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Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Ellen

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself, and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you." ~ Pope Francis

How lovely is this quote? The joy of garden club to me is the happiness we bring each other when we work in and on behalf of this beautiful, natural world.

-Ellen

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March Membership Meeting

Program: “Spring Containers Created by Lisa”

Join us for a glass of wine as we peruse fabulous antiques and be inspired as Lisa Elliott creates spring containers.

Location: Kim Faison Antiques, 2111 Lake Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230

Time: 5:30 p.m. refreshments, 6 p.m. meeting

Hostesses: Anne Kempe, Jennifer Sisk, Kathy Watson*, Abbie Wharton

A few important business items will be covered at the meeting:

- Budget for 2025-2026
- Gifts for 2025
- Centennial Tree Planting Project Parameters
- Update to President’s Award

**A word about exhibits at this meeting: We couldn't have exhibits because we had to meet in February via Zoom. Many of you worked hard to enter an exhibit, and for a few, this may have been your only opportunity to exhibit for the year. So, we are making both February and March exhibit schedules available. When you write your entry card, please include your exhibit month.*

Exhibits from February

Floral Design Exhibits:

- Class I: “Snow Globe”- Create a whimsical floral arrangement nestled inside a transparent sphere, open or enclosed. The “snow globe” can stand alone or be a part of the arrangement itself.
- Class II: “Cascade of Red and Pink”- Create a floral arrangement characterized by a dramatic use of shades of red and pink blooms. Please use a white container.

Horticulture Exhibits:

- Class I: Tree or Berry Branches - Specimen
- Class II: Hellebores - Specimen/Collection
- Class III: Early Blooming Bulbs or Early Bloomers - Specimen/Collection

Photography Exhibits

- Class I: Submit a photo of a Native tree, deciduous or evergreen (please identify the tree).
- Class II: “Curb Appeal” What makes a house have curb appeal? Submit a photo of your interpretation of “curb appeal.”
- Class III: Plastic use - Eliminating plastic use from daily life is a large, complicated task. Share a creative photo depicting up to three plastic-eliminating techniques you have adopted. Props are allowed. Do not include plastic bag recycling - they may end in the incinerator, or worse, general trash!

Exhibits for March

Floral Design Exhibits:

- Class I: "Destination Design"- Create an arrangement that depicts a favorite travel destination. Please include a sentence or two about your favorite travel spot on your index card. Container of your choice.
- Class II: "Good Luck Charm"- Create an arrangement that embodies all things St. Patrick's Day. Shamrocks and Leprechauns may be included! The container should be a "pot of gold."
- Class III: "What's in Your Garden"- Create an arrangement using any early spring blooms from your garden. Container of your choice.

Horticulture Exhibits:

- Class I: Plants Grown from Bulbs - Specimen/Collection
- Class II: Blooming Branch - Specimen
- Class III: Daffodils - Specimen/Collection
- Class IV: Early Spring Bloomer - Specimen/Collection

Photography Exhibits:

- Class I: Structured Garden: Photograph an interesting structure in your garden.
- Class II: Take a photo of an outdoor container of plants/flowers.
- Class III: Pollution Control Starts at Home: Share a picture of how you protect insects in your home or garden.

Conservation at Membership Meeting

The fourth conservation focus: **Backyard Pollution Solutions**

We will vote as a club to determine the Conservation focus for next year from the four topics we have heard about this year: trees, fast fashion, plastics, and backyard pollution.

****Please bring your plastic bags to the meeting for collection.****

~Renee Montague

Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award Presentation and Vote

The Bessie Bocock Carter Award was established in May 1979 to provide annual grants to the community projects of the Garden Club of Virginia's member clubs. The projects must be in the areas of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation, or education. This year, we will decide between two finalists:

- The Elizabeth River Garden Club: Eco-Landscape the Wilderness at Hoffer Creek Wildlife Preserve
- Hillside Garden Club: Access to Nature and Outdoor Learning on the Cosby Trail

[Click here](#) to read overviews of each project.

