

**Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports**  
**SEPTEMBER**

**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**

- Commonwealth Award Vote
- Plans to convene the Gifts Committee to start plans for 2022 gifts

**Second VP/Database /Melinda Smith**

The Greenbook is at the printers. There is one more proof needed before it is printed. The plan is to pick it up on Friday the 17th or Monday the 20th so that it will be ready for the meeting on the 22nd.

**Corresponding Secretary/Charlotte Clarkson**

Talk about videoing meetings/Vimeo  
Updated member spreadsheet

**Communications Director/Molly Revere**

Been working with Kelly, Kate, and Lisa on some communication pathways/TGC email account settings  
Created Email list for invitation going out soon

**Treasurer/Karen Gilmore**

Dues letters to be emailed out

Review spreadsheet with end of year numbers and new budget

## STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Communications/Kate Christner and Lisa Burlee**

No Report

**Community Projects and Long Range plans/Kate O'Hagan**

CARITAS and TGC Community Partnership Meeting - August 5, 2021

- Abbie Wharton and Barrie Edlich met with Karen Stanley (CARITAS CEO) and Ray Porter (CARITAS Facilities Manager) to discuss repairs and renovation of the exterior courtyard of the CARITAS Men's Emergency Shelter location. The following suggestions resulted:

1/ Replace existing fence with similar fence system at Stockton location and move current shed to the exterior of proposed fence.

2/ Install overhead coverage: suggested awning or sail cloth. Ideally, coverage would be positioned between 2 fixed downspouts on back of building (19'8" wide). Barrie offered to explore options.

3/ Install large stepping stones (bluestone was mentioned )dry laid with gravel in between in existing gravel area 15'6" x 49'. Abbie offered to look into this and submitted the hardscape proposal to Karen - awaiting feedback.will look into this

4/ For areas unable to grow grass, pine straw/small pea gravel was discussed as well as adding 2 more 'Natchez' Crape Myrtles for shade and greening.

- Abbie Wharton, Barrie Edlich, and Kate O'Hagan plan to meet the week of September 19th to discuss the bulb planting at the Healing Place for Women this fall. Last May, the administrative staff at CARITAS was hoping to add flowers and greenery to the landscape beds along the perimeter of the Manchester facility.

**Conservation**/Ellen Buoyer and Jill Mountcastle

Jill and I are preparing a Conservation Moment on Recycling and other waste reduction methods for our September membership meeting. Our meeting will implement new conservation protocols for club gatherings.

**Finance**/Karen Gilmore and Kelly Armstrong

- S&S confirmed reinvestment of dividends and capital gains starting Sept 1st under new endowment policy
- Jan 1 2021 we will calculate the endowment draw available for community support in 2022.

**Governance**/Lynn Jacob

**Gifts**/Sara Cann

**No report**

**Fundraising/Betsy Carney (Holiday) No updates at present**  
and Patricia Hunter (Spring)

**Our Fall fundraiser is coming up, the committee will start brainstorming ideas in the next week.**

**legacies from last year, but if there is anyone else who would be interested in the under 40 age group, please let Martha , Libby or Stephanie know. We want those who are interested in learning about gardening, conservation, and flower arranging.**

**Flower Hour will be held**  
**September 29, 2021 5:30 pm**  
**First House First Garden**

**Progressive meeting between Abbie Wharton's house and Betty Jenkins' gardens**  
**How to think about your new garden spaces**  
**4121 Kingcrest Parkway. 4228 Kingcrest Parkway**

**February 10, 2022 ! 5:30 pm**  
**Walk the Walk Conservation**  
**Conservation tips you can live with and adapt at home**

**Speakers : TGC's own Green Crusaders Jill Mountcastle and Ellen Buoyers**  
**Location: Martha Moore's 6425 Roselawn Road , Richmond, Virginia 23226**

