

Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports February

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

<p>First VP/Kelly Armstrong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Working on 2021-2022 Budget which will be presented to the Board- By-law work in progress- Working with Davenport to implement new Endowment management procedures approved at last board meeting
<p>Second VP/Database /Melinda Smith</p> <p>No Report</p>
<p>Corresponding Secretary/Charlotte Clarkson</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Communications Director/Molly Revere</p> <p>No Report</p>
<p>Treasurer/Karen Gilmore</p> <p>Present proposed 2021/2022 Budget</p>

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Communications/Kate Christner and Lisa Burlee

Community Projects and Long Range plans/Kate O'Hagan

On February 3rd, Jennifer Sisk, Sara Cann, and Kate O'Hagan visited the new CARITAS Center in Richmond. CARITAS has grown to become the largest homeless services organization in the metro Richmond area. Karen Stanley, President and CEO and long-term CARITAS supporter led a wonderful and informative tour of the new space and provided exciting details on programs in place to assist women affected by homelessness and addiction. Gardening and greening efforts, it has long been suggested, can offer a variety of benefits to those recovering from addiction. Jennifer, Sara, and Kate as well as the staff at CARITAS look forward to identifying ways TGC can enhance the CARITAS environs and the lives of the women on the path to new and better lives. More to come shortly.

Exploring fun opportunity to do a pop-up flower Flash for the ladies at CARITAS for Mother's Day!

Conservation/Ellen Buoyer

Ellen and I wanted to let you know where we are with the February webpage update, Conservation Advocacy.

We think that by February 12, we will have all the information to Lisa, possibly even before then.

The Conservation Advocacy section has five parts

1. Short video with Cabell West on the importance of advocacy
2. Why and How to Advocate
3. Understanding the Legislative Process
4. GCV Conservation Lobby Day Overview
5. GCA National Affairs & Legislation Conference Overview

Finance/Karen Gilmore and Kelly Armstrong

Budget discussion

Governance/Lynn Jacob

The Governance Committee has almost completed a first draft of the proposed revisions to the bylaws.

Gifts/Sara Cann

TGC Gift Committee Proposal 2021

· Bear Creek State Park	\$200
· Chesapeake Bay Foundation	\$150
· GCA Scholarship Fund	\$200
· GCV Annual Fund	\$200
· GCV Endowment Fund	\$200
· James River Association	\$200
· Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden	\$700
· Maymont	\$250
· Nature Camp	\$700
· Scenic Virginia	\$250
· Shalom Farms	\$250
· Southside ReLeaf	\$250
· Virginia Conservation Network	\$250
· Virginia Home	<u>\$200</u>

TOTAL \$4000

TGC Covid Relief Fund Proposal

· Shalom Farms	\$1250
· Maymont	\$625
· Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden	<u>\$625</u>
TOTAL	\$2500

Fundraising/Betsy Carney (Holiday) and Patricia Hunter (Spring)

Betsy:

No Report

Patricia:

We are moving along with plans for the sale. Stranges, Sneeds, and The Greenhouse are all on board and excited to be involved. We are planning on having some new offerings and old favorites. We hope to offer some Natives and some garden adornments. Dahlia tubers from Prospect Hill are going to be available. Carolyn, who has a workshop at Tuckahoe Plantation, will be on hand with some of her beautiful natural creations. We will also have a raffle, so stay tuned and dust off those gardening gloves and trowels! We are excited for a super fun sale!

Membership/Libby Robertson/ Martha Moore

We are having our new member orientation at CCV outside under the Ollie's tent on Wednesday at 11:00 am. All 7 new members are coming. Jennifer will help preside over the new member orientation. We are also hoping to invite the new members for a walking tour and general gardening talk at Tuckahoe Plantation outside in late April. We will invite last year's new members also and will keep the group to about 15-18 if allowed at that point in time.

Flower Hour has been postponed until March 18th at 5:30 at Lynn Brookes. Meredith Lauter is helping with arrangements, and one other person. we may have a fun hands one "make and take one" home. . The third one which focuses on gardening and planting containers is still April 15 at Jenny Evans' garden. Scottie Slater and Joanie Robins are helping us with this program.

Douglas Martin has moved to Charleston and we had a small send off for her at her house. It meant a lot to her as the club has meant a lot to her over the years. She is moving there because her son Robbie has just bought a house in Charleston and also has a house at Kiawah.

We hope to have a small workshop to do some exhibits before the Annual Meeting with the new members if numbers allow.

Douglas will be moved to Non Resident status at the end of the year, which opens a spot in the Honorary category.