Membership Update

Membership Status

If you wish to change your membership status, please email Betsy Carney, Membership Chair, by March 31. Requests to move from Active to Sustainer are considered on a first-requested, first-served basis.

Flower Hour returns!

Date: Wednesday, May 7 (this was incorrectly listed in the Green Book as May 5)

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm (this is a slight time change)

Location: Home of Martha Moore, 6425 Roselawn Road

Program: Learn to pot herbs with Martha Moore

** By popular demand, this program is now open for members to attend for just a \$30 fee. A sign-up will go out in March/April. **

Daffodil Day



Daffodil Day, a GCV flower show, will take place on March 26 from 2 to 5 pm at Virginia Wesleyan University. The show features floral design, horticulture, and photography

exhibits. [Click here](#) for the show schedule.

As chair of the Artistic Design for GCV, [Renee Gardner](#) wrote the artistic exhibit schedule. Renee has asked for entries into Botanical Arts in particular. So, calling all of you Dogwood Divas to test your new skills.

[RoseMarie Bundy](#) has offered to transport our club entries to Virginia Beach; contact her to arrange your entry to make the trip with her.

Spring Sale

The Spring Sale is set for Wednesday, April 23.

Time: 12:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: at the home of [Jennifer Sisk](#), 400 Harlan Circle

Our favorite Garden Guru, [Kent Russell](#), will join us with his bounty of horticultural treasures from select nurseries in the Philadelphia area and beyond. He is bringing a colorful array of interesting and unusual plants, some of which have been grown exclusively for our sale. In addition, Kent will be available to offer lots of inspiration and ideas to create beautiful container gardens.

August Table will be back with its unique line of table linens -- all handmade from 100% cotton and block printed with one-of-a-kind patterns and natural dyes. They're as gorgeous as they are good for the environment and ideal for that special garden party.

The Conservation Committee's little Green Garden Sale details are outlined below. We've extended the deadline for submitting photos of your items to **Tuesday, April 1.**

Be on the lookout for our pre-sale order form and more news about day-of-sale vendors. They will arrive in your inbox soon!

Thank you, Jennifer, for sharing your beautiful home with us!

Spring Sale Conservation Table



New this year A Conservation Table at the Spring Sale on April 23

The Conservation Committee is hosting a mini “Green Garden Sale” – a curated collection of nearly new gardening items and accessories, all donated by members.

In the coming weeks, look through your homes, sheds, and barns and find that special garden item or items you haven’t used in years. Then, let your Conservation Team sell them at the upcoming Spring Sale.

Items could be vases, glazed pots, small topiaries, small garden tools, and books (gardening, flower arranging, and coffee table books).

Since this is our first year, we will limit our selection to a manageable size. We are looking for a nice variety of things in good-to-excellent condition. Please keep items under 25 pounds and no more than four feet long.

If you have items to donate, please snap a photo and send it to Chandler (804) 543-7067. Please share your photos by April 1st!

We will review submissions, make selections by late March, and follow up with further details, including drop-off times and dates.

We hope you will consider participating – either by donating items or by purchasing what could be a prized possession with a little patina! Thank you for recycling with us!