**April 7, 2022 5:30 pm**  
**HGW Behind the Scenes**  
**Flower prep and design**

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

**The membership committee has been busy this summer making plans for the fall Flower Hour, and checking on different members and their status. Fraser Davis resigned in good standing, as other interests have taken her in other directions. Mollie Reinhart has also resigned in good standing. We have had requests from Sue Thompson, Peyton Wells and Lena Scott to be added to the sustainer wait list . They were voted on and approved by the board before in early summer but they are officially put on the waitlist. They all have agreed to stay active this year. Susan Jones, Shelley Roberts and Sue Taylor have all moved to Sustainer category. Rita Liles has moved to Non-resident and she will be living at Westminster Canterbury at Virginia Beach. Douglas Martin is staying on the Honorary Member list but is now living in Charleston. We were so sorry to lose Laurie Spratley this summer. She was a valued member of the club and added so much over the years.**

<p><b>Speaker: Peyton Wells</b>  <b>Location: Kathy Watson's back porch &amp; rose garden 5507 Matoaka Road Richmond, Va 23226</b></p> <p><b>We will discuss a plan for Flower Hour participants to have a road to membership if interested. The proposed ideas for this will be discussed at the October Board Meeting .</b></p> <p><b>We encourage any of you who sponsored or endorsed new members in 2021 or 2020 to call them to carpool with YOU for the October 6 field trip. Also it is important for you to reach out to them and encourage them to come with you to meetings and exhibit.</b></p>	<p><b>We will have five openings for actives for the fall, and proposal forms will be available at the September meeting and due back the first week of October.</b></p> <p><b>Invitations for Flower Hour will go out soon, around September 18th. We are including</b></p>
<p><b>I believe that we have everything lined up for this year's programs.</b>  <b>Christina McCoy is in charge of September's program and Lynn Brooke is in charge of our October Field Trip to Oak Spring.</b>  <b>We are still working on a few details , but everything is coming together.</b></p>	<p><b>Programs/RoseMarie Bundy</b></p>
	<p><b>Sustainer rep/Susie Benson</b>  <b>I will be reading a Memorial for Laurie Spratley at our 1st meeting..</b></p>
	<p><b>Garden Club of America/Kathy Watson</b>  (Flower Shows &amp; Test Collection, Horticulture, Visiting Garden &amp; Scholarship, Garden History &amp; Design)- <b>information from these committees</b></p> <p>The Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference is virtual again this year. It runs from 9/22 at 11:00 am until 9/23 at 6:00 pm. Registration ends on 9/21.</p>

Each segment of this conference will have a live Q&A and opportunity for discussion. Events will include recorded tours, and talks as well as live presentations. Many of the presentations will be made available on the GCA website for those unable to attend. Certain functions will not be available such as Leah Penniman and Amy Stewart's talks.

Go to the GCA website for full details and to register

The Zone VII meeting will also be held virtually on 9/20 and 9/21. The theme is Norfolk, Pearl of the Chesapeake Bay.

On Demand is a Virtual Program series done by the Program Committee of GCA for the entire membership. The first episode this year is releasing October 1 with Lewis Miller on how to do a Flower Flash. His book also releases in October. The program also includes a fun surprise segment on how to do a floral centerpiece for your home for the holidays. ( not everyday you get Lewis Miller telling you how to's) This might be fun to try with our members as an optional pop up meeting in November or December as a workshop. Materials would be easy to group together and could be sold as a packet for the Holiday Sale, or you could have a pickup on the materials the week before Christmas ( so flowers would be fresh for Xmas week) as part of the Holiday Sale .

The Second virtual program releasing December 1 is with Nicole Burke of Gardenary from Chicago who will do a great talk on how to design a beautiful vegetable garden in a raised bed and how to maximize your growing season and spaces. We all should be

growing some of our own food. This would be a fun challenge! She is a gardening coach and a breath of fresh air.

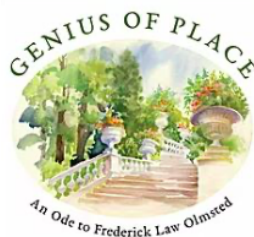
The third virtual Program releases March 1 2022 and is with Richard Louv and is a great program on Children / adults and Nature deficit disorder. There are great ideas for community projects to do with children in his book Vitamin N : The Essential Guide to a Nature Richm Life. This might be a good book for anyone in our club to read. It has great ideas on ways to help children in the community.