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Programs/RoseMarie Bundy

Working on tour of conservation project at University of Richmond for February
New Program for March! - Break out into groups to watch the GCA Christin Geall
flower Arranging program and then do floral workshop. Four members will be hosting
us outdoors to watch and arrange.

Sustainer rep/Susie Benson

No Report

Garden Club of America/Kathy Watson

(Flower Shows & Test Collection, Horticulture, Visiting Garden & Scholarship, Garden
History & Design)- **information from these committees**

The GCA Annual Meeting Flower Show, "Around the Green" is a virtual show
scheduled for Monday, May 10 to Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Divisions include Floral
Design, Horticulture, Photography, Botanical Arts, Conservation, and Education.
Schedule is posted on the GCA website for those interested in entering.

The Freeman Medal was selected!!! *Cephalanthus occidentalis*, Button bush! Sue says it is a
GREAT plant!!!!

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

Executive Director, Andrea Butler

Andrea Butler, the new GCV Executive Director, has accepted the invitation from the Board of Directors and will begin to lead the GCV administration on February 15, 2021. Selected from over 80 applicants for this position, Andrea has 35 years of nonprofit and corporate experience for well-known brands including US Airways, Priceline and the National Aquarium in Baltimore. For the past 10 years she has held the chief fundraising and external relations roles for nonprofit organizations in the human services areas in Richmond, VA including the Massey Cancer Center, Better Housing Coalition and Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia. A self-described 'servant leader' Andrea states: "The Garden Club of Virginia is a testament that women with commitment and conviction can create real change."

Daffodil Day 2021

A Virtual Flower Show, the Schedule for Daffodil Day 2021 is available on the Home page of www.gcvirginia.org - click on the photograph of daffodils and then select Artistic Design or Photography. The show features:

Inter Club -

French Rococo - FULL

Abstract - Full

Individual/Partner - teams of 2 may work together

Creative Line Mass

Pot-et-Fleur - FULL

Modern Mass

Botanical Arts Egg or Eggs

Needlework Daffodil Bulb or Bulbs

Challenge Class - March 15, 2021 10:00 am - 12:00 noon KV House, Richmond

Pollinator Posies

GCV Workshops - register at 222.gcvirginia.org

February 8 - "Judging A Virtual Flower Show" - Free of Charge

2:00-4:00 pm - via Zoom

February 11 - "Hands-On Botanical Workshop with Peyton Wells" - 2:00-4:00 pm

via Zoom - step-by-step instruction with Tuckahoe Garden Club's own Peyton

Wells - make a Botanical Arts daffodil and instruction re: Botanical Arts & Needle

Arts - \$35

February 18 - "Photographing an Exhibit for a Virtual Flower Show with Edie

Hessberg, GCV Photography Chairman" - 10:00-11:30 am, via Zoom, \$20

Other Workshops being scheduled

Historic Garden Week Board Report/Bonnie and Chandler:

Plans are well underway for HGW '21! The tour this year is focused completely on gardens and outdoor spaces. The organizers are working so extremely hard to make this year's tour accessible and safe for all, given Covid protocols. Masking, social distancing, hand sanitizer, being outside, etc. will be the rules of the day!

We have been assigned 3 homes for hostessing and flowers, plus another home on the Historic Richmond tour to provide flowers for. We will also staff the headquarters at St. Giles Presbyterian on 4/20. Our responsibilities include:

304 Greenway Lane on Tuesday 4/20 – Home of our own Leila and Walter Jones – thank you Leila!!

2300 East Grace St. (flowers only, tour on 4/21) – Home of Beth and Bill Hutchins

3142 Monument Ave on Thursday 4/22 – Home of Bill Crosby and Bill Hall

3200 Monument Avenue on Thursday 4/22 – Home of Colleen Hewitt

Our preference request forms went out to all members of TGC on 1/29 and are due back by Wednesday 2/10. At this point we seem to have more than enough folks interested in arranging and hostessing for Leila's tour. We will need many more hostesses for the two homes on Thursday! So, we urge anyone who hasn't returned their form yet to please consider that.

We really look forward to having a tour again this year as it is a hallmark event for our club, GCV and the state. Thanks in advance for everyone's cooperation and flexibility as we complete our schedule for the week!

Nominating/ Betty Jenkins These members have graciously agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee: Betsy Carney, Bonnie Cricchi, Freddie Gray, Martha Moore and Anne Poarch, chaired by Betty Jenkins. The Board needs to approve this committee. We will begin considerations of our new slate of officers for the term 2022-24 in August or September.