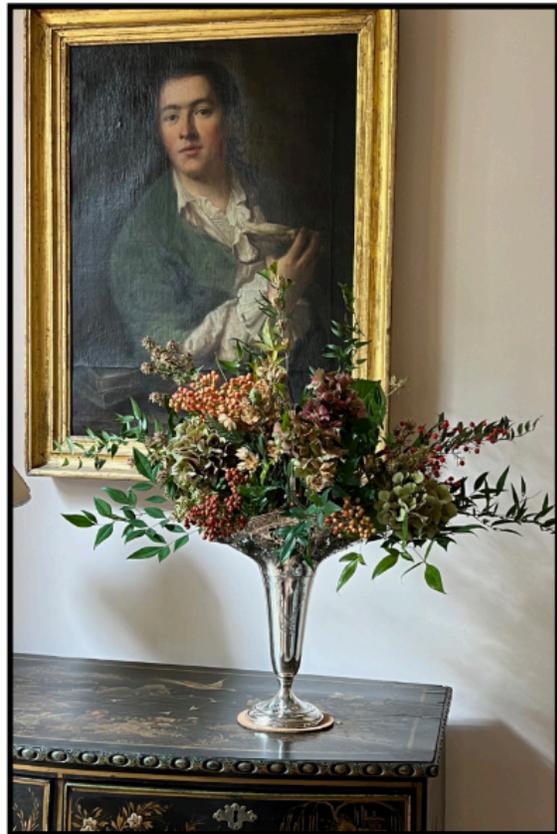
GCA National Affairs and Legislative Meeting (NAL)

Renee Montague and Chandler Klevana are our privileged TGC members attending the annual NAL meeting in Washington on March 23-26. We can't wait to hear what they learn.

ALL TGC members are invited to attend virtually by ZOOM, an equally interesting part of NAL, the Education Day workshop on March 24. To register, go to the Members Section of the GCA website. Locate the 2025 NAL section and register on the sign-up page. Once registered, you will receive more information about the meeting's schedule, including the list of nationally recognized speakers. This opportunity is worthy of your time.

~Betty Jenkins

Kent-Valentine House Flowers Team



Liz Carden, Mary Horton, Anne Kempe, Penny Peebles, Helen Pinckney, Julia Borden Rose, and Betsy Mitchell provided arrangements from November at the Kent-Valentine House.

Did you know that the Kent-Valentine House, headquarters to the Garden Club of Virginia, is adorned with flower arrangements each week by the four GCV Richmond clubs plus

Petersburg, Ashland, and the Three Rivers Club? Each club takes two months and provides new arrangements each week. Featured above are three arrangements from our turn in November.

Usually, we arrange on Monday mornings during the months we are on duty (one in the fall and one in the spring). It is fun to arrange flowers together in a nonjudged setting with some guidance. We bring our own clippers, and most plant material is brought from our yards and gardens to share. We often are introduced to something “new” that we want to grow ourselves. It’s a glorious way to spend the morning!

Our next month is May. If you are interested in helping and learning from this team of talented arrangers, contact Betsy Mitchell via email: Betsymitchell1980@gmail.com

Tuckahoe Garden Club in the Community



Join your fellow TGC Members for some fun volunteer opportunities this Spring. Participation is limited, so please email the coordinator to attend.

April 2nd - Caritas Spring Refresh

Join other members to update plantings in raised beds and garden planters at the Caritas women's center. Email Kate O'Hagan to sign up (kohagan@yahoo.com)

April 10th - Anna Julia Cooper School Refresh

Join other members to update plantings in garden planters located

at the entrance of the lower and middle schools of Anna Julia Cooper. Email Betsy Fauntleroy to sign up (emfauntleroy813@gmail.com)

May 13th - The LightHouseRVA Flower Arranging

Support a flower arranging workshop for women in recovery at The LightHouseRVA. Email Melinda Smith to sign up (melindasmith111@gmail.com)

Thank you, Tuckahoe GC, for supporting The Green at The Science Museum of Virginia!
[Please read more details](#) on why our Community investment in this public space is paying big dividends!



Historic Garden Week 2027

Co-Chairs Named

Margaret Ivey and Kay Pangraze have accepted the positions of Co-Chairs for Historic Garden Week 2027. With their extensive organizational skills and enthusiasm, the HGW Steering Committee will be in good hands with them at the helm. They will be exceptional ambassadors for TGC as they guide their committee over the next few years.

Our club will provide key positions that year: treasurer, procurement (Shelley Wiltshire and Chris Shands have already been appointed), sponsorship and marketing, guidebook and brochure. Please join me in thanking Margaret and Kay for saying YES!

