YOU ALL!

- Party favor: the Freeman Medal Award winner for Plant of the Year: *Pycnanthemum muticum*, commonly known as mountain mint.
- Dinner in the Hotel du Pont Ballroom
- Speaker: W. Barksdale Maynard, “Celebrating the Brandywine”. What a lush, historical, beautiful area the Brandywine Valley of Delaware and Pennsylvania is. Put this on your bucket list if you haven’t been.

#### Friday, September 26

- Welcome remarks
- Zone VII breakout meeting
- Off to Winterthur, home of Henry Francis du Pont to whom the vision of the present-day museum and extensive gardens is credited. The 1000-acre estate contains many gardens revealing the harmony and tranquility of nature around every bend of the pathways. These gardens were designed by du Pont himself over decades of meticulous efforts. His knowledge of horticulture and landscape design is preserved in every seasonal bloom grown on the estate today.
- We toured these magnificent gardens followed by lunch where I had fun catching up with our former member, Woodley Habgood who is a member of the GC of Wilmington.
- Longwood Gardens, is a botanical marvel. It consists of over 1,000 acres of gardens, woodlands and meadows in the Brandywine Creek Valley. Visitors can enjoy exotic plants and horticulture (indoor as well in the magnificent Conservatory), events and performances, seasonal and themed attractions, as well as educational lectures, courses, and workshops
- AMAZING place! Rose garden, meadow garden, vegetable garden, perennial garden, annual garden...toured them all including a behind the scenes tour of the mechanical workings of the famous fountain garden-what an engineering feat!
- The inside tour in the Conservatory is even more amazing.
- The Conservatory houses separate rooms for a Mediterranean garden, orchid garden, fern garden, bonsai display, a rose house, children’s garden, camellia house, tropical gardens, among many others.
- An indoor green wall with almost 50,000 green plants. It is the entrance way for a series of bathrooms and has been voted one of America’s Best Restrooms.
- Dinner:
- Dinner speaker: Colvin Randall “Longwood Gardens-100 Years of Garden

Splendor”

- And the piece de resistance—a 25-minute fountain display, choreographed to music and lights, the theme, “Monet’s Garden”. Truly spectacular and beats any fireworks display I’ve ever seen.
- Back to the hotel at 11:00pm....15 most special hours of gardens, history and wonderment

### Saturday, September 15

- 6 hours of workshops throughout the day:
- An Insider’s View of the Conservatory
- Igniting Your Winter Landscape—consider these tips for your winter landscape suggested by the Director of Continuing Education at Longwood who is also an expert in horticulture, landscape design and floral design:
- Include late fall bloomers: Fall Crocus (crocus speciosus), Autumn-crocus (Colchicum byzantinum), Ivy Leaf Cyclamen, common Witch-hazel, trumpet honeysuckle
- Extend the fall color: Amsonia hubrichtii, Japanese Clethra, Blue-stemmed Goldenrod
- Persistent Winter Color: Acorus, Epimedium, mahonia
- Winter Annuals: Pansies, cabbages, swiss chard, kale, silver and gold chrysanthemum
- Seed and Berries, Interesting Bark and Colored Stems, Snow Bloomers, Bulbs, ephemerals and naked bloomers
- Sustainable Home Gardens

Thank you for this amazing experience! Jump on this trip in future years. It is a not-to-miss experience.

Betty Jenkins

### 2019 Shirley Meneice Conference

Those of us who have attended prior Shirley Meneice Conferences have all said how fabulous the meeting is....and it is indeed now that I have experienced one! If you are interested in going in 2019, please let me know. The next meeting is September

11-13 at the Denver Botanical Gardens. Let me know if you are interested and I'll start a list. Registration begins usually in June or early July and fills up VERY quickly.

Betty

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Tell us what you think about this newsletter format and content! Email Jill Mountcastle [jbmountcastle@mac.com](mailto:jbmountcastle@mac.com) with any comments, questions or concerns.

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