All of these programs are a gift from GCA to their members, to use to replace speakers who drop out due to covid, or to plan pop up meeting, workshops , or community projects with. They are really interesting and hope our club will find a way so many of our members see them!

**Garden Club of Virginia/Meredith Lauter**  
(General News, HGW, Flower Shows, Horticulture)-**information from these committees**

**ARTISTIC DESIGN**

*Interested in becoming a GCV Floral Design Judge? Workshops & classes start soon - please contact Meredith Lauter at [meredithlauter@gmail.com](mailto:meredithlauter@gmail.com) - we'd LOVE to have you join us!*



**Virtual Flower Show -**  
**September 14-15, 2021 - Albemarle Garden Club "Genius of Place" with Charlotte Moss**  
**- information at [www.gcvirginia.org](http://www.gcvirginia.org)**  
**Membership News**



## GCV Fall Photography

### Workshops:

Sept. 27 - Basic Composition with Focus on Cellphones Webinar

Sept. 29 - Basic Editing Techniques and Practices

Sept. 30 - Basic Composition Review Session

\*Oct. 27 - Snapseed: a mobile advanced editing app

\*Nov. 1 and 8 (two-part) - Lightroom Classic: a computer-based advanced editing program.

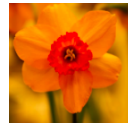
Laptop required with Lightroom Classic

pre-loaded - more information at

[www.gcvirginia.org](http://www.gcvirginia.org)

**Flower shows are back - live and in-person!**

**Save the dates for:**



**Daffodil Day 2022 - March 29, 2022 - Lewis Ginter - Artistic Design**  
Schedule is drafted and will be available soon



**Historic Garden Week - April 23-30, 2022**

**Historic Garden Week 2023 - April 22-30, 2023 - Bonnie Cricchi and Meredith Lauter (Co-Chairs Richmond Tour) are working hard with 2023 Committee to organize a great tour**

*List of favorite HGW floral materials has been compiled by HGW, Artistic Design, Horticulture, Conservation & Invasives with suggestions from Artistic Design as to which materials provide line, texture, etc. List to be published this week at [www.gcvirginia.org](http://www.gcvirginia.org)*



**Paula Pryke - May 12, 2022 - Virginia Museum of History & Culture**





**Lilies in Bloom - June 15, 2022,  
Fredericksburg - Rappahannock Valley  
Garden Club**



**GCV Symposium with Flower  
Show - September 20-21, 2022 - Science  
Museum of Virginia**

### **HORTICULTURE**

*List of favorite pollinator flowers has been  
compiled by HGW, Artistic Design,  
Horticulture, Conservation, and Invasives and  
will be published this week at  
[www.gcvirginia.org](http://www.gcvirginia.org)*



**Oak Spring (home of Paul &  
Bunny Mellon) in Upperville & Rokeby  
Farm Tour - Saturday, October 2, 2021 -  
tickets at [www.gcvirginia.org](http://www.gcvirginia.org)**



**GCV Lily Collection - October 15,  
2021 deadline for 6 bulbs \$33 - contact Suzi  
Worsham - [swworsham@aol.com](mailto:swworsham@aol.com)**



**Horticulture Field Day - May  
18-19, 2022 - Mt. Vernon, Alexandria**

### **CONSERVATION**

*List of invasives has been compiled by HGW,  
Artistic Design, Horticulture, Conservation,  
and GCV Invasives and will be published this  
week at [www.gcvirginia.org](http://www.gcvirginia.org)*



**GCV 63rd  
Annual Conservation Forum - Monday,  
October 24, 2021 - "Birds: Feathers, Fields,**

	<p><i>Forests &amp; Flowers” Live &amp; Virtual - register at <a href="http://www.gcvirginia.org">www.gcvirginia.org</a></i></p>
	<p><b>Nominating/</b> Betty Jenkins Our work begins. After today’s Board meeting, we (Martha, Betsy, Anne, Bonnie, Freddie and myself) will meet to begin discussions to choose our leaders for 2022-24. If anyone on the board has suggestions for the 6 Executive Committee positions, please share them with one of us. Or if anyone wants to volunteer for one of those positions, we’d love that too!</p>