History Blooms (and TGC shined) at Virginia Museum of History and Culture

Many of us attended the History Blooms event at the end of February. This year's theme was "Step into the Garden." Our own [Penny Peebles](#) and [Renee Montague](#) created this stunning arrangement on behalf of our club. [Renee Gardner](#), Head of the GCV Artistic Design Committee, along with [Cathy Lee](#) of the Boxwood Club, co-chaired the event.

In addition to 24 stunning arrangements from GCV garden clubs across the State, there were several great seminars, workshops, and demonstrations.



Save the Date for Lake Forest Garden Club's
House and Garden Walk

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SEEDS OF CHANGE

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HOUSE AND GARDEN WALK 2025 JUNE 18TH AND 19TH 2025

Join us for
An exclusive tour of four historic Lake Forest properties
A delightful luncheon at Onwentsia Club
A specially curated Boutique featuring unique finds

This year's theme, "Seeds of Change", honors our heritage. Each member property tells its own story and was designed by celebrated 20th-century architects including David Adler, Howard Van Doren Shaw, and Ike Colburn.

Your participation provides funds to advance conservation, horticulture, and civic improvement programs & projects in our communities.

Benefit Co-Chairs Nancy Fletcher & Tricia Wood

Invitations will be emailed in mid-April

For inquiries, please contact us at
housewalk@lakeforestgc.org

One of the benefits of being a GCA member is the opportunity to access gardens nationwide through the Visiting Gardens program. The Lake Forest Garden Club contacted Freddie Gray, our Visiting Gardens Chair, to invite our club to attend their 2025 Home and Garden Walk. What makes this offer personal is Cathie Denckla's offer of hospitality to us:

I am happy to provide accommodation ideas and other places in the area to visit, such as the Chicago Botanic Garden, 15 minutes from Lake Forest, which will be in full bulb display, a beautiful 12-acre Japanese garden in Rockford, IL (<https://andersongardens.org>), and, of course, Millennium Park in Chicago.

If you want an invitation, email housewalk@lakeforestgc.com or Cathie Denckla or visitgardens@lakeforestgc.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Membership Meetings

(all meetings are on Wednesdays)

March 19 at 6:00 pm

Spring Containers Created by Lisa

Kim Faison Antiques, 2111 Lake Avenue, Richmond, VA

Hostesses: Anne Kempe, Jennifer Sisk, Kathy Watson, Abbie Wharton

April 23 at 12:30 -4:30 pm

Tuckahoe Garden Club Spring Sale

At the home of Jennifer Sisk, 400 Harlan Circle, Richmond, VA 23226

April 23 at 5-7:00 p.m.

Petals and Prosecco Garden Tour

Kingcrest Parkway (Jenny Evans, Chris Shands, ShellyWiltshire & Abbie Wharton)

12 East Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Hostesses: Lisa Elliott, Caroline Williams, Shelly Wiltshire*

Board Reports

Keep up with your Board's activity by reading the monthly Board Report for [March](#).

Member Support

Missing a meeting? Please email Fran McDermott before the meeting: fbmcderr@aol.com

Have a great picture for the newsletter or website? Send to:

tuckahoegardenclub@gmail.com

Need to send an email to the Membership? Send a draft to:

Stephanie Lansing and Ellen Buoyer:

stephanielansing@gmail.com

5buoyers@gmail.com

Your address, email or phone number changed? Send changes to

Fran McDermott: fbmcder@aol.com

Want to share photos?

If you like to take photos at our club events, please share them. We will use them in our newsletter, Instagram account and in various reports we send to GCV and GCA.

Here's the simple process:

Email photos to tuckahoegardenclub@gmail.com. Please identify the subjects in the photo and event where it was taken.

Tell us what you think about this newsletter format and content!

Email Jennifer Wilkins jennyrw99@gmail.com with any comments, questions or concerns.

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